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## **Parameters for Estimating Energy Savings on Quality Installation For Residential Split Systems & Packaged Units Workpaper - SCE13HC023.0**

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This report overviews earlier documentation compiled for the Western HVAC Performance Alliance (WHPA) on methods and approach for estimating energy savings on the subject measure. This activity is intended to encourage a transparent and collaborative process as well as alignment between deemed (Ex-Ante) energy estimating methods and Industry undertaking rigorous processes to review energy savings estimates and technical parameters impacting the California energy efficiency portfolio.

Future workpaper updates and process and methods for estimating energy savings in the measure will likely address and/or incorporate performance parameters suggested by the CPUC in their (a) Baseline Market Characterization Study: Residential and Small Commercial HVAC (Work Order 054), Draft, Dated June 17, 2014 and (b) HVAC Impact Evaluation DRAFT Report Work Order 32 HVAC, Dated August 12, 2014.

### **Section 1 - Summary of Parameters Used in Building Energy Simulation (BES) for Estimating Energy Savings**

Following section summarizes general methodology and key parameters used for estimating energy and demand savings on the measure using the eQuest/DOE2.2 - Building Energy Simulation (BES) tool. Parameters used in the BES are further ranked as “High Impact”, “Medium Impact”, and “Low Impact” based on the severity they are expected to influence estimated energy and demand savings on the measure.

#### **Background**

Methodology for estimating energy and demand savings on the measure utilizes the Database for Energy Efficiency Resources (DEER) Residential prototype. The Residential prototype describes the site configuration, including multiple building shells (total of four shells corresponding to two single-story homes and two two-story homes at different orientations). Each shell is served by a dedicated HVAC system. Prototype characteristics on mechanical, lighting, domestic hot water, envelop, occupancy, plug load, etc. correspond to an eQuest/DOE2.2 input parameter and/or performance characteristics with some of these developed specifically for the DEER analysis.

Further, energy methods analyzing the measure utilizes varies vintages (e.g., 1975, 1985, 1996, 2003, and 2007) per DEER which includes a set of building weights that define the relative floor space of each building type (or building population) within each IOU service territory, broken down by vintage and climate zone. Residential building weights are developed from the Residential Appliance Saturation Survey (RASS) data. This supports the development of “rolled-up” or typical savings values for measures

where the actual participation among the population of buildings is not known. RASS is one of the most valuable sources of information for residential Unit Energy Consumption (UEC) values. The DEER team uses these UECs to calibrate the prototypical residential simulation models so that these models yield annual energy use values for heating and cooling that are similar to RASS.

**Table 1. Summary of Key Parameters Utilized for Estimating Energy and Demand Savings in Measure**

ID	Ranking	Description	Workpaper assumption (base case)	Workpaper assumption (Measure Case)	Remarks
1	Medium Impact	Static Pressure (as function of kW/cfm)	0.000510 kW/cfm	0.000383 kW/cfm	KW/cfm - Design full load power of the supply fan per unit of supply air flow rate.  Note that in the DEER SFM prototype this parameter is defaulted to 0.000365 kW/cfm [1][2][3].
2	Medium Impact	Duct Leakage	0.0804	0.0402	<b>Duct Leakage (Duct Air Loss Ratio)</b> Fraction of the supply air that is lost from the ductwork, thereby reducing the design supply air at the zones.  <b>DEER Assumption [4]</b> Baseline: 24% Leakage Measure: 12% Leakage  Supply air leakage estimated as (Percent leakage/2) x 0.75 for single-story houses and (percent leakage/2) x 0.67 for two-story houses.
3	High Impact	Sizing (Cooling capacity, Btu/h)	Oversized by 20%	Defaulted per BES	See supporting documentation further in the report [5]
4	Low Impact	Supply Delta-T	1.5931	1.21028	Parameter estimated as Temperature rise in the air stream across the supply fan and associated to the SUPPLY-KW/FLOW. The default delta-T in the energy model (eQuest) is SUPPLY-KW/FLOW* 3090 [1][2]. Fan placement is defaulted to BLOW-THROUGH [2]

5	High Impact	Sizing (Airflow capacity, CFM)	350 cfm/ton	395 cfm/ton	Referenced study suggests that design flow capacity (cfm) in Measure Case may be lower than the “standard” 400 cfm/ton (e.g., in the order of 340 cfm/ton in new California homes) assumed in the analysis of the measure. [3]
6	Medium Impact	Equipment Efficiency	SEER 13	SEER 14 thru SEER 18	Since the delivery mechanism on measure is Replace on Burnout (ROB), equipment efficiency (including base case efficiency) compares between the Code Case (e.g., SEER 13) and Measure Case
7	Medium Impact	Temperature Setpoints for zone cooling/heating control	Cooling: 78 degree F Heating: 68 degree F	Cooling: 78 degree F Heating: 68 degree F	Temperature setpoints used in the BES deviate from CPUC’s recommended approach

**References:**

- [1] CPUC’s MASControl software application created to generate DEER prototypical buildings (including latest building vintages (e.g., 2013) with current code updates) and to overview pre-developed DEER measures. The software application allows the use of existing prototypes to addressed non-DEER measures – [www.deeresources.com](http://www.deeresources.com).
- [2] DEER SFM prototype with 1975 building vintage and California climate zone 6 (e.g., CZ06).
- [3] Hidden Power Drains: Residential Heating and Cooling Fan Power Demand - John Proctor, Proctor Engineering Group, Ltd., Danny Parker, Florida Solar Energy Center.
- [4] 2004-2005 Database for Energy Efficiency Resources (DEER) Update Study, Final Report, Itron, Inc.
- [5] Energy Center of Wisconsin | ECW Report Number 241-1 | Central Air Conditioning in Wisconsin | A compilation of recent field research.
- [6] ASHRAE Handbook – Fundamentals | Energy Estimating and Modeling Methods.

## Section 2 – Overview and Supporting Documentation on BES Parameters

This section overviews and details parameters (primarily those with Medium and High Impact) used in the BES for estimating energy savings on the measure. Succeeding documentation additionally outlines parameters outside the BES that are part of the workpaper mechanisms that influence energy impacts on the measure: (a) Delivery Mechanism (e.g., Replace on Burnout) and (b) Best Available Data.

### 1. Static Pressure

#### Referenced Study: Hidden Power Drains: Residential Heating and Cooling Fan Power Demand - John Proctor, Proctor Engineering Group, Ltd., Danny Parker, Florida Solar Energy Center

The standard assumption for external static pressure, according to DOE test standards, ranges from 0.1 inches of water column (IWC) for 2-ton residential units to 0.2 IWC for units larger than 3.5 tons. As shown in table below (Table 2), the external static pressure values measured in field tests representing both new and existing construction are two to four times higher than DOE assumptions. The values for the field-tested units ranged from 0.41 IWC to 0.55 IWC. This is at least twice the value assumed for larger (3.5+ ton) units.

**Table 2. Comparison of Static Pressure and Fan Motor Power Test Assumptions with Field Data for Air Conditioners**

	External Static Pressure	Fan Motor Power Demand
Standard Assumption	0.1 to 0.2 (IWC)	365 (W per 1000 CFM)
New Construction Single Family Air Conditioner	0.41 to 0.50 (IWC)	<b>510 (W per 1000 CFM)</b>
Existing Construction Single Family Air Conditioner	0.53 to 0.55 (IWC)	492 to 574 (W per 1000 CFM)

High static pressures produce reduced airflows and the need for higher horsepower fan motors to approach proper flow. Indoor fan motor power demand is a result of external static pressure, flow, fan efficiency, motor efficiency, as well as cabinet and heat exchanger design. The standard DOE assumption for indoor fan energy consumption is 365 watts per 1000 CFM. As presented in the above table (Table 2), fan motor power draw under operating conditions averages 510 watts per 1000 CFM, 40% higher than the assumed value. For a five-ton air conditioner achieving 2000 CFM of airflow, this is equivalent to a one kilowatt electric resistance heater in the air stream.

WHPA Committee comment(s) related to this Section are documented below:

“...serious problems, like static pressure in ECM supply fan motor applications....there seemed to be no research data validating the manufacturer claimed energy usage. There was no data to rely on.”

## 2. Design Flow Capacity (cfm/ton)

**Referenced Study: Hidden Power Drains: Residential Heating and Cooling Fan Power Demand - John Proctor, Proctor Engineering Group, Ltd., Danny Parker, Florida Solar Energy Center.**

The nine field tests reported in this study were conducted from 1994 to 1998 under the sponsorship of various Utilities and research organizations. The results are replications from three independent organizations in a wide variety of areas. The performance characteristics of these systems are presented in table (Table 1) below. Refer to referenced report for further details.

**Table 1. Measured Air Handling Equipment Performance Data for North American Installations**

Reference	Study Location and Equipment Age	Number of Units in Sample	Average Capacity (tons)	Average Inside Fan Watts	Average CFM	Average Watts per 1000 CFM	Average External Static (IWC) <sup>2</sup>
<b>Air Conditioners</b>							
Blasnik et al. 1995a	Las Vegas, new	40	3.4		1150		.41
Blasnik et al. 1996	Phoenix, new	28	3.6	620	1220	510	.48
Parker 1997	Florida, existing	9	2.5	420	850	490	.55
Proctor et al. 1995	Cochella Valley CA, existing	40	4.0		1240		.53
Proctor et al. 1996a	Las Vegas, new	37	3.5		1320		.50
<sup>3</sup> Proctor and Downey 1998	California, replacement	5	3.4	760	1320	570	
Proctor et al. (unpublished)	New Jersey, new townhouses	15	2.7		1050		.45
<b>Non-AC</b>							
Phillips 1995	Canada post-1990 heating speed	32		510	1120	450	.52
Phillips 1995	Canada pre-1990 heating speed	39		370	860	440	.38

<sup>2</sup> Table 1 external static pressures are for the duct system, registers, and typical filters. The pressure drop given does not include inside coil pressure drop of 0.2 to 0.3 IWC (50 to 75 pascals).

<sup>3</sup> The replacement air conditioners in this study were downsized an average of 20%.

In summary, this study suggests that in new California homes, the design flow capacity per cooling capacity (e.g., cfm/ton) approximates to 350 cfm/ton opposed to 400 cfm/ton which is inconsistent with workpaper assumption on both the base case and measure case.

**WHPA Committee comment(s) related to this Section are documented below:**

- a. “The energy code requirement for airflow is 350 cfm/ton for completely new systems and 300 cfm/ton for change-outs that require refrigerant charge verification. There is also a fan watt draw requirement for completely new systems...”

### 3. Duct Leakage

**Referenced Study: 2004-2005 Database for Energy Efficiency Resources (DEER) Update Study, Final Report, Itron, Inc.**

DEER includes two duct sealing measures under the Residential Weather Sensitive DEER Measure Descriptions: (a) Duct Sealing (28% total leakage reduction) – total leakage reduced from 40% of AHU flow to 12% and (b) Duct Sealing (12% total leakage reduction) – total leakage reduced from 24% of AHU flow to 12%. Measure analysis and assumption on energy impacts under this measure are based on the “12% total leakage reduction” DEER measure. Following table describes general parameters on Duct Sealing Measure.

<b>Duct Sealing (12% Total Leakage Reduction)</b>	
ID: <b>D03-458</b>	Abbreviation: <b>RDct2</b>
Measure Description	Duct Sealing (Total Leakage Reduced from 24% of AHU flow to 12%)
Baseline Characteristics	Total measured supply air leakage of 24%
Code Baseline Characteristics	Duct leakage code baseline matches measure baseline
Measure Characteristics	Total measured supply air leakage of 12%
Savings Reporting Units	1,000 sqft house
Savings Scalable By	$\Delta\%$ leakage

#### Single Family Duct Leakage Measure Description

Per DEER, the base case for their first duct leakage measure is “40% total air leakage.” Of this total, half is supply leakage. For single-story houses, 75% of the supply leakage is assumed to go to the unconditioned attic (SupLeakA), with the remainder leaking to the conditioned spaces (SupLeakH).

Duct leakage to the conditioned spaces, while typically part of most duct loss measurements, is not actually “lost” and is treated as supply CFM for the simulation. Return duct leakage in the single family house is assumed to be 80% of the volume of the supply duct leakage. This would imply that 20% of the

supply duct loss is made up with outside air (RetLeakOA), but due to interactions with existing natural infiltration, it is assumed that only half of this value (10% of supply duct loss) is actually brought in from the outside. The balance of (supply air lost to attic) minus (outdoor air induced into the space) is return, or air that is sucked into the return ducts from either the attic (RetLeakA) or house (RetLeakH).

The measure case of the second duct measure documented in DEER specifies 12% total duct leakage. All of the same fractional air flows of the base case are carried through to the measure case, leading to a supply air loss of 6% times 0.75 for single-story houses and 6% times 0.67 for two-story houses.

The second duct measure, which lowers total duct leakage from 24% to 12%, has a base case supply duct leakage of 12% times 0.75 for single-story houses, and 12% times 0.67 for two-story houses. The measure case is the same as the first duct EEM.

**WHPA Committee comment(s) related to this Section are documented below:**

- a. "A completely new system is required to meet 6% duct leakage. A change-out is required to meet 15% duct leakage, but if there are inaccessible ducts, they are allowed to pass at a higher rate if they can show that they sealed all accessible ducts using the smoke test. "Compliance" should be determined based on the CF-6R Certificate of Verification. This will show exactly what was required for a particular project."

## 4. Sizing

### HVAC Equipment Sizing

The procedures of residential HVAC design (sizing) are covered in detail by a series of publications produced by the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), which in turn references information provided by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). The heat loss and gain values are estimated using the procedures from the ACCA Manual J—Residential Load Calculation (Manual J) (Rutkowski 2006). Manual J applies only to single-family detached dwellings, low-rise condominiums, and townhouses.

Mechanical equipment selection is done with the aid of the ACCA Manual S—Residential Equipment Selection (Manual S) (Rutkowski 1995). Selecting equipment based on the cooling load may lead to a furnace that is oversized for the heating load. Manual S recommends that the furnace size remains within 140% of the peak heating load estimate and that cooling equipment capacity not exceed the total load by more than 15%.

It should be recognized that in energy-efficient houses, the loads may be so small that the standard manufacturer's range of capacities exceeds these percentages (or in some cases, the capacity of the HVAC equipment stocked by the Distributor exceeds design load requirements). For example, if a house



has a 19,000 Btu/h cooling load and manufacturer’s equipment is available in only 17,500 Btu/h and 23,400 Btu/h, the larger unit is more than 15% oversized. However, the larger unit should be the equipment selected to ensure the peak load will be met. Designers may want to consider multispeed equipment in these cases, where the system runs more frequently at a lower capacity to more closely meet the load for more times of the year.

**Referenced Study 1: Energy Center of Wisconsin, Report Number 241-1 | Central Air Conditioning in Wisconsin | A compilation of recent field research | May 2008**

Per referenced study, while Manual J calculations indicate that most systems are appropriately sized to within ½ ton, monitoring data suggest that most systems are in fact oversized: empirically-based sizing estimates indicate that about a quarter of systems are appropriately sized, a third are oversized by ½ ton, and 40 percent are oversized by a ton or more. Only one of 39 systems evaluated appeared to be undersized. Following figure (Figure 5) depicts empirical estimates of relative sizing per referenced study.

**Figure 5, Empirical estimates of relative sizing, STAC and Focus monitoring sites.**



**Referenced Study 2: Peak Demand and Energy Savings from Properly Sized and Matched Air Conditioners - Robert Mowris and Ean Jones, Verified, Inc.**

This study indicates that research studies have shown that 50 to 70 percent (%) of residential and commercial air conditioning systems are oversized by 120% or more (James, et al 1997; Sonne, et al 2006; Mowris, 2006; Nadel 1998; Parker 1993; Jacobs 2003; Felts 1998; ACCA 2006). Air conditioners are typically oversized to compensate for installation design flaws and defects, such as cooling equipment installed in hot attics, leaky ducts, improper refrigerant charge and airflow (RCA), improper maintenance, or mismatched evaporator and condenser coils (Mowris et al 2007).

This study further suggests that most air conditioning contractors in the United States do not know how to use the Air Conditioner Contractors of America (ACCA) Manual J sizing guidelines to specify and install properly sized air conditioners (Vieira, et al 1996; Mowris 2006).

## Sizing Methods in Building Energy Simulation Tools

Sizing methods in most Building Energy Simulation tools are per ASHRAE Standard 90.1, Appendix G, Performance Rating Method, Building Performance Calculation, Equipment Capacities, “The equipment capacities (i.e., system coil capacities) for the baseline building design shall be based on sizing runs for each orientation and shall be oversized by 15% for cooling and 25% for heating, i.e., the ratio between the capacities used in the annual simulations and the capacities determined by the sizing runs shall be 1.15 for cooling and 1.25 for heating.

Note that eQuest/DOE2.2 includes an “auto-size” flow input parameter defaulted to 1.15. The same can be override to “0” for excluding “auto-size”

eQuest/DOE2.2 additionally includes a “cooling” SIZING-RATIO input parameter. A multiplier on the capacity of the cooling coil that allows you to modify the capacity of the cooling coil without changing the system air flow rates. See SIZING-RATIO, above, which multiplies both coil capacities and air flow rates. If SIZING-RATIO is also specified, the net multiplier on the capacity of the cooling coil is [COOL-SIZING-RATIO] x [SIZING-RATIO]. This parameter is defaulted to 1.0.

DOE2 based building simulation software (including eQuest) use the Weighting Factor method. The Weighting Factor method of calculating instantaneous space sensible load is a compromise between simpler methods (e.g., steady-state calculation) that ignore the ability of building mass to store energy, and more complex methods (e.g., complete energy balance calculation). With this method, space heat gains at constant space temperature are determined from a physical description of the building, ambient weather conditions, and internal load profiles.

### WHPA Committee comment(s) related to this Section are documented below:

- a. “I think doing Manual J’s and D’s for the 16 CZs could be useful and would take care of a number of the comments above. Set the sizes in DOE2 with those procedures instead of using DOE2 autosizing. The calcs would be the same for the prototypes in each CZ except the design days. Using J & D sizes and static pressures could go a long ways towards proving the effectiveness of QI because you could get up to the 500 cfm/ton range and down to the 0.6 in H2O static. For the QI runs, you could use J & D. Then for the non-QI runs, instead of guessing at typical oversize maybe see what oversizing you end up with if you employ common mistakes in your sizing like sizing at a 70% SHR, or if you’re daring, sizing with “rules of thumb””
- b. “...expressed concern for the DOE2.2 modeling. When he'd looked at the code several years before, modeling was largely based on R-22 refrigerant systems. He'd tried to examine the formulas and had concluded that the did not track R-410A systems well at all. The glide paths were very different for differing refrigerants. Maybe it had been updated, when he'd run the numbers back then, the results were off by several orders of magnitude. EER of R-410A systems

dropped off much faster than with R-22 systems. R-22 systems could achieve higher EER levels in the desert than R-410A systems. If you replaced an R-22 10 SEER system with a 13 SEER R410A system, that might actually result in a negative EER, a loss of system efficiency. Rather than depend upon blind faith in DOE 2.2, he'd rather be re-assured that the software had been updated to process different systems differently and accurately. Installing a new R-410A system and plugging in R-22 system information would result in bad data.”

- c. “Regarding slide 9 and the criteria considered for a poor installation, he believed there was a place for refrigeration charge assessment. You'd need to have a properly charged system to get maximum efficiency. One thing he thought was missing was performance of the entire system within the structure. He thought there was a benefit from delivered EER and delivered capacity for a properly designed and installed system which would never be captured from the four individual criteria considered in isolation.”
- d. “As a contractor in the program, he was doing far more early retirement installations than replace on burnout ones. And, a majority of the systems being replaced were more than 20% oversized, normally by a ton or more. On slide 9, he saw criteria 2,3 and 4 were all tied together. They always used Manual D in the system design to avoid those issues. Those criteria were all interconnected. Low duct sizing had impact on low airflow rates which also increased system static pressure. He agreed with Chris's earlier comment that delivered performance, not just system output performance, needed more attention within the program.”
- e. “The code requirement for sizing only applies to completely new systems or adding A/C to an existing system that does not have it. If replacing like-for-like in an existing system, there is no sizing requirement. ACCA Manual J is the load calculation methodology. ACCA Manual S is the equipment sizing methodology. Both are required to properly size equipment. What is meant by "oversized by 13 percent"? Does it mean sensible cooling capacity vs. sensible cooling load. Isn't there a recent study (Wilcox, Proctor, Chitwood, ????) that showed that oversizing the equipment is not the real problem, but undersizing the ducts is? Perhaps a more important question would be: What is the installed capacity and efficiency vs. the optimal capacity and efficiency. In other words, rather than worrying about capacity vs. load, maybe we should worry about installed capacity/efficiency vs. optimal capacity/efficiency.”
- f. “...if you used auto-sizing with California conditions, you'd predict a piece of equipment with a much higher sensible heat ratio than equipment was designed to give in other locations. When they do their sizing, they look at their peak sensible load and then size the equipment to meet the sensible load at a name plate sensible heat ratio like .75. They didn't use the DOE2 auto-sizing algorithms right out of the box. They (eQuest) maintained the sensible heat ratio during the auto-sizing.”

## 5. Thermostat Setpoint (DEER / Residential Appliance Saturation Survey)

Temperature setpoints in the energy model (eQuest) for HVAC equipment control were programmed as 78.0 degree F for cooling and 68.0 degree F for heating. Temperature setpoints used for estimating energy impacts on measure (e.g., 78 degree F cooling and 68 degree F heating) are consistent with those reported and summarized in SCE's study<sup>1</sup> directed by J. Hirsch & Associates under "Summary of RASS<sup>2</sup> reported Thermostat Set Points" (derived from RASS database by house type, geographic region, and thermostat type for households with central air conditioning) with standard temperature setpoints averaging 75.1 degree F for cooling and 66.6 degree F for heating.

Further, temperature setpoints used for evaluating energy impacts in this referenced study match those used in the workpaper measure (e.g., 78 degree F cooling and 68 degree F heating) under "medium" occurrence (e.g., 77 to 80 F cooling and 66 to 70 F heating RASS bin).

Specific direction from Energy Division's on Temperature Setpoints to be used in the energy model (eQuest) when estimating non-DEER impact is such that "The residential thermostats schedules were developed as part of the calibration process so that baseline residential results in DEER reasonably matched heating and cooling end uses published in RASS (Residential Appliance Saturation Survey). Therefore, these schedules must be used in the development of any non-DEER measures. Residential results must be determined by simulating all five residential thermostat schedules, then weighting together the results using the weights for each climate zone and vintage. Climate zone and vintage weights are included with the DEER documentation available from [www.deeresources.com](http://www.deeresources.com)."

Suggested direction from the Energy Division on using multiple temperature setpoint schedules to address RASS increases the building simulation time and resources in addition to the added complexity to the energy building simulation and data analysis process. The suggested approach can be somehow optimized by the implementation of a batch process using a single building simulation model.

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<sup>1</sup> Programmable Thermostats Installed into Residential Buildings: Predicting Energy Saving Using Occupant Behavior & Simulation, Southern California Edison - Design & Engineering Services

<sup>2</sup> California Residential Appliance Saturation Study, Prepared for the California Energy Commission by KEMA, Inc.

## 6. Delivery Mechanism

The delivery mechanism used for this measure is Replacement on burnout (ROB). ROB measures replace existing equipment with more energy efficient equipment on failure of the existing equipment. The delivery mechanism on the measure is different than that from a Retrofit (RET) in which, the measure replaces existing equipment that is working and has remaining useful life (RUL) with new, energy efficient equipment. RET can also apply to situations where the customer would have not taken action to replace their current inefficient equipment without program involvement such as direct install program measures. RET measures have two savings periods, one for the RUL period of the existing equipment noted as the first baseline period and one for the EUL-RUL of the new equipment noted as the second baseline period.

**WHPA Committee comment(s) related to this Section are documented below:**

- a. "I think the group comments were clear. Rather than Replace on Burnout representing a large majority of the baseline systems being assumed by CPUC/ED, several members commented on the majority of RQI program participants replacements were a result of voluntary retrofit rather than a failed system. HUGE shift. What's the impact of that shift?"
- b. "If 80% were retrofit rather than ROB, what effect would that have on NTG or other program evaluation measures?"
- c. "Regarding Customer Average (1st Baseline), what % of baseline installations does the CPUC/ED assume was code compliant? 100%? If Jarred Metoyer, KEMA, was correct in his May presentation that Title 24 code compliant systems seemed hardly any or no better in performance than non-compliant installations, then RQI Installations should be compared to older, poorly installed, almost entirely non-code compliant existing home installation performance levels."
- d. What exactly is meant by a "retrofit HVAC installation"? There are two distinct kinds, based on how they are handled in the energy codes. One is a "completely new system", where essentially the ducts and all of the equipment are new. The best example of this is a house that previously only had a wall furnace and window air conditioners gets upgraded to a ducted central system (aka, "cut-in"). The other type is a "change-out" where only parts of an existing system are added or replaced."

## 7. Best Available Data

**WHPA Committee comment(s) related to this Section are documented below:**

- a. ““Best available data” comment where outside sources are sought when there is no estimated savings within DEER. This is a really big and important item. See the April ACTION item at the end of the May meeting minutes. Jarred Metoyer committed to working with Nils Strindberg, now Pete Jacobs for an interim, on the specific test-in/test-out data requirements necessary to assess 1) HVAC equipment actual performance output to compare to manufacturer's rating and 2) HVAC system performance delivered to the space, not just equipment output. This is at the CORE, in my opinion, of moving from DEER formulas based on modeling and laboratory testing to real in-field performance testing and system evaluation.”
- b. “Are there ANY newer and reliable sources of existing home system performance evaluation? The data used for the SCE RQI Work Paper was from research conducted about 10 years ago. Is there any new, really reliable data which the CPUC/ED has conducted?”
- c. “...suggested a placeholder to possibly also discuss the non-energy benefits associated with a quality installation. Not all of the cost for the QI should be charged to energy savings, he proposed. Some of the system and installation cost was a result of end user interest to improve comfort, system reliability or other non-energy benefits. Not all of the cost should be "charged" to energy savings as a total resource cost (TRC) of achieving those savings, he proposed. In his opinion, the home owner was not just purchasing "energy savings." His experience was mostly with Energy Upgrade California. Often, the TRC review found it was too difficult to quantify those other benefits which should be charged for part of the installed cost. If ignored, the entire cost is charged against the energy savings, put in the cost/savings test calculation. As a result, the program's cost effectiveness ratio tanked and the program would be considered ineffective both by the IOU and by the CPUC/ED.  
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- d. “often the reason for the initial call was the drive for energy savings. When you got talking with the customer, comfort turned out to be a major reason for upgrading the system. Their electrical bills are high and they are uncomfortable. Many people are afraid to use their existing systems. They've grown used to living with bad systems and don't know what comfort is. But, every symptom they describe and were concerned about was comfort related. They would let the house get to 85 degrees F then they run their system under a huge load at just the wrong time which compounded the high energy costs.”



## WHPA Work Product Summary

**DATE:** August 26, 2014

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**INITIATING BODY:** WHPA Residential Quality Installation Committee

**WORK PRODUCT NAME:** Input to SCE RQI Program Claimed Savings Workpaper

**TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED:**  **VOTE**    **GUIDANCE**    **OTHER:** The Initiating Body requests that the WHPA Executive Committee review the referenced Work Product and vote to adopt the Committee's recommendations for revising the assumptions and underlying data on which the original Workpaper were based. **NOTE:** The Work Product takes the following form: An overview drafted by Andres Fergadiotti of SCE's original 2009 "Parameters for Estimating Energy Savings on Quality Installation for Residential Split Systems and Packaged Units Workpaper – SCE13HC023.0" broken into seven (7) sections, with WHPA RQI Committee input/commentary noted at the end of each section.

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### APPROVAL HISTORY

**WORKING GROUP:** Not Applicable

**BY CONSENSUS**    **BY VOTE**

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**COMMITTEE:** WHPA Residential Quality Installation (RQI) Committee

**BY CONSENSUS**    **BY VOTE**

**TALLY:** 9 of 10 voting members present voted Aye.

**DATE:** August 20, 2014

**BACKGROUND:** Southern California Edison (SCE) staff requested the WHPA RQI Committee members, representing industry, assist them as SCE refreshed its RQI Workpaper last developed in 2009. Beginning in May 2014, the committee reviewed claimed savings parameters used in the Workpaper – determining whether specific parameters and assumptions were accurate, research-based, field-observation-based, superseded by more current data, etc. Members were also asked to suggest additional parameters, measurements, procedures or protocol that would more accurately estimate measure savings. SCE staff summarized the feedback provided during several RQI Committee meetings in the following document which was again reviewed by the committee and approved unanimously at its August 20, 2014 meeting.



## WHPA Work Product Summary

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**WORK PRODUCT OBJECTIVES:** Provide SCE RQI program team with industry input regarding revision and addition of parameters used for IOU program claimed energy savings as part of SCE effort to submit a revised Workpaper to CPUC/ED before year end 2014.

**CA ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN STRATEGIC GOAL ALIGNMENT:**

GOAL 1     GOAL 2     GOAL 3     GOAL 4

**CEESP HVAC GOAL STRATEGIES:** Strategic Plan Goal 2: Quality HVAC installation and maintenance becomes the norm. The marketplace understands and values the performance benefits of quality installation and maintenance.

**BENEFITS:** 1) Provide the basis for a more accurate assessment of and CPUC/ED recognition for the increased energy savings which the SCE RQI program actually delivers. Approval for increased IOU claimed savings as a direct result will increase IOU resources to expand program support, make possible more rapid increase in program participation and increase incentives to help attract a larger potential audience. 2) Expanded IOU program participation will increase recognition in the marketplace, by installation contractors and their customers of the greater comfort and energy savings benefits that result from a residential quality installation. 3) Additionally, greater interest by other utilities to establish similar RQI programs if the CPUC/ED recognizes SCE's program delivers greater energy savings than previously determined. Statewide RQI programs could expand much more rapidly and greatly increase the opportunity to approach or attain the optimistic CEESP goals of RQI becoming the norm.

**OUTSTANDING ISSUES / DEBATES / MINORITY VIEWS:** The committee holds a consensus opinion that program goals and program evaluation should be in sync and would both be improved greatly if based upon agreed, standardized actual field measured system performance rather than current methods which rely heavily on laboratory individual energy efficiency measure research, severely dated marketplace data, CPUC/ED claimed savings marketplace and system assumptions, DEER based calculation assumptions and system modeling.

**POTENTIAL AUDIENCE:** CPUC/ED and their EM&V consultants, other utilities seeking to establish and support similar RQI programs, WHPA CQI and CQM committees, California Technical Forum.

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**MOTION:** The "Input to SCE RQI Program Claimed Savings Workpaper" Work Product dated August 20, 2014 be adopted as an official WHPA Work Product.

**VOTE TALLY:** During their September 10, 2014 meeting, the WHPA EC voted to adopt the Work Product "Input to SCE RQI Program Claimed Savings Workpaper." The following twelve organizations voted "aye" to adopt the presented work product: ACCA, AHRI, ASHRAE, CEC, HARDI, IHACI, JCEEP, PG&E, SDG&E, SCE, SoCalGas, and UA. The CPUC abstained from the vote.

**FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED:** None.





## **WHPA Work Product Summary**

**NEXT STEPS:** SCE to incorporate WHPA recommendations into its revised, refreshed RQI Workpaper.  
WHPA Staff will forward approved Work Product to the California Technical Forum.