

RTR Appendix

Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Gas, and San Diego Gas and Electric (“Joint Utilities” or “Joint IOUs”) developed Responses to Recommendations (RTR) contained in the evaluation studies of the 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Program Cycle and beyond. This Appendix contains the Responses to Recommendations in the report:

RTR for the Local Government Partnership Quantification of Co-Benefits and Local Economic Benefits in Hard-to-Reach and Disadvantaged Communities (Evergreen Economics, Calmac ID #PGE0463.01)

The RTR reports demonstrate the Joint Utilities’ plans and activities to incorporate EM&V evaluation recommendations into programs to improve performance and operations, where applicable. The Joint IOUs’ approach is consistent with the CPUC Decision (D.) 07-09-043¹ and the Energy Division-Investor Owned Utility Energy Efficiency Evaluation, Measurement and Verification (EM&V) Plan² for 2013 and beyond.

Individual RTR reports consist of a spreadsheet for each evaluation study. Recommendations were copied verbatim from each evaluation’s “Recommendations” section.³ In cases where reports do not contain a section for recommendations, the Joint IOUs attempted to identify recommendations contained within the evaluation. Responses to the recommendations were made on a statewide basis when possible, and when that was not appropriate (e.g., due to utility-specific recommendations), the Joint IOUs responded individually and clearly indicated the authorship of the response.

The Joint IOUs are proud of this opportunity to publicly demonstrate how programs are taking advantage of evaluation recommendations, while providing transparency to stakeholders on the “positive feedback loop” between program design, implementation, and evaluation. This feedback loop can also provide guidance to the evaluation community on the types and structure of recommendations that are most relevant and helpful to program managers. The Joint IOUs believe this feedback will help improve both programs and future evaluation reports.

¹ Attachment 7, page 4, “Within 60 days of public release, program administrators will respond in writing to the final report findings and recommendations indicating what action, if any, will be taken as a result of study findings as they relate to potential changes to the programs. Energy Division can choose to extend the 60 day limit if the administrator presents a compelling case that more time is needed and the delay will not cause any problems in the implementation schedule, and may shorten the time on a case-by-case basis if necessary to avoid delays in the schedule.”

² Page 336, “Within 60 days of public release of a final report, the program administrators will respond in writing to the final report findings and recommendations indicating what action, if any, will be taken as a result of study findings. The IOU responses will be posted on the public document website.” The Plan is available at <http://www.energydataweb.com/cpuc>.

³ Recommendations may have also been made to the CPUC, the CEC, and evaluators. Responses to these recommendations will be made by Energy Division at a later time and posted separately.

Response to Recommendations (RTR) in Impact, Process, and Market Assessment Studies

Study Title: Local Government Partnership Quantification of Co-Benefits and Local Economic Benefits in Hard-to-Reach and Disadvantaged Communities
Program: LGP
Author: Evergreen Economics
Calmac ID: PGE0463.01
Link to Report: http://calmac.org/publications/LGP_Co-Benefits_Final_Report_051421.pdf

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1	5	There are activities, outputs and outcomes identified through the co-benefits research that are not currently included in the logic models.	Update the LGP program logic models to include the new activities, outputs, and outcomes that were identified as co-benefits through this research.	All IOUs	Accepted	PG&E Local Government Partnerships will update program theory logic models.	Other	SCE will be closing all existing LGP programs at the end of this year so we are not in a position to carry out any recommendations from this report. Additionally, SCE is currently in the solicitation process for third-party implementation of new Local Public Sector programs in 2022 and contracts have not been awarded, therefore no implementer can respond to these recommendations. As such, SCE will not be responding to the RTRs for this report.	Other	SoCalGas is sunsetting its current Local Government Partnership program model at the end of 2021 and transitioning to a Public Sector Regional Energy Pathways . Moving forward in 2022, SoCalGas is launching Public Sector Regional Pathways to expand the program reach with flexible and nimble strategies to better support all Public Sector customers and align with State's new TSB metrics. We appreciate the feedback provided through the LGP Quantification of Co-Benefits and Local Economic Benefits in Hard-to-Reach and DAC. SoCalGas will consider how some of these metrics could value future programs with Public Sector customers.	Other	SDG&E's LGP programs closed on 3/31/2021 and therefore there are no additional activities.
2	5	Data is varied and not consistently collected across LGPs for identified co-benefits. Before moving to wide scale collection, it would be useful to collect data from a select few LGPs before requiring it across the board.	To test this methodology, the IOUs should require a small number of LGPs to report on the co-benefits tracking data associated with the activities conducted by their specific partnerships. We suggest using the partnerships that were identified by the IOU Study Team as high priority for our in-depth interviews that are not slated for closure in the near future including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sierra Nevada Energy Watch (PG&E) Ventura County Partnership 	PG&E, SCE, SoCalGas	Accepted	PG&E will collect co-benefits tracking data for 8 LGPs.	Other	See #1.	Other	SoCalGas is sunsetting its current Local Government Partnership program model at the end of 2021 and transitioning to a Public Sector Regional Energy Pathways . Moving forward in 2022, SoCalGas is launching Public Sector Regional Pathways to expand the program reach with flexible and nimble strategies to better support all Public Sector customers and align with State's new TSB metrics. We appreciate the feedback provided through the LGP Quantification of Co-Benefits and Local Economic Benefits in Hard-to-Reach and DAC. SoCalGas will consider how		

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			(SoCalGas and SCE)							some of these metrics could value future programs with Public Sector customers.		
3	5	An evaluability assessment would help to understand how collection of these metrics could scale to all partnerships in the future to support evaluation of co-benefits.	Use this initial set of data to perform an evaluability assessment to understand how collection of these metrics could scale to all partnerships in the future to support evaluation of co-benefits, where partnership efforts are continuing.	PG&E, SCE, SoCalGas	Other	The IOUs LGP program team will discuss this recommendation with the IOUs EM&V team. We will prioritize this study idea against other research ideas for program year 2022.	Other	See #1.	Other	The SoCalGas LGP program team will discuss this recommendation with the SoCalGas EM&V team. We will prioritize this study idea against other research ideas for program year 2022.		