Futurecasting EM&V

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State of EM&V in Arkansas

At the direction of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, and the efforts of the Parties Working Collaboratively (PWC), the State of Arkansas has:

- Established EM&V Protocols as part of the TRM in 2011 and updated annually
- *Provided* annual EM&V Reports on current programs
- Addressed new topics including:
 - Developing a unified statewide approach to deliver weatherization and C&I programs
 - Developing carbon cost assumptions
 - Quantifying Non-Energy Benefits (NEBs)
 - Continuing to plan for aggressive energy savings goals for the next three year program cycle





But the future of EM&V is uncertain

While EM&V is still viewed as valuable, some utilities are wondering if it is still worth the expense.

- How much evaluation is enough?
- *How often* do these studies need to be completed?
 - Annually
 - Once in every program cycle?
- Are there other, cheaper ways to validate the findings?
- Why do we have to look at everything "retrospectively?"





Our Response:

We are examining the role EM&V has played to date in Arkansas regarding:

- Program performance metrics
- Financial calculations of the cost-benefit of EM&V
- Documenting the key ways in which EM&V has:



- Identified areas for program improvement
- Led to higher than anticipated energy savings





Preliminary Results

Impact Findings

- At the gross level, there are still significant variations among programs but not across the portfolio.
- At the net level, EM&V led to significant impacts on the savings assumptions.
 - For some utility programs, even in the fourth year of implementation, the changes from the ex ante to the ex post NTG ratios were over 20%, with some researched NTG values at 50%.

Process Findings

The process evaluations documented numerous examples of *positive program changes* that were made that led to significant increases in *program participation* across the Arkansas energy efficiency portfolio.



Stay Tuned

More to come as this discussion unfolds in 2016.

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