

Home Energy Performance Score System Stakeholder Panel

Meeting Wrap-Up

May 17, 2017

Oregon Department of Energy

Salem, Oregon

1. Welcome and introductions

Roll call of attending panel members and new member, Philip Beere from G Street Inc.

2. Review and vote on the proposed scorecard by the City of Portland

After a review of the City's proposed scorecard, a vote was taken by the panel with all but one attendee voting in favor. The exception vote was to abstain from this vote.

The panel had many questions and comments for City of Portland staff outside the focus of this panel and received guidance from Kyle Diesner of the City of Portland as to how to relay those comments to the City through the public comment process.

A related concern was discussed with regard to the assessor's ability to choose whether blower door data will be used consistently and how that may impact score consistency overall. Glenn Dickey indicated when blower door data is NOT available, a modeling methodology, produced by LBNL is employed to produce an average air exchange rate for the home. Initial thoughts are that blower door data has little impact on the HES score. The panel will need to discuss this issue in future meetings.

ODOE was asked if the director of ODOE must approve the City of Portland scorecard. ODOE staff responded, indicating that rule does not require the director to approve as the scorecard is only part of a system, but will produce a letter of acceptance from the director for the City.

3. Review of Earth Advantage assessor on-boarding process

MacKenzie Winchell and Anthony Roy provided a step-by-step description of the assessor on-boarding process to support the City of Portland's program.

4. Review of utility fuel prices and greenhouse gas emission factors

A discussion about average fuel price and greenhouse gas emissions led to questions about scorecard "shelf-life." A shelf-life has not yet been determined for the City's program. However, it was clarified that ODOE staff will continue to work with each utility that provides energy in the City's area to determine as current and accurate numbers as possible for these metrics. Representatives from NW Natural, PGE and Pacific Power were available for comment and offered their support to assist ODOE with current information.

5. Follow-up actions, next meeting schedule

Follow up action items are noted below.

Next meeting was tentatively planned for June 19, 2017.

Action items:

- Earth Advantage to follow-up with Glenn Dickey of USDOE to discuss the impact of blower door inputs and determine if consistency between assessors is critical.
- ODOE staff to modify the Assessor Training Certification form to align with the City of Portland on-boarding process and present changes at the June 19, 2017 panel meeting.
- ODOE staff will work with ODOE Director Michael Kaplan to supply a letter of acceptance for the City of Portland scorecard to the City.