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**Percent of Energy Cost Savings**:

Percentage of energy cost savings in dollars that is attributable to one or more of the fuel types used in the project. This input is used to weight the escalation rate.

**Location:**

Select ZIP code in which the project is located allows the program to select the associated energy price escalation rates (by Census Region) and CO2 pricing and emission rates (currently by State).

**Sector:**

Selection of commercial sector or industrial sector determines the escalation rate schedule applied to the energy cost calculation.

**Start Date:**

Date (year) when energy savings start to accrue, which is usually after project acceptance at the beginning of performance period.

**Duration:**

Number of years of the performance period for which the average escalation rate will be calculated.

**Carbon Pricing Policy:**

Determines the carbon pricing scenario to assume:

* No Carbon Price assumes that no carbon policy is enacted (status quo)
* Medium assumes carbon prices based on implementation from recent climate change bill (*American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009: H.R. 2454)* is enacted
* Low assumes a carbon policy is implemented that is less restrictive than the Medium policy option on offsets and low carbon energy sources
* High assumes significant restrictions relative to the Medium policy option on offsets and low carbon energy sources

**Annual Inflation Rate:**

The general rate of inflation for the nominal discount rate calculation. The default rate of inflation is the long-term inflation rate calculated annually by DOE/FEMP using the method described in 10 CFR 436 without consideration of the 3.0 % floor for the real discount rate.

**Real Escalation Rate:** The calculated average escalation rate in real terms (excluding the rate of inflation). Estimated using the energy prices for the sector, fuel mix, and location.

**Nominal Escalation Rate:** The calculated average escalation rate in nominal terms (including the rate of inflation). Calculated using the real escalation rate and input inflation rate.