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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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1C		38,632	N/A	85.0	\$3.47	\$1.08423	\$95.63	\$1.08958	\$96.08	
2R		51,583,578	N/A	57.0	\$7.00	\$0.80224	\$52.73	\$0.80616	\$52.95	
3 CFS		17,687,989	N/A	244.0	\$15.00	\$0.80187	\$210.66	\$0.80589	\$211.64	
3 IFS		479,219	N/A	1,426.0	\$15.00	\$0.77510	\$1,120.29	\$0.77510	\$1,120.29	
27		506,107	N/A	57.0	\$6.00	\$0.63079	\$41.96	\$0.63287	\$42.07	
41C Firm Sales	Block 1	1,945,641	2,000	3,747.0	\$250.00	\$0.55691		\$0.55955		
	Block 2	1,921,286	all additional			\$0.51811		\$0.52043		
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	Block 2 TOTAL	0	all additional			\$0.54001	\$250.00	\$0.54245	\$250.00	C
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41 111111 114113	Block 2	585,464	all additional	4,700.0	\$300.00	\$0.26500		\$0.26500		
	TOTAL	,					\$1,818.63	****	\$1,818.63	
411 Firm Sales	Block 1	319,582	2,000	3,808.0	\$250.00	\$0.53626		\$0.53626		
	Block 2	365,920	all additional			\$0.49991		\$0.49991		ĺ
	TOTAL						\$2,226.36		\$2,226.36	C
411 Interr Sales	Block 1	0	2,000	0.0	\$250.00	\$0.55922		\$0.55922		
	Block 2	0	all additional			\$0.52290		\$0.52290	.	ĺ
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42C Firm Sales	Block 1	572,162	10,000	15,829.0	\$1,300.00	\$0.36597		\$0.36498		ĺ
	Block 2	452,310	20,000			\$0.35176		\$0.35087		
	Block 3 Block 4	113,398 1,826	20,000 100,000			\$0.32347 \$0.30485		\$0.32279 \$0.30431		
	Block 5	0	600,000			\$0.30463		\$0.27966		
	Block 6	0	all additional			\$0.24900		\$0.24887		
	TOTAL	0	an additional			\$0.24700	\$7,010.11	ψ0.2 1 007	\$6,995.02	-(
421 Firm Sales	Block 1	1,138,365	10,000	13,507.0	\$1,300.00	\$0.35161	Ψ7,010.11	\$0.35161	Ψ0,770.02	· ·
	Block 2	725,589	20,000	,	**,	\$0.33889		\$0.33889		
	Block 3	81,079	20,000			\$0.31360		\$0.31360		
	Block 4	0	100,000			\$0.29696		\$0.29696		
	Block 5	0	600,000			\$0.27478		\$0.27478		
	Block 6	0	all additional			\$0.24703		\$0.24703		
	TOTAL						\$6,004.59		\$6,004.59	(
42 Firm Trans	Block 1	1,313,594	10,000	41,245.0	\$1,550.00	\$0.11818		\$0.11818		
	Block 2	1,609,433	20,000			\$0.10579		\$0.10579		
	Block 3	1,138,813	20,000			\$0.08112		\$0.08112		
	Block 4	1,522,236	100,000			\$0.06490		\$0.06490		
	Block 5	355,242 0	600,000 all additional			\$0.04327 \$0.01622		\$0.04327 \$0.01622		
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.20	Block 2	486,821	20,000	25,010.0	Ţ.,COO.OO	\$0.36796		\$0.37091		ĺ
	Block 3	246,036	20,000			\$0.34134		\$0.34360		ĺ
	Block 4	54,140	100,000			\$0.32384		\$0.32565		ĺ
	Block 5	0	600,000			\$0.30050		\$0.30171		ĺ
	Block 6	0	all additional			\$0.27134		\$0.27179		ĺ
	TOTAL						\$12,034.63		\$12,123.12	C
421 Interr Sales	Block 1	179,269	10,000	13,310.0	\$1,300.00	\$0.37670		\$0.37670		
	Block 2	140,180	20,000			\$0.36381		\$0.36381		ĺ
	Block 3	0	20,000			\$0.33817		\$0.33817		ĺ
	Block 4	0	100,000			\$0.32130		\$0.32130		ĺ
	Block 5	0	600,000			\$0.29879		\$0.29879		ĺ
	Block 6	0	all additional			\$0.27069	¢4 274 24	\$0.27069	¢4 074 04] ,
42 Inter Trans	TOTAL Block 1	906,535	10,000	81,264.0	\$1,550.00	\$0.11818	\$6,271.21	\$0.11818	\$6,271.21	(
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	Block 3	1,375,643	20,000			\$0.10379		\$0.08112		ĺ
	Block 4	4,240,259	100,000			\$0.06112		\$0.06490		ĺ
	Block 5	2,559,794	600,000			\$0.04327		\$0.04327		ĺ
	Block 6	0	all additional			\$0.01622		\$0.01622		ĺ
	TOTAL	· ·					\$8,499.03		\$8,499.03	d
43 Firm Trans		0	N/A	0.0	\$38,000.00	\$0.00499	\$38,000.00	\$0.00499	\$38,000.00	
43 Interr Trans		0	N/A	0.0	\$38,000.00	\$0.00499	\$38,000.00	\$0.00499	\$38,000.00	

[1] Rate Schedule 41 and 42 customers may choose demand charges at a volumetric rate or based on MDDV. For convenience of presentation, demand charges are not included in the calculations for those schedules.

[2] Proposed rates include the effect of removing the current Schedule 215 adjustment and applying the proposed Schedule 215 adjustment. The rate shown is for illustrative purposes only and assumes no other changes to rates occur November 1.

Sources:

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78	Sources:				
79	Direct Inputs	per Tariff	per Tariff		
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81	Rates in summary			Column A	

NW Natural Rates & Regulatory Affairs 2018-2019 PGA Filing - Washington: September Filing Summary of Deferred Accounts

		Amounts	Included in	PGA Filing	_							2,297,298
		Amounts	Excluded from	PGA Filing	I							1,858,894
- (+ (-)+ (Estimated	Amount for	(Refund) or	Collection	9	G = E + F	Excl. Rev Sens					2,297,298
	Estimated	Interest	During	Amortization	ш	4.96%						60,548
		Estimated	Balance	10/31/2018	Е	E = sum B thru D			94,870	2,243,032	(101,153)	2,236,750
			Sep-Oct	Interest	Q				758	17,929	115	18,803
		Sep-Oct	Estimated	Activity	၁				0	0	(195,136)	(195,136)
			Balance	8/31/2018	В				94,112	2,225,102	93,868	2,413,083
				Account	А		_	2 DSM & LOW INCOME PROGRAMS	11 186310 WA Energy Efficiency General (2017 calendar only)	12 186312 WA Energy Efficiency Res & Comm (2017 calendar only)	13 186316 WA DSM AMORTIZATION	14

Í	Month/Voor	Note	Deferral	Trancfore	Interest	Interest	2016 Calendar Interest	201 <i>7</i> Calendar Interest	2018 Calendar Interest	Total	Ralance	2016 Calendar Balanca	2017 Calendar Balanca	2018 Calendar Ralance
	(a)	(A)	(c)	(d)	(P1)	(P)	(A4)	(A5)	(AA)	Activity (f)	(a1)	(d3)	(nd)	(45)
, .	(p)	<u>(a)</u>	9	(p)		(20)	(+2)	(63)	(02)	3	1 B)	(c)	(84)	(66)
7 Bec	Beginning Balance													
107	Jan-17		4,726.73		3.50%	85.78	78.88	06.9		4,812.51	31,858.51	27,124.88	4,733.63	
108	Feb-17		9,926.36		3.50%	107.40	79.11	28.29		10,033.76	41,892.27	27,203.99	14,688.28	
109	Mar-17		11,054.54		3.50%	138.31	79.34	58.97		11,192.85	53,085.12	27,283.33	25,801.79	
110	Apr-17		9,267.52		3.71%	178.45	84.35	94.10		9,445.97	62,531.09	27,367.68	35,163.41	
111	May-17		7,492.63		3.71%	204.91	84.61	120.30		7,697.54	70,228.63	27,452.29	42,776.34	
112	Jun-17		277.54		3.71%	217.55	84.87	132.68		495.09	70,723.72	27,537.16	43,186.56	
113	Jul-17	7	462.55	(1.26)	3.96%	234.15	60.87	143.28		695.44	71,419.16	27,628.03	43,791.13	
114	Ang-17		22,348.15		3.96%	272.56	91.17	181.39		22,620.71	94,039.87	27,719.20	66,320.67	
115	Sep-17		5,438.83		3.96%	319.31	91.47	227.84		5,758.14	99,798.01	27,810.67	71,987.34	
116	Oct-17		1,033.87		4.21%	351.94	97.57	254.37		1,385.81	101,183.82	27,908.24	73,275.58	
117	Nov-17	-	11,557.93	(27,902.45)	4.21%	277.37		277.37		(16,067.15)	85,116.67		85,116.67	
118	Dec-17		5,944.98		4.21%	309.05		309.05		6,254.03	91,370.70		91,370.70	
119	Jan-18		11,022.12		4.25%	343.12		323.60	19.52	11,365.24	102,735.94		91,694.30	11,041.64
120	Feb-18		7,072.02		4.25%	376.38		324.75	51.63	7,448.40	110,184.34		92,019.05	18,165.29
121	Mar-18		2,120.03		4.25%	393.99		325.90	60.89	2,514.02	112,698.36		92,344.95	20,353.
122	Apr-18		3,486.65		4.47%	426.30		343.98	82.32	3,912.95	116,611.31		92,688.93	23,922.
123	May-18		4,127.70		4.47%	442.06		345.27	62.96	4,569.76	121,181.07		93,034.20	28,146.
124	Jun-18		6,080.13		4.47%	462.72		346.55	116.17	6,542.85	127,723.92		93,380.75	34,343.17
125	Jul-18		3,647.95		4.69%	506.32		364.96	141.36	4,154.27	131,878.19		93,745.71	38,132.48
126	Ang-18		4,936.38		4.69%	525.07		366.39	158.68	5,461.45	137,339.64		94,112.10	43,227.54
127	Sep-18				4.69%	536.77		367.82	168.95	536.77	137,876.41		94,479.92	43,396.
128	Oct-18				4.96%	269.89		390.52	179.37	269.89	138,446.30		94,870.44	43,575.86
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132 No	Notes:													

Northwest Natural Gas Company Washington Washington Energy Efficiency Programs - General Admin 186310 Program under Schedule G Temp Increment under Schedule 215

Company: State: Description: Account Number: Other Info:

33					Interest		Calendar	Calendar	Calendar	Total		Calendar	Calendar	Calendar
4	Month/Year	Note	Accumulation	Transfers	Rate	Interest	Interest	Interest	Interest	Activity	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance
۰ کا	(a)	(q)	(၁)	(p)	(e1)	(e2)	(e4)	(e ₂)	(99)	(J)	(g1)	(63)	(g4)	(g ₂)
7	Beginning Balance													
100	Jan-17		00.00		3.50%	5,738.69	5,738.69	0.00		5,738.69	1,973,288.52	1,973,288.52	0.00	
101	Feb-17		00.00		3.50%	5,755.42	5,755.42	00.00		5,755.42	1,979,043.94	1,979,043.94	00.00	
102	Mar-17		544,100.00		3.50%	6,565.69	5,772.21	793.48		550,665.69	2,529,709.63	1,984,816.15	544,893.48	
103	Apr-17		00.00		3.71%	7,821.02	6,136.39	1,684.63		7,821.02	2,537,530.65	1,990,952.54	546,578.11	
104	May-17		00.00		3.71%	7,845.20	6,155.36	1,689.84		7,845.20	2,545,375.85	1,997,107.90	548,267.95	
105	Jun-17		00.00		3.71%	7,869.45	6,174.39	1,695.06		7,869.45	2,553,245.30	2,003,282.29	549,963.01	
106	Jul-17	7	538,367.00	(1.18)	3.96%	9,314.01	6,610.83	2,703.18		547,679.83	3,100,925.13	2,009,893.12	1,091,032.01	
107	Ang-17		00.00		3.96%	10,233.05	6,632.65	3,600.40		10,233.05	3,111,158.18	2,016,525.77	1,094,632.41	
108	Sep-17		938,367.00		3.96%	11,815.13	6,654.54	5,160.59		950,182.13	4,061,340.31	2,023,180.31	2,038,160.00	
109	Oct-17		0.00		4.21%	14,248.54	66' 260' 2	7,150.55		14,248.54	4,075,588.85	2,030,278.30	2,045,310.55	
110	Nov-17	-	00.00	(2,029,856.81)	4.21%	7,177.11		7,177.11		(2,022,679.70)	2,052,909.15		2,052,909.15	
111	Dec-17		100,000.00		4.21%	7,377.71		7,377.71		107,377.71	2,160,286.86		2,160,286.86	
112	Jan-18		100,000.00		4.25%	7,828.10		7,651.02	177.08	107,828.10	2,268,114.96		2,167,937.88	100,177.08
113	Feb-18		822,689.00		4.25%	9,489.75		7,678.11	1,811.64	832,178.75	3,100,293.71		2,175,615.99	924,677.72
114	Mar-18		00.00		4.25%	10,980.21		7,705.31	3,274.90	10,980.21	3,111,273.92		2,183,321.30	927,952.62
115	Apr-18		00.00		4.47%	11,589.50		8,132.87	3,456.63	11,589.50	3,122,863.42		2,191,454.17	931,409.25
116	May-18		75,861.50		4.47%	11,773.96		8,163.17	3,610.79	87,635.46	3,210,498.88		2,199,617.34	1,010,881.54
117	Jun-18		37,930.75		4.47%	12,029.75		8,193.57	3,836.18	49,960.50	3,260,459.38		2,207,810.91	1,052,648.
118	Jul-18		683,433.00		4.69%	14,078.50		8,628.86	5,449.64	697,511.50	3,957,970.88		2,216,439.77	1,741,531.11
119	Ang-18		00.00		4.69%	15,469.07		8,662.59	6,806.48	15,469.07	3,973,439.95		2,225,102.36	1,748,337.59
120	Sep-18				4.69%	15,529.53		8,696.44	6,833.09	15,529.53	3,988,969.48		2,233,798.80	1,755,170.68
121	Oct-18				4.96%	16,487.74		9,233.04	7,254.70	16,487.74	4,005,457.22		2,243,031.84	1,762,425.38
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Northwest Natural Gas Company Washington Washington Energy Efficiency - Res & Comm 186312 Program under Schedules G Temp Increment under Schedule 215

Company:
State:
Description:
Account Number:
Other Info:

Company:	Northwest Natural Gas Company
State:	Washington
Description:	Washington DSM Amortization
Account Number:	186316

Program under Schedule G Temp Increment under Schedule 215

1 Debit	3 8 9	5	9	7 Begin	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162
Debit (Credit)	,	(a)		Beginning Balance	Nov-17 new (1)	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18 Forecasted	Oct-18 Forecasted
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	1 + 1	AITIOI UZAUOII (C)			(66,287.54)	(269,421.45)	(350,788.34)	(250,201.22)	(277,607.39)	(201,019.24)	(106,757.96)	(71,637.39)	(59,735.18)	(49,191.31)	(59,072.14)	(136,064.06)
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	† () 1	(e2)			7,103.03	5,523.94	4,497.70	3,449.38	2,526.93	1,775.71	1,209.09	881.33	671.43	461.19	251.43	(136.34)
	A 041: 114.	ACTIVITY (f)			1,998,574.75	(263,897.51)	(346,290.64)	(246,751.84)	(275,080.46)	(199,243.53)	(105,548.87)	(70,756.06)	(59,063.75)	(48,730.12)	(58,820.71)	(136.200.40)
	- C	(g)			1,709,231.13	1,445,333.62	1,099,042.98	852,291.14	577,210.68	377,967.15	272,418.28	201,662.22	142,598.47	93,868.35	35,047.64	(101,152,76)

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Notes 1 - Transfer in amounts from accounts 186310 and 186312 approved for amortization. 166

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_		Amount	Reference
7			
3	Temporary Increments		
4			
2	Removal of Current Temporary Increments		
9	Amortization of Energy Efficiency Programs	(1,932,254)	NWN 2017-18 Washington PGA rate development file September.xlsx
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∞	Addition of Proposed Temporary Increments		
6	Amortization of Energy Efficiency Programs	2,402,328	NWN 2018-19 Washington PGA rate development file September.xlsx
10			
7			
12	TOTAL OF ALL COMPONENTS OF RATE CHANGES	\$470,074	
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15			
16	2017 Washington CBR Normalized Total Revenues	\$69,186,477	
17			
18	Effect of this filing, as a percentage change	%89'0	

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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

April 25, 2018

Steven King, Executive Director & Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S Evergreen Park Drive SW Post Office Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: UG-161259, 2017 Annual Report on NW Natural's Energy Efficiency (EE) Program

Dear Mr. King:

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or the "Company") hereby files the 2017 Annual Report on the Company's Energy Efficiency program. This report is submitted in compliance with the Company's Energy Efficiency Plan ("EE Plan") which is by reference part of the "Company's" Tariff Schedule G, "Energy Efficiency Services and Programs – Residential and Commercial," and was filed and approved in Docket UG-161259.

In 2017, the Company's Energy Efficiency program for residential and commercial customers saved 391,606 therms at a cost of \$2,152,973. The Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency program saved 6,132 therms at a cost of \$88,383. These two programs, in addition to \$74,526 for the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance natural gas market transformation pilot, saved 397,738 therms at a cost of \$2,315,882.

The Company's Energy Efficiency program is monitored by the interested parties who have formed the Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG) in compliance with the stipulated agreement approved in Order 04 in the Company's rate case, Docket UG-080546 and the Company's Energy Efficiency Plan.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (503) 226-4211, extension 5865.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure UG-161259-NWNs-2017-Energy-Efficiency-Program-ARpt-04-25-2018

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2017 Annual Report NW Natural Washington

INCENTIVE PROGRAM & NEEA MARKET TRANSFORMATION

ENERGY TRUST OF OREGON APRIL 25, 2018

I. Introduction, background, oversight and goals

A. Introduction

This annual report covers 2017, the eighth full year that Energy Trust of Oregon provided services and incentives to residential and commercial customers of NW Natural in Washington. It addresses progress toward annual goals, information on expenditures, gas savings, projects completed, incentives paid during the year and highlights of program activity.

B. Background

At the request of NW Natural and following approval granted by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC), Energy Trust began administering NW Natural's demand-side management programs in Southwest Washington on October 1, 2009. The first year was viewed as a pilot. Satisfied with results from the pilot year, in 2011 the WUTC approved Energy Trust's continued administration of conservation programs for NW Natural in Washington.

C. Oversight

The Energy Efficiency Advisory Group (EEAG) was created, at the direction of the WUTC, to provide advice and oversight for NW Natural and Energy Trust energy-efficiency offerings in Washington. The advisory group is comprised of representatives from NW Natural, Energy Trust, WUTC, Washington Public Counsel, Northwest Industrial Gas Users and the Northwest Energy Coalition.

D. Goals

NW Natural, in collaboration with the EEAG, established performance metrics for 2017. This report presents Energy Trust's performance against those goals. The total savings goal for the portfolio was 282,539 therms. This is comprised of 68,253 therms for Existing Homes, 57,761 therms for New Homes and Products, and 156,525 therms for Commercial.

II. Annual report highlights

A. General

- In 2017, Energy Trust saved a total of 391,606 therms and achieved 139 percent of the annual portfolio goal.
- Gas efficiency measures installed in 2017 by NW Natural's Washington customers saved 391,606 total annual therms of natural gas—including 154,866 annual therms in the commercial sector, 123,724 annual therms in Existing Homes and 113,017 annual therms in New Homes and Products programs.
- In total, savings achieved in 2017 were 18 percent higher than 2016 savings, due
 to a strong residential new construction market. A strong local economy was likely a
 contributing factor in many homeowners' decisions to make home energy upgrades in
 2017, including efficient gas furnace installations and window replacements.

B. Commercial sector highlights

- The commercial sector achieved 99 percent of the annual goal.
- Approximately 70 percent of commercial savings were from boiler projects. Savings from boilers increased 400 percent from 2016.
- The standard track performed at 180 percent over goal, due in large part to the high savings from boiler projects and consistent savings from foodservice equipment. The custom track only achieved 27 percent of goal, primarily due to the delay of eight schools projects from 2017 to 2018 that are expected to bring in 34,871 therms to the program.
- The schools sector emerged as a significant source of savings in 2017. The program expects savings from schools to remain significant in 2018 and beyond due to passage of bond measures funding construction of new school facilities.
- The commercial program increased outreach and promotion of new commercial construction offerings to trade allies, architects and key customers. The increased outreach resulted in achieving 95,624 therm savings, making up almost 62 percent of the commercial savings goal.

C. Residential sector highlights

The residential sector saved nearly double the annual goal of 126,014 therms.

Existing Homes

- Existing Homes saved 123,724 annual therms in 2017, primarily through furnaces (33 percent of total Existing Homes savings), fireplaces with electronic ignition (21 percent), Energy Saver Kits (15 percent) and Nest Seasonal Savings (12 percent).
- HVAC contributed 77 percent of Existing Homes savings in 2017.
- Furnace savings increased by 34 percent compared to 2016 results, while fireplaces continued to decrease in volume as savings dropped by 27 percent compared to 2016.
- On-bill repayment financing was used for 28 projects in 2017, a 36 percent increase compared to 2016. Resulting in savings of 2,204 therms, all 28 projects were gas furnace upgrades. Energy Trust paid \$5,450 in incentives and customers took out \$225,517 in loans.

- Financing with on-bill repayment reduces the upfront cost as a barrier to installing energy-efficient upgrades.
- Existing Homes recognized 40 percent more smart thermostats in 2017 compared to 2016. Smart thermostats were bolstered by increased customer awareness, simple online incentive applications and cross promotion with Clark Public Utilities.
- Existing Homes shifted gas tank water heater incentives to a midstream approach.

 Midstream incentives are provided to distributors and retailers to encourage stocking of energyefficient equipment and reduce costs for customers.
- The program introduced a new customer-facing tankless water heater incentive.
- Existing Homes launched measure-specific strategies to improve the overall incentive-to-delivery ratio and to lower the cost of gas savings. Less expensive acquisition strategies succeeded in supporting the cost-effectives of the Washington portfolio. Strategies included promotion of several highly cost-effective savings strategies, including launching a marketing campaign promoting Energy Saver Kit, working with Nest Labs to launch Nest Seasonal Savings customer engagement, and claiming a full-year of gas fireplace electronic ignition sales data and savings.

New Homes and Products

- More than 3,000 EPS and ENERGY STAR® homes have been recognized through New Homes since program inception in 2010.
- Despite a new residential energy code baseline, the New Homes Program exceeded savings and participation expectations with nearly 200 more homes recognized in 2017 than originally forecasted. The total market share of energy-efficient homes is 55 percent.
- New Homes and Products spent 76 percent more on incentives than budgeted primarily due to the strong housing market and faster than expected adoption of EPS during a new code cycle year. The forecast and budget for 2018 reflects this higher level of adoption.
- The New Homes program had one new verifier join the program in 2017, bringing the total number of verifiers to five.
- New Homes started working with four new EPS home builders in Washington, bringing the total number of builders to 16. Five EPS verifiers also serve Washington.
- Nearly 5,000 high-efficiency showerheads contributed 36 percent of New Homes and Products savings, up from 8 percent of savings from showerheads in 2016. Strong savings can be attributed in part to Simple Steps, Smart Savings™ promotions that increased sales at participating retailers.

Trade Ally Network Highlights

- By year-end, 236 trade allies served Washington, up from 207 in 2016, for a net difference of 29. This includes 83 trade allies based in Washington.
- Energy Trust enrolled 36 new trade allies serving Washington in 2017.

Program evaluations

- No Washington focused evaluations were performed or completed in 2017.
- Energy Trust anticipates spending NW Natural Washington evaluation funds in 2018 as part of an Existing Buildings Process Evaluation that will include Washington.
- A Residential Process Evaluation, which will also include Washington, is planned for 2019.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission performance metrics

The table below compares quarterly results to 2017 goals, as established in NW Natural's Energy Efficiency Plan for Washington (filed December 2017).

2017 results compared to goals

Metrics	Goal	2017 YTD	Q1 results	Q2 results	Q3 results	Q4 results
Therms Saved	282,539	391,606	74,794	82,776	69,878	164,157
Total Program Costs	\$1,975,211	\$2,152,973	\$442,268	\$416,377	\$557,266	\$737,063
Average Levelized Cost Per Measure	Less than \$0.65	\$0.41	\$0.40	\$0.41	\$0.56	\$0.34
Utility Costs at Portfolio Level	Greater than 1.0	1.69	Reported annually	Reported annually	Reported annually	Reported annually

- This table does not include savings goal or budget associated with NW Natural's Washington Low-Income Energy Efficiency (WA-LIEE) program delivery.
- Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) gas market transformation activities are not included in this table.

2016 results compared to goals for reference

Metrics	Goal	2016 Actuals	Q1 results	Q2 results	Q3 results	Q4 results
Therms Saved	223,706 - 263,184	330,866	24,195	48,227	73,153	185,291
Total Program Costs	\$1,441,218 - \$1,695,551	\$1,818,821	\$261,402	\$331,106	\$466,681	\$759,633
Average Levelized Cost Per Measure	Less than \$0.65	\$0.41	\$0.81	\$0.54	\$0.44	\$0.31
Utility Costs at Portfolio Level	Greater than 1.0	1.53	Reported annually	Reported annually	Reported annually	Reported annually

2017 Utility Cost and Total Resource Cost benefit cost ratios by program

Program	Utility Cost Test benefit/cost ratio	Total Resource Cost Test benefit/cost ratio
Commercial	1.90	2.50
Existing Homes	1.81	1.35
New Homes and Products	1.38	0.77
Total NW Natural Washington portfolio	1.69	1.25

• Does not include NEEA or WA-LIEE expenses.

2017 Total Utility Cost and Total Resource Cost benefit cost ratios

Program	Utility Cost Test Benefit Cost Ratio	Total Resource Cost Test Benefit Cost Ratio
NW Natural Washington Portfolio	1.69	1.25
NW Natural Washington Low Income	1.02	0.75
Total NW Natural Washington	1.66	1.24
Total Washington Portfolio*	1.61	1.22

• * Includes NEEA expenses

III Annual Results

A. Activity highlights—sites served

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Commercial					
Boiler	3	1	6	9	19
Commercial laundry washer	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial tankless water heater	-	-	-	-	-
Condensing tank water heater	-	4	2	11	17
Custom building controls	-	1	-		1
Dishwasher	1	4	-	-	5
Gas convection oven	-	2	1	1	4
Gas combination oven	-	-	-		-
Gas fryer	-	23	7	10	40
Gas griddle	-	-	-	-	-
High-efficiency condensing furnace	-	-	-	-	-
High-efficiency condensing unit heater	-	-	-	-	-
Custom	-	1	-	2	3
Pipe insulation	-	-	-	-	-
Roof insulation	-	-	1	-	1
Studies	3	1	7	-	11
Wall insulation	-	-	-	-	-
Existing Homes					
Weatherization (insulation, air and duct sealing and windows)	26	48	71	92	237
Gas hearths	9	28	10	16	63
Energy Saver Kits	14	64	39	618	735
Smart thermostats	54	59	60	144	317
Gas Boilers	-	-	-	1	1
Gas furnaces	65	118	137	187	507
Water heaters	1	1	3	5	10
Online Home Energy Reviews	64	50	39	35	188
New Homes					
New EPS homes	88	175	155	370	788

B. Revenue

Source	Actual revenue	Budgeted revenue
NW Natural \$	2,120,834	\$ 2,020,834

• Energy Trust requested that NW Natural distribute additional revenue at year-end to ensure adequate funds were available to support programs that performed above average.

C. Expenditures

			Actual		Budgeted	
			expenditures	е	xpenditures	Variance
Commercial programs	Commercial	\$	815,529	\$	813,201	\$ (2,328)
Commercial programs	Commercial administration	\$	33,314	\$	34,263	\$ 949
	Commercial total	\$	848,843	\$	847,464	\$ (1,379)
	Existing Homes	\$	502,567	\$	513,276	\$ 10,710
Residential programs	Existing Homes administration	\$	20,529	\$	21,626	\$ 1,097
Residential programs	New Homes and Products	\$	750,382	\$	568,799	\$ (181,583)
	New Homes/products administration	\$	30,652	\$	23,965	\$ (6,687)
	Residential total	\$	1,304,131	\$	1,127,667	\$ (176,464)
	NEEA Commercial	\$	14,320	\$	29,627	\$ 15,307
NEEA	NEEA Residential	\$	57,281	\$	74,531	\$ 17,250
	NEEA administration	\$	2,925	\$	4,389	\$ 1,464
	NEEA total		74,526		108,546	34,021
	Total expenditures	\$	2,227,499	\$	2,083,677	\$ (143,822)

- The expressed budget differs from the filed NWN 2017 Energy Efficiency Plan by roughly \$100 due to variences related to small edits, rounding differences and slight differences in expected State of Washington taxes.
- Energy Trust allocated budget to NEEA for gas market transformation activities in 2017.

D. Incentives paid¹

		Actual incentives	Actual expenditures	Percent incentives/ expenditures
Commercial programs	Existing Buildings	\$ 449,814	\$ 848,843	53%
	Commercial total	\$ 449,814	\$ 848,843	53%
Posidontial programs	Existing Homes	\$ 254,633	\$ 523,096	49%
Residential programs	New Homes and Products	\$ 478,427	\$ 781,035	61%
	Residential total	\$ 733,060	\$ 1,304,131	56%
	Total incentives	\$ 1,182,874	\$ 2,152,973	55%

¹ NEEA expenditures excluded per NW Natural Washington's Energy Efficiency Plan.

E. Savings

		Therms saved YTD	Annual goal a	Percent achieved YTD	Levelized cost/therm
Commercial programs	Existing Buildings	154,866	156,525	99%	\$ 0.39
	Commercial total	154,866	156,525	99%	\$ 0.39
Residential programs	Existing Homes	123,724	68,253	181%	\$ 0.36
	New Homes and Products	113,017	57,761	196%	\$ 0.49
	Residential total	236,740	126,014	188%	\$ 0.42
	Total savings	391,606	282,539	139%	\$ 0.41

• Energy Trust allocated budget to NEEA for gas market transformation activities in 2017. While there were no associated savings to date, savings are expected in subsequent years.

NW Natural Appendix 1: 2017 energy efficiency measure counts and savings

Table 1: Residential sector measures

Category	Measure	Measures installed	Total therms saved
Energy Saver Kits	Energy Saver Kits	735	18,495
	Energy Saver Kits total	735	18,495
Online Home Energy Reviews	Online Home Energy Reviews total	188	0
	Ceiling insulation	11	780
	Duct Insulation	2	25
Weatherization	Floor Insulation	1	12
	Wall insulation	3	180
	Windows	220	8,201
	Weatherization total	237	9,198
	Smart thermostats	317	10,112
	Seasonal Savings pilot	917	14,672
Space heating	Furnaces	507	40,936
opass nearing	Gas Boilers	1	44
	Gas fireplaces	67	3,864
	Gas fireplace retailer & distributor SPIFs	1,243	25,482
	Space heating total	3,052	95,110
	Tank water heaters	6	176
Water heating	Tank water heater retailer & distributor SPIFs	16	448
	Tankless water heaters	4	297
	Water heating total	26	921
New homes and products	New EPS homes	788	71,867
	Water saving products	4,986	41,150
	New homes and products total	5,774	113,017
	Grand total	10,012	236,740

Table 2: Commercial sector measures

		Measures	Total therms		
Category	Measures	installed	saved		
Commercial clothes washers	Clothes washer	-	-		
	Commercial clothes washers total				
	Dishwasher	5	2,433		
	Gas convection oven	4	1,510		
Foodservice equipment	Gas fryer	40	22,760		
	Gas griddle	-	-		
	Gas combination oven	-	-		
	49	26,703			
Shell insulation	Roof insulation	1	675		
Onon modiation	Wall insulation	-	-		
	1	675			
	Gas-fired condensing boiler	19	107,102		
Space heating	High-efficiency condensing furnace	-	-		
Opace nearing	High-efficiency condensing unit heater	-	-		
	Pipe insulation	-	-		
	Space heating total	19	107,102		
	Faucet aerators	-	-		
Water heating	Commercial tankless water heater	-	-		
	Condensing tank water heater	17	4,132		
	Water heating total	17	4,132		
Custom	Custom other	3	16,254		
Gustoiii	Study	11	-		
	Custom total	14	16,254		
	Grand Total				

NW Natural Appendix 2: Customer satisfaction

In 2017, Energy Trust conducted short phone surveys of NW Natural customers in Washington to determine satisfaction with their participation in Energy Trust programs. Results from 176 residential customers and 10 commercial customers indicate a generally high level of customer satisfaction.

In 2017, more than 14.5 percent of residential customers submitted applications with missing information, delaying turnaround time to receive incentives. Energy Trust issued incentive checks for 99 percent of all completed applications within eight weeks, the time allowed in the service level agreement.

To improve customer satisfaction with incentive application forms and reduce turnaround time to receive incentives, Energy Trust enhanced paper and web forms to make them easier to complete. In addition, Energy Trust released a new website in 2017 featuring improvements to help Washington customers find appropriate forms faster and more easily.

To improve customer satisfaction in 2018, the program will focus on reducing incentive check wait times through a goal of cutting checks within four weeks of receiving a completed incentive application.

Table 1: NW Natural Washington residential customer satisfaction 2017

Residential (n=176)	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied
Overall satisfaction	4%	3%	93%
Incentive application form	<1%	6%	94%
Turnaround time to receive incentive	12%	16%	72%

Energy Trust surveyed 10 commercial customers in Washington in 2017. Most respondents were satisfied with their overall program experience, incentive amount, ease of applying for the incentive and interaction with program representatives.

Table 2: NW Natural Washington commercial customer satisfaction 2017

Commercial (n=10)	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied
Overall satisfaction	0	1	9
Incentive amount	0	0	10
Ease of applying for incentive	0	1	9
Interaction with program representative	0	0	9
Performance of project or system	0	1	9
Turnaround time to receive incentive	1	1	8

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NW NATURAL MARKET TRANSFORMATION

NORTHWEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALLIANCE APRIL 25, 2018



2017 Natural Gas Activities

INTRODUCTION

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA or "the alliance") is a non-profit organization working in collaboration with NW Natural and other natural gas utilities to accelerate the innovation and adoption of efficient natural gas products throughout the Northwest. With funding and direction from NW Natural and these other entities, the alliance intervenes in the market to create lasting change by removing barriers and leveraging opportunities to accelerate the adoption of cost-effective energy efficiency.

This report summarizes the alliance's 2017 natural gas business unit activities on behalf of NW Natural. For additional information about NEEA's natural gas programs, please visit neea.org.

NATURAL GAS MARKET TRANSFORMATION

By pooling resources through NEEA and working in collaboration with the region, NW Natural is accelerating the development and market adoption of efficient natural gas products, services, and practices in the Northwest. The goal of this effort is to deliver more energy efficiency options to NW Natural customers and increase the efficiency of natural gas use in the region.

Scanning: NEEA staff scan the market to identify promising new energy-efficient natural gas products, services and practices. In 2017, NEEA staff identified modulating residential furnaces as a possible new opportunity, vetted residential laundry ozone systems and investigated a gas variable-refrigerant flow evaluation project in conjunction with high-efficiency dedicated outdoor air supply systems.

Mid-Cycle Assessment/ Research: In 2017, the alliance conducted an independent mid-cycle assessment of the implementation and progress of the Natural Gas Business Plan and presented findings to the NEEA Board in September. Staff also completed Natural Gas Customer Segmentation Research to inform the design and strategy of natural gas market transformation programs, Hearth and rooftop HVAC market characterization studies. All published alliance reports are publicly available at: neea.org/resource-center.

- NEEA Natural Gas Portfolio Mid-Cycle Assessment
- Market Characterization of the Northwest Natural Gas Hearth Market
- Natural Gas Segmentation Report
- Rooftop HVAC Market Characterization Report

NATURAL GAS MARKET TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMS

Efficient Gas Water Heaters: In 2017, the natural gas collaborative revised the name of this program from "Gas-fired Heat Pump Water Heaters" to "Efficient Gas Water Heaters". This change reflects the broad nature of the program, the importance of highlighting cost-effective efficiency shifts at multiple performance levels, and the need to remove perceived limitations on specific technology used to achieve more efficient gas water heating. In 2017, the alliance partnered with SaltX and Rheem to accelerate the development of a residential gas heat pump water heater and worked with A.O. Smith to develop and enhance its strategy for launching the first non-plug in ENERGY STAR gas water heater (overcoming a known market barrier and preparing the market for the introduction of higher efficiency products). The alliance also successfully influenced a gas technology developer to incorporate NEEA's Advanced Water Heater Specification testing and performance criteria into its gas heat pump water heater product development plan. Integration of these elements will ensure the unit performs well in cooler climates and product requirements remain consistent as new products are developed, thus influencing manufacturer interest and commitment.

Combination Water and Space Heating Systems: In 2017, the alliance concluded a successful field study of internal combustion engine heat pump technology to understand the energy savings opportunity for commercial buildings. NEEA is leveraging the promising results of this study to partner with major HVAC manufacturers exploring combination system collaborations. The alliance also launched a project with Blue Mountain Energy and Oak Ridge National Labs to value-engineer a commercial gas heat pump for residential purposes and build and test proof-of-concept prototypes. The goal of this effort is to identify a clear channel for commercialization of a cost-competitive residential gas heat pump.

Super-Efficient Gas Clothes Dryers: The alliance is working to influence the introduction of super-efficient, natural gas-powered clothes dryers. In 2017, the alliance conducted a market characterization study in partnership with NEEA's electric dryer program. Staff also updated the High Efficiency Residential Gas Dryers Specification Version 2.0 to include two additional tiers and kicked off lab testing of two ENERGY STAR qualified dryers to understand any changes made to the products since the last round of testing in 2015. At the request of Whirlpool, NEEA staff met with Whirlpool to discuss the potential for a Tier 3 (i.e., most efficient) product. NEEA will next develop a business case document for Whirlpool's marketing and product development teams.

Rooftop HVAC: In 2017, the alliance completed a four-unit demonstration project of condensing rooftop HVAC units, which successfully validated manufacturer energy savings claims and revealed some issues with condensation management. Following the study, staff created a set of Condensate Management Installation best practice guides. NEEA staff also launched market channel development efforts focused on building and developing key manufacturer partnerships to accelerate the market adoption and acceptance of condensing rooftop units. In 2017, the program advanced through NEEA's Initiative Start milestone following approval from NEEA's Natural Gas Advisory Committee. Finally, staff began creating a road map for the development and implementation of a commercial gas furnace test method in partnership with representatives from Canada and United States to ensure cross-border consistency for manufacturer partners.

Hearth Products: In 2017, the alliance kicked off testing of a low-capacity hearth product in an effort to decrease gas consumption while maintaining a robust and aesthetically pleasing flame. NEEA staff submitted comments on Canadian Standards Association/ANSI gas fireplace safety standards that are being revised to remove allowances for standing pilot lights and published a report characterizing the Northwest market for natural gas hearths.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

EFFICIENCY EXCHANGE – In May, 2017, the alliance co-hosted the annual Efficiency Exchange conference in collaboration with Bonneville Power Administration and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. The regional conference, which provides a forum for energy efficiency professionals to share knowledge, explore emerging innovations and discuss the direction of utility efficiency programs, drew more than 400 attendees.

CONDUITNW.ORG – Developed in partnership with the Bonneville Power Administration, the Conduit online community facilitates information-sharing, coordination and collaboration among energy efficiency stakeholders in the Northwest. More than 3,100 energy efficiency professionals across the Northwest, including NW Natural staff, currently use Conduit.

REGIONAL COORDINATION

Alliance programs are coordinated through regional working groups and advisory committees, whose membership includes representatives from NW Natural. NEEA staff are grateful for the time and energy NW Natural staff have dedicated to participating in NEEA's Board and various sector advisory committees, including:

Natural Gas Advisory Committee:

- Holly Braun, Manager, Energy Policy and Sustainability
- Gary Heikkinen, PE, Senior Engineer
- Rick Hodges, Energy Efficiency Programs Manager

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, NEEA's <u>2017 Quarterly Performance Reports</u> and the <u>2016 Annual Report</u> are available online. The alliance is committed to serving its regional stakeholders across diverse geographic areas and markets. NEEA staff encourage stakeholder participation and appreciate input at all NEEA board meetings, Advisory Committee meetings and energy efficiency events around the region. The next NEEA Board of Directors meeting is June 6 in Portland, OR. Meeting details will be posted on neea.org in advance.

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NW NATURAL TRANSACTIONAL AUDIT 2017 PROGRAM COSTS

NW NATURAL APRIL 25, 2018

Washington Energy Efficiency Program 2017 Transactional Audit Results

With the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC") review and approval of NW Natural's ("NW Natural" or "Company") request for amortization of 2013 energy efficiency program costs (Docket UG-143333), the Commission adopted the recommendation made by Commission Staff that NW Natural conduct a transactional audit of program costs relating to the Energy Trust of Oregon's ("Energy Trust") administration of the Company's Washington energy efficiency programs. NW Natural agreed to the following audit schedule:

- By April 1 of each year, NW Natural will select a random sample of prior year program cost transactions from the Energy Trust. The sample size will be based on the population of transactions. A summary of the audit process and the Company's findings or recommendations will be included in the April 25 Annual EE Report.
- IA noted that in future years, the audit will be done annually in April and cover the entire year, as agreed to by NW Natural and Energy Trust.

NW Natural's Internal Audit Department (IA) completed a review of the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) expenditures billed for 7/30/2017 – 12/31/2017.

The assessment consisted of a review of ETO's allocation and territory reporting policies, chart of accounts, and Report data relating to program effectiveness. IA Management and Staff reviewed with the Energy Trust Controller and the NW Natural Trade Ally Program Manager. Discussions included a review of the policies and procedures that were in place during the period under review as they related to the Management of NW Natural's Washington EE program, the accounting processes and methodologies utilized by the Energy Trust, as well as efficiency measures that are obtained and reviewed by the Trade Ally Program Manager to ensure programs continue to be cost effective and beneficial.

Utilizing a statistical sampling model, based on a confidence level of 80% and a 10% margin of error, a representative sample of 41 line items were selected for detail review. The sample was inclusive of program, management, and incentive transactions, as well as accrual and correcting entries.

For selected transactions, IA verified balances were correctly captured within the proper period, transactions were appropriately classified and coded to NW Natural territories, allocations were completed per ETO policy and were related to NW Natural specific programs and territories, incentive details were properly captured, and management and program expenses appeared appropriate. Lastly, IA verified that programs captured within the detail testing were included within the annual report and reviewed for program effectiveness.

Based on the detail testing and interviews with Energy Trust Management, it appears that accounts properly reflect accumulated cost activity billed to the NW Natural Washington EE Program. Furthermore, programs billed have been assessed for cost effectiveness per the Energy Trust's review process as outlined in the annual report.

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WASHINGTON LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY (WALIEE)

NW NATURAL APRIL 25, 2018

Washington Low Income Energy Efficiency Program 2017 Program Results

NW Natural partners with Clark County's Community Development Office and Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP) serving Skamania and Klickitat counties to administer its Washington Low Income Energy Efficiency (WALIEE) program. While offerings are available in Skamania and Klickitat counties, the agency that serves these counties did not provide services to any customers through WALIEE during 2017. Results below are specific to Clark County's Department of Community Services.

The WALIEE program continued to face headwinds this past year. In 2017, federal and state funding limitations slowed program uptake across the state. In addition to funding constraints, Clark County relies on referrals from an outside agency. Those referrals continue to be an issue that the Clark agency does not control.

In WAGAP's territory, staffing and limited customers have been the historical challenge for the program's gas efforts. In 2017 NW Natural engaged with new contacts at the agency, as well as the Energy Project and Washington Department of Commerce, to help address these issues and support gas customers in 2018.

The weatherization reimbursement cap increased to \$5,800 per home for the 2017 program year. There continues to be more efficiency efforts than WALIEE program funds cover. The agencies are allotted 15% of reimbursable job costs for administrative costs and allowed an average of \$1,000 per home for Health, Safety, and Repairs (HSR), which are not subject to cost effectiveness tests. A 2017 WALIEE job could cost the program no more than \$7,670 but averaged \$6,799 in 2017.

Measure Analysis:

The figure below provides a breakdown of weatherization occurrences by measure, as well as the associated annual therms savings. Floor insulation continues to be the highest total therm saving measure and ceiling insulation the most popular measure.

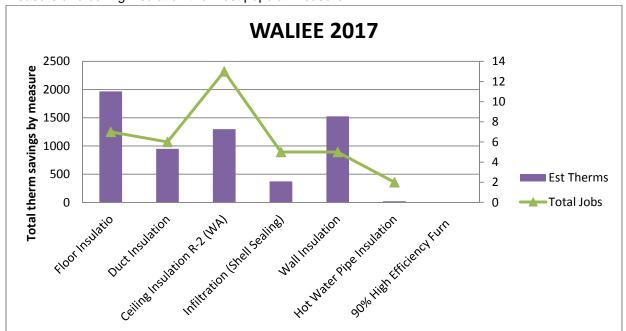


Figure 1: Measure Occurrence and Savings

2012-2017 Efficiency Results:

Efficiency Metric	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Homes served	13	16	9	10	20	8
Average Reimbursement per home ²	\$5,305	\$4,807	\$4,313	\$4,334	\$3,984	\$3,845
Total Reimbursed	\$68,965	\$76,918	\$38,817	\$43,339	\$79,677	\$30,761
Average estimated therms saved per home ³	472	378	357	305	351	319
Total estimated therms saved	6,132	6,048	3,213	3,050	7,026	2,538
Estimated Cost per therm	\$11.25	\$12.72	\$12.08	\$14.21	\$11.34	\$12.12

Figure 2 Efficiency Metrics

2017 Performance Metric	Goal	Actual
Homes served	20	13
Max reimbursement per home (Actual figure = avg per home)	\$5,800	\$5,305
Average estimated therms saved per home ⁴	366	472
Total estimated therms saved	7,320	6,132
Total Expenditure	\$149,310	\$88,383

Figure 3 Performance and Goal Metrics

Conclusion:

NW Natural is optimistic the work with stakeholders and better utilization of data will result in future growth of the WALIEE program. The progress to date has been slower than anticipated but development of the program continues to be positive and we look forward to continuing to grow in 2018.

² Note, reimbursed costs only reflect NWN's contribution for home weatherization. HSR and Admin are excluded.

³ An impact evaluation has not been conducted on these homes so the actual per therm savings has not been verified. The therm estimates are based on modeling software estimates.

⁴ See footnote 2