

# Home Energy Performance Score System Stakeholder Panel

## Meeting Wrap-Up

March 11, 2019

Portland, Oregon

### 1. Welcome and introductions

Roll call of attending panel members and audience.

### 2. Update from Oregon home energy score Partners

Eugene Water and Electric Board:

Matt Lutter provided an update of their local program (rental property focused) having performed over 400 scores to date and on-boarding 18 assessors, all from the University of Oregon. Matt has been performing quality assurance reviews, finding acceptable accuracy. Matt is aware and interested in recent changes made at the state level and more than willing to coordinate with the state and other programs for best implementation practices.

City of Portland:

Wendy Koelfgen gave the panel an update that described over 9,000 scores performed from program inception to date. Quality Assurance is going well with Earth Advantage operating as the program implementer and conducting assessor on-boarding and score reviews. City of Portland recently had a program update meeting with local stakeholders to share this information and seek ways to improve the number of home upgrades that happen as a result of scores conducted. The City is pulling together interested parties to work on this effort as a strategy. City staff is also working closely with Energy Trust of Oregon staff to finalize methods for incorporating new construction scores into the program. The city authorized an exemption for all new construction homes in the first two years of their program. That time span is due to end on January 1, 2020, when all new construction, including the ETO's EPS program will need to begin conducting home energy scores with each home listed for sale.

Oregon department of Energy:

Agency staff presented information about the recent determination of Earth Advantage as the statewide home energy score implementer. Earth Advantage was selected through an open bid process, due to their experience and technical capability in: Assessor on-boarding, quality assurance practices, marketing and outreach capability and technical development of the Green Building Registry. Staff indicated recent interest from additional cities within Oregon wanting home energy score information as a way to develop local policies and implement their own programs. Staff explained the ultimate need to support statewide consistency and accuracy as underpins to successful scoring program growth and widespread adoption.

### **3. Review and vote on the proposed scorecard for Oregon statewide scoring**

Earth Advantage representative, Anthony Roy provided a step by step explanation of their proposed Oregon Home Energy Score scorecard, to be used across the state.

The panel reviewed the 9 Oregon rule elements that need to be included on each scorecard used in the state. Each key element was included on the card and verified by the panel. Notes were made to make adjustments in the future, to include additional verbiage and calculations, currently not required in rule. ODOE staff agreed that a rulemaking review will need to happen to make changes as the market expands and includes additional cities with varied energy resources and needs for reporting greenhouse gas emissions.

A vote by the panel was taken to approve use of the scorecard. There were 10 voting members in attendance, all voting yes for approval. No nay votes were recorded.

### **4. Follow-up actions, next meeting schedule**

Next stakeholder panel meeting was tentatively planned for October 2019, to:

- Review scoring activity.
- Review progress toward including new construction in state scoring.
- Provide and update on a strategy for improving efficiency upgrades after a score has been conducted.

#### **Action items:**

1. ODOE staff to work with other stakeholders as determined by the City of Portland on a strategy to increase upgrades with each city score conducted.
2. ODOE staff to support the Home Performance Guild by attending future discussions about home energy scoring. HPG representative Brian Denne, will apply for voting status of the Oregon Home Energy Score Stakeholder Panel.
3. ODOE will review their rulemaking capability/timeline and suggest a timeframe for next opportunity to conduct scoring rulemaking.