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M.P.S.C.: ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS EXCEED TARGETS: The Michigan Public Service Commission issued its annual report this week detailing the savings achieved with the energy optimization programs established in Public Act 295 of 2008.

The 2010 EO program achieved savings for electric utilities at 148 percent of the target. For natural gas utilities it was at 143 percent of the target.

"The energy efficiency programs offered by Michigan's electric and natural gas utilities are exceeding expectations," commission chairman John Quackenbush said in a statement. "The MPSC encourages customers to check with their utilities periodically to find out what is available to them, as programs change from time to time."