

Building Owners and Managers Association of British Columbia

# The BOMA BC Building Tune-up Program

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## **Tune-up Program Overview**

- ✓ Building Recommissioning (RCx) program to achieve low-cost energy and emissions savings
- ✓ Targeting B & C class office building and shopping centres
- ✓ Free RCx assessment, \$3,000 towards implementation of recommendations
- ✓ Traditional and analytics-based delivery options

## Recommissioning – a Refresher

- □ Commissioning "A quality-oriented process for achieving, verifying, and documenting that the performance of facilities, systems and assemblies meets defined objectives and criteria" (ASHRAE Guideline 0-2005)
- Re-commissioning, Retro-commissioning, Existing Building Commissioning, Energy Audit?



## Recommissioning – a Refresher

#### RCx in common practice:

- An energy audit focused on optimizing the control of existing systems, through targeted maintenance, DDC programming changes or minor upgrades
- Improving occupant comfort and resolving operating issues are also considered
- Energy conservation measures (ECM)/Facility Improvement Measures (FIM) are assessed with costs, savings, and paybacks, and summarized in a report
- Larger beneficial upgrades are flagged for further investigation



Why isn't my building running perfectly

already?

- Physical wear and tear
- Renovations and upgrades creating conflicts
- Underlying mechanical issues
- Sub-optimal existing BMS operating sequences
- BMS changes and overrides



# Recommissioning – a Refresher

#### Investigation

RCx provider conducts building audit

Investigation report provided with ECMs/FIMs

BAS contractor provides quotation



**BAS** Contractor implements changes

RCx provider provides technical support

#### Verification

RCx provider reviews implemented changes

Final report provided with validation data

Operator training session conducted



## **Analytics, Fault Detection Software Overview**



Building Systems Data





**Cloud-based Analysis** 



Web-based Dashboards

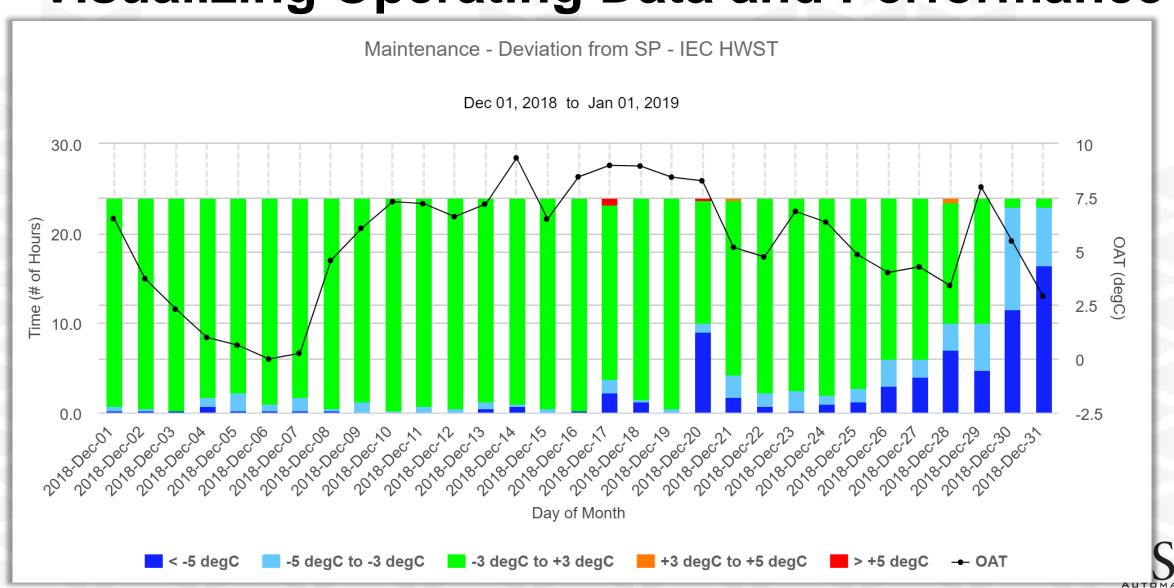


# Semi-automating the RCx Investigation

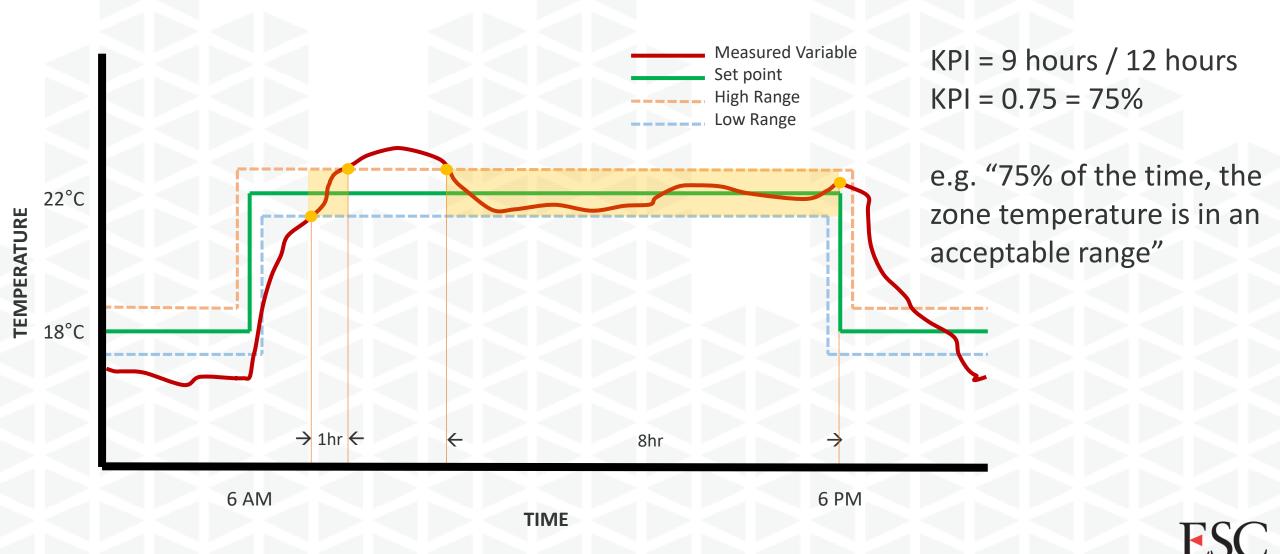
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## Visualizing Operating Data and Performance



## Calculating Setpoint Control Performance



# **Aggregate System and Building KPIs**

Jul 01, 2018 to Aug 01, 2018

#### Statistics:

Key Performance Indicator (KPI) is calculated hourly and averaged over the specified date range

**KPI Target:** 

Greater Than: 80

100% of

Performance Goal

Systems meet

**KPI** Target

Total Number of Systems:

287

System(s) above KPI Target:

227

System(s) below KPI Target:

60

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#### **Performance Index**

Percentage of systems working above the KPI

Target

Highest KPI:

100

Lowest KPI:

0

Average KPI:

85

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CP23003 DTBZ86 0A303

DTBZ19 0A209

DTBZ20 0A301

DTBZ23\_0A320

#### System(s) with the Lowest KPI:

List of system(s) with the lowest KPI score(s):



## **Analytics Pros and Cons**

#### Pros

- More issues uncovered in investigation (a lot of hidden maintenance items)
- More data and information = better analysis and savings estimates
- Can streamline the maintenance process
- Provides a means of ensuring savings persist over time

#### Cons

- Additional upfront and ongoing cost
- Requires a relatively high level of technical expertise to use effectively
- Requires ongoing training or technical support
- Internal processes need to be developed and/or refined



## **RCx Findings**

#### 1. Resolve Maintenance Issues

- Short-cycling, setpoint hunting
- Equipment not responding to BMS commands
- Failed actuators, dampers, compressors, fans
- Calibration issues

#### 2. Reduce Equipment Run-Times

- Revise operating schedules
- Implement/tune optimal start/stop control
- Implement/tune unoccupied setback control





## **RCx Findings**

#### 2. Reduce Equipment Run-Times

Optimize System and Plant on/off control (operate based on demand)

## 3. Reduce Equipment Loads/Optimize Operating Efficiency

- Adjust space temperature setpoints
- Optimize zone airflow control
- Optimize ventilation air control
- Implement/tune pressure and temperature resets
- Optimize plant equipment staging



## **RCx Typical Results**

#### BC Hydro C-Op, 10 Years of RCx:

- Medium office (~75,000 ft²) 10% energy savings, \$0.32/ft2 cost, 2.3 year payback
- □ Large office (~240,000 ft²) 7% energy savings, \$0.28/ft2, 2.2 year payback
- □ Shopping centre (~375,000 ft2) 2.4% energy savings, \$0.08/ft2, 1.4 year payback

## 1<sup>st</sup> BOMA Tune-up Building

Medium office (~95,000 ft²) − 10% energy savings, \$0.09/ft2 cost before incentive, ~6 month payback, traditional approach

## The Tune-up Program Offer

#### What's covered:

- ✓ FREE Investigation & Verification phases
- √ \$3,000 towards Implementation phase
- ✓ Operator training 4 hour session

#### What isn't:

- ✓ Remaining Implementation cost (~\$0.1-0.2/ft²)
- ✓ Analytics software: \$5,300 for 1000 trend setup and 1<sup>st</sup> year license (renews at \$2,400/year)



## The Tune-up Program Offer

#### What is required from you:

- ✓ BMS/DDC remote access and shop drawings, mechanical drawings
- At least 12 months of utility data
- ✓ A few hours of operator support time

#### Process:

- ✓ Analytics software setup ~1 month
- ✓ Investigation Phase ~2 months
- ✓ Implementation Phase varies but 2-3 months typical
- ✓ Verification Phase <1 month
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## The Tune-up Program Offer

### Eligibility:

- ✓ BOMA BC Membership!
- √ ~>75,000 ft² B/C class building, at least 5 years old
- ✓ DDC system controlling major equipment (and preferably zone equipment)
- Preventative maintenance program in place with at least an annual cycle

Room for 6-7 more buildings under current pilot!



## **How to Enroll**



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www.boma.bc.ca/green-buildings/building-tune-up-program/

