

Any scoring methodology should achieve 2 clear goals.

1. It meets appraiser needs for accurate, trusted valuation based on energy use of the home. A core element of this is that the score should not change over time unless someone invests in the home's efficiency.
2. The accepted system must present an accurate estimate annual energy use, annual energy cost, and CO2 footprint of the asset, and must not be size adjusted, nor or fuel type adjusted. The system should present "just the facts" and allow businesses and utilities to determine if and how these values are turned into marketing materials.

ODOE as a stage agency, is in a unique position to pursue "just the facts" and let the private sector determine how those facts are interpreted. NEEA's recommendation is for ODOE to take the high-road and stay away from the politics of fuel choice, house size, and marketing abstraction. Requiring the DOE HES to be included, may isolate Oregon and limit regional coordination because Idaho and Washington markets are currently leaning more strongly toward the use of HERS score governed by ResNET and using the RemRate software.

Option Ranking:

1. Option 3 – Is the best solution and is most defensible to meet the goals of having a home energy rating system.
2. Option 2 - Could immediately qualify under option 3 if the criteria were set accordingly, but it would not preclude others from meeting this criteria.
3. Option 1 - NEEA's current understanding is that the DOE HES is insufficient to meet the core goals of a home energy rating system, but it could help the private sector present a simplified marketing value and support online training of raters.

Training Comments:

- None at this time.

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