

# SMART THERMOSTATS – WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE HEADED

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# **Utility Overview**

#### Electric only distribution utility

3.85 million customers (70% of Illinois Population)
Single-family = ~1.9 million
Multi-family = ~1 million







# **Energy Efficiency Portfolio**

- Part of Illinois energy legislation passed in 2007
- Ratepayer funded
- Currently in Program Year 8: June 1, 2015 May 31, 2016

# Assessments Rebates Discounts Recycling Smart ideas ComEd\* Energy Efficiency Program

#### **Business Savings**

Small Business
Standard and Custom
New Construction
Mid-stream Lighting
Retro-commissioning
Industrial Systems





# Why are we here?

As we look toward the future, we see and anticipate a significant disruption to our 130-year old industry. Three trends in what customers want are driving that disruption.

Growing Environmental Concerns

Changing Consumer Demands & Increasing Digitization

Technological Advances





#### **The Energy Future our Customers Want**

Clean, lean, custom, reliable, resilient, and secure, while retaining the foundational policy goals of the electric system: accessible, affordable, and fair





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# Why Smart Thermostats?

Wasted Energy Study

"Cooling has the greatest opportunities to reduce behavioral waste, which accounts for 38% of current usage, mainly by increasing temperature setpoints."

- Additional savings beyond programmable, without sacrificing comfort
- Shifting Demographics = a fundamentally different customer
- Customers want more control and to save money
- Entry point for the "Smart Energy Home" concept
- Creates more opportunities for customers to participate in demand response and energy efficiency programs





# **Demand Response**

- Pilot Phase 1 = June 1, 2014 May 31, 2015
- Pilot Phase 2 = June 1, 2015 May 31, 2016



- •3,250 customers signed up for ComEd's Nest Thermostat Pilot from during each pilot phase. Customers who signed up received a \$100 sign up rebate per thermostat registered plus a \$40 curtailment rebate for agreeing to participate in curtailment events during the summer.
- Goals
  - Determine the cost effectiveness of future demand response and energy efficiency applications
  - Quantify demand (kW) and energy (kWh) savings





# **Energy Efficiency - Where are we now?**

- Group effort with regular meetings since March 2015 to develop ways to advance smart thermostat adoption in Northern Illinois
  - Utilities: ComEd, Peoples Gas / North Shore Gas, Nicor Gas
  - Stakeholders: ELPC, CUB
  - Additional Members: CLEAResult, ICC, DCEO, Franklin Energy
  - Manufacturers: Nest Labs, Ecobee, Honeywell, Schneider Electric

#### • Goals

- 1. Set definitions and requirements for smart thermostats
- 2. Incorporate energy savings into the Illinois Technical Reference Manual ("TRM")
- 3. Identify the best utility energy efficiency offering distribution channels



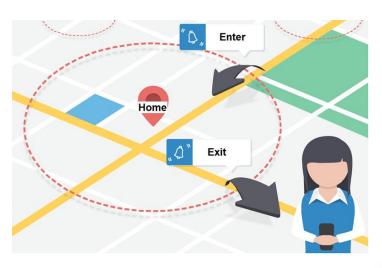


# **Energy Efficiency - Where are we now?**

#### **Smart Thermostat Requirements**

- Wi-Fi enabled and controllable through a remote device.
- Connected to continuous 24 volt power supply source (through common wire or adapter).
- Incorporates occupancy based controls.
- Compatible with multi-stage heating and cooling units.
- Two year product warranty.



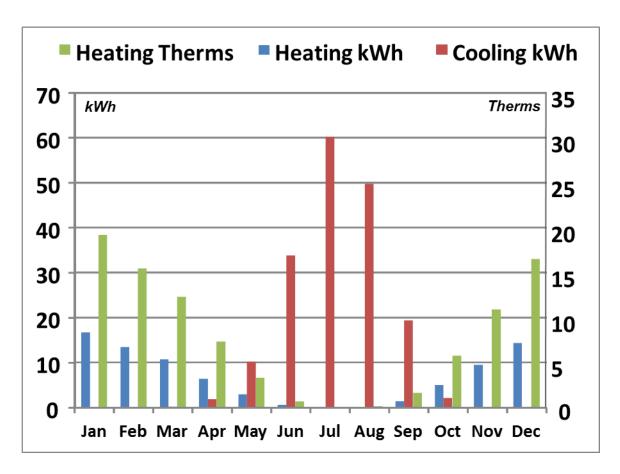






# **Smart Thermostat Energy Savings**

#### From Illinois TRM 5.0:



Total Annual Smart Thermostat Energy Savings

**Heating Therms: 88.4** 

Heating kWh: 81.3 Cooling kWh: 177.7

\*Single-family home with central AC and natural gas furnace





# **Energy Efficiency - Target Customers**

#### **Residential Customers**

- Single Family Homeowners
- Condo & Townhome Owners
- 2-flat Owners (Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas Territory)
- 2-, 3-, 4-flat Owners (Nicor Gas Territory)

#### **Equipment**

- Central air conditioner and furnace
- Electric resistance heating (with or without a central air conditioner)
- Electric heat pump





# **Energy Efficiency - Where are we now?**





#### THREE WAYS TO GET YOUR SMART THERMOSTAT

ComEd Smart Ideas® Energy Efficiency Program offers rebates and discounts on smart thermostats.\*

SMART THERMOSTATS	
Self-installed	ecobee3, Nest Learning Thermostat
Purchase and install your qualifying smart thermostat and receive a \$100 rebate from ComEd.	\$100 rebate
Contractor-installed	ecobee3, Honeywell Lyric, Nest Learning Thermostat \$125 rebate
Use a professional contractor to install your qualifying smart thermostat and receive a \$125 rebate from ComEd.	
Utility-installed	ecobee3 \$150 discounted price
Receive a smart thermostat at the discounted price of \$150, including free installation during your Home Energy Assessment.	

\*Some restrictions may apply

Additional rebates may be available from Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas. Visit gas utility websites for details.

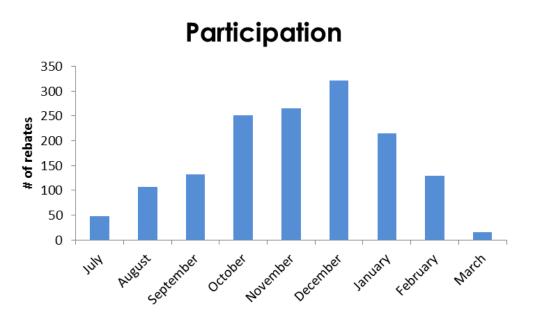
For more information call 855-433-2700 or visit ComEd.com/Rebates or ComEd.com/Assessment

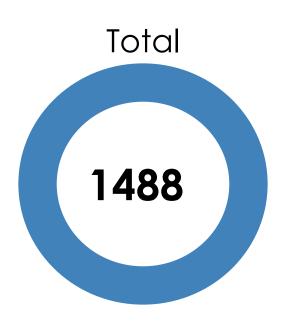




# **Energy Efficiency - "Contractor-installed"**

- •Launched 7/6/2015
- •\$125 rebate
- Nest Learning Thermostat, ecobee3, Honeywell Lyric
- Lessons learned to date



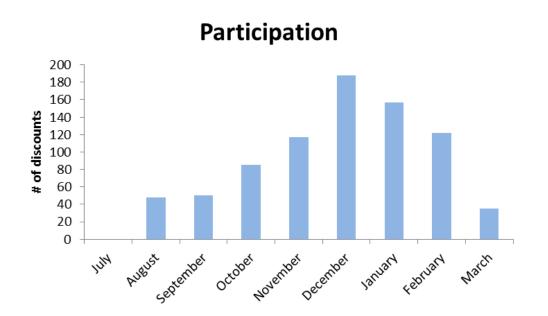




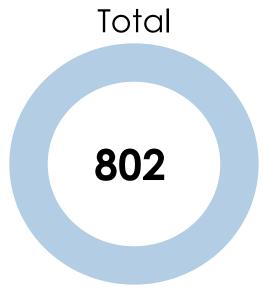


# **Energy Efficiency - "Utility Installed"**

- Launched 8/3/2015
- •\$100 discount (\$150 customer co-pay)
- ecobee3 only
- Free Installation







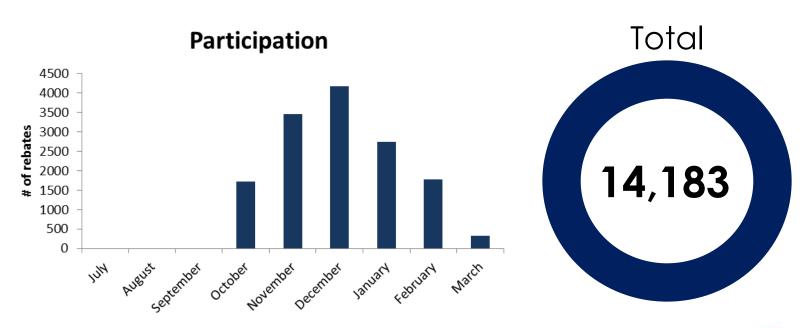




# **Energy Efficiency - "Self-Installed"**

- Launched 10/5/2015
- \$100 rebate
- Nest Learning Thermostat, ecobee3

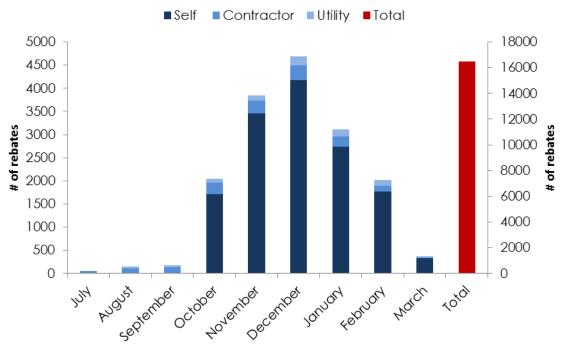


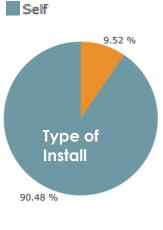




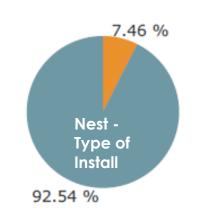


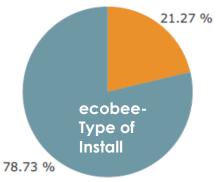
# **Energy Efficiency - Participation**





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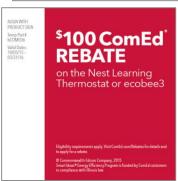
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# Marketing – Nest













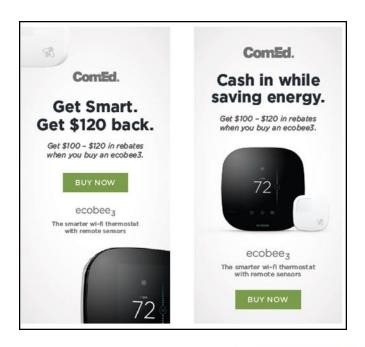




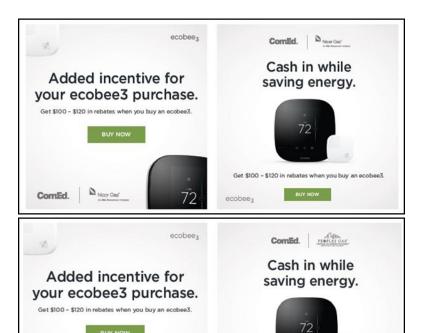


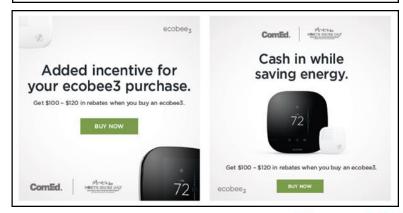


# Marketing - ecobee









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Get \$100 - \$120 in rebates when you buy an ecobee3.

# **Utility of the Future Customer Strategy**

Build upon our investments to deliver value, in a agile way, for all of our customers bringing them choice, control and customization.

Innovation Pipeline







NON-EXHAUSTIVE

Voice of the Customer and Employee

#### Strategic Assets & Capabilities



Advanced Grid and Smart Meter Infrastructure



Business Intelligence and Data Analytics

Comcast

xfinity.



Enhanced Digital Channels

#### Programs & Pilots











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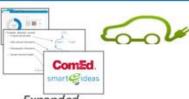












Expanded Energy Platform





# **Energy Efficiency – Where we're headed**

- Leverage existing partnerships (Opower, Nest, ecobee etc.)
  - Analytics and segmentation
- Test/pilot alternative program design strategies
  - Retail "opt-in" model
- Evaluate and test new products
- Inclusion of measure in IL TRM Program Year 9 and beyond
- Synchronizing product eligibility with ENERGY STAR Connected Thermostat specification
- Coordination with Demand Response offerings
- Quantify non-energy benefits





# Thank you!

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