

# There's Big Power in Small Changes

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### **Virtual Power Plants**

A coordinated collection of devices in homes that make small changes in the background to save and shift energy, reducing demand on the grid without sacrificing customer comfort



## Virtual Power Plants mitigate rising demand through flexible resource optimization

#### 1 RTO Capacity

- Utilities and aggregators bid resources into capacity markets
- Revenues go to utilities, aggregators and participating customers
- Evolving opportunity under FERC Order 2222

#### 2 Grid/Demand Flexibility

- VPPs can smooth out system peaks
- VPPs unlock the flexible resources utilities need for DSM, NWS and distribution planning
- Locational DSM an emerging opportunity

#### 3 Customer-centric

- Personalization
- Streamlined participation
- Comfortable DR
- Lower bills

Capacity Market Revenues

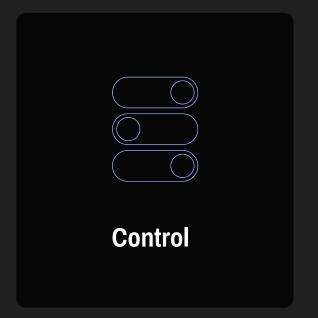
Distribution System Resource

Customer Control

### The way to scale VPPs is to prioritize customers

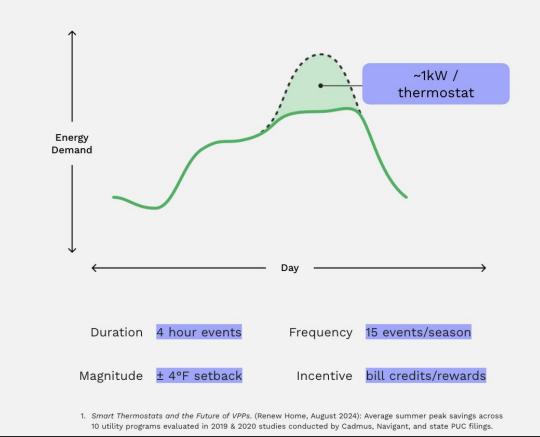
Renew Home focuses on comfort, control and savings to create a home energy management platform that is good for the household and great for the grid.







#### **Traditional DR has** served the industry well for the last decade



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per thermostat1

 <sup>&</sup>quot;2021-06-01 CECo Application and Testimony and Exhibits," Consumers Energy Company filing at the Michigan PSC. 1 June 2021. https://mi-psc.my.site.com/s/filing/a00t00000 008ypAAAR/u210800001

## Personalized energy adjustments

Subtle, personalized energy adjustments create a year-round resource for the grid that helps customers save.



## Setback Personalized, but typically 1-2°F

Event duration 1-4 hours

Availability
100 hours / season year-round

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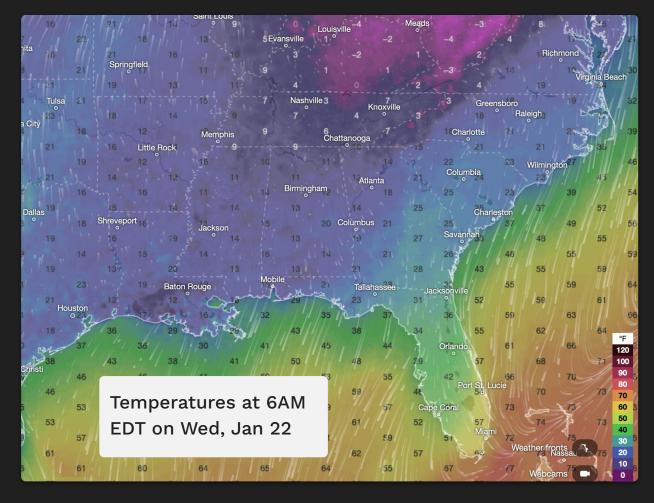


Personalized Energy Shifts can deliver higher engagement and participation rates by meeting customers where they are.



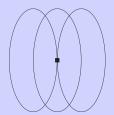
## What this looks like in action

January 2025 arctic blast in the southeast



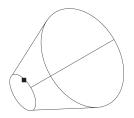
#### Good for the grid, Great for homes

Households can earn rewards, save energy, and support the grid — all while staying in control.



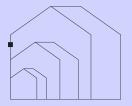
#### **VPP** at scale

With 5+ million households on the platform, Renew is building the largest residential VPP platform in the US. That's gigawatts of capacity.



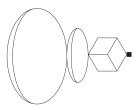
## Greater reach via delightful customer experiences

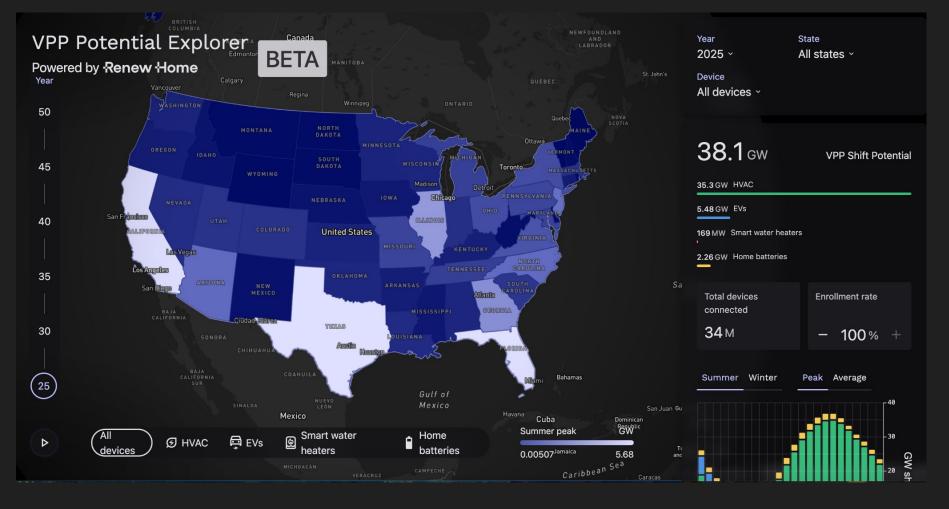
Renew Home reaches and enrolls more homes by integrating within the device experience and smart home platforms.



## Real personalization is key

Personalized energy adjustments make it easy for customers to save and shift energy use when it matters most, which means they can also use cleaner, cheaper energy and support a more dynamic grid.





### M&V Approach to Connected Thermostat Optimization for Act 129 Phase V Daily Load Shifting

#### 1 Randomized Control Trials

- The Gold Standard in statistical sampling
- Connected Thermostat impacts are highly weather dependent
- RCTs minimize negative program impacts & noise

#### 2 Aggregated Anonymized Data

- Verification at scale without the need to ask existing customers to reaffirm enrollment
- Can be verified with a sample of AMI data

### Measure the Value of the Resource

- Locational & Temporal value of the load that is shed
- Not all load reduction is equal
- Flexibility; doesn't need to be against a standard 4 hour window.
- Short, targeted dispatches can be more effective

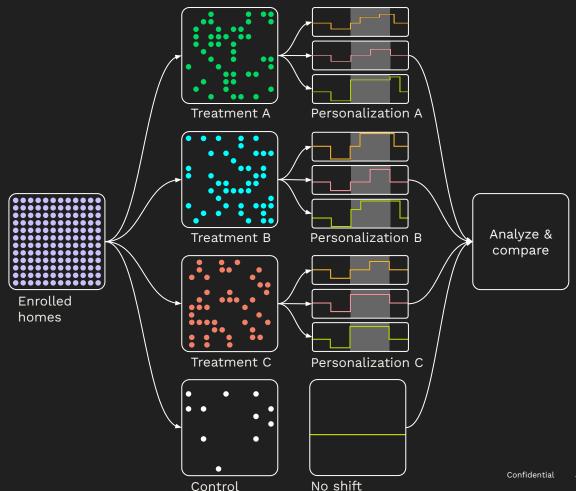
Measure the impact

Use big numbers

How much is it worth?

## Randomized Control Trials

- Built upon millions of homes opted-in to load shifting.
- Rapid learning from hundreds of variants.
- Randomized Control Trials provide causal proof of impact.



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## Thank you

