

**Docket UG-121207
Commission Investigation into
Natural Gas Conservation Programs
11/16/12 Agenda**

9:30-9:45	Introduction/Rationale for Workshop
9:45-10:30	Avoided Cost Discussion
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:15	Cost Test Discussion
11:15-12:00	Overall Policy Considerations Discussion

Avoided Cost Discussion

Question: Should a 10% conservation preference adder be required when assessing cost effectiveness of natural gas DSM programs?

Question: Given the uncertainty of long term natural gas price forecasting, should a risk adder be considered when assessing cost effectiveness of natural gas DSM programs?

Question: Should a range of values be used when assessing long term natural gas price forecasts?

Avoided Cost Discussion (continued)

In comments provided by Cascade, they suggest excluding fuel costs from the avoided cost calculation.

Question: Is this appropriate for natural gas conservation?

Question: Is the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) the appropriate discount rate to apply when assessing natural gas conservation program cost effectiveness?

Question: Because a large percentage of the measure costs and benefits are borne by the customer, should a different discount rate be used for those costs and benefits versus those borne directly by the utility (e.g., a bifurcated discount rate)?

Cost Tests

Question: What resources would it take to better populate the TRC with values for non-energy benefits?

Question: Please justify your choice of the cost test for analyzing your Company's supply-side and demand-side resources, considering that supply-side resource analysis does not consider the same scope of inputs as demand-side resources?

Question: Besides for low-income, do you recommend any other exemptions to the TRC? If so, why?

Question: If the TRC no longer governs, how would your Company use a combination of the UCT & PCT to ensure that the appropriate programs and incentive levels for natural gas conservations are chosen?