# Building a Culture of Conservation

beyond the utilities

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## Demand Side Management (DSM) What are we talking about? Why?

CONSERVATION = consuming/using LESS EFFICIENCY = using BETTER/SMARTER

All sources of energy (even "green") have impacts.

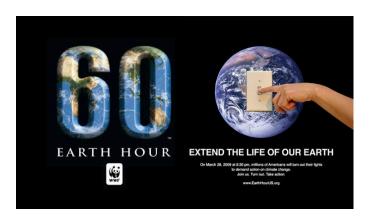
The best solution – reduce our demand for energy and use of resources.

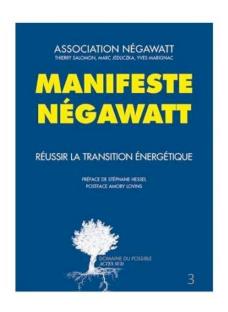


## negawatt.... negawhat?

- Negawatt is a theoretical unit of power representing the amount of energy saved.
- The conserved energy is a negawatt, the measure of power that is not used.
- For example, Earth Hour.

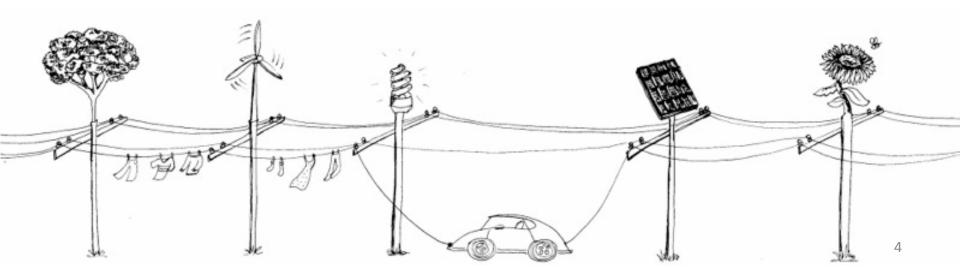






### NEGAWATTS before MEGAWATTS

- Meet growing demand through DSM before new infrastructure
- Implement all strategies for reducing waste of energy regardless of perceived economics (YUB requirement)
- Let's aim for the technical potential, not just economic or achievable.
- If ratepayers don't pay for DSM programs, Government has to.
- Combination of stick and carrot (currently, more stick needed)



## GOVERNMENT role and responsibility versus UTILITIES

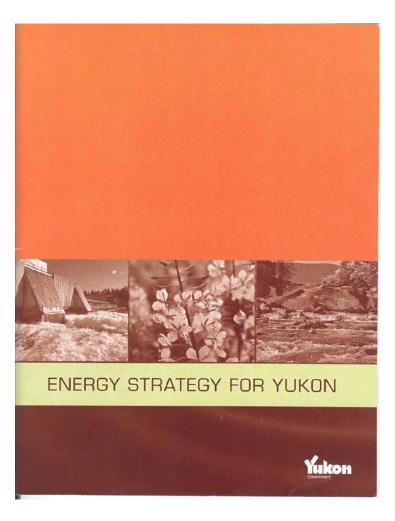
Utilities – directed by Yukon Utilites Board to investigate/implement DSM, but should DSM be led by utilities?

• .... seems counterintuitive for businesses to want to spend money to sell less and earn less money.

but the Yukon Government on the other hand...

- Energy Strategy for Yukon
- Climate Change Action Plan

## Energy Strategy for Yukon



#### **NUMBER ONE:**

## **EFFICIENCY and CONSERVATION** (E&C)

#### Goal

Energy efficiency and conservation will be a priority to reduce energy consumption, energy costs and emissions.

- Develop policies for E&C
- Deliver programs for E&C
- Incorporate E&C into decisions
- Improve E&C in communities
- Incentives for building retrofits
- Promote efficiency in new buildings
- Make industry more energy efficient

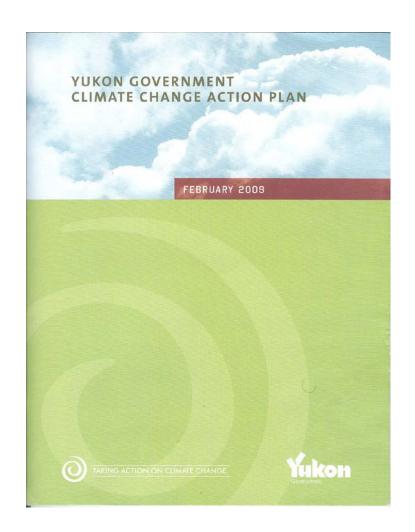
## Climate Change Action Plan

#### Goal 3:

#### REDUCE OUR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

#### **Lead Yukon Action in Response to Climate Change**

- Yukon Government operations to be carbon neutral by 2020.
- Emissions Targets "...develop a Yukon-wide reduction approach."
- The target will be developed in a manner that shows our commitment to reducing our contribution to climate change...



### Build a Culture of Conservation

• Individual/household behavioral change (not only to encourage a reduction in use of electrical energy, but all consumption of energy and resources (water, driving, buying etc.)



2011 Energy Diet Challenge Champions, the Kitchen-Kuiack family.

Shell-Canadian Geographic

## Smart Meters — the power to save

- Empower individual and household consumers to manage their energy use and make smart choices.
- Start with a pilot project for interested people, monitor, publish results, implement broadly.



## Price Signals – (stick!)

- Once people have a better understanding of their consumption, price signals can reduce/shift demand and recompense for the costs of producing more electricity.
- Ontario, Nova Scotia, have **time of use** (**TOU**) rates in place (costs more/pay a premium to use electricity in peak times, cheaper to consume off-peak)

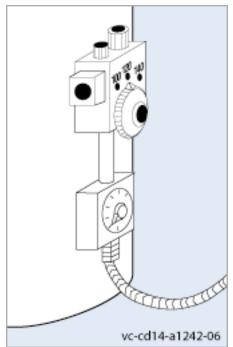
## off-grid diesel communities

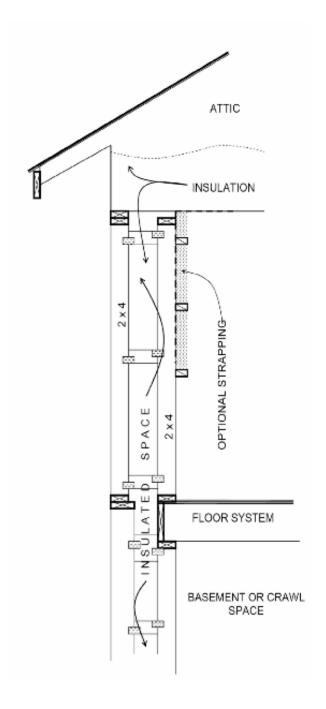


## Demand Shift – leveling the peaks

In 2002, Yukon Development Corporation completed a successful pilot program on hot water tank timers ("penguins").

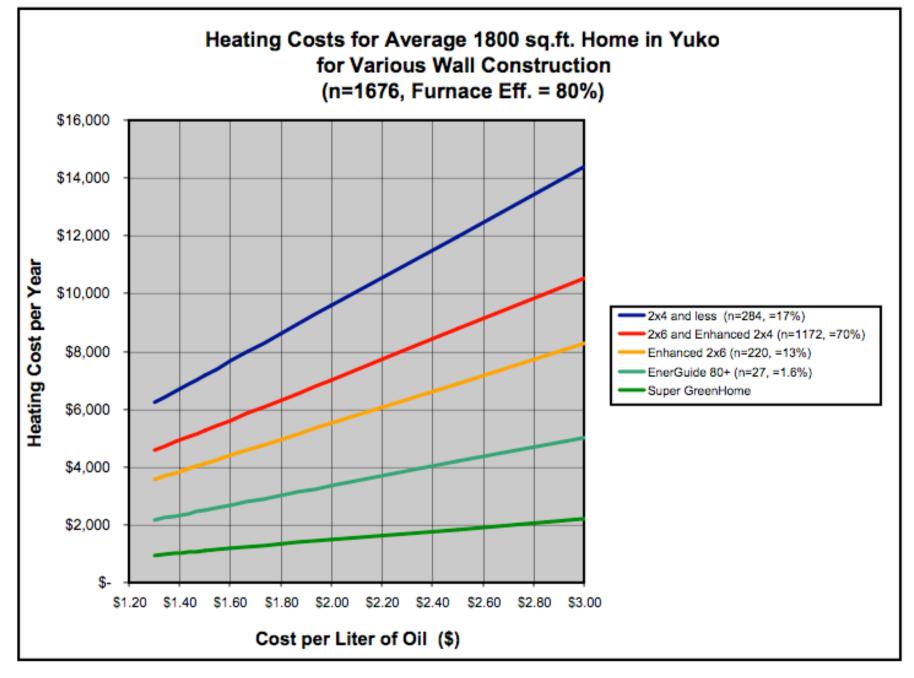






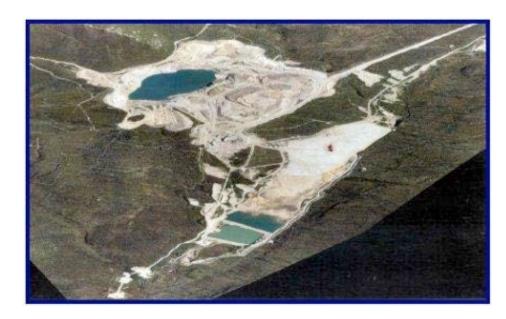
## Strengthen Building Codes

- and serious investment in improving existing buildings
- Superinsulation (supergreen, doublewall) for comfort and safety
- Heat Recovery Ventilators (HRV) for healthy homes
- Retrofit existing building stock for safety and efficiency
- Improved code should allow for alternative construction and local materials, but restrictions for electric heat unless demonstrated efficiency



## Industrial Demand Management

- Required energy audits/improvement for all existing and proposed mines
- Rate structure for power down incentive (peak and winter rates)
- Cost of Service (mines pay more than it costs to serve them? Really? Hmm.)
- Obligation to Serve (we *have* to serve them? Really? Hmm.)



Faro Pit and Rose Valley Tailings at the Faro Mine.

## Supply Side to encourage conservation

**NET-METERING** help consumers become producers of green electricity (premium rates for export after household use of produced power)



#### etcetera

- Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, Government.
- Net Metering/IPP/overbuild renewables to enable fuel switching (reduce emissions from transportation and space heating)
- Street lights, lighting, hot water, etc
- STORAGE/load management: batteries, heat sinks, heat recovery systems, Electrical Thermal Storage (ETS)
- Alternative heat (to oil or electricity) via district heating, ground/air source heat pumps
- cogeneration
- PUBLIC EDUCATION





