

Energy Efficiency Action Plan

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Grid Modernization – A National Priority

“...We have modern interstate grids for our phone lines and our highways. It's time for America to build a modern electricity grid.”

President George W. Bush
April 27, 2005

.... And now also a priority of Congress due to the Energy Policy Act of 2005



Grid Modernization - A National Priority

Both the President's National Energy Policy and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 say grid modernization requires...

more

Generation (of all types); Transmission; Demand Response; and Energy Efficiency



Energy Efficiency - Federal Perspective

Federal government wants to see **more energy efficiency in electric and gas markets.....BUT**

While there are federal **efficiency standards on various consumer products...THERE ARE**

No federal efficiency mandates on electric and gas utilities -- up states and the boards of non-state regulated utilities to decide

Both the Administration and Congress leave it to **states (and the boards of non-state regulated utilities) to chose** how much energy efficiency is appropriate



Energy Efficiency - Federal Perspective

Energy Efficiency Action Plan
is DOE/EPA's Way to Help States (and
boards of non-regulated utilities) consider
increasing their commitment to energy
efficiency in electric & gas utilities



Energy Efficiency Action Plan

Goal Statement

To create a sustainable, aggressive national commitment to energy efficiency through gas and electric utilities, utility regulators, and partner organizations.



EPA and DOE's Role in the Energy Efficiency Action Plan

- Be a Resource for the Leadership Group
 - Meeting facilitation
 - Draft working group products for Leadership Group review
 - Additional materials
 - Assist with summer/fall communications strategy
- EPA and DOE have energy efficiency partnership programs to help
 - ENERGY STAR, Rebuild America, Industrial Partnerships, Zero-Energy Buildings, DOE Electric Markets Tech Assistance, NARUC-EPA EERE Projects, etc.
- DOE will use output of EEAP for its Sec. 139 Report to Congress on energy efficiency in utilities (Aug 06)



Draft Communications Strategy for Summer/Fall 2006

- (Draft only - not approved by Leadership Group)
- Turn the results of the Energy Efficiency Action Plan into action
- Issue range of work products: executive briefs to staff level tools
- Use AGA, NARUC, APPA, EEI, NRECA, and their national/regional mtgs to spread work products
- Option for Leadership Group members to talk to their peers/individual Leadership Group commitments?
- Engage others
 - Regional and national governor's and legislator's groups
 - State energy, PUC, and environmental agencies
 - Industrial groups
 - Regional and national energy efficiency groups
 - Consumer advocates, AARP
 - Others?



Additional Information

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