

Metered Energy Efficiency

A NEW PATH TO DEEP ENERGY EFFICIENCY

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Deep EE is Not (currently) Scalable

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1. Undermines utility business model

2. Split incentives destroy the economics



Energy efficiency currently represents utility red ink Utilities earn on *investments* like generation

Traditional EE = Negative sales

- = Lost revenue
- = Lost investment

Problem: Utility Economics (credit)



Energy Efficiency and Distributed Generation

"Could have a major impact on realized equity returns required investor returns & credit quality" Exhibit 2 Electric utility industry credit ratings distribution evolution (S&P Credit Ratings Distribution, U.S. Shareholder-Owned Electric Utilities)



Source: Standard & Poor's, Macquarie Capital

Utility Economics: Result

- 1. Utilities resist EE (particularly deep EE)
- Can't allow it to scale without changes to EE policy

Building Owner Economics

>Building owners are asked to invest >Tenants keep the savings >Result: Short-term paybacks if anything



Solution: Make EE = Generation

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- 1. Meter it efficiently and accurately over long periods of time
- 2. Buy and sell it just like generation



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The Metered Energy Efficiency Transaction Structure (MEETS)

MEETS is a *structure*, not an incentive

Designed to use the savings value that is currently given away to tenants

> The savings value is often worth 4-20 times the 'incentive' value.



EE is Metered

≻against a <u>dynamic</u> baseline

≻ and sold to the *utility*

> under a long-term power purchase agreement

• Utility bills the building for the EE

- > On the common area bill
- in energy units
- > at retail rates
- > eliminating the split incentive
- The building is paying for delivered EE on its energy bill

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• The building owner allocates the cost in the same way they do now



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Bullitt Center with 6 Cent/kWh Electricity

Traditional EE

Utility Paid \$84,000 (NPV)

NPV sq ft \$1.68

Bullitt Center with 6 Cent/kWh Electricity

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Utility Paid \$84,000 \$740,000 (NPV)

NPV sq ft \$1.68

\$14.80

Move to Location with 15 Cent/kWh Electricity

Traditional EE

Utility Paid \$84,000 (NPV)

NPV sq ft \$1.68

Move to Location with 15 Cent/kWh Electricity

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Utility Paid \$84,000 \$1.6M (NPV)

NPV sq ft \$1.68

\$32.00

MEETS Benefits

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<u>Utility</u>

New Load Management Resource Location-Specific and Reliable Only Pay for Units Received Rate-baseable: Earnings Opportunity No Gross Revenue Loss No Unit Sale Loss

Investors

Finance Based on Utility PPA Strong Counterparty Lower and Rated Payment Risk Well-Understood Instruments Scale Through Aggregation

Building Owner

New 20 to 30 Year Tenant New Revenue Stream Increased Building Value Frees Up Capital Owner Stays Out of Energy Business

Society

Domestic Jobs Environmental Benefit Enhanced Building Stock Price Stability No Tax Dollars Required No Incentives Required

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MEETS & PACE				
Issue to Address	PACE	MEETS		
Split Incentive Addressed?	✓ if tenants pay property taxes in CAM	✓ assuming tenants pay energy bill		
New Revenue to Building Owner	*	✓		
Senior Mortgage Holder Signoff	Probably required	Not required		
Viable Counterparty	✓ - Taxing Authority	🗸 - Utility		
Metered EE	Could be added	✓		
Transaction Type	Loan/lien	Energy Sale		
Utility Unit Erosion Solved?	*	✓		
Utility Gross Revenue Loss Solved?	*	✓		
Utility Load Management	*	✓		

Why MEETS Matters

50,000 Square Foot Bullitt Center with Retail Energy Price of 6 cents/kWh

	Traditional Incentive Structure	MEETS
Total Dollar Value of Utility Payments for EE	\$84,000 (incentive)	\$1.22 million (PPA)
Total Utility Collections from Building for Saved Energy	\$ 0	\$1.25 million
Ratepayer Cost or (Benefit)	\$84,000	(\$33,000)
NPV Dollar Value of Payments to Building (5% Discount Rate)	\$84,000	\$740,000
\$NPV per Square Foot	\$1.68	\$14.80
Utility Payment per kWh	2.5 cents (deemed & paid upfront)	8.41 cents with escalator, as delivered for 20 years

Why MEETS Matters

50,000 Square Foot of Office Building with Retail Energy Price of 15 cents/kWh

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	Traditional Incentive Structure	MEETS
Total Dollar Value of Utility Payments for MEETS Energy	\$84,000 (incentive)	\$2.6 million (PPA)
Total Utility Collections from Building for Saved Energy	\$o	\$3 million
Ratepayer Cost or (Benefit)	\$84,000	(\$353,000)
NPV Dollar Value of Payments to Building (5% Discount Rate)	\$84,000	\$1.6 million
\$NPV per Square Foot	\$1.68	\$32.00
Utility Payment per kWh	2.5 cents (deemed & paid upfront)	17.5 cents with escalator, as delivered for 20 years



Create historical baseline using Option D modeling



Project baseline forward using standard meteorological year



Estimate energy use post-retrofit design and TMY (green line)



Calculate estimated EE "yield" from retrofit (purple shaded area)



Input utility meter readings as they become available (numbers near green line)



Adjust *dynamic* baseline for routine and non-routine changes (numbers near red line)



Utility pays the *difference* between the utility meter read and the adjusted dynamic baseline (purple bars)