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- A. Are there any opportunities to reduce implementation costs, reduce customer confusion and/or increase participation through joint delivery of programs with other utilities? Please identify, list, and explain the steps Interstate is taking regarding joint delivery. If there are no such steps being taken, please explain why not.
- B. What is the plan to ensure that savings are not double claimed when multiple utilities are involved in a project?

Response

- A. There may be some limited remaining opportunities that have the potential to reduce costs and avoid customer/trade-ally confusion through joint planning, cost sharing, and better coordination, although the utilities has exhausted many opportunities for the current programs. This is particularly the case in areas where utility service areas overlap and programs are targeted at residential and small business customers, those customers that are the most homogeneous across service territories. IPL has worked with other utilities on joint planning, delivery and cost-sharing of several programs, including
- o Residential Audit,
 - o Small Commercial Audit,
 - o Residential New Construction
 - o Commercial New Construction
 - o Low Income

As described in IPL's proposed 2009-2013 Energy Efficiency Plan in this docket, discussions for the utilities' proposed plans are being held on a regular basis with other utilities to discuss opportunities for collaboration and deciding on various program design features beyond those listed above. These include residential and

nonresidential prescriptive rebates and appliance recycling. IPL plans to continue to discuss and explore such opportunities and to establish more formal plans and protocols for collaboration and coordination with other utilities throughout the duration of its 2009-2013 Plan.

Additional details on utility collaboration can be found in Table 2.2, Program-Specific Ongoing Collaboration Activities, on page 18 and 19 of IPL's proposed Energy Efficiency Plan.

- B. Since coordinated program offerings began in the 1990s, there have been mechanisms in effect to ensure accurate, non-duplicative program impacts and costs. If two utilities are involved in delivery of a measure which produces both electric and gas savings, each utility would claim savings only for the savings related to the service it provides. For example, if a measure is installed in parts of IPL's service territory where IPL only serves electricity; then IPL would claim only the electricity savings. Double counting is avoided in the way that each customer's project is set up in IPL's DSM Tracking System. Each rebate amount, customer name and customer address is registered based on program and energy savings fuel type. Moreover, the Tracking System receives direct information from IPL's customer billing system to ensure that the customer's premise is active in the billing system and to verify service type. This procedure ensures that each project is set up for the correct service type and only the appropriate savings are claimed.