# **On-Bill Repayment**

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### **On-Bill Repayment: EDF Proposal**

- •Private financing for qualifying energy efficiency / renewables projects
- •Repayment made through monthly utility bill
- •Commercial lenders well equipped to underwrite and fund loans
- Projects originated by contractors
- •Projects could be required to produce net monthly savings
- •PUCs likely require lender to piggyback utility shutoff procedures

## **EDF Recommendations for OBR**

- Program should be flexible enough to accommodate variety of contractor and financial business models
- Third-Party servicer would process payments
- Scale and standardization can reduce costs
- Utilities should be adequately compensated for services provided
- Subsidies can be considered to cover underserved markets

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### **Significant Program Flexibility**

Maximize Program Flexibility with a Range of Eligible Property Types, Transaction Structures, and Projects

#### **Property Types**

- Single Family
- Multi Family
- Small Business
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Public

#### **Transaction Structures**

- Loans
- Leases
- Energy Service Agreements (ESAs)

#### **Projects**

- Retrofits
- Renewables / CHP
- Energy Star Appliances

### **Benefits of OBR**

- No direct costs to taxpayers or ratepayers
- Creates jobs
- Reduces emissions of pollutants
- · Provides low cost of capital to consumer
- Beneficial to ratepayers through avoided cost of new generation capacity and reduced use of higher cost generation
- Beneficial to utility shareholders through payments for billing services and improved performance of utility EE programs

EDF estimates that a statewide OBR program in California could generate annual investment of *\$2.7 billion* in residential EE and renewable projects, create *20,000 installation jobs* and, after 5 years, reduce annual CO2 emissions by *7 million tons* 

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## Where we are in California Today

- Existing OBF Program
- The California PUC passed a decision in May requiring the state's IOUs to implement commercial OBR, in addition to the continuation of existing SMB OBF program
- 40 entities, including non-profits and private companies, have written letters in support of statewide OBR legislation, on behalf of EDF
- Potential Pilot Project with Municipal Utility
- 2013: EDF expects to pass legislation that enables OBR for all customers

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