# **Customer-Centered Innovation**

Innovate and invest to better serve our customers and communities



The energy behind public power

# PUBLIC POWER'S **VISION**

To be and be recognized as the leader in providing superior service and innovative energy solutions to communities and customers in our region.

### PUBLIC POWER'S PURPOSE

Deliver value to our communities and customers through collective strength, knowledge, and action while promoting a successful future.



# STRATEGIC POWER'S

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### FUTURE–FOCUSED

Develop a future-focused mindset

### **PROVIDE SUPERIOR POWER**

Deliver reliable, affordable, and sustainable electric power

**PEOPLE** Leverage our people as our greatest asset

### **STRENGTHEN PUBLIC POWER**

Build public and political support for public power

### CUSTOMER-CENTERED INNOVATION

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# How do we succeed?



Integrate the demands of the customer, industry, and community to **execute** a plan that increases the value your utility delivers to stakeholders.

# **Strategic Priority Goals**

- Invest to build customer value
- Innovate with urgency
- Engage key stakeholders to ensure buy-in
- Establish a plan to assess and adapt



# Bridge the Gap: Utility & Customer

### Utility

- Increasingly complex technologies & new competitors
- Environmental & regulatory impacts
- Staffing limitations
- Reliability & affordability are as important as ever

### Customer

- Personalized choices and cleaner energy solutions
- Save energy & money but maintain comfort
- Smart devices make my life easier
- Clean energy is important

### **Emerging Technologies: Utility vs. Customer**

((( <sub>1</sub> )))	<b>Broadband Internet</b>	Streaming movies, work-from-home opportunities
t <del>e</del>	Electric Vehicles	Where will I charge? Does this fit my lifestyle?
食	Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI)	No idea what this is.
*	Solar Photovoltaic	Environmentally friendly. Expensive up front but will save me money.
	Smart Building / Smart Home	Is this Alexa? Or my Nest?
	Distributed Energy Resources	Is this solar?
	Battery Energy Storage Systems	I can't afford that yet



# Who is representing the customer?

Does the customer have a seat at the table when planning?

Do customers understand your policies and programs?

How does infrastructure tie to the customer?



# Fayetteville PWC: Time of Use & Community Solar



### **Time-of-Use Rates**

### Time It Right and Save

PWC has implemented Time-of-Use Rates for residential and small commercial electric customers. These rates are more in line with how we have to purchase power from Duke Energy - at higher rates during peak hours, when consumers typically use more power.

Use these helpful TOU tips, to take advantage of Time-of-Use Rates to lower your electric bills by conserving and shifting consumption from peak to off-peak hours. Rates for electricity used during off-peak hours are 35% lower than during peak times.

Summer Peak Hours

April - October from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (Mon. - Fri.)

Winter Peak Hours

Time-of-Use Rates Overview



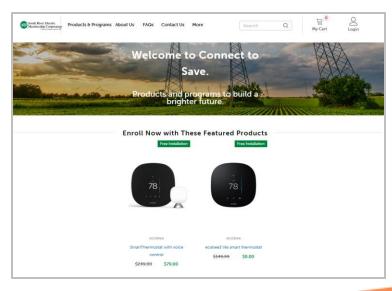


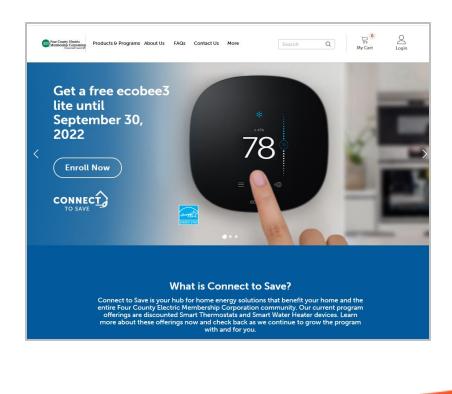


# **NCEMC's Connect to Save Program**



"Connect to Save is your hub for home energy solutions that benefit your home and your entire community. Our current program offerings are discounted Smart Thermostats and Smart Water Heaters devices."





# A New Way to Manage Load: NCEMC's Connect to Save Program





- ✓ Dispatchable load
- ✓ Two-way communication with enrolled devices
- ✓ Scalable marketplace for multiple products
- ✓ Collaboration across co-ops



- ✓ Customer-friendly language
- ✓ Deals on a variety of thermostats
- ✓ Easy-to-access information
- ✓ Easy to enroll
- ✓ Win-Win-Win

### EnergyWise Home

Get rewards.

### **Enrollment Options**

There are several options for you to enroll and some are based on your location. Review each option below and choose what works best for you.





Smart Thermostat >

Switch >



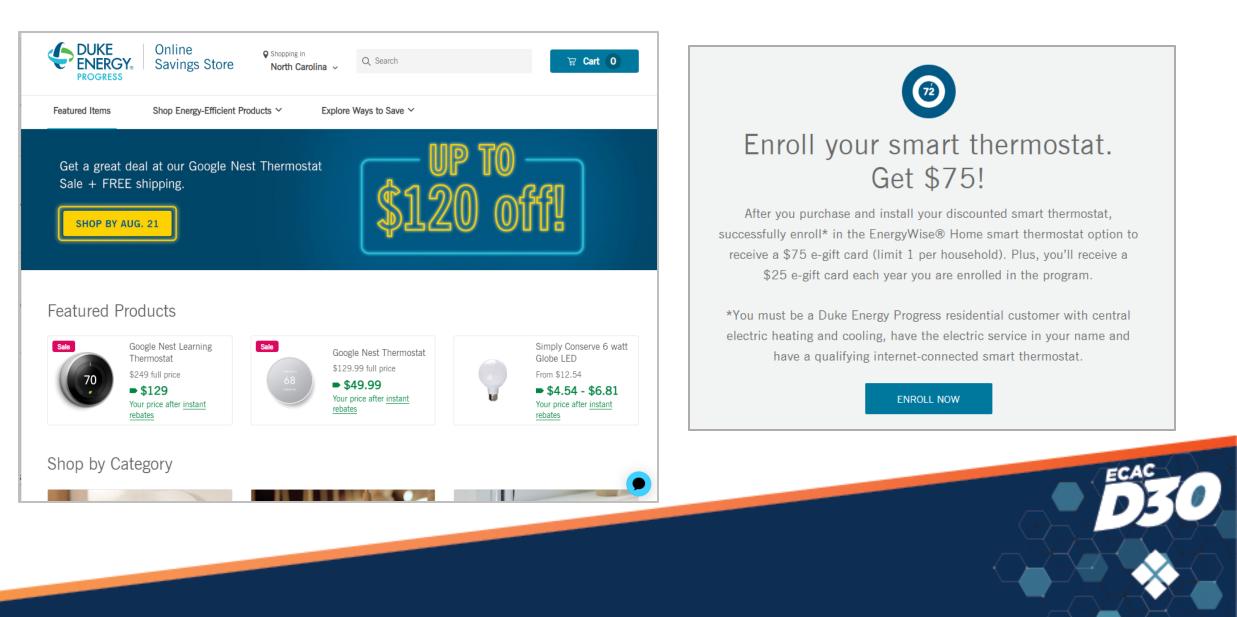
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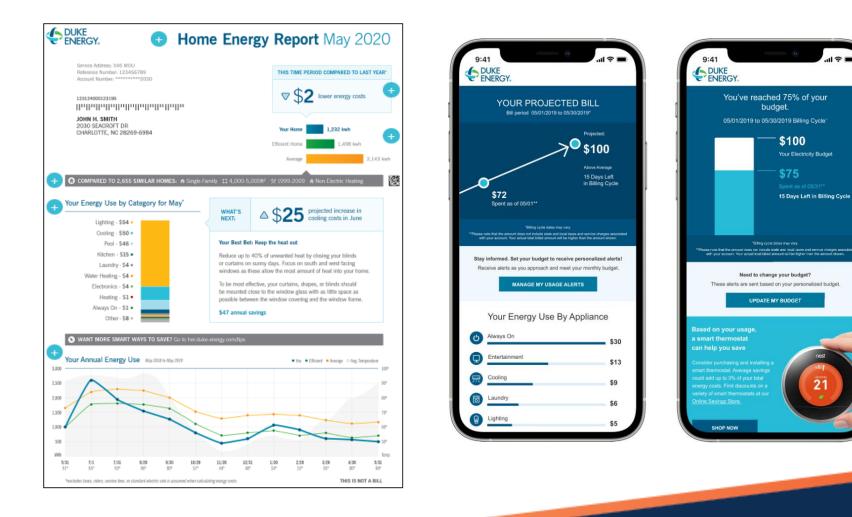
### **Online Savings Store**

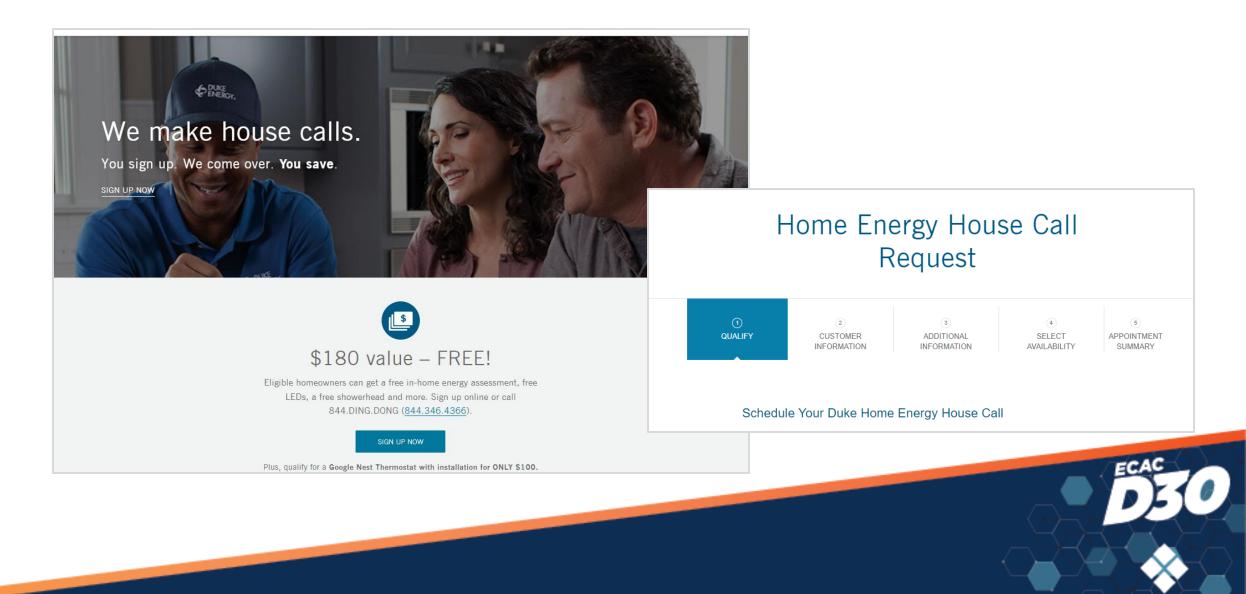
Get \$120 off a Google Nest Thermostat + FREE shipping!

SHOP NOW

72 Enroll your smart thermostat. Get \$75!







**DUKE** ENERGY. For Your Home

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### Select your rebate

Start improving your home's energy efficiency







Heater Install >

Get \$350

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Heat Pump Water Ins

Insulate & Seal -Attic > <sub>Get \$250</sub>



Seal Ductwork > Get \$100



Pool Pump > Get \$300

### How it works

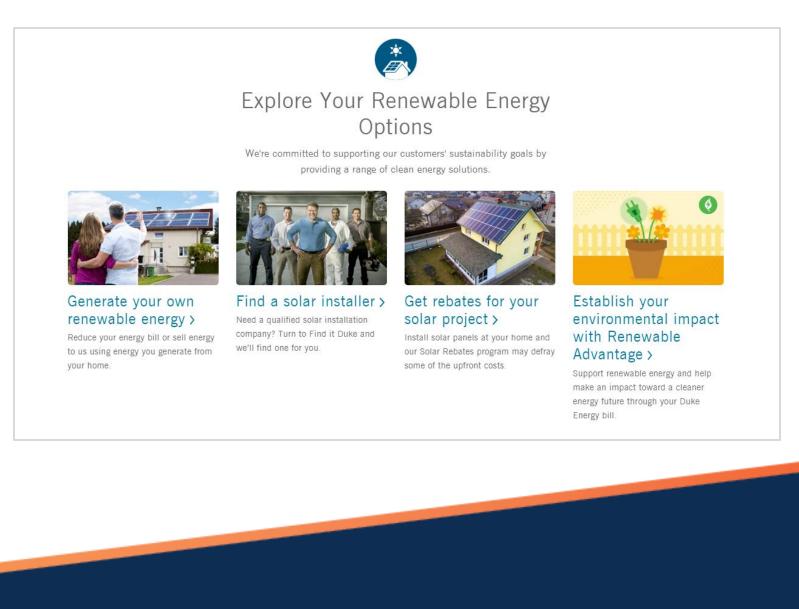
### Step One: Call one of our participating contractors

Once you pick your home improvement project, find the right person for the job. Our contractor finder tool easily connects you with our trusted network of participating contractors.

Step Two: Make improvements

You've invested in the comfort, value and energy efficiency of your home. You will enjoy the benefits of this choice for years to come. Step Three: Choose your rebate method

Your contractor completes and submits the application on your behalf. You have the option of receiving a physical card in the mail or a digital Mastercard® that can be added to your virtual wallet.



# **Duke Energy: Suite of Services**



- ✓ Positioned as an expert for consumers' energy needs
- ✓ Dispatchable load
- ✓ Solar & Energy Education
- ✓ Customer self-serve options



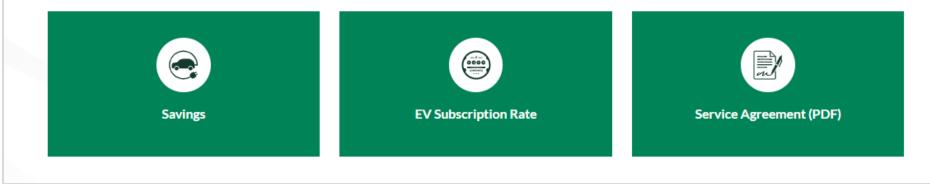
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# **Roanoke Electric: EV Charging**

### **Electric Vehicle Program**

As your local energy partner, Roanoke Electric Co-op is proud to join electric cooperatives across the state in working towards net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 and a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030. Electric Vehicles (EVs) are becoming an important part of this mission.

If you own an EV or are considering the option, the co-op's pilot program offers member-owners a discounted rate for charging their electric vehicles. Member-owners can also choose their rate package and a new home charging station, valued at \$1,700, will be professionally installed at no upfront cost. Learn more by using the following links:





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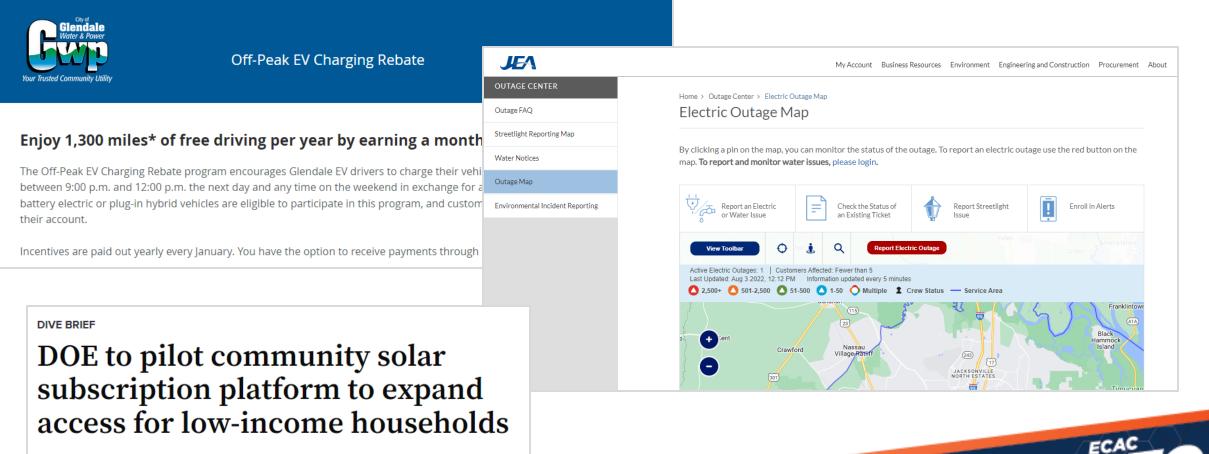




✓ Off-peak load gain
✓ Future load management opportunity
✓ Beneficial Electrification

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# **Additional Programs & Services**



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Electric cooperatives announce plans to add "Solar + Storage" sites across rural North Carolina

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North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives announces that they are bringing new energy innovation to 14 rural areas of the state by combining utility-scale solar with battery energy storage.

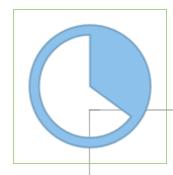
The new "solar + storage" facilities will be interconnected to electric cooperative grid and support the cooperatives' Brighter Future efforts to build a more resilient, efficient grid while maintaining affordability and long-term sustainability goals.

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

### OPPD Uses DEED Funds To Expand Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program

🛗 July 27, 2022

Peter Maloney



### Roughly One-third of Customers are interested in:

- Solar panels for their community
- Solar panels for their home
- Programmable smart thermostat
- Home energy audit
- Time-of-Use Rates
- Rebates



Over One-fifth of Customers are interested in:

- Purchasing an Electric Vehicle
- Prepaying their utility bill
- Energy usage seminar

Based on the 2017-2021 ElectriCities Retail Customer Survey

# **#1 Take-Away: Start Now**

- Identify the champion
- Prioritize quick wins
- Execute your plan for the longterm wins



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### In case you want to wait...

- We are seeing the average AMI implementation AFTER budget approval will take at least two years. Customer information system (billing) is at least one year.
- Gaps in service can increase risk of policy intervention.
- We have opportunities to refresh existing programs for quick wins.
- Your community is depending on it.



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- Roanoke EV Program: <u>https://www.roanokeelectric.com/electric-vehicle-program/</u>

### **Duke Energy**

- Energy Saving Solutions: <u>https://www.duke-energy.com/home/products</u>
- Ways to Save: <u>https://www.duke-energy.com/home/savings</u>
- Smart Energy: <u>https://www.duke-energy.com/home/smart-energy</u>



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- Customer Portal: <u>https://my.faypwc.com/eportal/#/</u>
- Time-of-use rate: <u>https://www.faypwc.com/time-of-use-rates/</u>
- Community Solar: <u>https://www.faypwc.com/community-solar/</u>

### **Glendale Water & Power**

- Bring Your Own Charger (EV): <u>https://www.bringyourowncharger.com/gwp-home?utm\_source=GWP&utm\_medium=social&utm\_id=ChargingRebate</u>
- Department of Energy Pilot: <u>https://bit.ly/3brjht3</u>

