### Growing Revenue Through Value-Added Services

**Customer Interest and Utility Platforms** 



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### We'll answer four questions

Which products and services are residential customers interested in?

Which products and services are business customers interested in?

How are utilities marketing new offerings to customers?

What do smart home opportunities look like?

Residential customer interest in products and services

### 2017 survey: which products and services?



- Con
  - Connected home products



Green energy products



Insurance products

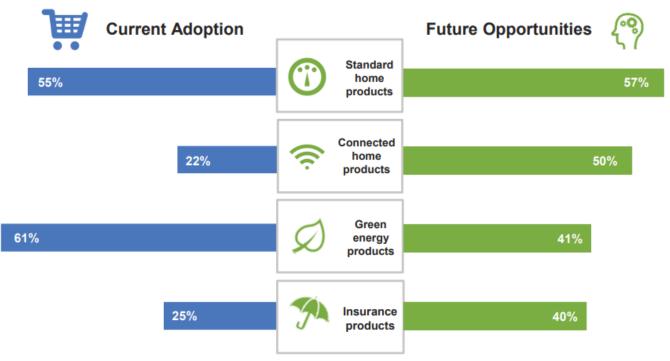
- Backup generators
- Heating or airconditioning systems
- Home weatherization services (such as insulation and window caulking)
- Major home appliance repair or maintenance
- Outdoor lighting installation and repair

- Home battery storage systems for backup power
- Home energy management (HEM) systems
- Rooftop solar panels
- Home or community electric vehicle (EV) charging stations

- Carbon offsets
- Energy-efficient products (such as LEDs and low-flow showerheads)
- Locally sourced green energy

- Major home appliance insurance
- Surge-protection insurance
- Wiring-protection insurance

### Where are the opportunities?



Base: All respondents (n = 1,026). Question S6\_1: How familiar are you with each of the following energy-related products and services? Base: Those who are somewhat/very familiar with standard home products (n = 965), connected home products (n = 855), green energy products (n = 958), and insurance products (n = 737). S6\_2: Which stage in the purchase process are you for each of the following energy-related products and services?

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### **HEM systems**

### PREFERRED PROVIDER

- 1. Utility (35%)
- 2. Major hardware retailer (25%)

### PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD

- Initial, full purchase (39%)
- Ongoing, monthly payment (23%)
- 3. Rent or lease (23%)

### Potential adopters



Male

Under 45 years of age



Have conducted a home energy audit



Have worked with a trade ally



Have an online account

Other products and services in order of most purchased

Energy-efficient products

Heating or air-conditioning systems

Home weatherization services

Backup generators

Considering purchasing 24%

Market HEM systems to residential customers who meet these criteria or have purchased these other products or services



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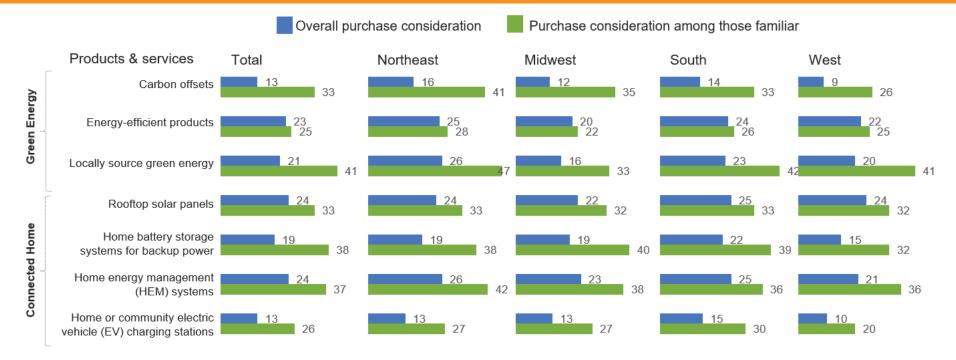


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Customer Survey 2017)



Percentage of respondents

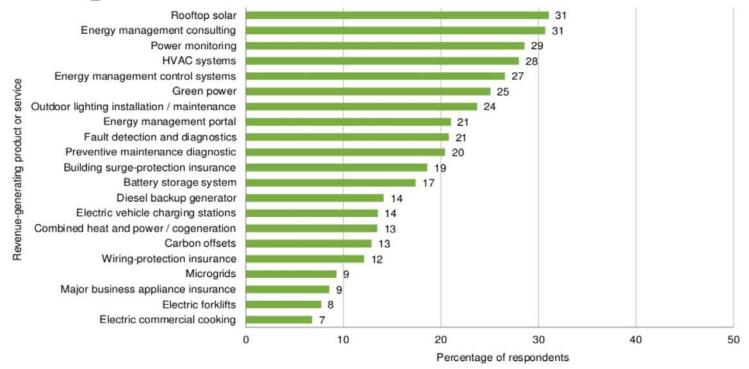
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# Business customer interest in products and services

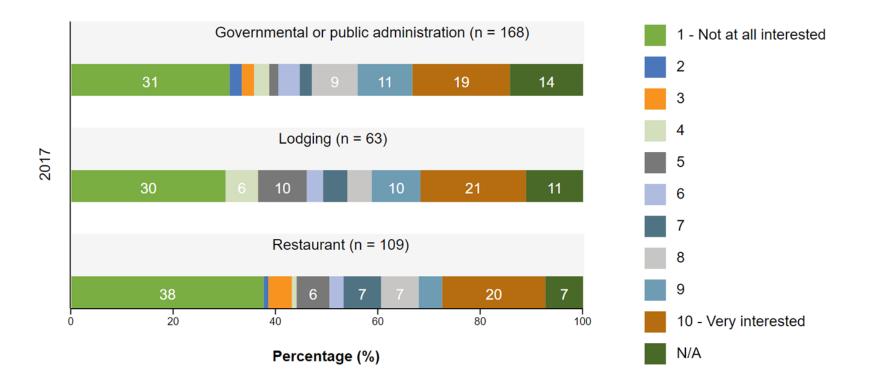
### Interest in purchasing or participating in utilityprovided products or services



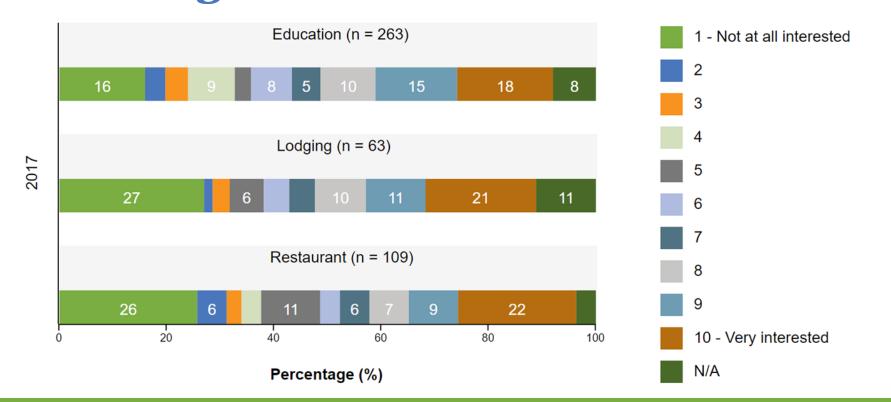
Base: Small and midsize business customers included in the 2017 benchmark who answered this question (n varies from 1,486 to 1,645). Question S6\_1\_Int: Please tell us how interested your business is in purchasing or participating in each of the following utility-provided products or services.

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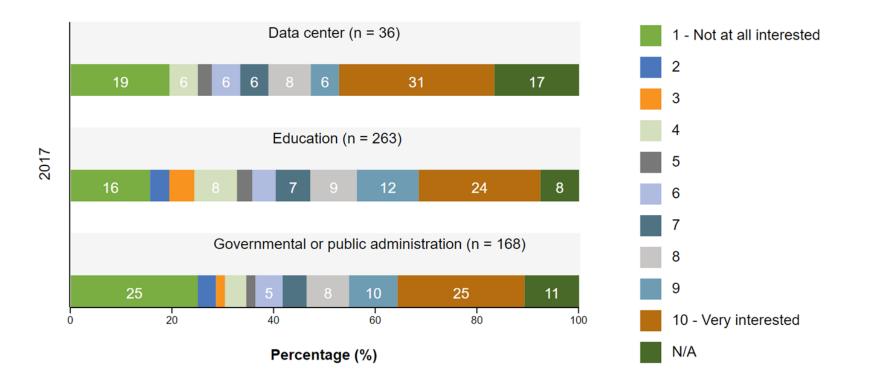
### Interest in rooftop solar



### Interest in energy management consulting

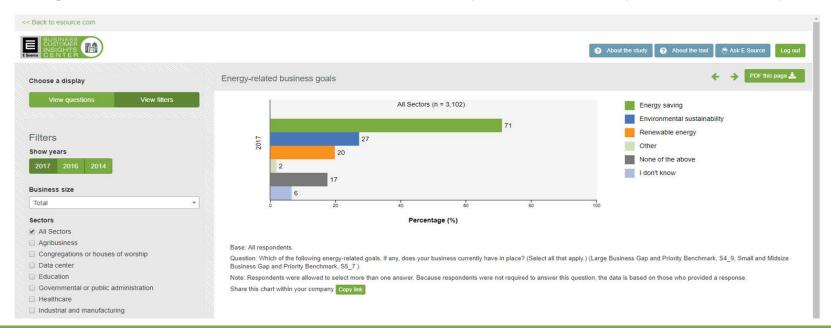


### Interest in power monitoring

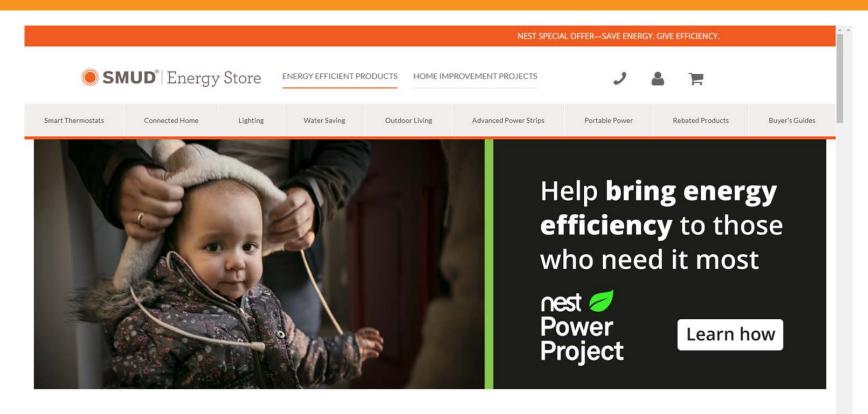


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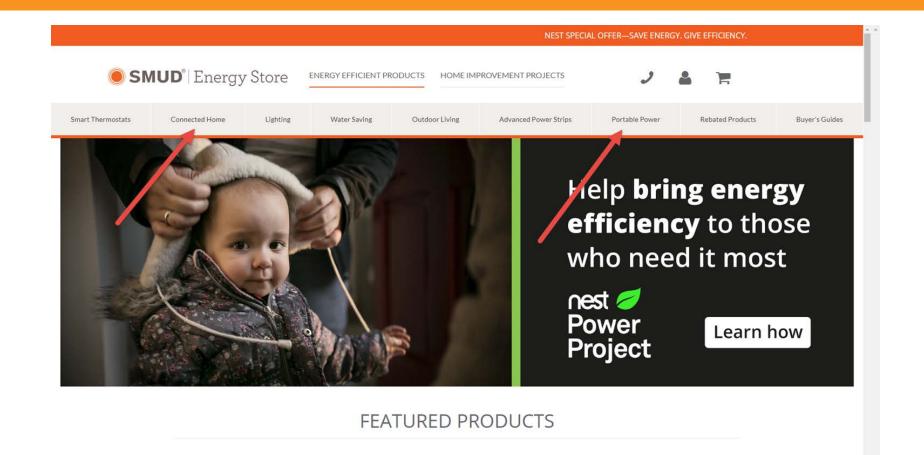
Growing database of business customer survey data—filter by size, sector, year



How utilities are marketing new offerings



**FEATURED PRODUCTS** 





\$129



\$99





NEST CAM IQ \$299 - \$498



WEMO® MINI SMART PLUG \$29



LUTRON CASETA WIRELESS SMART LIGHTING DIMMER SWITCH AND REMOTE KIT \$59

### PORTABLE POWER

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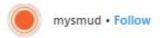
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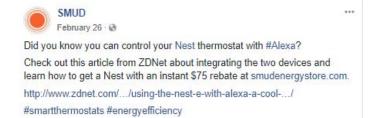
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# Smart home opportunities

### E Source Residential Utility Customer Survey

We surveyed 1,029 residential utility customers in the US and Canada on a number of topics, including:

- Smart homes
  - General thoughts and preferences
  - Device-specific feedback
- Lighting
- Home battery storage



### Customers see value in smart homes

### People agree that smart homes:

- Increase efficiency
- Provide convenience
- Add security
- Save money
- Increase comfort



High level of familiarity with a variety of smart devices

### Utility data can provide value

Customers would value getting notifications when they're close to exceeding their average monthly consumption.



Some of the most valued attributes of the smart home include:

- Being alerted to malfunctioning devices
- Setting up devices to automatically save energy
- Monitoring energy use

### **Opportunities for utilities**

More than 20% of customers would prefer to buy a smart home system from their energy utility.

Utilities can help with some of the major barriers:

- Expense
- Lack of knowledge

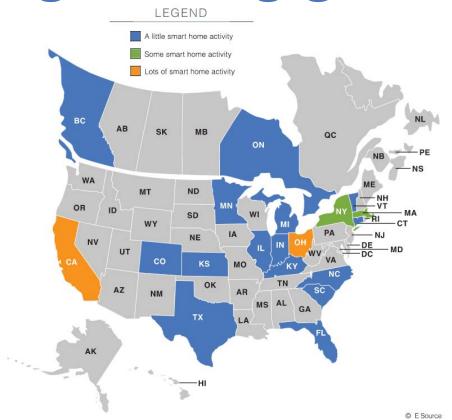


Utilities are becoming more engaged

with smart homes

More than 20 utilities have already created offerings:

- Efficiency
- Load management
- Marketing
- Customer education
- Revenue generation



### The smart home can open up new business models Water Heater Lease

### FirstEnergy.

FirstEnergy Home Products and Services

Connected Home Plan

Plumbing Repair Plan Electric Vehicle Charger Lease



### Connected Home Plan

Today's smart thermostat technology gives you total control over your home's heating and cooling system - anytime, from anywhere - using your smartphone. Not only do smart thermostats make your life easier, they also result in greater energy efficiency and enhance the comfort of your home. And with our Connected Home Plan, turning your home into a smart home is now more affordable than ever - with more information than ever

Enroll now in our Connected Home Plan and get the comfort and convenience you need from a smart thermostat. Plus, our unique energy efficiency diagnostic reports - using FirstEnergy's HVAC Monitoring Service - provide the data and tools you need to save energy and improve the performance of your systems.

### Only \$14.99 A Month: Enroll Now



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Comfort, control and peace of mind with:

- A state-of-the-art ecobee thermostat that can save 239 your energy costs."
- · A low monthly amount conveniently added to your elecbill - just \$14.99 a month.
- Professional installation at no additional cost we take
- · FirstEnergy's HVAC Monitoring Service provides custo monthly reports and alerts via text or email that notify y of potential performance issues with your heating and cooling system - allowing you to fix issues to improve energy efficiency and avoid serious breakdowns.



Does your water heater leave you with a cold shower? Do you dream of a reliable water heater but simply can't find a way to fit it into your budget? With UI's TempAssured Worry-Free Water Heater Lease, that dream can become a reality.

Many people turn to leasing because of the reduced maintenance cost, convenience and worry-free service. It's easier than ever to save energy, go green and enjoy the peace of mind that comes with a brand new water heater - with 24/7/365 service at no additional cost!

### UI Water Heaters:

- Are designed to work with UI's time-of-use rate so they operate at night when electricity rates are lower. Extra-thick insulation helps keep the water hot all day.
- Are built to last 2 to 3 times longer than retail models.
- Provide all the hot water you'll need for bathing, dishwashing and laundry.
- Are professionally installed by a member of our service team who will also dispose of your old water heater.
- Come with emergency service and repairs.
- ▶ Just call UI and we'll be there even if it's the middle of the night or the middle of a long holiday weekend.
- ▶ Include FREE lifetime maintenance. Service calls are free of charge.

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## Q&A and discussion