# Evaluation Committee Report

January 19, 2007 *(amended at the February 14 board meeting)*

## Evaluation Committee Notes

The Evaluation Committee met on January 19, 2007, with Debbie Kitchin, chair; Alan Meyer, board member; Philipp Degens, Evaluation Manager; Phillip Kelsven, Evaluation Analyst; Steve Lacey, Director of Energy Efficiency; Spencer Moersfelder, Business Sector Manager; Jill Steiner, Manager of Planning and Economic Analysis, Brien Sipe, Evaluation Consultant. The meeting began at 12:00 PM with an overview of the meeting's agenda and ended at 2:00 PM.

Philipp Degens presented the results of two draft process evaluation reports. The Irrigation Initiative Program Process Evaluation report was a very early draft and the results will be made available when the report has been finalized. The study will report on and analyze:

- Interviews with a small group of pump-test customers
- Pump dealer interviews, and
- Staff and programs partner interviews

Philipp Degens presented the findings of the Building Tune Up and Operations Program Process Evaluation. The evaluation documents the program's structure, goals, history and performance as well as provides recommendations on how to improve this and similar programs. The study's highlights are:

- Energy Trust worked well with the PMC.
- 95 boilers received incentives, 2 building tune-ups are underway with 1completed, and 7 of 8 retro commissioning projects are underway.
- Therm savings were 1%, only half of the expected savings. There is some indication that boilers with greater savings are already being tuned up outside of program.
- Most customers were satisfied with the program.
- Building tune-ups are a hard sell to building owners and operators.
- Partnership with NEEA is difficult due to its market transformation mission, and Energy Trust's resource acquisition mission.
- Retro Commissioning projects are moving along successfully. The program is cost effective but expensive compared to other commercial programs.
- Building Tune-ups were not successfully studied in this evaluation.

Discussion about the evaluation included:

- Boiler tune-ups should be targeted for boilers with definite cost effective energy savings.
- Energy Trust is moving these services into its BE program.
- This is another learning experience with a small scale and pilot program.

In the little remaining time, the Evaluation Committee discussed Energy Trust's collaboration with and funding of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance.

Discussion about this included:

- Energy Trust residential ~~and industrial~~ programs appear to be working well with NEEA, however working with NEEA on Commercial and Industrial projects is more difficult
- Large industrial sites often have existing and extensive energy management plans, so there are some questions about the necessity of NEEA's efforts in this area.
- Energy Trust's funding of NEEA might be an appropriate discussion topic for a Board meeting or the Policy committee.

The next Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2007, 10:00 to 1:00. The two items on the agenda are:

- The 2003-2005 PE Impact Evaluation
- The 2005 BE Impact Evaluation