Dear working group members,

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting on April 6th. We had a good turn out and a good discussion on the direction of HPXML. The meeting was recorded, so if anyone would like a copy of the recording, let me know and I will forward the file.

Below is a summary of what was discussed and next steps.

**Next version release**

The next minor version release (v2.2) of HPXML will be on May 14th. Noel Merket (NREL) will be following up with several people to provide input into open issues. As always, feel free to add your thoughts on recommended changes to HPXML on [GitHub](https://github.com/hpxmlwg/hpxml).

**HPXML Roadmap**

The Home Performance Coalition (HPC) has funding to write a data standards roadmap that will communicate to industry stakeholders the vision of HPXML and the high-level activities needed to achieve that vision. The roadmap comes at a crucial stage in the development of the standard. HPXML will be meaningful only if it is widely adopted. Since we haven’t seen the level of uptake we had initially hoped for, this will be an important opportunity to speak with stakeholders that have not adopted the standard to determine the value proposition (business case) of HPXML and how it should be effectively communicated to stakeholders to increase its adoption.

**Action Items:**

April 22nd – I will be convening a steering committee made up of WG-5 members to provide direction and input into the scope of and process for completing the roadmap

May 6th – Complete outline of roadmap. Several areas of focus that came from working group members include:

* **Clearly define and communicate the value proposition of HPXML to utilities and other stakeholders to encourage broad-based adoption**. Presumably “value” will be defined around a specific solution or economic opportunity HPXML provides to stakeholders. A few opportunities identified include:
  + Ability for programs to send evaluators a high quality dataset
  + Enabling manufacturers to send data from products to software
  + Standardizing required data for utility rebate programs
  + Coordinating with PAYS and on-bill financing
* **Restructure HPXML to allow software developers to specify measures better**. This issue will likely need to be resolved in version 3.0 because it will require breaking changes. I will be following up with developers to better understand the issue and potential solution.
* **Engage the authors of Technical Resource Manuals (TRM) to facilitate alignment between program evaluation data requirements and HPXML**

**Roadmap Timeline**

* Circulate draft roadmap to all working group members for comment by June 1st
* Convene working group meeting in mid-June to discuss comments
* Publish final draft of roadmap by June 30th