Dynamic Pricing Residential Mass Markets

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Direct Energy

50 states and 10 provinces

Upstream

Upstream Power

Three gas-fired power stations 1260MW in Texas

Upstream Gas

4,647 natural gas wells in Alberta

Renewable Energy

813MW of Texas wind power contracts



Downstream

DE Business

Providing gas and electricity to C&I customers in Canada, CA, TX, US North

DE Residential

Serving gas and electricity customers in core markets in Canada, Texas, US

DE Services

Serving residential and business services customers across North America





Direct Energy

One of North America's largest competitive suppliers of electricity, natural gas and home services

Owned by Centrica

Affiliate of British Gas

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hd4oaSigBuc&list=SP2D29B169F87A9CF7&index=2

60,000+ customers on dynamic pricing products



Significance of dynamic pricing

Creates opportunities for customers, utilities and retail suppliers

- Increases customer awareness of energy demand, timing of usage and associated costs
- Empowers customers to shift energy usage, reduce overall consumption and energy costs
- Enables differentiated products in the market to address energy demand
- Shares ownership of energy demand



Customer Interest Dynamic Pricing in Texas



Power-To-Go, Direct Energy's prepaid product has been active in Texas since July 2010

Direct Energy sends approximately 60k sms text messages per day with usage and bill amount

Power-To-Go offers the option of "Free Power Saturdays"



Customer Interest Dynamic Pricing in Pennsylvania

<u>Products</u> <u>Launched in PP&L</u>

Free Power Saturdays September 2011

Free Power Day March 2012

Best Hourly Rate March 2012

Half Off Weekends October 2012

Free Power Nights October 2012

Free Power products deliver innovation and offer a value proposition that is unique to other dynamic pricing products.

Free Power products have positively impacted churn and customer feedback.



Direct Energy customer in PP&L



Colleen Wassell

- Colleen lives in Harrisburg, PA with her husband Brian, their children Tyler (12), Lauren (10) and Kyle (7), and their golden retriever, Romo.
- The Wassells' joined Free Power Saturdays in January and have already seen their electric bill cut in half.
- Colleen takes advantage of Free Power Saturdays by doing 10+ laundry loads over the weekend as well as vacuuming all the rooms.
- She also cooks several meals on Saturday to freeze for the upcoming week, which means running the dishwasher several times too.
- The Wassell's enjoy hosting sleepovers, Girl Scout events, and informal dinner parties during the weekend.
- Colleen feels Free Power Saturdays has helped her to be more organized to save on the bill.



http://youtu.be/EBGmt6iZnNQ



Messaging to customers















Sample PP&L customer bill

Typicies on line at ppielectric.com

Bill Acct. No.	Due Date	Amount Due	
	Aug 9, 2012	\$132.26	

Billing Summary	(Billing details on back)	
Balance as of Jul 19, 2012	\$0.00	
Charges. Total PPL Electric Utilities Charges	\$43.26	
Total DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES (2) Charges	\$89.00	
Total Charges	\$132.26	
Amount Due By Aug 9, 2012		\$132.26
Account Balance		\$132.26

PPL Electric Utilities' price to compare for your rate is 7.993 cents per kWh effective 6/1/2012 to 8/31/2012. For a list of supplier offers, visit papowerswitch.com or www.oca.state.pa.us.

Your Message Center

- Thank you for choosing the Direct Energy Free Power Saturday Plan.
- With paperless billing, you can receive and pay your PPL Electric Utilities bills online. The process is free, quick, convenient and secure. To learn more or sign up, visit pplelectric.com.
- Information about appliance energy use and tips on saving energy are available through the Energy Library on our Web site, pplelectric.com.
- Close drapes, blinds and shades on the sunny side of your home during the hottest part of the day. It eases the load on your cooling system and saves energy.

Billing Details		Page 2
Previous Balance	\$205.95	_
Payment Received - Thank You!	-\$205. 95	
		\$0.00
Balance as of 1413, 2012 Charges for - DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES (2) Generation & Transmission Charges General Service Rate: EAMM for Jun 14 - Jul 16 Billable Usage 890.8992 KWH @ 0.099900 Free Usage 141.0048 KWH @ 0.000000 Total DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES (2) Charges	89.00 0.00	\$89.00
Charges for - PPL Electric Utilities Residential Rate: RS for Jun 14 - Jul 16 Distribution Charge: Customer Charge 1,032 kWh at 3.35900000¢ per kWh PA Tax Adj Surcharge at -0.34500000% Total PPL Electric Utilities Charges	8.75 34.66 -0.15	\$43.26
Amount Due By Aug 9, 2012		\$132.26
Account Balance		\$132.26
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Barriers for Retail Suppliers

- Advanced meter deployment
- Receipt of interval usage data
- Billing systems that support dynamic pricing
- Customer awareness

