

Statewide On-bill Program Stakeholder Group Meeting

Stakeholder Group Selection Criteria

The Michigan Energy Office, with grant support from the U.S. Department of Energy, is using a stakeholder-driven process to create goals and identify program design structures that support the goals of an on-bill program applicable statewide. The project is directed by a multiagency steering committee, including representatives from the Michigan Public Service Commission and the Michigan Agency for Energy.

Designing an on-bill program is complex and, therefore, time and resource intensive. Rather than each interested utility embarking on this alone, having a group of utilities—combined with technical assistance from experts and utilities that have already implemented programs—will decrease cost and complexity. Once designed, there is potential to share services—such as capital providers, loan originators, and loan servicers—thus reducing implementation costs. Finally, a program consistent statewide will help drive demand for the program, since the process and offering will be similar across utilities, allowing contractors and customers to easily learn about and take advantage of the program.

During an initial meeting, stakeholders will identify goals for an on-bill program consistent statewide. A second meeting will determine program design structures that support the goals. A final report will be made available in June 2017.

To receive stakeholder input, the steering committee formed a stakeholder group. An open nomination process was used to identify candidates, and the following criteria were used to select among those nominated:

- The individual adequately represents his or her respective stakeholder interests as reflected by his/her leadership position within organizations and/or support of industry peers.
- The interest that this individual represents is not overrepresented within the group, ensuring representation of a broad diversity of interests.
- The individual has experience with and knowledge of topics and regulatory processes.
- The individual can work well with other stakeholder group members.
- The individual has a minimum of three (3) years of working experience on public- and private-sector energy issues and/or financing programs.
- Priority will be given to individuals with affiliations and/or a member organization that will advance the implementation of a statewide on-bill program.