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Performance Path Utility Program Design Form

This form is meant to help utilities design their Performance Path program and will also be used for AXIS configuration. The most common factors to consider are included below along with helpful guidelines for maximizing savings. BetterBuiltNW is available to answer questions and provide design recommendations. Complete and submit this form to info@betterbuiltnw.com once you've determined your program design.

General Information

Name: _____ Company: _____

Email: _____

Type of utility:
☐ Electric ☐ Gas ☐ Dual

Are you a BPA customer utility?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Anticipated program launch date:
_____

Participating homes must be permitted on/after date:
_____

Home Certification required?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Preferred

Document upload required?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If Home Certification required or preferred, which one(s)?
_____

Meter number required?
☐ Yes ☐ No

You can find the complete list of Home Certification programs at betterbuiltnw.com/programs/home-certification-programs

Incentive redirect available?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Configuration Examples

Space Heat Fuel	Water Heat Fuel	Kitchen/ Appliances Fuel	Percent Improvement	Builder Incentive	If Flat incentive, how much?
Electric	Any	Any	10	Variable: 100 percent pass through of BPA utility reimburse-ment (based on kWh savings)	N/A
Electric	Electric	Electric	15	Variable: 100 percent pass through of BPA utility reimburse-ment	N/A
Electric	Any	Any	20	Flat	$1,200
Electric	Electric	Any	30	Flat	$2,000
Gas	Gas	Any	10	Flat	$750
Gas	Gas	Gas	20	Flat	$1,500

Heating Fuel/Equipment Examples

Examples of Heating Fuel/Equipment Combos	
Space Heat	**Water Heat**
Electric	Electric
Electric	Gas
Electric	Propane
Electric	Other
Gas	Electric
Gas	Gas
Gas	Other

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Configuration 1

Space heat fuel:
☐ Electric ☐ Gas ☐ Propane

Water heat fuel:
☐ Electric ☐ Gas ☐ Propane ☐ Any

Kitchen/appliances fuel:
☐ Electric ☐ Gas ☐ Propane ☐ Any

Minimum percent improvement:
☐ 10 ☐ 15 ☐ 20 ☐ 25 ☐ 30+

Builder incentive:
☐ Flat
If Flat incentive, how much?

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☐ Variable: 100 percent pass through of BPA utility reimbursement (based on kWh savings)
☐ Other

If additional configurations are required, please enter them below: _____

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Configuration 2

Space heat fuel:
☐ Electric ☐ Gas ☐ Propane

Water heat fuel:
☐ Electric ☐ Gas ☐ Propane ☐ Any

Kitchen/appliances fuel:
☐ Electric ☐ Gas ☐ Propane ☐ Any

Minimum percent improvement:
☐ 10 ☐ 15 ☐ 20 ☐ 25 ☐ 30+

Supplemental Details

Please add information about other incentive, equipment or program details below. These details are any extra components that are unique to your utility program requirements. Examples include, but are not limited to, the specific type and efficiency of space/water heating equipment, as well as any required documents such as a certificate of occupancy.

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Recommendations to Maximize Savings

Estimated savings are calculated based on a mix of projected savings from REM/*Rate*™, prescriptive deemed savings, and the measure life of the selected home features. In general, envelope measures have 20–50 year measure lives and may provide greater savings compared to equipment and prescriptive measures that tend to have 7–15 year measure lives.

To maximize savings, it's important for builders to select a minimum of one to two envelope package items that will be cost-effective to the builder while contributing to long-term comfort and durability for the homeowner. Examples include upgrading to lower U-value windows or increasing wall insulation features. Additional savings can be achieved by increasing natural and LED lighting in a home, adding extra floor and attic insulation, and ensuring that air leakage is kept within the 1.5–3 ACH @50 pascals range. You can also ensure that the home's space heating and/or water heating system has a higher efficiency rating; Tier 3 Heat Pump Water Heaters, 96 percent AFUE Gas equipment, and 10.0 HSPF Heat Pumps will all score homes well. ENERGY STAR® appliances will also boost savings. Finally, REM/*Rate* modeling tools tend to favor appropriately sized heat recovery ventilators that are at least 75 percent efficient and have efficacy of 1.0 cfm/watt or higher.