An Energy Retailer's Perspective on Smart Grid

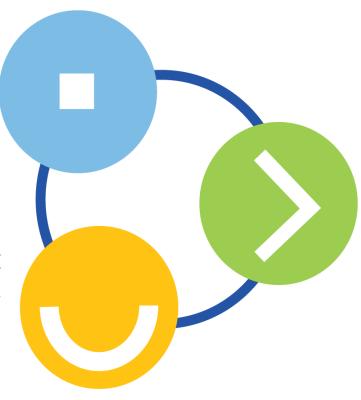
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Introduction

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Energy.

» Subsidiary of Centrica, a leading integrated energy company, and member of the FTSE 100

» North America's largest competitive retail energy provider with 25% market share

» Largest network of home services technicians in North America

	Power (Customers)	Gas (Customers)
Texas	800,000	N/A
US Northeast	700,000	700,000
Canada	400,000	950,000
Total	1,900,000	1,600,000



What do retailers think about when we think about Smart Grid?



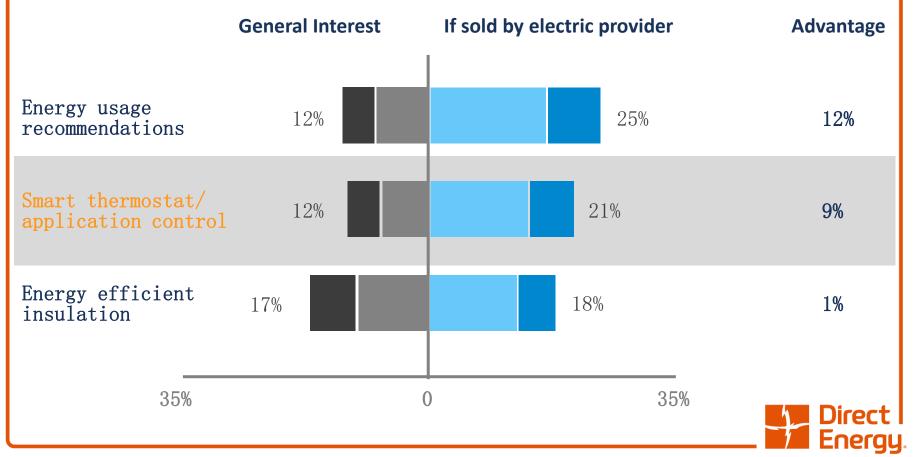
1. Customer value



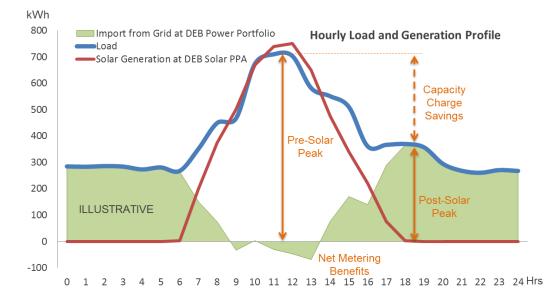
Customers look to us

the following products and services in the next 12 months.

Q: Please choose your level of interest in buying Q: How likely are you to buy the following products and services in the next 12 months if they are offered by you current electric company?

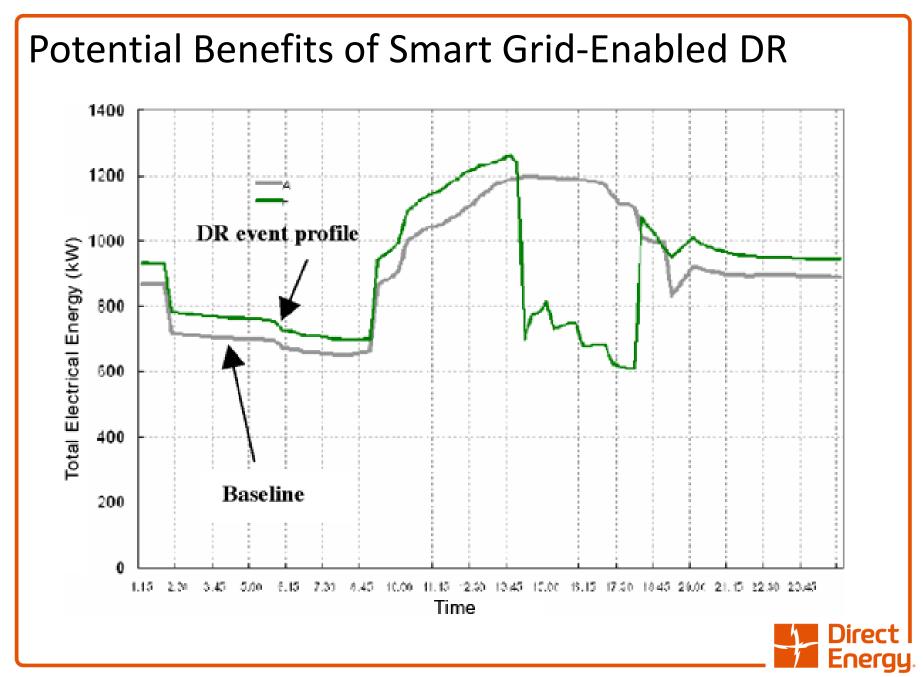


Potential Benefits of Smart Grid-Enabled Solar



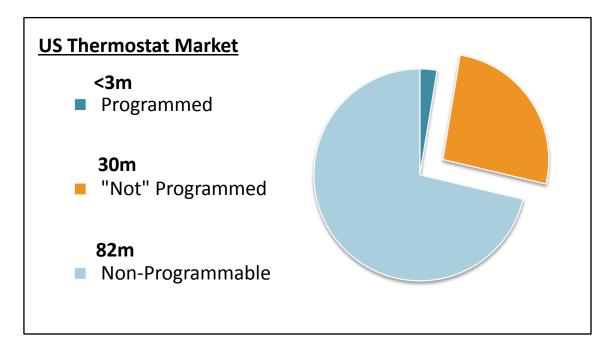
- Off-take arrangements at attractive pricing levels (relative to the utility's all-in power cost)
- Long term price certainty against increasing energy and transmission costs
- An energy source that follows peak demand profile, reducing capacity charges and avoiding on-peak prices
- Potential source of additional revenue from net-metering
- Insulation against regulatory change in retail energy markets
- Alignment with corporate responsibility goals and targets
- Green marketing benefits





Smart Thermostat is a new consumer-driven market

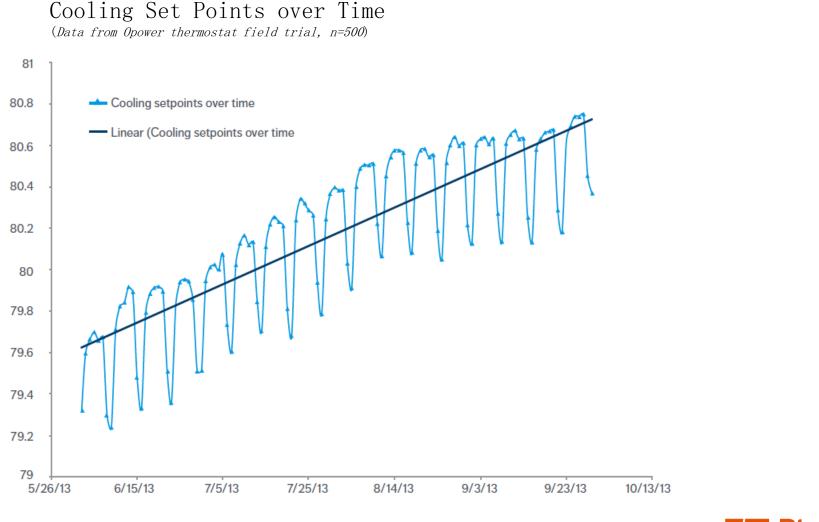
30m US Homes with Programmable Thermostats that are "Not" programmed ...



Source: DOE and DE Innovation Research



Engagement leads to Savings over time





2. Shareholder value



Innovation Focus

Engagement Drivers – Retention and cross-sell

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- Weekly Energy Email
- Web Portal
- Mobile Web/App

Innovation Mandate

Choice

Drivers – Product differentiation, customer satisfaction, Off-peak



- Free Power Day
- Free Power Saturday
- Prepay

Control

Drivers – Innovation and expansion into new markets



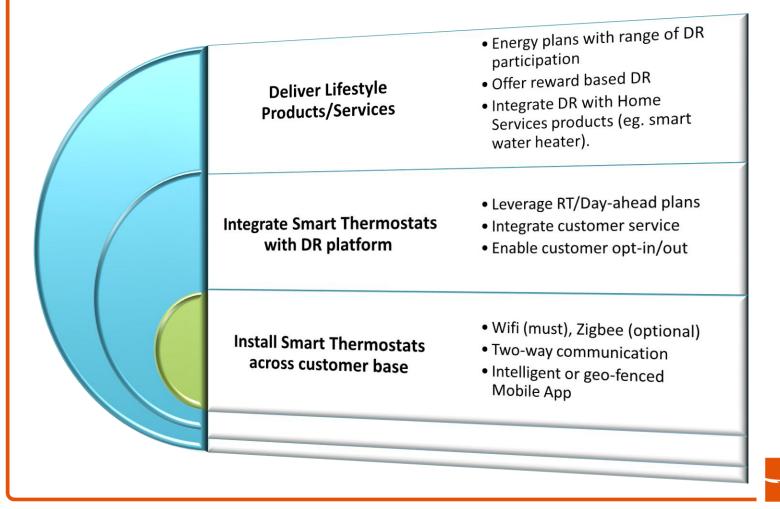
- Smart Thermostats
- Connected Home
- DR, Solar and EV
- Advance DE's innovative service offerings at an entrepreneurial pace
- End-to-end offer development and commercialization (Strategy, Tech, Marketing and Ops)
- Develop leading edge products that consumers chose and would recommend



DE Residential DR Road Map

Residential DR begins with DER/DES scaling an inter-operable smart thermostat platform.

- ✓ Wifi enabled Tstats expand base of eligible homes with two-way communication.
- ✓ Smart Tstats with learning capability improve customer profile and shrink DR opportunity.



3. A level playing field



What looks level to us

- Clear delineation of roles and responsibilities
 - Utilities do infrastructure
 - Retailers do products and services
- Equal access to customer data
- Standardized data exchange
- Equivalency of billing options



Other issues

- Proper alignment of incentives in commercial market
- Can you have a Smart Grid without smart meters?

