

Energy Data Access Committee Meeting (EDAC) Meeting Summary

June 16, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Commercial Auditorium Room, Energy Resource Center
9240 Firestone Blvd. Downey, CA 90241

Call-in Number and Web Meeting capability provided for remote participants

Attendees: EDAC Committee Members	In-person	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrea Gough, CEC 2. Zita Kline, Office of Ratepayer Advocates 3. Garen Grigoryan, PG&E 4. Jody Lawler, SoCalGas 5. Natalie Martinez, SCE 6. Chris Vera, SDG&E 7. Karen Notsund, UCB Energy institute at Haas 8. Stephanie Pincetl, UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability
	Remote	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Barry Hooper, Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition 10. Michael Murray, Mission Data 11. Amy Reardon, California Public Utilities Commission 12. Maria Stamas, Natural Resources Defense Council 13. Lee Tien, Electronic Frontier Foundation 14. Timothy Treadwell, Center for Sustainable Energy
	Not in Attendance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Mark Toney, The Utility Reform Network (TURN)
Additional Attendees	In-person	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gillian Wright, SoCalGas 2. Jerry Woodrome, SoCalGas 3. Del Sheikh, SoCalGas 4. Bill Kim, SoCalGas 5. Vi Mendoza, SoCalGas 6. Frank Kao, SCE 7. Simi Luthra, SCE 8. Paul Monette, SCE
	Remote	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Carmen Best 10. Leo Natanian 11. Jennifer Summers 12. Christa Heavey

Meeting Objectives:

On June 16th, SoCalGas hosted the second meeting with the Energy Data Access Committee (EDAC).

Welcome: Jody Lawler, SoCalGas*Highlights*

SoCalGas is the second to host the quarterly EDAC meetings. The committee will be looking forward to applying both the successes and the lessons learned from the IOUs and interested parties in data sharing under the Energy Data Access Decision.

EDAC Purpose

Introductions were made including both in-person attendants as well as telephone participants. EDAC Charter was reviewed. EDAC has three core purposes:

- To provide advice regarding a utility's protocols for reviewing data requests,
- To act as an informal body to review disputes between a utility and a requestor, and
- To act as an on-going forum to discuss and review changes in protocols in response to changing technological abilities" EDAC decision, pg.98

Vote to Adopt EDAC Charter:

Vote was taken to adopt the EDAC Charter. Result was that majority votes to adopt the Charter.

EDAC Communication Platform*Google Group*

Chris Vera reviewed the general pros and cons of using Google Groups as a communication platform for EDAC committee members, and consensus was gained by the committee members to set up and use Google Groups.

- Advantage of a Google Groups forum is that it's easy to use.
- Key disadvantage is that the tool is not secure, and it was therefore discussed that no private information should be shared or posted in the group that would not be shared publicly.
- For those who do not want to have a Google account, the committee will find a way to get access to the site without having to set up an account.
- Committee to utilize a one page comments template to submit requested changes or items for discussion. Circulate one page summary at least a day in advance of any EDAC meeting.
- Committee to schedule a separate closed meeting to discuss if there was ever a need to discuss confidential information.

New Business: Non-Disclosure Agreement, Data requests, Whole-building usage information*Non-Disclosure Agreement*

Karen Notsund from Energy Institute at HAAS at UC Berkley addressed issues concerning the University's legal department accepting a NDA document. Karen is waiting for the Office of the President to accept the terms of the NDA and to proceed with further actions there forth.

- Committee reviewed specific language marked-up on the NDA in question by UCB to characterize what the objection was regarding.
- UCB reviewed the two paragraphs in question. One issue was the wording on the contract on how long to protect the data received. Another main concern was a paragraph that talked about indemnification.
- In this discussion it was brought to attention by UCB that SCE has filed a separate NDA than the other IOUs. SCE has confirmed that this NDA has been approved by the CPUC and it may only be slightly different. SDG&E and SoCalGas have the same NDA, however, Chris Vera from SDG&E will follow-up and confirm.
- PG&E confirmed that its NDA is unchanged from the decision issued sample NDA as attachment B.

Data Requests

Update on recent data requests was provided by each IOU. This information is publicly available online on each IOU's respective website.

- Discussion followed by question from CEC: Has there been any probing is on how data requests have been completed, and should the team be proactive?
- CEC also pointed out experiencing a requestor asking both the utility as well as the energy commission for data. Would like to see if the team can talk to these requestors to let them know about EDRP, if CEC can make the contact information available for the requesting parties to the IOUs.

Whole-building usage information

Maria Stamas provided discussion on: establishing and clearly communicating utility protocols regarding efficient provision of whole-building usage information to building owners who have received individual tenant consent. A few highlights of the discussion by Maria include:

- Is there a way to explain the process better to building owners? Where can building owners go for information is not always clear to customers and/or third parties.
- Inconsistency with the CISR form and which ones are used for what purpose.
- Aggregate data and rules around aggregation may need to be revisited in future EDAC meetings.
- HUD has a form that they are recommending for benchmarking purposes.
- PG&E suggested one landing page that might be more dynamic. For example, through series of questions the Third Party could be directed to the appropriate program that would fulfill the request, or perhaps deny it if they do not qualify.
- SoCalGas has at least a couple different channels Building owners can go to in requesting usage information. For example, the Customer Contact Center general number and a contact in the Energy Efficiency team.
- SoCalGas is redesigning the Building Benchmarking page on www.socalgas.com and welcomes recommendations for improvement.

- The EDAC committee could come up with a quick reference guide that helps direct people of CA where to go in requesting usage data.
- PGE is undergoing an initiative to map data to buildings.

Presentation on the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process for Academic Researchers

Discussion Leads

Karen Notsund; Stephanie Pincetl; Lee Tien

Purpose

To review and explain the IRB process from both academic and privacy advocate group viewpoints to seek clarification for the IOUs on how to verify this eligibility requirement. Presentation and discussion reflected on the IRB: mission, purpose, relevance and composition. See attached for a copy of the presentation.



EI_IRB
process20150615.pdf

Q3 EDAC Meeting

SCE will host next meeting.

Location: SCE Energy Education Center, Irwindale, CA

Contact person: Frank Kao

- Dates proposed in September and October from 1:00pm-5:00pm. Committee favored September 1st to not have Q3 and Q4 meetings so close together. The group recognized that scheduling Q4 during the Holiday period would be a challenge.
- Additional information on logistics will be forthcoming.

Committee Decisions

- Majority vote to adopt EDAC Charter
- EDAC Committee to use Google Groups as a communication platform

Action Items

- Chris Vera from SDG&E to add EDAC members to the Google Group, and provide instructions on how to accept the invitation and join
- Karen Notsund from UC Berkley to see if Office of President will sign-off and agree to the model NDA as used by SoCalGas, SDG&E and PG&E. Additionally verify use of SCE's NDA
- Jody Lawler from SoCalGas to reach out to Building Benchmarking managers at SoCalGas and provide contact information to Maria Stamas from NRDC

- Create a quick reference guide that helps direct building benchmarking needs
- IOUs to consult with project teams regarding census block data and mapping
- EDAC members to discuss aggregation and anonymization rules and models at the next Q3 meeting