

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. This Appendix contains the Responses to Recommendations in the report:

RTR for the Process Evaluation of the Valley Innovative Energy Watch Local Government Partnership Program (Evergreen Economics, Calmac ID #SCG0218.05, ED WO #2115)

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 2013-2016 Energy Division-Investor Owned Utility Energy Efficiency Evaluation, Measurement and Verification (EM&V) Plan¹ and CPUC Decision (D.) 07-09-043².

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 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>.

² 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.”

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: Process Evaluation of the Valley Innovative Energy Watch Local Government Partnership Program
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Item #	Page #	Findings	Best Practice / Recommendations (Verbatim from Final Report)	Recommendation Recipient	Disposition	Disposition Notes
				If incorrect, please indicate and redirect in notes.	Choose: Accepted, Rejected, or Other	Examples: Describe specific program change, give reason for rejection, or indicate that it's under further review.
1	34-36	Interviewees supporting the VIEW LGP explained that both high turnover of local government staff and a risk-averse mindset within small local government entities can result in a short-term focus that may undervalue projects that require a longer time horizon. The VIEW LGP is working with its local governments to develop Energy Action Plans (EAP) that include long term strategy, but to date EAPs have not been enacted at all local governments and VIEW LGP staff expressed concern that local governments need assistance ensuring the EAPs are used over time and remain "living documents".	The VIEW LGP should continue to assist with EAP development at the local governments including developing multi-year energy efficiency strategies and road maps for each local government entity in order to maintain institutional knowledge and increase commitment to long-term efficiency projects.	SCE, SCG, PG&E, SJVCEO	Accepted	Multi-year Energy Action Plan development is already funded as a Strategic Plan Support activity; revisions to EAPs can also be funded. SCG, SCE, and PG&E support LG applications to fund EAP revisions in their contracts.
2	34-36		When the current Strategic Plan activity supporting EAP development ends in 2017, the VIEW LGP should consider creating a new multi-year Strategic Plan Support activity that will provide resources to VIEW LGP staff to assist the local governments with adhering to the EAP strategies and roadmaps.	SCE, SCG, PG&E, SJVCEO	Other	SCG, SCE, and PG&E support the development of multi-year EAPs and the use of program incentives to encourage LGs to use these plans. SCG, SCE, and PG&E will give full consideration to proposing new Strategic Plan menu items once the Commission rules on the Business Plans and program implementation scopes of work and budgets are finalized.