

**National Standard Practice Manual**  
Additional State Application Examples in Jurisdictions

| State | DER Type | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| AR    | EE       | The AR PSC directed the Parties Working Collaboratively (PWC) to consider the NSPM guidance to inform its next three-year cycle for utility energy efficiency plans. In its <a href="#">Docket 13-002-U</a> Order No. 48 and <a href="#">Docket 10-100-R</a> Order No. 31 the commission accepted the NSPM Case Study and supporting appendices and rules (2018).                                                                                                     |
| CO    | All DERs | As part of <a href="#">Docket 20R-0516E</a> requiring utilities to develop distribution system plans and evaluate non-wires alternatives, the CO PUC directed Xcel to apply the NSPM principles to <a href="#">develop a BCA methodology</a> as part of the utility's competitive procurement processes (2022).                                                                                                                                                       |
| CT    | EE       | CT DEEP's determination approving the utilities' 2022-24 energy efficiency plan set forth a new <a href="#">Connecticut Efficiency Test (CTET)</a> . DEEP reviewed and reevaluated the primary test used to assess the Conservation and Load Management (CL&M) programs using the NSPM BCA framework to ensure consistency and integrity in the state's CL&M programs.                                                                                                |
| HI    | All DERs | With regard to its DER policies, in <a href="#">Docket No. 2019-0323</a> , the HI PUC required in Order No. 39335 that the utilities use the NSPM framework when modeling DER avoided costs and value streams in their BCA (2023).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| ME    | DG       | The ME Governor's Energy Office commissioned consultants to develop a <a href="#">Final Report</a> analyzing the cost-effectiveness of distributed generation in Maine. As part of this process, technical workshops using the NSPM framework were held to develop a Maine Test (Appendix A3 of the Final Report) (2022-23).                                                                                                                                          |
| MD    | All DERs | MD PSC opened <a href="#">Case No. 9674</a> to develop a Unified BCA (UBCA) for all DERs and convened a Unified BCA workgroup in 2022 to develop a new BCA test using the NSPM. From the process, the PSC adopted a UBCA test, and also the recommendation to hold a Phase II process for identifying methodologies for accounting for DER impacts (2025-2026). A Phase II UBCA report on methods for quantifying impacts was filed with the Commission in July 2026. |
| MI    | All DERs | MI PSC directed utilities to develop a BCA for DER pilots using the NSPM. Utilities submitted <a href="#">this proposed BCA using the NSPM</a> on which intervenors commented on, followed by <a href="#">a Commission decision</a> to adopt a new BCA test (2022-23). In 2025, the MI PSC staff facilitated a BCA Tool Collaborative process with NESF support to develop methodologies for quantifying impacts via <a href="#">OpenBCA</a> .                        |
| MN    | EE       | The MN Dept of Commerce convened a stakeholder group to apply the NSPM to update benefit-cost analysis (BCA) practice for its EE programs, which led to adoption of a <a href="#">MN Cost Test</a> (2022-23).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| NH    | EE       | The NH PUC retained a consultant to facilitate a stakeholder process using the NSPM framework for energy efficiency programs, which led to the development of a Granite State Test that the PUC adopted in <a href="#">Order 26,322</a> . The utilities apply the Granite State Test to develop their <a href="#">Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan</a> (2019).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PR    | EE       | The PR Energy Bureau directed stakeholders to use the NSPM to develop a Puerto Rico Benefit Cost Test for demand response and energy efficiency programs, which was then adopted in <a href="#">Case NEPR-MI-2021-0009</a> (2021).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| RI    | All DERs | The RI PUC opened <a href="#">Docket 4600</a> to develop a cost-effectiveness framework that could be applied consistently across different types of resources and programs. In 2017, a Stakeholder Working Group used the NSPM BCA principles to develop a <a href="#">Rhode Island Test</a> , which was <a href="#">approved by the Commission</a> , and is reflected in the state's <a href="#">Least Cost Procurement Standards</a> (2016-17).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| WA    | All DERs | The WA UTC opened <a href="#">Docket UE-210804</a> to develop a BCA test for all DERs using the NSPM. A stakeholder process was held in 2022 that informed an initial BCA proposal; however, the docket is on hold as the UTC considers expanding the scope from electric to gas utilities. In <a href="#">Docket U-240281</a> , the Commission is establishing by rule a cost test for emissions reduction measures achieved by large combination utilities, which must be used for the purpose of determining the lowest reasonable cost of decarbonization and electrification measures in integrated system plans, at the portfolio level, and for any other purpose determined by the Commission rule. General Order R-609 Adopting Rules Permanently was issued in September 2025, and Order 01 Granting Clarification in Part was issued in June 2026. |
| WA DC | All DERs | In late 2023 the WA DC PSC issued Order No. 21938, in <a href="#">Docket GD-2019-04-M</a> , adopting a new BCA test. The test was developed in 2021 using the NSPM to comply with the 2019 Clean Energy DC Omnibus Act. Outside consultants, in coordination with Commission Staff, produced a draft <a href="#">BCA Model Guidebook</a> in early 2025 followed by a draft <a href="#">BCA Model</a> for stakeholder comment. In April 2026, the Commission issued Order No. 22823, adopting a revised BCA Model – Part A, addressed stakeholder feedback and procedural motions, and directed staff to clarify the underlying framework using the NSPM before implementation.                                                                                                                                                                                |