Beyond Direct Load Control:

HAN and Customer-Centric Behavioral DR

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If you know:

How much energy you're using

How much it costs

In real time

What behaviors change?

How much energy is saved?













Goals:

- 1. Technology assessment of system performance
- 2. Customer feedback on information (vs. device experience)

Pricing/DR Pilot Preliminary Findings

Targeted Participants







- Unprecedented recruitment success: 35% acceptance rate (typical is 7-10%)
- 85% survey participation
- Energy usage and PG&E bill are prime motivators for participation

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Room for improvement on SmartDay notification on both device types:

- 53% of IHD users report seeing a SmartDay notification, compared to 25% of gateway+cloud users
- Those that did see a SmartRate notification found it helpful

Key Takeaways So Far (and a question)



- Device experience can have a big impact on behavior change and program effectiveness
- Market segmentation matters
- Real-time information can be a sticky and persistent education tool for many (but not all)

Can pushing personalized, relevant, actionable information increase program effectiveness?



Cutting edge technology

- Identifying and resolving early adopter system issues
- Expertise, resource, infrastructure needs
- Support/escalation process for critical issues

Industry standards

- Device interoperability issues
- Competing standards means consumer/industry confusion



Telemetry	DR event performance visibility
Manual Response	Customer choice (vs. utility controlled t-stat programs)
Low Income	Real time information/education about usage/costs
High Bill Inquiries	Ongoing access to usage/cost information may help reduce repeat issues
Rate Transition Tool	Small/medium businesses transitioning to time varying pricing



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