

Questionnaire on Utility Infrastructure Efficiency Barriers

1. What is your role at [ORGANIZATION]?
 - a. Executive management or leadership
 - b. Operations or program management
 - c. Planner or Planning Manager
 - d. Finance or administration
 - e. Engineering, technical or operations professional
 - f. Customer service, marketing or communications
 - g. Other (specify: _____)
 - h. Prefer not to say

2. How would you describe your organization? Is it a:
 - a. Municipal utility/association
 - b. Co-op utility/association
 - c. Investor-owned utility
 - d. Local government
 - e. Clean energy organization
 - f. Consumer group
 - g. Program implementer/consultant
 - h. Another type of organization (specify: _____)
 - i. Prefer not to say

3. For each possible policy recommendation listed in the table on the next page, please rate how impactful such a change may be in terms of influencing decisions to implement more efficient infrastructure assets.

Note: We recognize this is a subjective question about hypothetical recommendations whose effectiveness depend on many factors. Please use your judgment and feel free to include any qualifying notes.

Large Impact – Would likely inject efficiency considerations into infrastructure decisions near term
Possible Impact – May increase efficiency considerations, but
Low Impact – Unlikely to affect infrastructure planning decisions or small
No Impact – Will not impact infrastructure planning decisions

	Large Impact	Possible Impact	Low Impact	No Impact	Don't know/not applicable
a. Creation of additional tools to simplify calculation of claimable EUI savings	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁻⁸
b. Clarify/Simplify the existing efficient infrastructure cost recovery rider	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁻⁸
c. Allow EUI spending to count toward achieving performance incentives	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁻⁸
d. Allow EUI savings to count toward CIP goals <i>before</i> meeting 1% on demand side	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁻⁸
e. Clearly define "normal maintenance" to establish a baseline for savings	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁻⁸
f. Allow EUI spending to count toward CIP spending requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> ³	<input type="checkbox"/> ²	<input type="checkbox"/> ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁻⁸

4. Of the possible recommendations mentioned, which one do you think is the most important to implement and why?

5. Do you have any major concerns or foresee any unintended consequences of implementing any of the possible policy recommendations?

6. Are there other policy recommendations that could help overcome barriers to allow your organization to achieve greater infrastructure efficiency?

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