Energy Efficiency, Decarbonization, and Electrification

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America's Clean Energy Frontier





Source: NRDC, 2017

Electrification Can Often Save Energy



Per government ratings

Allowing for electric system efficiency and upstream gasoline energy

Source: ACEEE calculations based on government data and models





Comparison of annual energy use of a 95% AFUE propane furnace and a cold-climate HSPF heat pump



Source: Nadel 2018, *Savings from Replacing Oil and Propane Heating with Heat Pumps*, ACEEE

Halfway There: Energy Savings



Source: ACEEE 2019, Halfway There

Allocation of Electrification Potential



ACEEE:

Source: Nadel, ACEEE, Oct. 2019 blog looking at studies by NRDC NREL, EPRI, RMI and ACEEE

Consumer Paybacks – Oil & Propane at Time of Equipment Replacement

Average simple payback period (years)						
Comparison	US	West	Midwest	Northeast	Southeast	
Oil furnace (83% AFUE) vs. HP (8.5 HSPF), includes AC savings	0.9	1.4	1.3 in MO; no savings in Upper MW	1.9	0.8	
Propane furnace (80% AFUE) vs. HP (8.5 HSPF), includes AC savings	1.5	1.7	3.4 in MO; no savings in Upper MW	2.0	1.3	
Oil boiler (86% AFUE) vs. ductless HP, without AC	4.4	7.3	18.8	6.2	5.1	
Propane boiler (84% AFUE) vs. ductless HP, without AC	16.1	12.1	19.8	8.5	9.1	
Std. oil water heater to HPWH (2.0 rated EF)	Immediate	Examined only at a national level				
Std. propane water heater to HPWH (2.0 rated EF)	3.9					

Note: Payback periods are typically longer relative to natural gas systems.



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Markets for Electrification

Sector	Good Markets Today/Soon	Very Challenging
Transportation	Many passenger vehicles; delivery trucks and buses emerging	Long-distance trucking and aviation
Residential	New construction, homes with oil and propane heat, homes with natural gas in warm climates, homes adding AC	Supplemental heat in very cold regions, such as Minnesota
Industrial	High-value process applications such as UV and IR coatings; induction melting	High temperature bulk processes such as chemical and petroleum



Note: Not enough info available yet to characterize commercial sector.

Peak Loads in 2050 in Electrification Scenarios



Sources: Mai et al., NREL, 2018 (left) and EPRI 2018 (right)



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