



**Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC)
Three Year Efficiency Plans (3YP)
Public Hearing to Discuss Priorities for 2016-2018 Plan**

All too frequently nonprofit organizations (NPOs) such as pre-schools, community centers and houses of worship are housed in drafty buildings with inefficient lighting, no insulation and heating systems as old as the first moon shuttle. The NPOs struggle to pay the resulting energy bill, while the carbon emissions hurt the planet.

The NPOs don't tend to have the expertise, time or money to make their buildings more efficient. Unlike with a large company such as CVS or Genzyme, NPOs don't have whole departments devoted to lowering their energy bills. They also don't have the discretionary cash available to make large improvements such as installing new heating systems or adding insulation.

This problem creates a great opportunity. Research shows the way to harvest the most energy savings per dollar is to work on the most inefficient buildings (since any installed measure, like a new heating system, has more wasted energy to save).

HEET recommends to the EEAC that state- or federal-registered NPOs are given the option of having on-bill 0%-interest financing for longer periods than for-profit companies. Currently, NPOs and for-profit companies have to pay back the cost of the energy efficiency upgrade in 12 to 36 months. We recommend allowing NPOs be allowed to get on-bill financing for to five years.

The energy savings will be large since many of these buildings are in such bad shape to start with. The NPOs will save more money allowing them to provide more community services. The resulting energy efficiency would help the goals be met for the C&I sector.

Emissions will be reduced. Jobs will be created. In the case of nonprofits, money on energy bills will be saved. This money can then be allocated to the nonprofits' critical core services, helping the whole community.

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