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Glossary of Acronyms

AFUE	Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency
ACH	Air Changes per Hour
COP	Coefficient of Performance
EF	Energy Factor
ERV	Energy Recovery Wheel
DHP	Ductless Heat Pump
DOEZER	Department of Energy Zero Energy Ready Home
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
HFA	Heated Floor Area
HSPF	Heating Seasonal Performance Factor
HP	Heat Pump
IECC	International Energy Conservation Code
MELS	Miscellaneous Electric Load Use
NEEA	Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
NWPCC	Northwest Power and Conservation Council
ORSC	Oregon Residential Specialty Code
RTF	Regional Technical Forum
RBSA	Residential Building Stock Assessment
SEEM	Simplified Energy and Enthalpy Model
SEER	Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio
SHGC	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient
SRE	Sensible Heat Recovery Efficiency
SqFt	ft ²
TMY	Typical Meteorological Year
UA	Building heat loss expressed as U-value times area

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Executive Summary

Oregon Executive Order (EO) 17-20, Section 4C requires newly constructed residential buildings to achieve equivalent performance levels with the 2017 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Zero Energy Ready (DOEZER) specification by 2023. To support this goal, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) has funded Ecotope to conduct an energy analysis for single-family homes and provide information to stakeholders to meet Executive Order 17-20. The study has the following goals:

- Provide a summary snapshot of the average annual energy consumption of the residential sector by establishing the 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) baseline energy use.
- Determine the difference in energy consumption between the 2017 ORSC baseline and the DOEZER Rev. 06 specification (the version of the specification published in 2017).
- Provide several combinations of measures to achieve DOEZER-equivalent energy savings by 2023.

To conduct the energy saving analysis, two single-family homes were modeled in Simplified Energy Enthalpy Model (SEEM)¹ and supplemented with engineering calculations. The prototypes, representing 67% of Oregon's single-family home population, included 2,200 ft² homes, one built over a crawlspace and one on a concrete slab. Each prototype home contains four heating systems (two gas-heated systems and two electric-heated systems). All studied homes further placed within two climate zones in Oregon. This totaled a suite of 16 prototype models included in each of two cases: 2017 ORSC and DOEZER.

The results in Table 1 show the annual energy consumption by end use for all prototypes after aggregating results by applying for the construction weighting factors. Inputs for both 2017 ORSC and DOEZER cases are outlined in Table 9.

Table 2 shows the difference in total energy use intensity for site energy consumption between the 2017 ORSC baseline and the DOEZER specification. It also presents the site energy saving target to meet the DOEZER efficiency level. In other words, the future Oregon Residential Specialty Code will need to deliver roughly 2.0 to 2.5 kBtu/sf annual site energy savings to be DOEZER equivalent.

¹ The field-validated hourly energy use model developed by Ecotope and used by the Regional Technical Forum, Northwest Power and Conservation Council and NEEA.

Table 1. Annual Energy Consumption by End Use

Case	Home Type	Heating	Cooling (kWh)	Fan (kWh)	Water Heating	Lighting (kWh)	MELs (kWh)	Total Electric (kWh)	Total Gas (Therm)
2017 ORSC (Option 5A)	DHP	3,477 (kWh)	380	89	2,927 (kWh)	766	4,000	11,639	-
	Central HP	3,101 (kWh)	595	312	2,927 (kWh)	766	4,000	11,701	-
	Gas Furnace with AC	339 (therm)	705	436	153 (therm)	766	4,000	5,907	492
	Gas Furnace with no AC	340 (therm)	0	360	153 (therm)	766	4,000	5,126	493
DOEZER (Rev. 06)	DHP	3,117 (kWh)	302	484	1,390 (kWh)	1,041	3,820	10,154	-
	Central HP	2,626 (kWh)	508	673	1,390 (kWh)	1,041	3,820	10,058	-
	Gas Furnace with AC	293 (therm)	529	783	142 (therm)	1,041	3,820	6,173	435
	Gas Furnace with no AC	295 (therm)	0	719	142 (therm)	1,041	3,820	5,580	437
Note: 1. DHP (ductless heat pump with electric zonal heating); Central HP (central air source heat pump); AC (air conditioner); MELs (miscellaneous electric loads) 2. Option 5A refers to the additional measures required in 2017 ORSC Table N1101.1(2).									

Table 2. Annual Energy Use Intensity (EUI) Comparison, Site Energy (kBtu/sf)

Home Type	2017 ORSC (Option 5A)	ZER (Rev. 06)	ZER-equivalent Saving Target
DHP	18.1	15.8	2.3
Central HP	18.2	15.6	2.5
All Electric Total	18.1	15.7	2.5
Gas Furnace with AC	31.5	29.3	2.2
Gas Furnace with no AC	30.3	28.5	1.8
Gas Heat Total	31.1	29.1	2.0

To facilitate exploration of several combinations of measures to meet DOEZER-equivalent saving goal, several measures (e.g., Super Windows, Air Tightness, Zero Energy Ready Wall, and others) were designed to be unique so that more than one could be chosen without duplication of the measure design. Once measures were developed, a “least first cost” and a “max energy savings” selection of measures were selected and modeled. The goal was to ensure the savings in 2023 (i.e., “Select 4 Energy Measure”) were roughly equal to the DOEZER specification. Annual EUI Savings of

the measure packages are summarized in Table 3 – these are savings over those of a current 2017 ORSC-compliant home.

Table 3. Summary of Energy Savings Compared to a 2017 ORSC Baseline

Measure Inputs	Home Type	Total Site EUI (kBtu/sf)	EUI Savings
2017 ORSC Baseline (Option 5A)			
See Table 9	All Elec	18.1	---
See Table 9	Gas Heat	31.1	---
DOEZER Rev. 06			
See Table 9	All Elec	15.7	2.5
See Table 9	Gas Heat	29.1	2.0
"Select 3 Energy Measures" – See Appendix A			
Least First Cost			
X1: DHP 9.5 <u>OR</u> Central HP 10 HSPF W1: 2.0 UEF Water Heater A: U-0.045 Wall	All Elec	15.3	2.8
X1: 90% AFUE Furnace Y: Ducts Inside A: U-0.045 Wall	Gas Heat	29.6	1.5
Max Energy Savings			
X1: DHP 9.5 HSPF <u>OR</u> Central HP 10 HSPF W1: 2.0 UEF Electric Water Heater A: U-0.045 Wall	All Elec	15.3	2.8
X1: 90% AFUE Furnace W1: 0.85 UEF Gas Water Heater A: U-0.045 Wall	Gas Heat	29.5	1.6
"Select 4 Energy Measures" – See Appendix A			
Least First Cost			
X1: DHP 9.5 HSPF <u>OR</u> Central HP 10 HSPF W2: 2.9 UEF Electric Water Heater (2 credit measure) A: U-0.045 Wall	All Elec	14.7	3.4
X1: 90% AFUE Furnace W1: 0.85 UEF Gas Water Heater Y: Ducts Inside A: U-0.045 Wall	Gas Heat	28.1	3.0
Max Energy Savings			
X1: DHP 9.5 HSPF W2: 2.9 UEF Water Heater (2 credit measure) A: U-0.045 Wall OR X2: Central HP 12 HSPF W1: 2.0 UEF Water Heater A: U-0.045 Wall	All Elec	14.5	3.6
X1: 90% AFUE Furnace W2: 1.2 UEF Water Heater (2 credit measure) A: U-0.045 Wall	Gas Heat	27.7	3.4

Results show that three measures for electric-heated homes and four measures for gas-heated homes under a future Oregon Residential Specialty Code are needed to achieve DOEZER equivalence. While this study explored a selected combination of defined measures, there are many other possible combinations of these measures. Providing a small group of non-overlapping measures allows the builder more flexibility on achieving DOEZER equivalence. The study provides a framework and data for future Oregon Residential Specialty Code development to meet the Executive Order.

1. Introduction

Oregon Executive Order (EO) 17-20, Section 4C requires newly constructed residential buildings to achieve equivalent performance levels with the 2017 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Zero Energy Ready (DOEZER) specification by 2023. To support this goal, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) has funded Ecotope to conduct an energy analysis for single-family homes and provide information to stakeholders to meet Executive Order 17-20. The study has the following goals:

- Provide a summary snapshot of the average annual energy consumption of the residential sector by establishing the 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) baseline energy use.
- Determine the difference in energy consumption between the 2017 ORSC baseline and the DOEZER Rev. 06 specification (the version of the specification published in 2017).
- Provide several combinations of measures to achieve DOEZER-equivalent energy savings by 2023.

In order to develop a representative picture of Oregon's new construction single-family homes, the energy modeling methodology was developed to follow guidelines used by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NWPCC), Regional Technical Forum (RTF), and the Washington State Building Code Council (SBCC). Section 2 in this report documents the methodology and detailed analysis inputs and modeling assumptions.

Findings from the analysis in the study suggest a need to increase the number of required measures from Table 1101.1(2) Additional Measures² in the current 2017 ORSC to achieve energy efficiency performance level equivalent to DOEZER. Envelope measures were developed such that the reductions in total shell heat loss rate (U-value * area of component) was within 5% of each other. HVAC and water heating equipment measures were developed to achieve 10-20% energy savings of each other. All the measures were evaluated for their relative savings over the minimum requirements of 2017 ORSC before any options were chosen. This provides a way of considering several different combinations of measures that achieved DOEZER equivalence. It also helps establish percentage savings over the minimum code and excludes variability in the results by screening the options out. Results and conclusions are included in Section 3 and 4, respectively. Future residential code framework and measures can be found in Appendix A. The NWPCC Heating and Cooling Climate Zone maps are provided in Appendix B and Summary of Measure by Measure modeled savings results are provided in Appendix C.

The study establishes the baseline for 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code energy use and determines the difference in the energy consumption between 2017 ORSC baseline and the DOEZER Rev. 06 specification without overlapping 2017 ORSC requirements. Where requirements of the local code overlap with the DOEZER requirements and exceed DOEZER are referred as overlapping requirements in this study. The feedback received from the peer reviews indicate that Oregon Zero Energy Ready Residential Code uses the DOEZER Rev. 06 minimum requirements and the current 2017 ORSC is not used to set the DOEZER Rev. 06 prescriptive requirements. In responding to the comments, NEEA and Ecotope conducted an additional scenario analysis and the results are provided in Appendix D to assist stakeholders understand the impacts from this alternative analysis.

² <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/chapter/10141/>

2. Methodology

The modeling process and selection of residential prototypes remained consistent with the framework developed by the Regional Technical Forum (RTF) and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NWPCC) for energy forecasting for the region's utilities. This study focused on single-family detached homes and modeled two housing types. By focusing on the most common residential prototypes and modeling them within the state's two most populous climate zones, a representative picture of annual energy use can be characterized within Oregon's single-family sector.

Energy use was predicted by a combination of numerical simulations and engineering calculations. Simplified Energy Enthalpy Model (SEEM)³ was used to simulate heating, cooling, and ventilation energy use. SEEM combines building shell characteristics, thermostat settings, occupant behavior inputs, descriptions of heating and cooling systems, and duct distribution efficiency to develop an overall estimate of energy requirements for a house. Additionally, engineering calculations calibrated by field studies were employed to determine the energy use of other end uses such as lighting, water heating, appliances, and miscellaneous electric loads (MELs). Since MELs are the only unregulated load in a single-family home, this value was kept constant across all modeling runs and incorporates gas and electric cooking (represented in equivalent kWh usage). Minor credit has been claimed for Energy Star appliances for refrigerators, dryers and washing machine in the DOEZER runs using the Regional Technical Forum (RTF) workbooks.⁴

³ <https://rtf.nwcouncil.org/simplified-energy-enthalpy-model-seem>

⁴ <https://rtf.nwcouncil.org/standard-information-workbook>

2.1. Input Assumptions

The following inputs and weightings remained constant throughout the modeling study. This provided a consistent basis upon which individual conservation measures, packages of measures, and code/DOEZER-compliant runs were built.

2.1.1. Prototype and Heating System Selection

In summary, two building prototypes were modeled (with four heating systems each) and placed within two climate zones. This totaled 16 simulation runs for each individual measure or condition analyzed. The diversity of climate zones and heating system types captured the variation in typical home energy use, instead of a like-for-like analysis which would have focused solely on a single house selection. The two prototypes were 2,200 ft² detached single-family homes, one placed over a crawlspace and the other on a concrete slab. These two prototypes represent 67% of Oregon's single-family home population. Table 4 describes the building characteristics of these two prototypes and their corresponding weighting factors.

Based on the standard methodology used by the RTF, each of the two prototypes was simulated with the following four heating systems: gas furnace with no central air conditioning, gas furnace with central air conditioning, central heat pump (HP), and ductless heat pump with electric zonal heating. Weights for the base heating systems of single-family prototypes were sourced from a combination of the RLW reports,⁵ the RBSA phone survey, and the RBSA field study.⁶ Table 5 presents the weights for these four heating systems.

Table 4. Prototype Characteristics of Selected Single-family Homes

Characteristics	2200c	2200s
Foundation	Crawl	Slab
Units	1	1
Floors	1.5	1.5
Glazing (% HFA) *	16.6%	16.6%
Occupants per Unit	2.75	2.75
Prototype Weight	0.73	0.27

*HFA: Heated Floor Area

Table 5. Heating System Weights

Heating System	Gas Furnace with Central Air Conditioning	Gas Furnace with no Air Conditioning	Central Heat Pump	DHP with Electric Zonal Heating
Weights	0.535	0.290	0.119	0.056

⁵ NEEA (2007). Single-Family Residential New Construction Characteristics and Practices Study. RLW Analytics

⁶ NEEA (2012). 2011 Residential Building Stock Assessment: Single-Family Characteristics and Energy Use. Ecotope

2.1.2. Climate Zone Weighting

The weather files used in this study were composite typical meteorological year (TMY) weather files corresponding to the heating and cooling climate zones used by the NWPCC. These climate zone designations correlated closely to the 2015 IECC-defined Climate Zone map. However, the NWPCC climate zones had the benefit of providing a holistic picture of single-family energy use in Oregon by breaking out climate weightings by the state's population. Table 6 lists the climate zone weights for the entire state. This analysis modeled two climate zones (Heating Zone 1 and Cooling Zones 1 & 2), capturing 81% of Oregon's population. See Appendix B for climate zone maps.

**Table 6. Climate Zone Weights of Oregon Counties
(Based on 2000 Census Data)**

Climate Zone	Population	Weight
Heating 1 & Cooling 1*	1,578,168	48%
Heating 1 & Cooling 2*	1,085,867	33%
Heating 1 & Cooling 3	369,335	11%
Heating 2 & Cooling 1	170,348	5%
Heating 2 & Cooling 2	97,883	3%
Heating 3 & Cooling 1	14,553	0%
Total	3,316,154	100%

*Selected climate zones for this analysis

2.1.3. Federal Minimum Equipment Efficiencies

An important consideration in developing code-compliant savings is understanding the federal minimum equipment efficiencies upon which energy savings are calculated. Table 7 summarizes the equipment efficiencies set in place on January 1, 2018. While it is anticipated that federal efficiencies will increase in the future, these values were left unchanged in order to focus this exercise solely on the proposed code impacts.

Table 7. List of Equipment Federal Minimum Efficiency Assumptions

Equipment	Federal Minimum Efficiency
Air Conditioner	13 SEER
Central Heat Pump ⁷	8.2 HSPF 14 SEER
Gas Furnace ⁷	80% AFUE
Electric Water Heater	0.95 EF
Gas Water Heater	0.62 EF

⁷ Central Gas Furnace or Heat Pump are modeled to cycle on and off to meet heating and cooling load only. Savings from any fan efficiency measure such as an ECM motor is not captured in this study. ECM motor is typically used in central furnace to ventilate the house when there is no heating and cooling load allowing the furnace fan to ramp down to minimum speed for ventilation. Such a measure will have no impact on the savings as our study assumes that ventilation is brought through whole house HRV or bath fans.

2.2. Comparison of 2017 ORSC and DOEZER Rev. 06

Building upon the input assumptions summarized in Section 2.1, modeling runs were developed in compliance with the 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) and DOE Zero Energy Ready Home (DOEZER) Rev. 06 specifications. The 16 simulation runs for each specification were weighted down to two representative values (gas and electric heating source), and the difference in modeled annual energy consumption set the basis for the development of the Oregon Residential Code Measures. All runs were fully compliant with each respective specification.

To pass the current 2017 ORSC, builders must choose two measures from Table N1101.1(2) Additional Measures; this leads to a considerable amount of variation when attempting to model a “typical” new home in Oregon. As such, all prescriptive requirements of the ORSC were included in the analysis and two measures were selected under Table N1101.1(2) of the 2017 ORSC. Two selected additional measures were Option 5 (Air sealing home and ducts) and Option A (High efficiency HVAC system).⁸

Table 8 summarizes the assumed measures for each heating system. In general, it was assumed that mastic was applied to ductwork and that an equipment measure was selected. Since the 2017 ORSC has no mandatory requirement for duct air-sealing, the study referenced shows that typical leakage of untested residential ductwork is 12%.⁹ Sealing ductwork with mastic (Measure 5 from Table N1101.1(2)) assumed that the overall leakage would drop in half to roughly 6%. This remains consistent with previous code impact studies by NEEA.¹⁰

Table 8. Selected Measures from Table N1101.1(2) for the 2017 ORSC Baseline Models

Heating System Type	Additional Measure #1 (Air Sealing Home and Ducts)	Additional Measure #2 (High Efficiency HVAC Systems)
Gas Furnace, no AC	Option 5: All req'd & ducts sealed	Option A: Furnace AFUE 94%
Gas Furnace, with AC	Option 5: All req'd & ducts sealed	Option A: Furnace AFUE 94%
Central Heat Pump (HP)	Option 5: All req'd & ducts sealed	Option A: Heat Pump HSPF 9.5, SEER 15
Ductless Heat Pump with Electric Resistance Heating	Option 5: All req'd & air handlers inside envelope (ductless heat pump)	Option C: DHP, HSPF 10

Prescriptive compliance path in DOEZER Rev. 06 specification limits builders to a single path of compliance for any given heating system. Therefore, the development of the simulation runs was relatively straightforward. A summary of all inputs used to characterize a fully-compliant 2017 ORSC and DOEZER Rev. 06 home is listed in Table 9.

⁸ In early 2020 NEEA conducted a field study for newly constructed homes in Oregon using DOE's methodology. The preliminary field data shows for most of new homes in Oregon, Option A (high efficiency HVAC system) were used by builders and Option 1 (High efficiency walls) and Option 5 (Air sealing home and ducts) were equally used to meet the code requirements. For this study, we selected Option 5A as the popular additional measures, with the field data to support this selection. We expect the field study data and report will be published by May or June 2020 when the project team complete the data analysis and finish the report.

⁹ CIEE (2002). Residential HVAC and Distribution Research Implementation. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

¹⁰ NEEA (2018). 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code Energy Efficiency: Impact Assessment. Ecotope

DOEZER Rev.06 specifications listed in Table 9 do not capture overlapping 2017 ORSC requirements. Where requirements of the local code overlap with the DOEZER requirements and exceed DOEZER are referred as overlapping requirements in this study. In the DOEZER specifications, the insulation required in above grade walls is R-20; the U value for the doors is 0.30; cooling efficiency for Heat Pump is SEER 13; and lighting requirement is for 80% high efficacy lamps. In all these areas the 2017 ORSC exceeds the DOEZER minimum requirements. However, the feedback received from the peer reviews indicate that Oregon Zero Energy Ready Residential Code uses the DOEZER Rev. 06 minimum requirements and the current 2017 ORSC is not used to set the DOEZER Rev. 06 prescriptive requirements. In responding to the comments, NEEA and Ecotope conducted an additional scenario analysis and the results are provided in Appendix D to assist stakeholders understand the impacts from this alternative analysis.

Table 9. Comparison of 2017 ORSC Baseline and DOEZER Rev. 06 Modeling Inputs

Component	2017 ORSC Baseline (with two additional measures from Table N1101.1(2))	DOEZER Rev. 06 (without any overlapping ORSC code requirements)
Envelope		
Above Grade Wall	2x6 int. w/ R-21 batts	2x6 int. w/ R-20 batts
Glazing	U-0.30, SHGC-0.40	U-0.27, SHGC-0.30
Roof	R-49	R-49
Floor Over Unheated	R-30	R-30
Slab-on-Grade	R-15 for 2 ft	R-10 for 2 ft
Doors	U-0.20	U-0.30
Airtightness	5 ACH50	2.5 ACH50 (Zone 4C) 2.0 ACH50 (Zone 5B)
Heating and Cooling (System Type)		
Gas Furnace, no AC (Heat Only)	Heat: 94% AFUE	Heat: 94% AFUE
Gas Furnace, with AC (Heat+Cool)	Heat: 94% AFUE Cool: 13 SEER	Heat: 94% AFUE Cool: 13 SEER
DHP w/ Electric resistance heating (Heat+Cool)	Heat: 10 HSPF Cool: 13 SEER ¹	Heat: 10 HSPF Cool: 13 SEER
Central Heat Pump (Heat+Cool)	Heat: 9.5 HSPF Cool: 15 SEER	Heat: 10 HSPF Cool: 13 SEER
Ventilation, Ducts & Controls		
Ventilation²	Exhaust fan, 2.8 cfm/W, 75 cfm Schedule: Cycle 8 hr/day	ERV, 60% SRE, 1.2 cfm/W, 65 cfm Schedule: 24 hr/day
Duct Location	Ducts located outside conditioned space, R-8 insulation, 6% system airflow leakage to exterior	Ducts and equipment located within conditioned space, 1% system airflow leakage to exterior ³
Thermostat	7-Day Programmable	7-Day Programmable
Domestic Hot Water (Fuel Source)⁴		
Gas	0.62 EF	0.67 EF
Electric	0.95 EF	2.0 EF
Water Consumption⁵	Gallons/day = 23 +11*(#occupants-1)	Gallons/day = 23 +11*(#occupants-1)
Lighting, Appliances & Plugs		
Lighting Efficacy and Runtime⁵	95% high efficacy ⁶ 1.8 hr/day	80% high efficacy 1.8 hr/day
Appliances	Federal Minimum	EnergyStar
Plugs	Unregulated Load, 1,600kWh/yr	Unregulated Load, 1,600kWh/yr

1. No specification in Oregon code for DHP SEER rating; assume DHP cooling efficiency is same as DOEZER.

2. Ventilation requirements are met by the combination of passive infiltration rates and mechanical fan flow. Per ASHRAE 62.2-2010-Addendum n: Mechanical ventilation is not required at 5 ACH50, therefore an intermittent exhaust fan is modeled. Mechanical ventilation at a rate of 65cfm (constant) is required for a 2,200 ft² home with tested 2 ACH50 infiltration.

3. Allows a total of 10ft of ductwork to be located outside the heated envelope per DOEZER Rev.06 endnote #16.

4. Gas-heated homes are assumed to have gas water heating, and electric heated homes are assumed to have electric water heating. 50-gallon tank.

5. NEEA (2012). 2011 Residential Building Stock Assessment: Single-family Characteristics and Energy Use.

6. Section N1107.2 exception of the 2017 ORSC allows up to two permanently installed lighting fixtures as non-high efficiency. The modeled home is assumed to have 40 installed fixtures.

2.3. Future Oregon Residential Code Measures

The future Oregon Residential Specialty Code is intended to achieve DOEZER Rev. 06 energy savings by 2023. We propose savings be achieved within two code development cycles, including 2020 and 2023. As per Oregon's 2020 residential code adoption plan¹¹, Oregon Building Code Division will be adopting Oregon Zero Energy Ready Residential Code (OZERRC) and is anticipated to be effective Oct 1, 2020. A residential code development study such as this offers the benefit of leading to a more robust energy code that provides the targeted energy savings while giving builders options in complying with code. Table 10 below lists the proposed code measures analyzed in this study. See Appendix A for the suggested code framework and measures.

To facilitate exploration of several combinations of measures to meet DOEZER-equivalent saving goal, several measures (e.g., Super Windows, Air Tightness, Zero Energy Ready Wall, and others) were designed to be unique so that more than one could be chosen without duplication of the measure design. These were evaluated for their relative savings over the minimum requirements of 2017 ORSC (i.e., before any options were chosen). This provides a way of considering several different combinations of measures that achieved DOEZER savings equivalence. It also helps establish percentage savings over the minimum code and excludes variability in the results by screening the options out.

The proposed measures fall under two categories: load reduction (envelope measures) and mechanical equipment and system efficiencies. For load reduction measures, a simple UA calculation was completed for the 2,200 ft² slab and crawlspace prototypes. Each envelope measure was developed to reduce the heating load by roughly 6%.

Each HVAC measure was adjusted to provide similar levels of energy savings within the proposed framework; however, the diversity of housing types, climate zones, and system types led to greater variations in the modeled savings. All HVAC measures were developed using the same basic input assumptions as those summarized in Section 2.1.

Figure 1 and Figure 2 display the relative savings of all proposed measures, and detailed measure-by-measure savings are shown in Table 13 in Appendix C. The measure-specific savings are modeled off a 2017 ORSC home *without* any measures selected from Table N1101.1(2), and thus assume federal minimum efficiency equipment for the four heating system types modeled. For select equipment measures, two “tiers” in efficiency were created to honor highly efficient equipment (beyond the federal minimum efficiencies). These are simply referred to as “Tier 1” and “Tier 2” equipment efficiency levels, as shown in Table 10.

¹¹ <https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/codes-stand/code-adoption/Pages/2020-orsc-adoption.aspx>

Table 10. Proposed Code Measures

Envelope Measures															
A	Super-Efficient Wall	Wall U ≤ 0.045 (2x6 in. wood R-21 cavity insulation + R-5 continuous)													
B	Super Window	Window U ≤ 0.24, SHGC 0.27 Skylight U ≤ 0.43													
C	Roofs & Floors	Flat Roof U ≤ 0.017 (R-60 w/ partial raised heel) Vaulted Ceiling U ≤ 0.017 (10” Structural Insulated Panel (SIP)) Floor over Crawlspce U ≤ 0.025 (R-38 batts in floor joists) Slab on Grade R-10 continuous rigid													
D	Air Sealing*	ACH50 ≤ 2.0 * Must be paired with HVAC measure for balanced mechanical ventilation													
E	Glazing Limit	Glazing area (frame opening) is less than 12% of floor area													
F	UA Rated**	Third Party Rater Verified UA Value 1 Credit - 6% lower heat loss than code baseline 2 Credit - 12% lower heat loss than code baseline 3 Credit - 18% lower heat loss than code baseline													
HVAC Measures															
V	Heat Recovery Ventilation (HRV)*	Balanced Mechanical Ventilation Sensible Recovery Efficiency Fan Power (W/cfm)	<table><tr><th>Tier 1</th><th>Tier 2</th></tr><tr><td>60%</td><td>80%</td></tr><tr><td>1.2</td><td>1.5</td></tr></table>	Tier 1	Tier 2	60%	80%	1.2	1.5						
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W	Water Heating	Minimum Efficiency Values Electric Water Heater Gas Water Heater	<table><tr><th>Tier 1</th><th>Tier 2</th><td rowspan="2">UEF</td></tr><tr><td>2.0</td><td>2.9</td></tr><tr><td>0.85</td><td>1.2</td><td>UEF</td></tr></table>	Tier 1	Tier 2	UEF	2.0	2.9	0.85	1.2	UEF				
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X	HVAC System	Minimum Efficiency Values DHP w/Zonal ER*** Gas Furnace Air Source Heat Pump Ground Source Heat Pump	<table><tr><th>Tier 1</th><th>Tier 2</th><td rowspan="4">HSPF AFUE HSPF COP</td></tr><tr><td>9.5</td><td>11.4</td></tr><tr><td>90%</td><td>95%</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>3.0</td><td>4.0</td><td></td></tr></table>	Tier 1	Tier 2	HSPF AFUE HSPF COP	9.5	11.4	90%	95%	10	12	3.0	4.0	
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Y	Ducts Inside****	All ducts are located inside conditioned space													

* Measures D and V must be paired together: "Air Sealing and Ventilated Right"

** May not be used with any other Envelope measure

*** Zonal ER shall not exceed 1.0 Watts/ft² of conditioned floor area

****Exception: Up to 10' of total duct length is permitted to be outside of the home's thermal and air barrier boundary OR a ductless heating system is used

Figure 1. Energy Saving Potentials from Proposed Measures (for Envelope and Ventilation Measures)

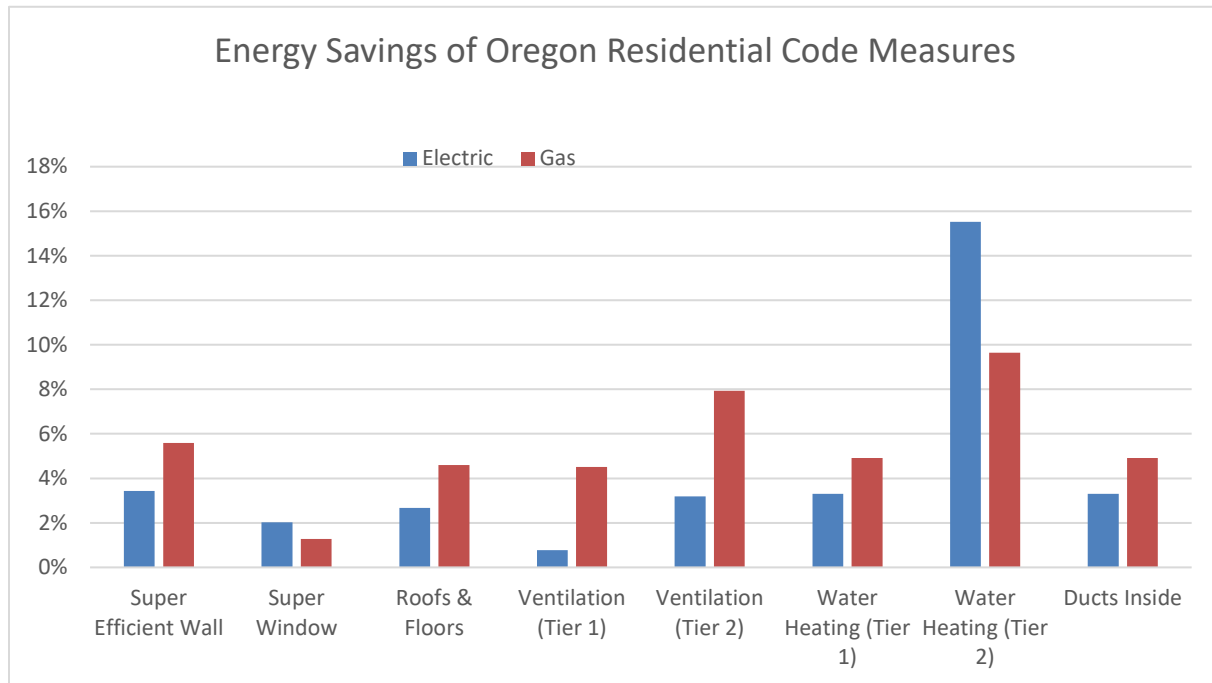
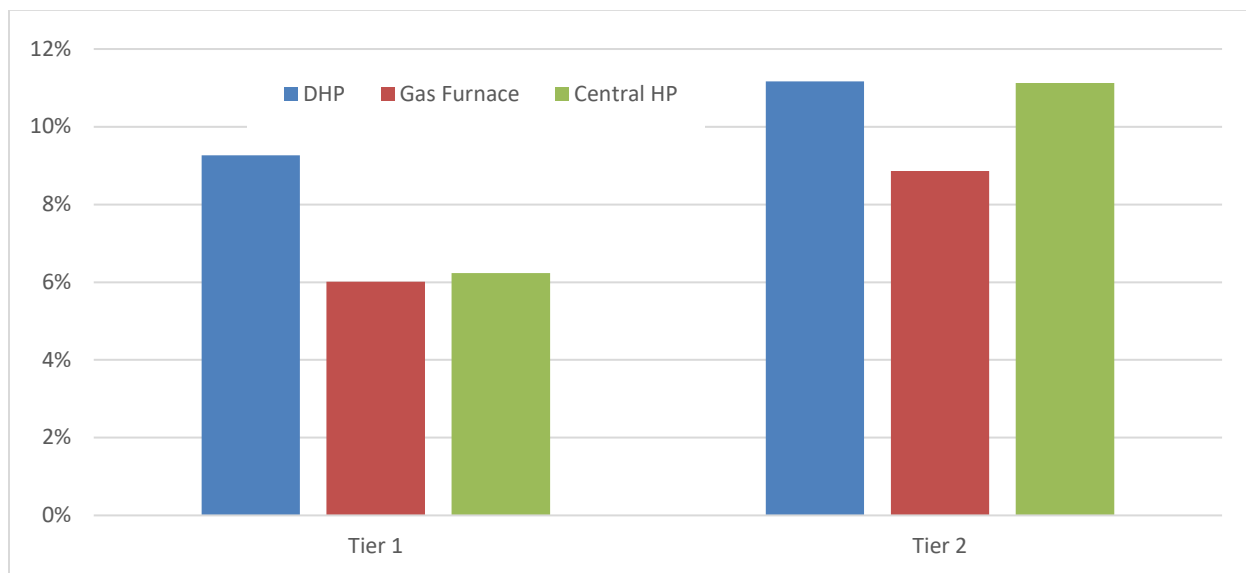


Figure 2. Energy Saving Potentials from Proposed HVAC Measures



3. Results and Saving Estimates

Once the measures were developed, the future Oregon Residential Code was modeled under the years 2020 (Select 3 Energy Measures) and 2023 (Select 4 Energy Measures). These combinations of measures are intended to demonstrate the effectiveness of the future Oregon Residential Code compared to the DOEZER specification. The annual site energy savings shown in Table 11 and Table 12 are *compared to a fully compliant 2017 ORSC home*. All weighting factors related to prototypes, climate zone, and heating fuel type (electric versus natural gas) have been included in these results.

Table 11. Future Oregon Residential Code Savings: “Least First Cost”

Measure Inputs	Home Type	Total EUI (kBtu/sf)	EUI Savings (over 2017 ORSC)
DOEZER Rev. 06			
See Table 9	All Elec	15.7	2.5
See Table 9	Gas Heat	29.1	2.0
2020 Code: Select 3 Energy Measures – See Appendix A			
Least First Cost			
X1: DHP 9.5 <u>OR</u> Central HP 10 HSPF W1: 2.0 UEF Water Heater A: U-0.045 Wall	All Elec	15.3	2.8
X1: 90% AFUE Furnace Y: Ducts Inside A: U-0.045 Wall	Gas Heat	29.6	1.5
2023 Code: Select 4 Energy Measures – See Appendix A			
Least First Cost			
X1: DHP 9.5 <u>OR</u> Central HP 10 HSPF W2: 2.9 UEF Water Heater (2 credit measure) A: U-0.045 wall	All Elec	14.7	3.4
X1: 90% AFUE Furnace W1: 0.85 UEF Water Heater Y: Ducts Inside A: U-0.045 Wall	Gas Heat	28.1	3.0

As shown, DOEZER equivalence is met when three measures are selected for electric-heated homes and four measures are selected for gas-heated homes under the proposed Oregon code, implying that the proposed code format could be set to require select 4 measures in future. Since gas-heated homes represent 82.5% of Oregon homes (RLW 2007), the proposed future cycle of codes could be geared towards achieving the necessary savings for predominate heating fuel type since it represents the majority of state’s energy use.

Table 12. Future Oregon Residential Code Savings: “Max Energy Savings”

Measure Inputs	Home Type	Total EUI (kBtu/sf)	EUI Savings (over 2017 ORSC)
DOEZER Rev. 06			
See Table 9	All Elec	15.7	2.5
See Table 9	Gas Heat	29.1	2.0
2020 Code: Select 3 Energy Measures			
Max Energy Savings			
X1: DHP 9.5 HSPF <u>OR</u> ASHP 10 W1: 2.0 UEF Water Heater A: U-0.045 Wall	All Elec	15.3	2.8
X1: 90% AFUE Furnace W1: 0.85 UEF Water Heater A: U-0.045 Wall	Gas Heat	29.5	1.6
2023 Code: Select 4 Energy Measures			
Max Energy Savings			
X1: DHP 9.5 W2: 2.9 UEF Water Heater (2 credit measure) A: U-0.045 Wall OR X2: ASHP 12 W1: 2.0 UEF Water Heater A: U-0.045 Wall	All Elec	14.5	3.6
X1: 90% AFUE Furnace W2: 1.2 UEF Water Heater (2 credit measure) A: U-0.045 Wall	Gas Heat	27.7	3.4

4. Conclusions

The Oregon Residential Specialty Code Energy Efficiency Analysis establishes the baseline for 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code energy use and determines the difference in the energy consumption between 2017 ORSC baseline and the DOEZER Rev. 06 specification. The study also explores several combinations of measures to meet DOEZER-equivalent savings goals. These were evaluated for their relative savings over the minimum requirements of the 2017 ORSC.

Once measures were developed, “least first cost” and “max energy savings” selections of measures were chosen and modeled. The goal was to ensure that the EUI savings in 2020 or 2023 Code (i.e., “Select 4 Energy Measure” path) were roughly equal to the DOEZER Rev. 06 specification.

While this study explored a selected combination of defined measures, many other possible measures, and combinations of these measures, could be defined. Providing a small group of non-overlapping measures allows the builder more flexibility for achieving DOEZER Rev. 06 equivalence. The study provides a framework and data for future Oregon residential energy code development to meet Oregon Executive Order 17-20.

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Appendix A: Future Oregon Residential Code Framework and Measures

Oregon Energy Code Concept

This table shows a progression from 2017 to 2023 in two roughly equivalent performance steps

2017 (Existing)	2020	2023 (DOEZER equivalent)
Select 2 from 2017 measure list	Select 3 Energy Measures*	Select 4 Energy Measures*

Measures should be roughly equal in energy savings for typical home

Measures should not be mutually exclusive so that more than one can be chosen

* At least one measure shall be a shell measure (A-F) and one shall be an HVAC measure (V-Z)

Reasons for choosing a progressive number of measures:

- Measures do not need to change with each code cycle. Builders and officials get familiar with the measures, and know what they will need to do in the future.
- Envelope measures are simple and limited making compliance checking easy
If a builder wants to do something else, they can use a UA trade-off calculation provided by a HERS rater or Utility Program that uses HERS program

Measure Names

Shell Measures

A	Super Efficient Wall
B	Super Window
C	Roof & Floors
D	Air Sealing*
E	Glazing Limit
F	UA Rated**

HVAC Measures

V	Heat Recovery Ventilation*
W	Water Heating
X	HVAC System
Y	Ducts Inside****
S	Solar

Examples

Path	What's it mean?	# of Measures	Code Compliance
AW2	House has a super efficient wall and a 2nd tier efficiency water heater	3	2020
BVS	House has super windows, heat recovery ventilator, and solar panels	3	2020
CX2	House has extra insulation in walls, roof and floors plus a 2nd tier efficiency measure space heating and cooling system	3	2020
DYX2	House was tested with blower door to have an air leakage <2.0 and has balanced ventilation system with an HRV and a 2nd Tier efficiency space heating and cooling system	4	2023
ABCY	House has super efficient wall, upgraded floor and roof insulation, super windows and a 1st tier efficiency water heater	4	2023

Envelope Measures								
A	Super Efficient Wall	Wall $U \leq 0.045$ Btuh/hr-F (2x6 int wood w/ R-21batts + R-4ci)						
B	Super Window	Window $U \leq 0.24$ Btuh/hr-F Skylight $U \leq 0.43$ Btuh/hr-F						
C	Roof & Floors	Flat Roof $U \leq 0.017$ Btuh/hr-F (R-60 w/ partial raised heel) Vaulted Ceiling $U \leq .017$ Btuh/hr-F (10" Structural Insulated Panel (SIP)) Floor over Crawlspace $U \leq 0.025$ Btuh/hr-F (R-38 batts in floor joists) Slab on Grade R-10 continous rigid						
D	Air Sealing*	ACH50 ≤ 2.0 * Must be paired with HVAC measure for controlled ventilation						
E	Glazing Limit	Glazing area (frame opening) is less than 12% of floor area						
F	UA Rated**	Third Party Rater Verifies UA Value <table><tr><td>1</td><td>6% lower heat loss than code baseline</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>12% lower heat loss than code baseline</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>18% lower heat loss than code baseline</td></tr></table>	1	6% lower heat loss than code baseline	2	12% lower heat loss than code baseline	3	18% lower heat loss than code baseline
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2	12% lower heat loss than code baseline							
3	18% lower heat loss than code baseline							

HVAC Measures					
V	Heat Recovery Ventilation*	Balanced Ventilation			
			Tier 1	Tier 2	
		Sensible Recovery Efficiency	60%	80%	
		Fan Power	1.2	1.5	W/cfm
W	Water Heating	Minimum Efficiency values			
			Tier 1	Tier 2	
		Electric Water Heater	2.0	2.9	UEF
		Gas Water Heater	0.85	1.2	UEF
X	HVAC System	Minimum Efficiency values			
			Tier 1	Tier 2	
		DHP w/Zonal ER***	9.5	11.4	HSPF
		Gas Furnace	0.9	0.95	AFUE
		Air Source Heat Pump	10	12	HSPF
		Ground Source Heat Pump	3.0	4.0	COP
Y	Ducts Inside****	All ducts are located inside conditioned space			

* Measures D and V must be paired together "Air Tight and Ventilated Right"

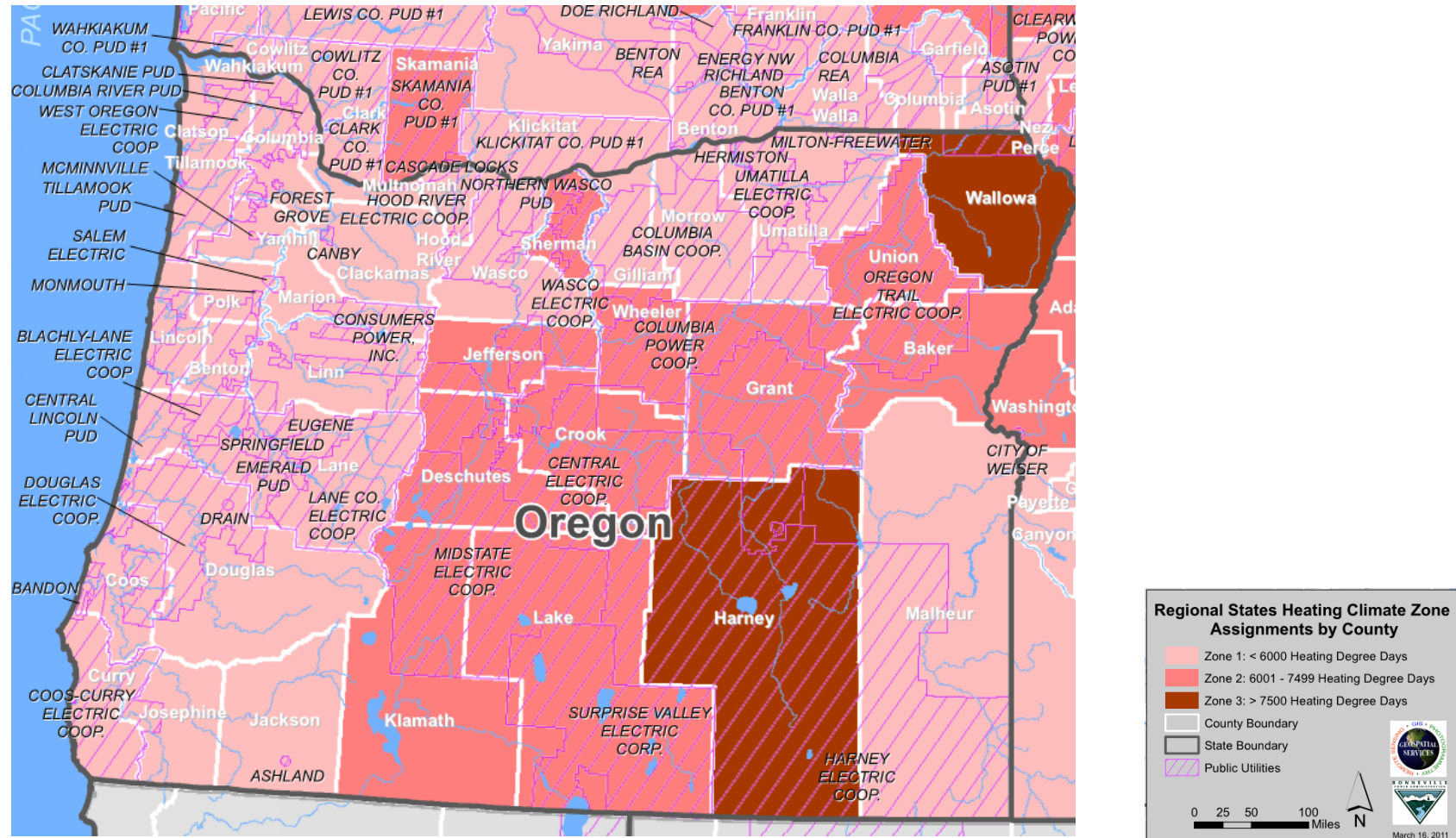
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*** zonal ER shall not exceed 1.0 Watts/ft² of conditioned floor area

**** Exception: Up to 10' of total duct length is permitted to be outside of the home's thermal and air barrier boundary OR a ductless heating system is used

Appendix B: Heating and Cooling Climate Zones (NWPCC)

Figure 3. NWPCC Heating Climate Zone Map of Oregon



A detailed map of Oregon illustrating the various electric utility service areas. The state is divided into numerous regions, each labeled with the name of the utility or cooperative serving that area. Major utilities include PacifiCorp in the northwest, WEC Energy Group in the north-central part, and several smaller cooperatives like Umatilla Electric Coop and Central Electric Coop. The map also shows major cities and geographical features, providing a comprehensive overview of the electrical grid across the state.



Appendix C: Measure-by-measure – Modeled Savings Results

Table 13. Measure-by-Measure Savings of the Proposed Oregon Residential Code

Measure	Heating System	Weighted Heating, kWh	Heating % Saving	Weighted Cooling, kWh	Cooling % Saving	Water Heating, kWh	Water Heating % Saving	Total Electric, kWh	Total Electric % Saving	Total Therm*	Total Therm % Saving
A: Super-Efficient Wall	Electric	3588	10.1%	576	-0.1%	2927		12249	3.4%		
	Gas	379 (therm)	9.9%	484	-0.1%	153 (therm)		5644	0.6%	532	7.3%
B: Super Window	Electric	3900	2.3%	417	27.6%	2927		12427	2.0%		
	Gas	416 (therm)	1.2%	350	27.7%	153 (therm)		5540	2.4%	569	0.9%
C: Roofs & Floors	Electric	3665	8.2%	590	-2.5%	2927		12346	2.7%		
	Gas	386 (therm)	8.3%	496	-2.5%	153 (therm)		5661	0.3%	539	6.1%
D+V: Ventilation Ventilation	1: Electric	3532	11.5%	573	0.4%	2927		12586	0.8%		
	1: Gas	374 (therm)	11.1%	479	0.9%	153 (therm)		6031	-6.2%	527	8.1%
	2: Electric	3326	16.7%	586	-1.7%	2927		12280	3.2%		
	2: Gas	351 (therm)	16.5%	489	-1.2%	153 (therm)		5927	-4.4%	504	12.1%
Y: Ducts Inside	Electric	3655	8.5%	533	7.4%	2927		12266	3.3%		
	Gas	385 (therm)	8.5%	452	6.6%	153 (therm)		5616	1.1%	538	6.2%
W: Water Heating	1: Elec (E)	3993		576		1390	52.5%	11147	12.1%		
	1: Gas (G)	421 (therm)		484		119 (therm)	22.2%	5678		540	5.9%
	2: Elec (E)	3993		576		959	67.2%	10716	15.5%		
	2: Gas (G)	421 (therm)		484		79 (therm)	48.4%	5678		500	12.9%
X: Space Heating & Cooling	XASHP1	3334	8.8%	476	30.8%	2927		11830	6.2%		
	XASHP2	2860	21.8%	317	53.9%	2927		11213	11.1%		
	XDHP1	3477	26.1%	380	-12.5%	2927		11639	9.3%		
	XDHP2	3220	31.6%	380	-12.5%	2927		11395	11.2%		
	XFUR90	374 (therm)	11.1%			153 (therm)		5969	6.2%	527	8.1%
	XFUR95	354 (therm)	15.8%			153 (therm)		19770	9.0%	507	11.6%

*Total Energy (kWh equiv) includes natural gas (Therm) energy use

Table 14. Detailed Energy Use for Packages of Measures Under the Proposed Oregon Residential Code

Code	# of Selected Measures	Heating System	Weighted Heating	Weighted Cooling (kWh)	Water Heating	Lights, Vent, Plugs, Appl (kWh)	Total Electric (kWh)	Total Electric % Saving	Total Therms	Total Therm % Saving
Least First Cost Packages										
XDHP1-W1E-A	3	Elec (DHP)	3133 kWh	380	1390 kWh	4854	9757	16.2%	---	---
XDHP1-W2E-A	4	Elec (DHP)	3133 kWh	380	959 kWh	4854	9326	19.9%	---	---
XFUR90-A-Y	3	Gas	308 therm	453	153 therm	5132	5585	1.6%	461	6.3%
XFUR90-W1G-A-Y	4	Gas	308 therm	453	119 therm	5132	5585	1.6%	427	13.2%
XASHP1-W1E-A	3	Elec Central HP	3018kWh	477	1390 kWh	5071	9956	14.9%	---	---
XASHP1-W2E-A	4	Elec Central HP	3018 kWh	477	959 kWh	5071	9525	18.6%	---	---
Maximum Energy Savings Packages										
XDHP1-W1E-A	3	Elec (DHP)	3133 kWh	380	1390 kWh	4854	9757	16.2%	---	---
XDHP1-W2E-A	4	Elec (DHP)	3133 kWh	380	959 kWh	4854	9326	19.9%	---	---
XFUR90-W1G-A	3	Gas	337 therm	484	119 therm	5160	5644	0.6%	456	7.4%
XFUR90-W2G-A	4	Gas	337 therm	484	79 therm	5160	5644	0.6%	416	15.5%
XASHP1-W1E-A	3	Elec Central HP	3018 kWh	477	1390 kWh	5071	9956	14.9%	---	---
XASHP2-W1E-A	4	Elec Central HP	2608 kWh	319	1390 kWh	5084	9401	19.7%	---	---

Appendix D: Alternate Analysis of DOEZER Rev6 (Including all exceeding ORSC Requirements)

Table 15 Comparison of 2017 ORSC Baseline and DOEZER Rev. 06 Modeling Inputs (Including all exceeding and overlapping ORSC Requirements)

Component	2017 ORSC Baseline (with two measures from Table N1101.1(2))	DOEZER Rev. 06 (with all overlapping ORSC code requirements)
Envelope		
Above Grade Wall	2x6 int. w/ R-21 batts	2x6 int. w/ R-21 batts
Glazing	U-0.30, SHGC-0.40	U-0.27, SHGC-0.30
Roof	R-49	R-49
Floor Over Unheated	R-30	R-30
Slab-on-Grade	R-15 for 2 ft	R-15 for 2 ft
Doors	U-0.20	U-0.20
Air-tightness	5 ACH50	2.5 ACH50 (Zone 4C) 2.0 ACH50 (Zone 5B)
Heating and Cooling (System Type)		
Gas Furnace (Heat Only)	Heat: 94% AFUE	Heat: 94% AFUE
Gas Furnace w/ AC (Heat+Cool)	Heat: 94% AFUE Cool: 13 SEER	Heat: 94% AFUE Cool: 13 SEER
DHP w/ Electric Baseboards (Heat+Cool)	Heat: 10 HSPF Cool: 15 SEER	Heat: 10 HSPF Cool: 15 SEER
Central Heat Pump (Heat+Cool)	Heat: 9.5 HSPF Cool: 15 SEER	Heat: 10 HSPF Cool: 15 SEER
Ventilation, Ducts & Controls		
Ventilation‡	Exhaust fan, 2.8 cfm/W, 75 cfm Schedule: Cycle 8 hr/day	ERV, 60%SRE, 1.2 cfm/W, 65 cfm Schedule: 24 hr/day
Duct Location	Ducts located outside conditioned space, R-8 insulation, 6% system airflow leakage to exterior	Ducts and equipment in located within conditioned space, 1% system airflow leakage to exterior
Thermostat	7-Day Programmable	7-Day Programmable
Domestic Hot Water (Fuel Source)		
Gas	0.62 EF	0.67 EF
Electric	0.95 EF	2.0 EF
Water Consumption	Gallons/day = 23 +11*(#occupants-1)	Gallons/day = 23 +11*(#occupants-1)
Lighting, Appliances & Plugs		
Lighting Efficacy and Runtime	95% high efficacy 1.8 hr/day	95% high efficacy 1.8 hr/day
Appliances	Federal Minimum	EnergyStar
Plugs	Unregulated Load, 1,600kWh/yr	Unregulated Load, 1,600kWh/yr

Table 16 Comparison of 2017 ORSC Baseline and DOEZER Rev. 06 Annual Energy Consumption (Including all exceeding and overlapping ORSC Requirements)

Measure Inputs	Home Type	Total Site EUI (kBTU/sf)	EUI Savings
2017 ORSC Baseline (Option 5A)			
See Table 15	All Elec	18.1	---
See Table 15	Gas Heat	31.1	---
DOEZER Rev. 06			
See Table 15	All Elec	15.0	3.1
See Table 15	Gas Heat	28.3	2.8

Observations and Conclusions

The analysis above lists the site energy savings target to meet DOEZER equivalency (including all exceeding and overlapping ORSC requirements). These include updating the insulation for above grade walls from R-20 to R-21; upgrading u value for the doors from 0.30 to 0.20; cooling efficiency for the Heat Pump from SEER 13 to SEER 15; and updating the requirement of high efficacy lamps from 80% to 95%. The future Oregon Residential Specialty Code will need to deliver roughly 2.8 to 3.1 kBtu/sf annual site EUI savings to be DOEZER equivalent. The analysis shows that both electric homes and the gas heated homes will need to select 4 energy measures to meet the DOEZER equivalency. Depending on how DOEZER specifications are interpreted, the number of measures selected can vary depending on the home fuel source to meet the DOEZER equivalency.