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FROM:  
BUILDINGS CONSUMPTION & EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS TEAM  

SUBJECT:  
First AEO2014 Buildings Sector Working Group Meeting Summary (presented on 07-22-2013)  

Attendees:  
James Berry (EIA OES)  
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Sameer Kwatra (ACEEE)  

Presenters:  
Erin Boedecker  
Owen Comstock  
Kevin Jarzomski  
David Peterson  
Steve Wade
The buildings presentation provided a discussion of the projects underway and anticipated for AEO 2014. An overview of the projects discussed is included in the presentation materials provided as a separate attachment.

Specific discussion/questions:

1. Discussion of the update and expansion of miscellaneous end-use loads (MELs) included questions about what share of “other” electricity use will the new MELs assumptions affect and whether pool heaters will be represented by fuel source. Many of the uses are already represented in NEMS with the new MELs report providing an update to previous estimates and projected trends so the additional share of electricity consumption carved out of “other” will not be that large. Some of the uses that weren’t previously covered include commercial video displays and lab refrigerators and residential computer networking equipment. Residential pool pumps and pool heaters comprise one of the new categories provided in the report. The MELs report only covers electric loads meaning at this point only electric pool pumps and heaters will be represented. EIA hopes to eventually specifically include pool heaters that use other fuel sources, but for AEO2014 these heaters will remain part of the “other” category for each fuel.

2. Additional discussion regarding MELs included questions about the elimination of the end use category for external power supplies and what causes the large difference between 2005 and 2009 estimates for rechargeable devices. External power supplies are still covered in the model under their parent devices to avoid the potential for double-counting consumption. The rechargeable device category is one of the most difficult to characterize and estimate due to the wide variety in both type and use of these devices. Also, a portion of the category is covered by the standard limiting standby power to one watt.

3. Discussion of the pending update to commercial hurdle rates generated questions about what new reports are being used in addition to the Johnson Controls reports and how hurdle rates affect adoption of solar photovoltaic (PV). The new reports EIA mentioned in the presentation are the most recent annual indicator surveys from Johnson Controls. The hurdle rate distribution applies to end-use equipment while adoption of PV and other distributed generation (DG) technologies is handled with a cash-flow calculation and penetration function. Further information on the DG modeling methodology was requested and was sent after the meeting. Georgia Tech will also share some analysis work they have done on modeling PV costs and penetration.

4. The discussion of DG led to questions about how interconnection limitations are developed. The limitations apply a state-level score to new construction based on each state’s policies regarding DG with state scores aggregated to the Census division level for model input.

5. EIA was contacted several days after the meeting by an attendee requesting clarification regarding EIA’s investigation of ENERGY STAR commercial
floorspace. EPA’s ENERGY STAR building website has a downloadable buildings locator spreadsheet that tracks buildings by type, location, label year, year constructed, and floorspace. EIA is going to analyze how this information might be useful in projecting some portion of building shell improvements or possibly service demand reductions over time. The impacts of ENERGY STAR buildings are inherently included in the AEO’s historical consumption data, though EIA has no explicit projections going forward.

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