2006 Progress Report: State of Energy Efficiency Efforts in the Southwest Region

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Utility DSM Funding in the Southwest is Growing, but Unevenly

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Key Electricity DSM Developments

- APS implementing comprehensive programs as of 2006
- Xcel Energy rolling out new programs in CO under new 8-year DSM agreement
- NV utilities rapidly expanding DSM programs; savings counted towards RPS
- Rocky Mountain Power continuing to expand DSM programs in UT
- PNM developing electricity DSM programs
- Electricity DSM being planned in WY
Gas DSM Efforts Are Ramping Up Too

- PNM implementing gas DSM programs; planning to spend $3.7M in 2007
- Southwest Gas waiting for approval of gas DSM programs in AZ - $4.4M per year
- Questar Gas (UT) has gotten decoupling approved and is planning DSM programs - $7.4M per year
- Sierra Pacific Resources implementing some DSM programs in northern NV - $0.6M per year
Key Policy Developments

- Savings from DSM programs added to clean energy standards in NV
- Gov. Huntsman has adopted a 20% energy efficiency improvement goal in UT
- Decoupling of gas sales and revenues adopted on a pilot basis in UT
- AZ climate action plan calls for greatly expanded EE efforts
- Building code upgrades under discussion in NV, NM and UT
- New EE policies being developed and discussed in CO, NM, NV and UT
Energy Efficiency Issues for the Southwest Region

- Can the rapid expansion in utility DSM programs in the Southwest continue? Can utility DSM programs reach the funding level of $200+ million per year?
- What else can we do to make energy efficiency an important energy resource?
- Do utilities need more financial incentives?
- How can effectively promote “best practice” in energy efficiency?
- Is it time to start working on energy efficiency at the regional level?
We Are Winning Many Energy Efficiency Battles....
But Can We Win the War?
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