

RTR Appendix

Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Gas, and San Diego Gas and Electric (“Joint Utilities” or “Joint IOUs”) developed Responses to Recommendations (RTR) contained in the evaluation studies of the 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Program Cycle. This Appendix contains the Responses to Recommendations in the report:

<i>RTR for the 2015 Nonresidential Downstream ESPI Deemed Pool Cover Impact Evaluation: Final Report</i> (Itron, Calmac ID #CPU0166.01, ED WO #ED_I_Com_6)

The RTR reports demonstrate the Joint Utilities’ plans and activities to incorporate EM&V evaluation recommendations into programs to improve performance and operations, where applicable. The Joint IOUs’ approach is consistent with the 2013-2016 Energy Division-Investor Owned Utility Energy Efficiency Evaluation, Measurement and Verification (EM&V) Plan¹ and CPUC Decision (D.) 07-09-043².

Individual RTR reports consist of a spreadsheet for each evaluation study. Recommendations were copied verbatim from each evaluation’s “Recommendations” section.³ In cases where reports do not contain a section for recommendations, the Joint IOUs attempted to identify recommendations contained within the evaluation. Responses to the recommendations were made on a statewide basis when possible, and when that was not appropriate (e.g., due to utility-specific recommendations), the Joint IOUs responded individually and clearly indicated the authorship of the response.

The Joint IOUs are proud of this opportunity to publicly demonstrate how programs are taking advantage of evaluation recommendations, while providing transparency to stakeholders on the “positive feedback loop” between program design, implementation, and evaluation. This feedback loop can also provide guidance to the evaluation community on the types and structure of recommendations that are most relevant and helpful to program managers. The Joint IOUs believe this feedback will help improve both programs and future evaluation reports.

¹ Page 336, “Within 60 days of public release of a final report, the program administrators will respond in writing to the final report findings and recommendations indicating what action, if any, will be taken as a result of study findings. The IOU responses will be posted on the public document website.” The Plan is available at <http://www.energydataweb.com/cpuc>.

² Attachment 7, page 4, “Within 60 days of public release, program administrators will respond in writing to the final report findings and recommendations indicating what action, if any, will be taken as a result of study findings as they relate to potential changes to the programs. Energy Division can choose to extend the 60 day limit if the administrator presents a compelling case that more time is needed and the delay will not cause any problems in the implementation schedule, and may shorten the time on a case-by-case basis if necessary to avoid delays in the schedule.”

³ Recommendations may have also been made to the CPUC, the CEC, and evaluators. Responses to these recommendations will be made by Energy Division at a later time and posted separately.

Response to Recommendations (RTR) in Impact, Process, and Market Assessment Studies

Study Title: 2015 Nonresidential Downstream ESPI Deemed Pool Cover Impact Evaluation: Final Report
Program: NR Deemed
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Link to Report: http://calmac.org/publications/PoolCoverReport_2015_Final_Report_Appendices.pdf

Item #	Page #	Findings	Best Practice / Recommendations (Verbatim from Final Report)	Recommendation Recipient	Disposition	Disposition Notes
				If incorrect, please indicate and redirect in notes.	Choose: Accepted, Rejected, or Other	Examples: Describe specific program change, give reason for rejection, or indicate that it's under further review.
1	1.5, 1.6	17 of the 18 pool cover participants that were evaluated were determined to have no ex post savings from the pool cover measure installation. This was due to either; 1) the installed pool cover having the same level of efficiency as the pre-existing cover, 2) the installed pool cover did not exceed minimum levels of efficiency associated with what is considered standard practice or 3) the pool was empty 9 months of the year and not heated the other 3 months of the year.	Strong consideration should be given to no longer offering the commercial pool cover measure. If this measure continues to be offered, customers should be required to install covers with efficiency levels that exceed both their pre-existing cover, as well as industry standard practice.	SCG	Other	SoCalGas will continue offering the Pool Cover incentive. Starting in Q2 2017, SCG instituted a 100% post-inspection requirement for pool covers. SCG will further increase its eligibility requirements for Q1 2018: New Construction not eligible and Pools with existing covers not eligible. SCG is also gathering additional program participation data to review the pool cover work paper. This measure will be under review at the end of 2019.