

Sustainable Solutions: Embracing Sustainability Solutions that Reach Customers

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NCSEA: Who We Are





Why did consumers choose to adopt renewable technology?



Across technologies, the main motivating factor is environmental impact, followed by the future cost of electricity

What tech did would consumers adopt next?



- Solar PV owners were asked if they had considered installing an energy storage system – the majority (65%) had considered it, but did not install, while only 6% had actually installed a system
 - Overwhelmingly, potential energy storage customers cited cost as the main hurdle
- All customers were asked what additional clean energy purchases they would make, and the majority (55%) said they were not planning on making additional purchases. Of those who indicated they were interested in making additional purchases, EVs (23%) and energy storage (20%) were the top two choices.

Rooftop solar: non-residential



Public power: 36 non-residential solar installations, few since 2015

• Statewide: 764 installations, handful in 2019



Rooftop solar registered in public power communities



Public power: 95 residential solar installations, no clear annual trend

• Statewide: 10,664 residential solar installations, ~1,300 more expected for 2019



Residential Solar PV and Energy Storage





6,541 systems 37.04 MW



NC Publicly Accessible EV Charging Locations: DC Fast Charge, L1, and L2



North Carolina EV Charging Locations





Energy Burden Solutions



https://vimeo.com/318249400

Utility Solutions Services: Marketing and Consulting



NCSEA Utility Solutions Services Include:

- Identify top homes to target for energy efficiency services to reduce peak load
- Analyze residential energy intensity (energy use per square foot) and other home characteristics
- Design customized materials to be mailed to customers, including home energy reports and educational pieces
- Coordinate mailing campaigns, printing, and robo-call processes
- Photography/videography
- Track program enrollment metrics
- Grant writing/identification

Utility Solutions: Marketing and Consulting



Examples of Marketing Materials

Why Air Leaks Cost You Money



Do you feel drafts in your home? higher than they should be? Do you experience uneven temperatures between rooms? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you likely have air leaks

Often times, air leakage occurs in areas of your home you may not notice. The most significant air leaks are hidden in the attic and basement. In cold weather, warm air rises in your house, just like a chimney. This conditioned air is wasted as it escapes through leaks around windows, doors, and cracks in your basement.

These leaks not only allow air to infiltrate your home, but they allow other unwanted disturbances such as dust, moisture, bugs, and rodents. Addressing air leaks in your home may result in lower heating and cooling bills and an overall more comfortable household.

Upgrade to \$ave

What it Does: Our Upgrade to \$ave program reduces your air leakage.

How it Works: After you sign up for the program, the co-op arranges for an auditor to identify any issues with your home. If your home qualifies, you will receive energy efficiency upgrades at little to no upfront cost and then you pay back for the improvements on your utility bill using your energy savings.







We are reaching out to offer assistance that could greatly reduce your bills

According to our records, you paid \$5,372.37 on electric bills last year - your home has among the highest bills of all our member-owners. The chart below shows how much energy your home uses in compa



Ouachita Electric's HELP PAYS program provides home improvements, allowing you to immediately lower your bills. Sign-up today to receive a FREE HELP PAYS assessment that will identify improvements to make your home more energy-efficient. If your home can benefit from energy efficiency improvements (such as a new hethering and air conditioning unit, lighting upgrades, or attic insulation), Quachta Electric will apy most or all of the upfront costs of the improvements. You repay Quachta Electric with a monthly charge placed on your electric bit; your estimated energy cost savings will be more than the monthly charge, so you will still save money on your electric bill

Benefits of HELP PAYS

- · Lower utility bills save money · No personal debt - this is not a loan · Reduce noise in home
- · More comfortable living area
- · improved health reduce allergens

It only takes a few minutes to sign-up for a free HELP PAYS assessment. Learn more

- · Visit www.oecc.com/help
- Call (877) 252-4538

Every new member who signs-up for the HELP PAYS program by April 2019 will be entered into a drawing to win a new Apple iPad! The drawing will be held the first week of Ma

We are here to HELP



Community Solar





Decreasing cost of energy storage







Energy Storage and Solar PV



Brunswick EMC and Cypress Creek's 12 MWh Solar+Storage Project

Microgrids





Tideland EMC's microgrid on Ocracoke Island. Also, Butler Farms.



Big trends conclusion

- Sustainability is consumers #1 reason, but cost may match or rise above sustainability
- Declining costs of sustainable energy technologies
- Trends in firms offering sustainable energy technologies
- Increasing consumer adoption of sustainable energy technologies
- Multiple technologies showing up on same circuits and behind the same meter
- Advanced metering and data analytics enabling further all-in cost declines
- Now able to finance and deliver sustainable energy programs that reduce costs for both the customer and the utility
- More and more NC utilities evaluating, promoting, deploying sustainable technologies firms can partner with you
- Rising conversation about integrated distribution planning and management
- Shift from reactive to DERs to leveraging DERs
- Data central to unlocking opportunity in 2020 and next few years

Resources Through NCSEA



- Problem solving and research collaboration
- Program marketing and video services
- Consumer and Industry Surveys
- Grant writing assistance
- Online sustainable energy business directory and intro to businesses
- Help your RFPs reach appropriate industry
- North Carolina sustainable energy trends



Thank You

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