On-Bill Repayment

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Finding the ways that work

Massive Potential for EE in U.S.

Realistically Achievable Potential for Energy Efficiency (GWh)



U.S. (2010-2030), EPRI, Palo Alto, 2009,1016987.

EE Pays More Than It Costs



CA Has Big, Bold EE Goals

- All existing residences will increase efficiency by 40 percent by 2020.
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning optimized performance for CA's climate
- All eligible low-income customers given opportunity to participate in the low income EE program by 2020
- Zero net energy new buildings

On-Bill Today (in California)

- Utility provides customers with unsecured loans at zero percent interest
- Only commercial and municipal customers
 - Commercial limit is \$100,000 for 5 years
 - Municipal limit is \$1,000,000 for 10 years
- Loan obligation stays with the meter
- Threat of utility service shut-off for non-repayment
- \rightarrow Wildly popular and oversubscribed

CA On-Bill – Customer Eligiblity

- Only Non-Residential Customers
 - Commercial
 - Municipal
 - Industrial
- Must have good credit



CA On-Bill – Project Eligibility

- Measure/equipment identified in utility rebate/incentive programs
- Energy savings must exceed or equal monthly loan repayment obligation
- Apply by contacting utility account representative



CA On-Bill so far Number of Loans

	PG&E	SCE		SCG	SDG&E
Agriculture					4
Commercial			59		739
Industrial			9		35
Institutional			10		112
Multifamily					
TOTAL		4	78	28	890

Loan Amounts

	PG&E	SCE	SCG	SDG&E	
Agriculture				\$ 141,841	
Commercial	\$ 109,600	\$ 997,525		\$ 16,147,739	
Industrial		\$ 256,411		\$ 780,799	
Institutional	\$ 250,000	\$ 758,780		\$ 4,327,499	
TOTAL FUNDED	\$ 359,600	\$ 2,012,716	\$ 988 <i>,</i> 608	\$ 21,397,879	

Investment Capital Remains Scarce

- CA programs dwarfed by size of EE opportunity
- Publicly funds cannot scale to opportunity/goal
- Repayment schedule doesn't match "deep" upgrades
- Demand for EE investments is hampered by many well-documented market failures





Insufficient Financing Mechanisms

- Building/home equity has declined or disappeared
- Unsecured loans
- Philanthropic capital
- Public bonds
- Leases
- Energy services agreements (ESA)

Thus far, nothing close to size of the opportunity

On-bill repayment (OBR) provides a way to mobilize a new lending industry while reducing consumers' borrowing costs

What is On-Bill Repayment (OBR)?

- Building owners and occupants repay private loans for EE and RE via their utility bills
- Loan repayments become tariff on meter
- Utility is compensated for payment services and perhaps for achieving EE goals
- Consumer protections
 - Contractor certification
 - Project eligibility requirements
 - Verified project installation
 - Energy savings must be expected to exceed loan

On-Bill Repayment - Advantages

- Creates scalable EE and RE lending mechanism
- No ratepayer or taxpayer funds needed
- Saves energy users money & lowers energy bills
- Puts people to work
- Avoids power sector pollution
- Brings EE and RE to all types of buildings

On-Bill Repayment: EDF Proposal

- Projects originated by contractors/developers
 - Program must be flexible enough to accommodate variety of contractor business models
- Commercial lenders are likely better equipped to underwrite and fund loans
 - Utility is a payment conduit Similar to Visa
- Scale and standardization can reduce costs

OBR: Access for Californians



Significant Program Flexibility

- Variety of buildings
 - Single family
 - Multi family
 - Commercial
 - Public
- Variety of transaction types
 - Loans
 - Leases
 - Energy Service Agreements (ESAs)
- Variety of projects
 - Retrofits
 - Renewables/CHP
 - Energy Star Appliances

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Residential Electricity Demand



Residential EE Potential



Commercial Electric Demand

Commercial (1,350 TWh)





Commercial EE Potential



Industrial Electricity Demand



On-Bill Repayment – Who Does What

	Originate Project	Execute Project	Underwrite Customer	Provide Capital	Collect Payments/ Loan Service
Existing On-Bill Programs	Utility	Contractor	Utility	Utility	Utility
Proposed On-Bill Program	Project Developer	Contractor or Project Developer	Lender (Bank)	Lender (Bank)	Utility

Existing OBF programs require utilities to extend beyond their core competencies
Expensive and inefficient

•Utilities will need to be fully compensated for the resources they provide

Benefits

- No direct costs to taxpayers or ratepayers
- Creates jobs
- Reduced carbon emissions
- Beneficial to ratepayers through avoided cost of new generation capacity and reduced use of higher cost generation
- Beneficial to utility shareholders through payment processing fees and/or improved performance of utility EE programs

EDF estimates that a statewide OBR program in California could generate annual investment of \$2.7 in residential EE and renewable projects, create 20,000 installation jobs and, after 5 years, reduce annual CO2 emissions by 7 million tons.