

**MARKET TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVES:  
MAKING PROGRESS**

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## ACRONYMS

ACEEE	American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
AIA	American Institute of Architects
ARI	Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.
BPA	Bonneville Power Administration
CBEE	California Board for Energy Efficiency
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CEE	Consortium for Energy Efficiency
CFL	compact fluorescent lamps
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DSM	demand-side management
EC	European Commission
ECW	Energy Center of Wisconsin
EER	energy efficiency ratio
EF	energy factor
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPAct	Energy Policy Act of 1992
EPRI	Electric Power Research Institute
EWC	Efficient Windows Collaborative
FEMP	Federal Energy Management Program
GAX	Generator Absorber heat eXchanger
GEA	Group for Efficient Appliances
GHPC	Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium
GSHP	ground source heat pump
HECAC	High Efficiency Commercial Air Conditioning
HVAC	heating, ventilating, and air conditioning
IGSHPA	International Ground Source Heat Pump Association
IEA	International Energy Agency
LADWP	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
LBNL	Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
LED	light-emitting diode
LRC	Lighting Research Center
MAP	Manufactured Housing Acquisition Program
NCBC	National Conference on Building Commissioning
NEEP	Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships
NFRC	National Fenestration Rating Council
NLPIP	National Lighting Product Information Program
NRDC	Natural Resources Defense Council
NRECA	National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association

NW Alliance Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

**ACRONYMS** (cont d)

NYCHA	New York City Housing Authority
NYP&A	New York Power Authority
NYSERDA	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
ORNL	Oak Ridge National Laboratory
PECI	Portland Energy Conservation, Inc.
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric
PNNL	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
PSE&G	Public Service Electric and Gas
R&D	research and development
RFP	Request for Proposals
SCE	Southern California Edison
SCG	Southern California Gas
SDG&E	San Diego Gas and Electric
SEER	seasonal energy efficiency rating
SMUD	Sacramento Municipal Utility District
THD	total harmonic distortion
WUC	Western Utility Consortium

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Market transformation activities are strategic interventions designed to overcome barriers and effect positive lasting changes in the market such that they are produced, recommended, and purchased in increasing quantities. More state policy-makers are increasingly embracing the market transformation concept and a growing number of states have established special funds for new market transformation efficiency programs as part of utility restructuring policies.

In this report, we summarize the progress to date in developing more efficient products and services through market transformation initiatives. In total, we examine nine efforts. Six efforts target residential customers: resource-efficient clothes washers, home lighting (both lamps and fixtures), windows, consumer electronics, residential air conditioning, and geothermal heat pumps. Three target the commercial building commissioning, and premium-efficiency motors. (We also discuss several other initiatives covered in a prior report on several other initiatives.)

These initiatives were selected based on the status of market transformation activities (including which efforts have been long enough to see qualitative information on the initiative performed), and discussions with program managers and experts in the field. We have attempted to provide a good cross-section of activities for which progress has been demonstrated, as well as some for which considerable challenges remain.

Since an earlier ACEEE report on the status of market transformation (Nadel 1996), the market transformation field has expanded most important from the standpoint of understanding the impact of efforts is the emergence of better-defined market segments and corresponding evaluation data. The current report provides information on market progress.

Below, we present highlights of each of the nine initiatives covered. Following this, trends and lessons learned that cross-cut these initiatives are summarized.

### Residential Clothes Washers

Residential clothes washers present one of the earliest examples of utilities working together to aggregate their influence and effect market change. Utility Consortium (WUC) in 1992, utilities have attempted to work together to define market influence by defining consistent efficiency levels, supporting necessary research to speed market change. The first CEE initiatives, which in turn, influenced the ENERGY STAR® clothes washer program specification. Today, many utilities throughout the country and

(e.g., NW Alliance, NEEP, Wisconsin utilities, and New York) support CEE levels and the ENERGY STAR appliances program.

These various efforts have contributed to making these products more readily available. As of March 1999, 31 high-efficiency washers are more readily available. As of March 1999, 14 different brands represented. specifications, with 14 different brands represented. manufacturer met the CEE levels (DOE 1999a). Retailers are more stocking efficient clothes washers. Consumers are highly satisfied—85 percent of consumers surveyed in a NW Alliance study and greater than 90 percent in a PG&E study were highly satisfied with their clothes washers. Market share is increasing, particularly in those regions where products are being heavily promoted. In the Northwest, clothes washer penetration averaged 13 percent in 1998, up from less than 2 percent when the program began in May 1997; nationally, market penetration is up to 8 percent. Absence of rebates. Nationally, market penetration is up to 8 percent. efficiency washers are beginning to come down. Although the incremental cost is still quite high, some highly efficient washers are more common. Qualifying products as low as \$100. As a result of these market effects, a minimum-efficiency standard based on horizontal standard is more likely.

The sizable market progress appears largely attributable to the fact that these products offer substantial non-energy benefits. Strong offer substantial non-energy benefits. However, continued retailer education the market. Success of this initiative. And for market share to increase substantially, more product selection will be needed to drive prices down.

## **Residential Lighting**

Current regional efforts in the Northwest and Northeast, developing initiatives in California and New York, and individual utility programs throughout the country meet the ENERGY STAR residential fixtures specification as a residential fixtures specification. A similar ENERGY STAR labeling specification has been developed for compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) (in the interim many programs relied on fluorescent lamps). High-value instant and mail-in rebates (as much as \$100) and manufacturer buy-down payments (of approximately \$100) (of approximately \$100) extensive marketing, retailer training, and catalog sales.

These and past utility efforts have had an impact. Manufacturer participation is on the rise, product availability has increased, and in many markets, prices (for qualifying products) have dropped following active promotions. In some regions, although continues to need attention, efficient residential lighting products, although not as many purchase them (e.g., baseline study, 84 percent of consumers indicated they were purchase them [Wall 1999a]). Technology procurement efforts, facilitated by Pacific Northwest



National Laboratory (PNNL), have also brought some to the market.

High price and limited non-energy benefits (e.g., principally long life and some negative past consumer experiences and the CFL's awkward size and shape) hinder the market for efficient residential CFLs. A CFL specification, with relaxed power quality standards and a shorter life requirement, is anticipated to lead to greater product availability. Consumer demand will follow remains unclear. A number of program implementation channels, such as grocery stores and big box stores, etc.

### Residential Windows

Programs in California, Florida, the Northwest, and a nascent initiative in the Northeast work in collaboration with the Efficient Windows Collaborative (EWC) to promote labeled ENERGY STAR windows. EWC provides technical information and training materials to manufacturers, suppliers, and other stakeholders. These efforts have contributed to increased manufacturer participation in the program and increased product availability. In the first year of the program, the percentage of qualifying window products manufactured nearly doubled. Gains in market share are evident particularly in regions where efficient windows are heavily promoted.

Windows, like clothes washers, offer a number of ancillary benefits in their promotions. However, because windows are a higher investment than an appliance, market progress is likely to be slower. Limited awareness of the ENERGY STAR brand and the benefits of efficient windows highlights the importance of continued education and training for manufacturers, retailers, and builders. Furthermore, the retrofit market but incorporating energy-efficient windows is a possible long-term strategy for transforming the windows market.

### Consumer Electronics

To encourage the development of low-standby power products, the program worked with manufacturers to incorporate low-cost power supply redesigns initially into TV and VCR products, and subsequently into home audio equipment. Outcomes of the ENERGY STAR home electronics programs.

In a short time, these programs have had a significant market impact. Low standby power products are now widely available. Several of the top TV and home audio products are now widely available.

most of their product lines to be ENERGY STAR compliant. As a result, as of 2001, 85 percent of TVs and 38 percent of VCRs on the market met ENERGY STAR requirements (Sanchez 1999). Additionally, six major audio and DVD manufacturers have participated in the home audio and DVD portion of the program to incorporate new designs into their products, with the result that many have exceeded the program's specifications (e.g., Sony's new DVD player exceeded the program's 3 watt maximum). And new product innovations, such as the TinySwitch, a small, very low-loss adaptor, are also gaining market recognition.

Working with manufacturers to identify low-cost power in high-value products and recognizing that implement these strategies is key to similar efforts will be as effective for lower-value products (e.g., wall transformers).

### **Residential Air Conditioning**

Two national initiatives, CEE's Heat Pump Initiative and ENERGY STAR labeling, promote high-efficiency (seasonal energy efficiency rating [SEER] 12 and higher) residential air conditioning products. The former aggregates and establishes common specifications for utility promotions. The latter labels and provides marketing support to manufacturers, distributors, and contractors.

As a result of these efforts, the market for high-efficiency systems appears to be slowly progressing. Sales of high-efficiency units in the early 1990s, with equipment rated SEER 12 and higher accounting for 13 percent of shipments in 1993 compared to 20 percent of shipments in 1998. This has been in part due to limited product availability. Nonetheless, the market remains limited.

High-efficiency residential air conditioning units have few non-energy benefits that consumers care about, and sell less well than many other energy saving measures. Utility companies appear to be critical to increasing market share (certain regions have attained more than 50 percent or more). And some evidence suggests that in these regions incentives can be gradually reduced without significantly eroding contractor training and expanded financing options also hold some promise, although ultimate transformation is likely to come through a new rulemaking to determine the new standard is likely to take effect five years later.

### **Ground Source Heat Pumps**

Efforts to promote ground source heat pumps (GSHPs) or

residential and small commercial customers have been orchestrated primarily by residential and small Heat Pump Consortium (GHPC). The GHPC was formed in November 1995. Market barriers: high initial costs for the in-ground loop market barriers: high initial costs for the in-ground loop market barrier for training and installation; and lack of consumer awareness and confidence (GHPC 1995).

However, efforts to promote GSHPs to residential commercial. In the first two years of operation, the GHPC was not approaching established standards for public awareness, insufficient market infrastructure, and lack of capital from the GSHP industry persisted. This combined with long lag times in getting federal funding and declining interest in demonstration projects further led GHPC to reconsider its efforts.

Around 1996, GHPC shifted its emphasis to commercial applications. Commercial applications has both a better return and a more compelling story than residential. This market appears to be positive. Following flat sales between 1995 and 1996, commercial sales increased by about 20 percent in 1997 and total GSHP tonnage increased by about 25 percent, reflecting an increase in commercial applications. Commercial sales of heat pumps and central air conditioners fell 6.5 and 1.5 percent respectively. Commercial market share can continue to grow and be maintained in the long term.

### **Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Exit Signs**

Utility incentive programs, the EPA Green Lights Program, and the Energy Star labeling program have helped to promote greater use of energy-efficient exit signs. These programs have led to major and rapid market shifts.

Prior to the mid-1980s, virtually all exit signs used incandescent lamps. In an effort to save energy and increase reliability and visibility, manufacturers began to incorporate compact fluorescent lamps and light-emitting diodes into exit signs. As of 1998, about a quarter of new exit signs appear to be largely filling the gap. This is supported by tests of an independent organization, the Lighting Research Center (LRC). In 1994, approximately 30 percent of energy-efficient signs voluntarily submitted for testing were LEDs. Later, virtually all of the signs tested were LEDs. The Energy Star program, which began in 1996, is also sizeable. Manufacturers representing three-quarters of the exit sign market by volume have joined the ENERGY STAR program. Also, information gathered from a subset of ENERGY STAR partners (11 out of 28) reveals that, of the exit sign partners (11 out of 28) reviewed in 1998, 83 percent of companies in 1998, 83 percent were ENERGY STAR label. Three respondents also labeled exit signs.

Non-energy benefits, such as improved visibility and instrumental in facilitating wide acceptance for the technology among operators, and other stakeholders. And market demand for LEDs from the operators, and other stakeholders.

to drive down the price of LEDs and hence improve the building codes could complete the market transformation process, particularly given the number of state codes and the current draft commercial building codes and the current Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) model for many state codes) specify energy-efficient exit signs.

## **Building Commissioning**

Efforts to promote building commissioning intensified during the 1990s and primarily targeted the new construction market. These activities are commissioning as a tool in improving building performance and effectively commission buildings and monitor building performance at the center of most building commissioning activity, with more limited efforts in other regions of the country. At this point, the concept is increasingly being discussed in national forums and is beginning to expand to other regions (e.g., the Northeast and Midwest).

To date, regional and utility efforts have had some impacts. One large owners in the Northwest own practice, some aspects of commissioning (e.g., design review, functional performance test installation checklists, HVAC/control system spot checks) were carried out in a majority of new construction tech office buildings). Also, awareness among contractors, leading to the formation of the Building Commissioning Association (BCA-NW). And several industry trade publications that reach national audiences (*Contracting Business* and *HVAC News*, now regularly feature articles on commissioning).

However, lack of awareness and understanding of the term and commissioning, particularly among building owners and design professionals. As a result, efforts continue to focus a good deal of attention on building owners and design professionals such as indoor air quality improvement, productivity enhancement, quality assurance, and tenant retention, are important in selling the commissioning concept. Furthermore, a number of efforts are also looking to capture the market in existing buildings.

## **Premium-Efficiency Motors**

Building on the efforts of utility and statewide programs, CEE established a Premium-Efficiency Motors initiative in 1994. Efficiency Motors initiative in 1994 across the country by establishing consistent efficiency programs across the country. Act of 1992 [EPA Act]) for utilities to promote. A number of programs (NEEP, and the emerging NEEP, and the emerging New York State Energy Research and Development Authority [NYSERDA] and California programs) and individual utility programs in promoting the use of premium-efficiency motors. These

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premium motors are *making limited or little progress*.

From these efforts, a number of general lessons emerge:

**1. Market transformation activities for products and services with high non-environmental benefits, low incremental costs, and relatively simple benefits, low incremental costs, and relative success.**

The relative ease or difficulty in effecting market progress toward transformation is influenced by a number of factors, including whether the product is relative to the market that the effort is attempting to transform, how costly the product is, how consumers have to be satisfied with its performance which means it has to perform at well, and probably better than, existing products. The most pointed example of this is energy-efficient clothes washers, which boast cleaner clothes, detergent use, lower noise, and reduced water use, among other attributes. In virtually all regions where consumer satisfaction has been gauged, consumer satisfaction with the array of performance attributes of the new washers. Products with high incremental costs and non-energy benefits (e.g., residential HVAC), without substantial energy benefits (e.g., residential HVAC), attract only a limited market. However, owner-occupied (and more receptive to products and services with the on investment. This has been the experience with ground source heat pumps markets with multiple market actors (e.g., the motors market) are generally more difficult to transform than simpler markets (e.g., clothes washers). A number of programs simplify the market by working directly with manufacturers and other upstream actors. Some, such as the ENERGY STAR consumer electronics, office equipment, and LED exit signs programs, have been quite successful. Others, such as manufacturer buy-downs for Good Cents manufactured homes, CFLs, and the Triathlon gas results, with progress limited by anemic consumer demand, little technical problems. Efforts to influence distributors, such as the motors program and high-efficiency commercial packaged getting underway.

**2. National and regional coordination can facilitate market transformation**

Coordinated national, utility, and regional efforts can help each group to deploy pieces of an overall market transformation strategy, assure more use of limited resources, and ultimately increase the likelihood of success. National initiatives offer a platform and programs can rely upon as regional incentives. Regionally, programs can aggregate their market influence through coordinated levels, and promotions. Regional groups can provide better access to local manufacturer,

distributor, and retailer partners and facilitate local data collection, which can distributor, and retailer partners progress progress of regional progress of regional and national activities. National and state policies can also progress success. Codes and standards, for example, can be used to motivate success. Codes and standards, for market transformation effort.

### **3. Improved data are needed to better understand market changes**

For a number of efforts, better national and regional sales data are needed to assess the extent to which markets are being transformed. For national data on the number of exit signs, researchers rely on manufacturer estimates. In the equipment, manufacturers and their associations collect the equipment share it. Recent coordinated regional/national data collection need to some extent, although broad-based national data collection necessary for some end-uses.

In conclusion, a number of initiatives are on the path to success, but many will take years to succeed, and still others are unlikely to achieve their targets. From successes and failures, important lessons can be learned. By setting initiative targets and strategies and increase the chances of success in the future.





## INTRODUCTION

Individuals and businesses underinvest in energy efficiency, including lack of information, time, and money; limited utility investments have, to some extent, addressed these market barriers through their demand-side management (DSM) programs.<sup>2</sup> As the energy market forces are emerging, however, new approaches to garnering cost-effective market forces are emerging. In particular, a number of individuals and businesses have gained experience with market transformation programs.

Market transformation activities are strategic interventions designed to reduce market barriers and effect positive lasting changes in the market for energy-efficient goods and services so that they are produced, recommended, and purchased in increasing quantities. Market transformation differs from most traditional utility DSM programs in several fundamental goals: changing markets versus fundamental goals: changing markets versus fundamental goals: changing markets, one must understand these markets, so market transformation requires a comprehensive examination of market characteristics. Market transformation initiatives are different from typical DSM programs. Coordination and planning and implementation is necessary to ensure that a market transformation strategy is effective and the broad goals are accomplished. Finally, the market establishes different metrics of success. In market transformation, metrics such as savings and products sold, measures such as number of efficient products, and retailer sales force know whether the program is successful.

Market transformation initiatives often include activities designed to accelerate market adoption of a particular energy-saving measure so that it becomes (and hopefully remains) common practice sooner than it otherwise would. For a product and market under consideration, these efforts may include:

- " Stimulating the development of new products or services through Research & development (R&D) and technology procurement efforts in the early stages of an initiative to stimulate the introduction of new products or services.
- " Strategically building the market presence of these new products. Rebates and volume purchases may be used to encourage market presence.

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<sup>1</sup> See Eto, Prah, and Schlegel (1996) for a more comprehensive review of energy efficiency investments.

<sup>2</sup> For a brief history of utility involvement in energy efficiency, see Kushler and Suozzo (1999).

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" Changing consumer buying practices and other market expansion of efficient products and services status and eventually become common practice. Product labeling and accompanying marketing activities, as well as financing, may be used to expand a market share to its full mass-market potential.

Finally, codes and minimum-efficiency standards can be used to transform inefficient products and practices from the market (Nadel and Latham 1998).

### The Policy Context

Market transformation as a policy tool for addressing energy savings is becoming increasingly relevant. The limitations of traditional program approaches, a growing number of practitioners and policy-makers are adopting a market framework that attempts to incorporate the best features of, and improve coordination between, market-based and regulatory approaches. A growing number of states have established special funding programs for new market transformation programs as part of their utility restructuring policies. In particular, a variety of states (including California, Connecticut, New York, Wisconsin, and others) have policy positions on market transformation that will guide programs for the foreseeable future (see sidebar, also Kushler 1998).

Given the interest in market transformation at both the national and state levels, several players are now active in developing and implementing market transformation activities:

" The Consortium for Energy Efficiency, founded in 1991, was

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<p>Our focus for energy efficiency has changed from trying to influence utility providers of generation services, to trying to transform the market so that individual suppliers in the competitive market are addressing energy efficiency. Our focus for energy efficiency has changed from trying to influence utility providers of generation services, to trying to transform the market so that individual suppliers in the competitive market are addressing energy efficiency.</p> <p>Public benefit funds, established through restructuring, should be spent at least in part on restructuring that emphasizes permanently transforming the market to adopt energy-efficient products and practices. Energy efficiency programs should be designed to incorporate the best features of, and improve coordination between, market-based and regulatory approaches. A growing number of states have established special funding programs for new market transformation programs as part of their utility restructuring policies. In particular, a variety of states (including California, Connecticut, New York, Wisconsin, and others) have policy positions on market transformation that will guide programs for the foreseeable future (see sidebar, also Kushler 1998).</p> <p>The region's retail distribution utilities [should] mount a coordinated [regional] effort to create markets for efficient technologies and practices. (Pacific Northwest Governors Steering Committee 1996).</p> <p>Market transformation efforts are designed to create long-term changes that reap continuous energy efficiency savings at low cost....[Utilities should] include participation in efforts sponsored by private industry, regulatory agencies, or other entities that aim to develop new energy efficiency technologies and upgrade building codes and standards. (Market Transformation and Energy 1996).</p>

- one of the earliest market transformation organizations. CEE grew out of the Super Efficient Refrigerator Program (SERP) effort, in which several utilities pooled their resources to attract a major manufacturer to produce this same concept today, CEE aggregates the market influence of its other members through program specifications. Additionally, CEE facilitates that are national in scope. Contact: [www.ceeformt.org](http://www.ceeformt.org) or 617-589-3949.
- " The Northwest Alliance, formed in October 1996, manages the implementation and evaluation of regional market transformation proposals for their review and approval. Initiatives are often selected through a competitive solicitation process and carried out by outside organizations. As of 1999, the Alliance Board has approved 32 market transformation initiatives covering a broad range of technologies and practices. Funding for the NW Alliance comes from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the six regional groups committed to providing up to \$65.5 million for market transformation activities from 1997 through 1999 will depend on a number of circumstances, including the performance and restructuring of the [www.nwalliance.org](http://www.nwalliance.org) or 503-827-8416.
- " The Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships was created in 1997 to coordinate efficiency efforts in New England, New York, and Pennsylvania. It receives funding from EPA and DOE and its initiatives are supported by a program of sponsors (e.g., individual electric and gas utilities). The program was developed by working teams of utilities, businesses, government agencies, and are implemented through joint or coordinated efforts. The program facilitates program planning and implementation, sets goals, and evaluates the need for program revisions that address marketplace. Currently, seven regional programs are operating (some operating for up to a year); additional programs are in the planning stages. Contact: [www.neep.org](http://www.neep.org) or 781-860-9177.
- " The California Board for Energy Efficiency (CBEE), created by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in April 1997 (in the wake of passage of one of the first state electric utility restructuring bills), oversees the administration of market transformation initiative funding in California. CBEE is responsible for managing the annual program planning process, allocation and program design, and coordinating the development of market assessment and evaluation projects. Funding for the year 2000. For 1998, all programs were designed and implemented in several cases, utilities coordinated on certain program design features to make it easier for customers and trade allies to

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" T The Wisconsin Energy Bureau and the Energy Center of Wisconsin each have responsibility for implementing specific market although other states and utilities may promote ENERGY STAR programs prog January 1998, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission directed the Wisconsin Energy Bureau to conduct a two year pilot program designed to develop market entities that are able to deliver energy market entities that are able to del basis. The Energy Center of Wisconsin is a private nonprofit organiza primarily by voluntary contributions from Wisconsin's utilities. The Cen primarily by voluntary administers the National Compressed Air Challenge administers the Na venture to transform the market for compressed air) venture to transform the market for c demonstration programs within the state. Contacts: [www.wifocusonenergy.com](http://www.wifocusonenergy.com) 608-266-7375 and [www.ecw.org](http://www.ecw.org) or 608-238-4601.

Also, a regional organization, the Midwest Energy Efficiency Allia Also, a regional organization, the Mi development. At this time, two states (Wisconsin and Illinois), several advocacy development. At th major utility are participating. Sponsors of the Alliance anticipat major utility are participating. Sponsors participants including utilities, consumer groups, states, and research organizations participants including utilities late-summer 1999 and begin program implementation later in the year (Jensen 1999).

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commercial buildings.<sup>3</sup> For these products, EPA and DOE (through the ENERGY STAR program) have established efficiency levels and other criteria) and work with partners (such as product manufacturers, builders, and building owners) to label superior products in the product distribution channels (primarily national organizations and national retailers) to deliver training and education on ENERGY STAR products. Recently, EPA and DOE also launched a campaign to increase consumer awareness about ENERGY STAR so consumers recognize and purchase ENERGY STAR products.

The ENERGY STAR levels often provide a national platform on which regional levels often build their programs. The NW Alliance, NEEP, NYSERDA, and California utilities, for example, have built their promotional and educational programs for clothes washers and residential fixtures programs. EPA and DOE also provide materials, and in many cases retail sales training and education, whereas regional groups provide more on-the-ground sales, educational and marketing activities within the region, and educational and marketing activities to consumers or manufacturers.

### **Purpose of this Report**

This report summarizes the progress to date on a number of market transformation initiatives which are underway. In addition, it provides progress on resource-efficient clothes washers, home lighting (both lamps and fixtures), windows, consumer electronics, air conditioning, and geothermal heat pumps in residential and industrial sectors, we review progress in building commissioning practices, exit signs, and premium-efficiency motors efforts. Table 1 provides an overview of these areas. In addition, we include an indicator of non-energy benefits, since market transformation initiatives often have sizable non-energy benefits.

These initiatives were selected based on a number of factors: the status of market transformation activities (including which initiatives have long enough to see substantial progress or significant roadblocks); qualitative information on the initiative (e.g., have market and procurement been performed); and discussions with program managers and field staff. We have attempted to provide a good cross-section of activities that have been demonstrated, as well as some for which we are reviewing the following:

- " Importance of the energy end-use and the potential for energy savings;
- " History of efforts to transform the market;
- " Current status of activities to promote market transformation.

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<sup>3</sup> ENERGY STAR® is a registered mark of EPA and is licensed to DOE. It is a registered mark of EPA and is licensed to DOE throughout the United States to promote a variety of energy-efficient appliances and equipment.

- " Changes in the market since the inception of market transformation efforts; and
- " Lessons learned and future directions.

**Table 1: Market Transformation Initiative Program Elements**

Technology/ Practice	Branding/ Efficiency Tiers	Incentives	Training	Other	Ancillary Benefits
Res. Clothes Washer	ENERGY STAR, CEE	C, R, Targeted (a)	R	P, STD	substantial
Res. Lighting	ENERGY STAR	C, R	D, R	P	moderate
Res. Windows	ENERGY STAR, NFRC	C, B	R	CODES	moderate
Consumer Electronics	ENERGY STAR	NA	NA	STD (b)	minimal
Res. Air Conditioning	ENERGY STAR, CEE	C	D	STD	minimal
Geothermal Heat Pumps	GeoExchange, ENERGY STAR	B, O	Install.		minimal
LED Exit Signs	ENERGY STAR	U, O	NA	CODES	substantial
Prem. Efficiency Motors	CEE (c)	U, D	U, D		minimal
New Bldg. Commiss.	NA	U (financing)	O	DEM, CODES	substantial

Key: Key: Incentives/Training: C = Consumer; R = Retailer; D = Dealer/Distributor; U = End-user; B = Builder; O = Building owner/op. Other: P = Technology Procurement/Volume Purchase; STD = Standards; Building owner/op. Other: P = Technology Codes; DEM = Demonstration

Notes: Notes: High first cost and awareness of the product by consumers are barriers for many products. Stocking is a barrier for a number of products as well.

- (a) Wisconsin Energy Bureau provides cash awards for purchase of high-efficiency appliances by individual and community-based residential facilities.
- (b) Japan has established a minimum-efficiency standard for several consumer electronics products
- (c) Preliminary discussions about an ENERGY STAR motors program are underway.

We include three market transformation initiatives (air conditioners, and geothermal heat pumps) that have been implemented in homes, apartment refrigerators, office equipment, and geothermal heat pumps. We include three market transformation initiatives (air conditioners, and geothermal heat pumps) that have been implemented in homes, apartment refrigerators, office equipment, and geothermal heat pumps. *Have We Learned from Early Market Transformation Efforts* (Suozzo and others) will briefly update other market transformation efforts in homes, apartment refrigerators, office equipment, and geothermal heat pumps.

While many changes in the market transformation field have occurred since the last report, the most important from the standpoint of market transformation efforts is the emergence of better-defined market transformation evaluation approaches and corresponding evaluation data. Information on market transformation initiatives was sparse at best in the prior report.

studies and market evaluations have been completed or are underway studies and market evaluations have been offered by regional market transformation organizations and large offered by regional market transformation organizations. The NWNW Alliance, which has produced periodic market progress reports for most of its programs. These, in turn, have been used to make mid-completed a number of baseline studies and several evaluations are underway but not completed available as of this writing. Instead, information in this report on market effects available as of this effort comes principally from discussions. Additionally, NYSERDA, the California Board for Energy Efficiency, EPA, and DOE are in the process of developing evaluation plans. The process of developing evaluation plans involves the coordination of evaluation data between its member organizations and the ENERGY STAR programs.

## RESIDENTIAL CLOTHES WASHERS

Clothes washers account for a substantial amount of energy. Most of the energy (90 percent) is used to drive the motor and new vertical-axis designs substantially reduce the water needed for clothes washing, and as a result, markedly reduce clothes washer energy use. In addition, most clothes washers often spin at higher speeds, which reduces the amount of moisture remaining in clothes at the end of the cycle, and in turn, reduces dryer energy use. The market has saved about half of the water (DOE 1999a).

Despite obvious energy and water savings, a number of barriers have limited the sale and use of high-efficiency washers, such that their market share is only about 1 percent nationally. Limited product availability, limited consumer and retailer awareness about high-efficiency washers, and utility barriers. Utilities applied multiple intervention strategies, including incentives, consumer education, and retailer training to address these barriers.

A series of activities in the early 1990s helped promote the sale of efficient products. First, DOE announced its interest in horizontal-axis washers as a basis for new federal efficiency standards (DOE 1991, 1994). Second, CEE developed specifications for utility promotions of high-efficiency, water-saving clothes washers. Electric Power Research Institute and Maytag joined to develop a new, improved horizontal-axis design (EPRI 1995). A Metering and Marketing Analysis project (THELMA) produced market research, testing, and in-field metering that demonstrated substantial energy savings and superior cleaning performance (Pope 1995). Subsequent efforts have focused on building demand.

## Current Initiatives

### *National Activities*

Two coordinated national activities provide a platform for utility promotional programs and manufacturer product development efforts. Two coordinated national activities provide a common specification with several efficiency tiers, common specification with incentives, retailer outreach, and education. The initiative currently has participated in different states, including energy and water utility organizations, and others, which serve nearly 50 percent of the States. Participants offer incentives to \$175 per unit (CEE 1999a).

With input from CEE program participants, DOE developed a specification for ENERGY STAR washers in 1997 at the level of the CEE washers in 1997 at the level of the CEE Factor [EF] of 2.5 or greater). Manufacturers with their clothes washers with the ENERGY STAR label. In addition, the ENERGY STAR provides marketing materials and support to utilities and retailers.

### *Regional Activities*

Efforts to build market demand regionally stem from activities of Consortium (WUC), a group formed in 1992 and consisting of several water agencies, and national stakeholders. WUC developed a clothes washer program that all members supported through their promotional efforts; this program was the initial CEE initiative. Many of the individuals continued to offer clothes washer programs and they have continued throughout the country in promoting the CEE and ENERGY STAR levels. Regionally, efforts are concentrated in the Northwest and the Northeast stages of development in California, New York, and Wisconsin.

NW Alliance's ENERGY STAR Resource Efficient Clothes Washer Program began in May 1997, which in turn built on prior utility efforts. WashWise program in May 1997, which provides education and incentives to both retailers and consumers. Initially the program provided \$130 consumer rebates and \$15 retailer incentives, with additional incentives provided by both local water and electric utilities. In March 1998, the program's incentives were increased to \$75 and \$10, respectively, as a result of market conditions. In October 1998, the NW Alliance stopped offering customer rebates, although a number of financial incentives remain. First, utilities serving about a third of the population continued their customer rebate programs (NW Alliance 1999a). Second, Energy offers a tax credit (of \$0.40 per kWh saved) to consumers for appliances, including efficient clothes washers that meet the ENERGY STAR criteria. NW Alliance maintained its retailer incentives, in part to enable continued sales tracking. At



the program's inception, the market share for efficient clothes washers and program goals for the three years of the program. These goals have been far exceeded by July 1999. The NW Alliance plans to be out of the market completely in December 1999.

NEEP's TumbleWash Program is in an earlier Alliance program. Implementation began in late 1998 and is regional utilities sponsor the program. These partners promote ENERGY STAR-qualified through: (1) an integrated advertising and public relations campaign; (2) stock and promote ENERGY STAR products; and (3) offering \$25 rebates, which NEEP plans to reduce as the rebates, establish baseline market characteristics for efficient clothes washers. NEEP found that 7 percent of all washers sold in the months prior to the study qualified for ENERGY STAR. NEEP's goal for 1999 is to double the TumbleWash clothes washer market. An initial implementation study is currently underway.

In October 1998, the state of Wisconsin initiated two activities to encourage high-efficiency clothes washers. First, 27 utilities in the state provide customers of high-efficiency clothes washers and retailers with \$15 incentives for the purchase and sale of high-efficiency clothes washers. Second, the Wisconsin Energy community-based residential facilities for the purchase of energy-efficient appliances; ENERGY STAR washers, the award covers most of the incremental cost for domestic washers of \$429. Conservation Corporation administers both of these activities (CEE 1999a).

The four major investor-owned utilities in California (Pacific Southern California Edison [SCE], Southern California Edison [SCE], California Gas [SCG]) are launching a statewide residential appliance transformation program, and clothes washers are one of the featured products on long-standing California utility efforts to promote energy efficiency. PG&E was the first utility to offer washer incentives, beginning in 1992. At that time, PG&E provided a few hundred rebates, in contrast to the 20,000 rebates provided by the current effort. The current effort represents the first time that the four major utilities will implement identical programs throughout the four service territories; this program will include consumer rebates of \$50 on purchases of ENERGY STAR clothes washers and \$100 for washers with water extraction (and hence less dryer energy use). The implementation contract is scheduled to begin in July 1999.

NYSERDA is also developing a large program effort, which will reach the vast majority of customers. Unlike other programs mentioned, the New York program, which began in 1999, does not include customer or retailer incentives. Instead, it focuses on assisting

and mid-stream actors (such as manufacturers, distributors, builders, and other mid-stream actors) can influence consumer purchasing decisions. Specific program elements include marketing, retailer assistance (e.g., sales), and links to consumer financing (Hunter 1999).

### *Other Activities*

In 1998, PNNL administered a volume purchase program for the city of Austin and other government agencies, utilities, and the program partner the city of Austin. The program partner could purchase efficient clothes washers in bulk. Sides Supply, Inc. offered the bid to provide the washers to Austin for the first year of the program (through December 1998). (Under the agreement the supplier could extend its term to December 2000). Sides Supply, Inc. offered the bid to provide the washers to Austin at a substantial discount (approximately 30 percent off the volume purchase price) to Austin at a substantial discount (approximately 30 percent off the volume purchase price). In addition to the volume purchase price, Austin offered an additional \$100 for those with gas water heating meeting the program's technical specifications. Initially, the city recruited two warehouses to store the washers, display them, and provide delivery. Austin offered all retailers the opportunity to sell program washers. More washers were sold to Austin residents through the program. In Command in Fort Lewis, Washington purchased some washers with Sides Supply, Inc. and many other jurisdictions expect to take advantage of the bulk purchase price. The program expired in December 1998. Sides Supply, Inc. and Frigidaire entered into an agreement for subsequent years because they were selling 100 percent of their washers through other channels without the heavy discounts.

A key component of regional efforts is to set higher efficiency levels for clothes washers. Standards that require higher levels of clothes washer efficiency will permanently secure market changes that have resulted from DOE's 1998 standards. In December 1998, DOE suggested three possible efficiency scenarios for the next clothes washer minimum-efficiency standard: a 20 percent improvement standard; a 45 percent improvement standard; and a two-phased approach (initially 20 percent efficiency tiers; and a two-phased approach (initially 20 percent efficiency tiers) after 5 years (DOE 1998a). The NW Alliance and several California utilities supported improvement (NW Alliance 1998a). The schedule for a final rule was to be implemented in 2004, but currently DOE expects to have a final rule complete by June 2000. but currently DOE expects to have a final rule complete by June 2000. but currently DOE expects to have a final rule complete by June 2000. but currently DOE expects to have a final rule complete by June 2000. but currently DOE expects to have a final rule complete by June 2000.

## **Market Impacts**

In 1991, only one U.S. manufacturer produced washers and imports of complying models were very limited. As a result, manufacturers have introduced high-efficiency washers and several

models for the U.S. market. As of March 1999, 31 high-efficiency washer models meet models for the U.S. and ENERGY STAR specifications, with 14 different brands represented (DOE 1999).

Retailer product knowledge and stocking practices haveRetailer product knowledge and stocking practices in the Northeast and Northwest indicate that all major chains and many independent high-efficiency washers (NEEP 1998a). Many high-efficiency washers (NEEP 1998a) at Sears, Circuit City, and Wards, have joined the ENERGY STAR program as retail partners in doing so, have agreed to promote these products.

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FurthermoFurthermore, the vast majority of consumers who purchased efficient clothes washers were highly satisfied. A study in Bern, Kansas found, for example, that horizontal-axis users were three times more likely to be completely satisfied with cleaning performance (DOE 1998a). Ninety-five percent of California purchasers were very satisfied with their high-efficiency clothes washer (Casentini (Casentini (Casentini 1999). A survey of 400 purchasers in the Northwest

indicated that the vast majority (84 percent) were very satisfied with cleaning performance as well as a wide range of other attributes (see Figure 1) (NW Alliance 1998b). Similar results in a smaller sample in the Northeast indicated that a majority of respondents rated cleaning performance and more than half rated other features (e.g., noise, capacity, and detergent use) better than prior machines (NW Alliance 1998b). Consumers are also increasingly aware of the ENERGY STAR logo. For example, in certain markets where ENERGY STAR has been fairly heavily promoted, 45 percent recognized the label (D&R International 1999).

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progress in the Northwest reveals that market share for efficient clothes washers far exceeded program goals. At the program's start, market share for efficient clothes washers was less than 2 percent. In 1998, efficient clothes washers was less than 2 percent. In 1999, Northwest averaged 13 percent. Even in the absence of rebates, market share returned to this level after a period of adjustment. The fact that market share for efficient clothes washers appears to be critical to the success of the program (NW Alliance 1999a; Pratt 1999).

Similar trends are evident in the Northeast, in California (Reicher 1999). In 1997, national market share for efficient clothes washers was 1 percent. In early 1998, this market share had grown to 3 percent. In 1999, 15 percent of all washers sold in the U.S. were ENERGY STAR compliant (Reicher 1999). Manufacturers believe this market has further potential. In the Northwest, manufacturers estimate that 30 to 40 percent of the market five years from now will be ENERGY STAR compliant. These figures represent an increase relative to manufacturer estimates reported in mid-1998.

Also noteworthy is that the tax credit in Oregon appears to be having a significant impact on the market. Sales in Oregon are considerably higher than those throughout the Northwest (e.g., 11 per 1000 households compared to 6 per 1000 in the Northwest) (NW Alliance 1999a). A tax credit may be an important market transformation tool (NW Alliance 1999a).

## **Lessons Learned and Future Directions**

A number of lessons emerge from program experience thus far. In discussions with manufacturers, we have learned that announcements in 1994 that horizontal-axis efficiency levels were under serious consideration appear to have been a minimum-efficiency standard to produce high-efficiency clothes washers (Suozzo & Nato 1994). Government interest in promoting and providing incentives influenced product development and marketing decisions.

Second, with numerous products now available, market adoption is occurring. A number of studies reveal that retailers are a primary source of information and education on appliances (D&R International 1999). It is thus essential to work closely with retailers throughout the program. Therefore, the ENERGY STAR program and the program in the Northwest and Northeast are providing retailer training. In most cases, DOE and the major national retailers and works through regional organizations, individual appliance buyers, groups to provide sales training to smaller retailers. Basic word-of-mouth can be an important source of consumer information, particularly in the Northwest (two market progress reports). Also, consumers of information (D&R International 1999; NEEP 1998a; NW Alliance 1998b).

Third, and perhaps most importantly, features other than energy efficiency are important in engaging retailers in selling efficient clothes washers. Performance and less wear and tear on clothes as well as energy and water performance make clothes washers easier to sell. These features also help to support permanent market shifts.

All in all, market progress over the last several years has been very good. All products are now on the market, and progress is dramatic in the Northwest and substantially nationally. Evidence from the most recent progress reports in the Northwest suggests that even in the Northwest, progress for efficient clothes washers can be maintained at a transformation activities have had little impact on widespread adoption (D&R International 1999; NW Alliance 1998). Maytag and Frigidaire continue to dominate the market (sales of the two comprise 90 percent of total). And on average, domestic high-efficiency washers are \$400 more than conventional models. However, some products are now a \$250 more than conventional washers, which offers promise for the future (NW Alliance 1999a; Pratt 1999). And in spite of the high first cost, in the Pacific Northwest and Northeast, once they were familiar with the product, felt it worth the added cost (NEEP 1998a, NW Alliance 1998b).

## **RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING: SCREW-IN BULBS AND FIXTURES**

In most homes, lighting accounts for 5 to 10 percent of annual electricity costs. Homes are lit primarily with A-line incandescent bulbs, which offer excellent light quality but produce a lot of waste. Fluorescent lamps are a highly efficient alternative and last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs (Wilson and Morrill 1999). Introduced commercially in the early 1980s, CFLs were characterized by inferior performance (e.g., flicker, early burnout, and delay in startup). In addition, CFLs are as 10 to 20 times more expensive than comparable incandescent bulbs.

Much of the effort to advance energy-efficient utility product giveaways and high-value instant and mail-in rebates on fixtures. As an alternative to these approaches, in 1999, utilities are offering money directly to manufacturers to buy-down the high cost of products. Relative to customer rebates, this approach significantly reduces program cost to customer. Assuming a distributor or retailer markup of 67 percent, a manufacturer rebate translates into a \$5 customer rebate (Granda 1999). In general, programs have increased residential customers awareness of CFLs and established a presence of CFLs in retail stores, and contributed to price reduction and product availability (Nadel 1999; Robertson 1999). However, CFLs account for only a small share of lighting products sold. For example, CFLs account for



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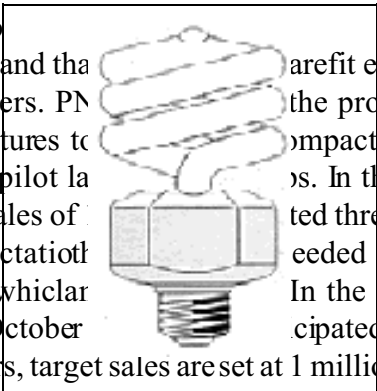


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Residential Fixtures Program promotes hard-wired fixtures and torchieres that meet Residential Fixtures STAR fixtures labeling criteria. The program is scheduled to end in December 1999.

NEEP's residential lighting program, Starlights, which NEEP's residential lighting program, various utility programs in the region, began implementing high-quality, energy-efficient residential lighting expanded to include CFLs. Sponsor expanded to include CFLs. Sponsor expanded to include CFLs through direct customer rebates (\$9 for CFLs and instant customer rebates (\$9 for CFLs and consumer education and retail sales training discounts comparable to the rebate levels), and invests in new products to slowly reduce lamp and fixture rebates and discounts as market prices become more competitive. Additionally, NEEP has developed energy-efficient recessed can fixtures. The specification combines ENERGY STAR lighting performance requirements with insulation and air tightness requirements to reduce infiltration losses. A progress report on the initiative is anticipated in August 1999.

The four investor-owned utilities in California will begin coordinating ENERGY STAR fixture specification in July 1999, as part of an appliances market transformation effort. Each utility's efforts will include either a retailer instant rebate or a manufacturer buy-down incentive, but not both. Rebates or manufacturer buy-down incentives of \$3 for fixtures and \$2 for lamps.

As part of New York State's lighting and appliances market transformation effort, NYSERDA is developing a program based on the ENERGY STAR CFL specification. NYSERDA's effort, which will begin in June 1999, does not include incentives to either customers or manufacturers. Instead, it includes cooperative marketing and assistance for upstream and mid-stream links to consumer financing (Hunter 1999).

## Market Impacts

EPA has compiled national figures on the sales of these products. In the first quarter of 1998, 170 fixtures and the sales of these products program. By the end of 1998, 268 fixtures qualified. So product availability more than doubled in just one year. In total, approximately 500,000 ENERGY STAR fixtures were sold in 1998.

Although several market progress reports are planned, only the region that has produced evaluations of market transformation efforts (both regionally and ENERGY STAR Residential Fixtures). Findings from the LightWise program Residential Fixtures). Findings below, some of which have implications for national markets. It is too early to tell if the program is having a substantial impact, although a few key facts suggest the fact that customers tend to purchase fixtures on style and not price, are the fact that the program's direction (NW Alliance 1998d).



At the outset of the LightWise program, the NW Alliance defined success: (1) wide availability of qualified products such that carry LightWise products; (2) reduced product cost such that retail prices are or less; and (3) significant consumer demand. By the end of 1997, the Alliance reduced manufacturer incentive assessment co-funded by CEE. This assessment indicated that available; retail prices were becoming more attractive to consumers; strong (i.e., manufacturer shipments) produced a second evaluation. The findings, which follow, were the initial assessment:

- " Manufacturers are producing more products although the number of total products that qualify is still quite low. Qualifying products increased from 6 in 1996 to 17 in 1998.
- " More retailers are stocking qualified CFLs (up from 30 prior to the program to 80 percent of participating retailers) and Retailer knowledge has also consistently increased each year.
- " Prices have dropped from an average of \$18 in November 1996 to \$15 and shelf prices for a few program CFLs (as well as some non-program CFLs) or just slightly above the \$10 goal.
- " Many consumers are aware of CFLs (60 percent) and around half have at least installed in their home (46 percent) of which half are very satisfied consumers are also likely to buy CFLs in the future (75 percent)

### Lessons Learned and Future Directions

Findings from the Northwest suggest that the basis been laid but program evaluators indicate that price and consumer awareness been laid but program significant barriers (NW Alliance 1998c). One of the key factors of CFLs and CFL fixtures and has slowed market transformation is high requirements. Manufacturers have expressed concern that high in increased production costs, delays in

The NW Alliance recognized that transformation goals and revised its LightW transformation marketed through the program no longer have to meet high power quality requirements and the number of qualifying products has increased from 17 (1998c). The NW Alliance's decision paved the way for developed around a standard power factor (0.5) and no THD requirement. STAR CFL specification adopts these requirements. Recognizing that the CFL specification adopts these re

also limited manufacturer interest in the ENERGY STAR fixtures program, EPA has lowered power quality requirements for this program as well (Banwell 1999).

DOE, DOE, in developing the ENERGY STAR CFL specification, requirements from 10,000 hours, typical of several existing requirements from 10,000 hours, decision was based on information that a number of manufacturers market high-quality 6,000 hour CFLs that are considerably cheaper than CFLs that are considerably more expensive. Competition that will result from these less stringent requirements will result from the greater product availability and lower prices.

Additional effort needs to be made. CFLs. While consumers are generally aware of CFLs or have tried them (60 percent in the Northwest, 84 percent in the Northeast), few consumers are purchasing them for lighting (30 percent in the Northeast) (Wall 1998a; NW All Research from the Northwest indicates that consumers who choose not to buy their decision on perceived negative attributes of CFLs greater consumer acceptance, products perform much better than early experience it for themselves.

Finally, several studies confirm the need for aggressive retailer that the market is not well-conditioned to maintain shelf space and sales of CFLs when they are unavailable (Wall 1999b). To address this, NEEP is aggressively recruiting a program. NEEP is targeting grocery chains for delivering program. NEEP is targeting grocery chains consumers tend to purchase lamps while grocery shoppers get compliant lamps into three major grocery chains. For fixture dominated sales and many of these are do-it-yourself jobs. Therefore, home improvement have been identified as key retail targets for delivering efficient fixtures.

## **RESIDENTIAL WINDOWS**

There are 19 billion square feet of windows in the U.S. residential sector, home windows account for 10 to 25 percent of the annual heating energy use (Heschong 1996). Energy-efficient windows incorporate low-emissivity (low-e) and solar control coating, improved weatherstripping, and warm edge conductance gas fill, improved weatherstripping, and warm edge energy use by 15 to 25 percent. Because of the highly technical nature of engineered window products, education of builders, retailers, and consumers is a share.

Three important national efforts have been undertaken to improve energy-efficient windows: (1) the National Fenestration Rating Council; (2) sponsored ENERGY STAR windows program; and (3) the Efficient Windows Collaborative.



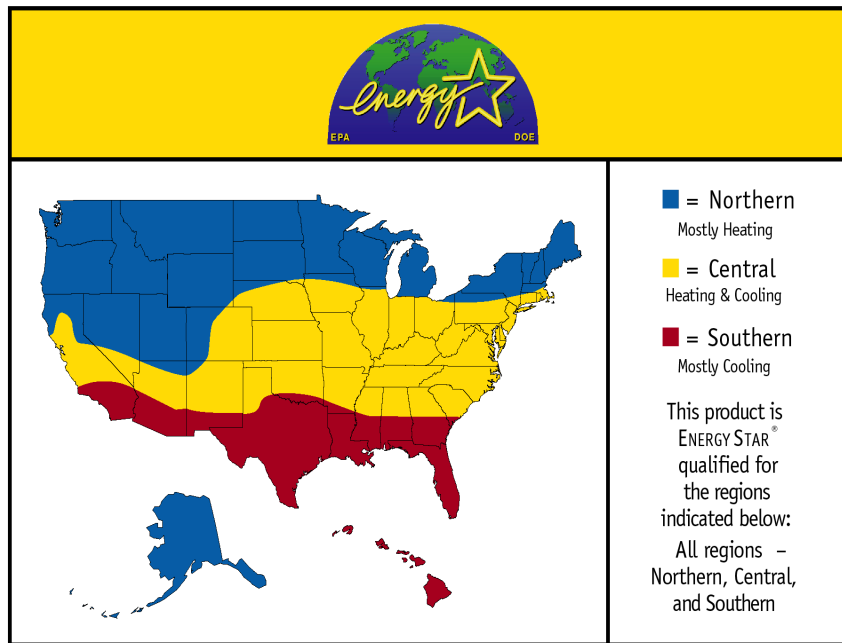


Figure 4: ENERGY STAR windows carry the NFRC label and windows carry the NFRC label and an ENERGY STAR label showing in which climate region(s) the product qualifies.

heating-dominant heating-dominant northern climates must have a U-factor of 0.45 or below and skylights must have a U-factor of 0.45 or below. In the central climate, where both loss and solar loss are of some importance, qualifying products must have a U-factor of 0.40 or below and a SHGC of 0.55 or below. An 0.5 cooling-dominant southern climate, where both loss and solar loss are of some importance, qualifying products must have a U-factor of 0.7 or below and a SHGC of 0.40 or below.

The ENERGY STAR windows program aims to provide consumers with the information they need to make informed decisions about window purchases. Given the importance of windows for window products, the ENERGY STAR program targets the retrofit market, where consumers are more likely to shop for windows. As of March 1999, the ENERGY STAR window program had 96 window manufacturer and 16 component manufacturer partners representing 60 percent of national sales (Curtis 1999). Twenty-nine manufacturers have signed on as well (DOE 1999).

The Efficient Windows Collaborative, a coalition of manufacturers, government agencies, and other stakeholders, operates as a coalition of manufacturers, government agencies, providing manufacturers, suppliers, builders, designers, utilities, providing manufacturers with technical information, technical support, and with technical information is to provide interested parties with the know-how to effectively use the ENERGY STAR label and the variety of efficient window products available for their climate. The organization also provides support and training to companies in both the new and retrofit markets. In training, EWC teaches salespeople the benefits of energy-efficient windows, improved comfort, protection of interiors and from condensation problems, not just energy bill savings. EWC also develops and communicates the results to a broad audience.

Future EWC efforts will address the need for energy-efficient windows in U.S. homes. Many EWC members believe that incorporating energy-efficient windows in U.S. homes. Many EWC

efficiency requirements into building efficiency requirements into building market share for efficient windows grows (Ward 1999).

### *Regional Activities*

The NW Alliance is working with manufacturers to promote energy-efficient windows in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California. In 1998, a two-year funding of \$1.6 million was approved for a comprehensive awareness campaign including sales training and marketing support for manufacturers, and technical assistance (NW Alliance 1998e). In 1999, the program's emphasis has shifted with the bulk of the funding now being provided to manufacturers. According to a baseline market assessment of energy-efficient windows in the Northwest, market penetration of windows in the Northwest is approximately 15 percent of window and patio doors sales (6 percent new multi-family, and 8 percent retrofit) (NW Alliance 1998e). The assessment revealed a very limited awareness of the ENERGY STAR brand throughout the Northwest, highlighting the importance of education and training programs such as those provided by the NW Alliance and EWC (Macro International 1998).

Two state programs have been launched in collaboration with EWC: the California Windows Initiative (CWI) and the Florida Windows Initiative (FWI). A number of other initiatives, including the Northeast Windows Initiative, in conjunction with NEEP, are in the preliminary stages of development. For each initiative, EWC works with local partners to develop educational, training, and marketing programs. For example, EWC works with key funders of the CWI—PG&E and Southern California Edison—to deliver cohesive messages about window energy efficiency to all housing, educational, and training efforts are being directed to the 30 largest window manufacturers/distributors in California, major builders (including the top manufacturers), and state building code compliance advisors. In addition, 100 retail outlets are receiving sales training while 100 site training. In 1998, CWI conducted almost 200 on-site educational materials at more than 60 professional meetings (EWC and ASE 1998a).

PG&E plans to collaborate with Home Depot and Home Depot projects designed to promote high-efficiency windows and the ENERGY STAR label. The utility provides: (1) an Energy-Efficient Windows Bonus Incentive of \$150 to \$200 for homeowners to builders who incorporate windows that meet select performance criteria under the Comfort Home Program; and (2) financing options for efficient windows through its Home Energy Savings Lease (Schwab 1998).

In Florida, EWC works with Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) and the Extension Service to: train company sales representatives; windows to builders, contractors, and home centers; and develop financing options for consumers (EWC and ASE 1998b).

## Market Impacts

Many manufacturers are seeking NFRC certification. As of 1999, approximately 200 manufacturers are certified through NFRC (Douglas 1999). A large share of certified products are not being labeled even though labeling a large share of certified products is a large cost effort (Prindle 1999). To address this, six states—California, Oregon, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Minnesota—now have adopted the code that have adopted the code have also established the NFRC labeling requirement.

The number of ENERGY STAR qualifying products has increased and is on the rise. As of January 1998, 35 percent of window products manufactured in the United States met the ENERGY STAR criteria. Over the first year of the program, the number of qualifying products increased by 100 percent (Curtis 1999). DOE is beginning a comprehensive tracking of national ENERGY STAR products.

Market share for efficient windows is also increasing. A study sponsored by LBNL, low-e and spectrally selective window glazings had attained a 35 percent market share in 1996 (Eto 1999). Penetration varies widely by region, with higher saturations found in colder, heating-dominated climates. In Southern California, where utilities provided co-funding for window products, market share more than doubled in 1998 from 5 percent of the market in January to more than 10 percent at year end (Curtis 1999). And for the NW Alliance states that market share in the Pacific Northwest increased from 5 percent in January to more than 10 percent at year end (Jennings 1999). Given that the products are cost-effective applications, significant room for additional growth exists in all regions.

## Lessons Learned and Future Directions

Several valuable lessons can be drawn from the efficient window products. First, many manufacturers are reluctant to label their products. Tools can be effective in increasing the number of products labeled. The ENERGY STAR program and state building code requirements that all windows meet the requirements are encouraging manufacturers to label their windows. In a 1996 PG&E study of the California windows market, researchers found that 100 percent of retrofit windows were using NFRC labels on 100 percent of their retrofit windows where state building code. However, a majority of these manufacturers expressed a reluctance to add SHGC, visible transmittance ratings. Code jurisdictions and utility incentive program requirements

encourage manufacturers to encourage manufacturers to provide the additional encourage manufacturer (Rufo, and Schwab 1998).

Second, NFRC research has found that while consumers are interested in energy efficiency, only a limited number of builders are including high-efficiency windows. As a result, high-efficiency windows can be a significant benefit. Labeling are important tools for capturing consumer interest and educating builders of the opportunities to sell efficiency and improved comfort. Promoting the non-energy benefits and attractiveness of the products from both the buyers and sellers perspectives.

Finally, clear definition of the roles of the ENERGY STAR, EPCAC, EWCEC and coordination among these organizations has been constructive. In the early development of the program, it was important to get the most from the skills, resources, and investment of each group. In addition, recognizing the role of the manufacturers and retailers and the role of the manufacturers support from other organizations, is crucial to current progress and future long-term success.

As a manufacturer, retailer, and builder, efficiency products become more widely available, building consumer awareness and demand for the products. To further build the market, financing for efficient window upgrades in existing homes provides an opportunity for future market transformation activities.

## CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

Research initiated by LBNL Research in miscellaneous home energy uses an estimated 235 billion kWh in 1995, 350 billion kWh by 2010 (Sanchez et al. 1998). This research has led to a better understanding of the factors responsible for a large share of miscellaneous energy uses, particularly standby and off-mode power consumption in a variety of consumer electronics products exhibit standby and off-mode losses, including

- " TV and video equipment;
- " Audio equipment;
- " Cordless and wireless telephones and answering machines; and
- " Office equipment (e.g., peripherals such as external modems and zip drives).

Researchers have quantified the energy losses attributable to standby consumption dubbed leaking electricity in individual homes and at the national level. Findings indicate annual losses of 45 billion kWh (5 percent of annual residential energy consumption) in the United States alone, highlighting the importance of reducing standby losses (Thorne and Suozzo 1998). To reduce this large waste, a variety of initiatives have been undertaken in the United States, Europe, and Japan. To date, these initiatives have undertaken

largely on TVs and VCRs. Office equipment programs originally targeting the commercial equipment is underway in the United States. Labeling among the market transformation mechanisms being used among the market transformation mechanisms consumer electronics.

**Current Initiatives**

*National Activities*

In 1996, EPA began work to develop the ENERGY STAR home electronics program builds on the success of other ENERGY STAR labeling programs including those for computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, and copiers. To that end, LBNL, ACEEE, and the FSEC compiled monitoring data on the consumption of a broad range of consumer electronics. A considerable variation in the power consumption of different TV and VCR models was found. Standby power for TVs ranged from less than 10 watts; VCRs ranged from about 2 watts to 12 watts (see Table 2).

**Table 2: Maximum, Average, and ENERGY STAR Standby Power Consumption for Home Electronics**

Product	Maximum Standby (watts)	Average Standby (watts)	ENERGY STAR Specification (watts)
TV	9.8	5.9	3.0
VCR	12.2	5.1	4.0
TV/VCR	19.5	8.6	6.0
Audio Mini-System	28.6	10.9	2.0
Audio Rack System	19.8	4.2	2.0
DVD	7.1	4.4	3.0

Notes: Maximum and average standby power based on metering of new products performed by LBNL. As of 2003, the ENERGY STAR specification for all audio and DVD products will drop to a maximum of 1 watt. Sources: EPA 1999; Thorne and Suozzo 1998.

Based on these findings, in early 1997 EPA approached TV manufacturers for proposals for an ENERGY STAR TV/VCR program. Working largely through the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association (CEMA) and its parent organization, the program was launched for the program. The program was launched at the for the p January 1998. The initial phase of the program established maximum standby power limits of 33 watts for TVs, 3 watts for TVs, 4 watts for VCRs, and 6 watts for VCRs, and 6 watts for VCRs. Manufacturers are working with a number of retailers to provide ENERGY STAR promotional materials, sales education, and training support.



Following on the success of the TV/VCR effort, the ENERGY STAR home audio and DVD program is being launched. The initial program targets specify maximum standby power of 3 watts for home audio products.<sup>4</sup> As of 2003, the specification will drop to a maximum of 1 watt for all audio and DVD products.

### *International Activities*

In Europe, the Group for Efficient Appliances (GEA) program for TVs and VCRs modeled after the Swiss Energy 2000 Action (the first European effort, introduced in 1995). Like the Swiss program, the GEA targets the top 25 percent of models on the market. In 1998, the GEA target levels were 1 watt for TVs and 4 watts for VCRs, making the GEA levels equivalent to ENERGY STAR levels. The GEA, the European Association of Consumer Electronics Manufacturers, and other interested parties have started discussions about extending the program to additional products including satellite receivers and audio equipment. In addition, the European Commission (EC) has efforts to eliminate the least efficient TV and VCR models. The EC is also considering adoption of the ENERGY STAR criteria and logo for a TV/VCR labeling program (Thorne and Suozzo 1998).

Unlike the United States and Europe, Japan is employing a program to reduce standby losses. Their program specifies minimum annual energy consumption including both active and standby power for TVs. Effective April 1999, TV standby power must be 2.5 watts and 5 watts, respectively (Siderius 1998). Like the United States, Japan is committed to using the ENERGY STAR criteria and logo for office equipment and has an interest in a similar TV/VCR labeling program. And recently, Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry informally requested Japanese manufacturers to reduce the standby consumption of their products to 1 watt (LBNL 1999).

The International Energy Agency (IEA) is also involved in promoting energy-efficient consumer electronics with low standby and off-mode power consumption. As a first step, the IEA IEA Workshop on International Actions to Reduce Standby Power Waste in Electrical Equipment was held in January 1999. The workshop was held in January 1999 with government officials, researchers, and other interested parties to coordinate an international effort to address standby power consumption in electrical equipment and other household appliances.

## **Market Impacts**

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<sup>4</sup> The home audio products category includes cassette decks, CD players, equalizers, laserdisc players, mini-equalizers, laserdisc players, mini-and mid-range stereo amplifiers/pre-amplifiers, stereo receivers, table radios, and tuners.





In developing its residential air conditioner and heat pump initiative in 1994, CEE had three objectives: (1) to minimize the confusion generated by a clear market signal for high-efficiency products to equipment availability. The CEE initiative provides guidelines for utility efficiency equipment and both equipment efficiency levels and installation practices for split system and single-package units up to 5 tons (65,000 Btu/hour) of cooling capacity (CEE 1994).

The equipment efficiency component consists of multiple efficiency tiers with the equipment efficiency determined on the basis of SEER (seasonal energy efficiency ratio—a measure of average seasonal performance) and EER (energy seasonal performance) and EER (energy seasonal performance) and HSPF (heating season performance factor) for heating season performance. Participating utilities support efficiency levels of SEER 12, and SEER 14 (tier 3). The tier 1 level was established to be 10 percent more efficient than average equipment being sold in 1994.

The installation component includes an optional set of guidelines for contractors to follow. CEE is researching a separate program for HVAC and considering options for promoting this specific initiative to participate in the residential air conditioner and heat pump initiative (CEE 1998).

Based on CEE's tier 1 level, EPA's ENERGY STAR program for heat pumps requires that products meet a minimum of SEER 13 (performance factor of 7) to receive the ENERGY STAR label. (This latter specific label increased to 7.6 as of January 2000.) Launched in the spring of 1995, the program aimed initially to improve availability and market penetration, virtually all HVAC units meet the ENERGY STAR criteria. As a result, EPA's primary emphasis has shifted to manufacturers to the program to consumers and that distribution sales representatives are trained on how to sell efficient products. Through this latter effort, EPA expects to improve the likelihood that dealers and distributors will stock and install ENERGY STAR compliant products (Offutt 1999).

In addition, a DOE rulemaking to determine the feasibility of a residential air conditioner and heat pumps is underway. A proposed final rule is slated for June 2001. The new standard is scheduled to take effect five years after the final rule is published (Reicher and McCabe 1999). An early DOE analysis, being revised, indicated that, depending on equipment size and cost, a standard of SEER 13 to 15 can be cost-effective for consumers. A manufacturer has indicated that a standard between 12.5 and 15 level, electricity and peak demand savings of 25 percent are likely.

The Clinton Administration's FY 2000 budget includes a tax credit for high-efficiency air conditioning equipment. Under the plan, high-efficiency air conditioning equipment is eligible to obtain a 10 percent federal tax credit, or a 20 percent tax credit for purchases of 13.5 SEER unit or higher. The tax credits would become effective in 2000 (The News 1999).

### *Regional Activities*

As mentioned above, a number of utilities operate programs to promote energy-efficient residential HVAC equipment. Eight programs emerge as those with higher than average market penetration. These include: Austin Energy, Carolina Power and Light, MidAmerican Energy Corporation (Iowa), PG&E, Potomac Electric Power Public Service Electric & Gas (New Jersey), and SMUD. These utility programs typically have several components and often offer substantial customer rebates and/or financing at several components and from 0 percent to market rates (Neme, Peters, and Rouleau 1998).

In the past, most programs have focused on equipment efficiency with limited or no focus on improving installation practices, despite the fact that improved installation can result in substantial energy savings (24 to 35 percent) often more than equipment efficiency improvements (Neme, Proctor, and Nadel 1999). A number of activities are aimed at focusing on better installation of residential HVAC equipment. Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) and Atlantic City Electric, two utilities in New Jersey, along with key trade allies, approve and promote high-efficiency air conditioning equipment sales. As part of their activities, the utilities provide consistent rebates for SEER 13 and higher equipment and require contractors to document proper installation to be eligible for the rebate. They also provide joint consumer education and contractor training and are exploring options for certification (Neme and Nickerson 1999). NEEP contractors support this effort and NEEP plans to work with other utilities in the region to broaden the program to other Mid-Atlantic states (Neme 1999).

In addition to the New Jersey program, residential HVAC installation is underway in the Northwest and California. The NW Alliance, for example, is working to establish retrofitting leaky ducts as a profitable business. The demand for efficient duct systems in new homes. The contractors are required to identify and seal leaky ducts, and duct testers (typically utility personnel) measure duct performance, as well as marketing and performance, as a result of the program and 1500 homes have been sealed. Sealed ducts save up to 20 percent of the energy in Northwest homes and have the side benefit of improving indoor air quality.

Additionally, PG&E requires duct sealing as part of its program, in which contractors must undergo training and certification. Also, the four investor-owned California utilities require





date. Given that the market share for SEER 12 products based on that level of efficiency is likely to be relatively uncontroversial.

## GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

Ground source heat pumps or GeoExchange units take advantage of stable temperatures of either the ground or a water source (such as a postable temperatures of either the capacity as heat sources or sinks in order to efficiently buildings. GSHPs have been on the market for many years, with one of the earliest in the United States dating back approximately 60 years. Until the 1970s, in the United States mechanism for transferring heat to and from the ground or water was through a system. This system relied on accessible and plentiful groundwater and, the system. This system relied on a number and types of applications for which the technology was appropriate. development of closed loop systems rendered the technology feasible for applications (Pratsch 1996).

In the late 1980s, electric utilities and some of their trade associations (e.g., the Power Research Agency [EPRI] and the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association [NRECA]) began funding research, development, and commercialization of GSHPs to overcome market barriers. Much of this work took place at Oklahoma State University. International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (IGSHPA). IGSHPA's initial efforts included establishing methods and design standards, and training residential installers. It also started a national teleconference series that served both the utility industry on a much broader basis and to develop a strong public/private partnership.

In the mid-1990s, the GSHP industry grew at a reasonable rate. In 1993, there were 8,000 units installed, and by 1994, that number had increased to 20,000, an increase of about 10 percent annually (Sachs 1998). Barriers to growth for the in-ground loop system, lack of a market infrastructure for training and installation, and lack of consumer awareness and confidence continued to limit the market (GHPC 1995).

### Current Initiatives

#### *National Activities*

To spur GSHP sales, the Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium (GHPC) was established in 1994. GHPC established aggressive goals to increase residential GSHP installations to 400,000 units by 2001. (See Sachs 1998)



the discrepancy in the number of units sold in 1994 between GHPC [1995] and the discrepancy. The GHPC had a three-pronged approach to promoting GSHPs, addressing barriers to increased use of GSHPs: high initial costs, infrastructure, and confidence (see GHPC 1996).

An assessment of GHPC's progress revealed that the Consortium was not approaching its initial goals established for 1994. The goal was overly ambitious. GHPC's goal was based on a growth rate of 10% per year. GHPC's goal was to sell 400,000 units of products with more favorable market conditions.

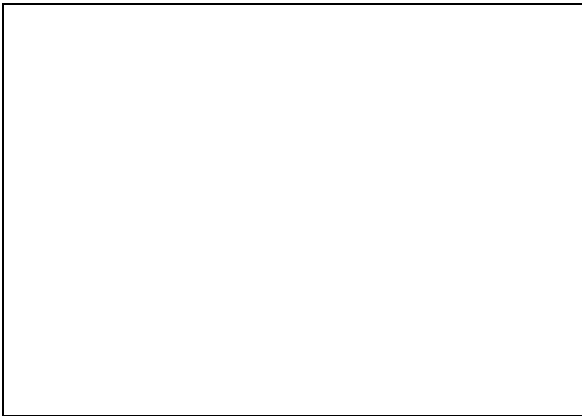


Figure 6: GHPC developed the GeoExchange brand to raise consumer awareness about GSHPs (L Ecuver 1998).

There was no accounting for the ramp-up period or for lag time effects of program activity could be seen. No analysis was performed to determine if the 400,000 was sustainable. There was a considerable lag in getting the total amount received anticipated. Third, consumers were about or unaware of GSHPs and infrastructure developments lagged behind awareness efforts (Offutt 1999). Fourth, electric utility industry resistance diminished utility demonstration projects, resulting in further reduced funding. Low public awareness, insufficient market

infrastructure, and lack of capital from the GSHP industry made the loss of infrastructure, marketing, and communications support a serious problem (L Ecuver and Sachs 1998).

Recognizing limitations in the residential market and opportunities in the commercial market, in 1998 GHPC shifted its focus to the commercial sector. To reach commercial customers, GHPC conducts strategic outreach to potential customers (such as builders, developers, architects, and engineers) and has emphasized infrastructure development through short courses for engineers and similar efforts. GHPC has also begun co-funding small-scale utility projects as well as scale projects previously emphasized, which include more innovation. And finally, GHPC is building more relationships, including ASHRAE, American Institute of Architects (AIA), and the Program (FEMP) to help get the word out about GSHPs to the commercial and institutional markets (L Ecuver and Sachs 1998).

### Market Impacts

Increased interest and awareness of GSHPs by commercial and operators is evidenced by the growing number of inquiries to the GeoExchange

Center, which is part of the GHPC. Additionally, interest has been significant at trade conventions, and has been greatest among large companies including gas chains, and hotels, as well as public sector facilities builders (single and multi-family) (L Ecuyer and Sachs 1998).

This increased interest is being born out in increased sales of GSHPs. Sales of GSHPs were flat. However, from 1996 to 1997, unit sales increased by about 20 percent and total tonnage supplied by GSHPs increased by 23 percent. Furthermore, at least two manufacturers experienced sales growth in 1997. During the same period, sales of air source heat pumps and central air conditioners fell 6.5 percent and 1.5 percent respectively (Sachs 1998). Little data is available on customer satisfaction and the number of trained installers.

On the other hand, the market is still quite small, and the limited progress to date, GHPC has chosen to deemphasize the residential market.

### **Lessons Learned and Future Directions**

Based on L Ecuyer and Sachs (1998), four lessons have been learned from transformation efforts:

- " Market transformation is more about markets than about technology;
- " Commercial and institutional HVAC markets are easier than residential markets;
- " Aggressive goals should be balanced with attainability;
- " Commitment to adaptive management is essential.

The authors note that HVAC equipment enters end-user markets through a variety of channels, all of which affect the potential for key market actors and how they come to accept and promote designing tools and training that will result in significant market impacts.

For a variety of reasons, commercial and institutional HVAC consumers reach and influence than residential consumers. Businesses, for example, are more likely to use life cycle cost analysis in their purchasing decisions. In scale applications, GSHPs are cost competitive on a first cost basis alone. A reduction in other building costs (e.g., smaller control rooms, less space, reduced roof load, etc.) and can reduce the cost of commercial applications have now been documented for commercial systems (Cane et al. n.d.). Furthermore, commercial systems integrate several loads through the system, including refrigeration and heating. Additional benefits make high first cost GSHPs more attractive to commercial consumers. Residential consumers tend to rely less on technical

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## **LED EXIT SIGNS<sup>5</sup>**

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### **Current Initiatives**

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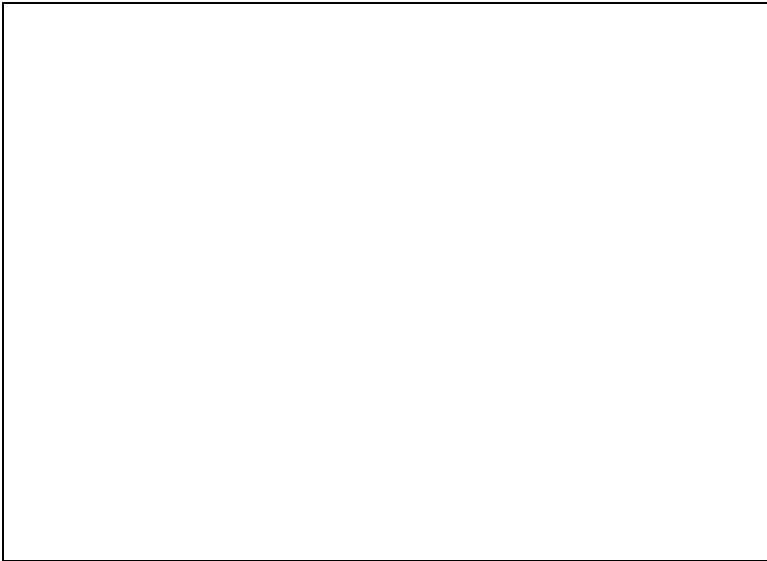


Figure 7: Types of light sources used in energy-efficient exit signs as a percentage of signs tested by the NLPiP (Conway et al. 1997)

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Additionally, technological advances in LEDs spurred by their application in industries (e.g., the automotive industry) enabled exit sign manufacturers to produce cheaper, more visually-effective products. Hence, cross-fertilization of technological advances is important in stimulating the development of new and better products.

The shifts in the exit sign market are likely to be permanent for a number of reasons. First, many manufacturers have retooled their lines to produce LED exit signs. This process is nontrivial. Second, prices have come down so that LEDs are now competitive with incandescent exit signs on a first cost basis and are highly cost-effective on a life cycle basis. Third, a number of jurisdictions, including Washington and the current draft ASHRAE commercial building standard, are likely to become the basis of commercial building codes for efficient (e.g., LED or CFL) exit signs. The remaining barrier to LED exit signs is specifier behavior. No data were available for this, but specifiers have shifted their purchasing practices from a lowest first cost to a lowest life cycle cost basis. Continued education is likely to be important to address those specifiers. First cost continues to be an key purchasing criterion.

Opportunities for energy savings exist in the exit sign market. At this time, however, EPA does not plan to encourage energy-efficient retrofit kits. This is in part because as the costs of new products come down the decision to replace or retrofit an exit sign shifts toward replacement rather than retrofit. Analyzing when it is cost-effective to replace rather than retrofit is difficult. Standards that attempt to track useful life make it extremely difficult to analyze retrofit kits and the only manufacturer who could meet this requirement is Dolin (Dolin 1999). Nonetheless, the increased use of LEDs for new exit signs, by general lighting product manufacturers, opens up the door by general lighting product manufacturers, opens up the door in a broad range of other commercial building lighting applications (Conway 1999).

## **PREMIUM-EFFICIENCY MOTORS**

Electric motors consume more than half of the electricity in the United States and almost 70 percent of manufacturing sector electricity. Motors convert electrical energy very efficiently. Nonetheless, many motors are operated thousands of hours a year and therefore even small efficiency improvements can produce substantial energy savings.

Absent intervention, however, industry opportunities for a number of reasons, including: short time horizons and limited funds for replacement, inadequate planning for motor replacement decisions, and lack of knowledge regarding actual performance (al.1996; al.1996; Gordon 1999). Additionally, dealers and distributors do not consistently stock efficient motors and until recently most manufacturers did not (Elliott 1999).

Many utilities, recognizing the need for savings, have historically operated motors programs as a part of their efforts. These programs generally focused on reducing the initial cost by providing rebates for the purchase of efficient motors. However, these programs varied in their rebate levels (where offered), rebate recipients (e.g., vendors or end-users), and features. In the state of Wisconsin, the Responsible Power Manager efficiency levels across a wide range of utility service territories. Under the program from 1993 through 1996, utilities and other participants developed tools to help vendors educate customers and process rebate applications through marketing and outreach for the program (Elliott and Pye 1997; Elliott and Pye 1995). Similarly, utilities in the Northwest played an important role in developing coordinated motor system programs, with significant motor system programs in this region were among the first to offer incentives. Participants cooperated in developing tools to support these efforts. In addition to these and other utility programs, CEE's Program helps unify efficiency levels being promoted by disparate utility and regional market transformation initiatives at these levels.

## Current Initiatives

### *National Activities*

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 established new motor rebates and took effect in October 1997. Prior to its implementation, most motor rebates focused on increasing the adoption of more efficient motors, CEE developed its Premium-Efficiency Motors program by providing a common definition of premium efficiency. By providing a common definition of premium efficiency, CEE aims to encourage the widespread adoption and availability of premium efficiency motors above the federal minimum-efficiency standard. Typically, CEE's motor rebates are generally 1 to 2 percent higher than the federal minimum-efficiency standard (CEE motors are about 0.5 percent higher). CEE partners with organizations that serve 11 percent of U.S. organizations that educate end-users, and in a number of cases, provide incentives to motor rebates for the purchase of premium-efficiency lines.

Additionally, DOE's Motor Challenge program was developed to increase the market penetration of energy-efficient motors. The Motor Challenge encourages a "systems approach" to how motors are engineered, specified, and maintained by industry. One of the program's goals has been providing tools and training to support end-users to compare a given motor model with other models, selecting the more efficient model.

### *Regional Activities*

In March 1997, the NW Alliance initiated a program that grew out of several Puget Sound area efforts to promote more efficient motors. Efficiency levels for the program were based on CEE levels for totally enclosed fan-cooled motors. Efficiency levels were applied for both TEFC and open drip-proof motors. Prior utility efforts was that premium-efficiency motor change stocking practices, the NW Alliance program provided model. Additional program elements included vendor and end-user training. The program proceeded on a modest scale and was general market and program progress (addressed further below), the market and program progress (addressed further below). Premium-efficiency Motors program in the spring of 1998 and shifted to industrial customers to take advantage of a series of motor programs. The new program, which began in the spring of 1999 offered inventory management plan, establishing motor purchasing policies for repair/replace decisions, and establishing quality standards for rewinds (Gordon 1999; Harris 1999).

NEEP launched the Northeast Premium-efficiency Motors Initiative in 1998. NEEP initiative builds on the experience of utilities and NEEP initiative builds on this experience by establishing consistent materials. Twenty-three utilities representing the Northeastern states (except for Maine) promote CEE efficiency levels through rebates and supplier education. Based on prior utility incentives to end-users. These incentives, which are promoted through vendors, are designed to cover the full incremental cost of motors up to 2000. NEEP has made an effort to program, NEEP elected not to offer dealer incentives but instead meets with major dealers on a monthly basis to ensure end-users in filling out rebate forms and can provide information. However, one NEEP partner, Conectiv, has results thus far (Gordon 1999).

Additional programs are just getting underway in New York and California. Like a number of other programs, New York's effort focuses on working with motor vendors. NYSERDA offers incentives of \$40 per motor (regardless of size) to meet CEE's premium-efficiency specification. However, vendors receive incentive payment onto end-users. To join the program, vendors fill out forms indicating their annual premium motors sales goals. Upon monthly proof of sales and vendors meet their sales goals. New York is participating in a baseline study (coordinated by the Electric Power Research Institute) that is scheduled to be complete in June 1999 that is scheduled to be complete in June 1999. Penetration in New York State is around 10 percent. The program has signed up for the program, thus far, just exceeds baseline penetration (Richards 1999).



California has elected to move up the motors distribution chain in providing financial incentives for premium motors. In 1999, two California utilities (PG&E and SDG&E) are offering incentives to regional motor distributors (i.e., manufacturer representatives or motor vendors) for the sale of CEE-qualified motors. California has focused incentives on end-users. California has approached concerns that motors are not regional distributors (regional distribution centers). The incentives are intended to increase end-user purchases of premium motor purchases. Additionally, incentives, if passed on to end-users, make information available through its Website to help end-users make purchasing decisions. The Website includes information on purchasing decisions. The Website includes savings possible with premium motors, and suppliers of premium products (PG&E 1999).

### Market Impacts

Nationally, some shifts in the motors market are transformation initiatives. A number of major manufacturers now have premium-qualified motors available throughout much of their product lines. These products are identified in manufacturer end-user and local dealers to identify motors eligible for utility incentive programs (1999). Some manufacturers have directly cited the CEE and NE decisions regarding efficiency levels (Gordon 1999). Dealers, premium-efficiency motors are depending largely on whether they are stocked by regional distributors (Elliott 1999).

While premium motors are being made more available, sales of particular and motors in general are down. Market confusion about and poor economics due to high incremental costs and falling electric factor responsible for the decline in sales of premium motors. Premium-efficiency motors are often not cost-effective for smaller motors and motors with low duty factors. But even motors, end-users increasingly appear to be choosing to rewind older motors rather than new motors. Many motors being repaired are likely either to be good candidates for efficiency motors or to be premium-efficiency motors themselves (e.g., high motors) (Elliott 1999).

Some studies document the success of motors market in the Northeast, an evaluation of prior utility efforts such as the program indicates that efforts to influence sales of dealer incentives, tools, education and information were successful in dealer incentives, tools, education shifts in the market (e.g., sales of efficient motor users adopted efficient motor purchasing policies). However, conducted in 1997, a year after the program ended, revealed that as utilities abandoned rebates and EPA standards loomed, sales of premium efficiency motors declined (Meadows 1999).

Of more recent market transformation efforts, only the Northwest progress, although an evaluation is in progress, although an evaluation is in progress in the progress, although an evaluation is in progress, although an evaluation is in progress, was principally based on dealer interviews, indicated program had little influence on motor sales, stocking the national motors market and in part to program design. Among the study

- " Market penetration was limited. Of the approximately 34,000 sold annually in the Northwest, only 12 percent met. However, even this low rate was not entirely attributable to the program. Instead, it is attributable in part to prior motors programs in the region and there is a high concentration of heavy industry in the Northwest (motor users are more likely to purchase premium motors than the average motor user).
- " The market lacked a clear efficiency standard. The efficiency of premium motors was highly variable and only about one-third of what dealers considered premium-efficiency motors met program-qualifying levels.
- " For the minority of dealers who stocked their own motors, incentives were not an impact on sales or stocking. Dealer incentives were 33 percent of total sales of program-eligible motors. Also, rather than keeping the incentive as a stocking bonus, those dealers who took savings onto their customers.

Furthermore, most dealers were aware of but not participating in the program how to use the elements of the program effectively (NW Alliance 1998g).

The NW Alliance motors program evaluation also suggests that the regional motors market had changed since the NW Alliance's initial study and, therefore, was not understood when the program was being implemented. The NW program design from regional utility programs and no independent baseline study was conducted prior to pursuing the venture. As a result, program design elements and implicit in previous utility programs were carried over. The program may also have been hampered by incentives that were (e.g., 22 percent of incremental cost), lack of training (e.g., 22 percent of incremental cost), lack of training availability of premium-efficiency motors across a manufacturer's product line. Alliance is now pursuing a program that relies less on the distribution network.

In the Northeast, premium efficiency motor sales in 1999, however, the Northeast was on target with 1999 sales goals (rebates through the program). NEEP program staff believe that the program has more success than elsewhere, although it is a bit early to tell (Linn 1999). Thus far, the program has been well received by motor suppliers and industrial customers. Two hundred out of 260 motor distributors and dealers in six states in the region are participating in the program, although only approximately 70 of these participants account for most motor

circuit rider efforts. Furthermore, NEEP's program has made so many rebate application and process. Nonetheless, a number of inconsistencies in the approach by different utilities remain, which may hamper the program's progress by different utilities remain, which information on the Northeast motors market will be available when NEEP's information on the Northeast and baseline study in the summer of 1999.

At this point, little information is available on the New York and California programs other than the amount of interest expressed by potential program participants. NY SERDA program manager, the financial reward for meeting sales goals has generated considerable interest from dealers in the state (Richardson 1999). Early responses and interest from distributors in northern California (1999).

### Lessons Learned and Future Directions

A number of sources point to the fact that significant confusion over motors has hindered the market (Alliance 1998g; Rosenberg 1999). Prior to EPA's "high efficiency," "energy efficient," and "premium efficiency" were all commonly used terms. "Energy efficient" was a formally defined term. It was established by NEMA and used as the basis for what are now standard EPA motors. So, what was once energy efficient is now standard.

Some manufacturers had developed premium-efficiency motor definitions. The CEE thresholds provide such a definition but understanding and acceptance of this definition has been gradual. On the part of manufacturers are beginning to embrace CEE's definition of premium-efficiency motors, such that these motors are being listed in most of the major manufacturers' catalogs that efficiency or CEE-qualifying motors. At this point, most major premium-efficiency products.

Stocking of these motors is still an issue, although it is improving in manufacturer practices. The NW Alliance key barrier the program sought to address, appeared to be less important to customers than once perceived. Many manufacturers, in time delivery, and as such, motor dealers particularly on well-traveled corridors can, in theory, obtain premium motors fairly quickly, their ability to do so depends on stocking of premium-efficiency motors at manufacturers' regional distribution centers, when (1999).

Additionally, premium motor prices remain high, such that the economics are not favorable for all motors. In the mid-1990s, the cost of a premium-efficiency motor (often less than a 10 percent incremental cost) (Elliott 1999) was

less than going from a then-standard motor to an energy-efficient product (a 10 to 25 percent less than going from a then-standard motor to a premium motor) (WSEO 1994). As a result, the incremental cost of upgrading to a premium motor would be less than the incremental cost of upgrading to a premium-efficiency motor. Instead, the incremental costs of most brands of premium-efficiency motors relative to EPA premium motors increased (to 15 to 35 percent), largely due to redesign costs incurred by manufacturers. As redesign costs come down, the value of incremental energy efficiency programs that promote premium-efficiency motors now more effective than products promoted prior to EPA Act (Elliott 1999).

Understanding what constitutes a premium-efficiency motor effective for a given application requires clear information and good tools. Market confusion and lack of knowledge, and the desire to have a simple motor have led to preliminary discussions about ENERGY STAR program (Elliott 1999; Richards 1999).

Given the high incremental costs, the primary larger customers who practice life cycle costing of premium motors exist in market segments that are more first cost oriented. Getting customers accustomed to premium-efficiency motors may be as is being done in the Northeast. Additionally, many of the larger customers are moving to long-term contracts with manufacturers in maintaining the existing market transformation efforts. Depend, in part, on the ability of program implementors to influence these negotiations.

According to one expert, the future of the premium-efficiency motor in large part, on manufacturer decisions about pricing. Manufacturers can choose either to keep premium prices (e.g., a high profit margin/low volume, if their costs allow (Gordon 1999). According to remain anonymous), premium-efficiency motors cost the manufacturer to remain anonymous), premium-efficiency more than high-efficiency motors (Nadel 1999). premium products remains high, utilities are unlikely to be able to support rebates that attract a broader customer base. On the other hand, if manufacturers are able to lower larger market share is possible, although (1999).

Additional program experience in the Northwest, an upcoming program, and experience in California and program, and experience in California on ways to structure premium-efficiency motors program transformation.

## BUILDING COMMISSIONING

**Definition of Commissioning**

Commissioning is a systematic process of ensuring that all the components of a building systems perform in accordance with the design intent of the owner's needs. (Peterson and Haas 1994).

The complexity and diversity of modern building systems, equipment, and controls plus the introduction of more stringent building codes make commissioning an increasingly important tool in ensuring the intended energy-efficient and affordable operation of commercial buildings. Reporting on the actual energy savings from building commissioning is limited by the commissioning process (see Table 3). However, Dodds et al. (1998) found that by commissioning 7 percent of new buildings larger than 25,000 Btu/square foot of energy would be saved. Despite this potential, current estimates suggest that less than 5 percent of new buildings and fewer than 0.03 percent of existing buildings are commissioned (Dasher, and Brenneke 1998).

**Table 3: New Building Commissioning Costs Relative to Standard Practice in the Building Industry**

Building Type	Commissioning Cost	Design Cost	Construction Cost	Operation Cost
Small Building (<25,000 sq.ft.)	+ 3%	+ 5%	no change	- 8%
Large Building (>25,000 sq.ft.)	+ 2%	+ 3%	- 6%	- 10%

Source: Bjornskov et al. 1994.

Throughout the 1990s, efforts to promote building commissioning have focused on the construction market and in particular have focused on promoting commissioning as a tool in improving building performance. Commissioning of existing buildings (often referred to as retro-commissioning) and of new initiatives being launched.

### Current Initiatives

#### *National Activities*

In 1986, the Bonneville Power Authority started the Energy Edge program, a \$16 million demonstration program to evaluate the potential for energy efficiency measures in constructed commercial buildings in the Pacific Northwest. Energy Conservation, Inc. (PECI) to investigate operations and maintenance in the Energy Edge program buildings. Peci found that the equipment in the buildings determined that installation and training should also play a part in their work with the Energy Edge program, Peci on their work with the Energy Edge program, commissioning into projects with other utilities around the country.

The National Conference for Building Designers, Utilities, Building Owners, Researchers, Educators, and Equipment Providers (NCBC) was established in 1993 to share techniques, and advances in building commissioning practices. The first NCBC, held in 1993, grew out of roundtables on building commissioning in the Pacific Northwest. Based on discussions at the NCBC, DOE provided funding for PECEI to prepare a Strategy for Building Commissioning, which outlines the market potential for building commissioning, successes to date, and future directions.

In 1997, the Federal Energy Management Program and the General Administration published the *Building Commissioning Guide* to assist federal agencies in meeting specific federal requirements. For example, Executive Order 12902 requires each agency to implement a facility commissioning program into the construction plan for to implement a facility

### *Regional Activities*

The Pacific Northwest has been a hotbed of activity for a range of activities conducted by utilities and other agencies. For example, Pacific Energy Finance Answer program since 1991 has included commissioning guidelines for its building projects based on its experience.

In January 1998, the Northwest Alliance launched a program in the Pacific Northwest. The program works with state and local universities, and school districts to promote commissioning of major retrofits and renovations). The long-term goal of standard practice in public facilities in the region within 10 years, based on (1) commissioning-related building compliance mechanism will be put into place and enforced; and will be established to support building commissioning. The Northwest Alliance venture includes the following:

- " Coordinating activities across the four Northwest states (Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Montana);
- " Developing case studies from real projects commissioned as part of the project;
- " Conducting economic analyses of the case study projects;
- " Promoting the case studies;
- " Developing model commissioning policies and guidelines;
- " Assisting the Building Commissioning program to become self-sustaining (see **Market Impacts** for more information); and
- " Established an intern development program through the BCA-NW.

In the Northeast, New England Electric Institute (NEEI) implemented a building commissioning program for new buildings in 1994. And in 1998, Boston Edison (Edison) began to promote commissioning closely with NEES, began to promote commissioning program.

In the Midwest, the Energy Center of Wisconsin (ECW) implemented building commissioning as an important target area for its 1998 survey of building owners, architect/engineering firms, and contractors in Wisconsin. The survey found that only half of the respondents were familiar with the term "building commissioning" and among this segment, definitions of commissioning varied substantially. Of the four groups surveyed, general contractors had the lowest level of awareness (ECW 1998). As a result, ECW is focusing on building commissioning and providing promotional training. In collaboration with the Association of State Energy Research and Technology Transfer Institutions (ASERTTI), ECW developed a series of training materials and has trained more than 200 building owners, architects, engineers, and contractors. These materials have been used for events in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. ASERTTI, Hawaii, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. ECW is now collaborating with Energy Center and ASERTTI to develop advanced training materials.

### Market Impacts

In an analysis of the new construction market in the Pacific Northwest, the Northwest Building Commissioning Association sponsored a survey of 95 private sector building owners. The survey examined separate building projects, completed from 1995 to 1998, with a minimum of 10,000 feet of floorspace. Although full-scale commissioning has not been implemented on all projects, aspects of commissioning were carried out on 60 percent of the projects. Office buildings had the highest levels of commissioning. More information is forthcoming in a market progress evaluation report on the NW Alliance commissioning project that should be ready in the spring of 1999.

Increased awareness of commissioning has led to the creation of the Building Commissioning Association Northwest, and the Northwest Building Commissioning Association Pacific Northwest. The association works to promote commissioning and a better understanding of the degree of quality control to the commissioning programs.

Efforts outside the Pacific Northwest are nascent. A number of the initiatives now underway are working to other parts of the country. Building commissioning helped raise awareness and use of the practice, particularly among architects and contractors. Several industry trade publications, including *Contracting Business* and *News*, now regularly feature articles on commissioning.

## Lessons Learned and Future Directions

A number of significant lessons can be learned from building commissioning initiatives to date. To date, building commissioning and the overall process continues to thwart the practice. The many different definitions of building commissioning, difficulties in building a dialogue and broader support, and many stakeholders. Given that successful commissioning of building design and construction process, all players must make a commissioning effort to each building project (owners, contractors, architects, engineers, and contractors). However, awareness continues to lag among building owners. As a result, PECI is working to increase the participation of building owners; NCBC; the NW Alliance is working to increase awareness among public agencies; and ECW is addressing its education and training efforts at building owners and facility management professionals. Owners and Managers Association and the International Facility Management Association are also underway.

As a result, the focus of efforts continues to be on awareness and education. As evidenced by the experience in the Pacific Northwest, demonstrates that this strategy seems to be working. Awareness of building commissioning has grown significantly among architects, engineers, and contractors. However, awareness continues to lag among building owners. As a result, PECI is working to increase the participation of building owners; NCBC; the NW Alliance is working to increase awareness among public agencies; and ECW is addressing its education and training efforts at building owners and facility management professionals. Owners and Managers Association and the International Facility Management Association are also underway.

Proponents of building commissioning have also discovered the concept of building commissioning on all of its merits: productivity enhancement, quality assurance, and tenant comfort. Although the recent support for building commissioning in the energy efficiency community, the fact that building owners may value more than energy efficiency must not be overlooked. A related lesson comes from organizers of the National Conference on Building Commissioning: building owners are more successful than engineers at selling building commissioning. Conference has increased the number of building owners it brings to NCBC events, and more building owners in the audience about the benefits of building commissioning (Dasher 1999).

Building commissioning represents a value-added service to building owners (to assure that building systems are performing efficiently, reducing energy costs and operations and maintenance needs), while helping utilities to meet their energy savings goals. Furthermore, ongoing monitoring, which is a part of the commissioning process, provides utilities with verification of building commissioning process, particularly when energy efficiency measures are involved. As a result, utilities have been one of the key supporters of building commissioning initiatives and continuing initiatives. Nonetheless, to assess the progress of existing and emerging commissioning



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**Table 4: Retrocommissioning Project Economics**

<b>Building Type</b>	<b>Avg. Commissioning Cost (\$/sq.ft.)</b>	<b>Avg. Energy Cost Savings (percentage of pre-commissioning cost)</b>	<b>Simple Payback (years)</b>
Retail	0.20	9	1.4
Office	0.19	13	1.1
Library	0.25	22	1.5
School District	0.29	19	1.7
Medical Institution	0.14	29	0.4
Research Facility	0.32	31	0.2

Note: Data from 44 retrocommissioning projects completed between 1993 and 1996.

Source: Gregerson 1997.

## STATUS OF INITIATIVES COVERED IN PRIOR REPORT

ThreeThree of theThree of the market transformation activities featured in this report were examined in priorprior ACEEEprior ACEEE study, *What Have We Learned from Early MarketWhat Have We Learned from Early Market* (Nadel 1996): residential clothes washers, residential air conditioners, and geothermal heat pumps.pumps. Brief updates onpumps. Brief updates on five otherpumps. Brief updates on five other market transformation initiatives are provided below, including manufactured homes in the Northwest, apartment refrare provided below, office equipment, gas-fired heat pumps, and commercial air conditioning.

### Manufactured Homes in the Northwest

ManufacturedManufactured homesManufactured homes represent a significant portion (30 percent) of new housing in the Pacific Northwest and acrossin the Pacific Northwest and acrossin the Pacific Northwest and across the United States.

standards for manufactured homes are not regulated by local or state building standards for manufactured homes. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sets national construction standards for manufactured homes, including energy efficiency requirements for manufactured homes that prevent local governments from establishing tighter (or looser) requirements (Lee et al. 1995).

This lack of local regulatory authority, together with the fact that manufactured homes in the Northwest used much more energy than site-built homes, prompted BPA to develop an energy efficiency requirement for manufactured housing equivalent to Model Conservation Standard for site-built homes. BPA initiated the Manufactured Housing Acquisition Program (MAP). The foundation of MAP was a voluntary agreement between BPA, participating utilities, and producers of manufactured homes. Utility participants agreed to pay \$1,500 to \$2,500 per home to cover the cost of manufacturer-initiated efficiency improvements, including the manufacturers and educating consumers, BPA hoped that the program would have a long life beyond the program's planned end date in mid-1996. All manufacturers in the region chose to participate in MAP.

Reduced utility support for DSM led to the early demise of Super Good Cents homes. During its tenure, however, MAP accelerated the introduction and adoption of manufactured homes (homes that use about 20 percent of the energy of site-built homes) from about 30 to 94 percent of manufactured homes (100 percent of manufactured housing) in just six months. Further, MAP brought attention to manufactured housing, with many consumers and dealers becoming familiar with selling them (Baylon, Davis, and Hewes 1998):

When the program ended, manufacturers sought and agreed to pay for continued certification of high-efficiency manufactured homes. The market for Super Good Cents homes, however, decreased and ended, particularly in the lower-end market. Super Good Cents represented 48 percent of total manufactured homes sold in 1997, suggesting that shifts were not sustainable, at least in lower-value homes. A

without a standard in place to support the market transformation or sufficient time to remove the capacity to manufacture the less-efficient product, market forces will tend to support a race to the bottom for a large part of the market.

The NW Alliance Board approved a venture in the production of Super Good Cents manufactured homes. A study of basic business revealed that the structure of the manufactured homes industry had changed since the MAP program. In particular, retailers now play a much larger role in the sale of manufactured homes in the Northwest. As a result, the NW Alliance provides sales training and marketing support and manufacturing

promoting financing options to manufactured home buyers, and financing options to manufactured home buyers.

A report on the NW Alliance venture indicates that it is making some marketing the program to manufacturers and retailers. For example, in retailer surveys indicated that they are sending their sales staff to Super Good Cents training and that training has helped them sell more Super Good Cents homes. Retailers also indicate that they have a willingness to pay fees for this training. However, that erosion of the market has slowed. Nonetheless, the potential for sustaining and maintaining a sizable market share for Super Good Cents Program evaluators recommend working with the Program evaluators at a reasonable level of performance for manufactured homes can transition to this national platform, with its accompanying support.

### Apartment Refrigerators

To capture energy savings from apartment refrigerators, NYPA joined forces with CEE to develop a contract between NYPA and refrigerator manufacturers for a larger potential market and purchasers more reasonable prices for apartment-sized refrigerators in the United States. By allowing housing authorities and utilities to purchase refrigerators in the United States, a contract between NYPA and refrigerator manufacturers for a larger potential market and purchasers more reasonable prices for apartment-sized refrigerators in the United States.

The impetus for the initiative was a localized effort by the City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to procure apartment-sized (i.e., 15 cubic foot) refrigerator. With input from CEE, DOE, EPA, and others, NYCHA set target efficiency levels for four years, starting with the best current technology for the first year of the program and becoming more efficient than the 1993 standard for the second, third, and fourth years. Interest in this RFP; however, none was willing to commit to the requirements of the third and fourth years.

At the time NYPA was negotiating with manufacturers on the scope and standards, RFP, Congress was taking action to limit DOE's ability to set standards. The uncertainty over future standards translated into reluctance on the part of several manufacturers to invest in developing products that would be required in the future (i.e., consistent with a four-year specification) (Brown 1996).

In response to these concerns, NYPA developed a set of requirements to those of the first two years. Three Electric won the bid for the first year and delivered in 1996. But Maytag, which had previously been a small player in the apartment market, won the bid for the second year. The timing was right. Maytag had not



In most offices, PCs and copy machines are turned on energy when not in use. To address this problem, EPA developed an ENERGY STAR program to recognize equipment that uses little energy when not in active use. To meet the specified maximum (e.g., for monitors these specifications in watts in suspend mode and 8 watts when turned off), manufacturers use power management techniques to switch equipment to a low-power state when it has been idle for a specified interval of time (e.g., 10 minutes). The equipment then reverts to active mode with the press of a key. The EPA program has been complemented by complementary efforts including research and utility efforts to publicize office standby energy use, passage of the Energy Policy Information program, and ENERGY STAR products when they buy new equipment.

As a result of these efforts, by 1995 74 percent of computer monitors, and 97 percent of electronic printers qualified for ENERGY STAR. By 1997 the market share of ENERGY STAR compliant copiers and fax machines was 90 percent respectively (Dataquest Consulting 1996; Fanara 1997). These high market shares have been achieved because most manufacturers have made power management a standard feature on all or nearly all of their models. The cost of power management has other advantages such as reduced internal heat buildup. As a result, it was relatively easy to convince manufacturers to make power management a standard feature. Still, despite these efforts have been needed to make sure manufacturers' power management features enabled, to revise standards to accommodate new technical developments, and to educate consumers on the proper use of power management. EPA is currently conducting an evaluation of the ENERGY STAR office equipment program's related market effects.

A number of recent developments have expanded the ENERGY STAR office equipment program now covers multifunction office equipment. EPA expects sales of compliant equipment to increase as some progress has been made to ensure power management features on connected machines. Third, new specifications for connected machines and should be in place in late 1999. Finally, the ENERGY STAR program is becoming the international labeling program. Many countries already subscribed and numerous others nearing adoption of the program for office equipment labeling.

### **Gas-Fired Heat Pumps**

Over the last decade, the Gas Research Institute funded the development of a natural gas engine-driven system for home heating and cooling. The resulting product, the Triathlon, was manufactured by York.

than a typical high-efficiency gas furnace (e.g., AFUE of 126 versus 90) than a typical high-efficiency gas furnace performance was comparable to electric alternatives.

High initial cost was identified as a major barrier to the York Triathlon into the market. Depending on contract, York Triathlon ranged from \$7,000 to \$9,000, approximately \$4,000 more than a standard electric air conditioner (Cler 1995). To address this, the Cooling Center committed substantial money to buy down the initial cost of the first manufactured. Assistance in marketing a gas-fired heat pump program, for which York was a charter partner. York developed a training program to prepare distributors, dealers, and promote the product.

Despite these efforts, by the end of 1997 only 3,500 York Triathlon units were in early 1998, York discontinued sales of the Triathlon due to a number of technical challenges that arose in the field. While some units are running trouble free, many units have poor operation at high ambient temperatures, loss of engine compression, and failure of the components that control gas flow. York components that control gas flow are retrofits, and launched a limited effort to upgrade 2 units now being monitored and in the summer of 1999, York will determine if they are required. If the pilot is successful, York will launch a second field. These units will be monitored for a year or more before York will make a decision regarding re-introducing the Triathlon.

At the same time, DOE's long-standing efforts to develop the Generator Absorber heat Exchanger (GAX) technology are beginning to pay off. Prototypes, field tests, and initial demonstrations for the market. One group, the Gas Absorption Alliance, consists of Robur Corporation, manufacturer, and several gas utilities (e.g., SCG, Mississippi Valley Gas, and Southwest Gas). Robur has licensed the GAX technology from Phillips. GAX products, beginning with GAX chillers, which are currently on the market in sizes. Utilities are supporting the market introduction with a \$500 rebate per unit installed in their service territories. Robur's installation of 4000 units; to date, 2000 units are committed. The Heating and Cooling Products, is a limited liability company (some of which overlap with those in the Gas Absorption Alliance) to develop, test, and commercialize GAX products. This company has licensed GAX products from Research Institute and is currently working out details.

Both companies plan to introduce a family of products, including GAX chillers, currently on the market, mild ambient heat pumps, a univertical hydronic heat pump (well suited for hydronic floor heating systems), and a commercial

heater. All products are anticipated to be commercialized by 2002, heater. All products are anticipated to introduction will depend on the companies priorities.

OakOak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) assembled a prototype GAXOak Ridge National Labor combinedcombined parts combined parts fromcombined parts from Phillips and Robur. The performance goals f ofof performance (COP) of 0.7 and a heating COP of 1.5. Results of initial tests indicate that the unit is performing well (e.g., theunit is performing well (e.g., the 3-ton prototypeunit is performing well (e.g., begunbegun field-testing. Three units are currentlyinbegun field-testing. Three units are currently in the field in of of Losof Los Angeles, California. These units will be compared to conventional heat pumps inof Los Angeles within the same subdivision. In total, a field test ofwithin the same subdivision. In total, a field test of 183 un expected to be installed by the end of 1999 (DeVault 1999)

### Commercial Air Conditioning Equipment

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<sup>6</sup> Tier 1 was modified to be consistent with the draft ASHRAE 90.1R commercial building standard, the precursorprecursor to new federal efficiency standards for commercialprecursor to new federal efficiency standards reducedreduced somewhat basedreduced somewhat based on the most efficientreduced somewhat based on the most e that met the original tier 2 levels (EER 12).





Further advances in high-efficiency commercial air conditioning technology on the horizon. Daikin-Modine, for example, has developed use in packaged air conditioners and other applications. This development effort has been supported by the Oregon Office of Energy, among others. Daikin-Modine is incorporating the advanced heat exchanger into a new packaged rooftop unit, anticipated to have significantly better energy performance than standard (at 25 to 30 percent) and a small incremental cost relative to comparable (at 25 to 30 percent) and a small initial cost. Initial models is scheduled for the fall of 1999 (Stephens initial model). A technology procurement to encourage commercial air conditioning equipment that both incorporates and better responds to consumer interests and needs. This effort but involves several government agencies and research and development experience and also experience in implementing technology procurement efforts (DOE).

## SUMMARY AND LESSONS LEARNED

The market transformation initiatives covered in this review are general several program elements designed to collectively effect changes in the market so that energy-efficient products and services gain market share and the market (see sidebar on the next page). For market transformation efforts to be effective, these elements and the overall program design need to be tailored to adequately address barriers and seize opportunities that the market and technology or practice present. In addition, labeling effort alone can facilitate market transformation. Incentives, and regional/local efforts are required. An incentive may be needed to complete the transformation process.

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**Market Transformation Initiatives Are Meeting with Mixed Success**

While the markets for energy efficient products are markedly improving in some areas (as evidenced by increased availability of energy-efficient products or services, improved stocking, broader awareness, and greater market share), other markets have been slow to adopt particular technologies or approaches.

*Moving Toward Market Transformation: Clothes Washers, Home Electronics, Exit Signs*

Those efforts that offer substantial non-energy benefits (i.e., clothes washers, home electronics), in general, the market transformation efforts for these products tend to be focused on relatively few market actors either because the distribution channels are limited (as with clothes washers) or because emphasis of effort is further upstream where there are fewer and often more influential stakeholders (as in the consumer electronics).

*Making Steady Progress: Residential Lighting, Windows, and Building Commissioning*

For other products, such as residential lighting, window commissioning, steady but slow progress is evident. Products and services in this category tend toward higher relative costs than those presented above. However, the initiatives that support these products and services each have had greater challenges to overcome. Residential lighting efforts

**Market Transformation Program Elements**

Aggregated market influence such as a consistent message to manufacturers and service providers about the goods and services key influencers support; these efforts work closely with national and regional branding activities.

Branding to differentiate efficient products from other products; ENERGY STAR is the principal program highlighted in some areas (as evidenced by increased forms, such as the NERC eforms, such as certification programs).

Manufacturers have done a variety of things to encourage consumers to purchase their products, but reduced over time as market demand grows. These encourage manufacturers to promote their products among mid-stream market actors to increase knowledge about, as well as stocking and distribution of efficient products and services among retailers, distributors, and contractors.

Technology procurement and strategies are used to bring new technology and to better establish market share for existing products.

Minimum efficiency standards and other strategies such as state and federal tax credits, cash awards, and in the case of cash awards, and in the case of other products for other alternatives.

performance and limited manufacturer participation. Windows and commissioning efforts need to function in fairly complex markets characterized by diffuse information channels and often by split incentives. Nonetheless, each of these efforts appear to be achieving success. For example, costs of CFLs has come down and more products are currently available. There is a broad consensus specification on residential lighting, supported by the potential to increase competition in this market and further reduce costs and improve availability. In regions where efficient window products are being introduced, market share appears to be increasing. And although awareness remains a critical barrier to commissioning activities, the concept is beginning to take hold where it originated. Most of these efforts, however, are still in progress and need to fully transform these markets.

*Making Limited Progress or Stalled: Residential Air Conditioning, Groundwater (for Residential Customers), Premium Motors.*

For other products, such as residential air conditioning, premium-efficiency motors, there is limited progress distributed through complex markets often with multiple and they also tend to be characterized by high price premiums and/or few if any ancillary benefits.

### **Success is More Likely for Products and Services with High Non-Energy Incremental Costs, and Relatively Simple Market Structures**

As suggested above, the relative ease or difficulty in effecting market progress to transform a product or service is influenced by a number of factors, including whether the product offers non-energy benefits, how costly the product or service is relative to standard alternatives, and the complexity of the market that the effort is attempting to transform. Each of these are discussed below in turn.

In addition, the success of these efforts depends on how well the market is understood and the quality and consistency of the intervention. For example, the clothes washer market has been well researched and efforts to promote it have been well executed. In contrast, promotion of residential air conditioning has trailed off in recent years.

#### *Non-Energy Benefits: Highlighting Consumer Value*

Ultimately, for a product to gain market share, it must offer performance which usually means it has to perform better than its competitors. Getting consumers to shift their purchasing habits from one product to another requires that the new product (or service) has additional attractive features worth the risk of trying. For most residential consumers, energy efficiency is not a desired product attribute so selling on the basis of energy efficiency is unlikely to succeed. Instead, attractive product performance features and attributes that are likely to succeed. In

with consumer preferences become critical selection shifts.

The most pointed example of this is with energy-efficient clothes, less wear and tear on clothing, less detergent use, lower noise, use, among other attributes. In virtually all consumers are extremely satisfied with a wide array of performance attributes of washers. Furthermore, products with attractive features and attributes are promoted by retailers to sell and manufacturers to actively promote.

The benefits of improved visibility and reduced maintenance have also played a substantial role in the success of LED exit signs. Officials and building maintenance personnel readily see the benefits and adoption of the energy-efficient signs.

An emphasis on non-energy benefits is also a key part of window programs (with principal benefits being improved home comfort and less fabric wear). Relative to clothes washers, however, windows are a substantially larger consumer investment and the benefits are perhaps harder to grasp and valued less by consumers.

#### *Cost of Energy Efficiency Improvements: Still a Major Hurdle*

Higher first cost remains one of the key barriers that most initiatives face. Efforts to address cost often focus initially on: (1) educating customers to try the product or service; (2) increasing sales and to increase stocking; and (3) manufacturer sales and to increase sales. As consumers become more aware, as the distribution channels increased demand is demonstrated, increased price competition among suppliers should follow.

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Products or services with high incremental costs and have difficulty attracting more than a limited market. Residential lighting products cost about 10 times more than standard lamps and although they last much longer, they appear to be a major factor limiting their market. Residential central air conditioning systems carry a substantial first cost burden, and the market share for this equipment to 15 to 20 percent. For residential central air conditioning systems, incentives, and time can help to transform these markets. For residential lighting, in regions where substantial promotional programs and incentives are available, efficient residential air conditioners achieve large market share. Evidence suggests that in these markets, market share can be maintained without significant erosion of market share.

In general, however, owner-occupied and public commercial facilities appear to be a more receptive market for products and services more receptive to these products and services have a reasonable return on investment. Several years of promoting GeoExchange to residential customers and has shifted commercial building owners and operators. GHPC is exploring this market with good success in certain sub-markets, such as schools.

*Complexity of the Market Structure: Working with Key Market Actors*

Market transformation program efforts can be more focused and more effective in markets with relatively few market actors (e.g., markets with few distribution channels (e.g., national distributors), few influencers, diffuse distribution networks, and a variety of end-users, market transformation efforts are necessarily more complex. This increased complexity is often accompanied by more barriers, slower progress, and more opportunity for a successful program plan.

By working directly with upstream manufacturers, such as regional distributors, program implementors can sometimes succeed (e.g., EPA's work with manufacturers to develop products). Although these market actors don't necessarily drive demand, they do have broad influence over product features, availability, and stocking. As a result, the success of market transformation efforts depends heavily on the market actors who most directly affect consumer decisions (e.g., retailers/contractors) who are most effective in a number of efforts (e.g., retailer efforts for clothes washers). Some successful approaches that have been successful or have the potential to be are presented below.

*Stimulating manufacturers* Stimulating manufacturers can be particularly attractive to manufacturers if the cost is low such as with consumer electronics and office equipment or if the payoff (i.e., market) is high such as with exit signs, since the labels confer additional market

and other benefits that end-users demanded. Furthermore, these activities and other benefits that end-users demand influence future product design decisions.

*Building broad manufacturer support.* A number of efforts also point to efforts with manufacturers to ensure that efficient products will be made available with manufacturers to ensure that, for example, clothes washer and LED exit sign programs, have gained broad manufacturer support. In the past, CFLs gained broad participation in part because of lack of agreement on a quality lamp specification. Recent emphasis for CFLs has focused on modifying specifications to address manufacturer concerns and to engage more manufacturers in supplying efficient products. It is hoped that adjustments will lead to greater market progress (e.g., increased market demand and adjusted product prices).

*Manufacturers buy-downs.* Relative to direct consumer incentives, stretch utility incentive payments, may be less costly than incremental cost of the target product or incremental cost of the product to the end-user, circumvents normal retail and distribution channels. Manufacturer buy-downs have been applied principally in cases where incremental cost of the product to the end-user is high. Cents manufactured homes, CFLs and CFL fixtures, and CFL approach has met with mixed success owing to a variety of factors, including demand, lack of manufacturer participation, and success of manufacturer buy-down efforts appears to be increasing and demonstrating consumer demand.

*Offering distributor incentives.* Few programs have had experience with distributor stocking. Following recent efforts to encourage motors (which have met with limited success), the California utilities are planning to work more closely with regional manufacturer distribution stocking practices as well as knowledge and awareness. Similar efforts are being packaged commercial HVAC equipment. Entities that try this approach will have more influence on the market, and creating enough demand to help drive prices down so that it is cost-effective in more applications.

*Influencing demand through retailer/contractor.* Influencing demand, a number of efforts have identified demand, a number of efforts have identified (stores, and grocery chains) and installation and service contractors as key points of influence for residential customers and are beginning to influence for residential customers and are beginning to influence for market transformation. For example, EPA has identified HVAC contractors as key market actors with the greatest influence over a consumer's home air conditioning decision. These actors also influence. These actors also influence. These actors also influence. As a result, the ENERGY STAR HVAC program is now focusing its efforts on training contractors to demonstrate the high value of efficiency to consumers during the sale.

## National and Regional Coordination Can Facilitate Market Transformation

Coordinated national and regional efforts can capitalize on the relative strengths of limited resources, and ultimately increase the likelihood of market transformation. National initiatives, such as the ENERGY STAR programs, offer a platform for public education and awareness building. As regional programs they can coordinate with ENERGY STAR to help assure some sustainable product efficiency messages and promotions in the market. National efforts, such as the CEE and NEEP initiatives, help to aggregate so, so, can affect both manufacturer product promotion decisions and consumer purchasing behavior. Regional groups can provide better access to local manufacturer, distributor, and retailer partners and facilitate data collection, which can be used to facilitate regional and national activities.

Furthermore, market transformation plans may present conditions that can affect progress. It was interested in horizontal-axis technology as a possible (1994) appears to have been a motivator in new product codes and standards that establish minimum-efficiency levels for certain technologies to complete market transformation (e.g., the proposed minimum energy requirement washers and the energy-efficient sign requirement in building standard).

## Improved Data Are Needed to Better Understand Market Changes

For a number of efforts, better national and regional data to assess the extent to which markets are being transformed. To assess the extent to which markets are being transformed, national data on the number of exit signs in place exists. To assess the extent to which markets are being transformed, national data on the number of exit signs in the market place, researchers rely on market data. Residential air conditioning equipment, manufacturers and retailers are often unwilling to share it. Recently coordinated evaluation efforts are beginning to address national and regional data collection efforts are appropriate and necessary for some end-uses.

In conclusion, a number of initiatives are on the way to succeed, and still others are unlikely to achieve their goals. By viewing successes and failures, important lessons can be learned that can help guide initiative targets and strategies and increase the chances of success in the future.





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