

Municipal Utility Districts

Energy Efficiency Programming Updates

December 17, 2020

Pascoag Utility District (PUD)

- In 2018 OER invested \$200k in RGGI funds to support the growth and scaling of PUD EE programming from 2019-2021
- Developed a multi-year strategy document to help guide their program development
- Initial expanded program year (2019) was a huge success
- 2020 Plan adjustments streamlined programs to better meet customer demand/industry standards and included a focus on heat pump technology as well



Pascoag Utility District

- 2020 was a challenge for PUD's EE programming, as it was for many other EE programs, however restrictions breed creativity
- As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Utility District needed to adjust on the fly and develop new ways of reaching customers and driving program outcomes
- Adjustments made in 2020 set PUD up for success and the increased flexibility, new means of customer engagement, and enhanced incentives are embedded in the proposed 2021 Plan
- One exciting new pilot program, a Landlord Weatherization pilot targeting rental units, has been proposed as a means of more equitably serving customers and working to reduce energy burdens in their service territory. Part of a larger focus on equity in 2021
- 2021 Plan Procedural Schedule at the PUC:
 - December 9th – Comments Due
 - December 17th @ 9:30am – Virtual Hearing for Docket No. 5084 (EE) & Docket No. 5083 (Rate Reconciliation)

Block Island Utility District (BIUD)

- In 2018, OER also invested \$180,000 of RGGI funds to support the establishment of an EE program on Block Island
- The newly formed Utility District is very focused on service reliability, managing peak load/rates, and mitigating grid constraints
- Last year OER began working with BIUD staff on a draft EE Plan for 2020 that would start to address some of those concerns
- EE Plan was developed and filed in conjunction with their new rate case – which established an SBC for the first time

New BIUD Rate Design

OFF-PEAK				SHOULDER		PEAK		SHOULDER		OFF-PEAK	
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
				EFFICIENCY SURCHARGE							



Block Island Utility District (BIUD)

- 2020 EE Plan was approved by the PUC in May of 2020 - effective in June of 2020 – and program is focused on weatherization, heat pump technology, and small business efficiency
- OER helped BIUD draft and review RFPs for vendors over the summer/fall and vendors were hired in October for EE Audit services and EE Consulting
- EE Vendor and BIUD staff began marketing the program to customers and OER, EE Consultant and BIUD staff developed rebate forms, program metrics, and data collection processes
- 6 audits conducted so far (5 in-person and 1 virtual), with one customer moving forward with a weatherization opportunity. Initial feedback, while limited, has also been very positive
- Initial program year will run through April of 2021 and so Q1 of 2021 will be focused on developing 2021 EE Plan and making adjustments based on initial feedback and program results
- OER also continues to engage with BIUD on other potential clean energy projects, such as NWAs, renewables, and resiliency

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