



Technical Interpretation

Standard: [BPI-2400-S-2015 v.2 Standard Practice for Standardized Qualification of Whole-House Energy Savings Predictions by Calibration to Energy Use History](#)

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Paragraph/Figure/Table: Sections 3.2.3.A. and 3.3.2.E

Subject: Handling Undefined Results due to Division by Zero

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DM-STC technical interpretation regarding division by zero in calculation of bias error

Sections 3.2.3.A. and 3.3.2.E of the BPI-2400 standard require the calculation of Bias Error for each end use represented by equations 3.2.3.A.i and 3.3.2.A.i. These equations include a quotient and therefore can produce an undefined result when the denominator is zero. When the numerator and denominator of the quotient are both zero, then a value of zero shall be used for the quotient. When the numerator is non-zero and the denominator is zero, then a value of 1 shall be used for the quotient and the final value calculation for the bias error shall be 100. The HPXML BPI-2400 Bias Error fields use fractional values, so a Bias Error of 100 should be represented as 1 for users of BPI-2100 Home Performance Related Data Transfer (the HPXML standard).

$$BE = \frac{(x_i - \bar{x}_i)}{NAC} \times 100 \text{ Eqn 3.2.3.A.i}$$

$$BE = \frac{(NAXU - \bar{x}_i)}{NAXU} \times 100 \text{ Eqn 3.3.2.A.i}$$