

# Behavioral Demand Response

# Residential customers: An untapped demand response resource

#### **FERC Assessment of Residential DR Potential**



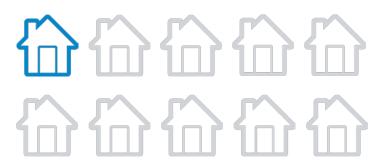
Utilities are on track to reach only 10% of residential DR potential



# Legacy technologies are difficult to scale

#### **Traditional Direct Load Control**





#### **Challenges**

- » Historically low participation leaves70%-95% of customers unengaged
  - » Hardware focused programs are costly and take years to reach scale
- » Neglected customer experience leads to low satisfaction and churn
  - » Hardware-centric platforms lead to technology lock-in



# **Behavioral Demand Response:**

## 150k Homes, 3 Utilities

#### Peak day notification



- » Targeted communication
- » Channel of choice
- » Opt-out program design

#### **Personalized adjustments**



- » Large-scale engagement
- » Access to more kW
- » Highly accurate EM&V

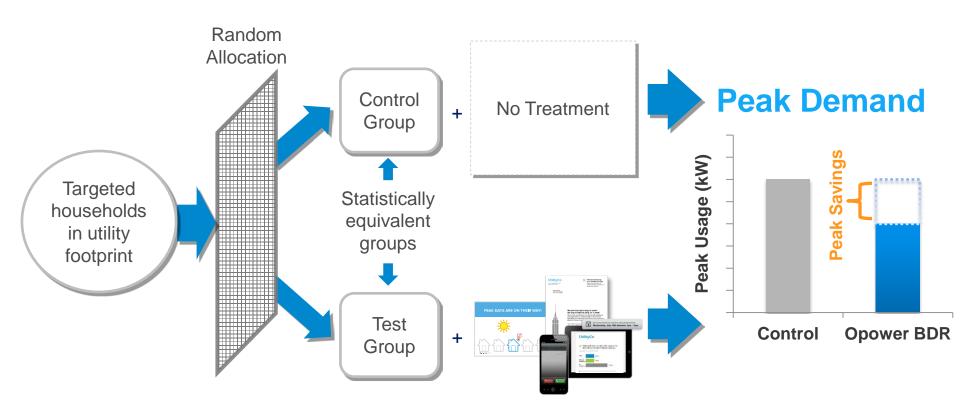
#### Post-event feedback



- » Immediate feedback
- » Highly personalized results
- » Ongoing encouragement



# Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) ensures accurate measurement of load impact



#### **Large-Scale Data Analysis**

- Follows experimental design blueprint
- Clearly isolates impact of BDR
- » Follows NAPEE quidelines
- Endorsed by ACEEE,

DOE



» Used in PUC filings

in dozens of states

# M&V: RCT Design + Regression Estimation

Measures difference in treatment and control usage during event hours conditional on:



#### Recent hourly customer usage

Usage during event hours in the same day of the week in four weeks prior to BDR season



#### Hourly usage in the same month last year (when available)

Usage during event hours in the same day of the week of the same month last year



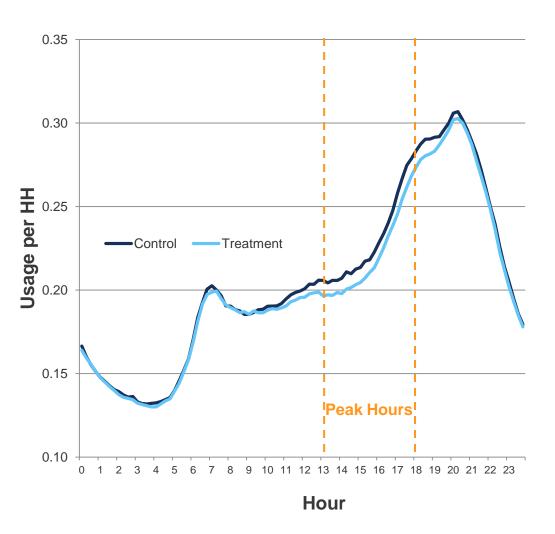
#### Average seasonal usage

Average summer, winter, and annual usage in the year prior to the BDR season

Sensitivity Analysis: Ensure results robust to alternate specifications



# Significant load reduction during peak hours

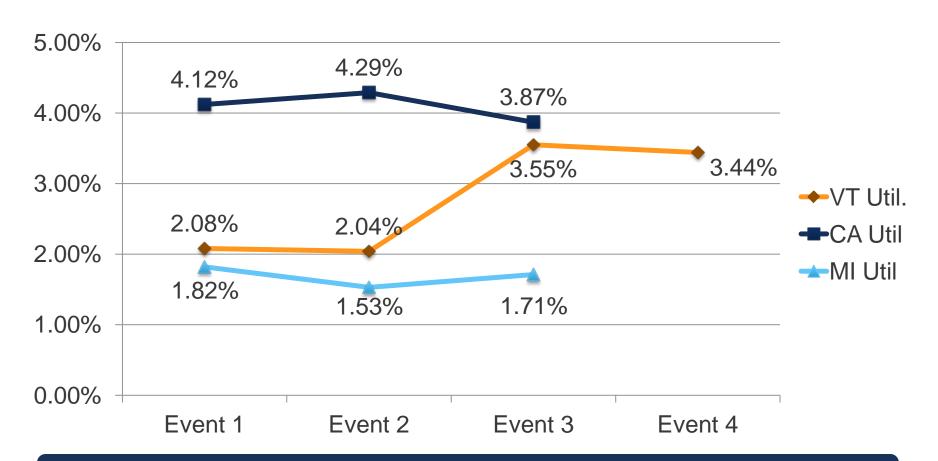


# Performance across 10 events:

- » 3% avg. peak reduction
- » 5.04% max. peak reduction



# **Consistent savings across events**

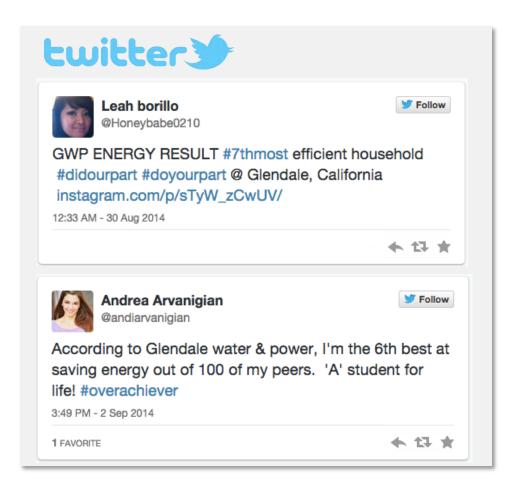


Incentive-based (rebates) program at BGE yielded ~5% savings

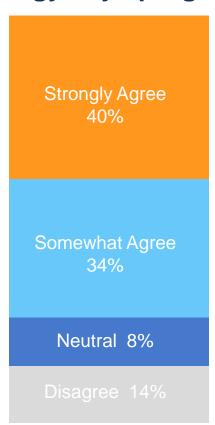


# Measurable savings, engaged customers

Can Demand Response be engaging?



"I am satisfied with the peak energy days program"

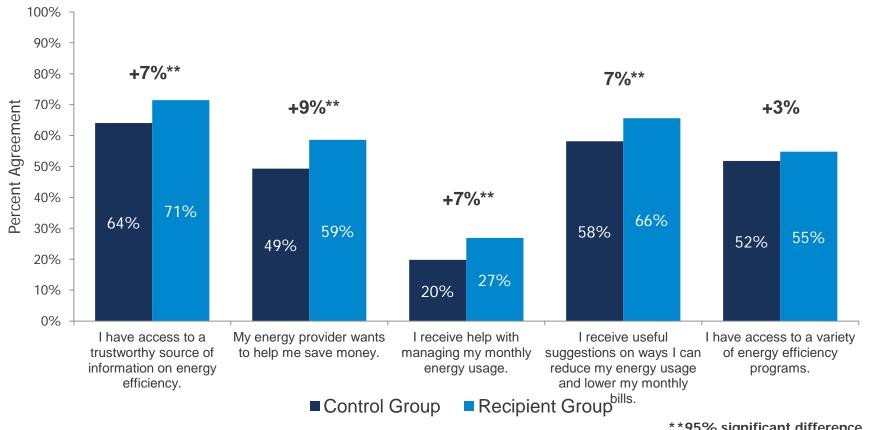




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#### **Impact on Customer Relationship Metrics**

(689 Treatment and 288 Control – 5 Point Scale, Top 2 Box)



\*\*95% significant difference \*90% significant difference



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# Opportunity: What would 3% deliver across 500k homes?

#### **Behavioral Demand Response**



#### **Key Outcomes (500k HH utility)**





Assumptions: 3.0% Peak Savings, 3.0 kW/Home Demand, 5 Events \* 7 Hours, \$70 Avoided Cost per kW

