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Nicor Gas Emerging Technology Program Webinar

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Energy Efficiency Program

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Nicor Gas ETP Webinar – Agenda



>Role Call

- > Background (GTI, GTI North American ETP)
- > Nicor Gas Emerging Technology Program
 - Overview
 - How it Works
 - > Ready, Set, Go!
 - Status
 - Highlighted projects
- >Next Steps
- > Questions, Discussion



GTI Overview



- > Not-for-profit (501c3) RD&D organization with 70 year history
- > Facilities
 - 18 acre campus near Chicago
 - 200,000 ft²,
 - 28 specialized labs
 - Other sites in California, D.C., Texas, Alabama, Massachusetts
- > Staff
 - Approximately 250
 - 170 engineers, scientists covering all fields











CHP and Renewable Energy Lab



Residential & Commercial Lab



Flex-Fuel Test Facility



Natural Gas Industry Collaboration

Emerging Technology Program

- Emerging Technology Program
- > Gas Technology Institute led, utility supported, North American collaborative targeting residential, commercial and industrial solutions
- > ETP's principle goal is to accelerate the market acceptance of emerging gas technologies



ETP Scope & Direction



ETP Mission

Accelerate the market acceptance of energy efficient gas technologies

ETP Activities

Identify and demonstrate technologies to (1) collect and analyze enabling program and technical data while (2) developing marketplace through consumer awareness and infrastructure improvement.

ETP Results

As gas programs, regulations, and markets mature, low hanging fruit disappears. ETP helps **deliver a pipeline of new technologies** and program solutions enabling utilities to meet tomorrow's energy efficiency goals with less risk and more certainty.

Examples: Existing and New ET Program Activities

- California- Roughly 2.5% of total IOU EE and DSM budgets under 2010-2012 Portfolios
- New York- (NYSERDA) Roughly 5% of total program budget
- Pacific Northwest (NEEA)- 10% of total budget 2010-2014
- Illinois- 3% of Gas EE and DSM Program Revenue

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Canadian ETIC



National Collaborative Concept



- Significant scale makes the program attractive to commercial partners as a vehicle to expedite the market introduction and acceptance of new efficient products
- Funders drive agenda and influence product/process deployments and evaluations to address the needs of their company, rate payers, and the industry
- > Leverages collective funding, intelligence, and experience of program members to efficiently resolve technical and market barriers through (1) collaborative projects and (2) coordinated efforts
- > Provides opportunity for field demonstrations within member's service territory, enabling a better understanding by utility personnel, customers, channel partners, trade allies and regulators
- > Accelerates measure availability and **energy efficiency program savings**
- > Positions members to drive new technologies into the market



2012 Deliverables





Nicor Gas ETP: The Basics

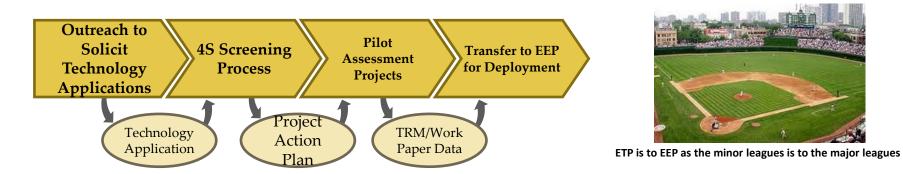


- > GTI is implementation contractor (IC) for Nicor Gas ETP
- > The goal of ETP is to accelerate the arrival of the latest energy efficient technologies and practices to the Nicor Gas EEP. This could be enhancements for existing programs or new programs or measures
- > Key activities include determining whether new products or practices are reliable, serviceable, and provide cost-effective energy savings compared to alternatives
- > Key outcomes include data (energy savings, installed costs) and program design metrics and guidelines for program and regulatory stakeholders
- > Close collaboration with key stakeholders is an essential part of process (e.g. implementation contractors, manufacturers).



Nicor Gas ETP: How it Works





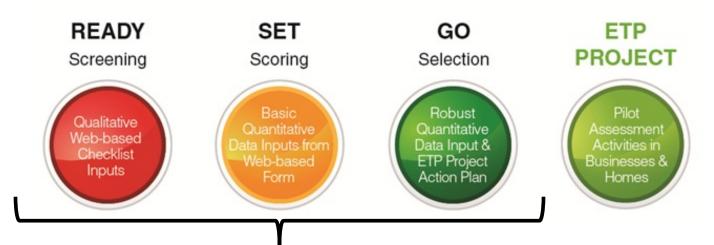
> One of the key principles behind the Nicor Gas ETP is to foster an open, transparent process for soliciting new measures and program concepts...







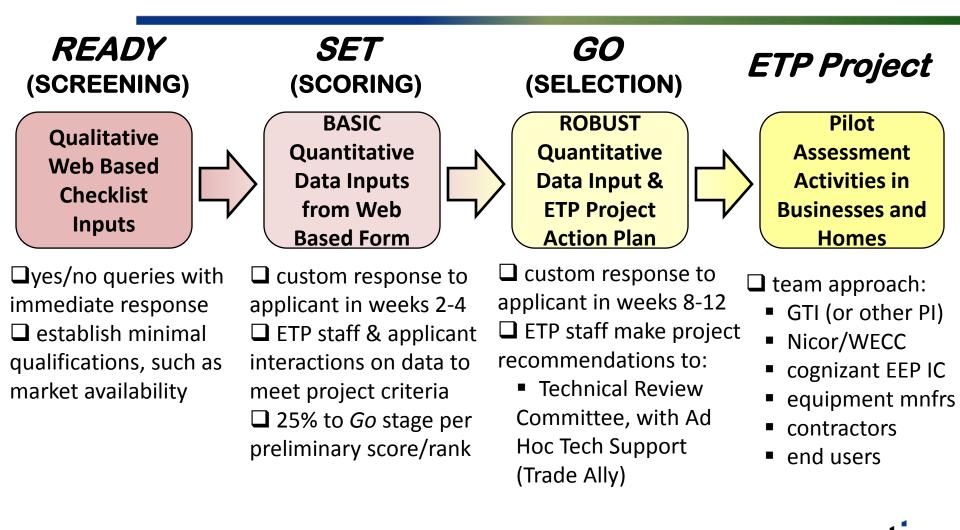
> Designed to identify the most promising technologies and program concepts, *Ready, Set, Go!* uses three increasingly rigorous evaluation stages to ensure only the applications with the most likelihood of success and impact become ETP projects.





Ready, Set, Go! Stages





Application Scoring



> Seven key criteria evaluated at Set and Go stages:

- 1. Cost-effectiveness
- 2. Gas savings potential
- 3. Value to Nicor Gas portfolio
- 4. Non-energy benefits
- 5. Support/distribution in Nicor Gas service territory
- 6. Technological maturity
- 7. Ease of implementation/market adoption
- > Criteria are scored on a scale of 0-5
- > Different weights are applied to each criterion
- > Scores are totaled out of a possible 100 points

Moving Beyond Go...



- > Once confirmed by the Nicor Gas Technical Review Committee, ETP will begin to implement the Action Plan for the pilot assessment.
- > Pilot assessments are designed to validate gas savings potential and provide critical information for Work Paper development by other ICs as well as develop critical experience with new measures to ensure they are right for rate payers and can be successfully delivered through an existing or new EEP.



Application/Project Status



- > 45 applications received
 - Mix of residential, commercial, and industrial sector
- > 9 ETP projects underway, each project is different because each technology/program concept has its own set of barriers to EEP entry
 - Data Barriers
 - > Moving from custom to prescriptive (ozone laundry, air barriers)
 - > What about gas? (behavior programs, EcoFactor)
 - Market Barriers
 - Identifying and addressing the impacts of 'disruptive' technologies (condensing HE RTUs, combined space and water heat systems)
 - > Awareness and education (boiler heat recovery workshop)

A few ETP applications...







Boiler Controls – Greffen M2G

MARKET SITUATION

Baseline

 Conventional closed loop hot water boilers

Opportunity

- Natural gas savings
- Electricity savings

Segment

- Commercial
- Multi-family
- New construction and retrofits

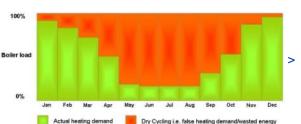
Status

 Technology is mature, and readily available off the shelf

Next Steps

 Further data on cost savings in a variety of markets





Annual Profile of Dry Cycling,

> Technology

 The M2G is an advanced intelligent boiler control that optimizes the heating efficiency of hot water boilers and significantly reduces energy consumption through elimination of wasteful burner firing and effectively spreading the system loading demand over the number of installed boilers.

> Savings Potential

10-20% gas savings



ETP Activity

 Nicor Gas ETP is coordinating with GTI's North American ETP and the Partnership for Advanced Residential Retrofit to better understand the gas savings and cost-effectiveness of the

Greffen M2G Controller technology on typical applications



EcoFactor Home Energy Management

MARKET SITUATION

Baseline

- Conventional and programmable thermostat
- Home Energy Management (HEM)

Opportunity

- Natural gas savings
- Electricity savings

Segment

- Residential (single and multifamily)
- Commercial
- New construction and retrofits

Status

 Technology is mature, and readily available through certain programs

Next Steps

- Program metrics needed
- Large-scale pilot activity underway to better understand delivery channel approach, energy savings, costs (first, ongoing)





> Technology

 EcoFactor EMS pairs a wireless, programmable thermostat with internet-based software to make continual small adjustments to control the HVAC operation based on weather data and other information, including home occupancy status to reduce energy use while maintaining comfort

> Savings Potential

- Significant HVAC energy savings are possible from combination of savings from automated energy efficiency and personalized schedules
- Gas savings not yet tested

ETP Activity

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The Nicor Gas Emerging Technology Program is partnering with

EcoFactor to install and monitor 100 systems



Status of Host Site Recruitment

> Multiple recruitment avenues being pursued:

- EEP Friends and Family recruiting began 1/25
- Eblast to 1,900+ past EEP participants released on 2/1 _
- Tile on NicorGas.com went live 2/14
- Employee recruitment email pending
- > First batch of applications passed 3-stage QA/QC process and have been moved to EcoFactor to schedule installations.

> Second batch of applications have

been received and are currently

moving through QA/QC.

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Welcome Homeowners – Let's Start Saving!

The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program is partnering with EcoFactor to install and evaluate a home energy management system in the Nicor Gas service territory.

A smart and efficient home

The EcoFactor home energy management system pairs a wireless, programmable thermostat with internet-based software to increase the energy Iclency of your home's heating and cooling system. For our homeowners it provides:

- Energy savings Continual small adjustments to the thermostal temperature settings help to lower heating and cooling costs while maintainin comfort in your home.
- Simple setup Enter your heating and cooling preferences online and then EcoFactor does the rest by "learning" your ideal comfort level preferences over time
- Easy access You can choose to override any adjustments via the internet using a computer, tablet, or smart phone. You can also go online to see how much energy you've saved

What do I get?

- This pilot program will provide qualified, selected homeowners with
- Free thermostat(s) up to three wireless thermostats using EcoFactor's energy-efficient software
- Free gateway to connect the thermostat to the internet-based software.
- Free installation of thermostat and gateway by experienced professionals.
- Free first 12 months of online service with an optional online service for a \$9.95 monthly fee after the plot program Customers also have the option to revert the thermostat to standard programmable capability

When the pliot program ends, you get to keep the thermostat and gateway









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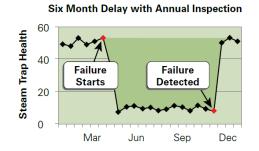


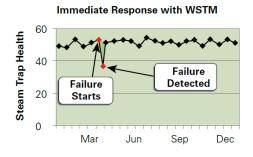
Cypress Steam Trap Monitor



- It is estimated that 25% of steam traps fail every year, half of them open
- Industries using medium and high pressure steam see the highest losses
- > Steam trap monitors alert the user to trap failure immediately









Cypress Steam Trap Monitor– Project Approach



>Identify a single site using medium to high pressure steam – 80 psi and up

- Locate a branch line, wing, etc. with approximately 200 traps
- Site needs routine trap maintenance plan to confirm monitor operation and to repair faulty traps promptly
- >Utilize past years gas consumption as baseline

>Coordinate through GTI ETP with SoCal





ETP National Pilot Residential HE Combo Systems



- 94 EF condensing tankless water heater + hydronic air handler (Rheem pictured)
 - Improves utility/customer value proposition for water heating by piggy-backing on larger space heating load
- Multi-unit demonstrations/pilots in IL, NY, CA
 - > At least 20 residencies with full data acquisition systems
- Measured field performance, energy savings, cost analysis, and customer reaction



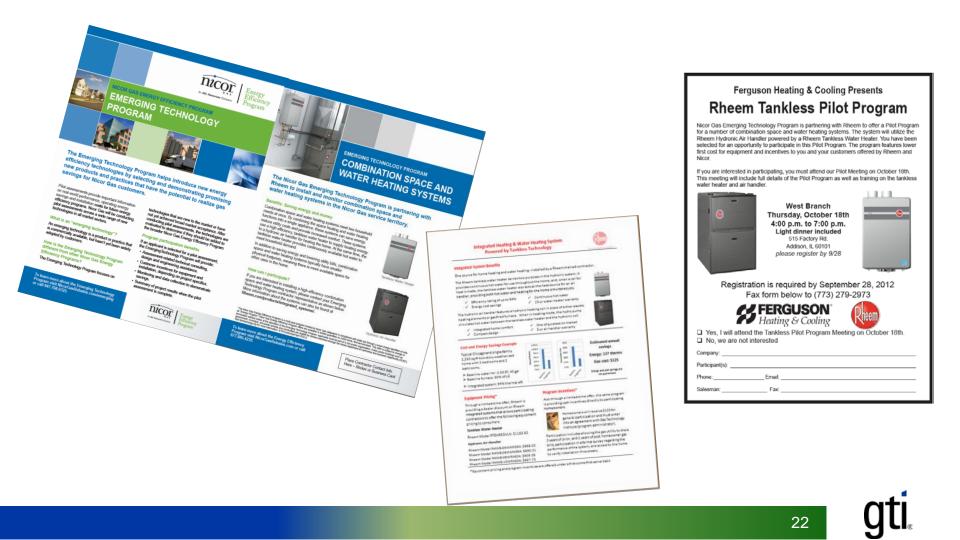
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Contractor technical/sales training, consumer messaging,
 rebate program pilot



Marketing Tools and Training

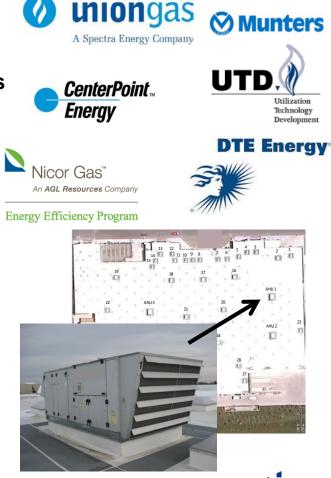




Field Assessment High Efficiency Gas PACs- RTUs



- Collaboration with NREL, DOE, manufacturers, national accounts, and utilities
- Large-scale monitoring shows diverse runtimes for RTUs and more therm use than energy models suggested
- Dedicated outside air systems (DOAS) provide high efficiency market entry point application
 - "big box" retail accounts with established DOAS vendors
 - high heating degree day (HDD)/heating load locations
 - 24/7 retail stores
- Retail partner projected \$4,400 premium, = 4.1 years ROI
 @ 90%TE
- Northern climates see up to 3,000 therms/saved per year per unit!



Nicor Gas ETP Walmart Pilot Project



- > 3 step condensing heating module retrofit process over late September through mid-October
 - 1. Installation of condensate piping with neutralizer
 - 2. Replacement of non-condensing heating modules
 - 3. Completion of data acquisition system





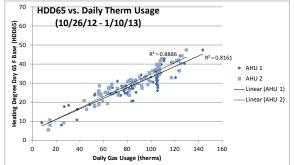


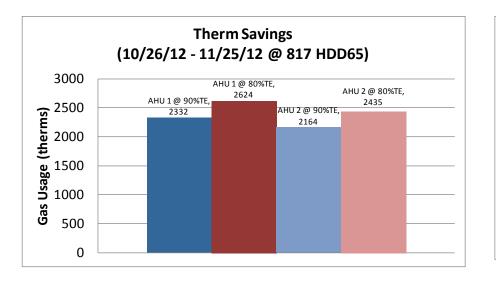
Walmart Pilot Project - results to date

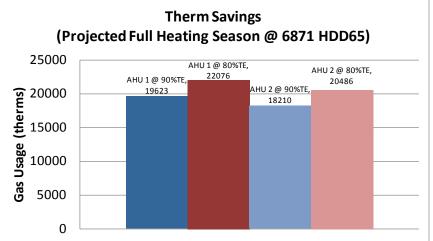


Therm savings to date can be projected with statistical confidence to a full heating season

- AHU 1 2453 therms saved per year
- AHU 2 2276 therms saved per year







Field Assessment Multi-family Demand DHW Controls Emerging Technology Program

- Demand pump for central domestic hot water systems
- System operates only when there is demand, energy savings from reduced thermal loses in recirculation loop (generally 1 - 3 years ROI)
- Nicor Gas supporting two demos in Chicago area with complete monitoring, collaborative demos in DTE territory, ETIC territory
- Project goal is to develop qualitative and quantitative data to support prescriptive program
- Nicor Gas, DTE, ETIC, and existing empirical data will contribute significantly to reliable savings numbers for cold weather DSM programs







> Now that we know each other, let's find ways to collaborate

- Work with Gary Cushman (Nicor Gas), Douglas Kosar (GTI), and Merry Tondro (GTI) on existing or new opportunities within existing EEP cycle
- Continue discussion with Jim Jerozal and Ryan Kerr on opportunities for PY4-6 cycle, there are several compelling reasons to find ways to work together!



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Emerging Technology Program (ETP)

Addressing implementation barriers and associated risks related to market acceptance and adoption of emerging technologies.





share insights, leverage energy efficiency funds and help increase the transfer of technology between upstream

world; it is often the most economic and readily available means of improving getting new technology to market.

energy security and reducing carbon emissions. New technology is essential to further energy efficiency improvements and to move toward a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

Emerging Technology Program (ETP) -

A newly established collaborative program managed by Gas Technology Institute (GTI) - is focused on accelerating the commercialization and adoption of the latest energy efficient technologies. The program is designed to help companies identify and evaluate the most promising products and integrated solutions and assess their suitability for future use in utility energy efficiency programs.

GTI's industry-leading expertise provides the information and resources required to help advance market acceptance of emerging technologies for near- to mid-term implementation. ETP strives to create market pull by deployment of natural gas solutions at a desired scale, leading to self-sustaining commercial viability and impact.

innovations and the marketplace. ETP also offers access to GTI services and capabilities for energy efficiency program planning, implementation and assessment. GTI and its partners can work with your company to tailor or modify initiatives to address company or regionally specific needs and opportunities. We can also support a regulatory submission for ETP authorization. GTI has a long history of working collaboratively with utility companies, regulatory agencies, local state/federal government, non-government organizations. manufacturers, channel partners, trade allies and other stakeholders to reduce the time and cost of

Effective Industry Collaboration

Collaborative ETP initiatives provide an opportunity for companies to



ETP activities are "beyond development" stage Field Testing, Demonstration, and Deployment - a focused effort to ensure market acceptance of next-generation emerging technologies

