

**DE 17-136 EERS
Benefit/Cost Working Group**

AGENDA

July 11, 2018 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm – Hearing Room B

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| 1. Introductions | 1:00 pm – 1:05 pm |
| 2. Assumptions for 2019 Plan | |
| a. Discussion with Consultant (Transmission & Reliability) | 1:05 pm -2:05 pm |
| b. Group Discussion | 2:05 pm – 3:05 pm |
| 3. Discussion of Low Income Adder for 2019 update | 3:05 pm – 3:35 pm |
| 4. Low Income non-energy impacts with Consultant | 3:35 pm – 4:35 pm |

Summary of June 13, 2018 meeting

- a. Assumptions for 2019 Plan
 - Utilities discussed their proposed approach for the 2019 plan. (See handout.)
 - Utilities presented the impact of the new assumptions on the benefits.
 - Stakeholders gave their initial reaction to the Utilities' proposal.
 - More information is needed about the environmental assumption and why it was previously added and taken away for gas.
 - Staff also needs a better understanding of the proposed assumptions for transmission and reliability.
- b. Low Income Adder
 - Ray Burke from NHLA proposed an additional adder for the low income sector.
 - Ray asked three questions regarding the low income sector:
 - Do non-energy impacts (NEIs) exist?
 - Are NEIs unique or of greater value?
 - If there are specific NEIs for the low income sector, should we include an adder?
 - Ray says that there is evidence that NEIs exist, so if there isn't an additional adder, then the benefits of low income programs are undervalued.
 - The low income NEI study is proposed to be completed in the first quarter of 2019.
 - Utilities indicated that some low income projects are not being completed because the benefit/cost ratio is less than one. Utilities are not clear as to what an acceptable threshold (below 1) for the benefit/cost ratio is. Utilities indicated that an adder would increase the benefits and the cost-effectiveness of the projects making them more likely to be completed.
 - Ray proposed an additional 10% adder for low income programs in addition to the general NEI adder (10%) for all projects for a total adder of 20%. He noted that the 10% low income adder won't necessarily go away after the completion of the NEI study.