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How Upstream Lighting Programs Are Affecting Markets for Standard CFLs in the U.S.: Lessons from Michigan

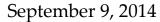
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A Michigan study of CFL program influence included market effects in its scope and found greater program influence than other regions.

- » Michigan's regulator mandated a review of assumptions used for standard CFLs in 2014 and 2015.
- » Evaluators for the state's two large electric utilities, Consumers Energy and DTE Energy, used multiple research methods and engaged expert judgment, making an effort to capture market effects.
- » Findings support 90% attribution for the 2009-2013 period, decreasing to 82% for 2014-2015.









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"Net program savings" is akin to the concept of "additionality." It estimates the total savings attributable to a program. ____ Free

Net-to-Gross (NTGR) = 1 – Freeridership + Spillover + Market Effects

Net Program Savings = Gross Program Savings × NTGR



Table 1. Net -to-Gross Ratio Elements

Free Ridership: savings from someone who would install an energy-efficiency measure without any program incentives, but receives a financial incentive or rebate anyway.

Participant Spillover: savings from participants influenced by a program to adopt energy-efficiency measures that qualify for financial incentives or rebates, but do not receive them.

Non-Participant Spillover: savings from a non-participant influenced by a program to adopt energy-efficiency measures; this can include both direct and indirect influence.

Market Effects: "..[savings] that reflect significant program-induced changes in the structure or functioning of energy efficiency markets."

¹ Prahl, Ralph, Rick Ridge, Nick Hall, William Saxonis. "The Estimation of Spillover: EM&V's Orphan Gets a Home." Paper presented at the International Energy Program Evaluation Conference, Chicago, Illinois, August 13-15, 2013.

Source: Consumers Energy and DTE Energy evaluation teams



As U.S. efficiency standards take effect, markets are shifting and the baseline is changing from traditional incandescents to halogen variations.

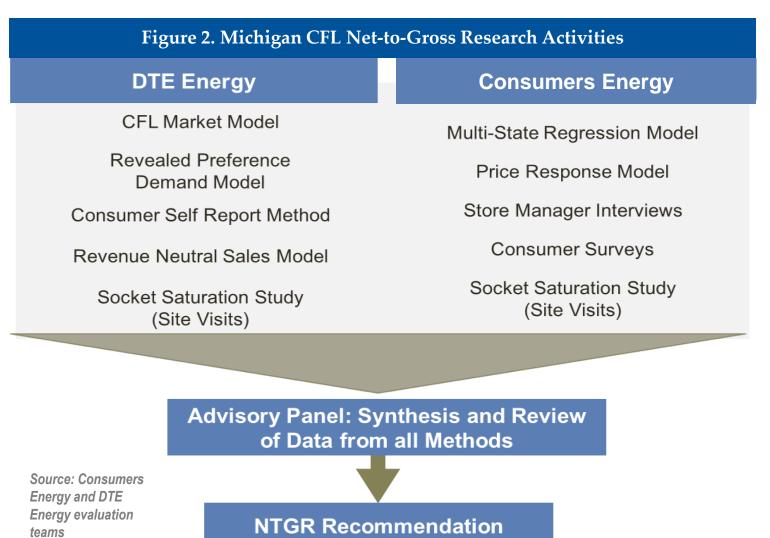
» What do these market changes mean for CFL savings?

Figure 1. Summary of Phase-In of U.S. Federal Efficiency Standards for General Service Lamps 125 100 100 75 wattage typical incandescent wattage 50 EISA level maximum wattage 25 2012 2013 2014





A panel of industry experts provided statewide NTGR estimates based on findings from original studies, as well as program and market data.





The Advisory panel comprised carefully selected industry experts who drew on their knowledge of CFL markets to estimate program influence.

Table 2. Panelist Distribution					
Panelist Group	Count				
Manufacturers and Retailers	4				
Program Administrators and Market Support	6				
Evaluators and Consultants	4				
Government, Regulators, and Energy/Environmental Advocates	4				

Figure 3. Summary of Advisory Panel Process

Stage 1.

Review evaluators' NTG research and market data, Comment on confidence in methods, NTGR values

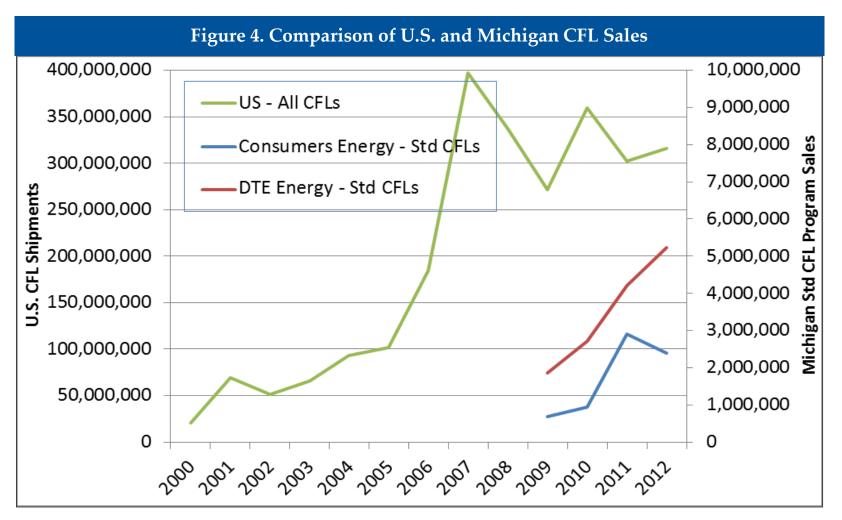
Evaluators summarize findings, circulate to panelists for review

Stage 2.

Review summary of Stage 1 findings,
Provide revised estimates and comments



Michigan program sales climbed while U.S. sales were more volatile. Michigan socket saturation also climbed after the programs launched.



Source: U.S. International Trade Commission – Import Statistics; DTE Energy and Consumers Energy upstream lighting program sales data 2009-2012



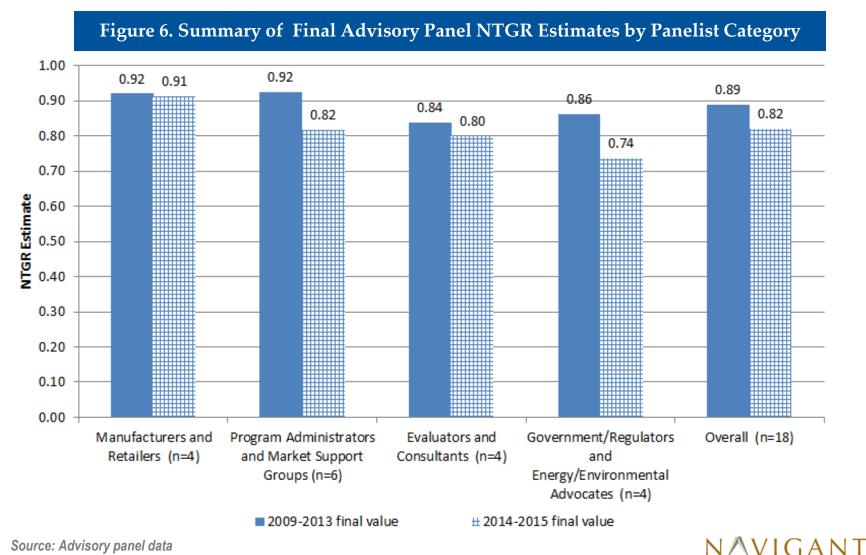
Evaluators used a range of methods expected to reduce potential biases, leverage available data, and capture market effects and spillover.

Figure 5. Overview of Evaluator NTGR Methods and Values								
Method	Free Ridership	Participant Spillover	Non- Participant Spillover	Other Market Effects	NTGR Value			
1. CFL Market Model	-0.27		+0.31		1.03			
2. Multistate Regression Model					0.71			
3. Consumer Self- Report Surveys	-0.37 +0.07		Free ridership adjusted to account for some Market Effects	0.70				
4. Retail Store Manager Interviews		+0.24 to +0.33			1.24 to 1.33			
5. Price Elasticity Model	-0.28				0.72			
6. Revealed Preference Demand Model	-0.20				0.80			
7. Revenue Neutral Sales Model	-0.39				0.61			

Source: Consumers Energy and DTE Energy evaluation teams



The NTGR estimates were clustered with no outliers. There was a moderate decline in the 2014 – 2015 NTGR relative to the 2009 – 2013 value.



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Conclusion

This research addressed limitations of commonly used NTGR research methods by engaging expert judgment and capturing market effects. This resulted in higher NTGR values than have been found elsewhere.

- » A NTGR of 0.82 will be used for standard CFLs for 2014-2015 program years.
- » Factors that likely contributed to the higher values resulting from this research include:
 - Inclusion of multiyear market effects in the definition of NTGR
 - Weaker condition of the Michigan economy relative to other regions
 - Michigan programs (launched in 2009) have operated for a shorter duration than those in some other regions
 - Advancements in methods for estimating NTGR



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