



# Collaboration: One Key to Arkansas's Success

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# **Topics Addressed**

# The Parties Working Collaboratively (PWC) Accomplishments of the PWC Arkansas EE Portfolio Performance





## **Informal Working Group Process**

- An informal working group was initiated by the Arkansas Public Service Commission to provide a forum for the parties to EE proceedings before the Commission and other interested individuals and organizations to identify issues and work collaboratively to develop potential solutions.
- This working group has become known as the Parties Working Collaboratively or the PWC.

# **PWC Participants**

#### Participants of the PWC include:

- Utilities
- General Staff of the Arkansas Public Service Commission
- Attorney General's Office
- Arkansas Advanced Energy Association
- Audubon Arkansas
- Sierra Club
- Arkansas Energy Office
- Clinton Foundation
- Independent Evaluation Monitor (IEM)
- Program Implementers
- EM&V Contractors
- Other interested parties

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## **PWC Process**

#### The PWC:

- Follows Commission approved protocols.
- Develops and reports findings and recommendations to the Commission in accordance with Commission directives.
- Strive to reach consensus.
- Meets frequently.
- Strive to present recommendations to the Commission in a single filing.



- The PWC process has allowed the Commission to address many issues in an accelerated time frame.
- The participants of the PWC have been able to discuss the issues in environment that has promoted compromise and agreements.
- On many issues the PWC has been successful in presenting a consensus recommendation to the Commission.
- The Commission has adopted the majority of the PWC's recommendations.

## **Accomplishments of Collaboration**

# Recently the PWC has been very active and has addressed several issues including:

- TRM Updates
- Standardized Annual Reporting
- Rules for Self-Direct Customers
- PWC Procedural Guidelines
- Energy Efficiency Potential Study
- Consistent Approach to Weatherization
- Common C&I Approach
- Leakage (Upstream Lighting Programs)
- Carbon Cost
- Non-Energy Benefits



## **TRM**

- PWC participates in the annual update process.
- PWC meets frequently on issues regarding the TRM.
- PWC has recently submitted the 5<sup>th</sup> version of the TRM to the Commission for Approval.
- Each of the 5 versions has had 100% consensus support from the PWC.
- The first 4 versions have been approved by the Commission without change.



## Standardized Annual Reporting

- The utilities' EE reporting was inconsistent amongst the utilities and at the direction of the Commission the PWC developed a Standardized Reporting Template that all utilities now use to report EE progress.
- The Standardized Reporting includes an Excel Workbook that is available for viewing on the Commission website.

Arkansas Public Service Commission Standardized Annual Reporting Workbook v3.0 September 2013										
Gen	eral			Energy Efficiency Portfolio Data and Information						
Instructions Glossary		201	14 EE Portfolio I	nformation	2014 Program	n Year Evaluation		2012 & 2013 Dat		
Annual Report Tables Reports Data										
EE Portfolio Summary	EE Portfolio Cost by Program	EE Portfolio Summary by Cost Type	Company Statistics	Program Budget, Energy Savings & Participants	Portfolio Results Detail by Program	Portfolio Results Detail by Sector	Not used	Program Year Data	Next Annual Report Load Data	
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ENERGY EFFICIENCY ANNUAL REPORTS									
Company	Year	Annual Report	Workbooks						
	2008	AOG 2008.pdf	N/A						
AOG	2009	AOG 2009.pdf	N/A						
	2010	AOG 2010.pdf	AOG 2010.xls						
	2011	AOG 2011.pdf	AOG 2011.xlsx						
	2012	AOG 2012.pdf	AOG 2012.xlsx						
	2013	AOG 2013.pdf	AOG 2013.xlsx						
	2014	AOG 2014.pdf	AOG 2014.xlsx						

## Non-Energy Benefits

- The PWC recently presented recommendations regarding NEB's to the Commission in a single filing.
- Commission Order Pending.

## Potential Study

- The PWC worked collaboratively to develop an RFP for the Arkansas Potential Study and was involved in the entire process.
- Commission Order Pending.

## Consistent Weatherization Approach

- The PWC worked collaboratively to develop a residential weatherization approach for the IOU's in Arkansas that will begin in PY 2016.
- This approach will allow electric and natural gas utilities to work together to better serve the weatherization needs of their customers.

## Common Approach to C&I Programs

 The PWC worked together to develop a common approach to C&I customers across the IOU's in Arkansas.



# **Energy Efficiency Program Performance**



# **Goals for EE Portfolios**

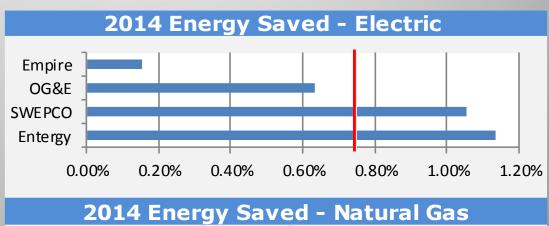
### Commission Established Net Energy Saving Targets:

Commission Established Energy Efficiency Savings Goals								
Program Year	Electric	Natural Gas	Baseline Year					
2011	0.25%	0.20%	2010					
2012	0.50%	0.30%	2010					
2013	0.75%	0.40%	2010					
2014	0.75%	0.40%	2010					
2015	0.90%	0.50%	2013					
2016	0.90%	0.50%	2014					

# 2014 Results From Energy Efficiency Programs

- Entergy 1.14%
- SWEPCO 1.06%
- OG&E 0.64%
- Empire 0.15%
- CEA 0.48%
- **SGA** 0.51%
- AOG 0.72%

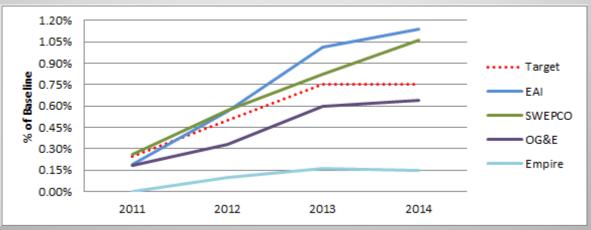




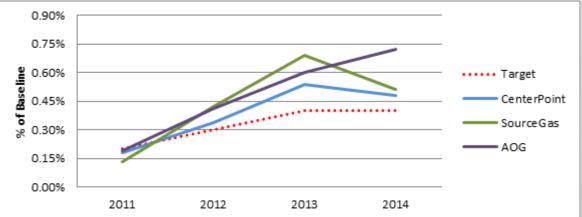


## EE Target Achievement Since 2011

#### Electric



#### Natural Gas





# Utility Energy Efficiency Program Budgets



## **Utility Energy Efficiency Program Budgets**

- Quick Start Program total expenses ranged from approximately \$7.2 million in 2008 to over \$16.7 million in 2010.
- The Comprehensive Programs started at \$24.9 million in 2011 and escalated to over \$74.1 million in 2013.
- EE expenses last year was \$82.9 million.
- EE Program budgets for PY 2015 are estimated at over \$103 million.

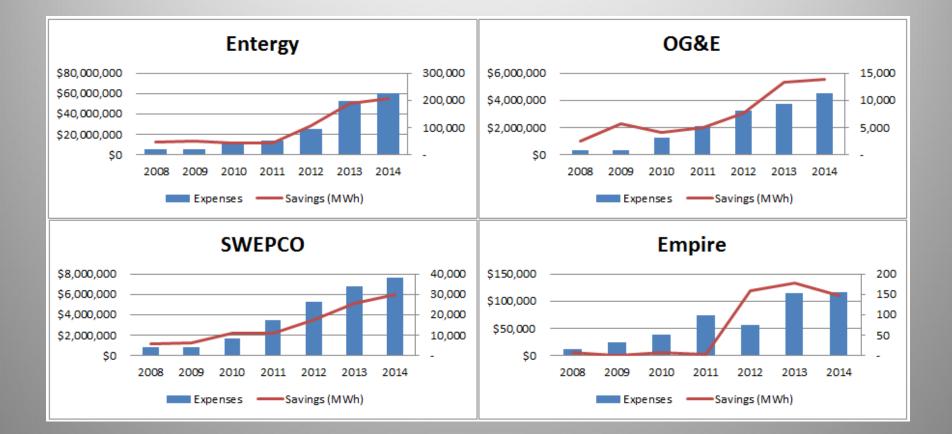


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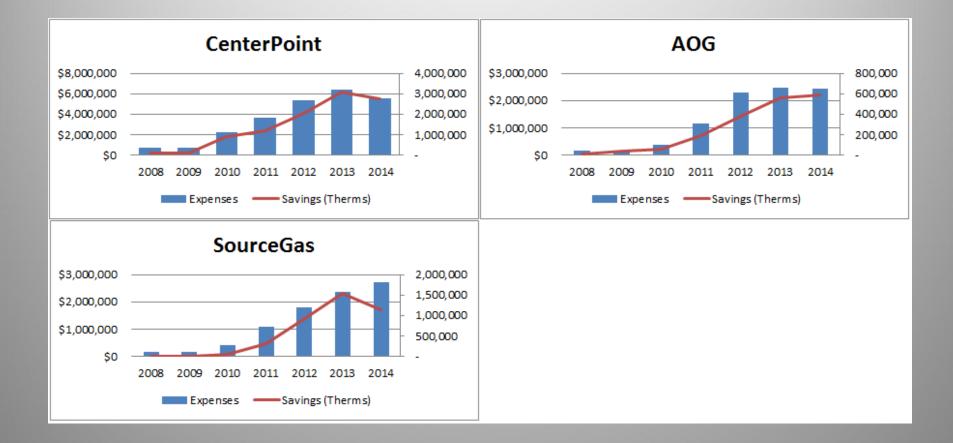
- 2015 EECR recoverable cost is estimated at \$130 million in 2015, which includes:
  - \$103.8 million dollar EE budgets
  - \$19.9 million in LCFC
  - \$6.5 million in utility incentives



# Electric EE Expenses and Savings Since 2008



# Natural Gas EE Expenses and Savings Since 2008



# The End

## Questions?







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# **Topics Addressed**



# Benefits of Collaboration Accomplishments of the PWC Opportunities & Lessons Learned

## **Benefits of Collaboration**

- Stakeholders Gain a Broader Understanding of All Party Positions
- Consensus may reduce Litigation
- Allows Stakeholders and Commission the Opportunity to address EE Policy Issues in Accelerated Times

## Accomplishments of the PWC

- Consistent Approach to Weatherization (Gold Star!)
- TRM Updates (Fifth version Approved Today!)
- Standardized Annual Reporting
- Rules for Self-Direct Customers
- PWC Procedural Guidelines
- Common C&I Approach
- Energy Efficiency Potential Study (pending)
- Carbon Cost (pending)
- Non-Energy Benefits (pending)
- Leakage (litigated at hearing in 2013)

## **Opportunities & Lessons Learned**

- When is enough Collaboration . . . Enough?
- Decision Makers Need to be Present.
- Collaboration is Productive but not Easy.
- Strive to Present Recommendations Jointly.
- Strive for Consensus. It's Always Preferable.



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