

MEETING RECORD

DSM Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Date: **December 3, 2021**

Location: Online Meeting **only** using WEBEX

Participants: **LG&E /KU:**
Representatives from:
Business & Economic Development
Energy Efficiency / Emerging Business Planning & Development
Emerging Business Delivery
Legal Department
Regulatory Strategy / Policy

Also, 4 representatives from Cadmus, Inc.

Stakeholders:
Representatives from:
Kentucky Energy Solar Society
Mountain Association
NAACP
Kentucky Office of the Attorney General
Oracle / Opower
Louisville Energy Alliance
Trane Company
SEEL
Sierra Club
Louisville Metro

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Issued by: John Hayden

The following meeting minutes have been prepared to summarize the conversations and issues discussed at the above referenced meeting. Also refer to the meeting attendee list document as many questions were presented to the group via “chat” functionality in WebEx. These questions and comments were addressed during the meeting.

Welcome / Introductions

John Bevington, the Director of LG&E and KU’s Energy Efficiency Planning & Development Department, opened the meeting at 2:03 PM EDT.

Meeting Agenda

John Bevington thanked meeting participants for attending and asked each attendee for an introduction and to indicate their company, agency, or organization of affiliation. He then presented an overview of the meeting agenda:

- Welcome / Introductions
- Cadmus Preliminary Program Development
 - Process
 - Initial Cost-Effectiveness Results
- Open Floor
- Closing

Meeting

John Bevington provided a quick recap of some of the discussion and agenda items from the September meeting. Then, a meeting purpose slide was shared with the group to assist in the meeting's discussion and provide some background info on the Cadmus presentation on program development and initial cost-effectiveness results.

At 2:16 PM, Cadmus then began a description of their process by sharing a process flow chart slide that highlights the work steps that are typically done for the planning process. Following this was a cost-effectiveness recap of the items that compose the benefits and costs for each of the California Tests and the perspective that each test provides. Then, potential program offerings (some existing/updated, and some new) were presented to the group along with an initial cost-effective score from each of the four main tests: TRC, PAC, PCT, and RIM.

Multiple topics and questions around these potential offerings were discussed. Below highlights some of the questions that arose:

- Are completed WeCare assessments matched to census tract information?
- Must offerings pass the cost-benefit tests to be recommended?
- Are non-energy benefits considered? Does the statute address this?
- Is Home Energy Assistance (HEA) offering in the statute?
- Can on-bill financing be offered outside of DSM?
- For the Nonresidential Rebates Program, how much in more rebates have been paid to customers versus what was initially budgeted?
- What % of funding does WeCare comprise?
- Can solar projects be part of DSM?
- How might a Bring Your Own Thermostat (BYOT) program and Peak Time Rebates program work? Is their timing impacted by AMI?
- Can the inputs for the cost-benefit scores be shared with the group?

Lastly, an open floor was offered for new topics or additional comments/questions from the Cadmus presentation.

Some of these additional questions were:

- Was scoring done specifically for the PAYS program?
- Can inputs for each of the 3 types of energy efficiency financing (3rd Party Lender, On-bill Financing, and PAYS) options be shared?
- Why do the tests have different perspectives?

Closing

John Bevington thanked participants for attending and closed the meeting at 3:50 PM EDT.