

A History of Coordinating Energy Efficiency Programs between Gas and Electric Utilities

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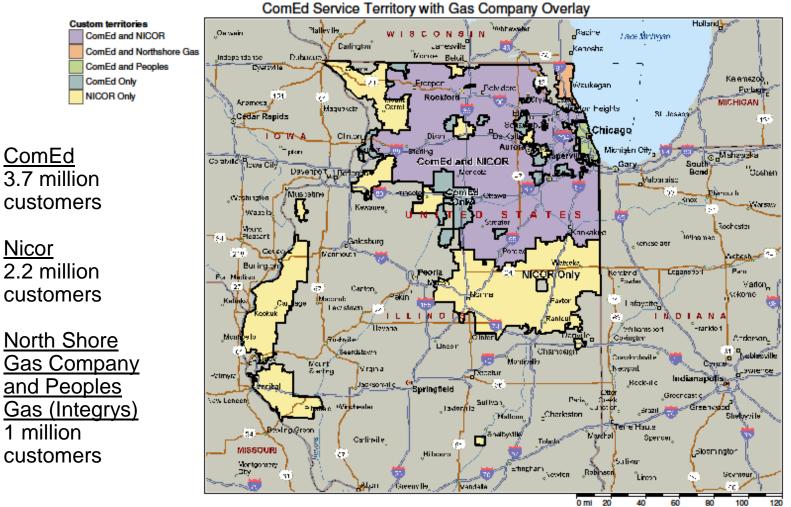


#### **Presentation Overview**

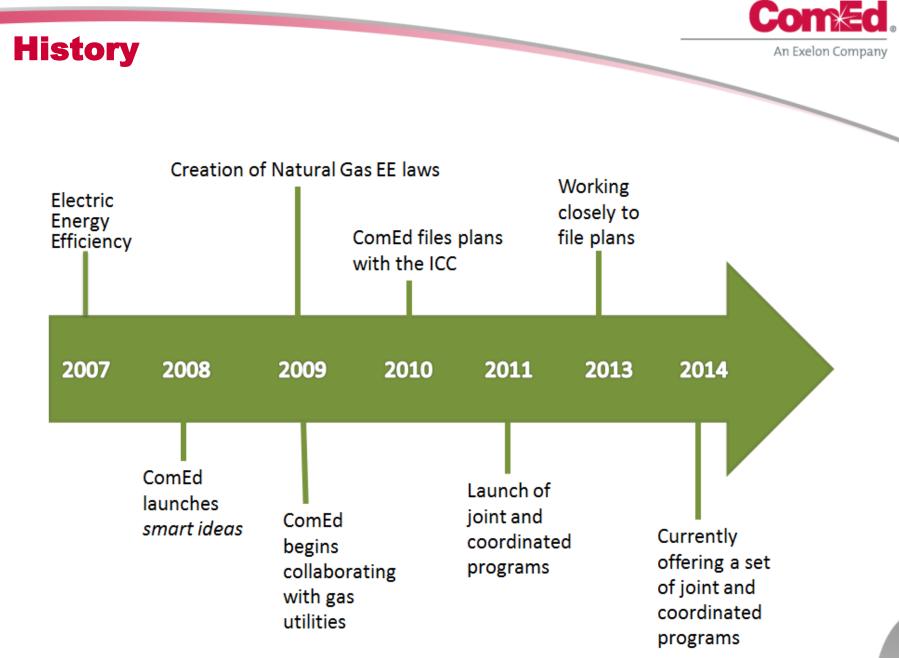
- ✓ Historical Review
- Current joint and coordinated programs between ComEd, Nicor and Integrys (Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas)
- ✓ Program Blueprints (How to develop and implement joint programs)
  - Agreement models
  - Cost Allocation
  - Participation levels of each party involved
  - Program management and delivery
- ✓ Results and Conclusions



#### **Program Overview**



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#### **Reasons for Joint Programs**

- ✓ Joint Programs provide customers with comprehensive solutions through streamlined channels
- Cost sharing leverages each utility's resources and stretched budgets to achieve higher savings – lower cost to achieve
- Certain programs are very expensive to deliver by a utility as a standalone. Cost to achieve these programs cause them to be eliminated from conventional portfolios

# Programs that are Good Candidates for Company Joint Delivery

#### Residential

- ✓ Multi Family Direct Install
- ✓ Multi Family Common Areas
- ✓ Home Energy Assessments and DI
- ✓ New Construction
- ✓ Elementary Energy Education Kits
- ✓ Home Energy Rebates (A/C, airsealing + insulation)
- Conferences, training, and workshops.

### Commercial

- ✓ Retro-commissioning
- ✓ New Construction
- ✓ Small Business Direct Install
- ✓ Energy Efficiency Expo
- ✓ Trade Ally Workshops
- ✓ Process Heat
- ✓ Strategic Energy Management



## **Joint Program Blueprints**

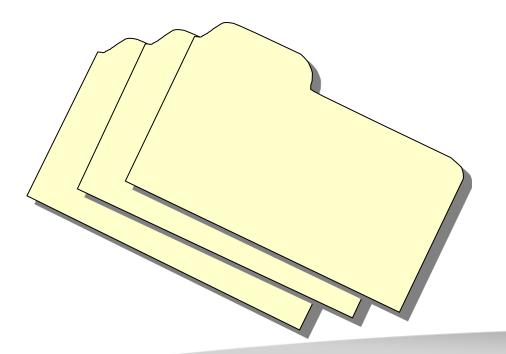
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- ✓ Cost Allocation
- ✓ Participation Levels Budgets
- Program Management and Delivery





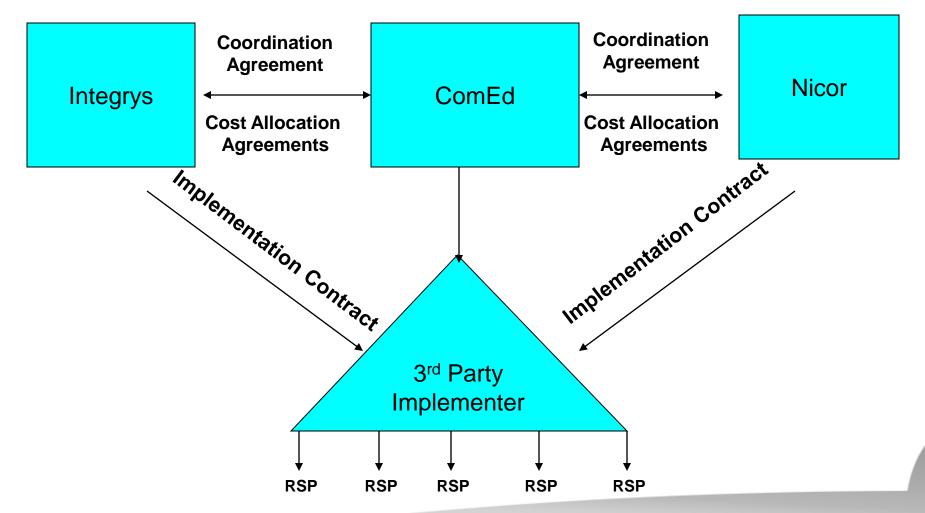
# Utility and Third Party Provider Agreements

- ✓ An overall Energy Efficiency Coordination Agreement between the utilities to establish structure, cross license of marks, warranty, indemnify, etc...
- ✓ A program by program Cost Allocation Agreement between the utilities
- ✓ Separate contracts between each utility and the program implementer





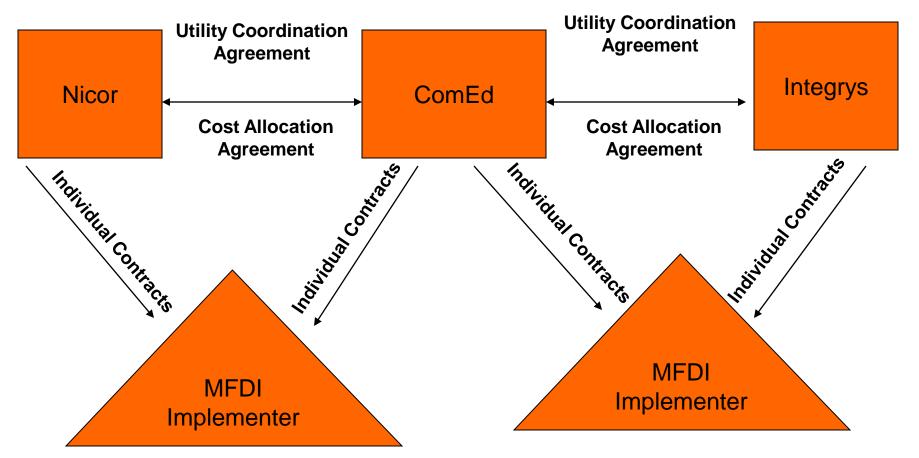
#### Agreement Model Used Previously in Retro-Commissioning (RCx) Program



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#### **Agreement Model Used in the Multi Family Program**





### **Cost Allocation**

- ✓ Consider benefits to each utility
- ✓ Pull out all single utility related services
- ✓ Determine all mutual benefit services
- ✓ Use Avoided Cost as basis for allocation of mutual benefit items
- ✓ Need to be re-visited over time
- Precedent did not exist













#### **Cost Allocation**

#### Illustrative Example (Numbers and not actual) – Multi-family DI

Program Cost Allocation Summary							
	Gross			Net			
	Energy Savings	Avoided Cost		Energy Savings	Avoided Cost		
kWh	952,060	\$42,843	42%	740,322	\$ 33,314	47%	
therms	136,620	\$60,113	58%	85,739	\$ 37,725	53%	

Cost category	Gas Utility Share	Electric Utility Share
Management Fee	53%	47%
Marketing	53%	47%
Unit Visit Fee	53%	47%
Water Saving Fixtures	100%	
CFL Installation		100%
Common Area Lighting Survey		100%
<b>Central Plant Assessment</b>	100%	



#### Cost Allocation – Examples of Alternate Methodology Used

- Buying therms or kWh at a special rate or at the rate of a custom project. Methodology used by gas utility to pay for savings from retro-commissioning projects.
- Split cost of events Marketing, trade ally workshops, Expo, etc
- Pay for incentive and processing fee for A/C units as "ride-along" with furnace processing.



# **Participation Levels Could be Challenge**

- Budget imbalances between utilities limits the one with the higher budgets
- ✓ Similar limitations are caused by goal divergence
- ✓ How to determine participation levels
  - Residential programs established by the gas utilities
  - C&I programs established by ComEd, but could be limited by the gas utilities' budgets
  - Recognize limitations and manage accordingly

### **Program Management**



- Program Management has a high potential for conflict
- ✓ Lessons learned:
  - Identify program managers early
  - Recognize each others' limitations
  - Communicate ..... a lot
  - Approach with an open mind and be flexible
  - Manage your companies marketing and communication (branding) efforts
  - Assess vendor performance together
  - Establish procedural and reporting expectations
  - Coordinate your Call Center needs



#### **Example Area of Potential Conflict: Marketing Materials**

- ✓ Logo Placement
- ✓ Logo Size
- ✓ Corporate guidelines



Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas and ComEd SmartIdeas® are lowering energy costs. You can help us make a difference.

Our valuable program can help you save energy, lower your bills and improve tenant retention.

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At no cost to you, our program staff will install energy-efficient fixtures that make a difference to your bills, your tenants' bills, and make your property more comfortable to live in:

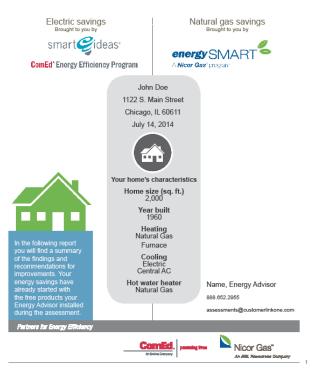
- · Install low-maintenance, high-quality shower heads, Replace incandescent bulbs with high-efficiency • providing natural gas and water savings for tenants CFL bulbs (6 per unit), lowering electricity bills Make recommendations for other improvements and
- · Outfit kitchen and bath faucets with aerator potentially lowering water and natural gas bills
- · Perform water heater setbacks -- a low-maintenance but effective energy- and cost-saving measure
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# **Collaboration Works -But It takes hard work**

- ✓ Cost reduction (compared to stand alone)
- Continuous contact between the utilities provides opportunity to share best practices
- ✓ Implementation contractors are the most critical link and can facilitate or make very difficult



# **Thank You!**

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