New Horizons for Energy Efficiency

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Objective: identify and profile a set of emerging but market-ready and cost-effective efficiency measures that could result in substantial future energy savings

Includes 18 measures with the greatest potential to cost effectively reduce total annual electricity sales by 1% or more by 2030

Total savings potential:

- 22% of projected electricity use in 2030
- Opportunities in residential, commercial, and industrial sectors
- No single dominant measure; range of individual measure savings: 0.5% to 3.4% savings (mean=1.1%)
## Top Ten Measures by Savings Potential

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<td>Large reductions in miscellaneous plug loads</td>
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<td>Conservation voltage reduction</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
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<td>New construction programs</td>
<td>1.9%</td>
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<td>Comprehensive commercial retrofits</td>
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<td>Smart manufacturing</td>
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<td>High efficiency residential air conditioners and heat pumps</td>
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<td>Combined heat and power systems</td>
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<td>Advanced commercial lighting design and controls</td>
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<td>High efficiency heat pumps replacing electric resistance furnaces</td>
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Savings as a percentage of total electricity demand in 2030

◊ = Measures with significant natural gas savings potential
Other Measures by Savings Potential

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<td>Residential retrofits</td>
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<td>Advanced commercial rooftop units</td>
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<td>Strategic energy management for large facilities</td>
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<td>Real-time energy use feedback and behavioral response</td>
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<td>Residential appliances</td>
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<td>Heat pump water heaters and other advanced systems</td>
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<td>Residential smart thermostats</td>
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<td>Energy performance labels for C&amp;I equipment</td>
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*: Measures with significant natural gas savings potential
Trends: Technological Innovation

Residential LEDs
Very dynamic market, prices dropping
Rapid growth: 84% market share by 2030

Heat pump technologies
Cold-climate and ductless systems
Clothes dryers
Water heaters

Smart products/buildings/manufacturing
Trends: Systems Solutions

Advanced lighting design

Comprehensive retrofits

Taking the right steps in the right order ensures loads are minimized prior to investigating expensive new equipment or controls.
Trends: Behavior Change

Real-Time Energy Use Feedback & Behavioral Response

- Opower averaging about 2% electric savings

- In-home displays saving from 0-19%, with average so far of 4%
  - Much of the savings comes from a limited number of “cyber-sensitive” customers
  - Amount of savings correlates to intensity of feedback
  - Savings persist with some decline
  - Dynamic pricing can boost results
People-Centered Efficiency
Providing real-time information and management tools that enable users to lower energy consumption in response to changing information.

Technology-Centered Efficiency
Using sensors, controls, and software to automate and optimize energy use.

Service-Oriented Efficiency
Shifting behavior and organizational structures to reduce energy-intensive activities.
Cost Effectiveness

• Most of measures in our study yield savings at 7.5 cents/kWh or less (TRC perspective; = cost/kWh of a new combined cycle plant per EIA)

• A few of them are a little higher:
  • High efficiency appliances, residential feedback, residential retrofits, heat pump water heaters, some misc. plug loads, commercial roof-top A/C and advanced commercial lighting.
  • Expect costs to decline – programs can encourage this
  • In near-term may need to focus some on regions or customers where cost-effective
  • Implement pilot programs/projects to get experience
Policy supports

- Strong energy savings targets (EERS)
- New utility regulatory frameworks
  - Possibly including new utility business models and rate structures to support aggressive savings goals
- Building energy codes
  - Regularly updated to keep up with advances
- Appliance & equipment efficiency standards
  - Opportunities for state and federal standards
- Building energy use transparency
  - Labeling and disclosure programs and policies
- Public sector lead-by-example
Takeaways

- A diverse set of efficiency measures can yield significant electricity savings—on the order of 20% of total U.S. electricity use by 2030!
- Savings will come from a mix of opportunities in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors—no silver bullet
- Utility and other customer programs will deliver the savings, but important policy supports are crucial for success
New Horizons for Energy Efficiency: Major Opportunities to Reach Higher Electricity Savings by 2030

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