



MEMO

TO: William Saxonis
FROM: Eric Meini
DATE: June 27, 2012
RE: June 21 Request for Evaluation Summary

I have summarized evaluation the status for the National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation programs below. Please let me know if you need anything else. I will be out of the office from July 1 through July 12, therefore I have included the process report in this response.

- Process Evaluation

The final process evaluation report was submitted to Staff on January 1, 2012. Attached is a copy for your convenience.

- Impact Evaluation

- Evaluation Plan

Attached is a copy of the 2/2/2011 evaluation plan.

- Impact Evaluation Status
 - Residential Rebates

As you are aware NFGDC is participating in the joint statewide HVAC study.

We do have gross billing impact data for our residential rebate and low income usage reduction program available through September 2011. We submitted that in our February 28, 2012 Program Status report to the Commission.

I have attached Appendix I, Pre/Post Consumption Analysis from that report for your convenience. While not as detailed as the pending joint statewide HVAC study, the billing analysis does provide solid evidence that customers participating in our residential rebate and LIURP are reducing consumption significantly more than the average residential customer base. Included in Appendix I is a review of our billing analysis provided by Cadmus.

- Low Income Usage Reduction Program (“LIURP”)

As mentioned previously, LIURP was included in the pre/post billing analysis in the attached Appendix I. LIURP is administered through a contract with NYSERDA and is included in NYSERDA’s Empower efforts. As you are aware, NYSERDA has completed an impact analysis for Empower. If you recall, I discussed with you the value of Cadmus reviewing the NYSERDA study to assess its applicability to NFGDC’s LIURP. Cadmus has recently completed that review. Their memo is attached. In summary, Cadmus notes that the gas impact results from the Empower evaluation appear applicable to NFGDC’s LIURP. Further, they believe our billing analysis can be used to assess usage impacts for LIURP.

With that endorsement, I believe you should be able to use the Appendix I pre/post billing information for reporting bill impacts for our program.

We should discuss the next steps needed for evaluating our LIURP program when you find it convenient to do so.

- Non-Residential Rebate Program

Our non-residential rebate program (“NR-CIP”) is also administered through a contract with NYSERDA. The NR-CIP program is akin to NYSERDA’s existing facilities program. It is my understanding that an impact analysis of NYSERDA’s existing facilities program is in the works. Given the applicability of the Empower impact analysis to our LIURP program, I would recommend that we have Cadmus do a similar analysis with NYSERDA’s existing facilities program study when available.

- Conclusion

I have summarized the billing impact information that we have available in the table below as well as recommended next steps for impact evaluations for the three major NFGDC programs.

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation Summary of Impact Analysis to Date and Next Steps				
Program	Average Bill Savings – Years After Installation			Next Step
	1	2	3	
Residential Rebates				Joint Statewide HVAC Study
Heating Systems	12.9%	13.9%	14.5%	
Heating Systems w/P Tstat	12.9%	15.0%	16.2%	
Programmable TStats	6.1%	7.9%	9.1%	
Storage Water Tank	4.1%	5.4%	6.7%	
Tankless Hot Water	7.8%	8.0%	8.5%	
LIURP	13.7%	14.5%	15.4%	Discuss next steps with Staff considering Cadmus review of NYSERDA’s Empower Impact Study.
NRCIP	NA	NA	NA	Review NYSERDA existing facilities impact analysis when available for applicability to NRCIP.

Attachments