

Meeting Minutes - Act 129 Customer Input Forum 4/3/09

Intro: John Laudenslager, Facilitator

Nancy Krajovic presented

Q: M.Smutz asked if \$20 million in Act 129 funding is for each customer class.

Panel: No. The \$20 million is overall for all customer classes.

Q: Eaton: How does this presumed reduction work in conjunction with actual products or services rendered based on the ups or downs of the economy?

Panel: We have a fixed target/forecast. The reductions are based on deemed savings and not actual increases or reductions in usage.

Tom Crooks presented

Q: Bob Fiori: Our network of 350 students (POWERMINDERS) does education on cfl's, power strips, refrigeration and recycling initiatives. Can the students input what they are doing to get credit for possible reductions?

Panel: You should be placed in the Educational and Residential subgroups.

Q: CJL Engineering: Is there a specific project or separate proceeding for DSM, time of day usage and peak off peak?

Panel: That is a separate filing and that is due 8-14-09 for smart metering and real time pricing.

Q: PAWC: You segmented 2 top hits for industrial. If you are not in this segment, will there be a program offered for others and if you are doing an upgrade now in your company and will have significant reduction, will/can DLCO get credit for this?

Panel: Under the umbrella level all industrials will have some type of program. We may work closely with the top industrials that have been identified.

Panel: We definitely want to work together with companies who are actively pursuing efficiency upgrades.

Q: Bob: Page 58 of act, it talks about solar, thermal, bio energy type initiatives. How will you fold these initiatives into your programs?

Panel: We are looking at distribution demand reduction and not necessarily generation reduction initiatives.

Q: CJL Engineering Alan: New projects in companies ready to roll out in the 2010-2011 range, are they eligible to team up with DLCO to get funding support?

Panel: Any companies working on retrofits etc, we definitely want to work together. Please get in contact with DLCO after the program to discuss initiatives further.

Q: Jeremy from Positive Energy: Timing. Will you be spending the Act 129 funding now in 2009?

Panel: No. It is not likely we will begin to spend the Act 129 funding before we are approved. It is likely that the commission will not approve the filing until late Q4 of 2009 or early Q1 of 2010.

Q: Harry Gellar: How do you verify your low income population in your territory? And can low income subgroup also be considered for new construction and retrofit initiatives?

Panel: We will talk further in our subgroups about how we will define our low income segment.

Panel: We can include low income new construction and retrofit initiatives.

Q: (EA) Ed: Is there any utility based attempt to group with neighboring utilities across the state?

Panel: We are responsible to develop our own plans for each EDC.

Panel: We are working with and talking to other utilities to see what others utilities are working on.

Q: Sam from UPMC: Where does the \$20 million come from?

Panel: Each rate class will pay a different surcharge on their bill to recover the cost of the allotment of the \$20 million for their respective rate class.

Comment Harry Gellar: PHFA has a spectrum of properties listed that DLC should look into.

Panel: Our universal services team has been in contact with that agency in hopes to build a relationship. Michele Sandoe has attended an EAP conference with PHFA and is apprised of the program initiative.

Q: Dan Ireland PAWC: Are we industrial or governmental subgroup?

Panel: Both. But go under the subgroup of governmental.

Comment CJL Engineering: The water initiative has huge impact on municipal customers and residential customers as well.

Comment URA Matt Smutz: PWSA is open to partner for cost saving initiatives. You may want to partner with them and URA for green water strategies.

You may also want to partner with the gas companies to leverage funds as well, especially with HVAC programs.

And also it may be wise to focus on consumers and education.

Comment: John – Sustainable Energy: I have been to many of these across the state and by far, this is the best customer input forum yet!

Q: John: From a government perspective, how will you address non profits?

Panel: Hospitals and Universities are under the nonprofit umbrella. We most likely will focus on them. Michele Sandoe suggests we consider using indicators for non profits in our system.

Q: John: And demand response?

Panel: You have identified our biggest challenge. We are evaluating this. We have some interruptible programs, but people do not engage and weather is a big predictor that we cannot control.

Q: Tim Eaton: DLCO grouped 2 big industries under industrial, what about the smaller industrials?

Panel: We will have prescriptive and customized options.

Panel: We will actually create an “other” subgroup for the 25% of industrials not specifically identified here. That is why you are here. Thank you for your input.