



From before to BECAR: How comprehensive reviews improve a portfolio

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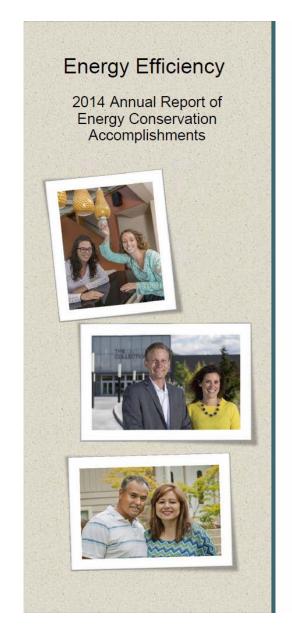
Biennial Electric Conservation Achievement Review

(...or as its friends call it, BECAR)

- Our task: "Determine the veracity of total portfolio electric energy savings reported by Puget Sound Energy..."
- What does this mean?



- Puget Sound Energy's EE portfolio
 - □ ~\$100M annual budget
 - □ 21 major program areas
 - □ Comprehensive
 - ☐ Mature + innovative offerings



Volume 1:

- Annual Report
 Exhibit 1: 2014
 Savings &
 Expenditures
- Exhibit 2: Cost-Effectiveness
 Exhibit 5: Measure
- Exhibit 5: Measure
 Data
 Exhibit 9: Condition
 Compliance









The players

- □ Puget Sound Energy
- Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
- □ CRAG (stakeholders)
- □ Independent reviewer

WA Energy Independence Act

- All achievable and cost-effective savings
- ☐ Two-year targets
- Independent portfolio review



Develop review work plan for coming biennium

Suggest approaches for next review

Review first year elements

New? Big?
Uncertain?
Emerging?
Unexamined?
Followed up?

Synthesize review results for biennium

Detailed review of selected additional elements

Review second year elements



Three rounds

Portfolio savings

- database checks
- □ unit energy savings value reviews
- on-site verification, future improvements in saving estimation

EM&V practices

- □ tracking and reporting
- measure installation verification
- evaluation planning and feedback
- recommendation response review

Cost-effectiveness

□ + avoided costs









BECAR a success!

- Outcomes:
 - □ Collaborative relationships
 - Increased confidence in savings, processes and assumptions
 - □ Forward-looking improvements
- Additional tool to augment EM&V, QA
- Needed:
 - □ Frequent communication
 - □ Sufficient resources





In conclusion...

- A comprehensive review process (like BECAR) can assure
 - □ Regulators
 - □ Stakeholders
 - Utility managers

of the performance and quality of a conservation program portfolio

