California Technical Forum (Cal TF) Technical Forum (TF) Teleconference Meeting Follow-up on Retail Plug Load Portfolio (RPP) Incremental Measure Cost (IMC) Methodology Thursday, December 4th, 2014 11 am – 12 pm PST

I. Participants

TF Members:

Martin Vu

Armen Saiyan

Pierre Landry

Bryan Warren

Bruce Harley

Spencer Lipp

Srinivas Katapamula

Sherry Hu

Steven Long

Tom Eckhart

Brandon Tinianov

Non-Members:

Jenny Roecks, Cal TF Staff Brian Smith, PG&E Teddy Kisch, Energy Solutions Todd Malinick, EMI Rick Ridge, Rick Ridge and Associates Martha Garcia, SCG Peter Ford, SDG&E

II. Key Action Items and Decisions

RPP IMC Methodology

Decisions: TF approves webcrawler methodology from abstract for Incremental Measure Cost (IMC) development in a workpaper by PG&E.

III. Discussion on Proposed Webcrawler Methodology for RPP IMC

PowerPoint Presentation

Discussion during presentation:

Pierre Landry—Was there a report?

Teddy Kisch—There was an ACEEE report, which we've sent to the Cal TF.

ACT: Jenny to post ACEEE papers to website.

Teddy Kisch—Webcrawling could be done from an IP address in a region where there is no program offering and compared to CA to see if there's a difference. As for legal risks, the PG&E lawyer said she didn't see a major risk (everything has risks) with scraping information off of website. If the retailer has an API, they are actively giving permission. If they don't have API, you do screen scraping, and we would need to look at online user agreement terms to see if they explicitly state that you cannot do webcrawling on that site. Additionally, cost data would be aggregated to avoid exposing individual retailer information.

Pierre Landry—Are any of the retailers interested in this data collection and analysis?

Teddy Kisch—I think retailers and manufacturers are both interested. I think this really changes how programs are run. RPP is taking a new approach for incentivizing a group of products, which requires a refined understanding of the relationship between efficiency and cost, and other factors that influence customer decisions and cost.

Pierre Landry—Price is just one part of it, they would also be interested in sales and how point of purchase displays that may affect sales. I'm sure there's other things they would be interested in as well.