

BEPS Task Force Meeting Notes November 17, 2020

Task Force Member Attendees: Katie Bergfeld, Dave Good, Max Greninger, Reshma Holla, Jessica Jones, Cliff Majersik, Matt Praske, Joe Reilly, Jay Wilson, Marshall Duer-Balkind, Reshma Holla

Public Attendees: Andrew Held, Sharon Jaye, Kate Johnson, Michael Feldman-Wiencek, Kristian Hoffland, Dave Epley, Cet Caldwell, Kevin Carey, Kehan Desousa, Michele Good, Donald Walker, Sarah Kogel-Mucker, Andrea Foss, Nathan Jeffay, Jonathan Rifkin, Wes Huffman, Mike Barboza, Scott Emery, James Ball, Rick Moore, Theodore Trabue Jr, Frank LeBlanc, Joanna Saunders, Crystal McDonald, Renee Sharp

The notes reflect the discussion only – please see the referenced slide for content presented.

Agenda:

1. Administrative (slides 1-5)
 - a. Opened Meeting at 2:32pm
 - b. Attendance taken by roll call (see above); Quorum not achieved at the time of roll call, but no decisions being made during this more informative/discussion meeting; so TF members present agreed to proceed; Quorum achieved later in meeting.
2. Sharon reviewed partner slide – set stage for feedback session (slide 6)
3. DCSEU Feedback session (slide 7-14)
 - a. Overview
 - i. ~\$30 million annual budget, ~25% must be for low-income
 - ii. BEPS Support efforts so far include benchmarking guidance, other energy efficiency trainings, Task Force participation, support Building Innovation Hub
 - iii. Continuing support via these and things like Pay for Performance, building relationships with Green Bank/partners, developing and providing more outreach and education
 - b. Pay for Performance program is one year old
 - i. Baseline buildings and then monitor performance over time (usually one year), with incentives paid on incremental improvement over time. Most useful for largest commercial customers because requires benchmarking
 - ii. I think it'd be really helpful to get more specific information on the P4P program, such as what targets buildings were shooting for on the whole, what EE measures they were implementing/aiming to implement, etc.

(aggregate is fine). Crystal will request performance data for first year of program so far that can be shared with the TF

- c. DCSEU's current offerings tend to help short payback EE projects the most, like lighting upgrades. What could DCSEU do to help longer term payback EE projects better in future years, like envelope upgrades, when these projects tend to be the ones that need the assistance the most? The incentives work better for shorter projects because of the way the DCSEU contract and budget is structured.
 - d. Can you describe the process for the custom program that Crystal mentioned?
 - i. Customers engage by contacting DCSEU; DCSEU will work directly with customer to scope out work, factoring in budget, goals, needs, etc.; If technical assistance needed, engineer will get involved, ask questions, maybe site visit to gather information for a building analysis, then discuss what potential incentive level will be based on scope; If additional financial support needed then, DCSEU will connect project with PACE or Green Bank; Case manager assigned to a project stays with that project to build and maintain relationship, indefinitely
 - ii. From Ted Trabue: Call the DCSEU at (202) 479-2222 and ask for Katherine, our Project Intake Coordinator. We are happy to speak with your building team directly.
4. Deep Energy Retrofit update (slide 15-21)
- a. Accelerated DER update (slide 17)
 - i. Is 75% maintenance for each cycle or just the first waiver cycle?
 - 1. DOEE to confirm
 - ii. Is this a principal pathway?
 - 1. Principal Pathways are performance, standard target and prescriptive. All others are either a "pre-approved" Alternative Compliance Pathway or a custom ACP application.
 - b. Extended DER – recommendations from campus sub-committee (slide 18-21)
 - i. These slides reflect recommendations from the BEPS campus sub-committee (that was officially closed with the last meeting on Nov. 10)
 - ii. Question – Could this pathway be open to other sectors than just affordable multifamily housing or hospital/higher education campuses? DOEE is open to other sectors applying for a custom ACP to pursue this path, but would need to have good cause.
5. Overall Schedule Review (slide 22)
- a. Rules update

- i. They're moving along! Done to that last final steps before the 60-day comment period
 - ii. DOEE is planning a TF Q&A session dedicated to rules/guidebook and a separate public session for anyone
 - b. We're getting low on topics that need to be discussed before the rules are public. Anyone have other topics they'd like to discuss or revisit?
 - i. DOEE will present a benchmarking rule update after published
 - ii. Results of cost/benefit study
 - iii. Will discuss long-term and short-term role of TF
 - iv. Will have a workforce development discussion in December led by a non-profit partner through the Climate Challenge
- 6. Webinar update (slide 23)
 - a. Next DOEE webinar is Dec. 10 – will either be DC Green Bank deep dive or a rules Q&A
 - b. AOBA/Hub event on Nov. 18
- 7. Next Meeting – December 8 (slide 24)
- 8. Announcements
 - a. Deadline for free data verification applications is this Friday 11/20. Register for data verification at <https://dcverifybenchmarking.com/>
 - b. IMT hiring for 3 positions, including 1 for the Building Innovation Hub at <https://www.imt.org/about/jobs/>
- 9. Closed meeting at 4:10pm.