

## 4.4.32 Combined Heat and Power

### DESCRIPTION

The Combined Heat and Power (CHP) measure can provide energy savings within the State of Illinois through the development and operation of CHP projects. This measure is applicable for Conventional or Topping Cycle CHP systems, as well as Waste Heat-to-Power (WHP) or Bottoming Cycle CHP systems. The measure will reduce the total Btu’s of energy required to meet the end use needs of the facility.

It is recognized that CHP system design and configuration may be complex, and as such the calculation of energy savings may not be reducible to the equations within this measure. In such cases a more comprehensive engineering and financial analysis may be developed that more accurately incorporates the attributes of complex CHP configurations such as variable-capacity systems, and partial combined-cycle CHP systems. Where noted, the use of values that are determined through an external engineering analysis may be substituted by agreement between the participant, the program administrator and independent evaluator. This substitution of values does not eliminate ex post evaluation risk (retroactive adjustments to savings claims) that exists when using custom inputs.

This measure was developed to be applicable to the following program types: Retrofit (RF), New Construction (NC). If applied to other program types, the measure savings should be verified.

### DEFINITION OF EFFICIENT EQUIPMENT

Conventional or Topping Cycle CHP is defined as an integrated system that is located at or near the building or facility (on-site, on the customer side of the meter) that utilizes a prime mover (reciprocating engine, gas turbine, micro-turbine, fuel cell, boiler/steam turbine combination) for the purpose of generating electricity and useful thermal energy (such as steam, hot water, or chilled water) where the primary function of the facility where the CHP is located is not to generate electricity for use on the grid. An eligible system must demonstrate a minimum total system efficiency of 60% (HHV)<sup>599</sup> with at least 20% of the system’s total useful energy output in the form of useful thermal energy on an annual basis.

*Measuring and Calculating Conventional CHP Total System Efficiency:*

CHP efficiency is calculated using the following equation:

$$CHP_{Efficiency(HHV)} = \frac{\left[ CHP_{thermal} \left( \frac{kBtu}{yr} \right) + E_{CHP} \left( \frac{kWh}{yr} \right) * 3.412 \left( \frac{kBtu}{kWh} \right) \right]}{F_{totalCHP} \left( \frac{kBtu}{yr} \right)}$$

Where:

- CHP<sub>thermal</sub> = Useful annual thermal energy output from the CHP system, defined as the annual thermal energy output of the CHP system that is actually recovered and utilized in the facility/process.
- E<sub>CHP</sub> = Useful annual electricity output produced by the CHP system, defined as the annual electric energy output of the CHP system that is actually utilized to replace purchased electricity required to meet the requirements of the facility/process.
- F<sub>totalCHP</sub> = Total annual fuel consumed by the CHP system

For further definition of the terms, please see “Calculation of Energy Savings” Section below.

<sup>599</sup> Higher Heating Value (HHV): refers to the heating value of the fuel and is defined as the total thermal energy available, including the heat of condensation of water vapors, resulting from complete combustion of the fuel versus the Lower Heating Value (LHV) which assumes the heat of condensation is not available

Waste Heat-to-Power or Bottoming Cycle CHP is defined as an integrated system that is located at or near the building or facility (on-site, on the customer side of the meter) that does one of the following:

- Utilizes exhaust heat from an industrial/commercial process to generate electricity (except for exhaust heat from a facility whose primary purpose is the generation of electricity for use on the grid); or
- Utilizes the pressure drop in an industrial/commercial facility to generate electricity through a backpressure steam turbine where the facility normally uses a pressure reducing valve (PRV) to reduce the pressure in their facility; or
- Utilizes the pressure reduction in natural gas pipelines (located at natural gas compressor stations) before the gas is distributed through the pipeline to generate electricity, provided that the conversion of energy to electricity is achieved without using additional fossil fuels.

Since these types of systems utilize waste heat as their fuel, they do not have to meet any specific total system efficiency level (assuming they use no additional fossil fuel in their operation) If additional fuel is used onsite, it should be accounted for using the following methodology:

- Treat the portion of Waste-Heat-to-Power that does not require any additional fuel using the Waste-Heat-to-Power methodology outlined in this document.
- Treat the portion of Waste-Heat-to-Power that requires additional fuel (if natural gas) using the Conventional CHP methodology outlined in this document. If the additional fuel is not natural gas, custom carbon equivalency calculations would be needed – refer to section “Calculation of Energy Savings” for more details.
- Add the energy savings together.

These systems may export power to the grid.

#### **DEFINITION OF BASELINE EQUIPMENT**

Electric Baseline: The baseline facility would be a facility that purchases its electric power from the grid.

Heating Baseline (for CHP applications that displace onsite heat): The baseline equipment would be the boiler/furnace operating onsite, or a boiler/furnace meeting the baseline equipment defined in the High Efficiency Boiler (Section 4.4.10)/Furnace (Section 4.4.11) measures of this TRM.

Cooling Baseline (for CHP applications that displace onsite cooling demands): The baseline equipment would be the chiller (or chillers) operating onsite, or a chiller (or chillers) meeting the definition of baseline equipment defined in the Electric Chiller (Section 4.4.6) measure of this TRM.

Facilities that use biogas or waste gas: Facilities that use (but are not purchasing) biogas or waste gas that is not otherwise used, whether they are using biogas or waste gas only or a combination of biogas or waste gas and natural gas to meet their energy demands are also eligible for this measure. If additional fuel is purchased to power the CHP system, then the additional natural gas should be taken into account using the following methodology:

- Treat the portion of CHP system that does not require any additional fuel, or that requires additional fuel that would otherwise be wasted (e.g. flared), using the Waste-Heat-to-Power methodology outlined in this document.
- Treat the portion of CHP that requires additional fuel (if natural gas) using the Conventional CHP methodology outlined in this document. If the additional fuel is not natural gas, custom carbon equivalency calculations would be needed – refer to section “Calculation of Energy Savings” for more details.
- Add the energy savings together.

Consumption of any biogas or waste gas that would not otherwise being wasted (e.g., flared) will be accounted for in the overall net BTU savings calculations the same as for purchased natural gas.

#### **DEEMED LIFETIME OF EFFICIENT EQUIPMENT**

Measure life is a custom assumption, dependent on the technology selected and the system installation.

**DEEMED MEASURE COST**

Custom installation and equipment cost will be used. These costs should include the cost of the equipment and the cost of installing the equipment. Equipment costs include, but are not limited to: prime mover, heat recovery system(s), exhaust gas treatment system(s), controls, and any interconnection/electrical connection costs.

The installations costs include labor and material costs such as, but not limited to: labor costs, materials such as ductwork, piping, and wiring, project and construction management, engineering costs, commissioning costs, and other fees.

Measure costs will also include the present value of expected maintenance costs over the life of the CHP system.

**LOADSHAPE**

Use Custom Loadshape. The loadshape should be obtained from the actual CHP operation strategy, based on the On-Peak and Off-Peak Energy definitions specified in Table 3.3 of “Section 3.5 Electrical Loadshapes” of the TRM.

**COINCIDENCE FACTOR**

Custom coincidence factor will be used. Actual value based on the CHP operation strategy will be used.

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**Algorithm**

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**CALCULATION OF ENERGY SAVINGS**

**i) Conventional or Topping Cycle CHP Systems:**

**Step 1: (Calculating Total Annual Source Fuel Savings in Btus)**

The first step is to calculate the total annual source fuel savings associated with the CHP installation, in order to ensure the CHP project produces positive total annual source fuel savings (i.e. reduction in source Btus):

$$S_{\text{FuelCHP}} = \text{Annual fuel savings (Btu) associated with the use of a Conventional CHP system to generate the useful electricity output (kWh, converted to Btu) and useful thermal energy output (Btu) versus the use of the equivalent electricity generated and delivered by the local grid and the equivalent thermal energy provided by the onsite boiler/furnace.}$$

$$= (F_{\text{grid}} + F_{\text{thermalCHP}}) - F_{\text{total CHP}}$$

Where:

$$F_{\text{grid}} = \text{Annual fuel in Btu that would have been used to generate the useful electricity output of the CHP system if that useful electricity output was provided by the local utility grid.}$$

$$= E_{\text{CHP}} * H_{\text{grid}}$$

Where:

$$E_{\text{CHP}} = \text{Useful annual electricity output produced by the CHP system, defined as the annual electric energy output of the CHP system that is actually utilized to replace purchased electricity required to meet the requirements of the facility/process.}^{600}$$

$$= ( \text{CHP}_{\text{capacity}} * \text{Hours} ) - E_{\text{Parasitic}}$$

$$\text{CHP}_{\text{capacity}} = \text{CHP nameplate capacity}$$

$$= \text{Custom input}$$

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<sup>600</sup> For complex systems this value may be obtained from a CHP System design/financial analysis study.

Hours	= Annual operating hours of the system = Custom input
$E_{\text{parasitic}}$	= The electricity required to operate the CHP system that would otherwise not be required by the facility/process = Custom input
$H_{\text{grid}}$	= Heat rate of the grid in Btu/kWh, based on the average fossil heat rate for the EPA eGRID subregion, adjusted to take into account T&D losses.  For systems operating less than 6,500 hrs per year:  Use the Non-baseload heat rate provided by EPA eGRID for RFC West region for ComEd territory (including independent providers connected to RFC West), and SERC Midwest region for Ameren territory (including independent providers connected to SERC Midwest) <sup>601</sup> . Also include any line losses.  For systems operating more than 6,500 hrs per year:  Use the All Fossil Average heat rate provided by EPA eGRID for RFC West region for ComEd territory (including independent providers connected to RFC West), and SERC Midwest region for Ameren territory (including independent providers connected to SERC Midwest). Also include any line losses.
$F_{\text{thermalCHP}}$	= Annual fuel in Btu that would have been used on-site by a boiler/furnace to provide the useful thermal energy output of the CHP system. <sup>602</sup>  = $\text{CHP}_{\text{thermal}} / \text{Boiler}_{\text{eff}}$ (or $\text{CHP}_{\text{thermal}} / \text{Furnace}_{\text{eff}}$ )
$\text{CHP}_{\text{thermal}}$	= Useful annual thermal energy output from the CHP system, defined as the annual thermal energy output of the CHP system that is actually recovered and utilized in the facility/process.  = Custom input
$\text{Boiler}_{\text{eff}} / \text{Furnace}_{\text{eff}}$	= Efficiency of the on-site Boiler/Furnace that is displaced by the CHP system or if unknown, the baseline equipment value stated in the High Efficiency Boiler (Section 4.4.10) measure or High Efficiency Furnace (Section 4.4.11) measure in this TRM. .  = Custom input
$F_{\text{total CHP}}$	= Total fuel in Btus consumed by the CHP system = Custom input

**Step 2: (Savings Allocation to Program Administrators for Purposes of Assessing Compliance with Energy Savings Goals (Not for Use in Load Reduction Forecasting))**

<sup>601</sup> These values are subject to regular updates so should be reviewed regularly to ensure the current assumptions are correct. Refer to the latest EPA eGRID data. Current values, based on eGrid 2016 are:

- Non-Baseload RFC West: 10,539 Btu/kWh \* (1 + Line Losses)
- Non-Baseload SERC Midwest: 9,968 Btu/kWh \* (1 + Line Losses)
- All Fossil Average RFC West: 9,962 Btu/kWh \* (1 + Line Losses)
- All Fossil Average SERC Midwest: 9,996 Btu/kWh \* (1 + Line Losses)

<sup>602</sup> For complex systems this value may be obtained from a CHP System design/financial analysis study.

Savings claims are a function of the electric output of the CHP system ( $E_{CHP}$ ), the used thermal output of the CHP system ( $F_{thermalCHP}$ ), and the CHP system efficiency ( $CHP_{Eff}(HHV)$ ). The percentages of electric output and used thermal output that can be claimed also differ slightly depending on whether the project was included in both electric<sup>603</sup> and gas<sup>604</sup> Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS)<sup>605</sup> efficiency programs, only an electric EEPS program or only a gas EEPS program. The tables below provide the specific percentages of electric and/or thermal output that can be claimed under each of those three scenarios. These percentages apply only to cases in which natural gas is the fuel used by the CHP system. Saving estimates for systems using other fuels should be calculated on a custom basis. If the waste heat recovered from the CHP system is offsetting electric equipment, such as an absorption chiller offsetting an electric chiller, then the net change in electricity consumption associated with the electric equipment should be added to the allocated electric savings.

1) For systems participating in both electric EEPS and gas EEPS programs:

CHP Annual System Efficiency (HHV)	Allocated Electric Savings	Allocated Gas Savings
<b>60%</b>	65% of $E_{CHP}$ (kWh)	No gas savings
<b>&gt;60% to 65%</b>	65% of $E_{CHP}$ (kWh) + one percentage point increase for every one percentage point increase in CHP system efficiency (max 70% of $E_{CHP}$ in kWh)	No gas Savings
<b>&gt;65%</b>	70% of $E_{chp}$ (kWh)	2.5% of $F_{thermal}$ (Boiler Natural Gas offset by CHP thermal) for every one percentage point increase in CHP system efficiency above 65%.

Example: System with measured annual system efficiency (HHV) of 70%: Electric savings (kWh) = 70% of  $E_{CHP}$  measured over 12 months, and Gas savings (therms) = 12.5% of  $F_{thermal}$  measured over 12 months (70% - 65% = 5 X 2.5% = 12.5%)

2) For systems participating in only an electric EEPS program:

CHP Annual System Efficiency (HHV)	Allocated Electric Savings	Allocated Gas Savings
<b>60%</b>	65% of $E_{CHP}$ (useful electric output of CHP system in kWh)	No gas Savings
<b>Greater than 60%</b>	65% + one percentage point increase for every one percentage point increase in CHP system efficiency (no max)	No gas Savings

Example: System with measured annual fuel use efficiency of 75%: Electric savings (kWh) = 65% + 15% = 80% of  $E_{CHP}$  measured over 12 months (15% = 1% for every 1% increase in system efficiency). No gas savings (therms).

3) For systems participating in only a gas EEPS program:

<sup>603</sup> 220 ILCS 5/8-103; 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5B

<sup>604</sup> 220 ILCS 5/8-104

<sup>605</sup> As used in this measure characterization, EEPS programs are defined as those energy efficiency programs implemented pursuant to Sections 8-103, 8-104, and 16-111.5B of the Illinois Public Utilities Act. Technically, EEPS programs pertain to energy efficiency programs implemented pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/8-103 and 220 ILCS 5/8-104. However, for simplicity in presentation, this measure defines EEPS programs as also including those programs implemented pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5B (these programs are funded through the same energy efficiency riders established pursuant to Section 8-103).

CHP Annual System Efficiency (HHV)	Allocated Electric Savings	Allocated Gas Savings
<b>60% or greater</b>	No electric savings	2.5% of F <sub>thermal</sub> (Boiler Natural Gas offset by CHP thermal) for every one percentage point increase in CHP system efficiency above 60%.

Example: System with measured annual system efficiency (HHV) of 70%: No Electric savings (kWh). Gas savings (therms) = 25% of F<sub>thermal</sub> measured over 12 months (70% - 60% = 10 X 2.5% = 25%)

Conventional or topping cycle CHP systems virtually always require an increase in the use of fuel on-site in order to produce electricity. Different jurisdictions and experts across the country have employed and/or put forward a variety of approaches<sup>606</sup> to address how increased on-site fuel consumption should be reflected in the attribution of electric savings to CHP systems. The approach reflected in the tables above is generally consistent – for CHP systems consuming natural gas – with approaches recently put forward by the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP) and Institute for Industrial Productivity (IIP) that determine reduced electric savings based on the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide generated from the increased fuel used<sup>607</sup>.

There are a variety of ways one could treat the potential for gas utilities to claim savings from CHP projects in their EEPS portfolios. For projects in which a natural gas EEPS program is involved, the tables above treat savings from CHP installations in two steps: (1) a fuel-switch from electricity to natural gas (i.e. using more natural gas to eliminate the need to generate as much electricity on the grid); and (2) possible increases in CHP efficiency above a “benchmark” level. When both electric EEPS and natural gas EEPS programs are involved in a project, the program administrator claims all the electricity savings associated with a fuel-switch up to a “benchmark” 65% efficient CHP system. All the savings associated with increasing CHP efficiencies above that benchmark level are allocated to natural gas (e.g. if the CHP efficiency is 75%, the natural gas savings associated with an increase in CHP efficiency from 65% to 75% are allocated to natural gas). That is consistent with the notion that CHP efficiency typically increases primarily by increasing the use of the thermal output of the system (increasing the displacement of baseline gas use). For projects that involve only a natural gas EEPS program, the “benchmark” above which the gas utility can claim savings is lowered to 60%.

ii) **Waste-Heat-to-Power CHP Systems :**

**ELECTRIC ENERGY SAVINGS:**

$$\Delta kWh = E_{CHP}$$

Where:

<sup>606</sup> Approaches range from ignoring the increased gas use entirely (i.e., no “penalty”) to applying approximately 40-60% “penalties”, depending on the CHP efficiency and based on the equivalent grid kWh that the increased gas use represents.

<sup>607</sup> Consider, for example, a hypothetical CHP system that produces 5 million kWh annually, consumes 50 million kBtu of gas annual to generate that electricity (i.e. electric efficiency of approximately 34.8% HHV), reduces on-site gas use for space heating by 26 million kBtu of gas (i.e. equivalent to approximately 81.5% CHP thermal output utilization displacing gas used in a 70% efficient space heating boiler) and has a total annual CHP efficiency of 70.6% HHV. In this example, the net increase in on-site gas use is 24 million kBtu. At a carbon dioxide emission rate of 53.06 kg/MMBtu for burning natural gas, that translates to an increase in on-site carbon dioxide emissions of 1404 tons per year. At an estimated marginal emission rate of 1.098 tons of carbon dioxide per MWh in Illinois, that is equivalent to electric grid production of approximately 1.28 million kWh, or penalty of about 25.6% of the CHP system’s electrical output if a precise calculation of carbon equivalency was utilized to assign savings. In comparison, the simplified table above would entitle an electric utility to claim savings equal to 75.6% of the electric output (i.e. a penalty of 24.4% of electrical output) if it was the only utility promoting the system. In a gas and electric example, the electric savings claimed would be 70% of the production (a penalty of 30% of the CHP system’s electrical output) and 12.5% of the recovered thermal output, equivalent to 2.23 million kBtu. The difference between the electric only scenario and the electric and gas, on the electric side, is 5% of the electric output or 250,000 kWh, which would require 2.45 million kBtu input at an efficiency of 34.8% HHV.

$E_{CHP}$  = Useful annual electricity output produced by the CHP system, defined as the annual electric energy output of the CHP system that is actually utilized to replace purchased electricity required to meet the requirements of the facility/process.  
 = Custom input

**SUMMER COINCIDENT PEAK DEMAND SAVINGS**

$$\Delta kW = CF * CHP_{capacity}$$

Where:

CF = Summer Coincidence factor. This factor should also consider any displaced chiller capacity<sup>608</sup>  
 = Custom input  
 $CHP_{Capacity}$  = CHP nameplate capacity  
 = Custom input

**NATURAL GAS ENERGY SAVINGS:**

$$\Delta Therms = F_{thermalCHP} \div 100,000$$

Where:

$F_{thermalCHP}$  = Net savings in annual purchased fuel in Btu, if any, that would have been used on-site by a boiler/furnace to provide some or all of the useful thermal energy output of the CHP system<sup>609</sup>.  
 100,000 = Conversion factor for Btu to therms

**WATER IMPACT DESCRIPTIONS AND CALCULATION**

N/A

**DEEMED O&M COST ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION**

Custom estimates of maintenance costs that will be incurred for the life of the measure will be used. Maintenance costs vary with type and size of the prime mover. These costs include, but are not limited to:

- Maintenance labor
- Engine parts and materials such as oil filters, air filters, spark plugs, gaskets, valves, piston rings, electronic components, etc. and consumables such as oil
- Minor and major overhauls

For screening purposes, the US EPA has published resource guides that provide average maintenance costs based on CHP technology and system size<sup>610</sup>.

<sup>608</sup> If some or all of the existing electric chiller peak demand is no longer needed due to new waste heat powered chillers (e.g., absorption), the coincidence factor should be adjusted appropriately.

<sup>609</sup> In most cases, it is expected that waste-heat-to-power systems will not provide any new net useful thermal energy output, since the CHP system will be driven by thermal energy that was otherwise being wasted. If additional natural gas or other purchased energy is used onsite, it should be properly accounted for.

<sup>610</sup> “EPA Combined Heat and Power Partnership Resources” Oct 07, 2014, in the document “Catalog of CHP Technologies”, US EPA, September 2017, pages 2-16,, 3-14, 4-14, 5-14, and 6-16.

**COST-EFFECTIVENESS SCREENING AND LOAD REDUCTION FORECASTING**

For the purposes of forecasting load reductions due to CHP projects, changes in site energy use at the customer’s meter – reduced consumption of utility provided electricity – adjusted for utility line losses (at-the-busbar savings), customer switching estimates, NTG, and any other adjustment factors deemed appropriate, should be used.

For the purposes of screening a CHP measure application for cost-effectiveness, changes in site energy use – reduced consumption of utility provided electricity and the net change in consumption of fuel – should be used. In general, the benefit and cost components used in evaluating the cost-effectiveness of a CHP project would include at least the following terms:

Benefits:  $E_{CHP} + \Delta kW + F_{thermal\_CHP}$

Costs:  $F_{total\_CHP} + CHP_{COSTS} + O\&M_{COSTS}$

Where:

$CHP_{COSTS}$  = CHP equipment and installation costs as defined in the “Deemed Measure Costs” section

$O\&M_{COSTS}$  = CHP operations and maintenance costs as defined in the “Deemed O&M Cost Adjustment Calculation” section

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