# Keys to Successful Digital Engagement with Outbound Communication

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# How do you engage your customers?







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# **25% INCREASE**

in customer satisfaction



#### More than **3 TIMES AS LIKELY** to recommend their provider

to recommend their provider



### **37% INCREASE**

In signups for energy products and programs

Engaged Customers are a Valuable Asset

Digitally engaged customers show improved customer sentiment\* American Customer Satisfaction Index™

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# 2015 Q3-Q4

	RETENTION	SATISFACTION
Our Utility	80	84
Touchstone Energy	76	74
Municipal Utilities	75	68
Investor-Owned Utilities	74	69
Energy Utilities	74	69

#### Integrity 0 0 Credibility 0 Innovation 0 Value Proposition 0 And vs Or

# Partnering Criteria



# Implementation Experience for > 600 companies

- Telecom
- Insurance
- Health
- Utility
- Retail
- Charity
- Hospitality
- Consumer Finance
- Property Management



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Your customers have better things to do than dealing with your bills.

Pay an AcceptEmail in less than 30 seconds. No log-ins or passwords are needed.





Bill deliver & pay service via email, text, online or QR codes Serving over 600 companies reaching 10 million consumers and SMEs

since 2007

International Company with operations in 6 countries Proven platform Award-winning technology (BAI, Google, Accenture) ISO 27001 security certification



# Billing: Still a major issue for utilities

# **US\$177** billion

Paperless adoption in Utility overall 15%

Billing accounted for more than 8 out of 10 complaints in 2015

Only 20% of registered self-service portal users regularly visits portal



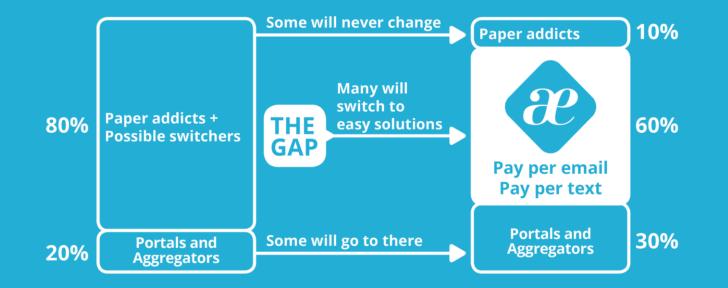




# Mind the Digital Gap!



Utility is in serious need of a customer-centric billing process







# Making Impact

Expand the menu with more options in bill presentment & payment (Bridge the Digital Gap)
Improve Customer Satisfaction
Change Billing & Collections Landscape



# Any type of messaging to pay bills









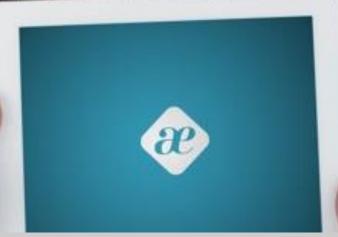
# Does your digital bill adoption rate meet your expectations?

- a. No, it is too low
- b. Yes, but it could be improved
- c. Yes, it meets our objectives

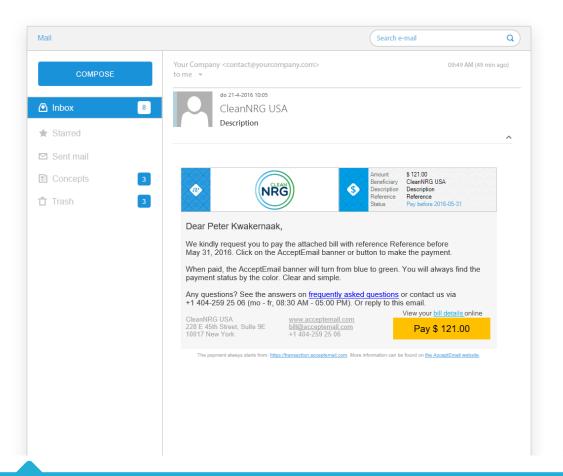


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# Paying bills the easy way. User experience step by step



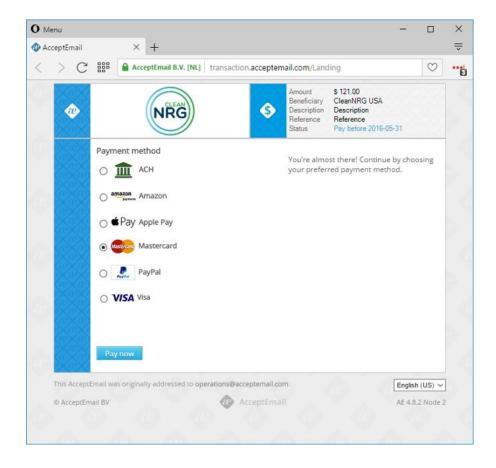






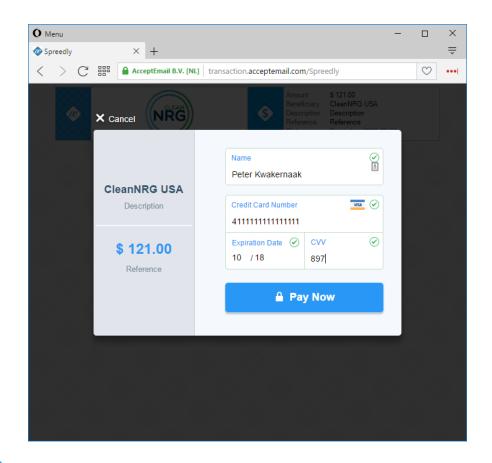
# Click on received email *To Pay*







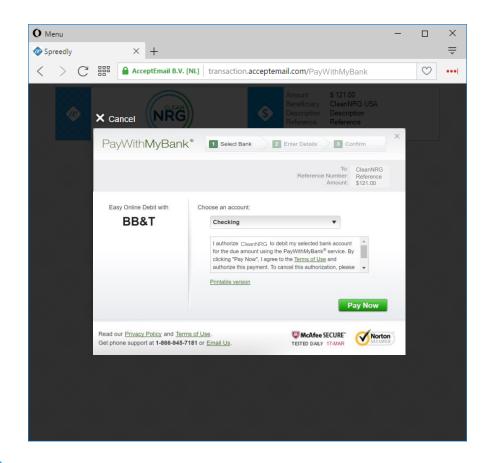






With Credit Card

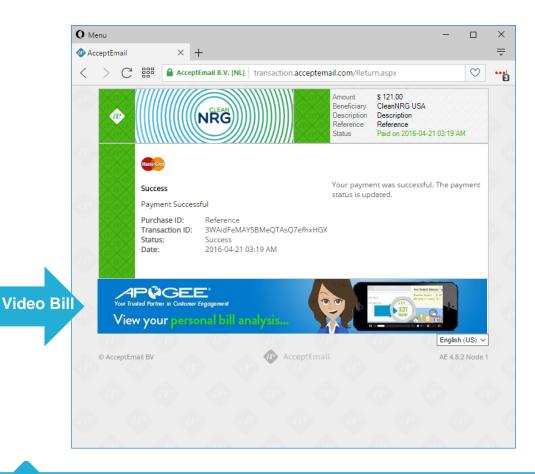






# **Authorize**

with ACH avoid credit card fees





# Video Bill Explanation





Having trouble viewing this email? Click here for online version.

#### Your 2015 Year-End Summary

#### Dear Bob Johnson,

Thank you for being our valued customer. For your convenience, we've prepared this yearend summary of your energy use along with top tips for saving energy in your home. We hope you'll find it helpful. Please feel free to call us at 800.123.4567 with any questions.

#### Here's where your energy dollars are going:





#### Here are some easy tips and recommendations to lower your energy costs in your home:

- Set your thermostat at 78°F in the summer and 68°F in the winter and leave it alone. With each degree decrease on your thermostal in the winter and increase in the summer, you can immediately realize a 3 to 4 percent decrease in energy use.
- Install and preset an ENERGY STAR® programmable thermostat to automatically reduce energy usage when you are away or sleeping. Constantly changing the temperature causes your system to work harder.
- Turn down your water heater thermostat. A setting of 120°F is fine for most homes.
- Take quick showers instead of baths. This greatly reduces the amount of hot water used.
- Use ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) or LED light bulbs. They use threequarters less electricity, generate 75 percent less heat and last up to 10 times tonger than standard incandescent lighting.

#### My Account

Track your Daily usage and sign up for alerts when your daily or monthly usage hits certain levels.

LOGIN NOW

#### Self-Service Energy Survey

For a more precise and personalized energy report, log in and give us details about your household.

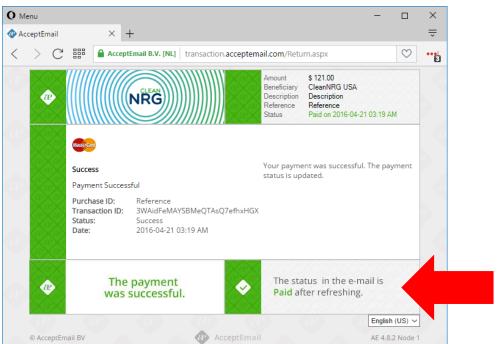
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# Proactive Outbound Communication:

- ✓ Powerful
- ✓ Proactive
- Personal
- ✓ Mail or eMail
- ✓ Quarterly/Annually
- Bumped Satisfaction16%

✓ 100 pts. JD Power





#### **Upsell Opportunities:**

#### Default:

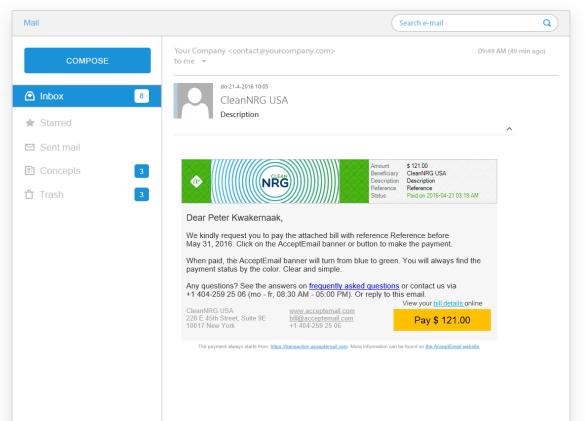


The payment status Paid is also shown in the email.

#### Tailormade:



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Payment request becomes payment receipt *in original email* 

# Payment via mobile email





#### Dear Peter Kwakernaak,

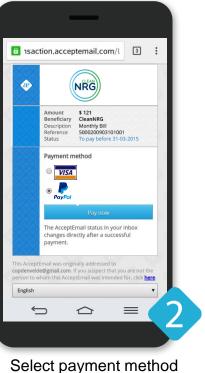
Please pay this AcceptEmail with reference 5000200903101001 before 31 March. Start by clicking on the payment banner or the button.

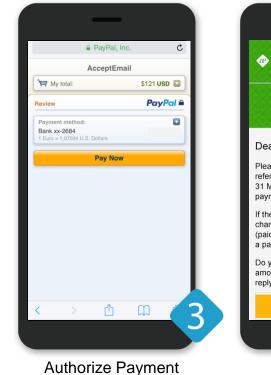
If the payment is successful the banner changes from blue (to pay) into green (paid). Your payment request becomes a payment receipt.

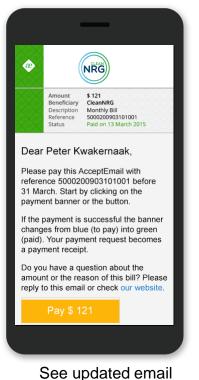
Do you have a question about the amount or the reason of this bill? Please reply to this email or check our website.



Receive bill via email







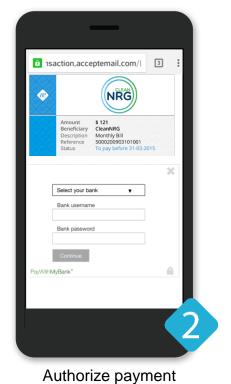
# Payment via Text Message

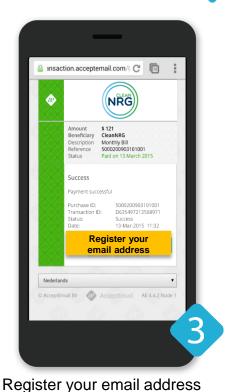
Dear customer,

Prevent additional costs or suspension of service. Please pay your outstanding balance with ACH here: <u>https://trx.ae/qFgkDft9kG</u> USSWvwFw.

Kind regards, CNRG



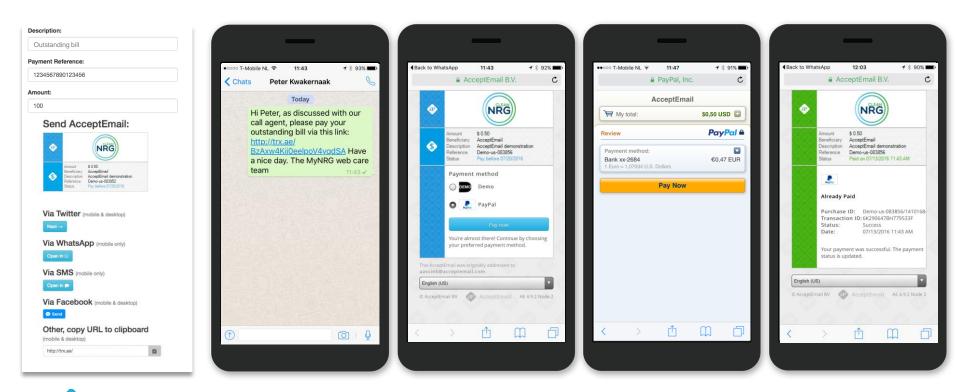




Payment request via Text

# Payment via Social





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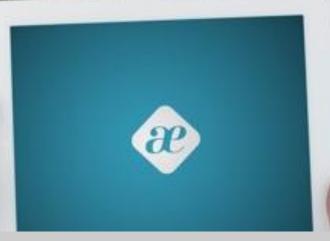
# How much time would you like to spend paying a bill?

- a. Less than 30 seconds
- b. More than 30 seconds
- c. I do not mind how much time this takes



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# Facts and results



# Image: Saving per BillImage: Saving p





More than 96% of all digital bills are paid within 4 weeks. (European Utility)

- Active reminder policy even before the due date
- Most payments are made shortly after the initial transmission or the preminder, on the same day!
- Always use a properly managed address list



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# AcceptEmail helped us increasing digital adoption rates.

- Leading utility company Future-Proofs its Billing and Collections System
- In cooperation with a fulfillment partner for paper reminders
- Easy Integration and implementation in 6 weeks





## A Billing Solution that truly makes an impact.

Waste call reduction by 10% saving approx. \$1m a year
Reduce the time for customers dealing with bills by 50%
Customer satisfaction (Net Promoter Score) increase by 20 %
Less manual handling, 30% costs reduction on valuable staffing costs



# Results that pay off

# **Faster Payments**

Increase Customer Satisfaction

## **Significant Savings**

**Easy Implementation** 









# Exchanging data with AcceptEmail

#### 1. Web Users

#### Manual sending

- Manual Data Entry
- Web form
- Individual
- Reports and analyses



• Typical for a/o call center applications

#### 2. Managed Account

#### File drop system

- File Drop mechanism
- Dedicated SFTP host
- Automated batch process
- End-to-end workflow



- Suitable for most clients
- Ease of use

#### 3. API

#### Web service

- Java and .NET toolkits
- SOAP and REST
- Individual & batch
- Real-time



Real-time and in-session
 application

# What customers like about us

- Ease of integration, High Level Implementation Steps
- Experts on deliverability, bulk email
- Strong reporting capabilities
- Great user experience and ease of use
- Best-of-breed Tech components
- Agile and Flexible

# Apogee + AcceptEmail + You= Increasing customer satisfaction

Let's change the way people pay their bills.

#### Coming Soon...

Digital Engagement: The Empower Platform

# Questions

Contact us to discuss digital engagement strategies that are right for you.

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