Dynamic Pricing: What You Need to Know and Lessons from the Field

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FEATURE

Beyond TOU: Is more dynamic pricing the future of rate design?

Analysts say sending stronger price signals to residential ratepayers could help reduce peak demand, but consumer advocates are leery



BRIEF

Massachusetts approves new demand charge for Eversource's net metering customers



Why Should Electric Utilities Tie Rates to Costs?

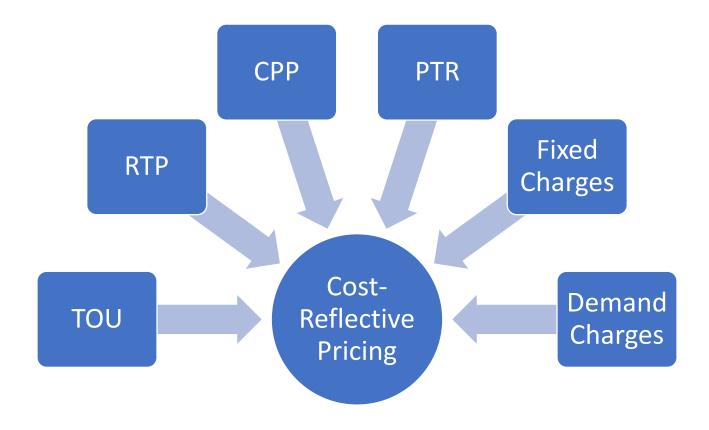
Incentivize customers to behave in ways that **lower system cost**

Empower customers to manage their energy bill

Allocate costs fairly across customers



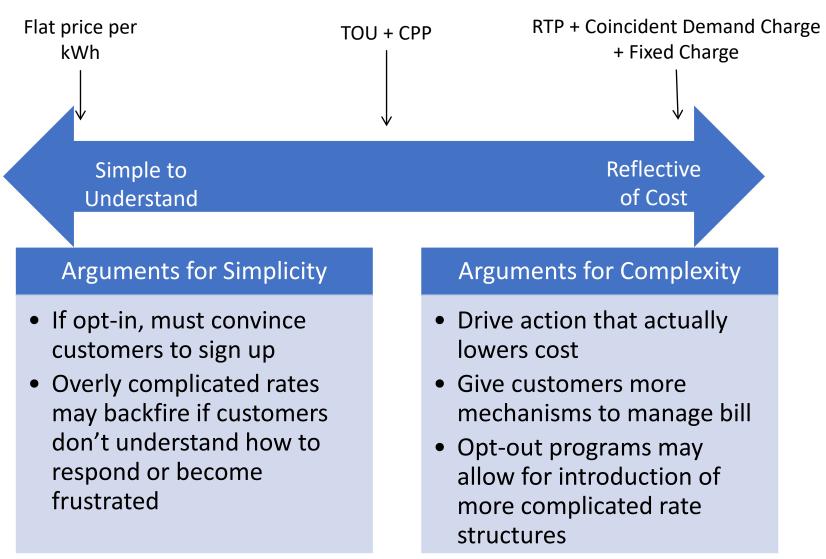
What is Price-Based Demand Response?



Charge customers more for actions that lead to higher cost to serve and less for actions that reduce cost to serve.



Dynamic Pricing Spectrum





Driving Customer Acceptance of Dynamic Pricing

Target the right customers

- Use meter data to ID customers most likely to benefit
- Segment customers to deliver most effective marketing messages

Provide appropriate coaching

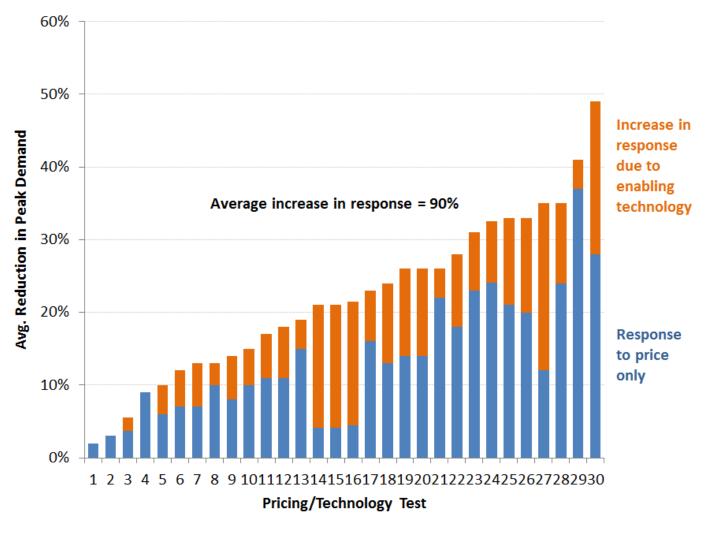
• Deliver customized tips at the right times to help customers save money

Automate price response wherever possible

- Target thermostat, water heater, pool pump, or other connected loads
- Create flexible, dispatchable, predictable demand response resource



Benefits of Automation



Source: Ryan Hledik, The Brattle Group



Why Now?

Distributed Energy Resources



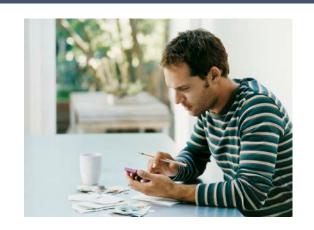
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Connected Loads



Digitally Engaged Customers



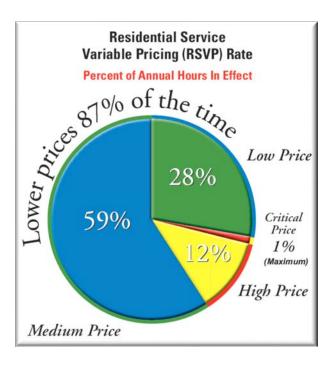


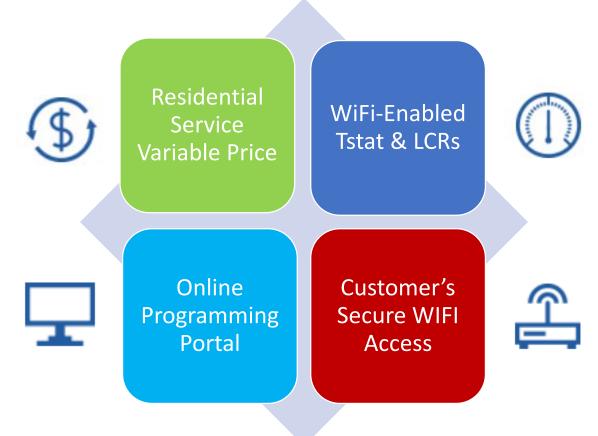
Gulf Power Energy Select Program Objectives

- Reduce generation needs
- Better use existing capacity
- Enhance customer satisfaction and value



Energy Select Today







Program Stats

• Customers: 19,000+

- Per household reduction
 - Winter 2.4 kW
 - Summer 1.7 kW
- Customer Satisfaction
 - 95% Satisfied
 - 57% Extremely Satisfied





Success Factors

Engage Key
Constituents

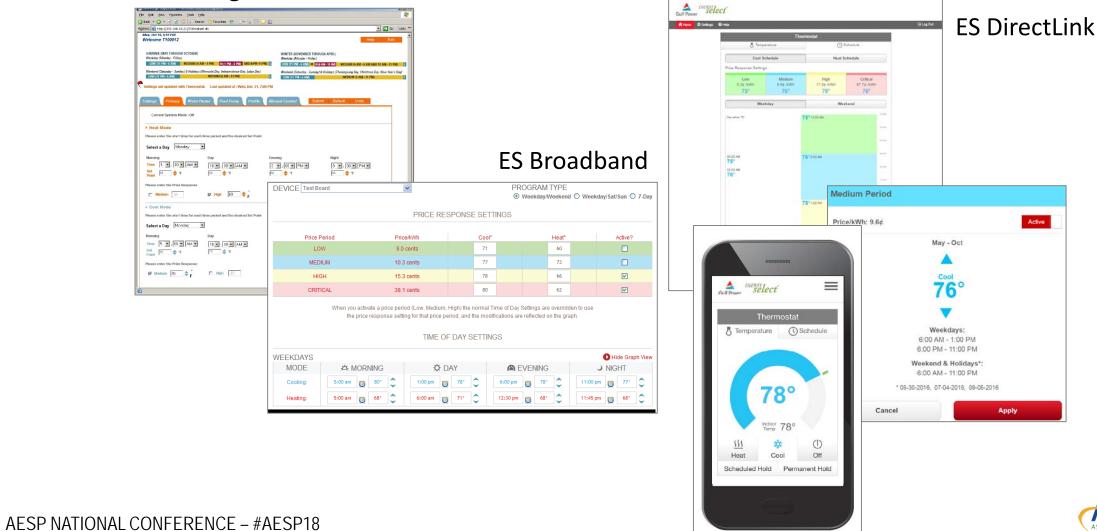
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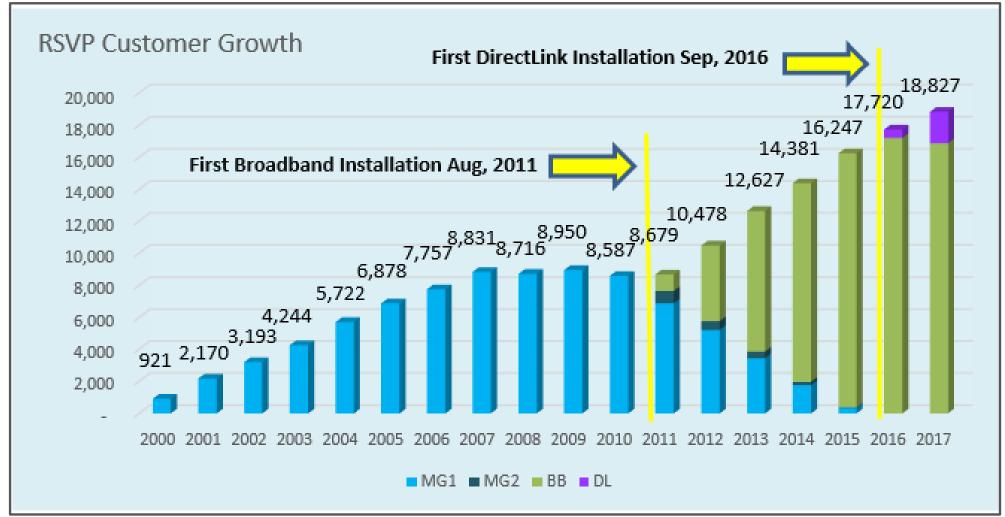
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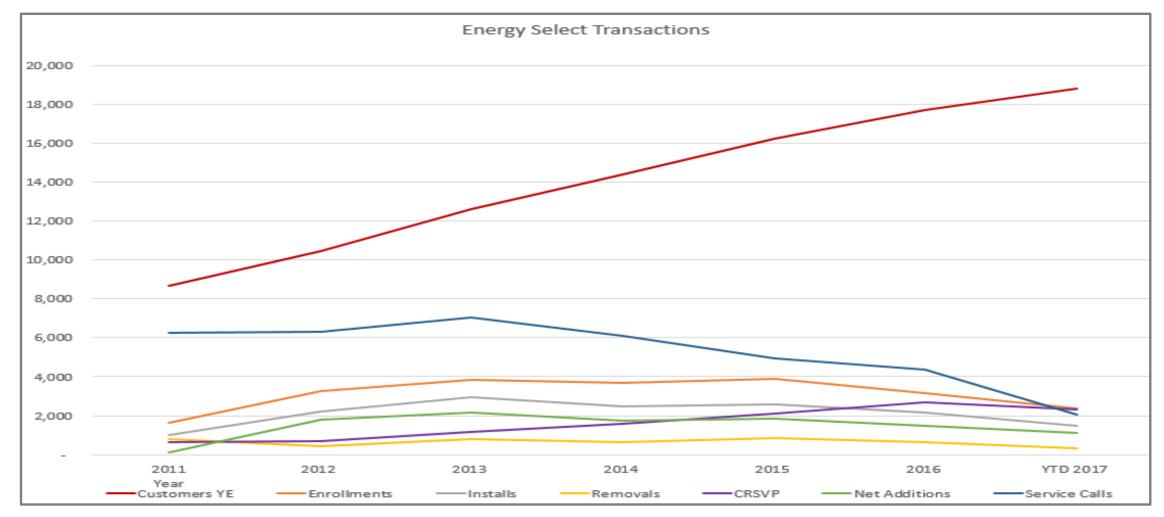
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Summary

- » Dynamic pricing is about aligning pricing structure with cost structure
- » Benefits include:
 - Reduces system cost
 - Gives customer control
 - Ensures fairness in cost allocation
- » Dynamic pricing toolbox is varied
- » Engagement and automation help drive success



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