

Products Coordinating Committee

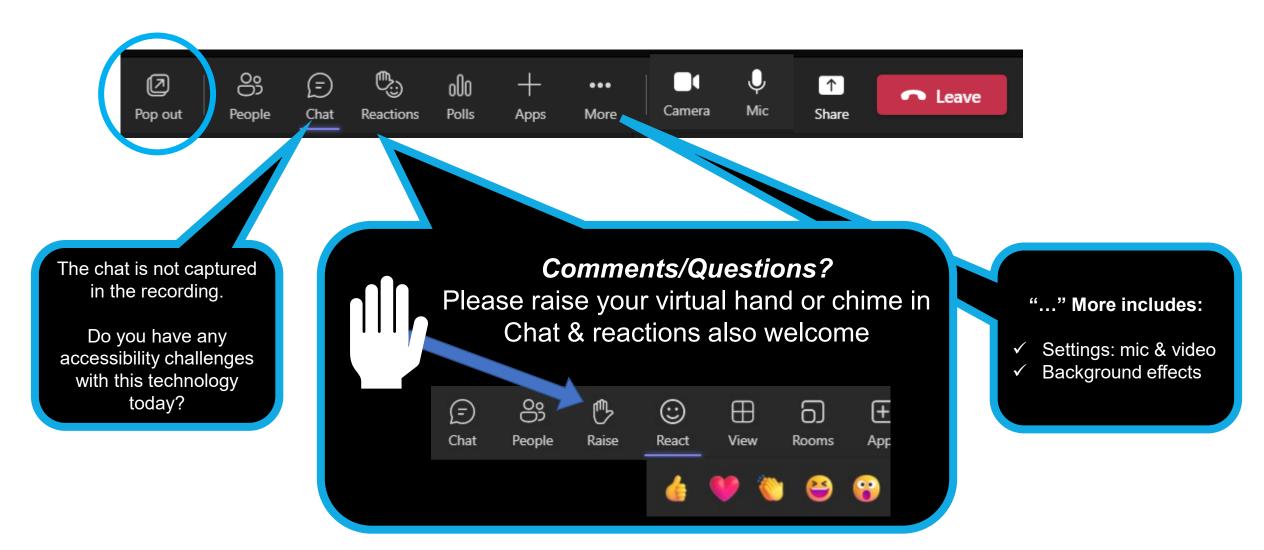
Q4 2024 Meeting – Day 1

Tuesday December 3, 2024 1:00 pm, Pacific Time





Tools for Today: Engaging on Teams





Heads up:

"Spotlighting" Speakers





Collective Role - Working Together

- Share your organization's activities
- Come prepared to actively participate
- Be transparent
- Identify any potential conflicts/challenges
- Flag any potential opportunities to leverage
- Be present in the conversation and stay flexible



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Packet Review & Informational Updates

Tier 1: Agenda Items

- Regional Priority Topic: Retail Products Portfolio (pg. 5)
- Annual Planning Memo (pg.6)

• Tier 2: Informational Items

- Regional Marketplace Memo (pg. 7)
- Ductless Heat Pump Long Term Monitoring and Tracking Outreach (pg. 8)

Program Activity Reports

- Advanced Heat Pumps (pg. 11-14)
- Heat Pump Water Heaters (pg. 15-18)
- Consumer Products Retail Products Portfolio (pg. 19-21)

• Tier 3: Additional Resources (links on pg. 3)

Committee materials (charters & recent meeting resources, functional newsletters (Market Research & Eval, Emerg Tech, Codes + Standards + New Construction)





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Introductions + Committee Roundtable



Introduction Prompt (AII)

- Name
- Organization
- And...



Roundtable Focus

(NEEA PMs & PCC members)

- Highlights since Q3 of 2024
 - Programmatic updates
 - Organizational updates





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Clothes Washer/Refrigerator Affordability

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Program Manager RPP December 3, 2024



Agenda

- Background on analysis project
- Refrigerators findings
- Clothes Washer findings
- Committee Discussion



How are we looking at affordability

- 1. Do cost conscious consumers have efficient options in their consideration set?
- 2. What features enable efficiency and does that correlate to an increase in unit price?
- 3. Are there opportunities within program design to address the availability of ENERGY STAR units at price parity with non-qualifying?



Background on Analysis

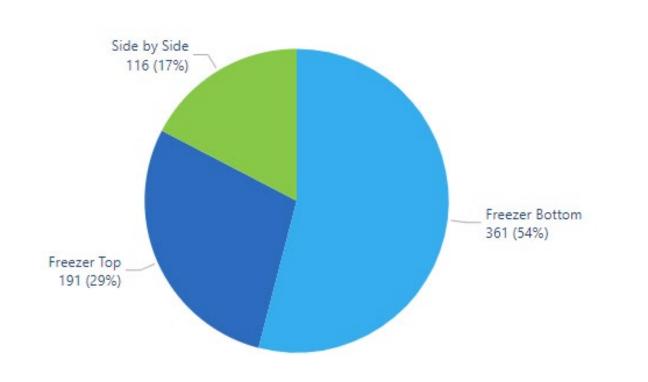
- Exploratory analysis to articulate the affordability of efficient appliances
- Using early version of a web-scraped dataset still under development
 - Home Depot and Lowe's data
- This analysis reviews promotional pricing not regular pricing



Refrigerators >10 Cu. Ft.

| Configuration | Lowest Price | 10 th Percentile (bottom 10% of prices) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Top mount freezers | \$349 | \$580 |
| Side by Side freezers | \$999 | \$1,064 |
| Bottom mount freezers | \$678 | \$1,399 |

Market share by model







Top Mount Freezers – Promotional Price

| | _ | SD | \$ | \$\$ | \$\$\$ |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | |
| | | Lowest Price | # models under \$600 | # models \$601-\$850 | # models > \$851 |
| 10 to 14.9 | Energy Star | \$349 | 5 | 16 | 14 |
| Cu. Ft | NQ | \$379 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | |
| 15 to 19.9 | Energy Star | \$488 | 4 | 12 | 29 |
| Cu. Ft | NQ | \$598 | 3 | 26 | 9 |
| | | | | | |
| 1 * 20 to 25 | Energy Star | \$663 | - | 8 | 11 |
| Cu. Ft | NQ | \$579 | 1 | 13 | 7 |

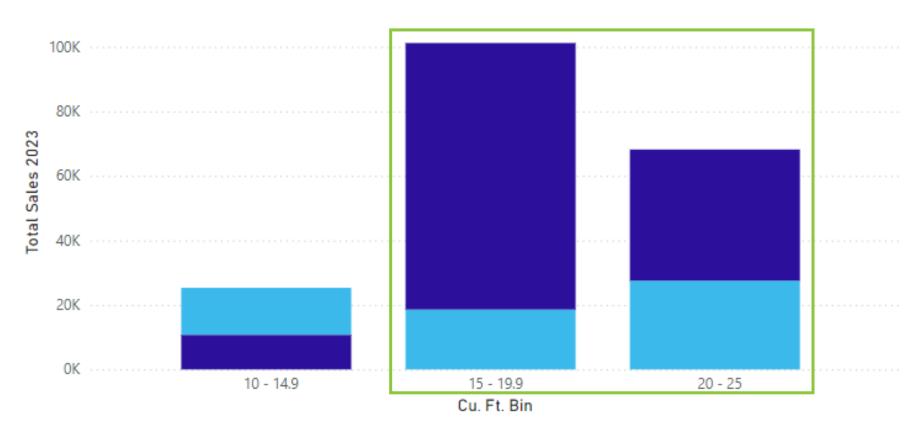




Distribution of sales by Cu. Ft.







Non-Qualifying 73% and **ENERGY STAR 27% of total sales**

Key Features - play a major role in consumer decision that is marginally-offered in Energy Star models.

- Automatic Ice Maker
- Water Dispenser
- Auto defrost
- Smart or Connected





Bottom Mount Freezers – Promotional Price

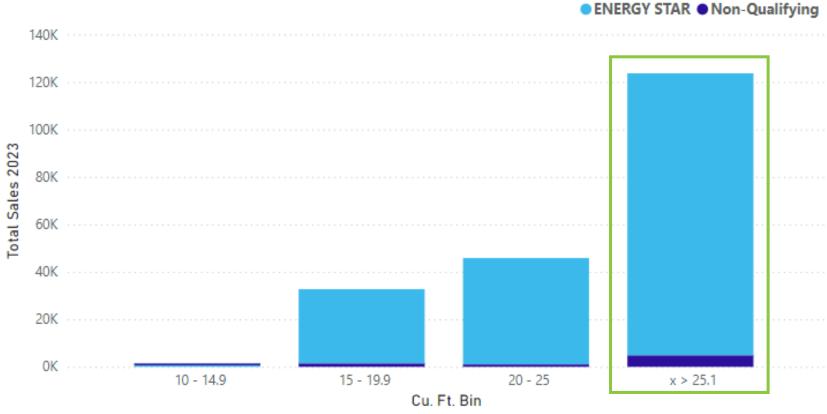
| | | Lowest Price | \$ # models under \$600 | \$\$ # models \$601 - 850 | \$\$\$ # models > \$851 |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10 to 14.9 | Energy Star | \$999 | - | - | 48 |
| ₩ Cu. Ft. | NQ | \$998 | - | - | 3 |
| | | | | | |
| 15 to 19.9 | Energy Star | \$678 | - | 4 | 49 |
| Cu. Ft. | NQ | \$989 | - | - | 7 |
| | | | | | |
| 20 to 25 Cu. Ft. | Energy Star | \$1,199 | - | - | 100 |
| | NQ | \$2,099 | - | - | 7 |





Distribution of sales by Cu. Ft.





Non-Qualifying 4% and **ENERGY STAR 96% of total sales**

x >25.1 has the largest model choice, over-indexing the market share



Refrigerators >10 Cu. Ft. Overall takeaways

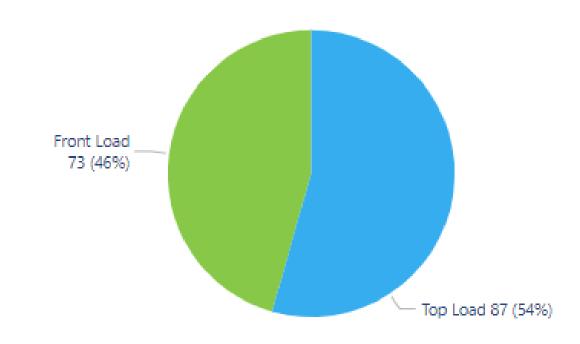
- Cost conscious consumers are likely to buy Top mount refrigerators.
 - 10% lowest price top mount models are on average \$819 less than lowest priced bottom mount models.
- ENERGY STAR top mount refrigerators have models available in lower price point ranges, but don't sell as well as non-qualifying models possibly due to fewer features or in store stocking practices.
- Almost all bottom mount refrigerators are ENERGY STAR which are less efficient than top mount ENERGY STAR refrigerators.



Clothes Washers

| Configuration | Lowest Price | 10 th Percentile (bottom 10% of prices) |
|---------------|--------------|--|
| Top Load | \$448 | \$649 |
| Front Load | \$548 | \$833 |

Market share by model







Top Load Clothes Washers – Promotional Price

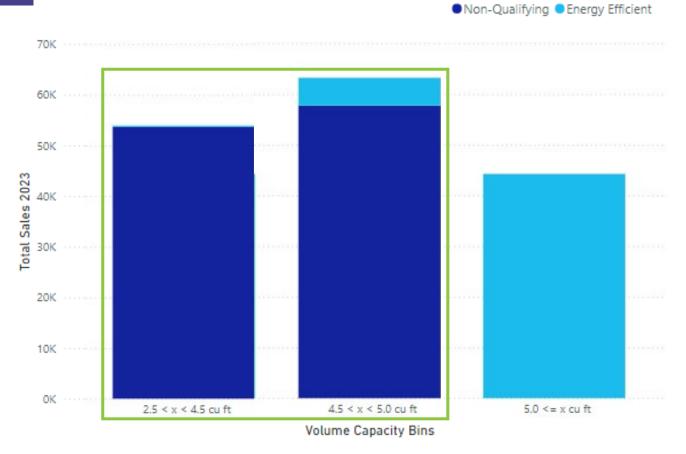
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|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | | Lowest Price | # models under \$600 | # models \$601-\$850 | # models > \$851 |
| 2.5 to 4.4 | Energy Star | \$1,649 | - | - | 2 |
| Cu. Ft | NQ | \$448 | 7 | 8 | 17 |
| | | | | | |
| 4.5 to 5.0 | Energy Star | \$498 | 1 | 4 | - |
| Cu. Ft | NQ | \$528 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| | | | | | |
| 5.1 < | Energy Star | \$548 | 1 | 24 | 4 |
| Cu. Ft | NQ | - | - | - | - |





Distribution of sales by Volume Capacity Bin





 Top load washers have more low-priced NQ models than front load appealing to price conscious customers.





Front Load Clothes Washers – Promotional Price

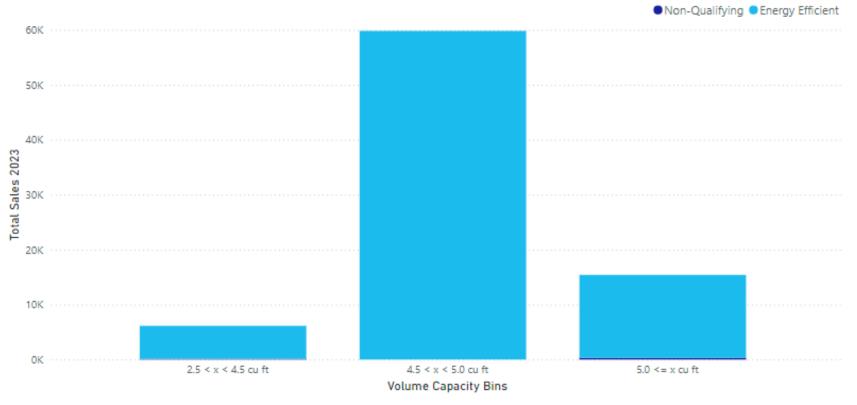
| | | \$0 | \$ | \$\$ | \$\$\$ |
|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | | Lowest Price | # models under \$600 | # models \$601-\$850 | # models > \$851 |
| 2.5 to 4.4 | Energy Star | \$648 | - | 2 | 1 |
| Cu. Ft | NQ | \$999 | - | - | 4 |
| | | 4 | | | |
| 4.5 to 5.0 | Energy Star | \$548 | 1 | 13 | 25 |
| Cu. Ft | NQ | - | - | - | - |
| | | 40-0 | | _ | |
| 5.1 < | Energy Star | \$678 | - | 7 | 18 |
| Cu. Ft | NQ | \$1,299 | - | - | 2 |





Distribution of sales by Volume Capacity Bin





■Front load washers are all ENERGY STAR



Clothes Washer Takeaways

- Most of the Top Load ENERGY STAR washers are the larger size washers due to increased efficient of higher revolutions per minute.
 - All Top Loading washers above 5 c.f. are ENERGY STAR.
- The lowest priced 10% of top load washer models are \$184 less than the lowest priced front load washers.
- 1 ENERGY STAR front load washer was priced very competitively at \$528.
- RPP will examine potential for low-priced front load washers.



Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you as a surprise or important tidbit?
- Are there opportunities for programs that this type of analysis might identify?
- Do you have recommendations for further analysis?





Thank You!

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Heads Up! Name Change in 2025

PCC → RCC

Products
Coordinating
Committee

Residential Coordinating
Committee





Tomorrow! PCC Annual Topic Planning

- Time: 9:15 ? (NLT Noon)
- Mural platform (visual guide only for discussion)
- Focus = topic development (review/discuss topic survey results)







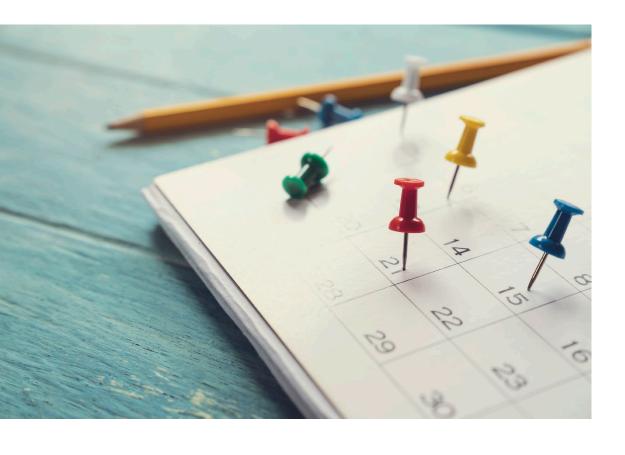
Northwest Online Marketplace

- Testing/scanning project (now through 2025)
 - Goal: collect data, understand consumer purchasing behavior
- Engagements to-date
 - Products Coordinating Committee & 1-on-1s
- Regional site just went live (<u>nw.enervee.com</u>)
- Next steps
 - Start collecting search/purchasing behavior data
 - Updates via packets (for now)
 - Follow-ups with utilities as requested (to discuss/demo/explore participation)



Memo: pg. 7

2025 PCC/RCC Meeting Dates



Q1 (HYBRID)

- Tuesday, March 18
- Wednesday, March 19

Q2 (VIRTUAL)

• Thursday, June 26

NO Q3 MEETING

Q4 (VIRTUAL)

- Monday, December 1
- Tuesday, December 2



UPCOMING MEETINGS for 2024

DECEMBER

- December 5th 2024 Leadership in Energy
 Efficiency Awards
- December 5th Q4 NEEA Board Meeting
 Day 1
- December 6th Q4 NEEA Board Meeting
 Day 2
- December 12th Q4 Regional Emerging
 Technology Advisory Committee Meeting





LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AVARDS **

Join us for the hybrid ceremony!

NEEA's Board and staff will recognize individuals and teams for their exemplary dedication and performance in energy efficiency during the NEEA Board Annual Meeting on **December 5**.



Any Other
Upcoming Events?
Announcements?

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Action Items | Any Final Qs?

Action Items





Public Comment?

Action Items?

Closing Remarks?



Thank You!

See you tomorrow!

@9:15 am PST

































Products Coordinating Committee

Q4 2024 Meeting – Day 2

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 9:15 am, Pacific Time



Welcome!



♦ AGENDA

(All Times Pacific)

| 9:15 – 9:25 | Welcome |
|---------------|--|
| 9:25 – 10:25 | Advanced Heat Pumps |
| 10:25 – 10:55 | Consumer Products: Retail Products Portfolio |
| 10:55 – 11:00 | Break |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Heat Pump Water Heaters |



Next Steps

- Q1 2025 meeting in March
 - Hybrid at NEEA Offices
- Draft workplan shared with committee by January
 - Confirm topics
 - Confirm relevance of Q1 regional priority topic







See you in 2025!































