The Power to Make a Difference

ENERGY STAR® Partners Meeting
Denver, CO
PPL Electric Utilities at a glance

- 1.4 million customers
- 2,200 employees
- 50,000 miles of power lines
- 1 million poles, towers
- 10,000 square-mile service territory
What we believe

- Electric choice is good for customers.
- Efficiency matters.
- Information is key.
- Customers have the power to manage electricity use.
Consumer is Key: Increasing Awareness.

- Lessons learned.

- Selling the benefits.

- Barriers to increased market share at the retail level.

- Pilot for 200 PPL Electric Utilities residential customers.

- Pre-order during the months of October and November 2009.

- All installations had to be completed by December 15, 2009.
What was needed to make this work

- Agreement between GE and ??? – chain of custody.
- Product delivered on time.
- Contractors agreeing to participate in the project AND being trained.
- Advertising.
- Call center ready to answer questions about a product that no one had seen.
The story’s lead performer
Starring role – our customers

- Over 350 inquiries.

- 166 customers chose to participate.
  - Two needed a water heater.
  - The remainder wanted to try this new technology.

- Early adopters.
Supporting roles

- Contractors
- Customers
- GE
- Call Center
Customer Satisfaction Survey – Results

Mail survey sent on March 15, 2010 and close date of April 2, 2010.

- Survey focused on:
  - Overall Satisfaction with:
    - Different Features
    - Different Modes
    - Overall Performance
    - Energy Savings
  - Perceived Importance of Features
  - Likelihood to Recommend
  - Desired features
  - Problem Areas
Customer Satisfaction Survey – Results

- 121 completed the survey (73% participation rate)

- High response rate for a mail survey --- may be indicative of the high interest level with this unit
9 out of 10 replaced an electric unit

Note that the size varied on the units replaced with 3 out of 10 being *more than 50 gallon tanks*

Q11. *When you installed this unit, what type of water heater did it replace?*

Q12. *What size water heater did you previously have at this location before you installed the GE electric hybrid water heater unit?*
Location of unit

Almost 9 out of 10 put the unit in their basement

Q13. Where is your GE electric hybrid water heater located?
Satisfaction with control panel

Electronic Control panel had high scores for satisfaction – 84% Top Box

“Easy to use panel.”

“I think there is a lot of flexibility with options you can choose.”

- Of those who rated satisfaction, the scores are:
  - Bottom 3 0%
  - Middle 4 16%
  - Top 3 84%

Q4g. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following attributes of your new water heater:
Q5. When you think of the following features on this GE electric hybrid water heater, please rate the importance of each of these features. 1=No Importance, 5=Average, 10=Extremely Important
- Nearly 88% had their expectations met or better
- Of those who did not, there were some performance problems – particularly in Hybrid mode

Q17. Finally, overall would you say that the GE electric hybrid unit has:
Likelihood to recommend

- Reasons to Recommend
  - Saves energy
    “Our electric usage has been reduced by 9 kilowatt hours per day. This is a considerable amount.”
  - Saves money
    “I would recommend it because of the long-term cost savings.”
- Almost 95% were very likely or somewhat likely to recommend.

Q9. How likely are you to recommend the GE electric hybrid water heater to your friends or family?
Likelihood to recommend -- comments

- “Has shown to save electricity. Technology maker sense.”
- “Our energy savings are wonderful. It is very easy to use. I also like that the unit which is located in my laundry room helps dry my hanging clothes.”
- “Quality of the unit, ease of operation, obviously cost savings. In addition could shut off my dehumidifier because of heat pump.”
What did customers like best

- “Energy savings and ability to set to vacation/temp.”

- “It has been working dependably (so far). It has been providing hot water, upon demand, just like I want it to.”

- “Modern - Energy Savings”

- “Potential for saving energy and reduce operating costs.”
What did customers like least

- “We do not have heat in the basement and had to run on electric from Jan

- “The noise with fan is running - if in finished lower level - will need air for circulation sound proofing around unit.”

- “Initial cost was very high (compared to conventional electric water heaters).”

- “Blows cold air - makes basement cold in winter.”
A Happy Ending to our Story

- Lessons learned.
- Selling the benefits
- Barriers to increased market share at the retail level.
Customer Information

Bill Center
Welcome JOHN SMITH! Today is Wednesday, November 19, 2008.

Account Summary
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Account status as of 11/19/2008
Last Payment $124.35
Received 11/6/2008 - Thank you!

Account balance $188.56

Bill Summary ending 11/14/2008
Previous balance $0.00
Total current charges $188.56
Amount Due 12/5/2008 $188.56

Bill Highlights
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- The weather increased your bill by $62 - $103.
- Your energy charges were $64.21 higher for this bill.
- Your electric usage increased for this bill.

How does my home use energy?
4938 ANCINETTA DR

Electricity Costs 10/16/2008 through 11/14/2008

- Heating $98
- Hot Water $37
- Cooking $14
- Other $14
- Food Storage $14
- Lighting $11

Electricity

Control my costs!
Heating is your highest energy expense. Click Find ways to save to get specific recommendations for reducing your energy costs.

How does my home compare?
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Electricity Costs 10/16/2008 through 11/14/2008

$252 Avg Home
$189 My Home
E-power on the Web

Energy efficiency programs with rebates, incentives and tools that can make a difference in your home or business.

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Questions

Thank you

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