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## Report Definitions

*Note: Definitions provided in this section are limited to terms critical to understanding the values presented in this report.*

### Reporting Periods

#### Cycle 2

Refers to programs implemented in program years 2016-2019, which corresponds to April 2016-December 2019.

#### Cycle 3

Refers to programs implemented in program years 2020-2022, which corresponds to January 2020-December 2022.

### Savings Types

#### Gross Reported Savings

Savings reported in the Eversys Missouri West (Eversys MO West) and Eversys Metro annual reports prior to any evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V) ex post gross adjustments and net-to-gross (NTG) adjustments. In previous Guidehouse EM&V reports, gross reported savings were referred to as ex ante gross savings.

#### Gross Verified Savings

Savings verified through Guidehouse's impact evaluation methods prior to NTG adjustments. In previous EM&V reports, gross verified savings were referred to as ex post gross savings.

#### Gross Realization Rates

The ratio of gross verified savings to gross reported savings.

#### Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) Target

Three-year savings target approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission for a given program.

#### Net Verified Savings

Savings verified through Guidehouse's impact evaluation methods and inclusive of NTG adjustments.

#### Percentage of MEEIA Target Achieved

The ratio of net verified savings to the MEEIA target; reflects Eversys MO West's and Eversys Metro's overall achievement toward the MEEIA target.

## **Net-to-Gross Components**

### **Free Ridership (FR)**

The program savings attributable to free riders—i.e., program participants who would have implemented a program measure or practice in the absence of the program.

### **Participant Spillover (PSO)**

The additional energy savings achieved when a program participant—as a result of the program’s influence—installs energy efficiency measures or practices outside the efficiency program after having participated.

### **Nonparticipant Spillover (NPSO)**

The additional energy savings achieved when a nonparticipant implements energy efficiency measures or practices as a result of the program’s influence (e.g., through exposure to the program) but that are not accounted for in program’s gross verified savings.

### **Billing Analysis Approach to NTG**

Approaches to estimating NTG that rely on the use of control groups, either through randomized control trials or quasi-experimental designs (e.g., the use of matching techniques to develop relevant nonparticipant comparison groups), and billing analysis to model participant net savings.



## Key Report Sources

The following is a list of the most commonly referenced documents the evaluation team used for this year's analysis:

Illinois Technical Reference Manual Version 10.0. (Illinois TRM v10).

<https://www.ilsag.info/technical-reference-manual/il-statewide-technical-reference-manual-version-10-0/>

Illinois Technical Reference Manual Version 9.0. (Illinois TRM v9).

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

ASHP	Air Source Heat Pump
BMS	Building Management System
Btu	British Thermal Unit
C&I	Commercial & Industrial
CF	Coincidence Factor
CFL	Compact Fluorescent Lamp
CFM	Cubic Feet per Minute
CSM	Customer Solution Manager
dB	Decibel
DR	Demand Response
EER	Energy Efficiency Ratio
ELFH	Equivalent Full Load Hours
EM&V	Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification
ESF	Energy Savings Factor
ETO	Energy Trust of Oregon
EUL	Effective Useful Life
FR	Free Rider(ship)
HOU	Hour of Use
HSPF	Heating Seasonal Performance Factor
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
IC	Implementation Contractor
IECC	International Energy Conservation Code
IEER	Integrated Energy Efficiency Ratio
ISR	In-Service Rate
KCMO	Kansas City, Missouri
KCP&L	Kansas City Power and Light, now Eversource, Inc.
kW	Kilowatt
kWh	Kilowatt-Hour
LED	Light-Emitting Diode
MEEIA	Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act
MO	Missouri
NPSO	Nonparticipant Spillover
NTG	Net-to-Gross
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OBEA	Online Business Energy Audit
PCT	Participant Cost Test
PITA	Program Influence on Trade Ally
PSO	Participant Spillover
PTAC	Package Terminal Air Conditioner

PY	Program Year
RCx	Retrocommissioning
RIM	Ratepayer Impact Measure
RUL	Remaining Useful Life
SBL	Small Business Lighting
SCT	Societal Cost Test
SEER	Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio
SO	Spillover
SPM	Standard Practice Manual
TMY3	Typical Meteorological Year 3
TRC	Total Resource Cost
TRM	Technical Reference Manual
UCT	Utility Cost Test
W	Watts
WHF	Waste Heat Factor

## Document Structure

As agreed to with stakeholders and discussed during the Evergy DSM Advisory Group quarterly meetings (December 7, 2020 and January 27, 2021), Guidehouse (also referred to as the evaluation team throughout this document) is providing a condensed evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V) report that presents key impact evaluation findings and recommendations. This report also summarizes the program year 2 (PY2) process evaluation findings that address the five required questions per the Missouri Code of State 20 CSR 4240-22.070 (8) (Missouri regulations). The document, provided separately from these appendices, is divided into the following sections:

- **Summary of Approaches:** Provides a summary of the evaluation approaches for the impact evaluation, including the process for using secondary sources. It also includes overviews of the approach for net-to-gross (NTG), cost-effectiveness, and process research.
- **Portfolio Findings and Evaluation Results:** This section provides findings and recommendations at the portfolio and sector levels for gross and net savings, cost-effectiveness, and overarching process findings.

In addition to the condensed report, Guidehouse prepared several appendices to accompany the evaluation and provide further insight and documentation:

- **Appendix A. Introduction:** Provides an overview of the evaluation approach, including impact and process evaluation activities and cost-effectiveness.
- **Appendix B. Summary of Program Findings and Recommendations:** Details the findings and recommendations that resulted from each program's evaluation.
- **Appendix C. Cross-Cutting Methodologies:** Covers Guidehouse's overall approach toward cross-cutting methodologies, namely determining cost-effectiveness and NTG savings.
- **Appendix D-G. Program-Specific Methodologies:** Details program-specific impact and process evaluation methodologies, including any differences between the cross-cutting methodologies and those the evaluation team used for each program.
- **Appendix H. Survey Instruments:** Provides detailed survey guides, including participant, trade ally, and supplier interview guides, when applicable.
- **Appendix I. Cost-Effectiveness Data – CONFIDENTIAL:** An Excel databook containing the following:
  - All measure-specific input assumptions.
  - Program-level administrative costs incurred by the program administrator.
  - Detailed benefit and cost breakdowns by cost test and program or portfolio.
- **Appendix J. Excel Databook:** Provides additional analytical data for each program and summary results tables for the portfolio.

## Appendix A. Introduction

In accordance with the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) Rules and the Stipulation and Agreement, Evergy Services, Inc. (Evergy), on behalf of its affiliates Evergy Missouri West (Evergy MO West) and Evergy Metro, has contracted with Guidehouse to evaluate, measure, and verify the information tracked by Evergy MO West and Evergy Metro for its portfolio of three commercial and industrial (C&I) demand-side management programs and one educational and behavioral program for the 3-year program cycle from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. The following Evergy programs are covered by this evaluation:

- C&I programs:
  - Business Energy Savings Program – Standard (Business Standard program)
  - Business Energy Savings Program – Custom (Business Custom program)
  - Business Energy Savings Program – Process Efficiency (Process Efficiency program)
- Educational and behavioral program:
  - Online Business Energy Audit (OBEA)

Guidehouse conducted the following tasks as part of its impact evaluation, process evaluation, and cost-effectiveness analysis for program year 2 (PY2):

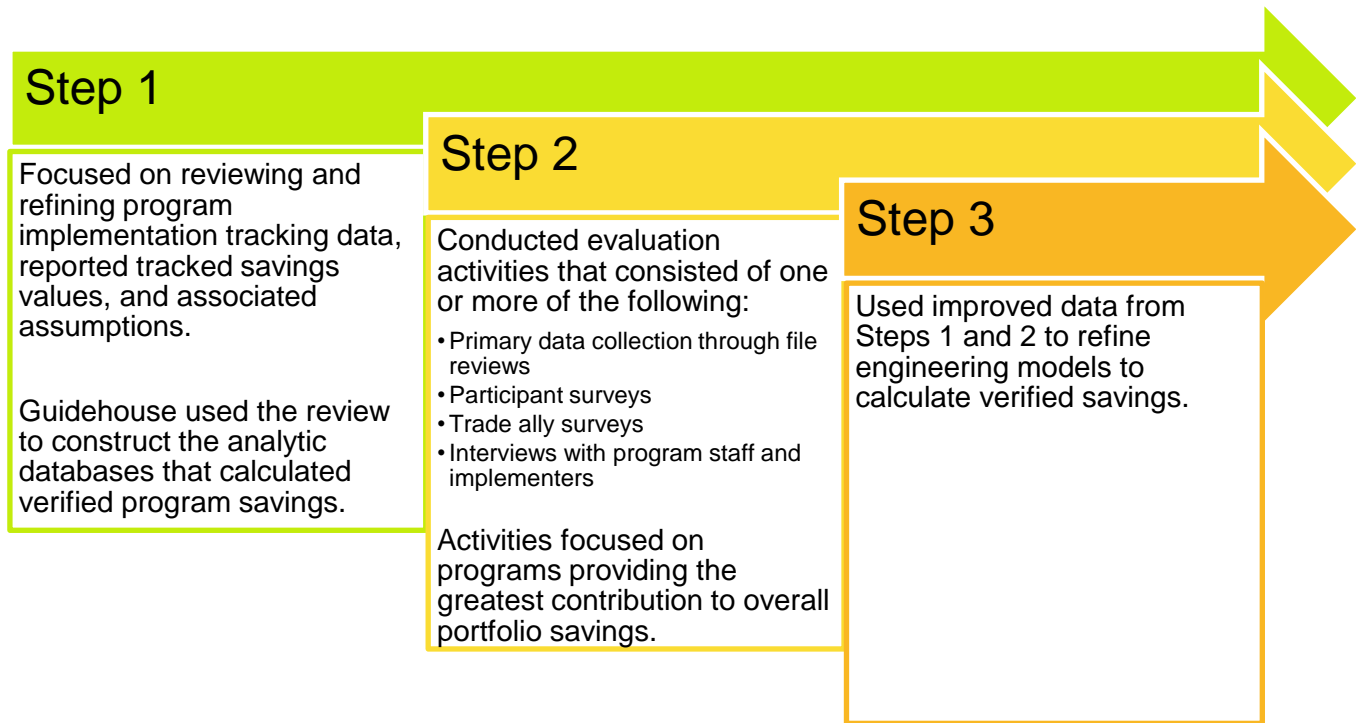
- Evaluate the gross and net energy and peak demand savings from Evergy’s energy efficiency C&I programs.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of and develop actionable recommendations to improve the design of Evergy’s suite of C&I programs.
- Estimate the cost-effectiveness of Evergy’s C&I programs.

The evaluation team consists of Guidehouse and NMR Group, Inc. (NMR). As the primary contractor, Guidehouse is the main point of contact for Evergy and the implementation contractors (ICs). Guidehouse has ultimate responsibility for managing the effort, controlling quality, and confirming deliverables are submitted on time and on budget. NMR led the Process Efficiency and OBEA program evaluations. Throughout this report, this team is referred to as Guidehouse or the evaluation team.

### A.1 Impact Evaluation Approach

The evaluation team employed a variety of methods to evaluate, measure, and verify the energy and demand savings achieved by each of the evaluated programs. The team summarizes the approach for gross impact, net savings analysis, and process evaluation in Figure A-1 and describes the key methods in the following sections.

**Figure A-1. Gross Impact, Net Savings Analysis, and Process Evaluation Approach**



Source: Guidehouse analysis

Per Missouri regulations,<sup>1</sup> Evergy Metro and Evergy MO West are required to complete an impact evaluation for each program using one or both of the methods and one or both of the protocols detailed as follows.

1. **Impact evaluation methods.** At minimum, comparisons of one or both of the following types shall be used to measure program and rate impacts in a manner that is based on sound statistical principles:
  - a. Comparisons of pre-adoption and post-adoption loads of program or demand-side rate participants, corrected for the effects of weather and other intertemporal differences.
  - b. Comparisons between program and demand-side rate participants' loads and those of an appropriate control group over the same period.
2. **Load impact measurement protocols.** The evaluator shall develop load impact measurement protocols designed to make the most cost-effective use of the following types of measurements, either individually or in combination:
  - a. Monthly billing data, hourly load data, load research data, end-use load metered data, building and equipment simulation models, and survey responses.

<sup>1</sup> Missouri Code of State Regulations 20 CSR 4240-22.070 (8).

- b. Audit and survey data on appliance and equipment type, size and efficiency levels, household or business characteristics, or energy-related building characteristics.

Evaluators are also required to develop protocols to gather information and to provide estimates of program free ridership (FR), spillover (SO), and program NTG ratios.

Table A-1 summarizes the evaluation team’s methods and protocols, as they align with Missouri requirements, for the impact evaluation.

**Table A-1. Missouri Regulations’ Impact Evaluation Methods and Protocols**

Program		Impact Evaluation Method	Impact Evaluation Protocol
C&I Energy Efficiency Programs	Business Standard Program	1a	2a and 2b
	Business Custom Program	1a	2b
	Process Efficiency Program	1a	2b
Educational and Behavioral Programs	OBEA*	N/A	N/A

\*Guidehouse does not recommend conducting an impact evaluation for this program because Evergy does not report savings. However, this type of program would likely be evaluated using 1b and 2a.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### A.1.1 Process for Using Secondary Sources

Evaluation results in MEEIA Cycle 3 reflect findings from research conducted concurrent with each program year. When all stakeholders and Evergy agree, these research findings are applied to current and following program years. For example, in PY2, Guidehouse conducted NTG research for the Business Standard program. The resulting NTG ratio from this research has been applied to PY2 gross savings.

The evaluation team used primary in-state data when possible and when the team agreed with its applicability to Evergy’s territories. Primary out-of-state data was used when primary in-state data was not available. Secondary out-of-state data was used when neither reliable primary in-state data or primary out-of-state data were available.

### A.1.2 Net-to-Gross

Guidehouse used two primary methods to develop net verified savings for each program in PY2:

- **NTG ratios**, which involved the derivation of NTG components including FR and SO informed by participant and trade ally surveys.
- **Deemed NTG estimates**, which applied predetermined estimates that did not warrant data collection or were informed by PY1 research.

For programs where Guidehouse developed NTG ratios, the components were based on survey data collected from participants and trade allies in PY1 and PY2 of MEEIA Cycle 3. Guidehouse

used the following component definitions, provided by the Uniform Methods Project,<sup>2</sup> to calculate the NTG ratios:

- **FR:** The program savings attributable to free riders—i.e., program participants who would have implemented a program measure or practice in the absence of the program.
- **Participant SO (PSO):** The additional energy savings achieved when a program participant—as a result of the program’s influence—installs energy efficient measures or practices outside the efficiency program after having participated.
- **Nonparticipant SO (NPSO):** The additional energy savings achieved when a nonparticipant implements energy efficient measures or practices as a result of the program’s influence (for example, through exposure to the program) but that are not accounted for in program savings.

Using these definitions, the evaluation team calculated the NTG ratio as follows in Equation A-1:

#### Equation A-1. NTG Ratio

$$\text{NTG Ratio} = 1 - \text{FR rate} + \text{PSO rate} + \text{NPSO rate}$$

Where:

FR rate =	Free ridership rate
PSO rate =	Participant spillover rate
NPSO rate =	Nonparticipant spillover rate

Participating end-use customers are in the best position to articulate the likelihood they are able to afford the increased efficiency equipment without rebates. Trade allies are best suited to comment on the influences of a program beyond the rebate (such as a program’s influence on their technical knowledge, stocking patterns, and typical product specifications and recommendations). Programs that leverage the NTG component method include Business Standard and Business Custom.

To address the EM&V auditor’s comments regarding FR estimates, Guidehouse made the following adjustments to its NTG approach:

- Formalized the sensitivity analysis conducted on “don’t know” responses in the FR and SO analyses.
- Eliminated FR questions from the trade ally survey.
- Added a question to the trade ally NPSO survey asking the trade allies to describe the direct or indirect influences the program had on the high efficiency projects that did not receive program rebates.

Additional detail on the NTG approach is provided in Appendix C.2.

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<sup>2</sup> Daniel M. Violette and Pamela Rathbun. “*Estimating Net Savings: Common Practices*,” Chapter 23 in *The Uniform Methods Project: Methods for Determining Energy Efficiency Savings for Specific Measures*. 2014. [http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/02/f19/UMPCchapter23-estimating-net-savings\\_0.pdf](http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/02/f19/UMPCchapter23-estimating-net-savings_0.pdf).



## A.2 Process Evaluation Approach

The evaluation team’s process evaluation focused on addressing the five required questions per the Missouri regulations (shown in Figure A-2) and identifying program process improvements to increase program participation and savings.

**Figure A-2. Five Required Questions per Missouri Regulations**



Source: Guidehouse analysis of Missouri Code of State Regulations 20 CSR 4240-22.070 (8)

In PY2, Guidehouse performed the activities shown in Figure A-3 to inform its process evaluation:

**Figure A-3. Process Evaluation Activities**

Source: Guidehouse analysis

The evaluation team summarized findings for the Missouri-required process evaluation questions across all programs. PY2 program-specific process findings and recommendations are provided in Appendix B.

### A.3 Cost-Effectiveness Approach

Guidehouse calculated benefit-cost ratios and total net benefits at the program and sector levels for the five standard benefit-cost tests: total resource cost (TRC) test, societal cost test (SCT), utility cost test (UCT), participant cost test (PCT), and ratepayer impact measure (RIM) test. Benefit-cost ratios are informative because they show the value of monetary benefits relative to the value of monetary costs as seen from various stakeholder perspectives.

The evaluation team's formulation of the benefit-cost tests followed the 2001 California Standard Practice Manual (SPM)<sup>3</sup> and did not account for the subsequent 2007 SPM Clarification Memo.<sup>4</sup>

Guidehouse's benefit-cost analysis accounted for the following cash flows:

- Avoided energy costs
- Avoided capacity costs

<sup>3</sup> California Public Utilities Commission. *California Standard Practice Manual: Economic Analysis of Demand-Side Programs and Projects*. October 2001. [https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/files/uploadedfiles/cpuc\\_public\\_website/content/utilities\\_and\\_industries/energy\\_-\\_electricity\\_and\\_natural\\_gas/cpuc-standard-practice-manual.pdf](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/files/uploadedfiles/cpuc_public_website/content/utilities_and_industries/energy_-_electricity_and_natural_gas/cpuc-standard-practice-manual.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> California Public Utilities Commission. "2007 SPM Clarification Memo." 2007. [https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/FINAL\\_DECISION/73172-10.htm](https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/FINAL_DECISION/73172-10.htm).

- Avoided operations and maintenance (O&M) costs
- Incentives
- Lost revenue/bill reductions
- Administrative costs<sup>5</sup>
- Participant equipment costs

Table A-2 summarizes how program costs and benefits are assigned to each of the cost tests consistent with the California SPM.

**Table A-2. Cost and Benefit Assignments by Cost Test**

Item	TRC Test	SCT	UCT	PCT	RIM Test
Avoided Costs	Benefit	Benefit	Benefit	N/A	Benefit
O&M Savings	Benefit	Benefit	N/A	Benefit	N/A
Incentives	Transfer	Transfer	Cost	Benefit	Cost
Lost Revenues	Transfer	Transfer	N/A	Benefit	Cost
Administrative Costs	Cost	Cost	Cost	N/A	Cost
Participant Equip. Costs*	Cost	Cost	N/A	Cost	N/A

\*Based on the California SPM, participant equipment costs are net costs for the TRC test and the SCT. Participant equipment costs are gross costs for the PCT.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### A.3.1 Source of Benefit and Cost Assumptions

The sources of data used in the benefit-cost analysis are summarized in Table A-3. Many of the input assumptions used in Guidehouse’s analysis came directly from Evergy. Critical assumptions that differed in the evaluation team’s analysis were energy and peak demand savings (derived from verified data rather than reported estimates), NTG ratios, O&M benefits, effective useful life (EUL) and remaining useful life (RUL) values, and participant equipment costs. Reference Appendix I for detailed inputs and outputs from Guidehouse’s benefit-cost model.

**Table A-3. Sources of Benefit and Cost Data**

Data*	Source
Avoided energy costs	Provided by Evergy
Avoided capacity costs	Provided by Evergy
Retail rates	Provided by Evergy
Load shapes	Developed by Guidehouse
Discount rates	Provided by Evergy and classified by Evergy as highly confidential
O&M savings	Guidehouse analysis

<sup>5</sup> Including portfolio-level costs related to energy efficiency and demand response (DR) programs, software development costs, EM&V costs, and educational program costs.

Data*	Source
	Business Standard program: Evergy-prescribed values as included in the MEEIA TRM which are based on multiple sources including the IL TRM.
Participant equipment costs	Business Custom program: Incremental or total project cost as reported in the tracking database. The IC determines which type of cost is most appropriate given the type of project. Incremental cost used for major renovation grow facility projects
	Process Efficiency: Total project cost as reported in tracking database
Energy and peak demand savings	Guidehouse engineering analyses
EUL	Evergy-prescribed values as included in the MEEIA TRM which are based on multiple sources including the IL TRM.
RUL	Guidehouse analysis based on lifetime of replaced equipment and related mortality analysis techniques
NTG	Guidehouse NTG analysis
Line loss factors	Provided by Evergy
Incentives	Program tracking database
Participation	Program tracking database
Administrative costs	Provided by Evergy

\*Guidehouse does not provide the avoided energy and capacity costs in this report because they are confidential to Evergy.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

## **Appendix B. Summary of Program Findings and Recommendations**

The following sections summarize Guidehouse's impact and process evaluation findings and recommendations by program.

### **B.1 Business Standard Program**

The Business Standard program offers a diverse set of measures that have standardized measure savings and an incentive process that improves accessibility to the customer. These program aspects help increase the number of participants in the program for a broad segment of Eversys's customers, with more complex projects using the Business Custom program to tailor upgrades to a customer's needs. Any Eversys C&I customer is eligible to participate in the program.

Program measures include energy efficiency projects such as lighting, lighting controls, motors, and HVAC equipment. The program added new measures and changed the incentives in Cycle 3 as compared to Cycle 2. Specifically, Eversys increased incentives through the end of PY1 for small businesses for seven popular lighting measures and six food service measures to help customers dealing with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eversys did not extend this additional incentive to PY2.

#### **B.1.1 Impact Evaluation Findings and Recommendations**

Eversys product managers and the IC continued to move the Business Standard program forward in PY2 to meet the Cycle 3 targets. The Business Standard program implemented 703 projects in 2021. In its second year of Cycle 3, the Eversys Metro Business Standard program achieved 15% and 17% of the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3 target energy and coincident peak demand savings, respectively. To date, including PY1 and PY2, the program has achieved 46% and 51% of the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3 target energy and coincident peak demand savings, respectively. The Eversys MO West Business Standard program achieved 21% and 20% of the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3 target energy and coincident peak demand savings, respectively. To date, including PY1 and PY2, the program has achieved 53% and 54% of the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3 target energy and coincident peak demand savings, respectively. The program underperformed in PY2 when compared to PY1 as it continued to see challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, including supply chain issues, labor shortages, and long lead times for equipment delivery.

Guidehouse performed a deemed measure savings review and tracking database review for the Business Standard program's impact evaluation and applied the results of the onsite lighting study completed in MEEIA Cycle 2 to capture improved primary inputs for the engineering analysis equations described in Appendix D. The evaluation team reviewed the tracking database to verify its validity and that it contains all necessary information to evaluate the program. The team reviewed the deemed measure savings and assessed the reasonability of the algorithms and assumptions used.

### B.1.1.1 Findings

This section provides the evaluation team’s findings from the PY2 Business Standard program impact evaluation.

In the Evergy Metro territory, the Business Standard program achieved a 93% realization rate for gross energy savings and a 73% realization rate for gross demand savings, as Table B-1 shows. Table B-2 shows the program’s savings to date.

**Table B-1. Business Standard Program PY2 Energy and Demand Savings Summary – Evergy Metro**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings <sup>†</sup>	Verified Savings <sup>‡</sup>	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	11,162,365	10,386,880	93%	53,977,377	8,216,022	15%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	2,467	1,808	73%	8,523	1,430	17%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 0.791 was applied to the Business Standard program based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY2.

† The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

‡ Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

**Table B-2. Business Standard Program to Date Energy and Demand Savings Summary – Evergy Metro**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings <sup>†</sup>	Verified Savings <sup>‡</sup>	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	27,380,255	27,851,420	102%	53,977,377	24,981,980	46%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	5,383	4,881	91%	8,523	4,380	51%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 0.791 was applied to the Business Standard program PY2 savings based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY2. A NTG ratio of 0.96 was applied to the Business Standard program for PY1 based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 2.

† The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

‡ Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

In the Evergy MO West territory, the Business Standard program achieved a 104% realization rate for gross energy savings and an 81% realization rate for gross demand savings, as Table B-3 shows. Table B-4 shows the program's savings to date.

**Table B-3. Business Standard Program PY2 Energy and Demand Savings Summary – Evergy MO West**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings <sup>†</sup>	Verified Savings <sup>‡</sup>	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	11,967,648	12,439,712	104%	46,646,197	9,839,812	21%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	2,309	1,870	81%	7,514	1,479	20%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 0.791 was applied to the Business Standard program based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY2.

<sup>†</sup> The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

<sup>‡</sup> Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

**Table B-4. Business Standard Program to Date Energy and Demand Savings Summary – Evergy MO West**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings <sup>†</sup>	Verified Savings <sup>‡</sup>	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	26,333,949	27,977,387	106%	46,646,197	24,755,981	53%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	4,874	4,580	94%	7,514	4,080	54%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 0.791 was applied to the Business Standard program PY2 savings based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY2. A NTG ratio of 0.96 was applied to the Business Standard program for PY1 based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 2.

<sup>†</sup> The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

<sup>‡</sup> Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

Guidehouse calculated savings using data from the tracking database, onsite metering in Cycle 2, and secondary sources (e.g., the Illinois Technical Reference Manual, or TRM). In PY2 of Cycle 3, lighting measures accounted for close to 90% of the overall program savings which is slightly lower than previous years when lighting measures were contributing more than 95%. In

PY2, HVAC measures accounted for 7% of overall energy savings and 30% of overall demand savings.

The factors with the greatest impact on the overall program realization rate for energy savings correspond with the lighting measure savings calculations. However, for demand savings realization rates, HVAC measures have a significant impact in driving the program-level realization rate.

## Lighting

Some key factors influenced the verified savings of lighting measures the most. These key factors include assumptions around the baseline wattage, the recorded efficient wattage, hours of use (HOU), in-service rate (ISR), and coincidence factor (CF). These same key factors highly influenced the previous year's impact evaluation as well. The evaluation team addressed these key factors with the following steps:

1. First, Guidehouse aligned the baseline wattage for the verified savings using one of the following approaches:
  - a. Aligning with the midpoint of the baseline wattage range listed in the measure name.
  - b. Using secondary sources on baseline fixture wattage, including the Illinois TRM v9 and manufacturer specification sheets for the efficient lighting product that listed equivalent baseline products.
  - c. Using the tracking database, which listed the baseline lamp or fixture type and the baseline lamp or fixture wattage.
2. Second, the evaluation team leveraged the recorded efficient wattage for the lamp or fixture in the verified lighting savings calculation for each measure incentivized.
3. Finally, the team included the results of the long-term onsite verification lighting study concluded in MEEIA Cycle 2 in the verified lighting savings calculation. The results of the long-term lighting study led to adjustments to the ISR, HOU, and CFs for lighting measures.

## HVAC

Some key factors influenced the verified savings of HVAC measures the most. These key factors include assumptions around the energy efficiency ratio (EER), seasonal/integrated energy efficiency ratio (SEER/IEER), and equivalent full load hours (EFLH). The evaluation team addressed these key factors with the following steps:

1. First, Guidehouse researched actual capacity of HVAC equipment by reviewing specification sheets for the installed units based on make and model numbers.
2. Second, the evaluation team used actual efficient case EER or SEER/IEER for the installed equipment by reviewing the specification sheets.
  - a. When unavailable, the team used secondary sources including the Illinois TRM v9 to get the efficient case EERs.
3. Finally, the team used different EFLH based on the installed building type provided in the Illinois TRM v9.



### B.1.1.2 Recommendations

Table B-5 summarizes Guidehouse’s recommendations based on its impact evaluation findings.

**Table B-5. Business Standard Program Impact Recommendations**

Summary of Recommendations	
1. Guidehouse recommends providing further guidelines, such as a lumen equivalency range, around what qualifies for the Interior LED 2x4 Linear Ambient Fixtures, Troffers, and Retrofit Kits replacing T8, T12, T5/T5HOs. Guidehouse also recommended this in the PY1 report.	This measure category tends to be used as a catchall with a wide range of efficient measures categorized together for LED replacements of linear fluorescents. For example, in PY2, efficient equipment wattages ranged from 8 W to 275 W across the Interior LED 2x4 Fixture or Retrofit Kit measures. Some of these products either fit in the Interior LED 1x4 or in the LED Low/High Bay fixture categories. The baseline wattage for this prescriptive measure is deemed at 98 W in Evergy’s MEEIA TRM. However, more than one-third of reported fixtures have efficient wattages higher than the deemed baseline wattage for this measure.
2. Guidehouse recommends revising the savings calculations methodologies and inputs for DX Air measures.	The reported energy and demand savings calculations for large HVAC measures “363.1: Packaged DX >760kbtu” and “512: Air-Cooled Chiller with Condenser >= 150 tons” were unclear and resulted in an overestimation of energy and demand savings. Guidehouse verified the savings using the algorithms outlined in the Illinois TRM v9 and the units’ actual EER and SEER values. Total reported demand savings for these two measures contributed to 19% of program-level demand savings (913 kW out of 4,776 kW). However, verified savings for these two measures resulted in 135 kW. The realization rate for measure 363.1 was 9%; the realization rate for measure 512 was 20%.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### B.1.1.3 Net-to-Gross

To capture the customer experience, the NTG analysis used primary research methods, including fielding FR and SO surveys. Guidehouse sent the participant FR survey to the Cycle 3 PY2 participants from January through December 2021. The team sent the survey with questions focused on SO to participants from the second half of Cycle 3 PY1.

Survey responses indicated a weighted FR of 24.5% and a weighted PSO of 2.1%. The NPSO of 1.5% was quantified through a trade ally survey, resulting in a program-level NTG of 79.1%. Guidehouse acknowledges that 2021 was an unusual program year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain issues, and that may have affected the program performance and participation in ways that are difficult to quantify. For “not sure” responses, Guidehouse conducted a sensitivity test in which the score was treated as 0% FR, 50% FR, and 100% FR and in which respondents who answered “not sure” were completely dropped from the FR calculation. No respondents answered “not sure” to all influence questions, so the “not sure” sensitivity analysis focused solely on the intention score. The sensitivity test resulted in program-level FR ranging from 23% to 26%. The midpoint, treating these respondents as a 50% intention score averaged with the influence score they provided, resulted in a program-level FR value of 24.5%. Removing respondents who answered “not sure” to all intention score questions resulted in a program-level FR value of 22.1%; however, most respondents were able to answer some or all of the intention score questions.

Responses to other questions and a review of program communications support the idea that these respondents are partial free riders, so the evaluation team feels that using the midpoint value of 50% in lieu of “don’t know” responses is justified by the review of the participants’ full

set of responses and communications. Appendix C describes the methodologies for calculating FR, SO, and NTG. Table B-6 shows the components of the NTG ratio for the Business Standard program.

**Table B-6. Business Standard Program NTG Components and Ratio**

Program Year	Weighted FR	Weighted PSO	NPSO	NTG Ratio
PY2	0.245	0.021	0.015	79.1%

Source: Guidehouse's NTG ratio research in PY2 for the Business Custom program

## B.1.2 Process Evaluation Findings and Recommendations

For the process evaluation, Guidehouse conducted program staff interviews, reviewed program materials, and administered participant and trade ally surveys to identify opportunities to improve program processes.

### B.1.2.1 Findings

The evaluation team addressed the five Missouri-required questions for process evaluation through program manager and implementation staff interviews and surveys. Participant survey response rates (Table B-7) were generally consistent with the previous survey conducted with PY2016 participants.

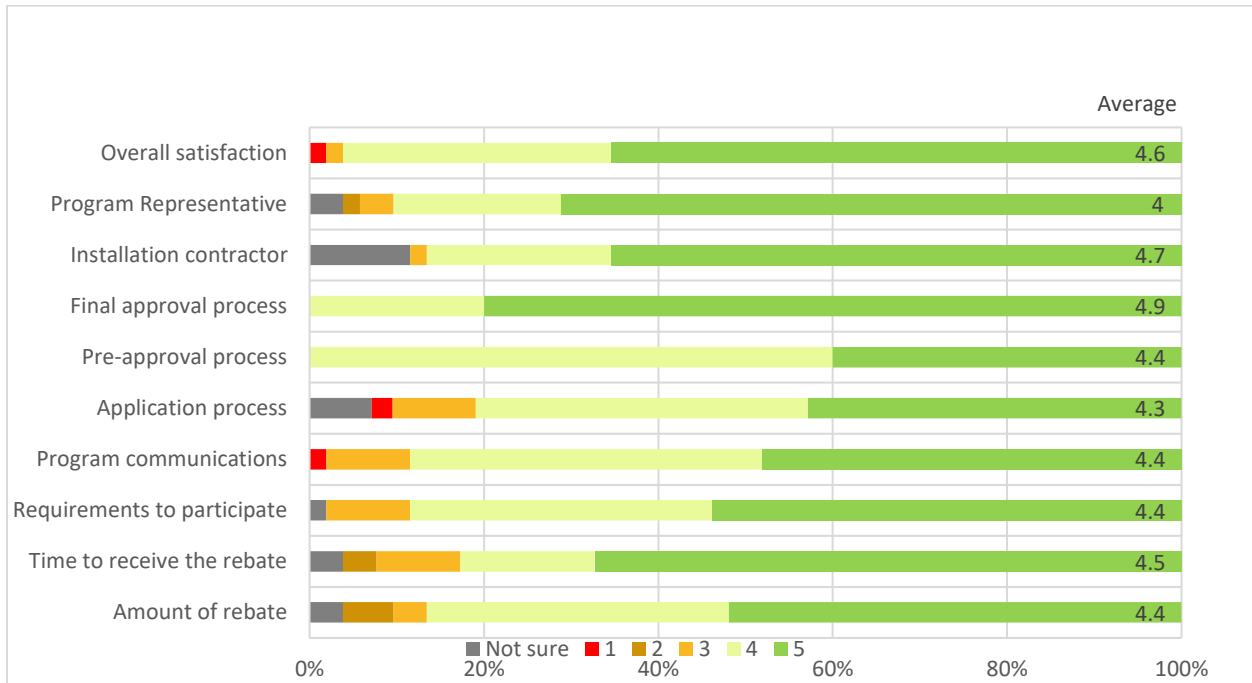
**Table B-7. Evergy Metro and Evergy MO West Business Standard Program Survey Sample Size and Responses**

Year	Survey Type	Population Size	Completed Surveys	Response Rate
2021	Participant FR	328	52	16%
	Participant SO	610	61	10%
	Trade Ally	158	23	15%
2016	Participant	420	56	13%

Source: Guidehouse survey analysis

Survey respondents ranked their satisfaction with the various aspects of the program highly, with all categories receiving an average ranking of 4.0 to 4.9 (on a 1-5 scale, where 1 is low and 5 is high). The average overall satisfaction with the program is 4.6.

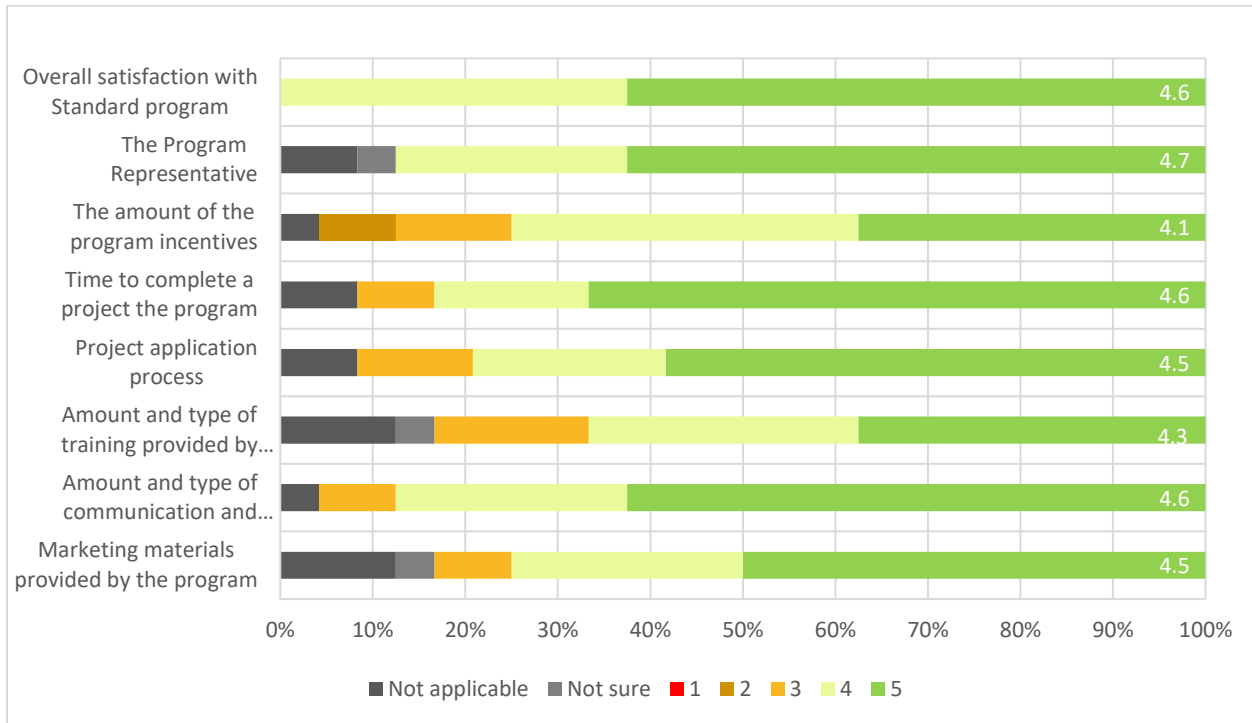
**Figure B-1. Participant Satisfaction with Program Aspects (n=52)**



Source: Guidehouse survey analysis

The participating trade allies are similarly satisfied with the Business Standard program, with an average overall satisfaction rating of 4.6 on a 5-point scale and no program elements rated lower than a 4.1. Trade allies are especially satisfied with the Program Representative and the amount and type of communication from the program. Trade allies see the most room for improvement in the amount of program incentives, though they are more satisfied with the Business Standard program incentives than the Business Custom program incentives.

**Figure B-2. Trade Ally Satisfaction with Program Aspects (n=23)**



Source: Guidehouse survey analysis

Table B-8 summarizes the Missouri-required process questions and associated answers to those questions.

**Table B-8. Business Standard Program Missouri Requirement-Based Findings**

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Findings
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market segment?	<p>The business sector faces a high barrier to participation because of the high upfront installation cost and a lack of understanding of lifetime value for energy efficient products. Evergy addresses these barriers by providing incentives and education, which reduce the incremental cost and improve the understanding of the long-term benefits.</p> <p>Smaller business customers such as restaurants may have limited resources for researching energy conservation, leading to imperfect or incomplete information about the market. For PY2, Evergy focused on communication and marketing to increase program participation from small business customers.</p>
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	<p>Evergy has a well-defined target market of large and small commercial businesses for the Business Standard program.</p> <p>Evergy and the IC track activity by trade ally and have bi-yearly Trade Ally Advisory Board meetings. At these meetings, Evergy provides a program status update and requests feedback from the trade ally representatives on the advisory board about all business programs.</p> <p>Evergy actively solicits feedback on the program by sending surveys to all customers that completed a project in the final email communication. Evergy reviews this feedback and incorporates it into the program design as warranted.</p>

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Findings
<p>3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?</p>	<p>The Business Standard program complements the Business Custom program by providing rebates for common energy efficiency upgrades, which continued to be primarily lighting measures in PY2. Evergy is working toward further aligning the Business Standard and Business Custom programs so that multiple end-use energy-saving projects can be easily served across the entire portfolio.</p> <p>While the Business Standard program includes measures that address a variety of energy end uses for a participant, including the HVAC, refrigeration, and cooking energy end uses, 90% of the projects in PY2 were for lighting or lighting control measures. Non-lighting measure participation has increased in PY2 to 10% compared to 6% in PY1. Evergy and the IC are constantly evaluating the measure list to determine if it is meeting the needs of customers. The other Evergy Business programs primarily address the end uses besides lighting, but they also tend to be dominated by lighting projects.</p>
<p>4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?</p>	<p>The IC works one-on-one with larger customers and those larger customers' customer solution managers (CSMs). The trade ally network addresses medium and smaller customers. There is also targeted marketing for sectors with historically lower participation. In PY2, the IC continued hosting targeted webinars for the public sector, schools, and customers interested in HVAC upgrades. These targeted webinars were in addition to general webinars for all business customers interested in energy efficiency upgrades available across all the Business programs.</p> <p>Some participants indicated that they would prefer to receive information on the program in the form of bill inserts or direct emails.</p>
<p>5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?</p>	<p>PY2 saw lower participation due to lingering effects from the COVID-19 pandemic. Some trade allies report that higher incentives may help them reach customers who are more reluctant to participate either due to budget or interest; they feel that the low hanging fruit has already been picked and the customers that remain need additional motivation.</p> <p>Trade allies appear highly satisfied with the application process, though some participants indicate that the process remains somewhat challenging for them. These participants indicated that they had to reach out directly to Evergy for assistance, suggesting that they were purchasing equipment without the assistance of a trade ally.</p>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### B.1.2.2 Recommendations

The Business Standard program is slightly behind on the 3-year Cycle 3 MEEIA target in both the Evergy Metro and Evergy MO West territories. The program did see some increased participation in HVAC and cooling measures over previous years. The evaluation team provides the process recommendations listed in Table B-9 based on the PY2 evaluation.

**Table B-9. Business Standard Program Missouri Requirement-Based Recommendations**

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Recommendations
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market segment?	<p>Some customers do not have the lighting knowledge in-house to understand the differences between the lighting measures offered by the program. It also appears there is some confusion on the part of the trade allies. The program should continue efforts to offer additional education, technical support, and potentially new measure categories to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help customers identify energy efficient lighting projects.</li> <li>• Help customers and trade allies with the application process such that they apply for the most appropriate measure category.</li> <li>• Identify areas where there continues to be confusion and provide specific training and examples to address this confusion.</li> </ul>
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	<p>The increase in incentives in July 2020 through the end of PY1 helped address the high capital cost of entry for small business customers. This incentive increase was not in place in PY2. Evergy could consider repeating this incentive increase to drive participation in PY3.</p> <p>The program should continue efforts to increase participation among the school strata and small businesses such that certain business types do not dominate the program. These efforts have included targeted webinars explaining the benefits of implementing energy conservation, increased incentives for small businesses, and direct outreach to public sector and municipal customers.</p>
3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?	<p>The program should continue the marketing and outreach efforts that led to the increased number of HVAC and cooling measures incentivized in PY2 compared to previous program years. The program could continue to research methods to increase participation in the cooking end-use category because that end use is still seeing low participation even though significant potential for energy savings is likely. The program may need to diversify from lighting measures more in upcoming years as new building codes require highly efficient lighting and lighting controls in certain spaces.</p>
4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?	<p>Guidehouse recommends the following to improve the program's communication channels and delivery mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue education and training of new and existing trade allies to reduce rebate application errors.</li> <li>• Create accessible targeted marketing materials that can be available on the program's website.</li> </ul>
5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?	<p>The program saw low participation from some business types including those that may have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic such as hotels, motels, restaurants, entertainment centers, and other assembly building types. The program could work to develop targeted marketing and targeted incentive increases for measures such as air conditioners or food service for these building types to increase participation in PY3.</p> <p>The program may benefit by taking a closer look at the types of measures that participants may be installing without the assistance of a trade ally and considering if there are ways to further streamline the application process for those measures.</p>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### B.1.3 Cost-Effectiveness Findings

This section presents Guidehouse's cost-effectiveness evaluation for the Business Standard program for each of the five standard benefit-cost tests. Please refer to Appendix A.3 for

information on how benefits and program costs are allocated to each of the cost tests as well as the sources for the benefit and cost input assumptions.

The evaluation team applied a midlife adjustment to standard LED A bulbs and reflector LED bulbs (MR-16, B/BR, and PAR) offered through the Business Standard program. This adjustment reflects the natural growth of LED market share, which is anticipated to continue to grow over the life of the LED measures. The Illinois TRM v10 determined a single midlife adjustment based on estimates of the natural growth of the LED market share that resulted in the equivalent net present value of lifetime savings as the annual estimated decline. This midlife adjustment is applied in 2026 and is a 66% downward adjustment for LED A bulbs and a 39% downward adjustment for reflector LED bulbs. The annual savings claimed were reduced 5 years into the life of the LED bulb measures to account for this downward adjustment and were incorporated into cost-effectiveness calculations.

Table B-10 presents the benefit-cost ratios for the five standard benefit-cost tests for Evergy Metro and Evergy MO West for PY2. Based on the team’s benefit-cost analysis, Evergy Metro achieves a cost test ratio greater than 1.0 in the SCT, UCT, and PCT. The TRC test achieves a ratio of 0.86. Evergy MO West achieves a TRC ratio of 0.94 and an SCT, UCT, and PCT above 1.0.

**Table B-10. Business Standard Program Cost-Effectiveness Results**

Territory	TRC	SCT	UCT	PCT	RIM
Evergy Metro	0.86	1.01	1.43	1.54	0.52
Evergy MO West	0.94	1.12	1.62	1.77	0.49

Source: Guidehouse analysis

## B.2 Business Custom Program

The Business Custom program provides incentives for energy efficient upgrades for business customers. This program is available to all C&I Evergy customers and is designed to cover a broad range of projects that do not fit in the Business Standard program. The Business Custom program:

- Delivers rebates—available for existing and new facilities—only to those projects that achieve a BC Test<sup>6</sup> score of 1.0 or higher and have a simple payback period (before applying the rebate) of 1.5 years or greater.
- Calculates rebates in PY2 based on the following:
  - The program allows for a maximum incentive of \$1,000,000 per customer (based on tax ID), per year, per jurisdiction capped at \$250,000 per project.
  - Participants that exceed the \$250,000 per project threshold will be eligible for a reduced rate incentive.
  - Business Custom incentives will be capped at 75% of total measure costs and 100% of incremental costs unless otherwise specified.

<sup>6</sup> The BC Test leveraged by the IC is similar to the SCT less any estimated administrative costs which are not estimated at the project level.

- Business Custom incentives levels are determined based on technology end use but are no lower than \$0.04/kWh reduced annually and no higher than \$0.45/kWh reduced annually.
- Requires preapproval from the IC before participants purchase and install equipment

## B.2.1 Impact Evaluation Findings and Recommendations

The Business Custom program implemented 106 projects in 2021. In its second year of Cycle 3, the Evergy Metro Business Custom program achieved 39% and 47% of the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3 target energy and coincident peak demand savings, respectively. To date, including PY1 and PY2, the program has achieved 73% and 90% of the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3 target energy and coincident peak demand savings, respectively. The Evergy MO West Business Custom program achieved 131% and 149% of the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3 target energy and coincident peak demand savings, respectively. To date, including PY1 and PY2, the program has achieved 172% and 191% of the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3 target energy and coincident peak demand savings, respectively.

In PY2, the team conducted an impact evaluation, cost-effectiveness analysis, and process evaluation for the Business Custom program. For its impact evaluation, Guidehouse performed a tracking database review, sampling, and an engineering review of sampled projects. The evaluation team conducted NTG research in PY2 to help better understand the net impact of the Business Custom program.

### B.2.1.1 Findings

Table B-11 summarizes the energy and peak demand savings and the corresponding realization rates for the Evergy Metro Business Custom program in PY2. Table B-12 shows the program's savings to date.

**Table B-11. Business Custom Program PY2 Energy and Demand Savings Summary – Evergy Metro**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings <sup>†</sup>	Verified Savings <sup>‡</sup>	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	13,412,567	14,563,905	109%	30,239,803	11,884,147	39%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	2,451	2,768	113%	4,834	2,259	47%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 0.816 was applied to the Business Custom program based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY1 and PY2.

† The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

‡ Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis



**Table B-12. Business Custom Program to Date Energy and Demand Savings Summary – Evergy Metro**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings†	Verified Savings‡	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	25,366,754	27,364,067	108%	30,239,803	22,124,276	73%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	4,871	5,359	110%	4,834	4,332	90%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 0.816 was applied to the Business Custom program PY2 savings based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY1 and PY2. A NTG ratio of 0.80 was applied to the Business Custom program for PY1 based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY1.

† The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

‡ Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

Table B-13 summarizes the energy and peak demand savings and the corresponding realization rates for the Evergy MO West Business Custom program in PY2. Table B-14 shows the program's savings to date.

**Table B-13. Business Custom Program PY2 Energy and Demand Savings Summary – Evergy MO West**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings†	Verified Savings‡	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	16,644,699	16,081,967	97%	10,016,241	13,122,885	131%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	3,774	2,894	77%	1,587	2,361	149%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 0.816 was applied to the Business Custom program based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY1 and PY2.

† The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

‡ Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

**Table B-14. Business Custom Program to Date Energy and Demand Savings Summary –  
 Evergy MO West**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings†	Verified Savings‡	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3- Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	21,903,611	21,175,620	97%	10,016,241	17,197,808	172%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	4,723	3,735	79%	1,587	3,035	191%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 0.816 was applied to the Business Custom program PY2 savings based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY1 and PY2. A NTG ratio of 0.80 was applied to the Business Custom program for PY1 based on research conducted by Guidehouse in MEEIA Cycle 3 PY1.

† The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

‡ Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

The evaluation team made the following adjustments to the engineering calculations. These adjustments were the primary drivers of energy and coincident peak demand realization rates in PY2:

1. Updated baseline lighting inputs for Trace 3D modeling projects using the Guidehouse Indoor Horticulture Baseline Memo.
2. Used the engineering algorithm outlined in the Illinois TRM v9 for estimating the peak demand savings while the IC used a kW factor approach.<sup>7</sup>
3. Applied a waste heat factor for demand (WHFd) and CF to calculate peak demand savings to align with lighting spaces and operating schedules verified through phone interviews and desk reviews.
4. Adjusted the US Department of Energy refrigeration baseline equation references to align with the correct case identifiers.
5. Adjusted heat pump measure calculations to include heating savings in addition to the cooling savings already being accounted for by the IC.
6. Adjusted pump variable frequency drive calculations to better reflect the larger, non-linear, reduction in post power consumption.

<sup>7</sup> In MEEIA Cycle 2, at the request of Evergy, Guidehouse developed a list of kW factors by end use to calculate peak demand savings based on the historically implemented Business Custom projects in the Evergy Metro service territory. The kW factor is a ratio of the first-year peak demand savings to the first-year energy savings. It was established that the IC would use the kW factor to calculate peak demand savings, which is called the “kW factor approach,” and Guidehouse would continue using the engineering approach to estimate peak demand savings. The engineering approach varies depending on the energy efficiency measures, summarized in the Business Custom Program-Specific Methodology Appendix E.

7. Consistently applied a savings calculation methodology that differs from the approach implemented by the IC for all non-lighting end-use categories.<sup>8</sup> The Guidehouse approach builds on the IC methodology by applying 8,760 hourly weather data to capture impacts based on time of day and seasonality.
8. Aligned the calculation of peak demand savings with the utility peak period<sup>9</sup> while the IC used the demand factor approach.
9. Made input and simulation adjustments to energy models provided by the IC to align with as-built conditions and leading practice evaluation methods.

**B.2.1.2 Recommendations**

Table B-15 summarizes Guidehouse’s recommendations based on its impact evaluation findings.

**Table B-15. Business Custom Program Impact Recommendations**

Summary of Recommendations	
1. Guidehouse recommends the IC provide unlocked analysis workbooks.	Guidehouse recommends that all calculations, independent of measure type, be initially performed in worksheets where the equations are transparent and easily reviewed to facilitate verification and evaluation. Currently, a subset of measure types use locked worksheets, which makes verifying the engineering analysis more difficult and time-intensive.
2. Guidehouse recommends the IC follow the methodology in the Indoor Horticulture Baseline Memo previously provided.	While utilities and implementers may choose whichever method they prefer for claiming savings for indoor agriculture projects, Guidehouse will use the “Process Input Equivalent” method for evaluating savings of projects to improve savings accuracy. The approach detailed in the Indoor Horticulture Baseline Memo uses a like-for-like baseline to assume an equivalent process input for baseline and efficient cases. This methodology was discussed with and agreed to by Evergy and the IC in March 2021.
3. Guidehouse recommends that all indoor horticulture lighting be DLC-certified.	The DesignLights Consortium (DLC) maintains a Horticultural Qualified Products List for energy efficient horticultural lighting. Growers rely on the Horticultural Qualified Products List to validate performance claims so they can find efficient and effective indoor lighting options for their crops and keep up with cutting-edge technologies. DLC-certified fixtures have been tested and reported against a set of program requirements to allow growers to validate performance claims.
4. Guidehouse recommends the IC use an 8,760 hourly analysis.	Guidehouse recommends that the IC employ an 8,760 hourly analysis evaluation approach when appropriate, particularly for weather-dependent measures such as HVAC equipment. This methodology leverages weather data to analyze energy consumption variances by time of day and seasonality, which better represents the actual operating conditions of the installed equipment.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

<sup>8</sup> Both Guidehouse and the IC used Typical Meteorological Year 3 (TMY3) weather data to estimate the pre- and post-retrofit power in the calculation of project savings. The TMY3 weather data includes 8,760 outdoor air dry-bulb temperatures and other weather parameters. For the HVAC Controls and Motors and Drives measures, the IC divided the 8,760 hourly temperatures to temperature bins in 2°F, 5°F, or other intervals and calculated the count of hours in each temperature bin. Then the IC predicted the pre- and post-retrofit power for each temperature bin. This approach does not estimate load corresponding to time and day of year. Alternatively, Guidehouse predicted pre- and post-retrofit power for each hour of each day (8,760 hours in total) based on the established regression models and the TMY3 weather data. Using this approach, Guidehouse was able to calculate the peak demand savings following the system peak period.

<sup>9</sup> The system peak period is the period during which demand savings are evaluated. The current Evergy peak period is 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on weekdays when daily maximum dry-bulb outdoor air temperature is >=95°F from June to August, excluding holidays.

### B.2.1.3 Net-to-Gross

Guidehouse did not conduct any new participant research in PY2; FR and PSO are based on the values previously reported, which were from the participant FR survey of the Cycle 3 PY1 participants from January through December 2020 and the participant SO survey of participants from the second half of Cycle 2 PY4. Guidehouse conducted a trade ally survey in Cycle 3 PY2 to estimate NPSO.

Participant survey responses indicated a weighted FR of 23.9% and a weighted PSO of 4.0%. Trade ally responses indicated a NPSO of 1.5%, resulting in a program NTG ratio of 81.6%. The NPSO was not quantified because the evaluation team did not conduct a trade ally survey in PY1. Appendix C describes the methodologies for calculating FR, SO, and NTG. Table B-16 shows the components of the NTG ratio for the Business Custom program.

**Table B-16. Business Custom Program NTG Components and Ratio**

Program Year	Weighted FR	Weighted PSO	NPSO	NTG Ratio
PY2	0.239	0.040	0.015	81.6%

Source: Guidehouse's NTG ratio research in PY1 and PY2 for the Business Custom program

## B.2.2 Process Evaluation Findings and Recommendations

For the process evaluation, Guidehouse conducted interviews with program staff, reviewed program materials, and surveyed participants to identify opportunities to improve the Business Custom program processes.

### B.2.2.1 Findings

The evaluation team addressed the five Missouri-required questions for process evaluation through program manager and implementation staff interviews and surveys with trade allies and participants.

**Table B-17. Evergy Metro and Evergy MO West Business Custom Program Survey Sample Size and Responses**

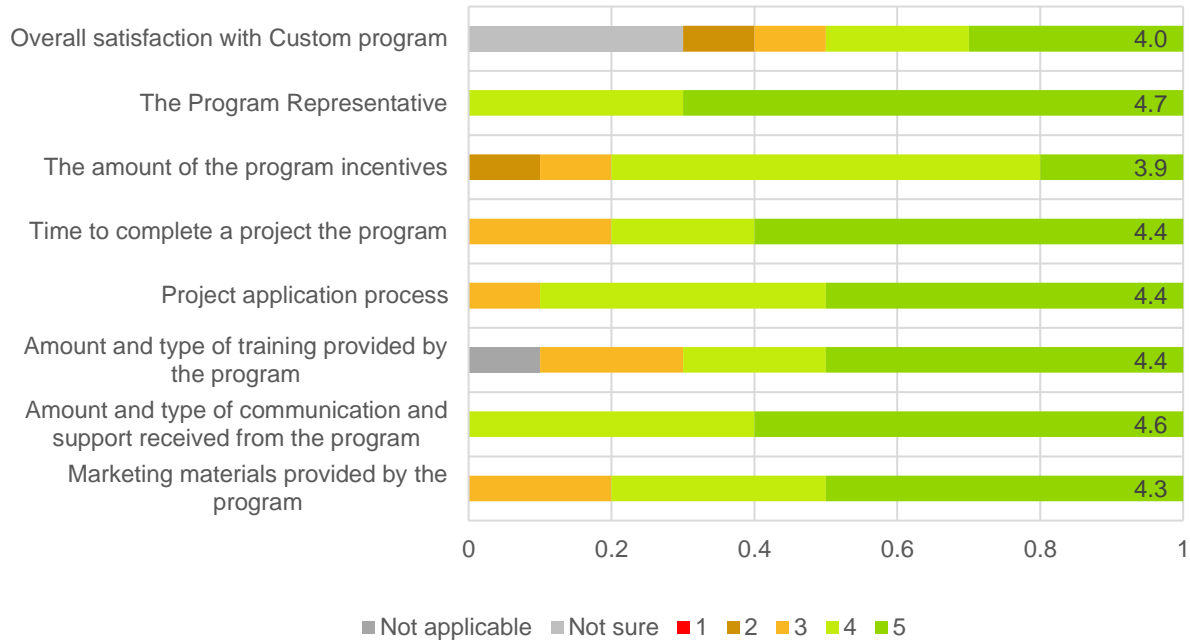
Year	Survey Type	Population Size	Completed Surveys	Response Rate
2021	Trade Ally	50	10	20%
2020	Participant FR	69	13	19%
	Participant SO	135	21	16%
2019	Participant FR*	262	65	25%
	Participant SO	207	37	18%
2018	Trade Ally	57	18	32%
	Participant	270	63	23%
2017	Trade Ally	152	48	32%
	Participant	80	18	23%
	Trade Ally	56	11	20%

\*Survey sent to MEEIA Cycle 2 PY3 participants (not surveyed in PY3) and MEEIA Cycle 2 PY4 participants.

Source: Guidehouse survey analysis

Trade allies reported high satisfaction with the Business Custom program, with an average satisfaction rating of 4.0 overall (Figure B-3). Trade allies were especially satisfied with the amount of communication and support from the program and the program representative. The lowest satisfaction was with incentive amounts; however, most people still rated their satisfaction as a 4 out of 5. When asked how their satisfaction compared to previous years in the program, most people said their satisfaction had remained the same with most program aspects, and very few indicated their satisfaction had decreased in any way.

**Figure B-3. Trade Ally Satisfaction with Program Aspects (n=10)**

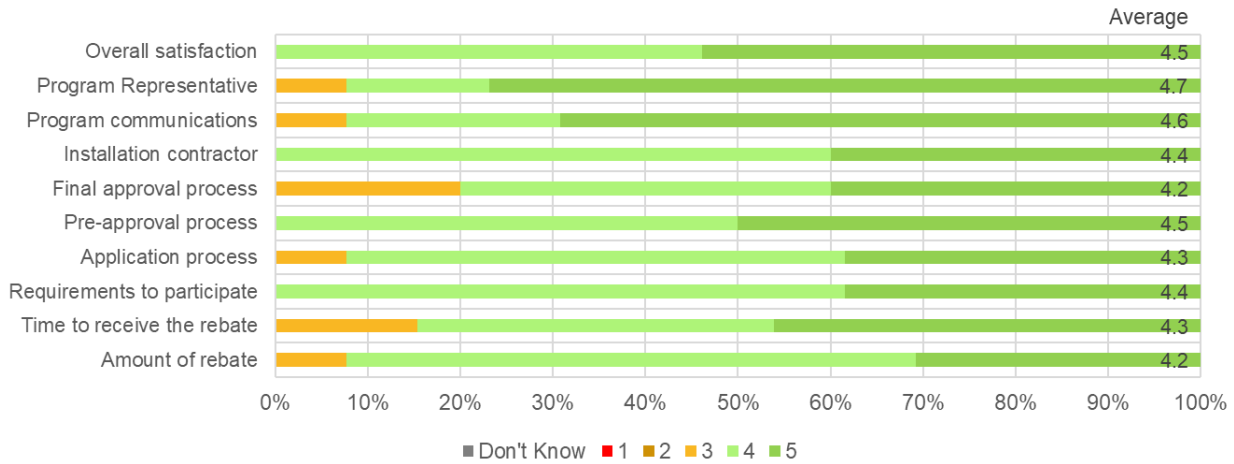


Source: Guidehouse survey analysis

PY1 participant survey respondents<sup>10</sup> ranked their satisfaction with the various aspects of the program high, with all categories receiving an average ranking of 4.2 to 4.7 (on a 1-5 scale, where 1 is low and 5 is high). Satisfaction increased relative to PY4 of MEEIA Cycle 2 ratings in almost all categories, with particularly notable increases in program communications (4.2 to 4.6) and the preapproval process (3.9 to 4.5).

<sup>10</sup> PY1 Participant FR survey

**Figure B-4. Participant Satisfaction with Program Aspects (n=13)**



Source: Guidehouse survey analysis

Table B-18 summarizes the Missouri-required process questions and associated answers to those questions.

**Table B-18. Business Custom Program Missouri Requirement-Based Findings**

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Findings
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market segment?	Project types included in the Business Custom program can be complex and take many years to complete. Customers may not fully understand the available energy savings from these types of projects, which requires utility education initiatives and incentives.
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	Guidehouse found that the target market is appropriately defined. All business customers are eligible to participate in the Business Custom program. Tier 1 customers provide the most energy savings to the program. The program could target small and medium sized customers. The small and medium business customers are highly targeted by the Business Standard program because the application process and incentives are easier to complete and receive.
3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?	Evergy has been successful in keeping the share of non-lighting measures above 20% for the Business Custom program. In PY2, the program consisted of approximately 30% non-lighting measures. The inclusion of some large grow facility projects added to the diversity of the program as they included agriculture lighting and agriculture HVAC measures. Because the overall savings in the Business Custom program can be driven by one or two large projects, Guidehouse thinks program participation appropriately reflects the end use needs within the target market segment.

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Findings
4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, marketing and promotion of the Business Custom program was primarily through emails and online webinars available to customers and trade allies. The online communications throughout the year provided information about Evergy’s business programs and supplemented the information available on Evergy’s website. Customers indicated the in-person kickoff event in PY1 and the online communications that continued in PY2 led them to complete Business Custom projects, indicating these communications are appropriate for the target market.</p> <p>The Business Custom program communicates closely with the CSMs who represent the larger Tier 1 customers. The Business Custom program experienced about a 30% reduction in Tier 1 participation in PY2 in terms of kWh savings, which is attributed partially to the effects of the pandemic and market uncertainty.</p>
5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?	<p>Customers and trade allies need support to identify and implement large and non-standard energy efficiency projects that fall in the Business Custom program. Trade allies reported an interest in learning about potential leads that program staff may have about customers that have shown interest in the program. Trade allies also reported a desire to shift more measures from the Business Custom program to the Business Standard program. They also reported a desire for higher incentives for exterior lighting projects due to the higher labor costs for exterior projects.</p>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### B.2.2.2 Recommendations

The recommendations that correspond to Guidehouse’s findings on the process evaluation are provided in Table B-19. These recommendations are based on the findings outlined above and are informed by the program manager interview, IC interview, and trade ally surveys conducted in PY2.

**Table B-19. Business Custom Program Missouri Requirement-Based Recommendations**

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Recommendations
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market segment?	<p>Some customers do not have the in-house engineering expertise to pursue complex custom projects or to understand the benefits of these projects. The program should continue efforts to offer technical support to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help identify non-standard energy efficiency projects that do not fall in the Business Standard or Process Efficiency programs.</li> <li>• Help customers with the application process including the preapproval and post phase.</li> <li>• Develop new industry-specific outreach campaigns that help customers understand how custom projects benefit customers like them.</li> </ul>
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	<p>Evergy’s Business Custom program should continue to work to identify new construction projects with the potential for energy savings. These new construction projects may be in new business types such as indoor cannabis growing facilities that have not participated in the program before because they did not exist prior to changes in legislation.</p> <p>The IC should continue to work closely with the CSMs to identify opportunities to keep Tier 1 customers actively participating in Evergy’s programs and meet the needs of these larger or national accounts.</p>

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Recommendations
<p>3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?</p>	<p>Trade allies and customers should continue to be encouraged to install non-lighting measures. As the effects of the pandemic begin to lessen, efforts could expand in PY3 to include videos of specific case studies, in-person marketing events similar to the Cycle 3 kickoff event, trade shows, and additional training on the various non-lighting measures available through the Business Custom program.</p> <p>Efforts should continue to educate customers and trade allies about the availability of peak load shifting because it can lead to significant savings.</p>
<p>4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?</p>	<p>Evergy should continue efforts to market and communicate about the Business Custom program as part of the broader marketing efforts of Evergy’s business programs, including the Business Standard and Process Efficiency programs. These efforts were shown in previous program years to lead to increased participation among smaller business customers in the Business Custom program.</p>
<p>5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?</p>	<p>Evergy and the IC should continue to offer technical support and education accessible to all customers. In some cases, the final incentives provided were lower than expected and in other cases they were higher than expected. However, the overall satisfaction with the program was very high in PY2, indicating the communication mechanisms are appropriate for most of the target market but may not be accessible for all eligible customers and trade allies. Further efforts to identify trade ally and customer communication issues through the Trade Ally Advisory Board meetings should be pursued. In addition, the IC could conduct follow-up interviews with any participants that express confusion or dissatisfaction to identify avenues to reduce such instances in PY3.</p> <p>Guidehouse recommends that incentive levels for non-lighting end uses be reviewed annually to ensure they are significant enough to increase participation in the program without increasing FR and to consider the time and effort needed to complete the Business Custom application. The evaluation team also recommends that incentive levels for exterior lighting measures be reviewed as trade allies reported having higher labor costs for exterior projects.</p> <p>Some customers provided feedback in PY2 indicating they found the application process confusing. Evergy and the IC should work toward alleviating customer confusion by continuously improving the program application. Considerations should be made toward creating an online tool that could help simplify the application process for small and medium customers.</p>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### B.2.3 Cost-Effectiveness Findings

This section presents Guidehouse’s cost-effectiveness evaluation for the Business Custom program for each of the five standard benefit-cost tests. Please refer to Appendix A.3 for information on how benefits and program costs are allocated to each of the cost tests as well as the sources for the benefit and cost input assumptions.

Table B-20 presents the benefit-cost ratios for the five standard benefit-cost tests for Evergy Metro and Evergy MO West for PY2. Based on Guidehouse’s benefit-cost analysis, Evergy MO West achieves a cost test ratio greater than 1.0 in the TRC, SCT, UCT, and PCT. Evergy Metro achieves a TRC ratio of 0.98 and an SCT, UCT, and PCT above 1.0.



**Table B-20. Business Custom Program Cost-Effectiveness Results**

Territory	TRC	SCT	UCT	PCT	RIM
Evergy Metro	0.98	1.19	2.12	1.64	0.58
Evergy MO West	1.08	1.39	2.55	1.70	0.57

Source: Guidehouse analysis

## B.3 Process Efficiency Program

The Process Efficiency program is designed to provide a non-capital-intensive approach to energy efficiency engagement for businesses of all sizes and industries. Through its engagement process, the program seeks to ingrain energy management into its customers' business practices.

Currently, the program's activities are focused on providing retrocommissioning (RCx) services. RCx provides incentive offsets for comprehensive system energy optimization studies, allowing participants to identify low- and no-cost, long-term improvement strategies. Incentives are also offered on a \$/kWh basis to address recommendations. Through the RCx process, participants receive recommendations for higher cost system improvements. These recommended measures can then be addressed through the Business Standard and Business Custom programs, along with other potential energy efficiency and demand response (DR) programs.

RCx project eligibility includes the following:

- Significantly higher than average energy usage intensity or conditioned area over 100,000 square feet
- Building over 2 years old or 2 years since the last building retrofit
- Existing energy management system

RCx incentives are based on approved energy savings associated with project measures and a study reimbursement based on proven energy savings and study cost with a project simple payback of 18 months or less. An approved RCx service provider must complete an energy study to identify and describe recommended measures and submit a final report describing the implemented measures. The simple payback for the project, based on all measures, must be less than or equal to 18 months to be eligible for an RCx incentive. RCx study and measures are capped at 100% of total implementation cost. Measures creating a simple payback greater than 18 months may still be eligible for Evergy's Business Custom incentives. Projects over 500,000 kWh are required a minimum of 14 days of continuous, typical day equipment-level post-monitoring prior to completing documentation submission. Each approved RCx project will have 6 months from the date of offer signing to complete the project and may not exceed November 30, 2022.

### B.3.1 Impact Evaluation Findings and Recommendations

The Evergy Metro Process Efficiency program did not complete any projects in PY2. The Evergy MO West Process Efficiency program completed two projects in PY2 and achieved 2% and 29% of the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3 target energy and coincident peak demand savings, respectively. Since the program did not report any savings in PY1, the PY2 savings are also the total savings to date for the 3-year MEEIA Cycle 3.

In PY2, the team conducted an impact evaluation, cost-effectiveness analysis, and process evaluation for the Process Efficiency program. For its impact evaluation, Guidehouse performed a tracking database and engineering review of the two projects completed in 2021.

### B.3.1.1 Findings

Table B-21 summarizes the energy and peak demand savings and the corresponding realization rates for the Evergy Metro Process Efficiency program in PY2. Table B-22 shows the program's savings to date.

**Table B-21. Process Efficiency Program PY2 Energy and Demand Savings Summary-  
Evergy Metro**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings <sup>†</sup>	Verified Savings <sup>‡</sup>	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	0	0	0%	19,454,539	0	0%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	0	0	0%	182	0	0%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 1 was applied to the Process Efficiency program. This NTG value is in alignment with the value typically used for similar programs in the State and in other jurisdictions until further research can be conducted. Guidehouse will consider conducting primary research in PY3 based on program participation levels to provide an updated NTG value.

<sup>†</sup> The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

<sup>‡</sup> Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

**Table B-22. Process Efficiency Program to Date Energy and Demand Savings Summary-  
Evergy Metro**

	Gross			MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Net*	
	Reported Savings <sup>†</sup>	Verified Savings <sup>‡</sup>	Realization Rate		Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
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‡ Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

For Evergy MO West, the evaluation team verified 450,363 kWh of energy savings, 66 kW of coincident peak demand savings, and realization rates of 96% and 90%, respectively. Both projects involved one measure: repairing compressed air leaks. The evaluation team reviewed the savings algorithm and found the approach to be appropriate and reliable. The kW/cubic feet per minute (CFM) efficiency values used in the verified savings calculations were the key driver for energy and coincident peak demand realization rates. Table B-23 summarizes the energy and peak demand savings and the corresponding realization rates for the Evergy MO West Process Efficiency program in PY2. Table B-24 shows the program’s savings to date.

**Table B-23. Process Efficiency Program PY2 Energy and Demand Savings Summary-  
Evergy MO West**

	Gross				Net*	
	Reported Savings†	Verified Savings‡	Realization Rate	MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	467,785	450,363	96%	20,470,674	450,363	2%
Coinc Demand at Customer Meter (kW)	74	66	90%	227	66	29%

\* Guidehouse calculated net verified savings by multiplying gross verified savings by the NTG ratio. A NTG ratio of 1 was applied to the Process Efficiency program. This NTG value is in alignment with the value typically used for similar programs in the State and in other jurisdictions until further research can be conducted. Guidehouse will consider conducting primary research in PY3 based on program participation levels to provide an updated NTG value.

† The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

‡ Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

**Table B-24. Process Efficiency Program to Date Energy and Demand Savings Summary-  
Evergy MO West**

	Gross				Net*	
	Reported Savings†	Verified Savings‡	Realization Rate	MEEIA Cycle 3 3-Year Target	Verified Savings	Percentage of MEEIA 3-Year Target Achieved
Energy at Customer Meter (kWh)	467,785	450,363	96%	20,470,674	450,363	2%
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† The evaluation team characterized savings as reported and verified. Reported savings represent project savings estimated at the time of measure installation and reported in the program tracking database.

‡ Verified savings represent energy savings verified at the time of the evaluation.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### B.3.1.2 Recommendations

Table B-25 summarizes Guidehouse’s recommendations based on its impact evaluation findings.

**Table B-25. Process Efficiency Program Impact Recommendations**

Summary of Recommendations	
1. Guidehouse recommends the IC provide unlocked analysis workbooks.	Guidehouse recommends that all calculations, independent of measure type, be initially performed in worksheets where the equations are transparent and easily reviewed to facilitate verification and evaluation. Currently, the IC uses locked worksheets, which make verifying the engineering analysis and determining drivers for change in savings difficult.
2. Guidehouse recommends the IC include additional details in the analysis workbooks.	The analysis workbooks for leak repair measures are locked. Although the savings algorithm is available for review in a separate document, the evaluation team was unable to exactly replicate the savings. Displaying additional input parameters such as kW/CFM efficiency and calculated leaked CFM values in the analysis workbook will help identify the drivers for differences in savings values.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

## B.3.2 Process Evaluation Findings and Recommendations

### B.3.2.1 Findings

Table B-26 summarizes the Missouri-required process questions and associated findings to those questions.

**Table B-26. Process Efficiency Program Missouri Requirement-Based Findings**

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Findings
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market segment?	PY1 was the first year for the Process Efficiency program offering. The program was slow to ramp up in PY1 due to challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and that trend continued in PY2. Because it is a new program and Retrocommissioning (RCx) can be perceived as complex, it takes time for customers and trade allies to better understand the program.
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	The program primarily targets industrial customers for implementing RCx projects. For the RCx sector, the target market is appropriately defined.
3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?	The program is currently focused on providing services for RCx projects for industrial customers. Over time, express tune-up measures will be included, but the timeline to do that is not set.

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Findings
4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?	The program is in its second year, and Evergy had challenges promoting it due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, all the communication channels are appropriate for the target market sector. The marketing and promotion activities involved a Business Energy Solutions forum, email campaign, direct mail, webinars, and an RCx-focused campaign for trade allies. The IC team marketing activities evolved over time to build on past efforts.
5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?	The program is strategically streamlining the process by offering incentives for measures such as compressed air leak survey and repairs. The customers can then do other RCx measures under the same project without having to reapply. Evergy is pursuing innovative approaches to encourage customer engagement within the overall C&I suite of programs.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### B.3.2.2 Recommendations

Guidehouse addressed the five required process evaluation questions set forth in the Missouri regulations<sup>11</sup> for the Process Efficiency program; the evaluation team’s recommendations are provided in Table B-27.

**Table B-27. Process Efficiency Program Requirement-Based Recommendations**

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Recommendation
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market?	RCx projects can be complex and difficult to understand from a requirements standpoint. The program should continue efforts to educate and offer additional technical support to the trade allies, customers, and CSMs to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the program better.</li> <li>• Help identify energy efficiency projects.</li> <li>• Develop RCx-specific outreach campaigns that help customers understand how these measures benefit customers like them.</li> </ul>
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	Evergy should work with CSMs to ensure they have the training and expertise needed to help customers identify energy savings in their facilities through an in-depth audit and face-to-face interactions. The CSMs could also work more closely with IC to help identify potential projects and work with IC staff to support the customer through the application process.
3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?	Evergy could consider targeting and adding more measures similar to the compressed air leaks survey and repairs to facilitate engagement with the customers.
4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?	Evergy is leveraging multiple avenues to reach customers and trade allies. Evergy should consider RCx-focused events for customers to generate awareness about the measures similar to the C&I Business Energy Solution Forum event at Arrowhead Stadium. In addition, the IC team should continue with the plan to collect customer testimonials to help build trust and program awareness.

<sup>11</sup> 4 CFR- 240-22.070(8)

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Recommendation
5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?	A key challenge to this new program is that customers, trade allies, and CSMs may not completely understand it. Evergy could continue educating all the stakeholders and complete outreach efforts to generate awareness for the program. Evergy could also continue to look for innovative approaches to engage customers similar to the leaks survey and repair incentives being offered. As indicated by the IC, the program should continue to allow wider RCx service provider participation with relevant training to get them up to speed on the program requirements.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### B.3.3 Cost-Effectiveness Findings

Process Efficiency savings were reported in PY2 for Evergy MO West. Evergy MO West achieved a TRC ratio of 0.23 while Evergy Metro’s TRC ratio is 0.0 due to the inclusion of program costs with no realized benefits.

Although Process Efficiency administrative costs are low compared to other programs in Evergy’s portfolio, they outweigh benefits and are the primary driver in low cost-effectiveness ratios. This program is projected to be cost-effective with greater participation based on the merits of the measures alone.

**Table B-28. PY2 Cost-Effectiveness Results – Process Efficiency Program**

Territory	TRC	SCT	UCT	PCT	RIM
Evergy Metro	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evergy MO West	0.23	0.24	0.23	3.53	0.17

Source: Guidehouse analysis

## B.4 Online Business Energy Audit

The OBEA for small and medium businesses is an online tool that enables business customers to track and analyze their energy use. The tool also provides educational materials on energy savings for heating, cooling, lighting, and other electrical equipment. OBEA encourages small and medium businesses to engage with the broader portfolio of demand-side management programs.

Business customers billed based on energy use (kWh) and not demand (kW) can access the tool through My Account. These customers can track their energy and access tips for saving energy. However, they cannot access the Neighbor Comparison or Energy Analyzer portions of the tool.

### B.4.1 Impact Evaluation Findings and Recommendations

#### B.4.1.1 Findings

Because OBEA does not claim savings for program activities, a savings impact analysis was not part of the scope of the evaluation.

### B.4.1.2 Recommendations

There are no savings associated with the OBEA program. The program tracks overall page views and customer-level activity on key program pages such as the Energy Analyzer and Tip Actions. This detailed information is valuable for tracking tool use and should be continued.

## B.4.2 Process Evaluation Findings and Recommendations

### B.4.2.1 Findings

Guidehouse addressed two program-specific questions and the five Missouri-required questions for process evaluation through staff interviews and a program materials review. The evaluation team interviewed and exchanged emails with the Evergy program manager and reviewed materials on the program website and provided by the program manager to inform the process evaluation.

Table B-29 summarizes the program-specific and Missouri-required process questions and associated answers to those questions.

**Table B-29. OBEA Programs Missouri Requirement-Based Findings**

Program-Specific Question	Guidehouse Findings
1. How many unique visitors are using OBEA?	Businesses did not have access to the Energy Analyzer platform in 2020 and part of 2021. The program can see and track unique logins for small and medium business customers. The program continues undergoing changes to include newer features.
2. How is it being used relative to other utilities?	Answering this question requires additional research—interviews need to be conducted with program staff of other utilities and is planned for PY3.
Missouri Question	Guidehouse Findings
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market?	Some customers do not understand how their actions or their appliances and equipment in their business can affect their energy use. The OBEA tool educates customers on their energy use and provides tips to help them lower it. The program was not promoted in PY1 while the platform was being updated with new features; these were rolled out to customers starting January 2021. The program launched the bill alert feature in 2021, allowing customers to set a custom (dollars or percentage) usage threshold to get notifications.
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	<p>In PY2, the program continued targeting small and medium business customers interested in making their businesses more energy efficient or reducing their electricity bill. The applicability of energy-saving tips is different for residential and small and medium business customers, so it is appropriate to have separate tools for these groups.</p> <p>In the future, OBEA may look to expand the offerings to all of C&amp;I and not just restrict to small and medium businesses. There are no specific plans or timeline for this expansion.</p>

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Findings
<p>3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?</p>	<p>The tool appropriately reflects the diversity of end-use energy service needs of the target market. The OBEA tool has the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My Energy Usage: Customers can view their own usage on a monthly or annual basis.</li> <li>• Detailed interval data is being added to provide deeper insight and help businesses better understand their energy consumption.</li> <li>• Ways to Save: This tip library provides business-specific suggestions in the areas of lighting, HVAC, and refrigeration for customers to reduce their energy use. The library contains over 30 tips.</li> </ul>
<p>4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?</p>	<p>OBEA did not do any targeted communications in PY2.</p>
<p>5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?</p>	<p>Evergy is implementing changes to the program that are expected to address some of the identified barriers such as time needed to learn how to use the tool and the perceived value of the tool. The program is continuing to evolve and add features to provide a holistic customer journey. Every widget or page of the tool includes energy-saving tips, ensuring that even if customers use only a portion of the available components, they still receive tips.</p>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### **B.4.2.2 Recommendations**

Guidehouse addressed the five required process evaluation questions set forth in the Missouri regulations<sup>12</sup> for OBEA. Overall, the evaluation team found that the program meets the requirements. Table B-30 summarizes the team’s conclusions and recommendations, including a more in-depth evaluation after the revised tool has been live for a full program year.

<sup>12</sup> 4 CFR- 240-22.070(8)



**Table B-30. OBEA Missouri Requirement-Based Recommendations**

Missouri Question	Guidehouse Recommendation
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market?	Evergy should consider gathering additional feedback from customers to understand how effectively the tool engages and educates customers on their energy use and how to reduce it.
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	The program should continue to monitor the effectiveness of outreach to ensure small business customers learn about the tool. Evergy may want to consider segmentation or propensity modeling to understand who is using the tool and who is not to better target both groups.
3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?	The IC could consider conducting analysis to assess savings associated with the program by assigning rough savings estimates to tips and applying those estimates to customers who indicated they have taken the tip's action.
4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?	Evergy has used a variety of communication channels in the past. With the launch of the updated tool, using and assessing the efficacy of a variety of channels will continue to be important.
5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?	Now that the new tool has been active for a year, Evergy may want to assess the most effective approaches to drive different types of customers to the tool through A/B testing, propensity modeling, or other approaches.

Source: Guidehouse analysis

## Appendix C. Cross-Cutting Methodologies

This appendix covers Guidehouse’s overall approach toward cross-cutting methodologies, namely determining cost-effectiveness and NTG savings.

### C.1 Cost-Effectiveness Approach

Guidehouse calculated benefit-cost ratios and total net benefits at the program and sector levels for the five standard benefit-cost tests:

- TRC test
- SCT
- UCT
- PCT
- RIM test

Benefit-cost ratios are informative because they show the value of monetary benefits relative to the value of monetary costs as seen from various stakeholder perspectives.

Cost-effectiveness values were calculated using Guidehouse’s ProCESS model and leverage Guidehouse-verified EM&V findings including energy and demand impacts, O&M savings, incremental costs, NTG ratios, participation numbers, program administrative costs, and measure lifetimes. Additionally, energy and demand avoided costs, end-use load shapes, retail rates, discount and inflation rates, and line loss factors were provided by Eversys or characterized by Guidehouse to support cost-effectiveness calculations. The ProCESS model imports measure, program, and utility data where appropriate to determine granular cost-effectiveness results. These results are then summed to various levels of aggregation to yield ratios and net present value benefits.

Where available, program and avoided cost data and discount rates are consistent with those used by Eversys in calculating cost-effectiveness as part of its annual filing. For inputs not accessible through Eversys’s planning model, Guidehouse researched inputs consistent with previous Eversys cost-effectiveness evaluations. Guidehouse’s ProCESS model formulation of the cost-benefit tests followed the 2001 California SPM<sup>13</sup> and does not account for the subsequent 2007 SPM Clarification Memo.<sup>14</sup>

Table C-1 summarizes how program costs and benefits are assigned to each of the cost tests, consistent with the California SPM. In this analysis, the TRC test and the SCT only differ in the discount rate assumed (i.e., externalities are not included in this SCT analysis). Refer to Table C-2 for sources of assumptions regarding discount rates. For comparison with Eversys Metro and Eversys MO West’s reported cost-benefit ratios, this report provides TRC and SCT results without including incentives paid to free riders as required by the 2007 SPM Clarification Memo.

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<sup>13</sup> California Public Utilities Commission. “California Standard Practice Manual: Economic Analysis of Demand-Side Programs and Projects.” October 2001. [http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/004ABF9D-027C-4BE1-9AE1-CE56ADF8DADC/0/CPUC\\_STANDARD\\_PRACTICE\\_MANUAL.pdf](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/004ABF9D-027C-4BE1-9AE1-CE56ADF8DADC/0/CPUC_STANDARD_PRACTICE_MANUAL.pdf).

<sup>14</sup> California Public Utilities Commission. “2007 SPM Clarification Memo.” 2007. [https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/FINAL\\_DECISION/73172-10.htm](https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/FINAL_DECISION/73172-10.htm).

**Table C-1. Cost and Benefit Assignments by Cost Test**

Item	TRC Test	SCT	UCT	PCT	RIM Test
Avoided Costs	Benefit	Benefit	Benefit	N/A	Benefit
O&M Savings	Benefit	Benefit	N/A	Benefit	N/A
Incentives	Transfer	Transfer	Cost	Benefit	Cost
Lost Revenues	Transfer	Transfer	N/A	Benefit	Cost
Administrative Costs	Cost	Cost	Cost	N/A	Cost
Participant Equip. Costs	Cost	Cost	N/A	Cost	N/A

Source: Guidehouse

### C.1.1 Sources of Benefit and Cost Assumptions

Table C-2 summarizes the sources of data used in the cost-benefit analysis. Many of the input assumptions used in Guidehouse’s analysis came directly from Evergy. Critical assumptions that differed in Guidehouse’s analysis were energy and peak demand savings (derived from verified data rather than reported estimates), NTG ratios, EUL and RUL values, and participant equipment costs. Reference Appendix I for inputs to Guidehouse’s cost-benefit model.

**Table C-2. Sources of Benefit and Cost Data**

Data*	Source
Avoided energy costs	Provided by Evergy
Avoided capacity costs	Provided by Evergy
Retail rates	Provided by Evergy
Load shapes	Developed by Guidehouse
Discount rates	Provided by Evergy and classified by Evergy as highly confidential
O&M savings	Guidehouse analysis
Participant equip. costs	Business Standard Program: Evergy-prescribed values as included in the MEEIA TRM which are based on multiple sources including the IL TRM.
	Business Custom program: Incremental or total project cost as reported in the tracking database. The IC determines which type of cost is most appropriate given the type of project. Incremental cost used for major renovation grow facility projects.
	Process Efficiency: Total project cost as reported in the tracking database.
Energy and peak demand savings	Guidehouse engineering analyses
EUL	Illinois TRM, program tracking data, Evergy-prescribed values
RUL	Guidehouse analysis based on lifetime of replaced equipment and related mortality analysis techniques
NTG	Guidehouse NTG analysis
Line loss factors	Provided by Evergy
Incentives	Program tracking database
Participation	Program tracking database
Administrative costs	Provided by Evergy

\*Guidehouse does not provide the avoided energy and capacity costs in this report as these costs are confidential to Evergy.

Source: Guidehouse

## C.2 Net-to-Gross Approach

This section outlines the methods Guidehouse used to estimate FR and SO as part of its evaluation of the Evergy’s portfolio of energy efficiency and DR programs.

The goal of Guidehouse’s approach is to accurately estimate NTG components using multiple methods to approximate not only FR but also SO over the course of the 3-year program cycle. The evaluation team used the following definitions, provided by the Uniform Methods Project,<sup>15</sup> to calculate net savings:

- **FR:** The program savings attributable to free riders—i.e., program participants who would have implemented a program measure or practice in the absence of the program.
- **PSO:** The additional energy savings achieved when a program participant—because of the program’s influence—installs energy efficient measures or practices outside the efficiency program after having participated.
- **NPSO:** The additional energy savings achieved when a nonparticipant implements energy efficiency measures or practices as a result of the program’s influence (e.g., through exposure to the program) but that are not accounted for in program savings.

Using these definitions, the team calculated the NTG ratio using Equation C-1.

### Equation C-1. NTG Ratio

$$\text{NTG Ratio} = 1 - \text{FR rate} + \text{PSO rate} + \text{NPSO rate}$$

Guidehouse used several types of NTG estimates depending on the program type, data availability, and the level of effort planned for the evaluation. Some programs use the prior year’s estimated NTG value in the absence of new NTG research. Some evaluated programs have no claimed savings and do not require NTG estimation. Table C-3 summarizes the NTG method used for each program.

**Table C-3. NTG Methods by Program**

Program Name	Estimated in 2022	Used Prior Year’s Value	Value of 1.0	Not Applicable (No Reported Savings)
Business Custom Program*	X	X		
Business Standard Program	X			
Process Efficiency Program†			X	
Business Online Energy Audit				X

\* The Business Custom Program NTG ratio was estimated using PY1 FR and PSO and PY2 NPSO.

† The Process Efficiency Program did not report savings in PY1 and ramped up in PY2, reporting two completed projects in PY2 with savings contributing less than 1% of total PY2 C&I portfolio savings. Guidehouse did not collect primary data for the program in PY2 due to the low program participation and savings and applied a NTG ratio of 1.

<sup>15</sup> Daniel M. Violette and Pamela Rathbun. *Estimating Net Savings: Common Practices*, Chapter 23 in *The Uniform Methods Project: Methods for Determining Energy Efficiency Savings for Specific Measures*. 2014. [http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/02/f19/UMPCchapter23-estimating-net-savings\\_0.pdf](http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/02/f19/UMPCchapter23-estimating-net-savings_0.pdf).

This NTG value is in alignment with the value typically used for similar programs in the State and in other jurisdictions until further research can be conducted. Guidehouse will consider conducting primary research in PY3 based on program participation levels to provide an updated NTG value.

Source: Guidehouse

## C.2.1 Participant FR

This section presents the general FR methodology. FR was assessed using a customer self-report approach following the Research Into Action and Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) framework.<sup>16</sup> This approach used surveys designed to assess the likelihood that participants would have installed some or all of the energy efficiency measures incented by the program even if the program had not existed. The participant surveys followed the same basic structure as the ETO framework.

Based on the ETO methodology, the FR analysis included the following two elements: 1) intention to carry out the energy efficient project without program funds; and 2) influence of the program in the decision to carry out the energy efficient project.

The total FR score was the sum of the intention and program influence scores, resulting in a score ranging from 0 to 100. This score was divided by 100 to convert it into a proportion for application to gross savings values (see Equation C-2).

### Equation C-2. Total FR

$$\text{Free Ridership (FR)} = \frac{\text{Intention Score} + \text{Program Influence Score}}{100}$$

#### C.2.1.1 Participant FR Intention Score

The evaluation team assessed intention through several brief questions used to determine how the upgrade or equipment replacement likely would have differed if the respondent had not received program assistance. The initial series of question asked the respondent to identify, out of a limited set of options, what most likely would have occurred without program assistance. Specific wording of the questions varied based on the types of measures installed through the program, but the offered response options captured the following five general outcomes:

1. Would have canceled the project, upgrade, purchase, etc., or installed the lowest efficiency option
2. Would have postponed the project by at least 1 year
3. Would have done something that would have produced savings but not as much as those achieved through the project as implemented (smaller quantity and/or lower efficiency)
4. Would have done the project exactly as implemented through the program
5. Don't know

Respondents who said they would have canceled or postponed the entire project for at least a year or installed the lowest efficiency available were not considered free riders in terms of

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<sup>16</sup> Jane Peters and Ryan Bliss. *Common Approach for Measuring Free Riders for Downstream Programs*. Research Into Action. October 4, 2013.

intention (a score of 0 for the intention score). The respondents that indicated they would have undertaken the project as implemented or purchased/installed the same energy efficient equipment without the program were considered total free riders in terms of intention (a score of 50 for the intention component). Respondents who indicated they would have done something that would have resulted in less savings were considered partial free riders with an intention score between 5 and 45 depending on the combination of responses about the quantity and efficiency level of the equipment that would have been installed in the absence of the program. Table C-4 demonstrates the assignment of efficiency scores and timing adjustments, which combine to form the intention score (Intention = Efficiency \* Timing Adjustment).

**Table C-4. Efficiency Score and Timing Adjustment Determination**

Efficiency Installed in Absence of Program	Efficiency Score	Quantity Installed within 1 Year in Absence of Program	Timing Adjustment
Same efficiency or higher	50	All	1.0 (no change to Efficiency Score)
Almost as efficient	33.3	Most	0.66
Somewhat less efficient	16.6	Some (or Don't Know)	0.5
Lowest efficiency/lowest cost available	0	Few	0.33
Don't know	25	None	0 (Intention Score becomes 0)

Source: Guidehouse

### C.2.1.2 Participant FR Influence Score

Guidehouse assessed the program influence on the participant's decision to implement energy efficiency improvements by asking the respondent how much influence—on a scale of 1 (no influence) to 5 (great influence)—various program elements such as incentives and program information had on the decision to implement the measure. Respondents were asked to rate the program's influence on the efficiency and timing of their project separately, to make the influence questions easier for respondents to answer in situations where the program greatly influenced one element of the project but not the other.

A participant's program influence score was then set to the participant's maximum influence rating for any program element. The rationale was that if any given program element had a great influence on the respondent's decision then the program itself had that level of influence, even if other elements had less influence.

Respondents were asked to rate each of the following program elements on the 1-5 influence scale:

- Influence of the **program incentive** on the decision to complete a high efficiency project
- Influence of **educational or marketing materials from an Evergy program** on the decision to complete a high efficiency project
- Influence of **information from Evergy Business Energy Savings program staff** on the decision to complete a high efficiency project

If the respondent indicated that they would have installed the project at a later date in the absence of the program, they also were asked to rate the:

- Influence of the **program incentive** on the decision to complete the project at the time that they did rather than a later date
- Influence of **educational or marketing materials from an Evergy program** on the decision to complete the project at the time that they did rather than a later date
- Influence of the **information from Evergy Business Energy Savings program staff** on the decision to complete the project at the time that they did rather than a later date

The influence score is based on the highest rated program element. Table C-5 shows the influence score for each possible influence rating response. An influence rating response of 5 (Very influential) resulted in an influence score of 0, contributing no value to the total FR score. Program influence and FR have an inverse relationship: the greater the program influence, the lower the FR, and vice versa.

**Table C-5. FR Program Influence Scores**

Maximum Program Influence Rating Response	Influence Score
1 (Not at all influential)	50
2	37.5
3	25
4	12.5
5 (Very influential)	0
Don't know	25

*Source: Research Into Action and ETO Standard FR Protocol*

FR is estimated individually for each participant survey respondent according to the algorithm described above. Savings are then weighted by the individual participant's share of respondents' total energy savings to estimate program-level FR.

### C.2.2 Sensitivity Analysis on Don't Know Responses

Guidehouse has formalized an approach for treatment of "don't know" responses in response to feedback from the EM&V auditor. The standard treatment is described above, in which a "don't know" response is assigned a midpoint value for either the Intention Score or the Influence Score (e.g., equivalent to 50% attribution for that score). However, to explore the impact of this assumption of 50% attribution for don't know responses on the program-level NTG, Guidehouse will also calculate program level FR with alternate assumptions of 0% attribution or 100% attribution as well as simply dropping the score from the analysis. Guidehouse will review the results of the sensitivity analysis with the EMV& auditor, as well as review open-ended responses that may inform the interpretation of the data and make a final decision about what assumption to use for the don't know responses. In prior year's analyses, varying the assumption used for don't know has an insignificant (e.g., less than 0.5%) impact on the program-level FR estimate. If a respondent answers "don't know" to each question required to calculate FR, the respondent is dropped from the analysis altogether.

### C.2.3 Participant SO

Guidehouse also assesses SO through the customer surveys. SO is the energy savings influenced by the program but that did not receive program incentives and are not included in the program records. Survey questions aimed to identify whether participants purchased or installed additional energy efficient products without an incentive. The following are examples of these SO questions:

- Since your participation in the program, did you install or purchased any ADDITIONAL energy efficient products in your home that did NOT receive incentives through Evergy?
- Could you describe the energy efficient product installed or purchased?
- How did you know the product was energy efficient?
- How many energy efficient products did you purchase without an incentive?

Additionally, the evaluation team included a question about the level of influence the program had on the respondent's decision to install the additional measures. An example of the question follows.

- On a 1-5 scale where 1 is not at all influential and 5 is very influential, how influential was your experience in the Evergy program in your choice to install or purchase the energy efficient product?

The 1-5 influence ratings form an SO influence score as follows:

- 1 (low program influence) = 0%
- 2 = 25%
- 3 = 50%
- 4 = 75%
- 5 (high program influence) = 100% (full attribution)

For each participant, Guidehouse calculated SO for measures reported as the product of the measure savings, number of units, and influence score, as illustrated in Equation C-3.

#### **Equation C-3. SO Savings from Installed Measures**

$$\text{Measure SO} = \text{Measure Savings} * \text{Quantity} * \text{SO Influence Score}$$

For each participant, the evaluators then totaled the measure-level SO savings to give the participant-level SO savings reflected in Equation C-4. To be conservative, Guidehouse assumed that no participant would have an SO project with higher savings than the program-incented project, effectively capping each participant's spillover at their program kilowatt-hour savings.

#### **Equation C-4. Overall Participant SO**

$$\text{Participant SO} = \text{Minimum} (\Sigma \text{Measure SO}, \text{Project Savings})$$



Finally, the team summed the SO across participants and divided the program total SO savings by the program total savings in the sample to yield a participant SO percentage, as shown in Equation C-5.

#### Equation C-5. Participant SO Percentage

$$\% \text{ Participant SO} = \frac{\sum \text{Participant SO (population)}}{\text{Program Savings in Sample}}$$

### C.2.4 Trade Ally NPSO

The following sections present details on the trade ally NPSO method. Guidehouse’s NTG analysis employs an incremental scoring approach (i.e., 1=0%, 2=25%, 3=50%, 4=75%, 5=100%) for all scoring.

#### C.2.4.1 Program Influence on Trade Ally Methodology

The analysis used the responses to the program influence on trade ally (PITA) questions in two ways:

- To qualitatively provide insight and context for the NTG analysis
- To form part of an attribution factor to determine what share of non-incented high efficiency project savings should be attributed to the program as SO

Guidehouse’s analysis resulted in a marketing influence score based on questions that focus on how trade allies are marketing energy efficient products due to program influence. Table C-6 presents the question and resulting program volume influence scores.

**Table C-6. Calculation of Marketing Influence Score**

Response to Question: How much influence has that marketing assistance had on your ability to successfully market energy efficiency to your customers? (Scale of 1-5)	Marketing Influence Score
1 (Not at all influential)	0%
2	25%
3	50%
4	75%
5 (Very influential)	100%

Source: Guidehouse

Guidehouse also asked trade allies about the likelihood that they would have recommended the same high efficiency measures in the absence of the program. That response was converted into a recommendation program influence score as shown in Table C-7. A high likelihood score converts into a low program influence score and vice versa.

**Table C-7. Calculation of Recommendations Influence Score**

Response to Question: Since participating in the Evergy program, have you changed your energy efficiency offerings to customers? For instance, have you added more high efficiency products to your offerings, stopped offering lower efficiency models, or started recommending higher efficiency models as the “default” option? If the program had never been available, what is the likelihood that you would have made those same changes? (Scale of 1-5)	Recommendations Influence Score
1 (Not at all likely)	100%
2	75%
3	50%
4	25%
5 (Very likely)	0%

Source: Guidehouse

Finally, the team calculated an overall PITA score. The score is the maximum of the previously calculated influence scores. The maximum of the scores is used rather than an average because using an average would unduly underestimate the program’s impact in instances where the program has had a strong influence on the high efficiency sales of a trade ally who has always recommended high efficiency measures, for example.

**C.2.4.2 NPSO Methodology**

Trade allies answered a series of questions to establish the possible existence of SO for their top three highest saving measures as well as any other measures that had a significant amount of non-incented high efficiency sales in the prior year.

**Estimating the Number of Non-Incented High Efficiency Projects.** For each measure, the survey asked the trade ally to estimate how many (if any) additional projects it completed without rebates. Then the survey asks trade allies to describe why they did not seek incentives for the program-qualifying measures and how the program influenced those measures; Guidehouse reviews these open-ended responses to identify instances in which potential spillover projects should not be considered spillover (e.g., the project did not occur in Evergy territory). Trade allies often reported that spillover occurred because customers did not want to take the time to complete the program-related paperwork, whereas the participants have demonstrated that they are willing to take the time to complete program paperwork to receive rebates when working with a participating trade ally who is aware of the program rebates. This suggests that the participating trade allies’ reported spillover is occurring with nonparticipating customers who don’t value rebates enough to take the time to apply for them.

**Attributing Non-Incented Projects to the Program.** For each SO measure, Guidehouse calculated the number of SO projects by multiplying each trade ally’s total number of non-incented projects by an attribution factor based on the trade ally’s responses to program influence questions. If the trade ally said that the program did not have any influence on the non-incented measures, the attribution factor was automatically 0% (meaning that no SO was assigned to the program for those measures for that trade ally). Otherwise, the attribution factor was based on the PITA score (discussed above) and the trade ally’s response to the following question on program influence:

*“How influential do you think the program was on these additional units sold without rebates?” (Scale of 1-5)*

The 1-5 influence ratings form a SO influence score as follows:

- 1 (low program influence) = 0%
- 2 = 25%
- 3 = 50%
- 4 = 75%
- 5 (high program influence) = 100%

#### Equation C-6. Attribution Factor

$$\text{Attribution} = \text{PITA Score} * \text{SO Influence Score}$$

Next, Guidehouse calculated the number of SO projects per trade ally for each measure by multiplying the total number of non-incented projects by the attribution factor.

#### Equation C-7. Number of SO Projects by Trade Ally and Measure

$$\# \text{ of SO Projects}_{\text{Measure}} = \# \text{ of Non-Incented Projects}_{\text{Measure}} * \text{Attribution}$$

**Estimating SO Project Savings.** SO was calculated for each trade ally/measure combination separately. Guidehouse then calculated the total number of SO projects per measure category and multiplied the total number of SO projects across all trade allies by the measure's savings adjustment factor.

#### Equation C-8. Savings-Adjusted SO at the Measure Level

$$\text{SO}_{\text{Measure}} = \frac{\sum \# \text{ of SO Projects}_{\text{Measure}}}{\# \text{ of Program Projects}_{\text{Measure}}}$$

Finally, Guidehouse calculated a program-level SO estimate by weighting each measure's SO estimate by the measure's share of total program energy savings, as shown in Equation C-9.

#### Equation C-9. SO at the Program Level

$$\text{SO} = \sum \text{SO}_{\text{Measure}} * \frac{\text{Program Savings}_{\text{Measure}}}{\text{Program Savings}_{\text{Total}}}$$

### C.3 Application of Baseline Energy Codes

The Business Standard program uses an assumed code that represents an approximate weighted average of the energy codes adopted in the territories. As the majority of the participants in the Business Standard program are customers located in Kansas City, MO (KCMO), Guidehouse believes it is appropriate to use KCMO's energy code for the Business Standard measures. Once KCMO updates its energy code, which it is currently considering to be International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2021, then Guidehouse will reevaluate which baseline code is most appropriate for the Business Standard program.

For the sampled projects for the Business Custom program, Guidehouse reviews the county or city code and applies the most relevant code as applicable for new construction and replace-on-

burnout heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) projects. For early replacement HVAC projects, which are uncommon, Guidehouse uses a dual baseline approach to calculate savings. The existing equipment baseline is used until the assumed end of useful life of the existing equipment and then the code baseline is used for the remaining useful life of the new equipment. The following table outlines what was assumed for PY2 based on the current energy codes for the Business Custom program.

**Table C-8. Business Custom Program Energy Code Analysis**

Location	Assumed Energy Code for PY2	Energy Code Source
No Code	IECC 2012	More conservative to estimate savings
City of Kansas City, MO	IECC 2012	<a href="https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/city-planning-development/building-and-rehabilitation-code">https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/city-planning-development/building-and-rehabilitation-code</a>
Jackson County, MO	IECC 2009	<a href="https://www.jacksongov.org/DocumentCenter/View/267/54-Building-Code-PDF">https://www.jacksongov.org/DocumentCenter/View/267/54-Building-Code-PDF</a>
Sedalia, MO	IECC 2015	<a href="https://library.municode.com/mo/sedalia/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_ORD_CH10BUBURE_ARTIVBUCO">https://library.municode.com/mo/sedalia/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_ORD_CH10BUBURE_ARTIVBUCO</a>
Raytown, MO	IECC 2018	<a href="https://www.raytown.mo.us/index.asp?SEC=3B107F85-E8A5-482D-BF3E-F6BE008B599C">https://www.raytown.mo.us/index.asp?SEC=3B107F85-E8A5-482D-BF3E-F6BE008B599C</a>
Riverside, MO	IECC 2018	<a href="https://www.riversidemo.com/buildingcodes/page/building-inspections">https://www.riversidemo.com/buildingcodes/page/building-inspections</a>
Buckner, MO	IECC 2003	<a href="https://ecode360.com/29975606#33347316">https://ecode360.com/29975606#33347316</a>
Belton, MO	IECC 2012	<a href="https://library.municode.com/mo/belton/codes/unified_development_code?nodeId=UNDECO_CH10BUST">https://library.municode.com/mo/belton/codes/unified_development_code?nodeId=UNDECO_CH10BUST</a>
Smithville, MO	IECC 2012	<a href="https://www.smithvillemo.org/pview.aspx?id=1943">https://www.smithvillemo.org/pview.aspx?id=1943</a>
Warrensburg, MO	IECC 2018	<a href="https://www.warrensburg-mo.com/197/Building-Inspections-Permits">https://www.warrensburg-mo.com/197/Building-Inspections-Permits</a>
Platte County, MO	IECC 2018	<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3XJaCcHmN_qNkNoM3JuWElyZ0U">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3XJaCcHmN_qNkNoM3JuWElyZ0U</a>
Gladstone, MO	IECC 2018	<a href="https://www.gladstone.mo.us/CommunityDev/adoptedcodes.php">https://www.gladstone.mo.us/CommunityDev/adoptedcodes.php</a>
Grandview, MO	IECC 2018	<a href="https://www.grandview.org/work/city-government/community-development/ordinances-codes">https://www.grandview.org/work/city-government/community-development/ordinances-codes</a>
North Kansas City, MO	IECC 2018	<a href="http://www.nkc.org/departments/community_development/permits_and_applications">http://www.nkc.org/departments/community_development/permits_and_applications</a>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

## Appendix D. Business Standard Program-Specific Methodologies

Evergy designed the Business Standard program to help C&I customers save energy through a broad range of energy efficiency options that address all major end uses and processes. The program offers standard rebates as well as mid-stream incentives. The measures incentivized—including lighting, HVAC equipment, and motors—are proven technologies that are readily available with known performance characteristics.

Based on Missouri regulations, the evaluation team used method 1a and protocol 2a and 2b to evaluate the Business Standard program. This evaluation of the Business Standard program consisted of the following activities:

- Gross impact evaluation (detailed in Appendix D.1)
- Process evaluation (detailed in Appendix D.2)
- NTG analysis based on work conducted in Cycle 3 PY2 (detailed in Appendix B.1.3)

### D.1 Impact Evaluation

The impact evaluation assessed gross energy and demand savings by conducting the following activities:

- Tracking database review
- Deemed measure savings review

#### D.1.1 Tracking Database Review

The evaluation team conducted a thorough review of the program tracking database in February 2022 that included 12 months of data (January 2021-December 2021) for the program year. Guidehouse reviewed the program tracking database to assess the availability of data fields that help the impact evaluation, including the following:

- Participant contact details and installation address
- Building type
- Installed measure information (quantity, measure type, size, capacity, efficiency levels)
- Reported energy and demand savings at the measure and project<sup>17</sup> levels
- Project costs (implementation cost and incremental equipment cost)
- Trade ally contact information

#### D.1.2 Deemed Measure Savings Review

The Evergy MEEIA TRM documents assumptions for deemed measure savings for the Business Standard program. The evaluation team reviewed the deemed measure savings used

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<sup>17</sup> A project is a unique application that includes single or multiple Standard and Custom measures.

to calculate the reported savings for the Business Standard program. This review identified and verified the accuracy and completeness of the engineering algorithms and assumptions used in the deemed savings calculations to ensure they reflect equipment performance in Evergy's service territory. Guidehouse reviewed the baseline and efficient case wattages, HOU, waste heat factors (WHFs), and CFs used for lighting measures. For non-lighting measures, Guidehouse reviewed the baseline and efficient case ratings and calculation variables such as HOU and CF used to calculate the deemed savings. The deemed measure savings do not differentiate by building type whereas many of the values used for calculating savings such as HOU, WHFs, and CFs do vary by building type.

Table D-1 summarizes the assumed baseline wattages for all the lighting measures included in the Business Standard program savings. Many of these are from the Illinois TRM v9, but some updates were made to more closely match the baseline wattage range, baseline wattage lamp type listed in the measure name, or the baseline lamp or fixture types listed in the tracking data.

**Table D-1. Baseline Wattage Assumptions**

Primary Key	Library Measure Name	Baseline Wattage Assumption
102.4	LED Exit Sign	10.5
109.3	Remove 4ft Lamp from T8 or T12 system	30.8
110.3	Remove 8ft Lamp from T8 or T12 System	56
149.3	Exterior LED replacing > 400W Fixture or Mogul Screw-Base Lamp	1078
150.3	Exterior LED replacing 251W-400W Fixture or Mogul Screw-Base Lamp	325
151.3	Exterior LED replacing 175W-250W Fixture or Mogul Screw-Base Lamp	213
152.3	Exterior LED replacing < 175W Fixture or Mogul Screw-Base Lamp	151
154.3	Parking Garage LED replacing 101W-175W Fixture or Mogul Screw-Base Lamp	137
155.2	Parking Garage LED replacing <= 100W Fixture or Mogul Screw-Base Lamp	124
166.3	Interior LED Linear Lamp replacing 4ft T8, T12, or T5 Lamp	33
167.2	Interior LED Linear Lamp replacing 2ft T8, T12, or T5 Lamp	17
168.3	Interior LED 1X4 Retrofit Kit replacing T8, T12 or T5/T5HO fixture	77.33
169.3	Interior LED 2X4 Retrofit Kit replacing T8, T12 or T5/T5HO fixture	115
170.3	Interior LED 2X2 Retrofit Kit replacing T8, T12 or T5/T5HO fixture	77.33
171.3	Interior LED 1X4 Troffer or Linear Ambient replacing T8, T12 or T5/T5HO fixture	77.33
172.1	LED 2X4 Troffer or Linear Ambient replacing T8, T12 or T5/T5HO fixture	112
172.2	Interior LED 2X4 Troffer or Linear Ambient replacing T8, T12 or T5/T5HO fixture	112
172.3	Interior LED 2X4 Troffer or Linear Ambient replacing T8, T12 or T5/T5HO fixture	112

Primary Key	Library Measure Name	Baseline Wattage Assumption
173.3	Interior LED 2X2 Troffer or Linear Ambient replacing T8, T12 or T5/T5HO fixture	77.33
174.4	LED Refrigerator Case Lights w/Doors 4ft 5ft or 6ft replacing Fluorescent Refrigerator Case Lights w/Doors 4ft 5ft or 6ft	84.75
175.4	LED Freezer Case Lights w/Doors 4ft 5ft or 6ft replacing Fluorescent Freezer Case Lights w/Doors 4ft 5ft or 6ft	84.75
220.3	LED Low Bay Fixture replacing 150W-300W fixture	225
221.4	LED Low/High Bay Fixture replacing 301W-450W fixture	375
222.3	LED High Bay Fixture replacing 451W - 750W fixture	600
223.3	LED High Bay fixture replacing > 750W fixture	1078
226.2	LED low bay mogul screw-base lamp/retrofit kit replacing 150W - 300W fixture	225
227.2	LED low/high bay mogul screw-base lamp/retrofit kit replacing 301W - 450W fixture	375
228.2	LED high bay mogul screw-base lamp/retrofit kit replacing 451W - 750W fixture	600
313.2	Interior 8' LED Linear Lamp replacing 8ft T8 or T12 Lamp	59.5
352.1	LED <=11 Watt Lamp replacing Interior Halogen A 28-52 Watt Lamp	40
354	LED <=14 Watt Lamp replacing Interior Halogen BR/R 45-65 Watt Lamp	55
355	LED <=13 Watt Lamp replacing Interior Halogen MR-16 35-50 Watt Lamp	50
356	LED <=20 Watt Lamp replacing Interior Halogen PAR 48-90 Watt Lamp	70
505	LED <= 9 Watt Pin-Based Lamp replacing CFL Pin-Based Lamp	13
506	LED 10 - 15 Watt Pin-Based Lamp replacing CFL Pin-Based Lamp	21
507	LED >= 16 Watt Pin-Based Lamp replacing CFL Pin-Based Lamp	26
509	Parking Garage LED Linear Lamp replacing 4ft T8, T12, or T5/T5HO Lamp	29

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### D.1.3 Verified Savings Analysis

This section describes Guidehouse’s methodology for the completion of the onsite metering and associated analysis of the sites selected for metering from the Cycle 2 PY1 Business Standard project sample. Guidehouse used results of the sampling of the Cycle 2 PY1 project population for all subsequent program years based on a review of the mix of building types showed that the project populations are similar.

#### D.1.3.1 Sampling

For the MEEIA Cycle 2 evaluation, Guidehouse selected a sample of projects completed in 2016 for onsite EM&V in 2017. The data collected from this sample of projects has been leveraged since the onsite EM&V was completed based on the assumption that the population of projects are still representative of the entire current year populations of the Business

Standard program within a stratum. Guidehouse evaluated both service territories in a combined sample based on discussions with the implementer at the time and Evergy product managers. Guidehouse feels that this is still a reasonable approach due to similarities in program execution. Additional detail on the sampling is available in the Cycle 2 PY1 Report and Appendix. Guidehouse completed both short-term and long-term metering at the sampled sites. Table D-2 lists the meter count by building type for the short-term metering.

**Table D-2. MEEIA Cycle 2 Onsite EM&V – Business Standard Program Meter Count by Building Type**

Strata	MEEIA Cycle 2 Business Standard		MEEIA Cycle 2 Small Business Lighting		MEEIA Cycle 1 Loggers		Total
	Evergy MO West	Evergy Metro	Evergy MO West	Evergy Metro	Evergy MO West	Evergy Metro	
	Industrial	14	6			13	
Office	3	20	0	6			29
Other	7	7	7	4	36		61
Retail	17	17	8	3	51	7	103
School	15	29			1		45
Warehouse	12	17	5		26		60
Exterior	7	7	2	2			18
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>349</b>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

Table D-3 lists the meter count by building type for the long-term metering. A total of 18 sites were included in the long-term metering and a total of 97 lighting loggers were installed.

**Table D-3. Cycle 2 Onsite EM&V – Business Standard Program Meter Count by Building Type for Long-Term Metering**

Strata	Long-Term Sampling Business Standard		Total
	Evergy MO West	Evergy Metro	
	Office	3	
School	15	29	44
Warehouse	12	18	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>97</b>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

Table D-4 presents a comparison of the program participation by strata between Cycle 2 PY1-PY4 (i.e., 2016-2019), and MEEIA Cycle 3 PY1-PY2 (i.e., 2020-2021) for the Business Standard program. The percentage of total reported savings by strata is similar among all program years. However, some strata such as Warehouse have seen a decrease in the percentage of reported energy and demand savings because high bay measures with overestimated savings accounted for a large fraction of the Warehouse strata savings. With the correction made to this measure for Cycle 2 PY2, the percentage of the total savings in the Warehouse strata decreased in Cycle 2 PY2 and has remained relatively similar since that time. MEEIA Cycle 3 PY2 did see an



increase in participation in the Retail strata and a decrease in the School strata compared with Cycle 3 PY1. The Other strata also has shown a decreasing trend in Energy and Demand savings since Cycle 2. The Other strata includes many assembly type buildings such as movie theaters, college and university assembly areas, and hotels/motels. These building types may have seen a decrease in occupancy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which could have affected their participation in the program.

**Table D-4. Comparison of Reported Savings by Strata from 2016 through 2021**

Strata	% of Total Reported kWh						% of Total Reported kW					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Industrial	21%	22%	8%	5%	7%	4%	22%	23%	7%	5%	6%	4%
Office	2%	7%	17%	24%	17%	16%	2%	8%	19%	24%	19%	25%
Other	16%	21%	28%	33%	13%	11%	15%	16%	27%	31%	11%	7%
Retail	8%	11%	35%	14%	16%	33%	7%	11%	35%	14%	15%	21%
School	6%	2%	2%	18%	31%	18%	6%	3%	2%	19%	33%	28%
Warehouse	47%	37%	10%	6%	16%	17%	48%	39%	10%	7%	16%	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

Table D-5 provides the number of buildings metered and the number of meters for each stratum for the 2016-2017 lighting study, as well as relative precision values for energy and demand impacts for each building type. Guidehouse used a confidence and relative precision target analysis to confirm that enough individual buildings were metered to provide reasonable values for HOU and CF. For the combined Evergy MO West and Evergy Metro sample, the relative precision and confidence for each building type fell within the target range of 90/20 confidence and precision at the program level.

**Table D-5. Business Standard Program Metering by Strata**

Program	Stratum	Buildings		Meters	Energy	Demand
		Year-End Building Population	Building Sample Size	Meters Sample Size	Relative Precision at 90% Confidence (one-tailed)	Relative Precision at 90% Confidence (one-tailed)
<b>Business Standard and Small Business Lighting</b>	Industrial	163	7	33	7.3%	5.9%
	Office	144	5	29	34.6%	29.9%
	Other	262	9	61	27.8%	22.2%
	Retail	251	12	103	34.6%	17.4%
	School	94	8	45	9.5%	14.5%
	Warehouse	206	9	60	13.9%	10.9%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

Guidehouse also calculated the relative precision for the CF and HOU for each stratum at the end of the long-term metering. The following table presents these results at the 90% confidence

interval. The overall relative precision for the mix of building types falls within the 90/20 target range.

**Table D-6. Business Standard Program Relative Precision by Strata**

<b>Strata</b>	<b>CF Relative Precision at 90% Confidence</b>	<b>HOU Relative Precision at 90% Confidence</b>
Industrial	29%	44%
Office	15%	19%
Other	9%	20%
Retail	6%	7%
School	9%	19%
Warehouse	14%	24%
Exterior	N/A	7%
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>14%</b>

Source: Guidehouse analysis

### **D.1.3.2 Onsite Verification and Metering**

In MEEIA Cycle 2, Guidehouse completed the onsite verification and metering of sampled projects for the Business Standard program. For the sample selected in 2016, Guidehouse stratified the Business Standard program population by building type, including Industrial, Office, Retail, School, Warehouse, and Other. Guidehouse developed the sample by building type to capture the HOUs and CFs by building type for the lighting measures installed in the Business Standard program.

Guidehouse metered most of the sampled projects for the short-term duration (8 weeks, February 2017-April 2017) and completed long-term metering of a smaller sample for three strata. The three strata were selected based on feedback from the Evergy team on which building types were of most interest to them. Guidehouse selected three strata—School, Warehouse, and Office—for the long-term (12 months) metering.

The evaluation team retrieved short-term data for the three long-term metering strata in April 2017, along with the other short-term sites. The evaluation team also collected metering data in October 2017 and for a final time in March 2018. Guidehouse used onsite verification to verify project implementation information and to collect the operating parameters for installed lighting projects. Guidehouse used the metered data (lighting loggers, current data loggers, etc.) to develop building type level inputs for HOUs and CFs used in the verified savings calculations for all verifications since 2017.

### **D.1.3.3 Hours of Use and Coincidence Factor Analysis Methodology**

The following discussion is for reference, as Cycle 3 PY2’s analysis used the results from the MEEIA Cycle 2 lighting logger activities. The evaluation team stratified each of the building type strata (Industrial, Office, Retail, etc.) into large and small building types, because the HOU for large and small customers is measurably different. The evaluation team stratified the sites by size based on whether the reported energy savings for a site were greater than 100,000 kWh or the reported demand savings by site were greater than 10 kW. Guidehouse did not use building size (e.g., square footage) as a method to stratify the population because these data were not available for all sites. However, for the sites with square footage data, Guidehouse compared

the stratification using the kilowatt-hour and kilowatt savings criteria to the building size and found good correlation. Guidehouse used the substrata to determine the weighted strata HOU and CF as outlined in Figure D-1.

**Figure D-1. Methodology for Determining Strata HOU and CF from Logger Data**



Source: Guidehouse analysis

The results of this analysis using the long-term metering data compared with the HOU and CF calculated for Cycle 2 PY1 from just the short-term logger data are presented in Table D-7. Overall, the HOU decreased between 7%-19% for all interior space types. The HOU increased for exterior space types 15% due to some of the long-term metering sites having exterior loggers that recorded higher HOU. The CF increased for the Industrial, Other, and School strata and decreased for the Office, Retail, and Warehouse strata. The change for the three strata with long-term metering, School, Office, and Warehouse, is based on seasonal variations in operating hours captured in the long-term metering.

**Table D-7. Comparison Between Cycle 2 PY1 and Cycle 2 PY2 for CF and HOU for the Business Standard Program**

Strata	Results of Short-Term Logger Analysis		Results of Long-Term Logger Analysis and Updated Weighting		% Change	
	CF	HOU	CF	HOU	CF	HOU
Industrial	0.62	5,144	0.64	4,584	3%	-11%
Office	0.75	4,484	0.69	3,636	-8%	-19%
Other	0.67	5,280	0.73	4,925	9%	-7%
Retail	0.83	5,662	0.74	4,921	-10%	-13%
School	0.59	4,074	0.63	3,642	6%	-11%
Warehouse	0.64	4,110	0.55	3,611	-15%	-12%
Exterior	0.0	4,702	0.0	5,392	0%	15%

Source: Guidehouse analysis

#### **D.1.3.4 Analysis**

The following section describes the evaluation team’s analysis methodology to calculate the verified energy savings and coincident peak demand savings for the Business Standard program measures. Guidehouse applied the following calculation algorithms using guidance from the Evergy MEEIA TRM and the Illinois TRM v9, which includes industry standard algorithms for engineering review of the following measures implemented:

- Lighting
- Lighting Controls
- Air Cooled Chillers
- Variable Speed Drive Compressor
- Package Terminal Air Conditioner
- Single-Package Unitary Air Conditioners
- Air Source Heat Pumps
- ENERGY STAR Hot Holding Cabinets

#### **Lighting Measures**

The team referenced the Evergy MEEIA TRM to obtain the calculation inputs. The WHFs for energy and demand savings are based on Section 4.5 from the Illinois TRM v9 (Table D-8).

**Table D-8. Waste Heat Factors for Lighting Measures**

Strata	WHFe*	WHFd*
Industrial	1.02	1.04
Office <sup>18</sup>	1.10	1.36
Other	1.08	1.30
Retail	1.12	1.29
School <sup>19</sup>	1.15	1.40
Warehouse	1.02	1.17
Exterior	1.00	1.00
Refrigerators <sup>20</sup>	1.29	1.41

\* WHFe and WHFd are the waste heat factors for energy and demand, respectively.

Source: Illinois TRM v9

### Energy Savings

#### Equation D-1. Energy Savings for C&I Lighting Measures

$$\Delta\text{kWh} = \frac{(\text{Watts}_{\text{base}} - \text{Watts}_{\text{ee}}) * \text{ISR} * \text{Hours} * \text{WHF}_e}{1,000}$$

Where:

**Watts<sub>base</sub>** Wattage of actual baseline lighting fixture/lamp. The evaluation team used the following data sources:

1. Aligning with the midpoint of the baseline wattage range listed in the measure name.
2. Using wattages from secondary sources on baseline fixture wattage, including the Illinois TRM v9 and manufacturer specification sheets for the efficient lighting product that listed equivalent baseline products.
3. Using the tracking database, which listed the baseline lamp or fixture type and the baseline lamp or fixture wattage. The tracking database indicated that the LED linear lamp and fixture market is shifting away from primarily T8s toward more T5HO lamp and fixture replacements. The tracking database also indicated that T12 replacements continue to represent a share of the measures.

**Watts<sub>ee</sub>** Actual wattage of installed efficient lighting. The evaluation team used the following data sources (listed by priority):

1. Actual wattage from the tracking database.

<sup>18</sup> Building/Space Type: Office - Mid Rise. Illinois Technical Reference Manual Version 9.0 (Illinois TRM v9), page 471. <https://www.ilsag.info/technical-reference-manual/il-trm-version-9>.

<sup>19</sup> Building/Space Type: High School. Illinois TRM v9, page 471. <https://www.ilsag.info/technical-reference-manual/il-trm-version-9>.

<sup>20</sup> Building/Space Type: Refrigerated Cases. Illinois TRM v9, page 471. <https://www.ilsag.info/technical-reference-manual/il-trm-version-9>.

2. Wattage listed by the manufacturer for the efficient technology reported in the tracking database.

ISR	In-service rate (99% assumed for interior lighting, 97% assumed for exterior lighting based on the onsite findings).
Hours	Average HOU per year. The evaluation team used the following data sources to get the HOU (listed by priority): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HOU according to space type based on results of the long-term metering.</li> <li>2. HOU from Section 4.5 of the Illinois TRM v9 for parking garage measures, freezer case lights, and refrigerator case lights since these measures were not included in the long-term metering.</li> </ol>
WHF <sub>e</sub>	Waste heat factor for energy to account for cooling energy savings from efficient lighting. The waste heat factor varies according to space type and is based on Section 4.5 from the Illinois TRM v9.

### **Coincident Peak Demand Savings**

#### **Equation D-2. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for C&I Lighting Measures**

$$\Delta kW = \frac{(\text{Watts}_{\text{base}} - \text{Watts}_{\text{ee}}) * \text{ISR} * \text{CF} * \text{WHF}_d}{1000}$$

Where:

Watts <sub>base</sub>	Same as above.
Watts <sub>ee</sub>	Same as above.
ISR	Same as above.
CF	Summer peak coincidence demand factor. The evaluation team used the following data sources to get the CF (listed by priority): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CF according to space type based on results of the long-term metering.</li> <li>2. CF according to space type from Section 4.5 of the Illinois TRM v9 for parking garages, freezer case lights, and refrigerator case lights since these measures were not included in the long-term metering.</li> </ol>
WHF <sub>d</sub>	Waste heat factor for demand to account for cooling energy savings from efficient lighting. The waste heat factor varies according to space type and is based on Section 4.5 from the Illinois TRM v9.

### **Lighting Controls**

The team referenced the Evergy MEEIA TRM to obtain the calculation inputs. The WHFs for energy and demand savings are based on Section 4.5 from the Illinois TRM v9 (see Table D-9).

**Table D-9. Waste Heat Factors for Lighting Control Measures**

Strata	WHFe	WHFd
Industrial	1.02	1.04
Office <sup>21</sup>	1.10	1.36
Other	1.08	1.30
Retail	1.12	1.29
School <sup>22</sup>	1.15	1.40
Warehouse	1.02	1.17
Exterior	1.00	1.00
Refrigerators <sup>23</sup>	1.29	1.41

Source: Illinois TRM v9

### Energy Savings

#### Equation D-3. Energy Savings for C&I Lighting Control Measures

$$\Delta kWh = kW_{\text{Controlled}} * \text{Hours} * \text{ESF} * \text{WHF}_e * \text{ISR}$$

Where:

$kW_{\text{Controlled}}$  Total lighting load connected to the control in kilowatts. Savings is per control. The evaluation team used the following data sources (listed by priority):

1. Actual wattage from the tracking database for Networked Lighting Controls.
2. Based on minimum wattage per control installed required in the application to achieve measure approval in the Business Standard program: 425 W per control for Occupancy and Vacancy Sensors and 570 W per control for Daylighting controls. Lighting control projects completed with lower wattage controlled per control are recommended to submit through the Business Custom program and are excluded from the Business Standard program. Lighting control projects for fixture-level controls are submitted through the Business Custom program.

Hours Average HOU per year. The evaluation team used the HOU according to space type based on results of the long-term metering.

ESF Energy savings factor (represents the percentage reduction to the operating hours from the non-controlled baseline lighting system) 0.24 for Occupancy and Vacancy Sensors, 0.28 for Daylighting controls, and 0.5 for Networked Lighting Controls based on Illinois TRM v9.

<sup>21</sup> Building/Space Type: Office - Mid Rise. Illinois Technical Reference Manual Version 9.0 (Illinois TRM v9), page 471. <https://www.ilsag.info/technical-reference-manual/il-trm-version-9>.

<sup>22</sup> Building/Space Type: High School. Illinois TRM v9, page 471. <https://www.ilsag.info/technical-reference-manual/il-trm-version-9>.

<sup>23</sup> Building/Space Type: Refrigerated Cases, Illinois TRM v9, page 471. <https://www.ilsag.info/technical-reference-manual/il-trm-version-9>.

WHF <sub>e</sub>	Waste heat factor for energy to account for cooling energy savings from efficient lighting. The waste heat factor varies according to space type and is based on Section 4.5 from the Illinois TRM v9.
ISR	In-service rate (99% assumed for interior lighting, 97% assumed for exterior lighting based on the onsite findings).

### ***Coincident Peak Demand Savings***

#### **Equation D-4. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for C&I Lighting Control Measures**

$$\Delta kW = kW_{\text{Controlled}} * WHF_d * (CF_{\text{base}} - CF_{\text{LC}}) * ISR$$

Where:

kW <sub>Controlled</sub>	Same as above.
ISR	Same as above.
CF <sub>base</sub>	Summer peak coincidence demand factor. The evaluation team used the following data sources to get the CF (listed by priority): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CF according to space type based on results of the long-term metering.</li> <li>2. CF according to space type from Section 4.5 of the Illinois TRM v9 for parking garages, freezer case lights, and refrigerator case lights since these measures were not included in the long-term metering.</li> </ol>
CFLC	Retrofit summer peak coincidence factor for the lighting system with Lighting Controls installed is assumed to be 0.15 regardless of building type.
WHF <sub>d</sub>	Waste heat factor for demand to account for cooling energy savings from efficient lighting. The waste heat factor varies according to space type and is based on Section 4.5 from the Illinois TRM v9.

### **Air Cooled Chillers**

#### ***Energy Savings***

#### **Equation D-5. Energy Savings for Air Cooled Chillers**

$$\Delta kWh = \text{TONS} * ((\text{IPLV}_{\text{base}}) - (\text{IPLV}_{\text{ee}})) * \text{EFLH}$$

Where:

TONS	Actual installed chiller nominal cooling capacity in tons (note: 1 ton = 12,000 Btu/hr).
IPLV <sub>base</sub>	Efficiency of baseline equipment expressed as Integrated Part Load Value (kW/ton) provided in Section 4.4 from the Illinois TRM v9.
IPLV <sub>ee</sub>	Efficiency of high efficiency equipment expressed as Integrated Part Load Value (kW/ton) = Actual Installed.
EFLH	Equivalent full load hours for cooling in Existing Buildings or New Construction provided in Section 4.4 from the Illinois TRM v9.

### ***Coincident Peak Demand Savings***

#### **Equation D-6. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for Air Cooled Chillers**

$$\Delta kW = \text{TONS} * ((\text{PE}_{\text{base}}) - (\text{PE}_{\text{ee}})) * \text{CF}$$



Where:

TONS	Same as above.
PEbase	Peak efficiency of baseline equipment expressed as Full Load (kW/ton).
PEee	Peak efficiency of high efficiency equipment expressed as Full Load (kW/ton) = Actual Installed.
CF	Summer peak coincidence factor from the Evergry MEEIA TRM = 91.3% (based on the value in the Illinois TRM v9).

### Variable Speed Drive Compressor

#### Energy Savings

##### Equation D-7. Energy Savings for Variable Speed Drive Compressor

$$\Delta kWh = 0.9 \times hp_{\text{compressor}} \times \text{HOURS} \times (CF_b - CF_e)$$

Where:

$\Delta kWh$	Gross customer annual kilowatt-hour savings for the measure.
$hp_{\text{compressor}}$	Compressor motor nominal horsepower.
0.9	Compressor motor nominal horsepower to full load kilowatt conversion factor.
HOURS	Compressor total hours of operation below depending on shift. 1,976 for single shift weekdays. 3,952 for 2 shift weekdays. 5,928 for 3 shift weekdays. 8,320 for 3 shift weekdays plus weekends.
$CF_b$	Baseline compressor factor = 0.890.
$CF_e$	Efficient compressor = 0.705.

#### Coincident Peak Demand Savings

##### Equation D-8. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for Variable Speed Drive Compressor

$$\Delta kW = \Delta kWh / \text{HOURS} * CF$$

Where:

CF	Coincidence factor = 0.59 for single shift. 0.95 for 2-shift. 0.95 for 3-shift. 0.95 for 4-shift.
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### Package Terminal Air Conditioner (PTAC)

Guidehouse applied the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2012 as the baseline for SEER, EER, and other baseline energy efficiency ratings. For the installed energy efficiency equipment, Guidehouse confirmed energy efficiency ratings by checking the model numbers and manufacturers of products provided from the tracking database.

#### Energy Savings

##### Equation D-9. Energy Savings for PTAC

$$\Delta kWh = (kBtu/hrcool) * [(1/EER_{\text{base}}) - (1/EER_{\text{ee}})] * EFLH_{\text{cool}}$$

Where:

$kBtu/hr_{cool}$  Capacity of cooling equipment (1 ton = 12 kBtu/hr).  
 $EER_{base}$  Energy efficiency ratio of the baseline equipment based on the IECC 2012.  
 For units < 65 kBtu/hr, assume the following conversion from SEER to EER for calculation of peak savings:  $EER = (-0.02 * SEER^2) + (1.12 * SEER)$ .

$EER_{ee}$  Energy efficiency ratio of efficient equipment. The evaluation team used the following data sources (listed by priority):

1. Checking the model numbers and manufacturers of installed energy efficiency equipment, or,
2. Tracking data.

$EFLH_{cool}$  Equivalent full load hours for cooling are provided in Section 4.4 HVAC End Use of the Illinois TRM v9 and vary by space type.

### ***Coincident Peak Demand Savings***

#### **Equation D-10. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for PTAC**

$$\Delta kW = (kBtu/hr_{cool}) * [(1/EER_{base}) - (1/EER_{ee})] * CF$$

Where:

CF Summer peak coincidence factor from the Evergy MEEIA TRM = 91.3% (based on the value in the Illinois TRM v9).

### **Single-Package or Split System Air Conditioners**

Guidehouse applied IECC 2012 as the rating for the baseline IEER, SEER, and EER. For the installed energy efficiency equipment, Guidehouse confirmed energy efficiency ratings by checking the model numbers and manufacturers of products provided from the tracking database.

### ***Energy Savings***

#### **Equation D-11. Energy Savings for Single-Package or Split System Air Conditioners**

For units with cooling capacities less than 65 kBtu/hr:

$$\Delta kWh = (kBtu/hr) * [(1/SEER_{base}) - (1/SEER_{ee})] * EFLH$$

For units with cooling capacities equal to or greater than 65 kBtu/hr:

$$\Delta kWh = (kBtu/hr) * [(1/IEER_{base}) - (1/IEER_{ee})] * EFLH$$

Where:

$kBtu/hr$  Capacity of the cooling equipment installed in kBtu per hour (1 ton of cooling capacity equals 12 kBtu/hr).

$SEER_{base}$  Baseline SEER from IECC 2012.

$SEER_{ee}$  Efficient case SEER value. The evaluation team used the following data sources (listed by priority):

1. Checking the model numbers and manufacturers of installed energy efficiency equipment, or,

2. Tracking data.

IEER <sub>base</sub>	Baseline IEER from IECC 2012
IEER <sub>ee</sub>	Efficient case IEER value. The evaluation team used the following data sources (listed by priority): <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Checking the model numbers and manufacturers of installed energy efficiency equipment, or,</li><li>2. Tracking data.</li></ol>
EFLH	Equivalent full load hours for cooling are provided in Section 4.4 HVAC End Use of the Illinois TRM v9 and vary by space type.

### ***Coincident Peak Demand Savings***

#### **Equation D-12. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for Single-Package or Split System Air Conditioners**

$$\Delta kW = (kBtu/hr) * [(1/EER_{base}) - (1/EER_{ee})] * CF$$

Where:

kBtu/hr	Same as above.
EER <sub>base</sub>	Baseline EER from IECC 2012 or for air-cooled units < 65 kBtu/hr, the following conversion was used based on the baseline SEER assumed: $EER = (-0.02 * SEER^2) + (1.12 * SEER)$ .
EER <sub>ee</sub>	Efficient case EER value. The evaluation team used the following data sources (listed by priority): <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Checking the model numbers and manufacturers of installed energy efficiency equipment, or,</li><li>2. Tracking data.</li></ol>
CF	Summer peak coincidence factor from the Evergry MEEIA TRM = 91.3% (based on the value in the Illinois TRM v9).

### **Air Source Heat Pump**

Guidehouse applied IECC 2012 as the baseline rating for the baseline IEER, SEER, and EER. For the installed energy efficiency equipment, Guidehouse confirmed energy efficiency ratings by checking the model numbers and manufacturers of products provided from the tracking database.

The evaluation team used the following data sources (listed by priority) for the efficient case values for SEER, EER, and Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF):

1. Checking the model numbers and manufacturers of installed energy efficiency equipment.
2. Tracking data.

## Energy Savings

### Equation D-13. Energy Savings for Measure of Air Source Heat Pump

For units with cooling capacities less than 65 kBtu/hr:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta kWh &= \text{Annual kWh Savings}_{\text{cool}} + \text{Annual kWh Savings}_{\text{heat}} \\ \text{Annual kWh Savings}_{\text{cool}} &= (\text{kBtu/hr}_{\text{cool}}) * [(1/\text{SEER}_{\text{base}}) - (1/\text{SEER}_{\text{ee}})] * \text{EFLH}_{\text{cool}} \\ \text{Annual kWh Savings}_{\text{heat}} &= (\text{kBtu/hr}_{\text{heat}}) * [(1/\text{HSPF}_{\text{base}}) - (1/\text{HSPF}_{\text{ee}})] * \text{EFLH}_{\text{heat}} \end{aligned}$$

For units with cooling capacities equal to or greater than 65 kBtu/hr:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta kWh &= \text{Annual kWh Savings}_{\text{cool}} + \text{Annual kWh Savings}_{\text{heat}} \\ \text{Annual kWh Savings}_{\text{cool}} &= (\text{kBtu/hr}_{\text{cool}}) * [(1/\text{EER}_{\text{base}}) - (1/\text{EER}_{\text{ee}})] * \text{EFLH}_{\text{cool}} \\ \text{Annual kWh Savings}_{\text{heat}} &= (\text{kBtu/hr}_{\text{heat}})/3.412 * [(1/\text{COP}_{\text{base}}) - (1/\text{COP}_{\text{ee}})] * \text{EFLH}_{\text{heat}} \end{aligned}$$

Where:

kBtu/hr <sub>cool</sub>	Capacity of the cooling equipment actually installed in kBtu per hour.
SEER <sub>base</sub>	Seasonal energy efficiency ratio of the baseline equipment based on IECC 2012.
SEER <sub>ee</sub>	Seasonal energy efficiency ratio of the installed energy efficient equipment.
EFLH <sub>cool</sub>	Equivalent full load hours for cooling are provided in Section 4.4 HVAC End Use of the Illinois TRM v9.
HSPF <sub>base</sub>	Heating seasonal performance factor of the baseline equipment based on IECC 2012.
HSPF <sub>ee</sub>	Heating seasonal performance factor of the installed energy efficient equipment. If rating is COP, HSPF = COP * 3.413.
EFLH <sub>heat</sub>	Equivalent full load hours for heating are provided in Section 4.4 HVAC End Use of the Illinois TRM v9.
EER <sub>base</sub>	Energy efficiency ratio of the baseline equipment based on IECC 2012. For units < 65 kBtu/hr, assume the following conversion from SEER to EER for calculation of peak savings: <sup>24</sup> $\text{EER} = (-0.02 * \text{SEER}^2) + (1.12 * \text{SEER})$
EER <sub>ee</sub>	Energy efficiency ratio of the installed energy efficient equipment.
kBtu/hr <sub>heat</sub>	Capacity of the installed heating equipment in kBtu per hour.
3.412	Btu per watt-hour.
COP <sub>base</sub>	Coefficient of performance of the baseline equipment based on IECC 2012. If rating is HSPF, COP = HSPF / 3.413.
COP <sub>ee</sub>	Coefficient of performance of the installed energy efficient equipment.

## Coincident Peak Demand Savings

### Equation D-14. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for Measure of Air Source Heat Pump

$$\Delta kW_{\text{SSP}} = (\text{kBtu/hr} * (1/\text{EER}_{\text{base}} - 1/\text{EER}_{\text{ee}})) * \text{CF}_{\text{SSP}}$$

Where:

kBtu/hr	Same as above.
EER <sub>base</sub>	Same as above.
EER <sub>ee</sub>	Same as above.
CF	Summer peak coincidence factor from the Illinois TRM v9 = 91.3%.

<sup>24</sup> Based on Wassmer, M. (2003). *A Component-Based Model for Residential Air Conditioner and Heat Pump Energy Calculations*. Masters' Thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder. Note this is appropriate for single speed units only.

## ENERGY STAR Hot Holding Cabinets

The team referenced the Evergy MEEIA TRM to obtain the calculation inputs.

### Energy Savings

#### Equation D-15. Energy Savings for ENERGY STAR Hot Holding Cabinets

$$\Delta kWh = (\text{IdleRate}_{\text{Base}} - \text{IdleRate}_{\text{EE}}) * \text{Hours} * \text{Days} / 1000$$

Where:

$\text{IdleRate}_{\text{Base}}$  Idle energy rate (W) of baseline Hot Holding Cabinets.  
 = 40 \* Interior volume (ft<sup>3</sup>) of new Hot Holding Cabinets.

$\text{IdleRate}_{\text{EE}}$  Idle energy rate (W) of ENERGY STAR Hot Holding Cabinets. See table below for idle energy rates based on interior volume.

**Table D-10. Idle Energy Rates Based on Interior Volume**

Interior Volume (ft <sup>3</sup> )	Idle Energy Consumption Rate (W)
0 < V < 13	21.5 * V
13 ≤ V < 28	(2.0 * V) + 254.0
28 ≤ V	(3.8 * V) + 203.5

Hours Average daily hours of operation. The evaluation team used 15 hours per day referring to the Evergy MEEIA TRM.

Days Annual days of operation. The evaluation team used 365.25 day per year referring to the Evergy MEEIA TRM.<sup>25</sup>

### Coincident Peak Demand Savings

#### Equation D-16. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for ENERGY STAR Hot Holding Cabinets

$$\Delta kW = \Delta kWh / \text{Hours} * CF$$

Where:

$\Delta kWh$  Electric energy savings, calculated above.

Hours Same as above.

CF Summer peak coincidence demand factor. The evaluation team used the value 0.36 based on the Evergy MEEIA TRM.

<sup>25</sup> In a review conducted in 2022, Guidehouse did not find any research referenced in other statewide TRMs to support updating the days of operation per year.

## D.2 Process Evaluation

In MEEIA Cycle 3 PY2, Guidehouse addressed the five Missouri-required questions for process evaluation through interviews with program staff. Table D-11 displays the evaluation team’s key process research questions and the evaluation activities conducted to address these questions.

**Table D-11. Process Evaluation Research Questions and Approaches**

Process Evaluation Research Question	Evaluation Activities
<b>Missouri-Required Questions for Process Evaluation</b>	
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Participant surveys</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Participant surveys</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Participant surveys</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Participant surveys</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Participant surveys</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>

Source: Guidehouse

### D.2.1 Program Staff Interviews

Guidehouse conducted a program manager interview and an IC interview. Specific process evaluation topics addressed included the following:

- Program operation, challenges, successes, and goals
- Evolution of program design
- Effectiveness of program processes
- Opportunities for program improvement

### D.2.2 Materials Review

Guidehouse conducted a review of the program description and documents available from Evergy to understand the Business Standard program application process and requirements, and to research the key considerations of the five Missouri questions. Guidehouse reviewed the following program documents:

- Evergy program documents

- Program website
- Program tracking database
- Program incentives list

### **D.2.3 Participant Surveys**

Guidehouse conducted two rounds of participant surveys to inform the evaluation of the five Missouri process evaluation questions as well as the NTG analysis. The first round of surveys was conducted in October 2021 and included all PY2 participants to date for the FR and process questions, as well as all PY1 participants for SO questions. The second round of surveys was conducted in February 2022 and included the remainder of the PY2 participants that were not previously surveyed (FR and process questions) and all PY1 participants who did not previously complete the survey (SO questions). If a participant had projects in both PY1 and PY2, they were sampled on the basis of their most recent project to prioritize the FR and process questions.

### **D.2.4 Trade Ally Surveys**

Guidehouse conducted a survey of all trade allies who had participating projects in PY2. The survey was fielded in February 2022 and focused on the five Missouri process evaluation questions and non-participant spillover.

## Appendix E. Business Custom Program-Specific Methodologies

The Business Custom program is designed to help C&I customers save energy and peak demand through a broad range of energy efficiency options that align with customers' needs.

Based on Missouri regulations, the evaluation team used method 1a and protocol 2b to evaluate the Business Custom program. This evaluation of the Business Custom program consisted of the following activities:

- Gross impact evaluation (detailed in Appendix E.1)
- Process evaluation (detailed in Appendix E.2)

### E.1 Impact Evaluation

Guidehouse performed the following impact evaluation activities:

- Tracking database review
- Engineering review consisting of:
  - Engineering desk review
  - Measure and project verification

#### E.1.1 Tracking Database Review

The evaluation team conducted a thorough review of the program tracking database as described in Section D.1.1.

#### E.1.2 Engineering Desk Review

Based on the program tracking database review, Guidehouse drew a sample of the program population for an engineering review. Assessing savings for a sample of the program population is a uniform method for the evaluation of large energy efficiency programs.<sup>26</sup> This section describes Guidehouse's methodology for the sampling and engineering review of the Business Custom program in PY2 of MEEIA Cycle 3.

##### E.1.2.1 Sampling

Guidehouse used a stratified ratio estimation sampling design to develop an efficient sample achieving 90/10 confidence/precision on the program-level realization rate. The following steps were taken:

- Review the program tracking database and define the confidence and precision at the overall program level.
- Define the statistical stratum based on program characteristics.

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<sup>26</sup> National Renewable Energy Laboratory. *Chapter 11: Sample Design Cross-Cutting Protocol*. <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/68567.pdf>.



- Estimate an appropriate variance for each stratum.
- Select a random sample within each stratum.

The evaluation team then divided the population of premises with energy efficiency projects by reported energy savings into the following strata:

- Certainty
- Large
- Small

Stratification aligns with the premise size variability and allows the sample to have a good representation of the population. Guidehouse randomly selected premises proportionately within each stratum to ensure both of the following:

- The evaluation of the largest premises and contributors to the program performance
- The fair representation of smaller premises in the evaluation

The Certainty stratum included the largest premises with energy efficiency projects implemented in the program year, each of which reported 1.0 GWh or greater of energy savings. The evaluation team removed very small premises for sampling. The total savings of those very small premises made up no more than 2% of the total program savings. Guidehouse then divided the remaining premises into Large and Small strata, with Large premises constituting the top 50% of the remaining program savings and Small premises the bottom 50%. The evaluation team then randomly selected premises within each stratum across both territories to determine the final sample. A census was evaluated for the Certainty stratum. The sample was later separated by territory to determine the territory level realization rates as in previous evaluation years.

### ***E.1.2.2 Engineering Review Methodology***

The evaluation team requested project files for the sampled projects from Eversys and the implementation team. Guidehouse reviewed the project files and all the assumptions made by the implementer in developing reported savings. The team also conducted telephone interviews as necessary to ensure full understanding of the project. Guidehouse then verified the energy and coincident peak demand savings for each sampled project using industry standard evaluation methodologies based on the Uniform Methods Protocols,<sup>27</sup> all of which are detailed further below in this section. Finally, Guidehouse calculated realization rates for the program using the following process.

#### **Equation E-1. Realization Rates Per Stratum**

$$RR_{\text{stratum}} = \frac{\sum_{\text{sampled}} E_{\text{ex-post}}}{\sum_{\text{sampled}} E_{\text{ex-ante}}}$$

Where:

E                      Electric energy savings or peak demand reduction for each project in the stratum.

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<sup>27</sup>Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy. *Uniform Methods Project: Determining Energy Efficiency Savings for Specific Measures*. <https://www.energy.gov/eere/about-us/ump-protocols>.

Realization rates in each stratum were applied to the project population of that stratum using Equation E-2:

### Equation E-2. Realization Rates Per Stratum and Project Population

$$E_{i,ex-post} = RR_{stratum} * E_{i,ex-ante}$$

The program level realization rate for the program was calculated using Equation E-3:

### Equation E-3. Realization Rates for the Entire Program

$$RR_{program} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^5 E_{i,ex-post}}{\sum_{i=1}^5 E_{i,ex-ante}}$$

The evaluation team's engineering review methodology to calculate the verified energy savings and coincident peak demand savings for the Business Custom program measures is described below. Guidehouse applied industry standard methodologies for engineering review of the following measures or similar measures implemented in PY2:

- Lighting Measures
- Building Management System (BMS) Upgrades
- Variable Speed Drive for Pump or Fan
- HVAC
- Refrigeration Upgrade
- New Construction

Energy savings for various measures from the list above are occasionally calculated by the IC using various energy modeling software applications in lieu of engineering calculation algorithms. In these instances, the evaluation team adheres to the following high level verification framework:

1. Verify that a portion of the savings of a given project are generated from an energy modeling platform by means of documentation references or identifying modeling output files.
2. Request all relevant modeling files, if not already provided with the received project documentation. This includes, but is not limited to, model executable files, weather files, model output files, hourly simulation results, and various model reports.
3. Perform energy simulations of the reported model(s) with no changes to ensure the savings from the modeling files received match the claimed savings.
4. Verify all aspects of the model inputs, which vary based on the type of measures included in the model. This includes, but is not limited to, weather files, equipment capacities and quantities, lighting power densities, baseline equipment, equipment efficiencies, building and space areas, and system configurations.
5. Perform energy simulations to include any verified evaluation changes to the energy model(s).
6. Export hourly consumption trends from the model(s) for the purpose of calculating utility peak demand savings.

## Lighting Measures

### Energy Savings

#### Equation E-4. Energy Savings for C&I Lighting Measures

$$\Delta kWh = (kW_{base} - kW_{ee}) * ISR * Hours * WHF_e$$

Where:

$kW_{base}$	Kilowatts of the baseline lighting, based on kilowatts of existing lighting fixtures for retrofit projects or based on the building-area method or space-by-space method defined in the energy code for new construction projects.
$kW_{ee}$	Kilowatts of the post-retrofit or energy efficient lighting system, based on lighting plans and specifications.
HOURS	Average HOU per year, based on project information.
$WHF_e$	Waste heat factor for energy, based on the researched factors through the long-term metering study for each building type.
ISR	In-service rate, based on project information.

#### Equation E-5. Energy Savings for C&I Lighting Controls

$$\Delta kWh = kW_{controlled} * ISR * Hours * ESF * WHF_e$$

Where:

$kW_{controlled}$	Total lighting load connected to the installed lighting controls, based on lighting plans and specifications.
ESF	Energy savings factor for installed lighting controls, based on the Illinois TRM v9 for each building type.

### Coincident Peak Demand Savings

#### Equation E-6. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for C&I Lighting Measures

$$\Delta kW = (kW_{base} - kW_{ee}) * ISR * CF * WHF_d$$

Where:

CF	Summer peak demand coincidence factor, based on Guidehouse's long-term metering study results.
$WHF_d$	Waste heat factor for demand, based on the researched factors through long-term metering study for each building type.

#### Equation E-7. Coincident Peak Demand Savings for C&I Lighting Controls

$$\Delta kW = kW_{controlled} * ISR * (CF_{baseline} - 0.15) * WHF_d$$

Where:

$CF_{baseline}$	Summer peak demand coincidence factor, based on Guidehouse's long-term metering study results for each building type.
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## **BMS Upgrades**

No BMS upgrade projects were included in PY2 Business Custom program. In the past when these measures have been included in the sample, Guidehouse applied consumption data analysis, also called billing data analysis, for the BMS upgrade measures.

## **Variable Speed Drive for Pump or Fan**

Guidehouse generally applies the end-use regression model approach for the estimation of energy and peak demand savings for variable speed drive projects. Guidehouse performed an end-use regression analysis using the following steps:

1. Review the metering data and other variables (such as outdoor air temperature, production data—this depends on the project type).
2. Create a regression relationship between the metering data and other variables for both pre- and post-retrofit periods.
3. Predict the pre- and post-retrofit hourly power using the created regression models and other variables.
  - a. Other variables depend on the project type. For example, if the regression analysis is run for metering data and weather data, the TMY3 data is used for the prediction.
4. Calculate the project savings by subtracting the post-retrofit consumption from the pre-retrofit consumption.

Guidehouse leverages alternative approaches as needed dependent on the size and type of project.

Approach 1: For small motors with VSDs and VFDs, Guidehouse leverages prescriptive engineering algorithms to estimate savings.

Approach 2: For some Custom projects, Guidehouse has reviewed and verified outputs of custom calculators developed by the IC to estimate savings.

## **HVAC and HVAC Controls**

Guidehouse applied an 8,760 hourly data analysis approach for the determination of energy and peak demand savings for the weather-dependent HVAC measures. Code baseline is assumed for replace-on-burnout projects for HVAC projects. For early replacement projects, Guidehouse uses a dual baseline (existing baseline and code baseline). For HVAC controls implemented on existing HVAC systems, Guidehouse uses the existing system as the baseline. The steps for Guidehouse's 8,760 hourly data analysis approach are as follows:

1. Create a regression model comparing the HVAC system demand against actual weather data (dry bulb temperatures or other relevant variables) for both the pre-case and post-case periods.
  - a. For example, the regression model could be performed for a performance curve for a cooling system, pump, or fan.
2. Calculate the hourly demand for each hour using the regression model leveraging TMY3 weather data.

3. Calculate the pre- and post-retrofit energy consumptions by summing up the annual hours of power.
4. Calculate the pre- and post-retrofit peak demand by extracting average savings that fall within the peak period.

### **Refrigeration Upgrade**

Guidehouse applied the end-use regression model approach for the estimate of energy and peak demand savings for the refrigeration upgrade project. The detailed methodology is summarized in the section Variable Speed Drive for Pump or Fan.

### **New Construction**

Guidehouse used the annual hourly data analysis approach summarized in the preceding HVAC section for the estimate of energy and peak demand savings for non-lighting new construction projects, specifically weather-dependent HVAC measures. Given that there is no pre-case data for a new construction project, Guidehouse leverages a code or best practice baseline. Guidehouse applied the relevant codes and standards for evaluation of new construction projects as described below. HVAC controls in new construction projects leverage the code baseline as well. All of the projects included in the sample for the Business Custom program in PY2 had a local energy code:

- **Baseline standard or code for Business Custom new construction projects**  
Guidehouse adhered to the established energy code by local jurisdiction. If there existed no local energy code, International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2012 was used.
- **Calculation approach for Business Custom new construction lighting projects**  
The evaluation team used the building-area or space-by-space method defined by the energy code to calculate savings for the Business Custom program's new construction lighting projects.
- **Calculation approach for Business Custom new construction indoor agriculture lighting projects**  
The evaluation team used the Indoor Horticulture Baseline Memo produced by Guidehouse and agreed upon by the utility and IC.

## **E.2 Process Evaluation**

Guidehouse addressed the five Missouri-required questions for process evaluation through program staff interviews, a program materials review, one round of participant FR surveys, and one round of participant SO surveys, for the Business Custom program. Table E-1 displays the evaluation team's key process research questions and the evaluation activities conducted to address these questions.

**Table E-1. Process Evaluation Research Questions and Approaches**

Process Evaluation Research Question	Evaluation Activity
<b>Missouri-Required Questions for Process Evaluation</b>	
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> </ul>
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> </ul>
3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> </ul>
4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> </ul>
5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> <li>• Trade ally surveys</li> </ul>

Source: Guidehouse

## E.2.1 Program Staff Interviews

Guidehouse conducted a program manager interview and an IC interview as described in Section D.2.1.

## E.2.2 Materials Review

Guidehouse conducted a review of the program description and documents available from Evergy to understand the Business Custom program application process and requirements, and to research the key considerations of the five Missouri questions. Guidehouse reviewed the following program documents:

- Evergy program documents
- Program website
- Program tracking database
- Program incentives list

## E.2.3 Trade Ally Surveys

Guidehouse conducted a survey of all trade allies who had participating projects in PY2. The survey was fielded in February 2022 and focused on the five Missouri process evaluation questions and non-participant spillover.

## Appendix F. Process Efficiency Program-Specific Methodologies

The Process Efficiency program is designed to provide C&I customers a non-capital-intensive approach to energy efficiency engagement for businesses of all sizes and industries. The program, through its engagement process, seeks to ingrain energy management into customers' business practices. Currently, the program activities are focused on providing retrocommissioning (RCx) services.

Based on Missouri regulations, the evaluation team used method 1a and protocol 2b to evaluate the Process Efficiency program. This evaluation of the Process Efficiency program consisted of the following activities:

- Gross impact evaluation (detailed in Appendix F.1)
- Process evaluation (detailed in Appendix F.2)

### F.1 Impact Evaluation

Guidehouse performed the following impact evaluation activities:

- Tracking database review
- Engineering review consisting of:
  - Engineering desk review

#### F.1.1 Tracking Database Review

The evaluation team conducted a thorough review of the program tracking database as described in Section D.1.1.

#### F.1.2 Engineering Desk Review

Based on the program tracking database review, only two projects were completed in PY2. The evaluation team conducted engineering review for both the projects. This section describes the evaluation team's methodology for sampling and engineering review of the Process Efficiency program in PY2 of MEEIA Cycle 3.

##### *F.1.2.1 Sampling*

The evaluation team selected the census of projects for review in PY2.

##### *F.1.2.2 Engineering Review Methodology*

The evaluation team requested project files for the census of projects from Evergy and the implementation team. The evaluation team reviewed the project files and all the assumptions made by the implementer in developing reported savings. The evaluation team then verified the energy and coincident peak demand savings for each sampled project using industry standard

evaluation methodologies based on the Uniform Methods Protocols,<sup>28</sup> all of which are detailed further below in this section. Finally, the evaluation team calculated the realization rates for the program using the following equation.

### Equation F-1. Realization Rates for the Entire Program

$$RR_{\text{program}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^5 E_{i,\text{ex-post}}}{\sum_{i=1}^5 E_{i,\text{ex-ante}}}$$

Where:

E Electric energy savings or peak demand reduction for each project in the census.

Both the projects completed in PY2 consisted of compressed air leak repairs. The evaluation team's engineering review methodology to calculate the verified energy savings and coincident peak demand savings for the compressed air leaks measures is described below. The evaluation team applied industry standard methodologies.

### Compressed Air Leaks Repair

The evaluation team used the following steps in verifying the compressed air leaks repair savings:

1. Review the inventory of leaks and associated decibel (dB) readings from the ultrasonic leak detection device.
2. Calculate the volumetric flowrate of the compressed air leak in cubic feet per minute (CFM) using the dB versus CFM chart for the ultrasonic leak detection device used by the program and the pressure.
3. Calculate the savings using the input values available in the project files, secondary sources described above, and algorithm presented in the Uniform Methods Protocols Chapter 22: Compressed Air Evaluation Protocol.<sup>29</sup>

The current IC analysis uses supply pressure at the air-compressor in calculating the CFM values. Compressed air pressure varies throughout the facility and often regulated to a lower value as per the equipment requirements (typically between 40 psi and 60 psi). If a compressed air leak is identified after a regulator the pressure will likely be lower than the supply pressure which will affect the CFM leaked. The evaluation team recommends recording actual pressure at the leak location whenever available to develop more accurate estimates of leaked CFM values.

## F.2 Process Evaluation

In PY2, Guidehouse addressed the five Missouri-required questions for process evaluation through interviews with program staff and a program materials review. Table F-1 displays the evaluation team's key process research questions and the evaluation activities conducted to address these questions.

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<sup>28</sup> Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy. *Uniform Methods Project: Determining Energy Efficiency Savings for Specific Measures*. <https://www.energy.gov/eere/about-us/ump-protocols>.

<sup>29</sup> National Renewable Energy Laboratory. *Chapter 22: Compressed Air Evaluation Protocol*. <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/77820.pdf>.



**Table F-1. Process Evaluation Research Questions and Approaches**

Process Evaluation Research Question	Evaluation Activities
<b>Missouri-Required Questions for Process Evaluation</b>	
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>

Source: Guidehouse

## F.2.1 Program Staff Interviews

Guidehouse conducted a program manager interview and an IC interview. Specific process evaluation topics addressed included the following:

- Program operation, challenges, successes, and goals
- Qualification process for trade allies to apply for rebates through the program
- Qualifications for customers to participate in the program

## F.2.2 Materials Review

Guidehouse conducted a review of the program description and documents available from Evergy to understand the Process Efficiency program application process and requirements, and to research the key considerations of the five Missouri questions. Guidehouse reviewed the following program documents:

- Evergy program documents
- Program website
- Program tracking database
- Program incentives list

## Appendix G. Online Business Energy Audit Program-Specific Methodologies

The OBEA program is an opt-in online tool that provides energy-saving tips and helps customers track their energy usage. The tool encourages customers to take energy-saving actions in their businesses through actions they can take on their own and by participating in other Evergy energy efficiency programs.

Evergy does not report energy savings for the OBEA tool. This evaluation program consisted of the following activities for PY2:

- Process evaluation (detailed in Appendix G.1)

### G.1 Process Evaluation

Guidehouse addressed the five Missouri-required questions for process evaluation through staff interviews and a program materials review. Table G-1 displays the evaluation team’s key process research questions and the evaluation activities conducted to address these questions.

**Table G-1. Process Evaluation Research Questions and Approaches**

Process Evaluation Research Question	Evaluation Activity
<b>Program-Specific Questions</b>	
1. How many unique visitors are using OBEA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
2. How is it being used relative to other utilities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
<b>Missouri-Required Questions for Process Evaluation</b>	
1. What are the primary market imperfections that are common to the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
2. Is the target market segment appropriately defined, or should it be further subdivided or merged with other market segments?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
3. Does the mix of end-use measures included in the program appropriately reflect the diversity of end-use energy service needs and existing end-use technologies within the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
4. Are the communication channels and delivery mechanisms appropriate for the target market segment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>
5. What can be done to more effectively overcome the identified market imperfections and to increase the rate of customer acceptance and implementation of each end-use measure included in the program?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program staff interviews</li> <li>• Materials review</li> </ul>

Source: Guidehouse

#### G.1.1 Program Staff Interviews

Guidehouse conducted in-depth interviews with Evergy’s product lead to better understand the OBEA program and the key considerations of the five Missouri questions, namely:

- Program's performance to date
- Any issues or challenges faced
- Potential opportunities for improvement
- Effectiveness of program communication

### **G.1.2 Materials Review**

Guidehouse conducted a review of the program description and documents available from Evergy to understand the OBEA program and research the key considerations of the five Missouri questions. Guidehouse reviewed the following:

- Screen shots of the online tools available to customers through OBEA
- Screen shots of bill forecast and bill comparison
- Data on customer logins and tips usage
- Lists of tips used in OBEA
- Evergy program description documents

## Appendix H. Survey Instruments

### H.1 Business Standard Participant Online Survey

#### Sample Variables:

**<Measure\_Everyg>**: Rebated measure, using simplified measure name; pluralized if quantity is more than 1

**<MeasureCat\_Everyg>**: General category of equipment/project, e.g., "Lighting", "Building Optimization", "Compressed Air", "Variable Speed Drive", etc.

**<RebateAmount\_Everyg>**: The dollar value of the rebate the participant received for the measure

**<Quantity\_Everyg>**: The quantity of measures installed

**<InspectionFlag\_Everyg>**: Yes if post-inspection was completed, No if not

**<OrganizationName\_Everyg >**: The name of the customer's company

**<StreetAddress\_Everyg>**: The address where the rebated measures were installed.

**<SurveyType\_Everyg>**: FR (full survey except spillover questions) or SO (spillover and satisfaction questions only)

#### Introduction

Thank you for participating in the Evergy Business Energy Savings Program participant survey. All data collected is confidential and will only be used to inform our internal evaluation. The surveys will not affect your energy efficiency project, applications, rebates, or service.

If you accidentally close the survey or aren't able to finish today, your progress will be saved - just click the link in your email again.

At the end of the survey we will ask for your preferred email address if you would like to receive the \$50 Tango e-gift card in thanks for your time in completing the survey. The gift card will be emailed to you within four weeks of completing the survey.

#### Screening Questions

**S1. Our records show that your organization <OrganizationName\_Everyg> received <RebateAmount\_Everyg> in Evergy Business Energy Savings Program incentives to complete a <Measure\_Everyg> project at <StreetAddress\_Everyg>. Is this correct?**

1. Yes [CONTINUE TO S2]
2. No [SKIP TO S3]
98. Not sure [SKIP TO S3]

**[ASK IF S1=Yes]**

**S2. Were you directly involved in the decision to purchase and install and complete the <Measure\_Everyg> project at <StreetAddress\_Everyg>? (Note that you may have completed other energy efficient projects but this survey will focus on <Measure\_Everyg>.)**

1. Yes [SKIP TO S4]
2. No [CONTINUE TO S3]
98. Not sure [SKIP TO TERMINATE]

**[ASK IF S1=2, 98 or S2=2]**

**S3. Is there someone else at your organization who might be more familiar with the energy efficiency upgrade project? If so, would you please provide us with their email address?**

1. Yes, please enter email address [OPEN ENDED] [SKIP TO TERMINATE]
2. No [SKIP TO TERMINATE]
98. Not sure [SKIP TO TERMINATE]

[ASK IF S2=Yes]

**S4. Are you an employee of <OrganizationName\_Evergy> or the owner/property manager at <StreetAddress\_Evergy>, or were you involved in the project in some other capacity (e.g., as an installation contractor or energy services provider)?**

1. Employed at <OrganizationName\_Evergy> or owner/property manager at <StreetAddress\_Evergy> [SKIP TO S6]
2. Employed by another organization [CONTINUE TO S5]
98. Not sure [SKIP TO TERMINATE]

[ASK IF S4=Employed by another organization]

**S5. We are looking to survey the decision-maker at <OrganizationName\_Evergy> who made the purchase decision to install <Measure\_Evergy>. Could you provide us with the name and email address of the project decision-maker at <OrganizationName\_Evergy> that you worked with?**

[ENTER NAME/EMAIL, THEN TERMINATE]

98. Not sure [SKIP TO TERMINATE]

[ASK IF S4=Employed at <OrganizationName\_Evergy> or owner]

**S6. Could you please verify your name and email address? (Note: this information is requested for survey management purposes only; your responses will remain anonymous and will not be linked with any of your contact information.)**

[ENTER NAME/EMAIL]

[Display if S2=2 or 98 or S4=2 or 98]

**Terminate Message: Those are all the questions we have for you. Thank you for your time.**

[If <SurveyType>=SO, skip to Participant Spillover section]

### ***Awareness and Participant Journey***

**A1. How did you first learn about the Business Energy Savings Program?**

[ROTATE 1-13]

1. Evergy email
2. Evergy bill insert
3. Other mailing from Evergy
4. Evergy community event
5. Evergy website
6. Evergy field representative
7. Newspaper, magazine, or other print media advertisement
8. Family, friend, or word of mouth
9. Contractor, vendor, or equipment installer
10. Evergy call center
11. Information received after participating in another Evergy program
12. Social media ad
13. Other Evergy program emails
14. Other, Please Describe: [OPEN ENDED]
98. Not sure

**A2. What made your company first decide to purchase the new <MeasureCat\_Everyg> equipment?**

[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY; ROTATE 1-10]

1. Recommended by contractor
2. Old equipment stopped working
3. Old equipment needed too many repairs
4. Was paying high utility bills and wanted to save money
5. Wanted to improve our work environment
6. Wanted to make our company more “green”/reduce greenhouse gas emissions
7. Wanted to improve the property value
8. Wanted to reduce operation and maintenance costs
9. Learned about the availability of a rebate from Evergy
10. Received a rebate from Evergy or other utility in the past
97. Other, Please Describe
98. Not sure

**A3. What was the status of your old equipment when you decided to buy the new <MeasureCat\_Everyg> equipment? [SELECT ONE]**

1. It was working and did not need any repairs beyond regular maintenance
2. It was working but needed minor repairs
3. It was working but needed major repairs
4. It was not working but was repairable
5. It was not working and could not be repaired
6. Not applicable, rebated <Measure\_Everyg> was new equipment
7. Other, please describe
98. Not sure

**Participant Free Ridership****FR1. Had you already decided to purchase the new <Measure\_Everyg> equipment before you learned about the program?**

1. Yes
2. No
98. Not sure

[Ask if FR1=1, else skip to FR3]

**FR2a. Prior to learning about the Business Energy Savings Program, had you received a cost estimate for the full cost of the same <Measure\_Everyg> project (i.e., at the same scope and efficiency level as completed through the program)?**

1. Yes
2. No
98. Not sure

[Ask if FR2a=1, else skip to FR3]

**FR2b. Did you have funding arranged for the full cost of the entire project without any utility incentives prior to learning about the Business Energy Savings Program?**

1. Yes, we had full funding arranged
2. No
98. Not sure

**FR3. If the program incentive was not available, would you have purchased and installed any <MeasureCat\_Everyg> regardless of efficiency level within a year of when you completed this project? [ALLOW ONE RESPONSE]**

1. Yes, I would have purchased the same quantity of equipment at the same time or within the next year (regardless of efficiency level)
2. [IF Quantity\_Everyg>1] I would have purchased a smaller quantity of equipment at the same time or within the next year (regardless of efficiency level)
3. No, I would not have purchased any equipment of any efficiency level at that time or within a year after that point
98. Not sure

[Ask if FR3 = 2]

**FR3a. How many fewer <Measure\_Everyg> would you have purchased?**

1. Most of them (approximately two-thirds or more of the <Measure\_Everyg>)
2. Some of them (approximately one-third or more of the <Measure\_Everyg>)
3. Few of them (approximately one-third or fewer of the <Measure\_Everyg>)
98. Not sure

**FR3b. If the program incentive was not available, what energy efficiency level would you have selected for this project when you did complete it? [ALLOW ONE RESPONSE]**

1. Same energy efficiency as installed through the project
2. Almost as efficient (approximately two-thirds as efficient as what was installed)
3. Somewhat less efficient (approximately one-third as efficient as what was installed)
4. Much less efficient (minimal efficiency level available)
5. Lowest cost available (regardless of efficiency)
98. Not sure

[Ask if FR3 = 1 and FR3b=1]

**FR3c. You stated that without the program incentive, you would have completed exactly the same project. Does that mean your business would have paid an additional <RebateAmount\_Everyg> to cover the entire cost of the <Measure\_Everyg> project?**

1. Yes
2. No
98. Not sure

**FR4a. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is “very influential” and 1 is “not at all influential,” how influential were the following elements when you were deciding whether to complete this high efficiency <Measure\_Everyg> project rather than a lower efficiency project?**

[For FR4 responses 1, 2 and 3 record responses 1 through 5, NA]

1. Program incentive
2. Educational or marketing materials from an Everyg program
3. Information from Everyg program staff
4. Information from the installation contractor/trade ally

**FR4b. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is “very influential” and 1 is “not at all influential,” how influential were the following elements on your decision to complete the <Measure\_Everyg> project at the time that you did rather than at a later date?**

[For FR4 responses 1, 2 and 3 record responses 1 through 5, NA]

1. Program incentive
2. Educational or marketing materials from an Everyg program
3. Information from Everyg program staff
4. Information from the installation contractor/trade ally

[Skip to Awareness and Participant Journey Part 2 section]

### Participant Spillover

**SO1. Since learning about the program, did you install any *additional* energy efficient equipment or make any additional energy efficiency upgrades at the same facility or at any other facility within Energry’s Missouri service territory?**

1. Yes
2. No
98. Not sure

[Ask if SO1 = 1, else skip to PS3]

**SO2. Did you apply for an incentive from Energry for the additional energy-efficient equipment or upgrade?**

1. Yes, and I received an incentive from Energry
2. Yes, but I did not receive an incentive from Energry
3. No
98. Not sure

[Ask if SO2=2]

**SO3. Do you know why you did not receive an incentive from Energry for the additional energy-efficient equipment or upgrade?**

[OPEN ENDED]

98. Not sure

[Ask if SO2=3]

**SO4. Why didn’t you apply for an incentive from Energry for the additional energy-efficient equipment or upgrade?**

[OPEN ENDED]

98. Not sure

[Ask if SO2 = 2 or 3, else skip to PS3]

**SO5. How influential was Energry’s Business Energy Savings Program on your decision to install the *additional* energy efficient equipment which did not receive incentives? Please rate on a 5-point scale in which 5 means “very influential” and 1 means “not at all influential.”**

[1-5, Not sure]

[Ask if SO5=2, 3, 4, or 5, else skip to PS3]

**SO6. Please describe the energy efficient equipment that was installed without incentives:**

- a. Enter description:
- b. Enter quantity: [NUMERIC]
- c. Enter approximate installation date [DATE]
- d. How do you know this equipment is high efficiency? [OPEN ENDED]

**SO7. Was this additional energy-efficient equipment installed by the same contractor that installed the equipment that was rebated by Business Energy Savings Program?**

1. Same contractor
2. Different contractor
3. Not applicable; we did not use a contractor to install the additional equipment
4. Not sure

[Skip to Participant Satisfaction section if SURVEYTYPE = SO]



### Awareness and Participant Journey Part 2

**A\_6A. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means “strongly disagree” and 5 means “strongly agree,” please rate your agreement with the following statements:** [MATRIX STYLE QUESTION; COLUMNS ARE 1-5 and Not sure]

1. The program is easy to work with and understand.
2. When I had questions, I knew who to contact.
3. I had enough information about measure eligibility and rebates to make decisions about which equipment to install.

[Ask if A\_6A 1-3 is less than 4]

**A\_6B\_1. Please describe what aspects of the program were not easy to work with or understand.** [OPEN ENDED]

**A\_6B\_2. Please describe any confusion there may have been regarding who to contact.** [OPEN ENDED]

**A\_6B\_3. Please describe the lack of clarity there may have been regarding the measure eligibility or rebates.** [OPEN ENDED]

**A7. Did you have to submit a pre-approval application for your project?**

[Single Response]

1. Yes, I submitted it
2. Yes, but my contractor submitted it
3. No
98. Not sure

[Ask if A7 = 1; else skip to next section]

**A8. How easy was it to complete your Business Energy Savings Program project pre-approval application? Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is "not at all easy" and 5 is "extremely easy".**

[Record 1-5, Not sure]

### Participant Satisfaction

[Ask if <SurveyType> = FR, else skip to PS3]

**PS1. How would you rate your satisfaction with the following aspects of the Energy Business Energy Savings Program? Please rate on a 5-point scale in which 5 means “very satisfied” and 1 means “not at all satisfied.”**

[ROTATE a-f, RECORD 1-5, Not sure]

- a. Amount of rebate
- b. Time it took to receive the rebate
- c. Requirements to participate in program
- d. Program communications
- e. [ASK IF A7 != 1] Application process
- f. [ASK IF A7 = 1] Pre-approval application process
- g. [ASK IF A7 = 1] Final approval process
- h. [ASK IF <InspectionFlag\_Energy> = Yes] Inspection process (virtual or in-person)
- i. The program representative
- j. Your installation contractor
- k. Overall satisfaction with the program

[Ask PS2a if PS1a was < 3]

**PS2a. Why did you provide this rating for the amount of the rebate?**

[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask PS2b if PS1b was < 3]

**PS2b. Why did you provide this rating for the time it took to receive the rebate?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask PS2c if PS1d was < 3]

**PS2c. Why did you provide this rating for the program communications?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask PS2d if PS1c was < 3]

**PS2d. Why did you provide this rating for the requirements to participate in the program?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask PS2e if PS1e was < 3]

**PS2e. Why did you provide this rating for the application process?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask PS2f if PS1f was < 3]

**PS2f. Why did you provide this rating for the pre-approval application process?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask PS2g if PS1g was < 3]

**PS2g. Why did you provide this rating for the final approval application process?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask PS2h if PS1h was < 3]

**PS2h. Why did you provide this rating for the inspection process?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask PS2i if PS1i was < 3]

**PS2i. Why did you provide this rating for the program representative?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask PS2j if PS1j was < 3]

**PS2j. Why did you provide this rating for your installation contractor?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask all]

**PS2k. Why did you provide this rating for your overall satisfaction with the program?**  
[OPEN ENDED]

[ASK ALL]

**PS3. How likely you would be to participate in Eversys rebate programs again? Please rate on a 5-point scale in which 5 is “very likely” and 1 is “not at all likely.”**

[Record responses 1 through 5, Not sure]

**PS4. Have you recommended the Eversys Business Energy Savings Program to colleagues or friends?**

1. Yes
2. No
98. Not sure

[Ask if <SurveyType> = FR]

**PS5. Were there any other types of energy saving equipment or upgrades that you wanted to install but that Evergy did not offer incentives for?**

[OPEN ENDED, None]

[ASK ALL]

**PS6. Please share any suggestions you may have for improving the Evergy Business Energy Savings Program.**

[OPEN ENDED, None]

**PS7. Based on your overall experience as a customer of Evergy, how would you rate your satisfaction with the company on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is “very satisfied” and 1 is “not at all satisfied”?**

[1-5, Not Sure]

[Ask if PS7<3, else skip to Firmographics; F1]

**PS8. What were the reasons that you give it that rating?**

[OPEN-ENDED]

### *Firmographics*

**Just a few questions left.**

**F1. What type of organization is <OrganizationName\_Evergy>?**

[ROTATE]

1. Office
2. Retail
3. Convenience Store
4. Grocery
5. Restaurant
6. Industrial
7. Light Manufacturing
8. Warehouse
9. Church
10. K-12 School
11. College/University
12. Government Building
13. Other; please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
14. Not sure

**F2. Which of the following descriptions best fits the facility at <StreetAddress\_Evergy>?**

1. Your organization’s only location
  2. One of several locations within Evergy service territory
  3. One of several locations both within and outside of Evergy service territory
  4. Your organization’s headquarters, with several locations within Evergy service territory
  5. Your organization’s headquarters, with several locations both within and outside of Evergy service territory
  6. Other, please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
98. Not sure

***Close***

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Your email address will only be used to send the e-gift card. You will receive the gift card within four to six weeks of completing the survey. Be sure to click the forward arrow below to record your response.

- a. Please enter your email address: [OPEN ENDED]
- b. No thanks, I do not wish to receive a Tango gift card

***Survey completion message***

**Thank you for your time in completing this survey. Your responses will help Evergy improve their programs to better serve customers like you!**

## H.2 C&I Programs Trade Ally Online Survey

### Sample Variables:

- **<MeasureCat>**: "Lighting", "Compressed Air", etc.
- **<Measure1>**: Trade ally's highest saving measure
- **<Measure2>**: Trade ally's second highest saving measure (if applicable)
- **<Measure3>**: Trade ally's third highest saving measure (if applicable)
- **<Measure1qty>**: Trade ally's highest saving measure
- **<Measure2qty>**: Trade ally's second highest saving measure (if applicable)
- **<Measure3qty>**: Trade ally's third highest saving measure (if applicable)
- **<StandardFlag>**: Yes if trade ally completed any standard projects in Cycle 3; otherwise No
- **<CustomFlag>**: Yes if trade ally completed any custom projects in Cycle 3; otherwise No
- **<ProcessFlag>**: Yes if trade ally completed any Process Efficiency projects in Cycle 3; otherwise No
- **<kWhSavings>**
- **<kWSavings>**

### Landing Page & Screening Questions (1 question)

Thank you for participating in the Evergy Business Energy Savings Program Trade Ally Survey. This survey effort will provide Evergy with valuable feedback to improve program offerings and ultimately help you better serve your customers. This survey is being administered by Evergy's independent third-party evaluator, Guidehouse, and your responses will remain confidential and will be presented to Evergy only in aggregate form.

In thanks for your time, Evergy would like to offer you a \$50 Tango gift card for participation in the survey. You must complete the entire survey to receive the gift card. At the end of the survey, you will be asked to provide the email address at which you wish to receive the gift card.

### S1. What type of role(s) do you play on efficiency projects that participate in Evergy's Business Energy Savings Program? Please check all that apply.

1. Making sales calls via phone
2. Making sales calls in person
3. Preparing project specifications/proposals for customers
4. Processing incentive applications
5. Installing equipment at customer sites
6. Other [Please describe \_\_\_\_\_]
7. Not sure [SCREEN OUT]

### Program Experiences (7-15 questions)

#### PE1. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means "strongly disagree" and 5 means "strongly agree," please rate your agreement with the following statements:

[MATRIX – COLUMNS: "Strongly disagree" (1), 2, 3, 4, "Strongly agree" (5), Not sure]

1. [If CustomFlag=Yes] The Custom program is easy to work with and understand.
2. [If StandardFlag=Yes] The Standard program is easy to work with and understand.
3. [If ProcessFlag=Yes] The Process Efficiency program is easy to work with and understand
4. When I had questions, I knew who to contact.

5. I had enough information about measure eligibility and incentives to make decisions about which equipment to install.

[Ask PE1a-d for any elements rated a 3 or lower in PE1]

PE1a. Please describe which aspects of the Custom program were not easy to work with or understand. [OPEN ENDED]

PE1b. Please describe which aspects of the Standard program were not easy to work with or understand. [OPEN ENDED]

PE1c. Please describe which aspects of the Process Efficiency program were not easy to work with or understand. [OPEN ENDED]

PE1d. Please describe any confusion regarding who to contact. [OPEN ENDED]

PE1e. Please describe any lack of information regarding the measure eligibility or incentives. [OPEN ENDED]

PE2. How would you rate your satisfaction with the following aspects of the Business Energy Savings Program? [MATRIX – COLUMNS: Not at all satisfied (1), 2, 3, 4, “Very satisfied” (5), Not sure, Not applicable; ROTATE ROWS]

1. The Program Representative
2. Marketing materials provided by the program
3. Amount and type of communication and support received from the program
4. Amount and type of training provided by the program
5. Project application process
6. Time to complete a project through the program
7. The amount of the program incentives

[Ask if PE2\_1<4]

PE2b. Why did you rate your satisfaction with the Program Representative as a [insert response value from PE2\_1]? [OPEN ENDED]

[Ask if PE2\_2<4]

PE2b. Why did you rate your satisfaction with the marketing materials provided by the program as a [insert response value from PE2\_2]? [OPEN ENDED]

[Ask if PE2\_3<4]

PE2c. Why did you rate your satisfaction with the amount and type of communication received from the program as a [insert response value from PE2\_3]? [OPEN ENDED]

[Ask if PE2\_4<4]

PE2d. Why did you rate your satisfaction with the amount and type of training provided from the program as a [insert response value from PE2\_4]? [OPEN ENDED]

[Ask if PE2\_5<4]

PE2e. Why did you rate your satisfaction with the project application process as a [insert response value from PE2\_5]? [OPEN ENDED]

[Ask if PE2\_6<4]

PE2f. Why did you rate your satisfaction with **the time to complete a project through the program** as a [insert response value from PE2\_6]?

[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask if PE2\_7<4]

PE2g. Why did you rate your satisfaction with **the amount of the program incentive** as a [insert response value from PE2\_7]?

[OPEN ENDED]

**PE3. Would you say that your satisfaction with the following elements increased, stayed the same, or decreased this past year relative to previous program years?** [MATRIX – COLUMNS: Increased, Stayed the Same, Decreased, Not Sure, Not Applicable; ROTATE ROWS]

1. Marketing materials provided by the program
2. Amount and type of communication received from the program
3. Amount and type of training provided by the program
4. Project application process
5. Time to complete a project through the program
6. The amount of the program incentives
7. The program representative

[ASK IF ANY RESPONSE TO PE3 is Increased or Decreased]

**PE3a. What is driving that change in satisfaction from previous program years?**

1. Please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
2. Not sure

**PE4. How often do you want to receive information about the program?** [SELECT ONE]

1. Weekly
2. Every other week
3. Monthly
4. Every other month
5. Quarterly
6. Other; please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
7. Not sure

**PE5. What is your preferred way to receive information about the program? Please select all that apply.** [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES; ROTATE 1-5]

1. Email
2. Phone
3. US mail
4. Webinars
5. Meetings
6. Other; please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
7. Not sure

**PE6. Are there any other measures that you think should be eligible for the program that currently are not?**

1. Yes; please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
2. No
3. Not sure

[Ask if CustomFlag=Yes]

**PE7. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Custom program?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all satisfied (1)” and “Very satisfied (5)”  
plus “Not sure”]

[If PE7 not equal to Not Sure]

**PE7a. Why did you provide that rating?**

[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask if StandardFlag=Yes]

**PE8. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Standard program?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all satisfied (1)” and “Very satisfied (5)”  
plus “Not sure”]

[If PE8 not equal to Not Sure]

**PE8a. Why did you provide that rating?**

[OPEN ENDED]

[Ask if ProcessFlag=Yes]

**PE9. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Process Efficiency program?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all satisfied (1)” and “Very satisfied (5)”  
plus “Not sure”]

[If PE9 not equal to Not Sure]

**PE9a. Why did you provide that rating?**

[OPEN ENDED]

### **Participant Insights (5-7 questions)**

**PA1. What types of customers do you typically market high efficiency <MeasureCat> to? Please select all that apply.** [ALLOW MULTIPLE SELECTIONS]

[ROTATE 1-15]

1. Large/Medium Commercial: Offices
2. Large/Medium Commercial: Other (Non-Offices)
3. Large/Medium Industrial
4. Small Commercial: Churches
5. Small Commercial: Convenience Stores
6. Small Commercial: Independent Grocery Stores
7. Small Commercial: Light Manufacturing (<50,000 square feet)
8. Small Commercial: Offices (<50,000 square feet)
9. Small Commercial: Restaurants
10. Small Commercial: Retail
11. Small Commercial: Warehouse (<50,000 square feet)
12. Institutional: Colleges/Universities
13. Institutional: Government Buildings
14. Institutional: K-12 Schools
15. Warehouses
16. Other [SPECIFY]
17. Not sure [MAKE ANSWER EXCLUSIVE]



[SKIP IF PA1=98]

**PA2. Of those customer types, which most frequently choose high efficiency over standard efficiency equipment?**

1. [LIST RESPONSES TO PA1; ALLOW MULTIPLE SELECTIONS]
2. None
3. Not sure

[SKIP IF PA1=98]

**PA3. Are there any types of customers that you specifically do not market high efficiency <MeasureCat> to?**

1. [LIST UNSELECTED CHOICES FROM PA1; ALLOW MULTIPLE SELECTIONS]
2. No
3. Not sure

[If PA3 is not equal to No or Not Sure]

**PA3a. Why don't you market high efficiency to those types of customers?**

[OPEN ENDED]

**PA4. Are there any types of customers that you think would particularly benefit from participating in Energry energy efficiency programs who aren't currently participating? Can you describe these customers (in terms of size, industry, building type, geography, etc.)?**

1. Yes; please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
2. No
3. Not sure

[IF PA4=1]

**PA4a. What would it take to engage these types of customers in Energry energy efficiency programs?**

1. Please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
2. Not sure

**PA5. Which of the following benefits do you feel might influence a customer's decision to choose high efficiency over standard efficiency equipment? [ALLOW MULTIPLE SELECTIONS, ROTATE 1-6]**

1. Lower utility bills
2. Improved work environment
3. Chance to make the company more "green"/reduce carbon emissions
4. Increased property value
5. Lower operating and maintenance cost
6. Quick payback period
7. None of these benefits influence a customer's decision [MAKE ANSWER EXCLUSIVE]
8. Not sure [MAKE ANSWER EXCLUSIVE]

**PA6. Which of those benefits of high efficiency equipment do you discuss with customers? [ALLOW MULTIPLE SELECTIONS, ROTATE 1-6]**

1. Lower utility bills
2. Improved work environment
3. Chance to make the company more "green"/reduce carbon emissions
4. Increased property value
5. Lower operating and maintenance cost
6. Quick payback period
7. None of the above; I do not talk to customers about these benefits [MAKE ANSWER EXCLUSIVE]

8. Not sure [MAKE ANSWER EXCLUSIVE]

### **Program Improvements (3 questions)**

**PIM1. How can Evergy help you complete more energy efficiency projects?**

1. Please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
2. Not sure

**PIM2. How can the Evergy Business Energy Savings Program be improved? [ROTATE RESPONSES, ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

1. Offer incentives for additional types of equipment [OPEN ENDED]
2. More marketing directly to customers [OPEN ENDED]
3. More marketing support for contractors and other trade allies [OPEN ENDED]
4. More training/technical support for contractors and other trade allies [OPEN ENDED]
5. More administrative support for contractors and other trade allies [OPEN ENDED]
6. Target marketing to specific customer groups; note which groups: [OPEN ENDED]
7. Other, please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
8. No improvements necessary [Exclusive response]
9. Not sure [Exclusive response]

**PIM3. Evergy is interested in increasing the number of participants in the following measures: packaged RTUs, split-systems, and chiller replacements. Why do you think there aren't more participants in those measures? Please select all that apply. [Randomize 1-7]**

1. Incentives are too low
2. We don't have the expertise to implement these measures
3. The measures take a long time to implement
4. Equipment is used by few customers
5. Customers are not interested in these measures
6. Customers are not aware of the incentives
7. Customers are not aware of the measures
8. Other; please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
9. Not sure

### **Program Influence on Trade Allies (6-14 questions)**

**PITA1. Have you participated in any program webinars, meetings, or training sessions, or received any educational materials from the program?**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

**PITA2. Have you ever brought an Evergy or TRC program staff member to virtual or on-site sales calls at customer sites with you?**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

[IF PITA2=1, ASK PITA2a, ELSE SKIP TO PITA3]

**PITA2a. About how many times have you brought an Evergy or TRC program staff member on sales calls with you?**

1. Please enter the approximate number: [NUMERIC OPEN ENDED]
2. Not sure

**PITA2b. How helpful are those joint sales calls with Evergy/TRC staff in selling high efficiency <MEASURECAT>?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all helpful (1)” and “Very helpful (5)” plus “Not sure”]

**PITA3. Have you received any marketing materials from the Business Energy Savings Program for you to pass along to your customers?**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

[IF PITA3=1, ASK PITA3a, ELSE SKIP TO PITA4]

**PITA3a. How much influence have those marketing materials had on your ability to market energy efficiency to your customers?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all influential (1)” and “Very influential (5)” plus “Not sure”]

**PITA4. Since you started participating in the Evergy commercial and industrial efficiency programs, have you changed the type of <MEASURECAT> equipment that you offer to your customers, especially regarding level of efficiency? Please select all that apply.**

[ROTATE 1-3, MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

1. Started offering higher efficiency equipment as the “default” recommendation
2. Added new higher efficiency equipment to your offerings
3. Stopped carrying lower efficiency equipment
4. Other; please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
5. Have not made any changes to the type of equipment offered [MAKE ANSWER EXCLUSIVE]
6. Not sure [MAKE ANSWER EXCLUSIVE]

[IF PITA4=1, 2, or 3, ASK PITA4a, ELSE SKIP TO PITA5]

**PITA4a. If the programs had never been available, what is the likelihood that you would have made those same changes in your high efficiency <MeasureCat> offerings?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all likely (1)” and “Very likely (5)” plus “Not sure”]

**PITA5. Have you observed an increase in your overall high efficiency <MeasureCat> sales since participating in the Evergy commercial and industrial efficiency programs?**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

[ASK IF PITA5=1, ELSE SKIP TO PITA6]

**PITA5a. Would you say that your overall <MeasureCat> sales have increased, a higher percentage of customers are choosing high efficiency <MeasureCat>, or both?**

1. Overall sales have increased (including both standard and high efficiency)
2. A higher percentage of customers are choosing high efficiency
3. Both
4. Not sure

[ASK IF PITA5a=1,2,3]

**PITA5b. How influential was the Evergy program on the increase in high efficiency sales, if at all?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all influential (1)” and “Very influential (5)” plus “Not sure”]

[ASK IF PITA5b != 1]

**PITA5c. Has the program’s influence on your business enabled you to hire additional employees to meet the additional demand for high efficiency?**

1. Yes; please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
2. No
3. Not sure

[ASK IF PITA5=2 or 3, ELSE SKIP TO PITA6]

**PITA5d. Would you say that your overall <MeasureCat> sales (both standard efficiency and high efficiency) have increased, stayed the same, or decreased since participating in the Evergy program?**

1. Increased
2. Stayed the same
3. Decreased
4. Not sure

**PITA6. If the Evergy Business Energy Savings Program did not exist, how would your business be different (if at all)?**

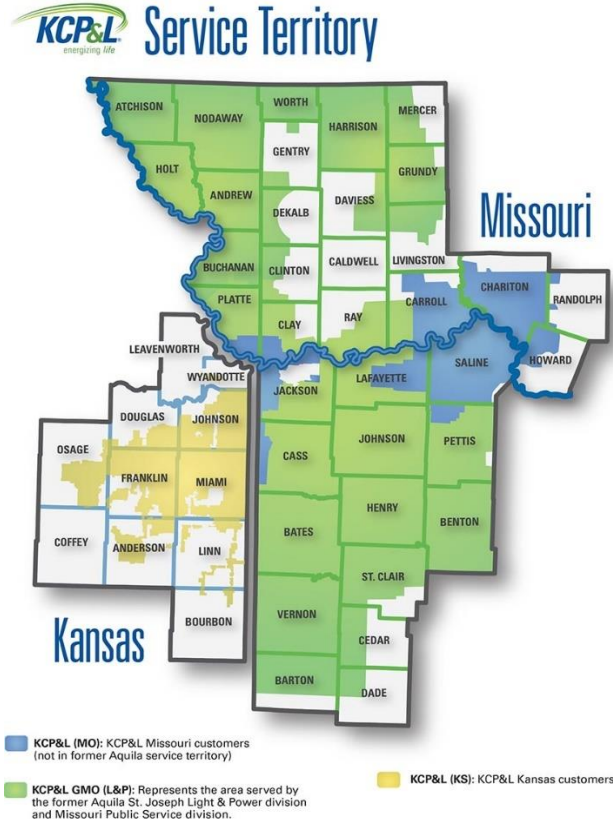
1. Please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
2. No difference
3. Not sure

**Spillover (2-9 questions)**

Intro. Our next set of questions focuses on your past and current sales of the three highest-saving energy efficiency measures that you installed through Evergy’s incentive programs this past year. The following table summarizes those three measures based on your projects recorded in the program database.

Equipment Name	Number of Units/Projects Incentivized by Evergy in 2021
<Measure1>	<Measure1qty>
<Measure2>	<Measure2qty>
<Measure3>	<Measure3qty>

**SO1. Did you sell any of these equipment types without Evergy program incentives this past year? Please consider only projects in Evergy’s Missouri territory to the extent possible (see the green and blue areas of the map below).**



1. <Measure 1> [CONTINUE]
2. <Measure 2> [CONTINUE]
3. <Measure 3> [CONTINUE]
4. None of the above [SKIP TO SO2]
5. Not sure [SKIP TO SO2]

[ASK SO1a IF SO1=1-3, ELSE SKIP TO SO2]

**SO1a. Approximately how many additional units did you sell this past year without incentives, in Evergy’s Missouri territory? An estimate is fine. (The number in parentheses indicates the number of units you sold with incentives, according to Evergy’s program records.)**

Equipment Name	Number of Units Incentivized by Evergy this past year	Number of Additional Units Sold <u>Without</u> Incentives this past year
<Measure1>	<Measure1qty>	[NUMERIC OPEN END]
<Measure2>	<Measure2qty>	[NUMERIC OPEN END]
<Measure3>	<Measure3qty>	[NUMERIC OPEN END]

**SO1b. How influential do you think your experiences with the Evergy commercial and industrial programs were on these additional projects completed without incentives, if at all?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all influential (1)” and “Very influential (5)” plus “Not sure”]

**SO1c. How influential do you think the Evergy commercial and industrial programs’ efforts to educate the market and raise awareness of energy efficiency were on these additional projects completed without incentives, if at all?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all influential (1)” and “Very influential (5)” plus “Not sure”]

**SO1d. Why didn’t you seek Evergy incentives for these additional units sold?**

1. Please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
2. Not sure

**SO2. Are there any other program-qualifying energy efficiency equipment types that you frequently install without any Evergy program incentives in Evergy’s Missouri territory?**

1. Yes [CONTINUE]
2. No [SKIP TO LOGIC BEFORE SO3]
3. Not sure [SKIP TO LOGIC BEFORE SO3]

**IF SO2=1, CONTINUE, ELSE SKIP TO LOGIC BEFORE SO3]**

**SO2a. What are these other program-qualifying energy efficiency equipment types that you frequently install without any Evergy program incentives? Please describe in the table below.**

	Equipment Type	Approximate Quantity Installed Without Incentives in 2021
Measure #1		
Measure #2 (if applicable)		
Measure #3 (if applicable)		
Measure #4 (if applicable)		
Measure #5 (if applicable)		

**SO2b. How influential do you think your experiences with the Evergy commercial and industrial programs were on these additional projects completed without incentives, if at all?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all influential (1)” and “Very influential (5)” plus “Not sure”]

**SO2c. How influential do you think the Evergy commercial and industrial programs’ efforts to educate the market and raise awareness of energy efficiency were on these additional projects completed without incentives, if at all?**

[1-5 rating scale, endpoints labeled “Not at all influential (1)” and “Very influential (5)” plus “Not sure”]

**SO2d. Why didn’t you seek Evergy incentives for these additional projects?**

1. Please describe: [OPEN ENDED]
2. Not sure

[Ask if SO1b > 1 or SO1c > 1 or SO2b > 1 or SO2c > 1, else skip to next section]

**SO3. Can you describe the direct or indirect influences that the program can have on the energy efficiency choices for equipment that did not receive incentives?**

[OPEN ENDED]

**Firmographics (3-4 questions)**

**F1. Just a few more questions...**

**In what year did your company start selling <MeasureCat> in the Evergy area?**

1. Please enter the year: [NUMERIC OPEN END]
2. Not sure

**F2. How many branches or offices does your company have in the U.S.?**

1. Please enter the approximate number: [NUMERIC OPEN END]
2. Not sure

[ASK IF F2>1, ELSE SKIP TO F3]

**F2a. How many branches or offices does your company have in the Evergy Missouri area?**

1. Please enter the approximate number: [NUMERIC OPEN END]
2. Not sure

**F3. How many employees in the Evergy area work on energy efficiency related projects?**

1. Please enter the approximate number: [NUMERIC OPEN END]
2. Not sure

**Closing (1 question)**

**C1. Those are all of our questions. We would like to offer you a \$50 Tango e-gift card in thanks for completing our survey. If you would like to receive this gift card, please enter your preferred email address below. Tango e-gift cards can be used at a variety of retailers and restaurants, such as Amazon, Chipotle, etc. If you would prefer not to receive the gift card, please check "No thanks."**

**Your email address will only be used to send the e-gift card. You will receive the gift card within six to eight weeks of completing the survey. Be sure to click the forward arrow below to record your response.**

1. Enter email address: [EMAIL ADDRESS]
2. No thanks – I do not wish to receive a \$50 gift card.

Thank you for your time. Your input will help Evergy improve their business program offerings.