



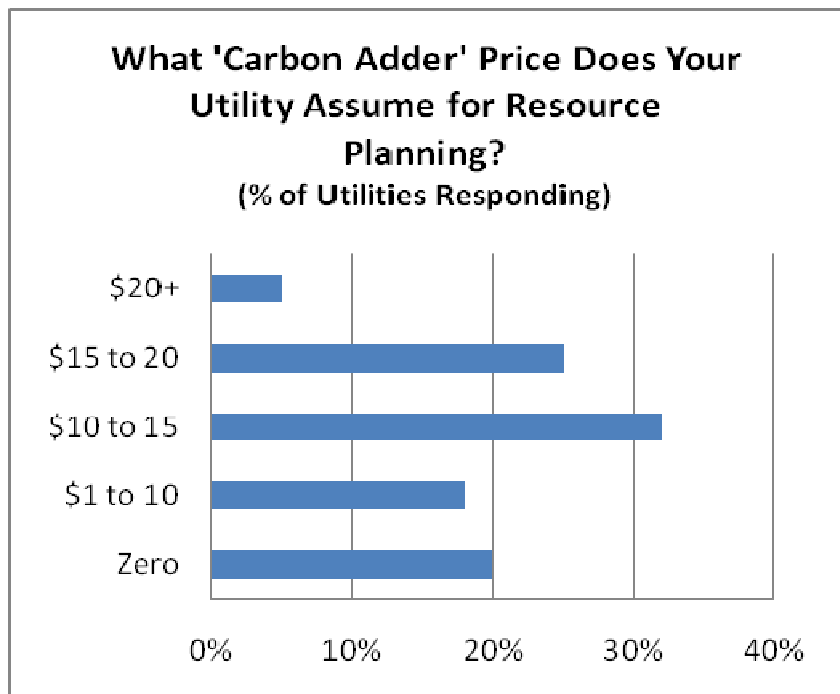
Renewable Energy Performance Benchmark

Is your utility prepared for the growth in renewable generation? Are your renewable efforts creating value for shareholders? MetaVu is inviting leading utilities to measure and compare renewable energy performance to their peers through the completion of a double blind survey. A leading U.S. utility is sponsoring the effort to understand best practices in managing and capitalizing upon anticipated growth in renewable generation. The learning agenda includes, among other topics:

- **What organizational structures are utilities using to coordinate renewable energy programs, policies, investments, and standard compliance?**
- **What legal and regulatory structures are best for supporting profitable renewable investment?**
- **What are the best demonstrated practices for managing significant amounts of renewable generation?**
- **What rate structures and program designs for renewable energy options and incentives are best for shareholders? Program participants? Non-participating customers?**

As Renewable Energy Standards proliferate and compliance and management challenges mount, utilities can reap significant benefits by learning from their peers. MetaVu is seeking Investor-Owned Utilities to participate in a project to share best practices and grow group capabilities. ***There is no cost to participate in the performance benchmark.***

Once survey data collection is completed, participating utilities will receive summary results (with utility identities protected). Selected participants will also be invited to attend a workshop (at their own travel cost) to discuss survey results, share best demonstrated practices, prioritize utility-specific renewable energy strategies, and establish valuable peer relationships. Results will be presented in easy-to-read formats such as the one at right.



How Is Utility Performance Assessed?

The survey will consist of less than 40 questions and include both objective and subjective inquiry. The survey will be organized into 8 subsections:

- Renewable coordination organizational structures and approaches
- Resource planning and compliance
- Regulatory and legislative advocacy
- Distribution Operations
- Renewable DG Incentive program designs
- Dispatch/Power Operations
- Corporate Strategy/Risk/Branding
- Voluntary renewable energy product options

The questions will address both current state and anticipated future states where appropriate. Multi-state utilities will be encouraged to complete separate surveys for individual states. MetaVu will supplement the survey data with desktop research on publicly-available industry- and state-specific data as necessary to ensure valuable benchmarking.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

- What approach does your utility plan to use to rectify residential net metering subsidies to DG owners?
- Does your utility have a dedicated resource to coordinate renewable energy programs, policies, standards compliance? If yes . . .
- Has your utility integrated the locations of customer-owned generation into your GIS?
- What has been the highest percentage of capacity satisfied by renewable energy at any one point in time on your system to date?
- What is the highest renewable generation capacity percentage your current systems, protocols, and processes can manage?
- Has your utility secured specific legislative and regulatory opportunities to earn profits from RES compliance? If yes . . .
- What percentage of your voluntary renewable energy program is supplied with on-system resources (vs. Renewable Energy Credits)?
- What renewable energy capacity will be required to meet the maximum renewable energy standard legislated in the state?

Project Deliverables

1. All participating utilities will receive survey results with their own performance highlighted.
2. Selected utilities will be invited to participate in a workshop to discuss survey results and implications.

How Many Utilities Can Participate?

Participation in the survey is limited to investor- owned utilities. The workshop will be limited to 30 participants with no more than 2 participants from any one utility.

To add your name to the list of individuals interested in completing a Renewable Energy Performance Survey, please contact Paul Alvarez, MetaVu Principal and Utility Practice Leader, at 303-679-8340.