

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FINANCING PILOT PROGRAMS

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BACKGROUND

- On September 19, 2013, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved a Decision to have the investorowned utilities (IOUs) implement energy efficiency financing pilots for both residential and non-residential properties.
- The programs will be available to customers in IOU territories.
- Eligible projects will include energy efficiency measures and, in some instances, demand response and distributed generation projects.
- The initial pilot period provides funding through 2015.

PURPOSE

- Overall: Develop new financing products that leverage private capital and encourage consumers to take on deeper energy efficiency projects than those previously funded through traditional program approaches.
- <u>Credit enhancements:</u> Minimize risk of capital losses for third-party lenders, thereby resulting in increased consumer access to enhanced loan terms.
- On-bill repayment (OBR): Test the hypothesis that payment on the utility bill will increase debt service performance across market sectors.

RESIDENTIAL PILOTS

Single Family Loan Program

- Credit enhancement available (loan loss reserve)
- o Budget: \$25 million
- o 1/3 of funds for low- and moderate-income
- Option for loan repayment through a line item charge on the customer's utility bill (Spring 2014)

Master-Metered Multi-Family Program

- Credit enhancement available (debt service reserve fund)
- o On-bill repayment
- o Budget: \$2.9 million
- o Targets multi-family properties that are "substantially master-metered"

Non-Residential Pilots

Combined budget: \$14 million

- OBR for Small Business Sector
 - o Credit enhancement available
- OBR for Small Business Lease Providers
 - Credit enhancement available
- Off-bill Repayment for Small Business Lease Providers
 - Credit enhancement available

- Non-residential OBR
 - Targets medium and large businesses
 - No credit enhancement

CAEATFA'S ROLE

- CAEATFA will serve as the administrator
 - California Hub for Energy Efficiency Financing (CHEEF)
- As the CHEEF, CAEATFA will:
 - Establish and manage contracts with a trustee bank, a master servicer, a data manager, lease originators, and a technical consultant
 - Establish procedures, protocols, and functions for various CHEEF responsibilities, including the transfer and reconciliation of funds and data
 - Coordinate with stakeholders, including the CPUC, investorowned utilities, financial institutions, lease providers, energy efficiency contractors, and end-users
- Budget: \$7 million for administrative, contracting, and education and outreach costs.

NEXT STEPS (OCT. 2013-MAR. 2014)

- Officially assuming CHEEF functions
 - Legislative budgetary authority
 - MOA with the CPUC
 - Contracts with the IOUs
- Requests for Proposals
 - Trustee
 - Master Servicer
 - Data Manager
 - Lease Originators
 - Technical Consultant