# Energy Saving Obligations Across Three Continents

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#### **Energy Savings Obligations**

- Mandatory energy savings obligations placed on energy companies (generation or distribution)
- 16 EU member states (MS) have or plan
- 3 Australian states + ACT have
- 27 US states have





### Global snapshot of ESOs: 48 operational and 6 planned



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### ESO's in Three Regions

#### EU:

- Incremental annual savings ~0.5% of covered energy;
- 0.5-1 Euro cent/kWh

Australia:

- Incremental annual savings 0.2-0.3%/year
  2.7-3.6 US cents/kWh

- US:
  Incremental annual savings >1%/year for electricity, 0.5%/year for natural gas for covered states;
- Average ~3 US cents/kWh









#### **Business Opportunities with ESOs**

- Accelerates adoption of energy-saving technologies and practices, increasing sales for companies working in these areas
- Utilities and other obligated entities often contract with energy efficiency service providers to deliver savings
- In Australia and some European countries, energy efficiency service providers procure efficiency savings and sell them in markets or via bilateral contracts





## ESOs in Europe – from 5 MS to 16

#### 16 countries

•58% of the EU final energy consumption (2012 data)



#### EU Experience with ESOs (Up to 2011 – before the EE Directive – note variety in coverage)

Country	<b>Obligated Company</b>	Eligible Customers	Administrator
Belgium - Flanders	Electricity <b>distributors</b>	Residential and non energy intensive industry and service	Flemish Government
France	Retailers of non-transport energy + importers of road transport fuel	All (including transport) except EU ETS	Government
Italy	Electricity & gas distributors	All including transport	Regulator (AEEG)
GB	Electricity & gas <b>retailers</b>	Residential only	Regulator (Ofgem)
Denmark	Electricity, gas, fuel oil & heat <b>distributors</b>	All except transport	Danish Energy Authority



#### Selected Energy Savings Rates

	Time period	Energy Savings per Year (ktoe)	Incremental Annual Svgs as % of Total Consumption	Sector
United	2008-	237	0.5%	Household
Kingdom	2012			sector
Denmark	2015	291	3.0%	All sectors excluding transport
France	2011- 2013	377	0.4%	All sectors
Italy	2015	500	0.4%	All sectors



Source: Rosenow and Bayer (2016); modified incremental annual savings in percent for Denmark based on Bach (2017)

#### EESs under Europe's EE Directive

#### EEOs deliver 1/3 of savings from all measures under Article 7 of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive





# EEO savings cost 4-5 times less than energy supply



Source: based on Rosenow and Bayer (2016)



# High effectiveness: UK example shows 23% reduction in domestic gas consumption

Reduction targets of Energy Efficiency Obligations





Source: based on Rosenow and Bayer (2016)

# Leverage ratios: Private investment ~0.4-2 times public investment

Country	Private investment compared to public costs
US	141% of programme costs
UK	87% of programme costs in 2002 to 2005 and 44% in 2005 to 2008 (residential sector only, ~50% low-income households)
France	37% of programme costs (EEOs operate together with tax rebates)
Denmark	200% of programme costs (industry sector only)



### Costs of EEOs are small to customers Example: Italy



Source: based on http://www.autorita.energia.it



#### **EU Lessons Learned**

- ESOs are a valuable option even in reformed energy markets such as the UK
- Greater ambition is feasible, cost-effective
- MS have a wide range of choices on obliged entities, fuel coverage, delivery techniques
- Trading, "white certificate" schemes don't add a lot to effectiveness
- "Continuous learning" and EM&V needed transparent, open review process



#### EEOs in Australia



- 4 EEO schemes today
- New South Wales,
   Victoria, South Australia
   & AUS Capital Territory
- 66% of AUS population
- Began 2009 & 2013 (NSW had an early version 2003)
- Main goal: reduce GHG emissions
- Savings goals are in emissions avoided



#### Special aspects of the AUS schemes

- Savings obligations in terms of lifetime CO2equivalents (tCO2-e)
- CO2-e credits vary: gas vs. power; power mixes are different; change over time
- NSW is power only; others include gas
- Most savings are done by Accredited third parties who earn white certificates and sell them to obliged parties



### Lessons from Australia

- Certified delivery agents can build a competitive EE delivery industry
- Private OTC trading no need for an official "white certificates market"
- Deemed savings an efficient way to count savings where technology and savings are known
- Cream skimming can be a big problem with competitive delivery, unless bonuses are given for deeper retrofits and longer-lived measures.



# Utility Savings Targets (electric) (27 states)



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#### States with Natural Gas Savings Targets



#### State Targets by Year of Enactment



\*EERS has been rolled back



#### Utility Spending on Energy Efficiency







#### Levelized Electricity Resource Costs



\*Notes: Energy efficiency program portfolio data from Molina 2014; All other data from Lazard 2017. High-end range of coal includes 90% carbon capture and compression.



#### Other Motivations in US

- Regulators often encourage EE to benefit consumers
- Greenhouse gas reductions and other emissions reductions (important in some states, not others)
- Less exposure/risk







#### **Business Model for Electric Utilities**



#### Impact of Electric EERS (2016 data)

	Average EE			
		investments as	Average EE	
	No. of	% <b>of</b>	savings as %	
Policy	states	revenues*	of sales*	
No EERS	24	0.75	0.30	
Yes EERS	26	2.59	1.20	



Source: ACEEE.

#### Average Cost of Saved Energy and Energy Savings as a % of Retail Sales for Major Utility Programs





Source: ACEEE, *Big Savers*, 2016. http://aceee.org/research-report/u1601

#### **US Lessons Learned**

- Plan for ramp-up periods
- Complement targets with other policies: "decoupling" & performance incentives
- Set challenging targets and allow a range of eligible efficiency measures; serve all customer classes
- Involve stakeholders in efficiency planning; use clear, transparent and consistent tests for planning resource portfolios



### Conclusions

- 1. EEOs generally been successful in all three regions – save a substantial amount of energy (more than 20% in a few cases)
- 2. Savings generally cost-effective costs generally less than half those of supply-side resources
- 3. Provide opportunities for EE businesses
- Steady political support, stable funding, outreach on benefits and high-quality EM&V are important



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