# Energy Efficiency Resource Standards in the U.S.

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# Share of Maryland Electricity Sales That Can Be Met by Efficiency Policies



#### Levelized Utility Cost of Electricity Resources



# Energy Efficiency Resource Standards

Analogous to a Renewable Portfolio Standard Electric and/or gas savings targets for utilities

 Includes end-use efficiency and sometimes combined heat & power (CHP) and codes/ standards

 Targets generally start low and increase over time Savings must be documented in accordance with evaluation rules established by regulators



# Why an EERS?



Achieve substantial energy and emissions savings

- Performance based emphasizes savings, not spending
- Can be easier to legislate savings targets than spending amounts

Can start programs quickly, without many years of study (but targets should be based on cost-effective opportunities)





#### **State EERS Adoption**





## 2020 Cumulative Electricity Savings Targets by State

Vermont	27%
New York	26%
Massachusetts	26%
Maryland	25%
Delaware	25%
Arizona	22%
Connecticut	18%
Illinois	18%
Minnesota	17%
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Indiana	14%

Rhode Island	14%
Hawaii	14%
Wisconsin	13.5%
Maine	13.5%
California	13%
Ohio	12%
Colorado	12%
Washington	12%
Michigan	11%
Oregon	10%
Pennsylvania	10%



#### **State EERS Policies**

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#### Texas



- First state to establish an EERS
- Initially 10% of load growth but increased by legislature to 20% and by commission to 30% of load growth
- Utilities have not had difficultly meeting and exceeding targets





#### Vermont – Raising Efficiency to a New Level

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Energy Efficiency Savings as a Percentage of Vermont's Electricity Needs



#### Implementation of EERS Policies in 2010



- Thirteen of the twenty states with EERS policies in place for over two years are achieving 100% or more of their goals as of 2010
- Only three states are realizing savings below 70% of their goals but all 3 are still ramping up



# EERS Implementation: Observations



- Utilities generally meeting targets for increased energy efficiency savings, regardless of prior experience with energy efficiency programs.
- Available data indicates benefits outweigh costs
- Ramping-up savings requires programmatic excellence
  - Tried & true programs work initially, but innovative programs reaching all sectors necessary to reach deeper savings



#### EERS Implementation: Observations



- Regulation must be clear and fair
  - Gradual target ramp-ups
  - Clarity on evaluation methods
- All parties must be committed to meeting targets
  - Utilities devote resources needed to meet goals
  - Commissions approving sufficient levels of funding and complementary policies such as performance incentives/decoupling



# States with Combined EERS & RES

- Pennsylvania: EE in RPS tier 2, but target too low to get any savings; in 2008 established separate EERS
- Nevada: EE can be 25% of total and utilities now exceeding this level
- Hawaii: Can do unlimited EE; EE been ~40% of total; EE will be separate as of 2015 with ~32% savings by 2030 target
  North Carolina: EE can be 25% of total to start, 40% as of 2021; just getting started





# Federal EERS Bills in Last Congress



- Waxman-Markey as passed House
  - Includes 20% RES with 5-8% EE
- Senate Energy Committee bill
  - 15% RES with efficiency up to 4% EE
- Bills with 15% electric savings and 10% gas savings by 2020 introduced by Schumer and Markey



# White Certificates and Trading



- Most states do not have trading
  - Enough EE that each utility can meet on own
- CT had white certificates thru 2010, have not set new goals
- Trading allowed in old PA program but didn't need any new resources
- NV also allows 3<sup>rd</sup> party participation



#### **Clean Energy Standard (CES)**

- Includes renewables, efficiency, nuclear, carbon capture and storage
- Examples Lugar and Graham bills, Obama included in State of the Union
- Issues:
  - Include efficiency, no cap
  - Numbers Obama proposed 80% by 2035
  - Include natural gas for partial credit?







#### Savings Grow Over Time Under Markey and Schumer Bills

	<u>Electric</u>		<u>Natu</u>	<u>ral Gas</u>
	Annual	Cumulative	Annual	Cumulative
2011	0.33%	0.3%	0.25%	0.3%
2012	0.67%	1.0%	0.50%	0.8%
2013	1.00%	2.0%	0.75%	1.5%
2014	1.25%	3.3%	1.00%	2.5%
2015	1.25%	4.5%	1.00%	3.5%
2016	1.50%	6.0%	1.25%	4.8%
2017	1.50%	7.5%	1.25%	6.0%
2018	2.50%	10.0%	1.25%	7.3%
2019	2.50%	12.5%	1.25%	8.5%
2020	2.50%	15.0%	1.50%	10.0%

Note: Savings count from date of passage

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# Impacts of a Federal EERS

(10% electric; savings over and above existing state EERS's)

- Peak demand savings of ~33,000 MW (110 power plants, 300 MW each)
- CO2 emissions down 74 MMT in 2020 (equivalent to taking 14 million vehicles off the road for a year)
- 76,000 net jobs created
- Cumulative net savings of \$66 billion (B/ C ~3:1)



Source: ACEEE analysis using the methodology from Furrey, Laura. 2009. Laying the Foundation for Implementing a Federal Energy Efficiency Resource Standard. Washington, DC: ACEEE.

### How Does a Federal EERS Affect States that Already Have a State EERS?

States can implement federal and state EERS simultaneously – same/similar utility filings, meet higher targets States can set higher targets to gain additional savings

States with targets greater than the federal targets also benefit from savings in nearby states

- Emission reductions
- Impacts on energy prices



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## **Issues for an EERS or CES**

Which providers covered? (LSE's vs. Disco's? Size cap? Public utilities? Gas utilities?) Which measures eligible? (CHP? T&D?) Appropriate targets Any caps on EE? Trading for EE? (in PA and CT) Cost caps? (in IL and NC) Industrial self-direct option? (as in OH & MI) Monitoring and verification rules? Relationship to other policies? (PBFs, stimulus funds, regulatory incentives)



## **For More Information**



State utility policies:

http://www.aceee.org/topics/utility-regulation-and-policy

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