When To Turn the Lights Out: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Retail Lighting

SWEEP Energy Efficiency Workshop

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EISA – The Good Old Days
To Discuss Today

- What exactly did the recent 2019 DOE decisions say?
- What has been the response to DOE?
- What does the market for LEDs really look like?
- What is the implication for energy efficiency programs?
EISA:
SEPTEMBER 2019 DECISIONS
On September 5, 2019 DOE Issued Two Documents

**Final Rule**

Addresses the January 2017 DOE decision to expand the general service lamp (GSLs) definition to include previously exempt lamps

Largely follows the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking from February 2019

**Notice of Proposed Determination**

Addresses the entire backstop itself

Somewhat surprising
**Takeaway 1: DOE rescinds the expanded definition of GSLs**

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<td>“Specialty” styles remain exempt: reflectors, globes, and candelabras</td>
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<td>Restores exemptions for rough service and 3-way lamps</td>
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Takeaway 2: The EISA 2020 Backstop does not apply

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<td>There will be no “ban” on sales of lamps failing to meet the 45 lumen/watt backstop requirement</td>
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<td>Argues DOE didn’t have budget to make a determination in 2017, so backstop does not apply</td>
<td>Manufacturers and retailers will be able to continue to sell halogen lamps for all styles, and incandescent lamps for the exempt styles</td>
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<td>The NOPD serves as the determination, and states the EISA Phase 1 standards do not need to be amended (so no 45 l/w)</td>
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DOE Decisions
**Takeaway 3: Federal preemption bars states from establishing their own efficiency standards**

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<td>Federal efficiency standards take precedence over state standards in cases where the federal government has either set a standard or explicitly ruled that a standard is not justified</td>
<td>States will not be able to enact and enforce 45 l/w standards</td>
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<td>States can petition for exemptions to these rules</td>
<td>Lawsuits...</td>
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<td>CA and NV received exemptions, but they no longer apply since the backstop does not apply</td>
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Our Interpretation

- DOE largely followed NOPR and manufacturer interest

- Rejected about 60,000 comments from ASAP, ACEEE, program administrators, states, environmental groups
  - Argued it wasn’t backsliding
  - Argued it wasn’t costing consumers money, LED market share increasing anyway

- Some of the arguments were a bit of a “stretch”
  - Use of the “fleet average” approach
  - Discussion on costs to manufacturer efficient incandescents

"It reads like when my two young children are looking for any reason to get what they want"
-From one reviewer
RESPONSE TO EISA
DOE’s Light Bulb Standards Rollback Will Cost Americans $14 Billion Each Year

It makes zero sense to eliminate energy-saving light bulb standards that will save households money on electricity bills and cut climate change emissions... Instead, the Trump administration is siding with manufacturers that want to keep selling outdated, energy-wasting light bulbs.
Manufacturer and Retailer EISA Reactions

- General reaction
  - Business as usual
  - Will continue to manufacture and sell all lamp options

“Thanks to DOE we get to keep our jobs!”
Finally the government did something that helps me

EISA goes away, the halogen comes back, Hallelujah

It’s like Groundhog day: DOE saw its shadow, it’s six more years of programs

What the government wanted to happen is happening anyway, so why outlaw something that is going away
EISA Reactions: Additional Insights

- Sense that consumers are the winners
  - Would have been an initial price increase on lamps without incentives

- LED only and higher quality manufacturers support DOE decision
  - Concern that backstop would have led to a “race to the bottom” of poor-quality lamps
  - Use the incentives to improve quality

- Trying to steer customers to LEDs
  - Inefficient lamps given less prominent shelf space, less interesting packaging, and larger pack sizes (higher priced)
Will follow the DOE ruling as the law

Only exception is in CA, where they had already curtailed sales of halogens and incandescents

NEMA was in Washington, DC during Partner meeting discussing challenges of state standards
WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE CURRENT LED MARKET?
The World According to NEMA

- LEDs clearly dominate

A-line LED Shipment Share Over Time per NEMA
(Prior and Current Calculation Methods)
What about lamps that were exempt under EISA Phase One?
CREED LightTracker Data Sources

- CREED combines POS and Panel data to provide the best available picture of lighting sales, while calibrating to secondary data sources.

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\text{POS Data} + \text{Panel Data} = \text{Total Market Sales}
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\text{~40\% of total market} & \quad + \quad \text{~60\% of total market} \\
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Total U.S. Sales

- Efficient Lamps Surpass Inefficient Sales In 2018

Total U.S. Market Share by Lamp Type and Year

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<td>2015</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>51%</td>
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Total U.S. LED Market Share by Channel (2018)

- Home improvement, hardware, major club, online (58%)
- Grocery, drug, dollar, discount, mass merchandiser (38%)
2018 U.S. LED Market Share of A-Line and Specialty Lamps
WHAT IS THE IMPLICATION FOR PROGRAMS?
Future of Lighting: It’s a Complex Web

Litigation

Politics

Economics

uncertainty

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So it is time to end programs, continue with business as usual, or somewhere in-between?
Program vs. Non-Program States

Source: CREED LightTracker National Sales Data
Risk of Terminating Programs Too Early

Most of NY ends upstream lighting support by 2014

Source: NMR Group, Inc. 2018-19 MA Residential Lighting Market Assessment Study
Business as Usual or Shut Down Programs?

Somewhere in between...

- Expect lower NTG
- Lower volume sales
- Carefully select channels and lamp styles
- And maybe reduced lifetime and hours of use
Continue to Monitor the Market

- Easier to turn off a program than on a program
- If planning to shut down program, consider monitoring for backsliding
Business as Usual or Shut Down Programs?

- What’s next???
Questions?
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