# Policy and Market Design to Encourage Energy Efficiency as a Resource

Regulatory Mechanisms and Utility Business Models for Energy Efficiency as a Resource

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## **Agenda**



#### **Willdan Overview**

Experience, Markets



#### **Con Edison Programs**

- 1. Commercial Direct Install Program
- 2. Multifamily Energy Efficiency Program



## **Program Design**

Challenges, Solutions, Strategies



## **Case Study**

**Customer Examples** 



#### **Results**

Savings, Lessons Learned



#### Questions

#### **About Willdan**

### **National Energy Services and Professional Engineering Firm**



Founded in 1964



Publicly Traded NASDAQ: WLDN



**90+** Utilities and **100+** Programs



Saved **1,400** MW and **6,800** GWh



Saved **92M** Therms



**5,000,000** Metric Tons Greenhouse Gas Emissions Avoided



Willdan Office Locations (60+ locations)

- Energy and Sustainability
- Performance Engineering
- Smart Cities
- Distributed Energy Resources
- Grid Analytics Software

## **Con Edison Programs**

## Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison)

- Serves 5 boroughs NYC and Westchester County
- Core Programs
  - Commercial Direct Install, formerly SBDI
  - Multifamily
  - Residential
  - C&I
- Willdan Implements
  - Commercial Direct Install (CDI) program (2009-present)
  - Multifamily Energy Efficiency (MFEE) program (2016-present)
- CDI and MFEE = ~50% of savings in Con Edison's portfolio
- Implemented Non Wires Solutions through the core programs
  - Since 2014 in CDI
  - Since 2016 in MFEE



## **Commercial Direct Install Program**

- Small & Medium-sized businesses
  < 300 kW demand</li>
- Top participants: Retail, Grocery, Offices, Convenience Stores, Small Services
- Measures



Lighting



**HVAC** 



Refrigeration



Gas

Achievements to date



**40,000+** projects



780M kWh delivered



**100+** participating contractors





## **Multifamily Energy Efficiency Program**

- Large Residential Buildings w/ 5+ dwelling units
- Includes assisted living, supportive housing, dormitories, etc.
- Measures



Lighting



**HVAC** 



Gas

Achievements to date



**7,500+** projects



151M kWh and 905,000 Dekatherms delivered



**120+** participating contractors



**Program Design** 

## **Background**

- Economic boom in most populated service areas
  - ↑ residential and small/large commercial development
  - nergy usage in Brooklyn & Queens
  - Forecast: expect higher usage
- In 2013, the New York Public Service Commission tasked Con Edison to find non-traditional, customer-side solutions to defer a \$1.2B substation upgrade
- Con Edison decides to invest in infrastructure and customer-side EE



## **Program Development**

#### **Brooklyn Queens Demand Management (BQDM) Program**

- Goal: deliver 51.7 MW in peak load reduction through EE, fuel cells, battery storage, CHP, and demand response
- BQDM MW carve-out in EE programs
- Since 2014, Willdan has used targeted EE to deliver 18.1 MW to BQDM (50% of BQDM's customer-side load reductions)



## **Strategies**

## Leverage the following:



Existing EE direct install programs



Utility data (outreach/sales targeting)



Local sub-contractors, supplement with self-installs



Copay-free options to re-engage customers, achieve deeper savings



Advertise: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, radio, TV, direct mailers



1,188 customers had at least 1 lighting project pre-launch and pursued additional measures/savings once BQDM launched.



## **Case Study**

#### Re-engaging customers with co-pay free options

### **CDI**

A house of worship (a community-based organization) in East New York paid to upgrade T8s a few years prior to BQDM launch.

★ BQDM incentives and re-engagement led them to upgrade to LED much sooner than planned.



LEDNext, a top contractor in BQDM, had a client with 3-4 buildings. 2 became free when BQDM opened.

★ Secured \$250,000 worth of incentives; proceeded to upgrade lighting for the entire portfolio.





Highlight:

Free projects are the best way to start a sales conversation with a customer.



### Results

Con Edison exceeded the BQDM goal of 51.7 MW (53.8 MW)



Ahead of schedule



✓ Using ~50% of budget

Currently pursuing additional, deeper savings through Willdan's model

This model is being replicated:

- Con Edison's non-wires solutions
- The Water Street initiative
- Other grid-constrained areas

- Data-driven geo-targeting helps to deploy a scalable marketing / sales strategy.
- Local contractors re-engage existing client base with new offerings to drive deeper savings, achieve the goal faster, and reduce soft costs of new customer acquisition.
- Smaller co-pays lead to higher implementation rates.
  - Inflection point of uptake is 1% or less out-ofpocket spend



#### **Questions?**

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