

Controls Optimization

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Existing Buildings

When optimizing operations through improved control, which approach makes sense?





Retro-Commissioning











Improve existing energy performance

Changes in sequences of operation

Often short payback projects

Leverage utility support



Monitoring Based Commissioning

Proactive, ongoing monitoring of systems to detect inefficiencies through **analytics**

Best suited for more advanced, modern, and proactive applications

Monitoring is not enough – action must be taken to achieve savings by implementing measures

Common Control Optimization Targets

Overridden setpoints	Simultaneous heating & cooling	Lack of optimal start/stop	Excess outside air			
Inefficient economizer sequence	Building pressurization issues	Underutilized reset sequences	Variable speed drives at fixed frequency			
	Poorly located or failed sensors	Altered occupancy schedules				

Project Development

- Customer
- Contractor
- Scoping Study

Identify

Opportunity

Development Support

- Streamlined
- TA Study

Select Scope

- Costs/Savings
- Incentive Offer

Implement Solution(s)

NHSaves Utility Partners Offers Support at Each Stage to Streamline the Process

Retrocommissioning Project Example

Identify Efficiency Opportunities



Limited program engagement beyond lighting projects

Lack of in-house control system expertise

550,000 ft² warehouse/retail distribution and office building

Warehouse: DX RTUs, natural gas-fired directfired Cambridge units

Office: Air-cooled chiller and hot water boiler serving VAV AHUs with reheat fan powered boxes

Program Funded Scoping Study

Identify Efficiency Opportunities









Perform high level onsite walkthrough

Identify energy conservation measures (ECMs)

Discuss ECM opportunities with customer Define project development next steps

Scoping Study RCx Opportunities

Existing Antiquated Graphics



Modern Graphics



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Program Co-Funded TA Study

Project Development Support









Perform detailed energy audit Partner with contractors/vendors to develop scope

Develop costs and savings for ECMs

Provide program documentation for incentive offer

TA Study RCx Sequences of Operation

Unit	Area Served	1. SAT Reset	2. sP Reset	3. DCV	4. TU Optimization	5. DEE Optimization	6. VAV Conversion	7. Pressure Control	8. Schedule / Setback	9. CHW Reset	10. VS CHW	11. HW SAT Reset	12. HW Pump Staging	13. VS HW
RTU-1 thru 35	Distribution Center			Х		Х	Х		Х					
CEHU-1 thru 6	Distribution Center								Х					
RTU-36 thru 38	Cafeteria			Х		Х	Х		Х					
RTU-39 thru 43	Office			Х		Х	Х		Х					
AHU-1 and 2	Office	Х	Х	Х		Х		Х	Х					
Boiler	Office											Х		
DHW	Office								Х					
Chiller	Office									Х				
CHWP-1 and 2	Office										Х			
HHWP-1 and 2	Office												Х	Х
VAVs/FTUs	Office				Х									

TA Study RCx Results

Included **5 options** for RCx ECM to assist with capital funding request

ECM Name	Incremental Cost	Annual Electric Savings (kWh)	Annual Gas Savings (Therms)	Incentive Offer	Annual Cost Savings	Simple Payback (years)	
ECM-1a: Upgrade EMS and 43 RTUs	\$525,750	471,582	11,128	\$305,449	\$64,747	3.4	
ECM-1b: Upgrade Entire EMS	\$260,000	215,499	5,675	\$102,500	\$30,213	5.2	*
ECM-1c: Upgrade Admin EMS	\$125,000	82,293	4,857	\$53,550	\$14,391	5.0	
ECM-1d: Upgrade EMS and 4 RTUs	\$280,000	239,321	6,182	\$118,500	\$33,426	4.8	
ECM-1e: Replace 4 RTUs	\$20,000	20,622	0	\$4,000	\$2,315	6.9	

Incentive reduces payback by 40%

Incremental cost is difference between baseline (code-compliant) and high efficiency costs for new RTUs. EMS upgrades are a retrofit with full eligible costs.



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