

Energy Affordability & Accessibility Collaborative

Definitions
Subcommittee

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AGENDA



Reminder of Our Charge



Review Edits

Part 1 of a companion
document to our
definition



Next Steps

>> **Reminder of Our Charge**

01 Establish

Establish common definition of energy security/self-sufficiency – begin with proposed definition by MEAP Workgroup Subcommittee 2.

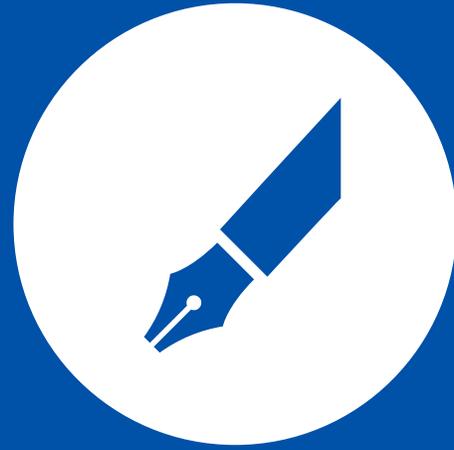
02 Develop

Develop proposal for an energy affordability standard and how the standard can be integrated into the regulatory environment.

03 Draft

Draft suggested requirements for consistent energy affordability-related information for utilities to submit to appropriate dockets: rate cases, IRPs, EWR cases.

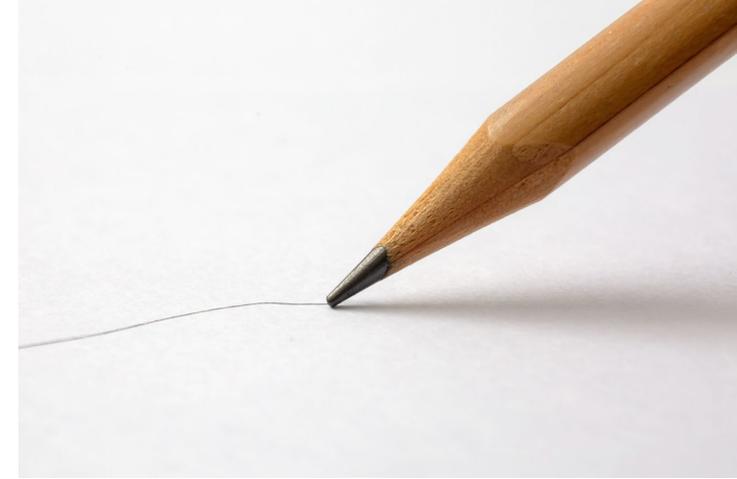




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Suggested Edit

- Add to the bottom of page 3:



Practical Implications of the Definition

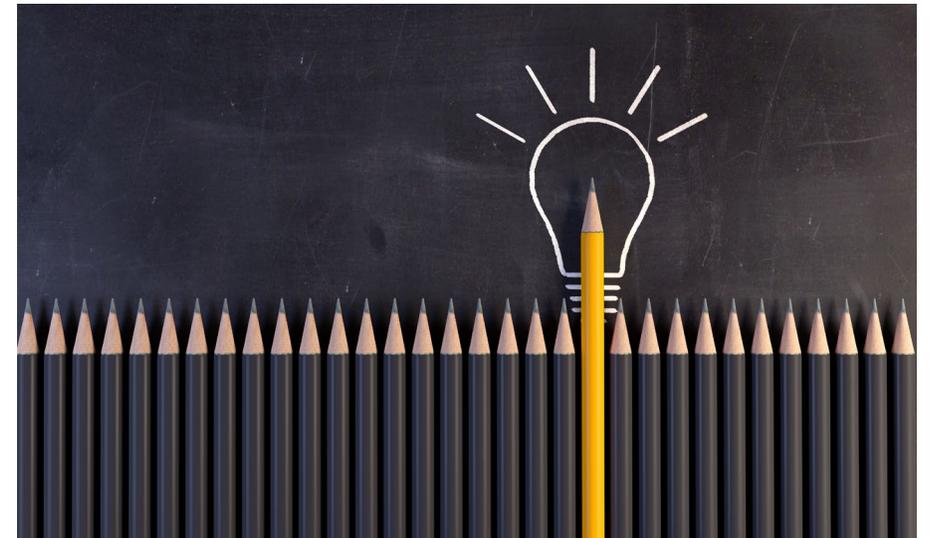
One of the core objectives of the Subcommittee was to develop a definition of affordability that could provide a foundation for policies and programs to advance energy affordability for low-income customers. In that regard, each of the three components described above (“Healthy”, “Sustainable” and “Energy Efficient”) identify factors that should be included in a practical way in any comprehensive effort to improve energy affordability. The members of the Subcommittee look forward to assisting in next steps to develop such policies and programs.

Adopted Edit

- Change made to the bottom of page 1, Executive Summary
 - Within this definition there are three terms with meanings that are complex or open to interpretation. It is worthwhile to elucidate those terms here. Those terms are “healthy,” “sustainable,” and “energy efficient.” Each of these three components identify factors that are foundational to policies and programs that advance energy affordability and should be considered from a practical standpoint in any comprehensive effort to improve energy affordability. The members of the Subcommittee look forward to assisting in next steps to develop such policies and programs.

Suggested Edit

- Add to the Conclusion:
 - The Subcommittee hopes that our efforts will help contribute to positive policy and program advancements to improve energy affordability in Michigan.



Adopted Edit

- Change made to the Conclusion:
 - Discussion turned to a companion document. Because there were concepts included in the definition that still posed the potential for multiple meanings, the Subcommittee agreed that a companion document would be designed to explain the concepts and describe the process by which the definition was established. June and July 2022 Subcommittee meetings were used as an opportunity for the Subcommittee to discuss the contents of the companion document and finalize it for presentation by the Subcommittee to Michigan's Low Income Energy Policy Board at their August 2022 meeting in preparation for recommendation to the Commission. **The Subcommittee hopes that its efforts will help contribute to policy and program advancements toward the improvement of energy affordability in Michigan.**

Next Steps

1. Begin developing a proposal for an energy affordability standard
 - Foundational, level-setting work to begin September 21, 2022
2. Determine how the standard can be integrated into the regulatory environment

