

Purpose of the Conservation Working Group

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Purpose of CWG

- Provide advice to the Board on:
 - Short-term (2010) natural gas framework for low-income DSM
 - Long-term (beyond 2010) natural gas framework for low-income DSM

Advice will include:

- Program eligibility and screening methods
- Low-income DSM portfolio budget and targets
- Shareholder incentive structures for gas utilities
- Appropriate DSM programs for low-income consumers (general characteristics)

Appropriate DSM programs

General description of:

Excluded:

Type of low-income program

Detailed program design

Measures

Marketing and promotion

Target audience (e.g. homeowner, private rental, social housing)

Monitoring and evaluation

Eligibility and intake

LRAM considerations

Costs to participants

Assignment of specific program targets and budgets

Delivery
(integration of gas and electricity programs)

Identification of program delivery partners

CWG function

- Each CWG meeting will include:
 - An agenda
 - Materials for review and comment by CWG members
 - Support information (e.g. oral presentations)
 - Plenary sessions and discussions
 - Subgroup discussions and reporting

Subgroup purpose

- Distribute expertise and experience
- Provide extensive opportunity for all CWG members to express their ideas
- Foster discussion and consensus building
- Identify issues and areas of consensus relating to the gas DSM frameworks
- Merge to create commonality in the frameworks

Decision making process

- Adopt minutes
- Agree to action items
- Identify issues
- Suggest resolutions to issues
- Identify areas of agreement
- Reach consensus, where possible

Coordination with the FAWG

- Opportunity for CWG to comment on overlapping issues
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- Follow the progress of each group