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Having come into this recently, I have not had the opportunity to follow the process to date regarding the evolution of the EPS program and goals. My initial reaction is that while the concept may be good, the feasibility of coming up with a workable tool for existing homes and homeowners based on an EPS is difficult at best and may end up costing ratepayers without measurable return. Especially given that fact that to make any meaningful difference in the EPS score a homeowner would have to do several measures.
It would be a boon to the home performance evaluation industry, but at maybe too high of cost to the ratepayer. There are current tools already being used that could help sellers and potential buyers evaluate the relative performance of a home.

The ETO online home energy review could be revised to give a potential buyer specific information regarding the current status of the home. This could be done with no out of pocket cost to the homeowner. It would only need to be changed to show all of the specific components of the home that fall short of current standards. Potentially it could even have a point system attached to it to simplify it further and allow for possible inclusion on MLS listings. Additionally, the neighborhood energy consumption comparison could be coupled with the online review to show actual energy use of a specific home compared to neighboring homes. An explanation of how the current occupants may differ from the buyers would be easily understood and would give actual past energy use, not a somewhat generic score.

Lastly, Energy Trust has led the way in conservation over the past many years and has done a very good job of ensuring that the participating contractors are included, not excluded when developing new programs. The strength of the programs to date has in large part been due to the diversity of the different business's involved. Any new program undertaken should not create an atmosphere of exclusion for current ETO contractors.

Best regards,

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