

### Best Practices for Managing Smart Thermostat Programs



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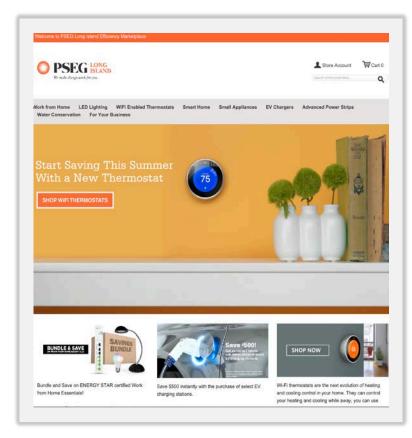
#### Support every channel, ensuring you serve <u>all</u> customers



A POS instant rebate program is best for customers of big box stores

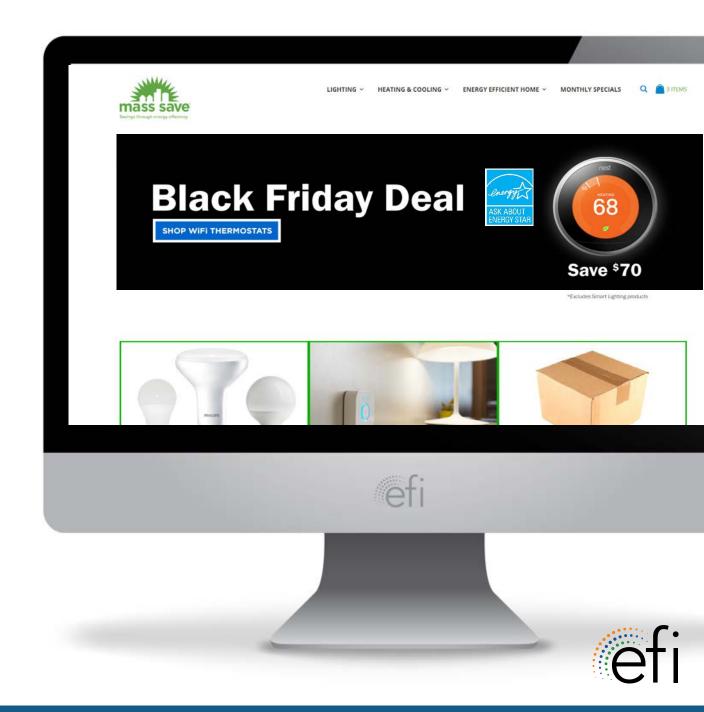


A downstream rebate program is best for customers in and local retailers and 3<sup>rd</sup>-party online sites



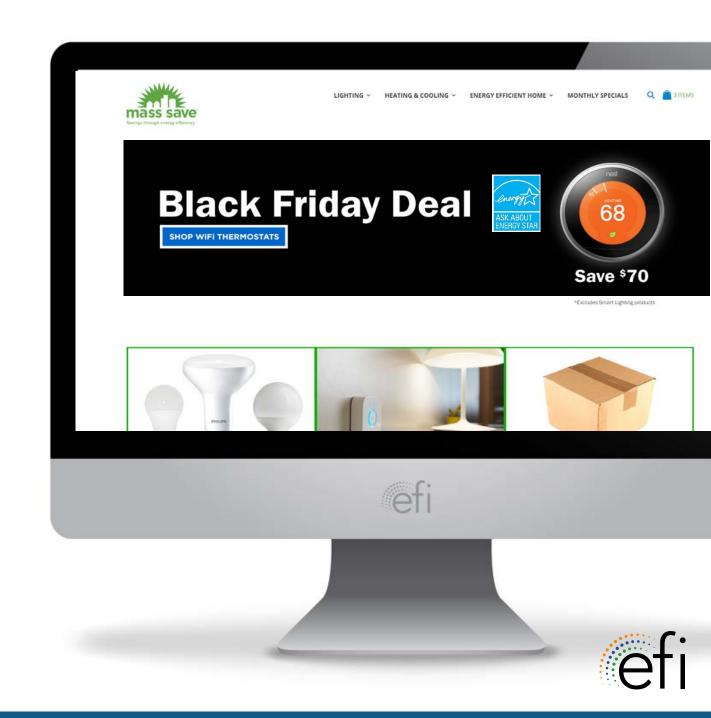
A marketplace program is best for customers in My Account or on the utility's web site

Plan marketing around manufacture & partner promotions





- ✓ Lighting and Fans
- **S** Appliances
- **Water Heaters**
- **⊗** Smart TSTATS



#### Promotion Example

- Partner with ENERGY STAR!
  - Reputable Name
  - Educational Content
  - Beneficial Resources!



#### Provide Options

Leverage choice, of brands, features, & prices to meet all customer needs



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Retail Price \$119.00

After an instant rebate of \$100.00

Your Price \$19.00

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Retail Price \$169.00

After an instant rebate of \$100.00

Your Price \$69.00

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Retail Price \$125.00

After an instant rebate of \$100.00

**Your Price** 

\$25.00









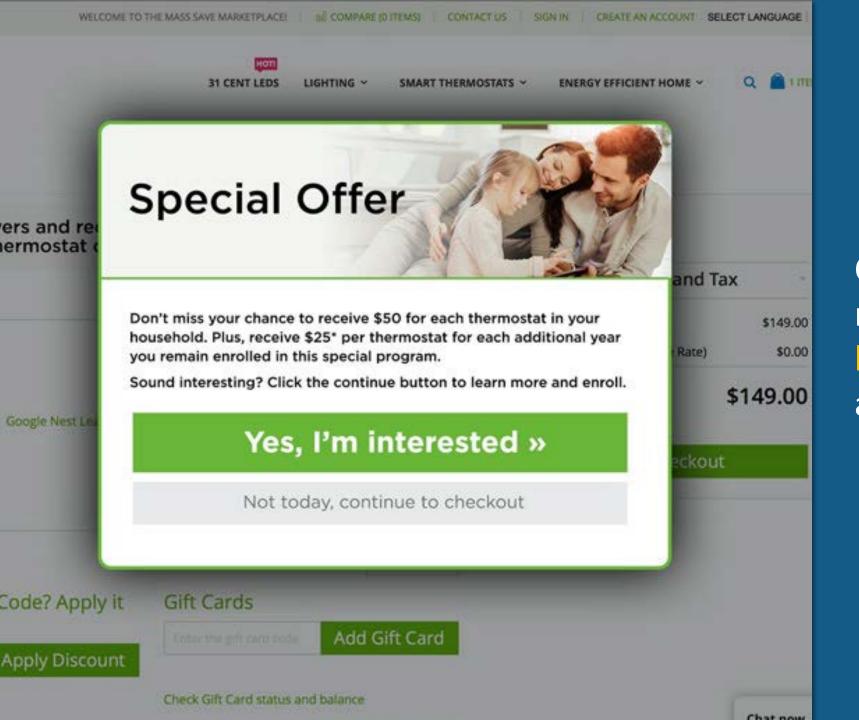


★★★★ Retail Price \$249.00

After an instant rebate of \$100.00

**Your Price** 

\$149.00





Cross-Market demand response to maximize benefits to the customer and the utility.

### Offer On-Bill Payment

\$169.00

After an instant rebate of \$150.00

**Your Price:** 

\$19.00

Availability: In stock

SKU#: E5000.9992

On-Bill Repayment

Yes

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Add to Cart





# Help Customers Choose the Right Thermostat



#### THERMOSTAT WIRING COMPATIBILITY CHECKLIST Select all the wires you see R Rc Rh С G W W-O W1-0 Y2 Y2-L Y2-E W1-W2 W2 W-AUX W2-AUX/E **AUX** Ε X2 W2-AUX Y2-X2 0 В O/B W-O/B K Α A-L/A S2 U1 S S1 U U2 R2

# Make Installation Easy

**Self Installation**: For the handy homeowner

**Home Energy Analysis:** Save energy in your home - an NJNG representative will contact you within 7 days from your ship date to schedule your analysis, including installation. Fee applies

**Professional Installation:** Leave it to the pros - consult with a contractor regarding applicable fees for installation

\$249.00

After an instant rebate of \$150.00

Your Price:

\$99.00

Availability: In stock SKU#: E5000.34

Please note the Order Summary reflects the purchase amount collected for any products paid by either credit card, check or money order. If you selected NJNG

Please select how you intend to install this product \*

#### ✓ -- Please Select --

Self-Install Home Energy Analysis Professional Installation







Leverage Other
Resources to Serve
Low & Moderate
Income









## Ensure Customers Have Access to Excellent Support

- ✓ Live Chat
- **⊘** Email
- ♥ Phone

### Thank you!



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Q&A

### **Smart Thermostat Program Implementation - Best Practices**

#### **Energy Star Products Partner Meeting**



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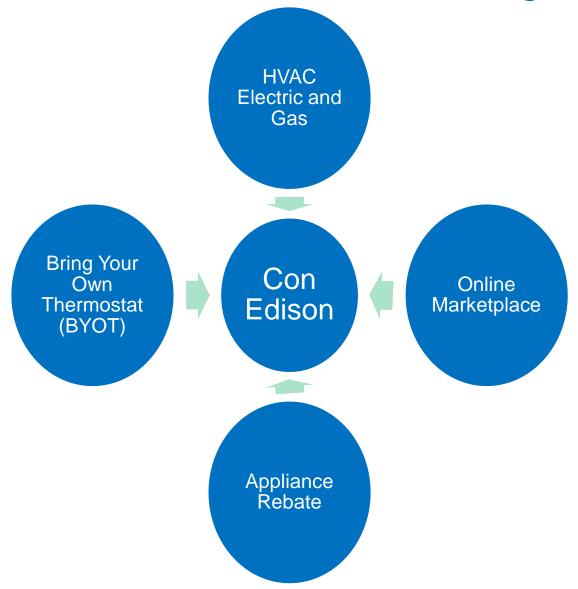


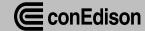
#### **Agenda**

- Past Con Edison Smart Thermostat Offerings
- Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Overlap
- TRM Changes and Savings Implications
- Current Con Edison Smart Thermostat Offerings



#### **Past Con Edison Smart Thermostats Offerings**



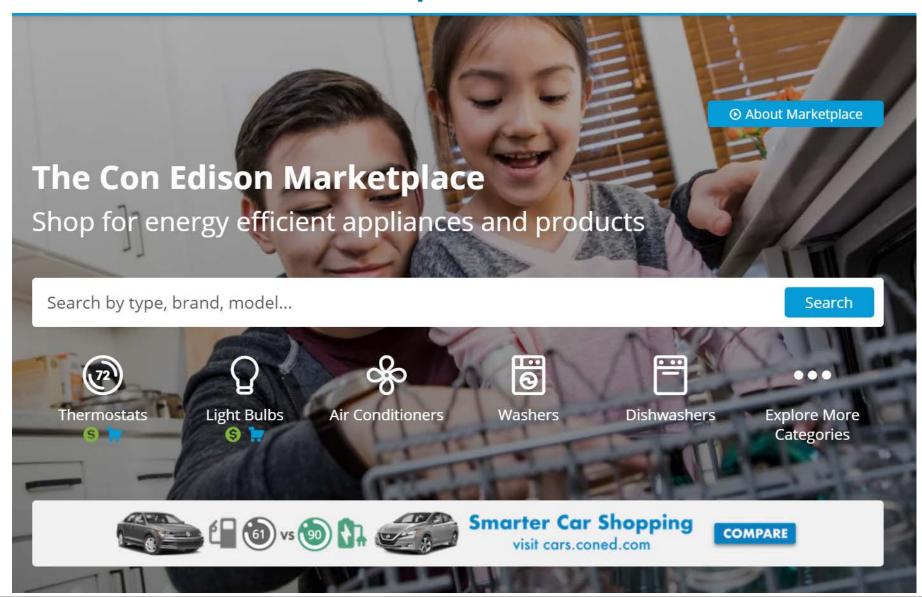


#### **Appliance Rebate**

- \$50 Mail-in Rebate
- 1,700 units (2017 PY) and 2,400 units (2018 PY)
- Downstream Program Offering
  - Customers mail in application package
  - 6- to 8-week turnaround
- High Implementation costs
  - Application processing
  - Customer Call center
- NYSERDA Residential Business Stock Assessment (RBSA)



#### **Con Edison Online Marketplace**





#### **Con Edison Online Marketplace**

- \$50 Instant Discount at point of purchase
- Offer available only to Con Edison customers
- 4,100 units (2017 PY), 4,900 units (2018 PY)



#### **HVAC Electric and Gas**

- \$50 Mail-in Rebate
- Downstream program with the help of service contractors
- 3,500 units (2017 PY) and 2,200 units (2018 PY)
- Mostly accompanied by Central AC units and Heating units
- Applications completed and submitted by contractors on behalf of their customers.
- High Administrative burden



#### **Bring Your Own Thermostat (BYOT)**

- \$50 Rebate
- Customers who enrolled into Con Edison's BYOT program (\$85 rebate) but never submitted an application for a \$50 Energy Efficiency rebate
- Approximately 200 units every program year
- Administrative challenge
- High Evaluation Risk



#### **Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Overlap**

- Administrative challenge
  - Tracking of BYOT enrollments and EE application across multiple channels
  - Double Counting concerns
- High Evaluation Risk
  - Free-ridership as customers may receive an additional \$50 rebate without any knowledge



#### **TRM Changes and Savings Implications**

- Numerous inputs required for accurate savings calculations
  - Vintage
  - Connected Fuel type
  - Connected Equipment
  - Building Type
- One (1) thermostat per household limit
- NYSERDA Residential Building Stock Assessment to land on certain assumptions
- TRM savings calculations based on 'installed date' or 'purchase date'
- Gross savings, evaluation results, and cost of program implementation are key deciding factors of program design and viability



#### **Current Program and Lessons Learned**

- Deemed savings approach
  - EnergyStar certified thermostats only
    - Validity and accuracy of acquired savings
    - Ease of implementation
- Consolidated channels:
  - Online Marketplace
  - Energy Star Retail Products Platform (ESRPP) as a markdown offering
- Enhanced marketing, clearly communicating the synergy between DR and EE
  - Minimize market confusion
  - Increased participation
- Cost effectively scale program
  - \$8.50/LMMBtu to under \$4.00/LMMBtu





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# Two key market insights:

Changing
Consumer
Behavior

Changing
Category
Development



# Rise of the homebody economy

COVID-19 HAS ACCELERATED CONSUMERS' INVESTMENT IN THEIR HOMES AND WHAT THEY WANT FROM BRANDS

82%

of homeowners plan on increasing or equaling their spending on improvements over next few months compared to pre-Covid-19

- The Farnsworth Group & the Home Improvement Research Institute (HIRI), Aug 2020

### Consumers Want:

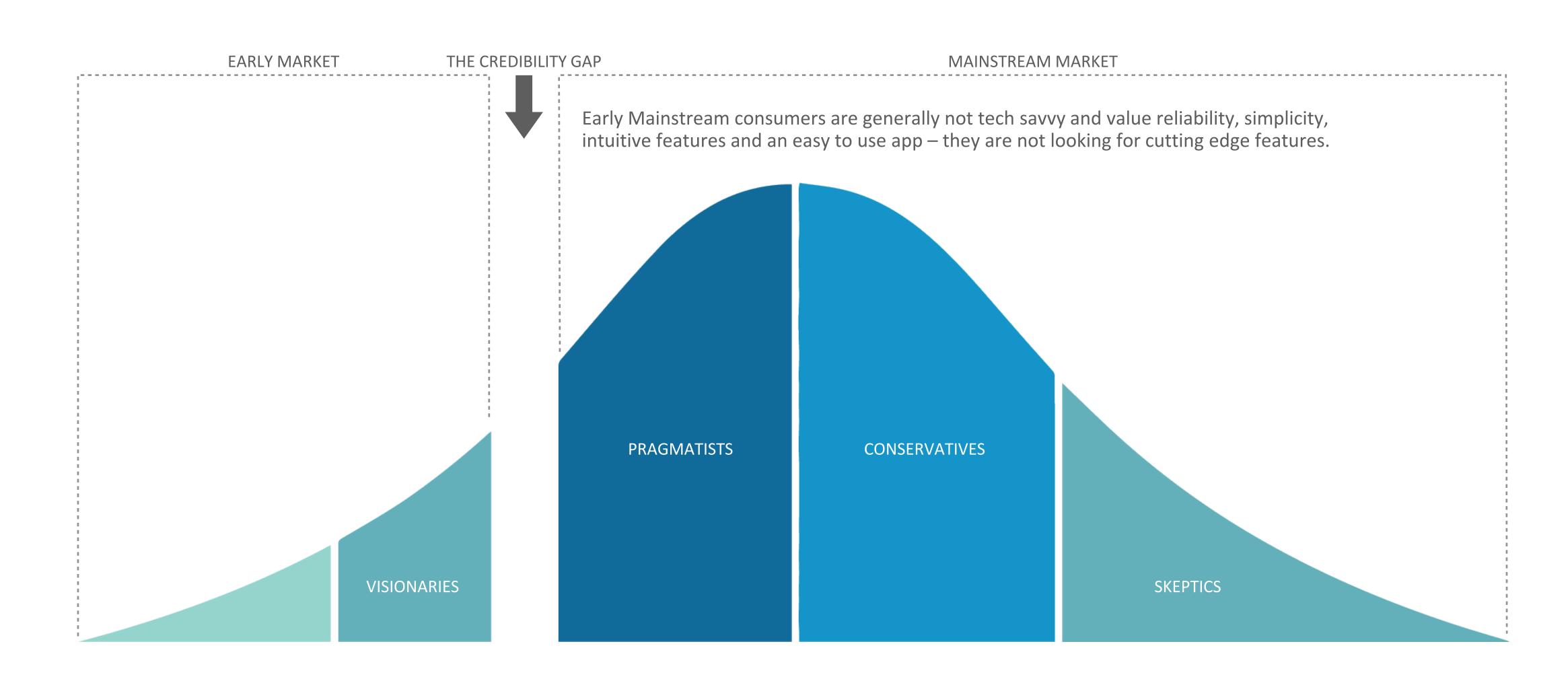
- Better Value One of the top drivers for new brand purchases by consumers
- Trusted Brands Big companies with brands consumers trust have grown 50% since Covid-19 began

- McKinsey & Company, "The great consumer shift: Ten charts that show how US shopping behavior is changing," Aug 2020



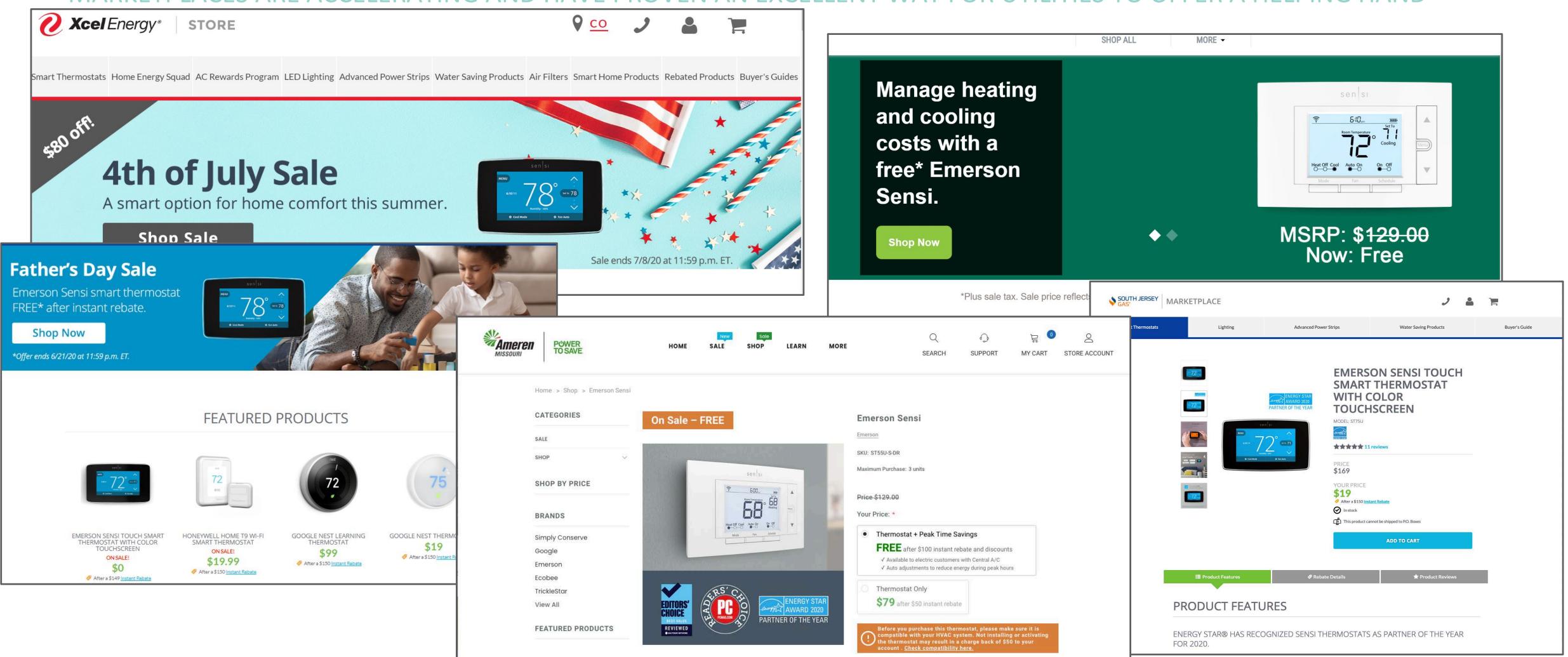
# A market moving into the mainstream

SMART THERMOSTATS SHIFTING FROM EARLY ADOPTERS TO MAINSTREAM CONSUMERS



# Marketplaces and the Pandemic Response

MARKETPLACES ARE ACCELERATING AND HAVE PROVEN AN EXCELLENT WAY FOR UTILITIES TO OFFER A HELPING HAND



### Build trust with ENERGY STAR®

#### HIGHLIGHTING ENERGY STAR BUILDS TRUST AND PROMOTES ENERGY SAVINGS





#### Emerson's Sensi Smart Thermostats Named ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year

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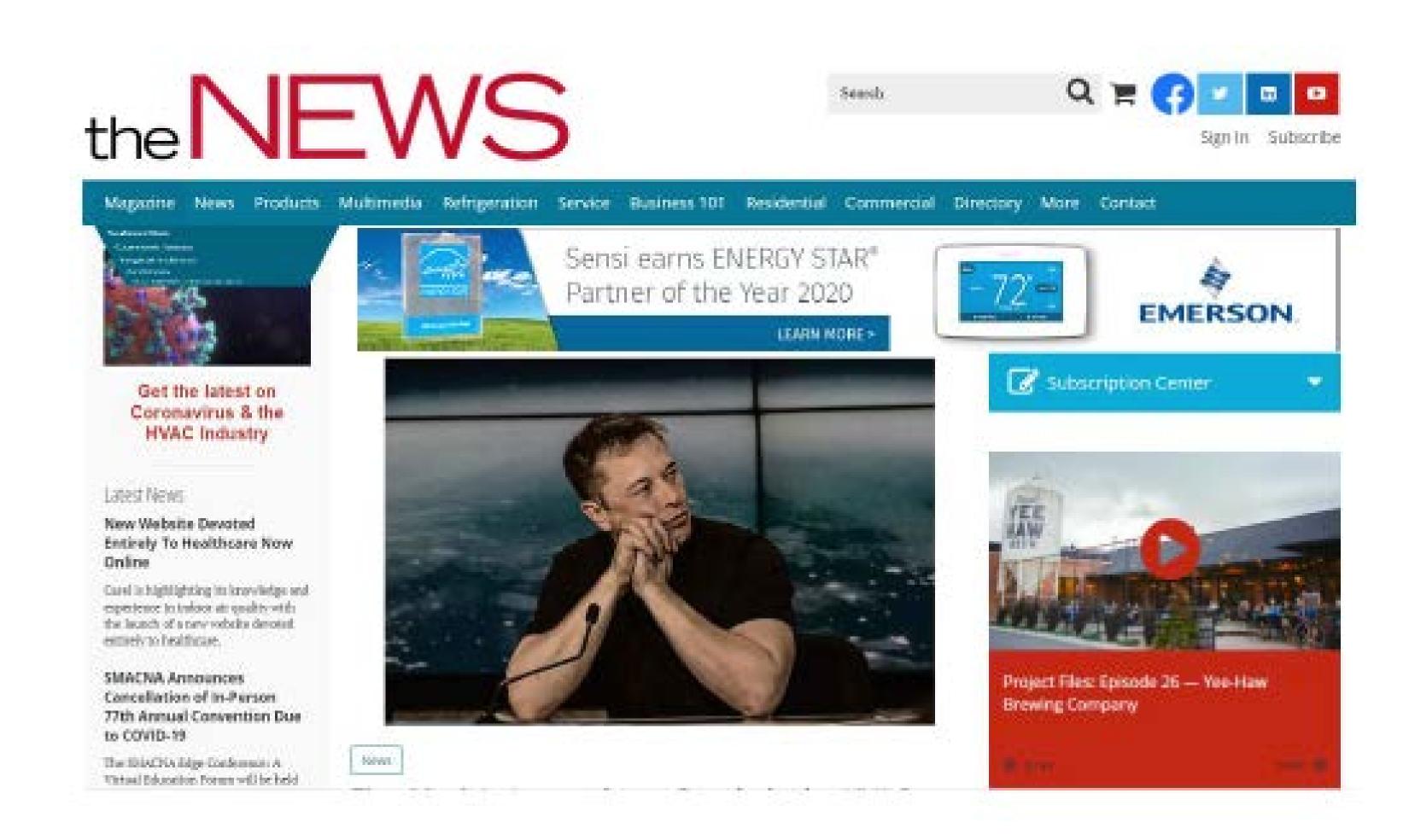
Award-winning Sensi smart thermostat suite earns top honor from U.S. EPA

ST. LOUIS, March 31, 2020 – Emerson (NYSE: EMR), a leader in heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) solutions, today was named a 2020 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year for its top-rated Sensi<sup>TM</sup> smart thermostat suite. Sensi is the first smart thermostat brand to receive this honor.

"Receiving the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award affirms our commitment to offer top-quality, smart thermostat solutions that make life better for our customers and for the planet," said Craig Rossman, president of White-Rodgers for Emerson. "Heating and cooling are major drivers in a home's energy usage and costs. With our ENERGY STARcertified Sensi smart thermostats, Emerson is positioned to help customers achieve energy efficiency and save money, while maintaining indoor comfort."

ENERGY STAR, a joint program between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Energy, is a well-respected symbol for cost savings and energy efficiency, helping consumers and businesses make informed purchases. The ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award is the highest level of recognition by the EPA and honors organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency achievements.

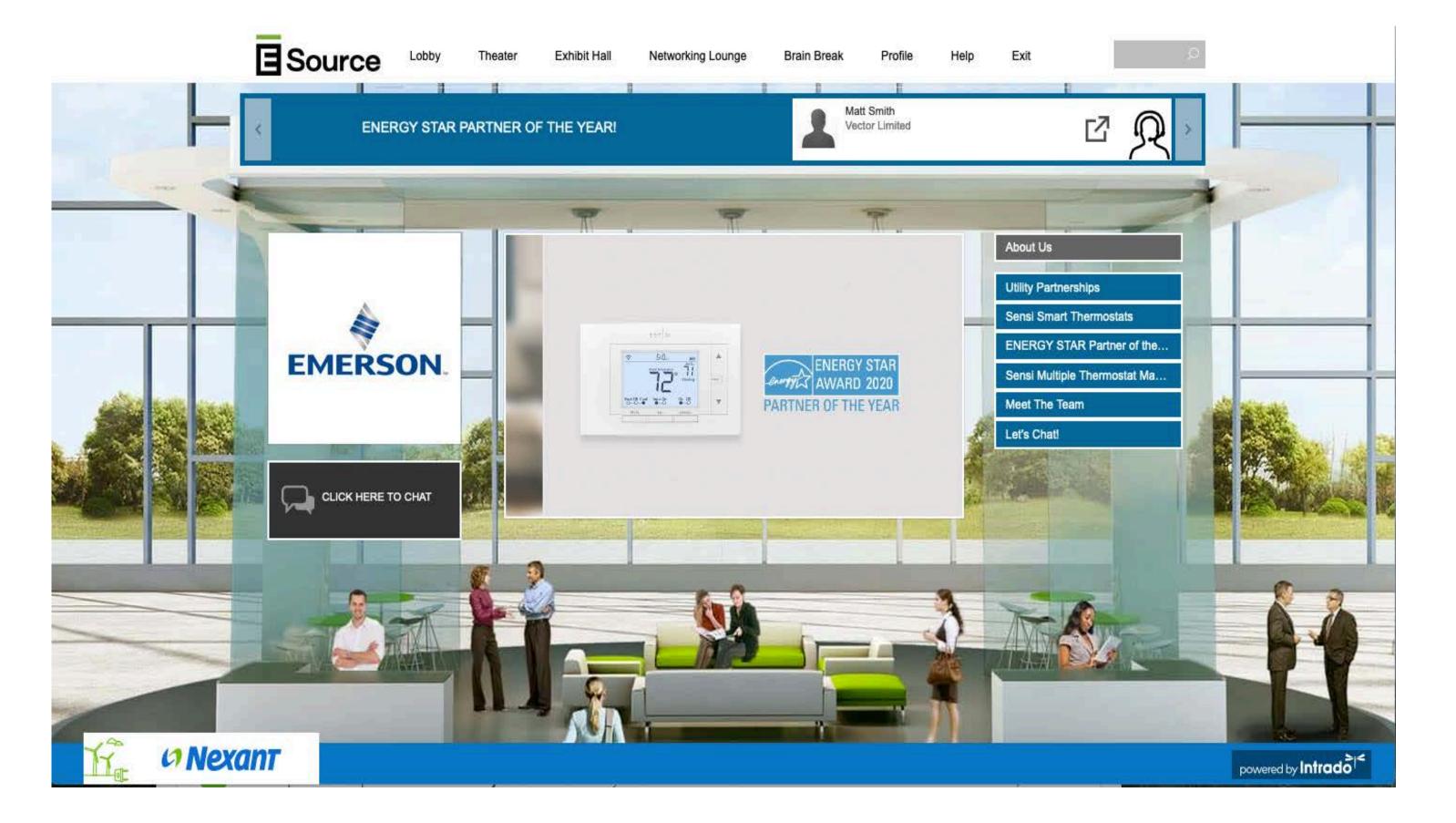
"I salute the 2020 ENERGY STAR award winners," said Anne Idsal, EPA principal deputy assistant administrator for Air and Radiation. "These leaders demonstrate how energy efficiency drives economic competitiveness in tandem with environmental protection."



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# Thank You

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