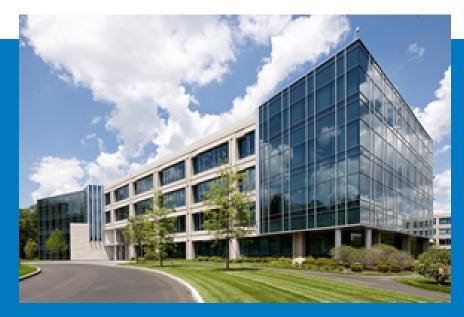


Transforming the Market with Building Codes and Standards





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Overview

- 1. Role of Utilities in State codes& standards (C&S)
- Designing programs around C&S in Massachusetts
- 3. Reach "Stretch" codes and utility programs
- 4. Where do we go from here?
- —getting to 50%?



Utility Involvement with Building national grid Codes & Appliance Standards (C&S)

- States can use utility assistance in implementation of current and future Codes
 - Close contact with bldg industry through incentive programs
 - In-house technical expertise
 - MA State needs to meet its own targets (GCA/ARRA, etc)
- Utilities need innovative ideas to meet energy goals
- Proven through CA and other research (IMT etc):
 - Significant energy savings
 - Programs cost effective



Challenges for Utilities

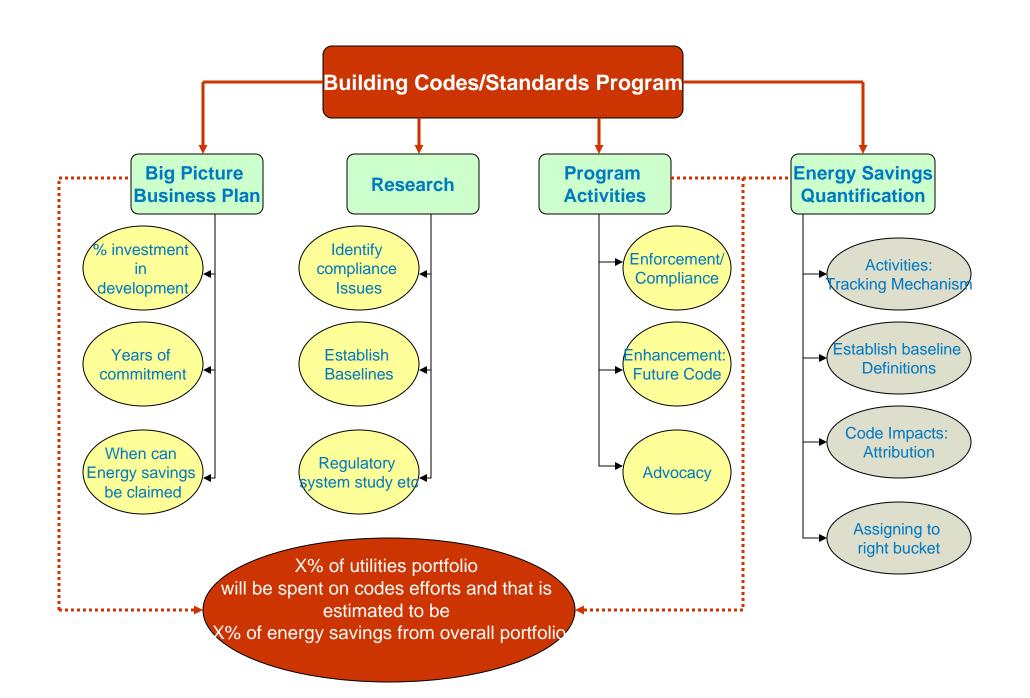
C&S programs:

- Displace existing incentive program savings
- Donot easily fit into existing program structure
- Initial investment in creation of C&S program
- Evaluations of energy savings is complex
- Getting regulators approval

Utility Programs Around Codes: Massachusetts Model



- Statewide Effort: unity among Program Administrators
- Business Plan: Opportunity for large-scale impacts, Initial development investment, etc
- Research: new study areas, establish baselines, stakeholders etc
- Program Initiatives: prioritize based on market needs, energy savings, integration w current programs etc
- Energy Savings Quantification: tracking mechanism, attribution,etc



Utility Programs Around Codes: Massachusetts Model



Step 1: Tackle current code compliance first: create strategies to address code compliance support to the State

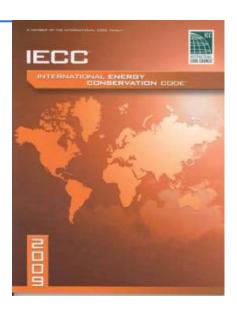


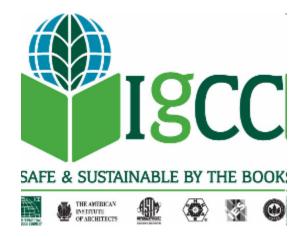
"Sorry, but you're in violation of building codes. You can only use lo-cal hi-fiber wood here."

Utility Programs Around Codes: Massachusetts



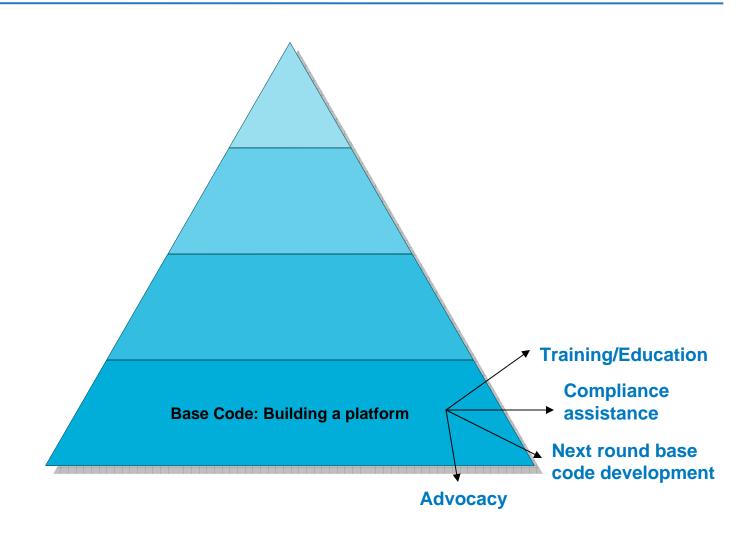
- Next Step: Development, adoption, implementation of upcoming code
- Long-term planning: Enhancement of future cycles of code or creation of a whole new code:
 - MA based stretch code
 - Outcome based code
 - Green construction code
 - More??







Utility Role in the Codes Pyramid



Design of Program Around "Reach nationalgrid (Stretch) Codes"



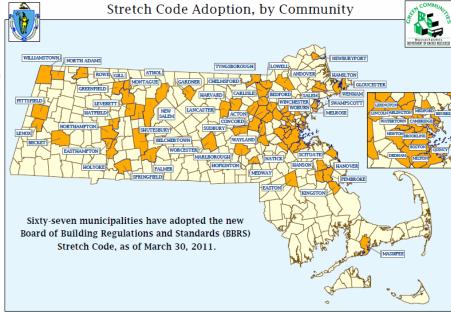
- Involvement in development of stretch codes
- Once stretch code established, utility support:
 - Incentives to projects for meeting reach codes till they become the baseline code
 - Reward early adopters who set higher standards
 - Helps through transitional stages of a higher performance codes
 - Good market transformation strategy
 - Regulators approval



Utility Support to Implement Reach nationalgrid (Stretch) Codes



- Technical assistance, participate in energy committees
- Trainings, education (sharing resources with state)
- 3rd party inspections support for compliance (HERS for resi and develop new 'reach code inspectors' for commercial) Stretch Code Adoption, by Community
- Involvement in development
- of next round of reach codes

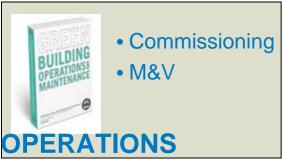


Where are we with next round of Stretch code?

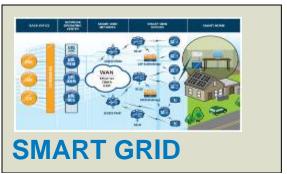


- First address implementation issues with current stretch code
- Forward Stretch Code—what does it look like? Cost effectiveness test?
- Areas of development:



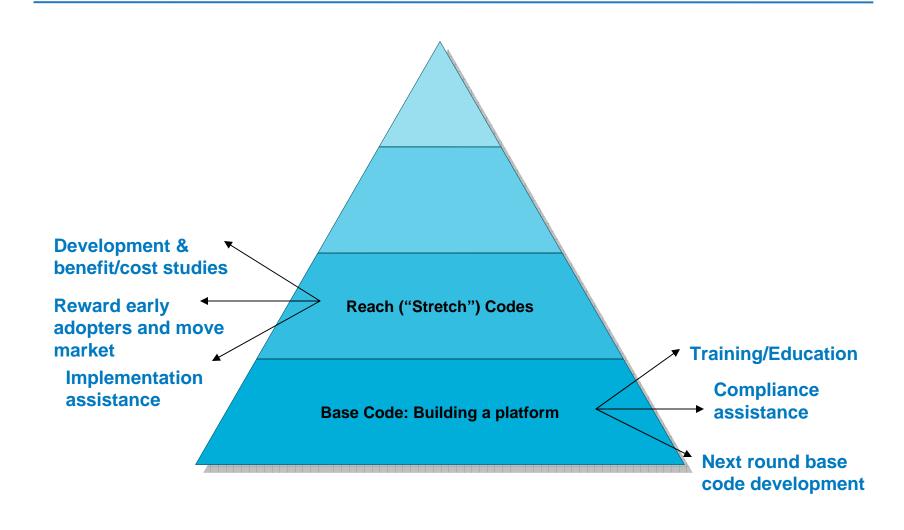








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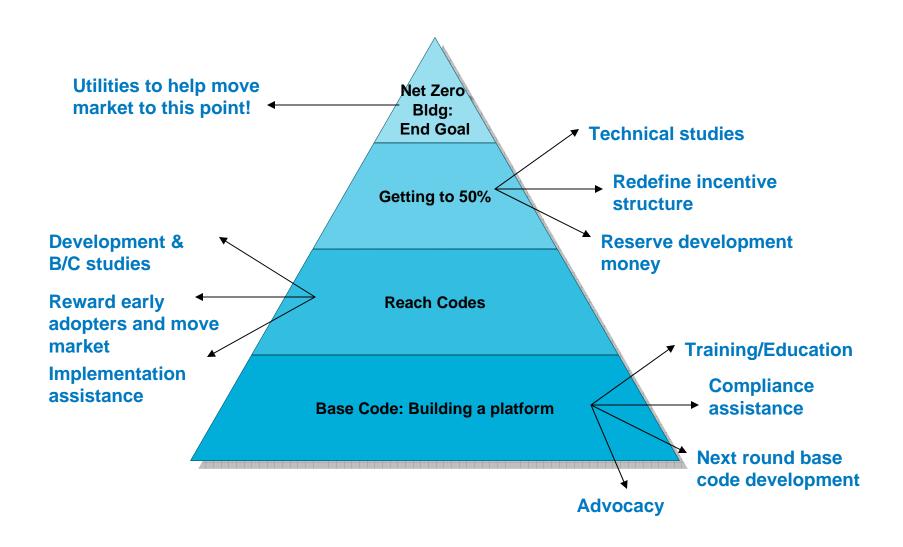


Utility Role in Getting to 50% Energy Savings

- Utilities can play active role in moving market to 50%
- Enhance what we currently do? What do we do different?
- Fund studies to develop Reach codes Gen 2: enhanced features to core performance
- Validate technical feasibility of enhanced measures
- Reserve 'development' money for new technology
- Refine our incentives structure
 - Create reasonable bandwidth for cost?
 - Increase payback periods (lets say from 2 yrs to 5 yrs)?
 - multitiered tiered incentives: for early adopters, for business as usual?



Utility Role in the Codes Pyramid





End Goal: Net Zero Buildings



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QUESTIONS?

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Massachusetts Stretch Code

- Origination: Realization that utility programs had proven that market is ripe for higher standards, base code not catching up with technology
- Core Performance package:
 - Different from prescriptive or performance paths of compliance
 - Set of measures through whole building simulation & analysis that can be 'replicable' to similar buildings, warrants cost effectiveness and guarantees 20-30% more energy savings than base code
 - Formation of Mass. Stretch Code, currently administered by Dept. of Energy Resources