

# Monetizing Energy Savings: A Path to Low Emission Buildings

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Private Investment Decisions on the Energy Performance of Buildings do not Fully Reflect the Value of Building Energy Saving Investments

Financing Practices that Monetize Long-Term Energy Savings in Near-Term Investment Decisions can make a Major Contribution to Growing the Demand for High Performance Buildings



## Why Monetizing Energy and Pollution Savings is Important to the Path to Low Emission Buildings

#### **Addresses "First Cost" Barrier**

The barrier to the up-front cost can be reduced if the consumer can access long-term, no-down-payment, affordable interest financing or if a third party finances the upgrades in order to have title to the monetized energy and pollution savings to trade in the open market



## Monetizing Building Energy Savings in Private Investment Decisions

# **Opportunities**

- + Carbon Emission Savings
- + White Tags
- + Utility Capacity Market
- + Energy Efficient Mortgages





#### **Carbon Cap & Trade**

#### **Created by Kyoto Protocol**

#### European Union Taken Lead in Develop Carbon Cap and Trade Market

#### In EU a Total of \$8 Billion Traded in 2005

European Climate Exchange, 2006



### **U.S. Carbon Voluntary Offset Market**

Market is experiencing significant growth as companies not subject to caps decide voluntarily to offset their emissions

Los Angeles Times Projects That US Market for Carbon Offsets Will Reach \$40 Billion by End of Next Decade

Associated Press Reported in 2006 the Carbon Offsets Traded in the Chicago Climate Exchange Increased by 1,425%





#### **Carbon Cap & Trade**

#### **Potential Size of Market**

#### "Global Market Worth \$1 Trillion in the First Five Years Alone"

James Smith, Chairman, Shell Oil



### **Carbon Cap & Trade**

#### Carbon Trading – The Role of Building Energy Performance

- Tuesday 8:30 10:00 a.m. Nautilus 2
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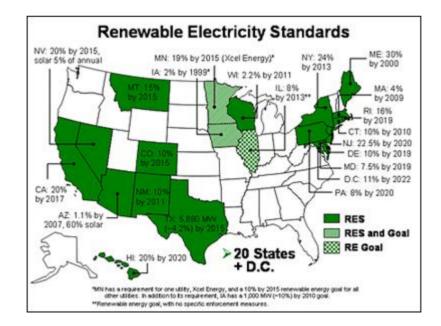


**U.S. White Tags** 

**Follow-up to Renewable Energy Certificates** State Sets Production Targets to Meet and Credits Can Be Bough or Sold - \$900 Million Traded in 2005 (Navigant Consulting 2006)

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# White Tags Nevada

# 25% of Required Savings Must Come From the Residential Sector





#### White Tags

# White Tags – Trading Energy Efficiency as a Commodity

#### Tuesday – 10:30 a.m. – Noon - Nautilus 2



**Capacity Markets** 

#### **Need for New Electrical Capacity**

Development of Capacity Credits that would allow energy efficiency as alternative to new power plant construction.

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New England Forward Capacity Market – Levels playing field among all types of resources



#### **Capacity Markets**

#### Energy Efficiency: Beyond kW and kWh – Selling Environmental Benefits and More Monday – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Nautilus 3



### **Energy Mortgages**

# Increases the Home Buying Power of Consumers and Their Home's Equity

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#### **Energy Improvement Mortgage**

+ Finances the Energy Upgrade of an Existing Home in the Mortgage Loan Using the Monthly Energy Savings

#### **Energy Efficient Mortgage**

- Uses Energy Savings of Efficient Home to Increase the Consumer's Buying Power
- + Capitalizes Energy Savings in the Appraisal



# **Energy Mortgages Offered By Secondary Mortgage Market**











**Energy Mortgages** 

# *Time Has Come Today – A New Look at Energy Efficient Mortgages* Tuesday – 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. - Nautilus 2

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# **Creating A Tipping Point**

Need for International Agreement on Defining Aspects of Calculating, Labeling and Certifying Building Performance

Need to Answer Question from Investment Community:

"Compared to What?"



# **Creating A Tipping Point**

#### **Technical Issues**

- + Common Definitions & Rules for Reference Building
- + Standards for Computation of Energy & Pollution Savings
- + Standards of Verification of Software & Calculation Methods
- + Protocols for recommending upgrades & estimating costs

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# **Creating A Tipping Point**

#### **Verification Issues**

- + Qualification & Certification of Raters
- + Standards for Field Testing & Inspections
- + Definition of Quality Assurance Procedures

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+ Definition of Insurance Requirements





#### Why Important?

#### **The Stakes Could Not Be More Critical**

+ National Security

+ Global Environment



Why Important?

**National Security** 

U.S. Annually Funnels Hundreds of Billion Dollars to Regimes Who See U.S. as the Enemy

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Key Battleground on War on Terror Must be the Addiction on Imported Oil





#### Why Important?

**Global Environment** 

#### Fourth report of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



## **U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**

+ 90% Certainty that global climate change is caused by human activity

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+ Best estimate that temperatures will rise between 3.2 to 7.8 degrees by 2010

+ Sea levels could raise 7 to 23 inches by end of century (additional 4 to 8 inches if Arctic and Antarctic ice shelf melting continues at present rate) – Would effect more than 10 million people



# What Has to Do With Building Performance?

#### Buildings Produce 39% of U.S. Carbon Emissions Residential – 21% Commercial – 18%

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Industrial – 28% Transportation – 33%

Improved Building Performance is Low Hanging Fruit in Carbon Offset Market



# EU Directive on Energy Performance of Buildings

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#### "Energy saving is without doubt the quickest, most effective, and most costeffective manner for reducing greenhouse gas emissions."



## Why Monetizing Energy and Pollution Savings is Important to the Path to Low Emission Buildings

#### **Economic Potential**

If *LA Times* prediction of \$40 carbon market by end of next decade & able to capture same % of residential carbon production - it would equate to:

\$8.4 billion annual investment in U.S. in home energy performance improvements



"The era of procrastination, of half measures, of soothing and baffling expedients, of delays, is coming to its close. In its place we are entering a period of consequences." Winston Churchill

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