

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by EfficiencyOne (E1) for approval for the use of measure-level Non-Energy Benefits (NEBs) within the context of Cost-Effectiveness testing associated with future DSM planning regulatory processes.

INFORMATION REQUESTS OF:

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AEC Information Requests:

1. How will NEBs affect low income DSM programs moving forward?
2. To illustrate the practical impact that NEBs could have:
 - a. if a measure being considered for a low income rental program has a Total Resource Cost (TRC) calculation of 0.8 without NEBs and has a TRC test calculation of 1.2 when NEBs are included, what impact would this have on the use of that measure in the program?
 - b. If a measure being considered for a low income rental program has a TRC calculation of 1.2 without NEBs and has a TRC test calculation of 2.2 when NEBs are included, what impact would this have on the use of that measure in the program?
3. Please describe what resources will be utilized to analyze the effect of integration of low-income NEBs into the low income rental pilot if E1 decides to recommend that it become a permanent program.
4. Is E1 aware of any measures that could be added to the low income rental pilot if low income NEBs were valued but that would not otherwise be considered in the pilot? Explain what those potential measures are and the pros and cons of valuing low income NEBs associated with those measures during the pilot phase of the low income rental program.
5. Practical considerations of implementation aside, does EfficiencyOne believe that Nova Scotia should have a dedicated low-income program that includes the use of low income NEBs in the Cost Effectiveness Tests to determine which measures are used in that program?