FEDERAL LEGISLATION WORKING GROUP MEETING
5/11/22

Agenda

1. Administration activities
2. Legislative updates
3. Other updates

Notes

1. Administration Activities

On April 26, the Department of Energy (DOE) finalized two rules, establishing minimum efficiency standards for light bulbs, effectively phasing out incandescent bulbs by July 2023. The DOE estimates these rules will save Americans nearly $3 billion per year on their utility bills.

On April 28, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm testified at a House subcommittee hearing that the DOE plans to get "totally caught up" on roughly 57 delayed energy-efficiency standards by the end of the year.

On May 2, the DOE announced $3.1 billion in grants for battery manufacturing, processing, and recycling. Grant applications for materials processing and manufacturing are due July 1 and applications for recycling and reuse are due July 19.

On May 2, 22 senators signed a letter, urging the Biden administration to move quickly to resolve the Commerce Department's investigation re: potential dodging of tariffs by some PV manufacturers. On May 5, Secretary Granholm said the U.S. solar industry and decarbonization goals are at risk.

On May 5, DOE proposed tighter energy standards for commercial water heating equipment, in part, requiring commercial water heaters to use condensing technology. DOE estimated the standards could save customers $480 million to $1.49 billion and reduce up to 38 million metric tons of carbon dioxide between 2026 and 2055.

2. Legislative Updates

On April 14, Senators Shaheen and Portman issued a press release welcoming the Department of Energy's movement toward implementing funding for Cost-effective Implementation of Building Energy Codes from the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and encouraging stakeholders to participate in the request for information (RFI).

Elements of the Senator's ask included the following:

a. **Building Technologies Office:** At least $392 million, the amount requested in the President's budget *(last year's letter requested at least $382 million)*
b. **Advanced Manufacturing Office:** At least $582.5 million, the amount requested in the President's budget *(last year's letter requested at least $550.5 million)*
c. **Federal Energy Management Program:** significantly increased funding, including at least $40 million for the base program to provide project and policy expertise to all federal agencies, $60 million for the (Assisting Federal Facilities with Energy Conservation Technologies) AFFECT grant program as requested in the President's budget and $2 million for the Performance Based Contract National Resource Initiative. *(last year's letter requested significantly increased funding, including at least $36 million for the base program, robust funding for the (Assisting Federal Facilities with Energy Conservation Technologies) AFFECT program and $2 million for the Performance Based Contract National Resource Initiative.)*
d. **Weatherization and State Energy Program:** at least $362.17 million for the Weatherization Assistance Program as $10 million for training and technical assistance, $30 million for the Weatherization Readiness Fund and $100 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Advantage pilot, funding levels that are all consistent with the President's budget request. Also $90 million for the State Energy Program. *(last year's letter requested at least $390 million for the Weatherization Assistance Program as requested in the President's budget, $10 million for training and technical assistance as requested in the President's budget and $90 million for the State Energy Program)*
e. **U.S. Energy & Employment Report (USEER):** $2 million *(same as last year's letter)*
f. **Energy Information Administration:** $144 million as requested in the President's budget *(last year's letter requested $135 million)*

3. Other Updates

EESG held their monthly regional group call on May 9th. Below are some notes from that call.

1. IIJA Implementation
    a. RFI's
        i. Revolving Loan Fund – Attached submittal due 5/6 – to sign on to these comments TODAY please email kara@anndyl.com
        ii. Public School EE Improvement Grants – Deadline 5/18
        iii. Building Energy Codes Grants – Deadline 5/20
    b. Other efforts
        i. WAP – See notes from the EESG Meeting with WAP Leadership at DOE
        ii. Grid Flex - Working towards at least ⅓ of $3 billion in funding goes to the built environment. At this point, no RFI has been released.
        iii. EEMPP **Upcoming meeting (5/13)*
    c. More general concerns and timing for partnerships
2. Budget Reconciliation
3. FY23 Appropriations (see chart and EESG Letter)
4. Legislation
    a. Heat pump bills, R-PACE, LITC and 45L stacking: Senator Klobuchar is proposing to establish heat pump manufacturing tax credits with a planned bill to support decarbonizing affordable housing through a Deep Energy Basis Adjustment (DEBA) to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and enabling

LIHTC to stack with the 45L efficiency tax credit. Together these are critical steps to help affordable housing owners and developers finance needed investments to save residents money with healthy, affordable, zero-carbon homes. Please follow this link to read the draft text of both the bill and letter, and sign on to support Senator Klobuchar's proposal by the end of the day on Monday, May 16th. You can also read more about these proposed tax credits here. Thank you!

Next Meeting

Our next Federal MWG meeting will be on Wednesday June 8th at **9:15 am**. Call-in coordinates are below.

Zoom link
Call-in: +13126266799,,83592457581#
Passcode: cedmc2022