# **MEASUREMENT & VERIFICATION**

# "Improving the Process"



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### INTRODUCTION

# **PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**

Measurement & Verification (M&V)

- Definitions
- Design Phase
- Construction Phase
- M&V Period
- Summary
- Open Discussion



# **MEASUREMENT & VERIFICATION**

- NC GS 143-135.37(e) requires building performance verification for "major projects"
- Compares actual energy usage to an energy model (projected energy reductions based on ASHRAE 90.1-2004\*)
- M&V process helps assess the true value of energy conservation measures (ECM)



You cannot manage what you do not measure

### SB 668 M&V

- "Major projects"
  - ✓ New construction (larger than 20,000 SF)
  - ✓ Renovation (project cost > 50% of insurance value AND area > 20,000 SF)
- Meters required for:
  - ✓ Electricity
  - ✓ Natural gas
  - ✓ Fuel oil
  - ✓ Water
- Sub-metering recommended





#### SB 668 M&V

• 12-month M&V period



- Collect and validate actual energy and water use data
- Compare data with energy model results and assumptions
- If usage exceeds model projections by 15% or more:
  - ✓ Owner will further investigate
  - ✓ Resolve issues found
  - ✓ Recommend further corrections
- Report data to SCO annually by August 1st

### LEED M&V (version 3)

• Only required if you choose to pursue the M&V credit



- M&V Plan (IPMVP International Performance M&V Protocol)
  - ✓ Option B or
  - ✓ Option D
- M&V period: 12-months or more
- Corrective actions required if results indicate energy savings are not being achieved
- Pursuing this credit typically requires additional design fee

### M&V COMPARISON

	<b>SB668</b>	LEED
When Used	New: > 20,000 SF Renovation: > 20,000 SF AND cost > 50% building value	Voluntary
Performance Period	1 year	1 year or more
Metering Requirements	Water utilities, natural gas, fuel oil, electricity (sub-metering recommended)	Electricity and district energy systems (sub-metering as necessary)
Metering Application	Whole building level	ECM level or whole building level
Trigger for Corrective Action	15% variance	10% variance (IPMVP v3)
Reporting	State Construction Office	None, but projects now required to input actual energy usage into EPA Portfolio Manager

# **OVERVIEW**

- Energy Simulation
- Metering Design
- Commissioning Agent Interface
- Measurement & Verification Plan



# **ENERGY SIMULATION**

- Begin early in design process
- Stakeholder meeting
  - ✓ Owner participation is critical
- Document input data
  - ✓ Review & verify
- <u>Accurate inputs are IMPORTANT</u>, here are some reasons why ...



### **ENERGY SIMULATION**

• Based on NCSU classroom-office building energy simulation:



ltem	Input	Energy Impact
Schedule	1 hour of building operation	3%
Occupancy	10% sway in people count	3%
Temperature	1 degree difference in thermostat set-point	1%

# **METERING DESIGN**

- Coordinate with owner
- Establish utilities to be metered
- Evaluate the value & need for sub-metering
- Meter types
  - ✓ Review quality, cost, owner preference
- Meter readings
  - Is owner prepared to monitor meters on a routine basis?



# **COMMISSIONING AGENT INTERFACE**

- Selected during advance planning
- On-board during schematic design
- Helps prepare Owner's Project Requirements (OPR)
  - ✓ Coordinate with design team
  - ✓ Include key info: set-points, schedules, etc.
- Reviews design documents and design intent (BOD)
- Reviews M&V plan
- Final check of metering design & controls integration



# **MEASUREMENT & VERIFICATION PLAN**

- A report document prepared by the designer
- Plan is initiated during DD phase
- M&V plan identifies the following:
  - ✓ What gets metered
  - ✓ How it's metered
  - ✓ Who reads the meters
  - ✓ Who compiles the meter data
  - ✓ Points to be trended by control system
  - ✓ Reconciliation





#### **M&V PLAN COMPARISON**



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	30000	LEED
Standard	Building Performance Verification (prepared by NC SCO)	International Performance Measurement & Verification Protocol (IPMVP) Version 3
What Gets Metered	Water utilities, natural gas, fuel oil, electricity (sub-metering recommended)	Electricity and district energy systems (sub-metering as necessary)
How It's Metered	Local system meters read by owner	Local metering read through DDC system with integrated trend logging
Who Compiles Meter Data	Building Owner	Collaboration between building owner and design engineer
Reconciliation	Building owner provides written explanation of deviation and proposed corrective measures	Design engineer performs calibrated energy model

**SB668** 

#### Measurement & Verification

# **IMPACTING THE MODEL**

- "Design Freeze" (immediately after bid)
  - ✓ Understand Building Use
  - ✓ Occupancy Schedules Basis
  - ✓ User Characteristics
  - ✓ Revisit the Energy Model
- Document and Evaluate Changes
- Revisit the Energy Model again
  - ✓ Did enough change to re-run the model?





# **ENERGY METERS**

- Submittal Reviews
- Installation Verification
- Accurate Calibration
- Integration: Building Automation System



# **UNDERSTANDING AS-BUILT CONDITIONS**

- Construction imperfections and implications
- Building controls operation and calibration



• Develop occupant and O&M staff behavior and understanding



# **12 MONTH M&V PERIOD**

### 12-MONTH M&V PERIOD

# WHEN DOES THE CLOCK START?

- Legislation: Beneficial Occupancy
- More realistic:
  - ✓ Commissioning complete
  - ✓ Full Occupancy
  - ✓ Measuring systems proven
  - ✓ "Burn in" period
  - ✓ Consensus and notification of M&V start date



#### 12-MONTH M&V PERIOD

# **DATA COLLECTION**

- Preferred: Monthly
- Practical: Quarterly
- Required: 12-months, post Beneficial Occupancy



#### 12-MONTH M&V PERIOD

# DATA SUBMITTAL

- Actual utility consumption and cost data per month (12 months)
- Gap analysis compared to energy model
- Data useful benchmarking tool for energy use



# SUMMARY

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### WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?



- M&V Requirements
  SB 668 vs. LEED
- Energy Modeling Inputs are critical and require collaboration
- Meters, Meters, Meters You cannot manage what you do not measure
- As-Built conditions Take a look at the model before M&V start
- M&V Period Trend data monthly to identify potential issues

# **OPEN DISCUSSION**