The New Home Shopping Network: The Impact of Marketplaces and the Value of ENERGY STAR

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Why Online Marketplaces?



Upward trend in online transactions – especially now that at-home services are more and more critical



Customers can research products, make a purchase, and receive a financial incentive – all in one place!



Connecting customers to education and resources for other utility energy efficiency programs



Why ENERGY STAR?

- A 2017 study found partners' JD Power Customer Satisfaction indexes for ENERGY STAR partners increased significantly over time compared to nonpartners, particularly in the areas of Corporate Citizenship, Communications, and Customer Service.
- Recent A/B testing conducted by Focus on Energy shows that using ENERGY STAR logo on ads drove a 60% increase in click-through-rate.

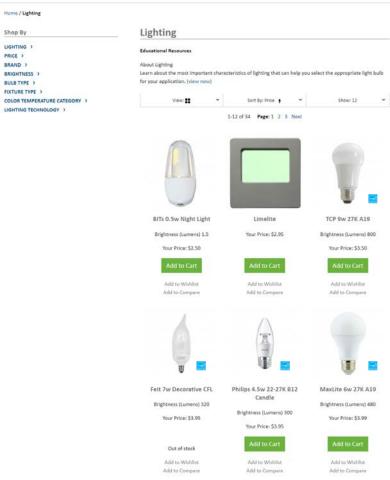




How to Maximize the Value of ENERGY STAR

- Promote your ENERGY STAR partnership
 - Include ENERGY STAR graphics in web banner and/or a Partner logo within the landing page (mock-up to the right)
- Associate products with ENERGY STAR
 - Feature ENERGY STAR certification mark on product images and product detail pages (mock-up to the right)
- Leverage EPA ENERGY STAR expert content
 - Educational content
 - Savings facts, Buying guidance, APIs
 - Marketing Materials
 - Infographics, Widget, Videos







Speaker Introductions



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UTILITY MARKETPLACES

Accelerating the adoption of impactful products, services, and technologies



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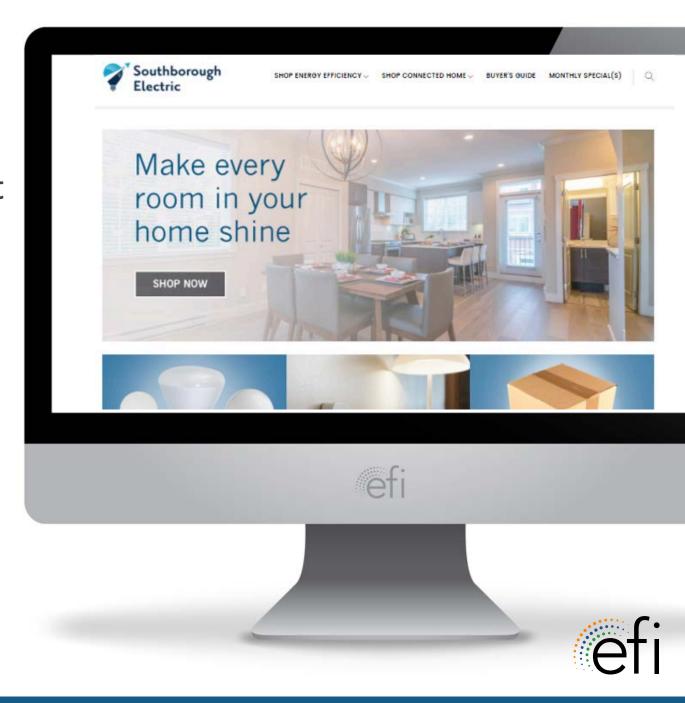
Utility Customer Satisfaction

Direct quotes from our customers and clients

Representative was **friendly, efficient** and competent. A pleasure to deal with!" - Mass Save Downstream

I am always very happy with your service. Thank you for being one of the few services I use that I can feel good about!

- Duke Energy Marketplace

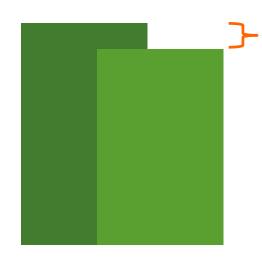


Industry Report



Improve the overall customer perception.





14% Satisfaction **Improvement**



+50% of customers have either used their utility's marketplace or are interested in learning more.





RESIDENTIAL CONSUMER SURVEY:

Utility marketplaces evolve into tools to engage customers beyond the meter

By Rebecca Harris, Data Analyst October 17, 2019

Utilities are looking to online marketplaces as a new avenue to strengthen customer loyalty. Marketplaces help utilities fulfill demand-side management goals, expand the types of utility services customers receive and improve overall customer perception. As companies expand their brands to become customers' trusted energy advisors, marketplaces could play a key role in engaging customers beyond the meter.

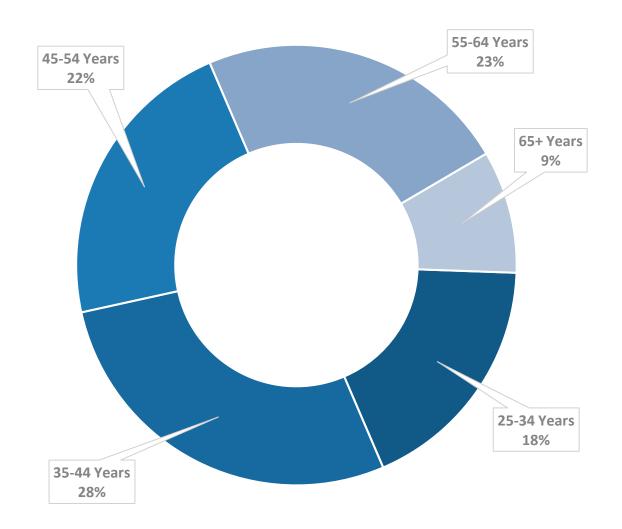
This report highlights trends in consumer interest, industry offerings and vendor developments based on information collected from Chartwell's 2019 Residential Consumer Survey and its 2019 Utility Programs and Services Audit.

- Consumers who have used utility marketplaces are 14% more satisfied on average, according to Chartwell's 2019 Residential Consumer Survey.
- More than half of consumers either have used or are interested in learning more about their utility's marketplace. Younger consumers and those with middle to high incomes tend to be
- According to Chartwell's 2019 Utility Programs and Services Audit, 31% of utilities offer an online marketplace, either through their own websites or, in some cases, the website of a statewide consortium of utilities.
- Most utilities host their online marketplace through a vendor.

Why is it important to shift programs to online:

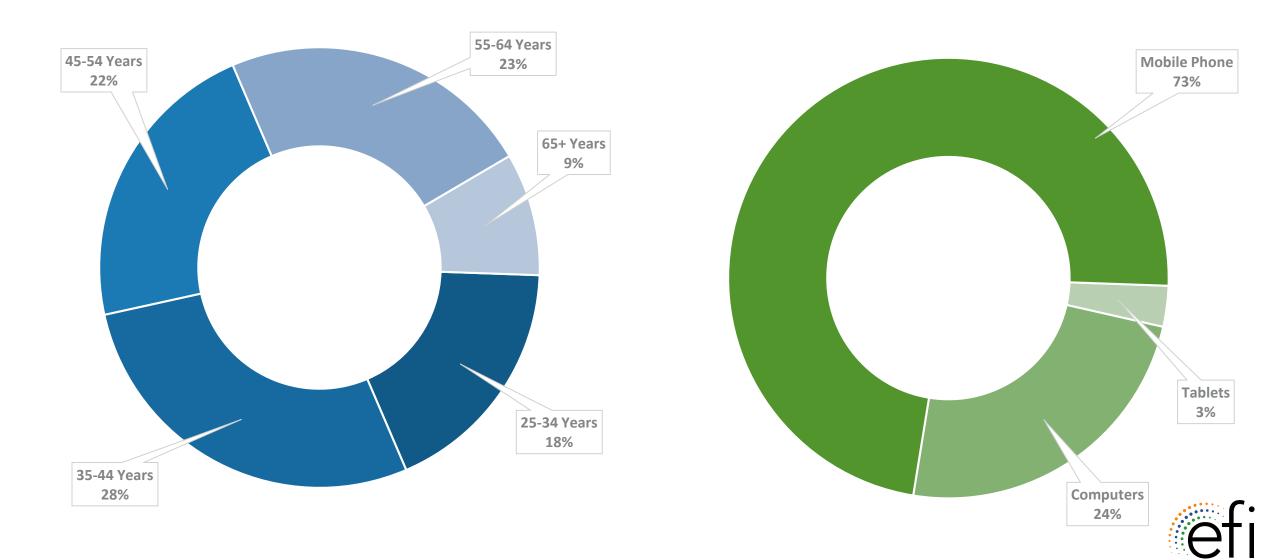
- Offers programs and products to a large audience
- Robust education
- Cross promotion of additional items
- Can serve up INSTANT savings, no more waiting
- Mobile: Serve a younger demographic

Broad adoption of technology across ages





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Satisfying Your Customers



Customers like a one stop shop on the marketplace

Create an omnichannel experience

Real time customer service

Keep it separate from the utility service

Amazon competitive offering





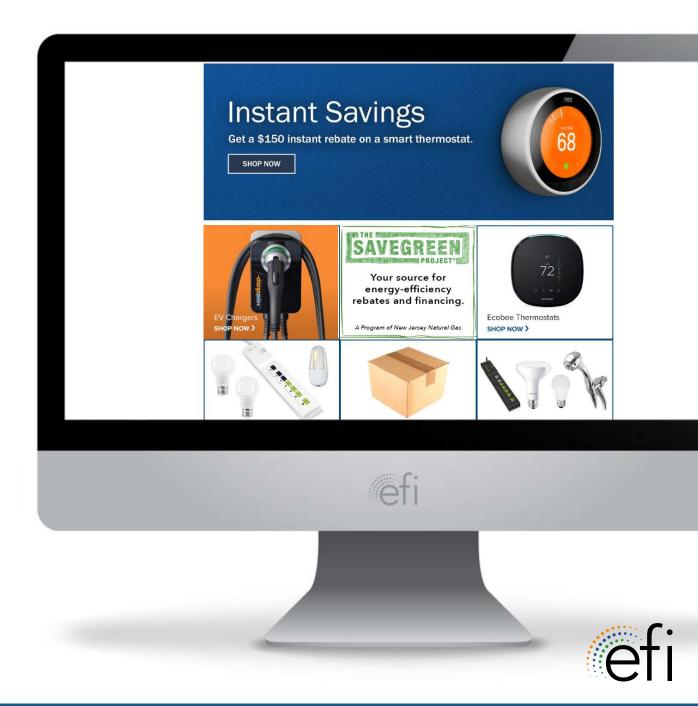
Net Promoter Score (NPS)

A measure of customer experience & predictor of business growth





Market your other programs online

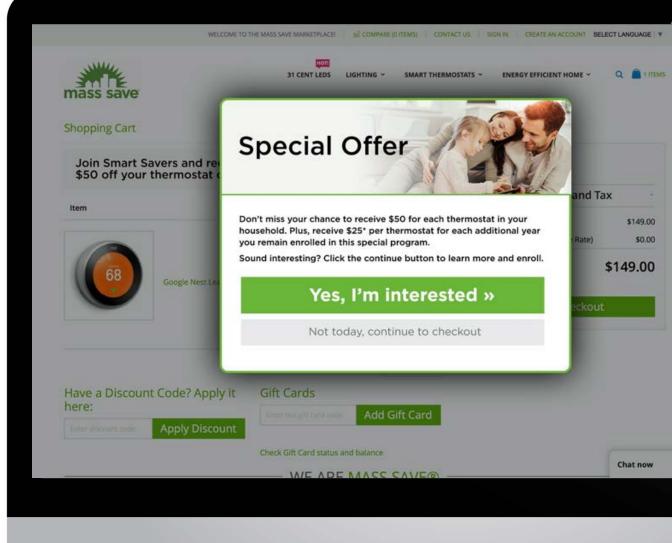


Bundling Strategy 2020

Optional Marketplace Features & Abilities

⊘ Flexible DR Integration

Seamless enrollment process





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How EFI markets

ENERGY STAR and how this creates a trusted resource experience.





EFI's Marketing Philosophy

We Market With You

It's Not Just About Sales

Personalize their Journey

Omni Channel Messaging

Customers Come First



In Just One Month

November, 2019

Facts & Accomplishments

- √ 83,000 ENERGY STAR bulbs sold
- ✓ 60,000 Visitors to the site
- √ 17% Conversion Rate
- ✓ 2.3M Kilowatt hours saved
- We were very pleased with the result the event was able to accomplish!

 Duke Energy





2019 – Year in Review

Facts & Accomplishments

- √ 6.5M EE products sold
- √ 4.6M + ENERGY STAR LED's sold
- √ \$6M Inventory maintained
- √ \$200M Incentives processed
- √ 460K Kits shipped
- √ 308M kWh's saved







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USING PROMOTIONS TO SELL ANYTHING ONLINE

ABOUT TECHNIART



founded in 1986

operating in 31 states

23 years experience in demand-side management



5 warehouses nationwide



GAIN CUSTOMER TRUST

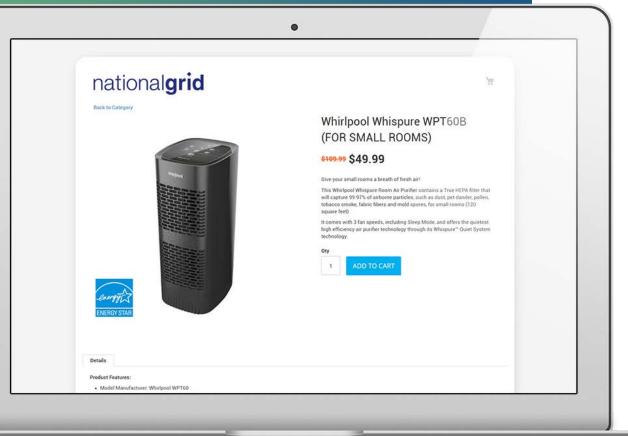
- World class customer experience doesn't spring up overnight; you have to earn it
- Customers trust their utility company, but may not be used to them selling products

SEND THE RIGHT SIGNALS

- What you're selling is high quality and performs well
- The site you've built to sell those products follows best practices
- And you've thought through the post-transaction experience







VALUE OF TRUSTED BRANDS

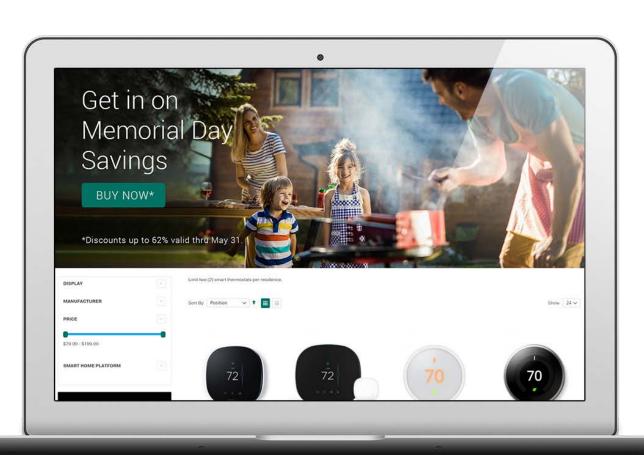
ENERGY STAR BENEFITS

- Takes the guesswork out of which products to source
- Reinforces quality to customers
- Marketing conveys energy savings plus unique non-energy benefits
- Immediate customer credibility





- Participated in several smart thermostat partners
 Memorial Day sales event
- During the 10-day window, generated 1,117 orders



Con Edison Low-to-Moderate Income promotion



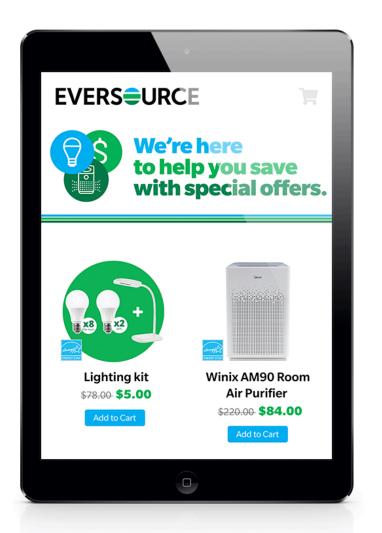
- Assisted Con Ed in delivering a targeted limitedtime offer to their income-eligible residents
- Offering included a 4-pack of ENERGY STAR certified LEDs that was free with a promo code
- Moved 20,000 4-packs in 24 hours







- Eversource implemented this regional promotion in response to COVID
- TechniArt sold a certified room air purifiers and a lighting kit containing desk lamps and LEDs
- Generated 14,000 orders







- Retooled approach to selling HPWH online based on findings from the 2019 fall pilot
- Continued to use the DIY model, but updated marketing approach and increased content
- Generated 260 orders







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Creating a Connected Energy Experience

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Uplight: Facts + Figures

Strategic partner to 85+ of the largest North American utilities Uplight is a Certified B Corporation and our purpose is to create a more sustainable future



150+ data scientists and software engineers represent largest innovation engine in the industry

Integrated software suite created by the consolidation of individual best-of-breed solutions connects and optimizes every energy action and channel

















Uplight is proven at scale and runs many of the largest utility programs in the country including the largest marketplace, home energy report program, personalization program and smart thermostat demand response program.

Uplight's unique ability to pre-enroll customers in demand response through its marketplace means enrollment rates of up to 90%, while industry average is closer to 20%.



HEADQUARTERS Boulder, CO

DFFICES Denver, Boston, Seattle, Vancouver, and Pune, India



Uplight's solutions move all customer types through a complete, connected customer journey that generates outsized customer and utility value.

Engage

- Home Energy Reports
- Engagement Portal
- Energy Alerts
- Energy Assessments
- Voice Assistant

Activate

- Utility Marketplace
- Retail Rebates
- Contractor Rebates / Workflow
- EV Advisor
- DSM/DER Program Enrollments

Orchestrate

- Demand Response
- Rate Optimization
- Flat Bill

Connect: Multi Speed IT

Architecture for Next Gen CX

- Uplight Developer Platform (incl. APIs, Bulk Data)
- Insights Engine (incl. EnergyBI, Multichannel Next Best Action)
- Data Lake



Consumers **Energy**

Case Study

Uplight is partnering with Consumers to deliver innovation at scale with the Connect structure and most applications



Engage



- **Activate**
 - **Orchestrate**

- BEE delivering 40K MWh and 400K Mcf runrate by 2021
- Resi Portal
- Non-Res Portal
- AMI + Rates Adoption

- Utility Marketplace transactional platform
- 40K to 90K product purchase transactions / year by 2021

- 100K smart t-stat. DR customers
- Big-picture goal to deliver 1,200MWs of controllable load through customers



CASE STUDY

Launched a 100K Smart Thermostat Program in 6 weeks





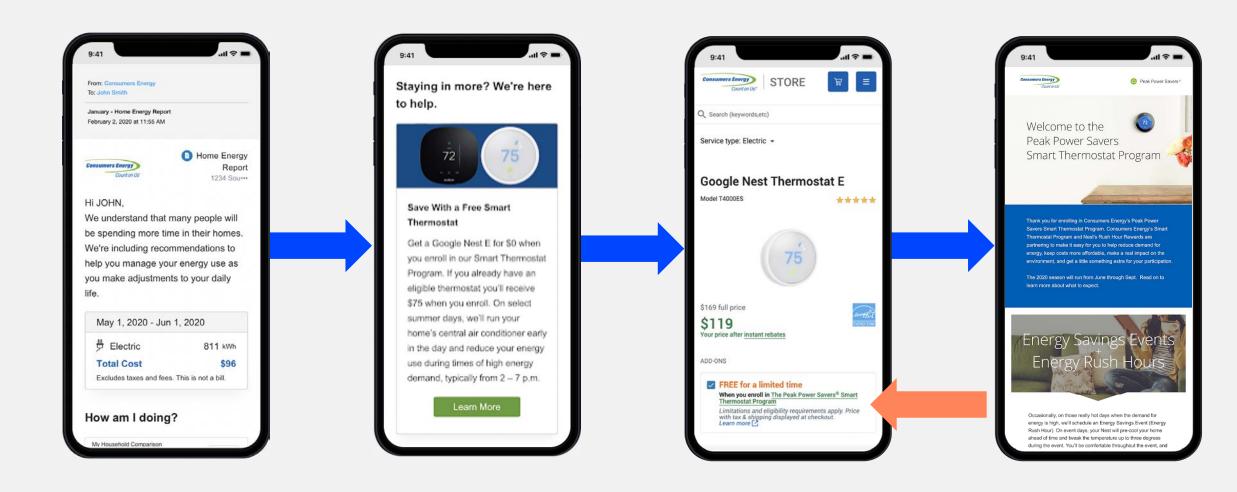
Due to the effect of COVID-19 on its customers, Consumers Energy sought a way to help customers save money and energy while also accelerating its timeline to meet their Clean Energy Plan goals.



Results To Date

- >50,000 Total Thermostats Sold
- 26,391 thermostats sold (in first 10 days)
- 91% enrollment into the demand response program by eligible customers
- Uplight beat previous Black Friday/Cyber Monday sales







How Uplight Educates Customers About ENERGY STAR



You've received this email because you're eligible for instant rebates from EnergyCo Store, EnergyCo's new online energy-efficiency store.



Making a Difference Together

ENERGY STAR[®] Day, October 27, 2020, is an opportunity for people across the country to come together to celebrate the benefits of energy efficiency.

UtilityCo Store sells products that earn the ENERGY STAR label and are independently certified to use less energy, save you money on your utility bills and help protect the environment.



Join Us in Being ENERGY STAR® Efficient

The Peak Power Savers[®] Smart Thermostat Program helps you manage and save energy effortlessly — all while you remain comfortable within your home. As a 2020 ENERGY STAR[®] Utility of the Year, we are committed to helping our Michigan neighbors save money and energy by offering instant rebates on ENERGY STAR certified smart thermostats that can help you save up to 8% on your heating and cooling bills***.

Plus with your new smart thermostat you can manage your energy use and maintain comfort without lifting a finger. The Smart Thermostat Program syncs with your Wi-Fi enabled smart thermostat to learn your comfort preferences. On select summer days, we'll pre-cool your home and help you use less energy when energy costs are more expensive.

Saving couldn't be easier. You will receive \$25 when the summer is over!

Claim Your Thermostat to Enroll



How Uplight Educates Customers About ENERGY STAR

Shop Energy-Efficient Products ∨ Enroll in Home Services ∨ Guides & Advisors ∨ Smart Home



Google Nest Learning Thermostat Stainless Steel

