

A Proposal to Share Information and Ideas with the Western States on the Smart Metering and Demand Response Provisions of the 2005 National Energy Act

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Background

- New Act signed in August 2005 covers many policy areas; focus here is demand response
- Act requires states to begin investigation of the costs and benefits of requiring the installation of advanced metering and offering of time based tariffs and report back within 18 months
- Act also requires utilities to offer and provide all customers with time based rates within 18 months



California has current proceedings in both areas and volunteers to share its data and experience with interested states

- First step might be a webinar listing what we (CA) thinks are the key questions each state should answer in investigations.
- Next step is to summarize experience in CA and discuss if it is transferrable to other states/areas
- Identify areas where states should work together (e.g communication protocols) to reduce costs and improve effectiveness



Information CA could share

- Experience with how to analyze costs and benefits of advanced metering systems
- Results from statewide pricing pilot of time based rates
- Results from a variety of programs attempting to encourage demand response



Follow up

- CEC willing to draft an agenda and then determine if there is sufficient interest to take next step (Webinar)
- Discussion

