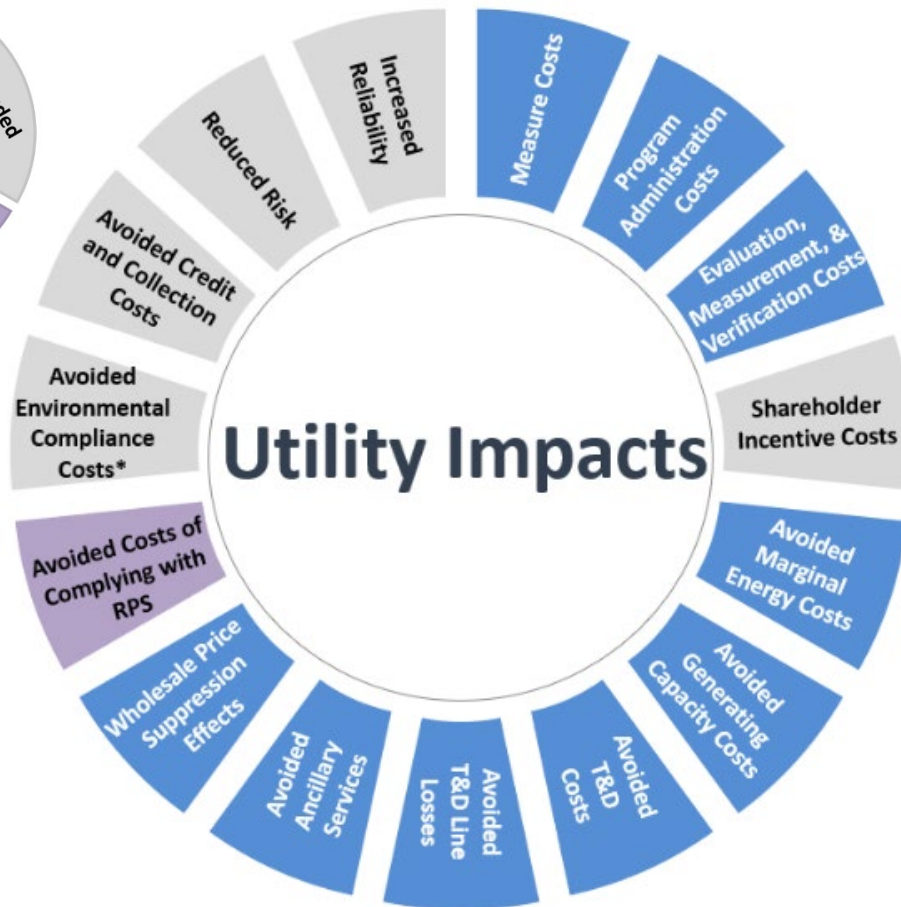
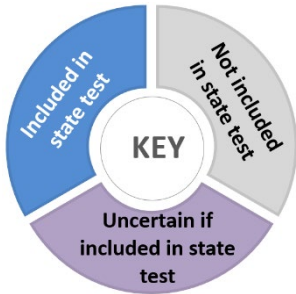


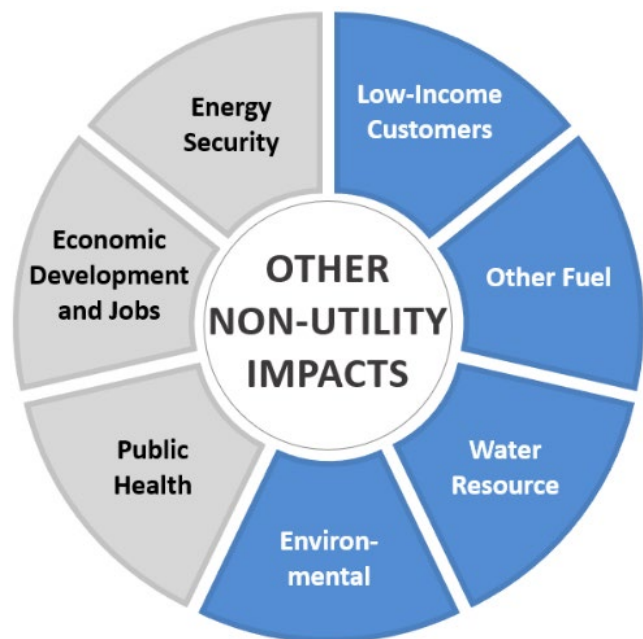
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Are the impacts you care about reflected in your cost-effectiveness tests?



Does your state's cost-effectiveness test account for the full range of utility system impacts? Does the test account for non-utility impacts that align with applicable energy policies? Some states are answering these questions using the *National Standard Practice Manual* framework. See case studies [here](#).

What can you do to improve your state's energy efficiency/DER cost-effectiveness tests? See our guide on legislative language [here](#).



*Although "Avoided Environmental Compliance Costs" is one category in the DESP, some jurisdictions and benefit-cost analysis models further detail this category. If the category is gray, your state does not account for any such impacts. If the category is blue, your state accounts for at least one impact in this category.

Use the [Database of State Efficiency Screening Practices \(DESP\)](#) to view state energy efficiency cost-effectiveness testing practices and guidance documents.