### Finding the Near Term Safe Value Propositions

In this rapidly changing customer engagement and influence game

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#### Quick Summary of Apogee



Serving 600+ utilities

"Apogee's Customer Engagement Platform is **the most** comprehensive in the industry.

It reaches customers in so many ways by educating and providing **personalized** and meaningful information to change behavior while providing utility clients with **business analytics** to make good business decisions."





### **Today's Agenda: Find the Near Value**

- Use billing histories and smart meter data if available.
- Find best candidate homes for HVAC upgrades?
- Identify home retrofit performance contract homes?
- Which homes are the best DR candidates?
- Who might pay extra for home monitoring services?
- How can these analytics be used to actively engage these consumers and produce value today?

### Your Presenter Today: Joel Gilbert



BS and MS in Chemical Engineering MS in Operations Research and Statistics Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Licensed Professional Engineer

6 years nuclear attack submarine power plants
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6 years at MTI advance heat recovery systems
30 years serving the Energy Utility Industry

I Skate To Where The Puck Will Be, Not To Where It Is

### Wayne Gretzky

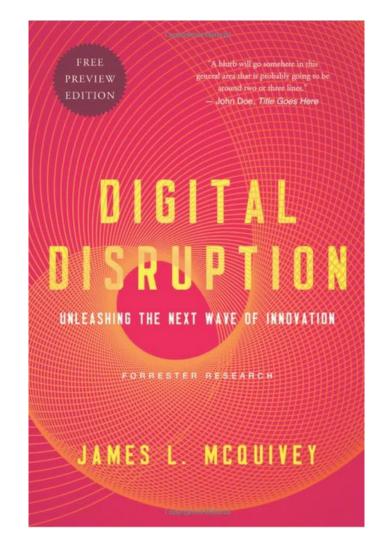
### What are your Company Goals Now?

 Improve EE and DR results Reduce Operating Costs Seek "Utility 2.0" Relationships Increase Customer Satisfaction Increase Revenues and Margins



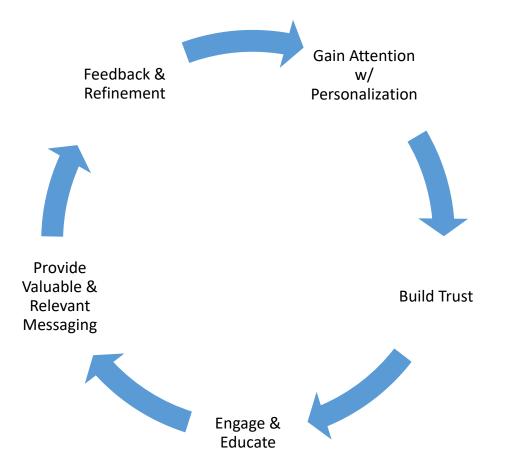
# **And Your Organization Matters**

- Short term goals
- Senior Exec liaison
- •Two Pizza Rule
- Short deadlines
- Avoid RFPs use RFIs
- Disband & restart



# **Digital Engagement Strategy Cycle**

- Gain Attention w/ Personalization
- Build Customer Trust Using
  - Accurate savings predictions
  - Relevant to customer priorities
- Choose the right channels and strategies
  - Personalized, Outbound, Proactive
  - Using Video where appropriate
- Use Weather Paradigm to deliver messaging
- Mid-Cycle Bill Alerts proactive and relevant
- Use Feedback assuring quality & effectiveness



# What is holding you back from this opportunity?

- Not sure where the opportunity is
- No budget for serious data warehouse capability
- No staff with skills or time availability
- Management is still not convinced of the business case
- All of the above

# Stop Talking "Energy Speak"

Lesson: Don't talk about kWh or therms, use dollars and degrees!





Source: Luma Partners, Terry Kawaja

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Michael Wolf: "Everybody's fighting for somebody' else's time." The most fertile ground is the digital voice assistant found in smart speakers and smartphones.



#### Eco Bee and the Amazon Echo ("Alexa")



### Al is here now in some forms - Ask Alexa to "chat" - Or, explain my bill

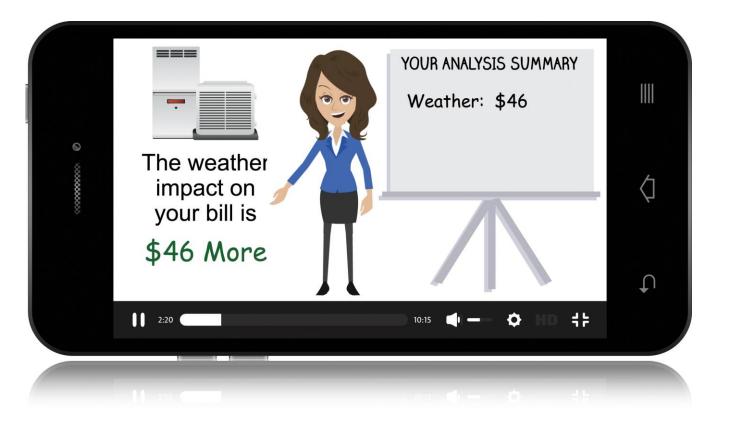


### What can you do with Bills alone?

- Year long batch of bills with zip codes
- Correlate them against the local weather
- Extract the heating and cooling energy
- Filter out the anomalies (transients/rentals)
- Back infer the Tstats for heating and cooling
- Sift, sort and present in CDF formats
- Sift, sort and present in geospatial formats

### Personal Video Messaging...Bill Explanation

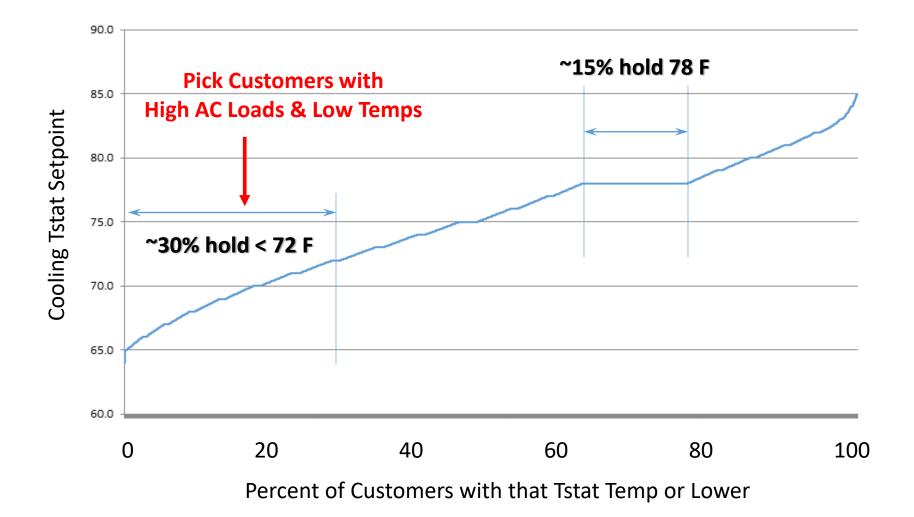




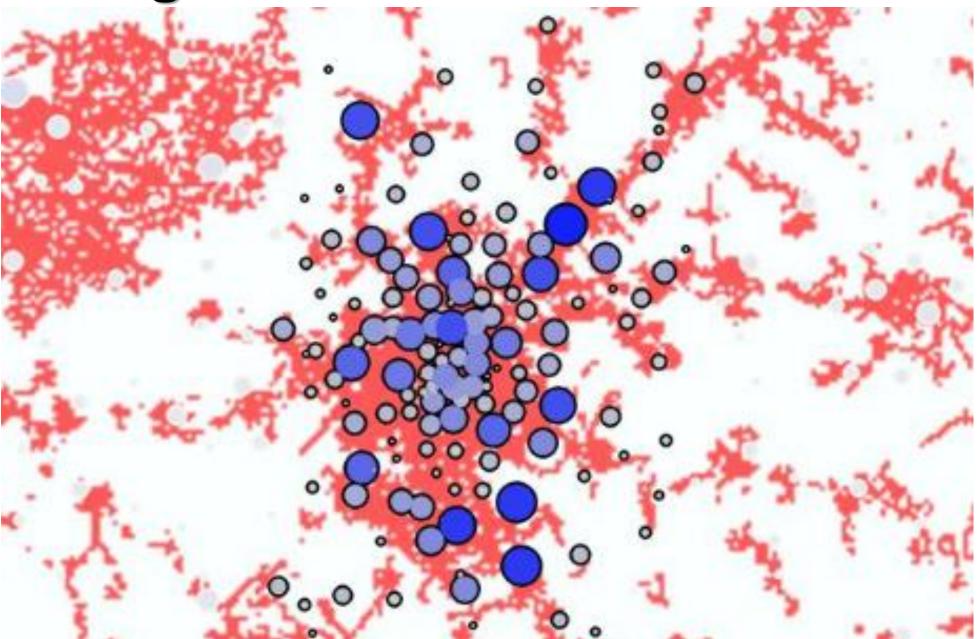
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46%	Open Rate
30%	Click-thru Rate
97%	Easy to Understand
90+%	Useful
Ideal Fr	equency
72%	6 Monthly,
<u>27%</u>	6 Quarterly
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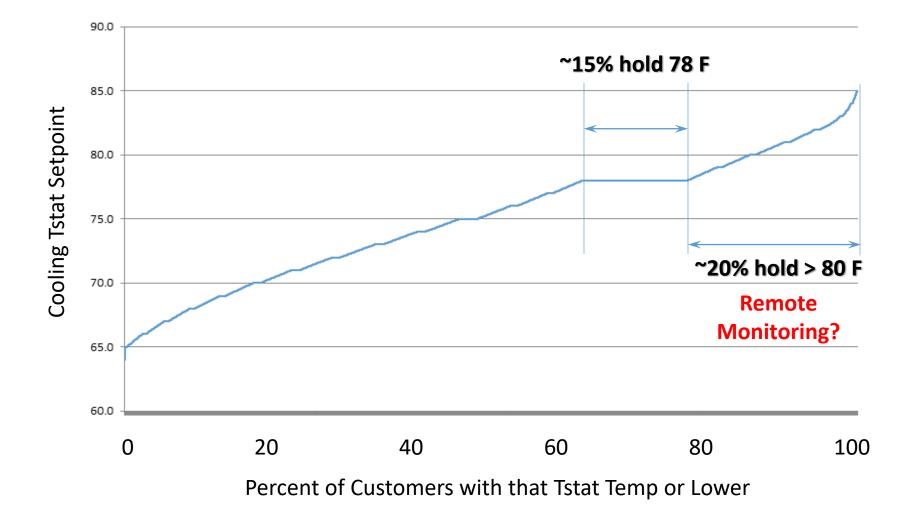
### **Example Cooling Analysis Results**



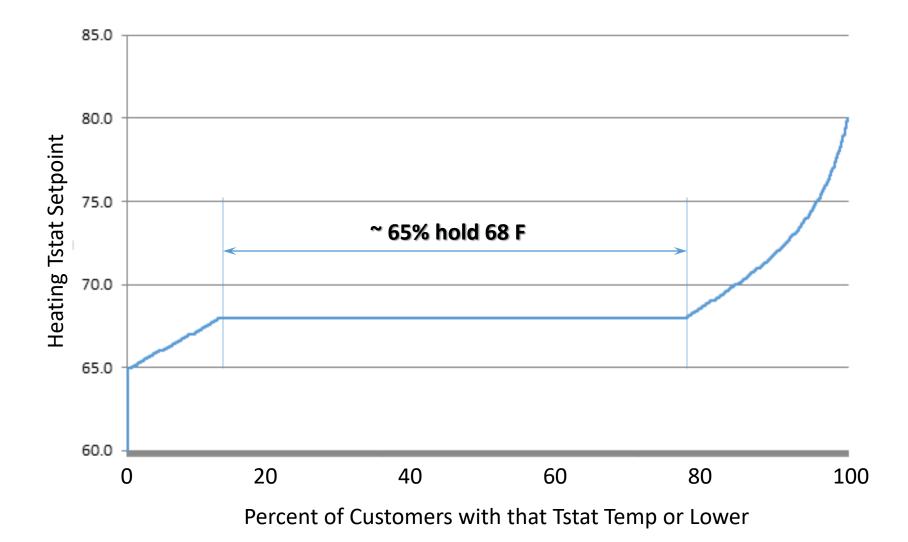
### **Target Feeders/Substations**



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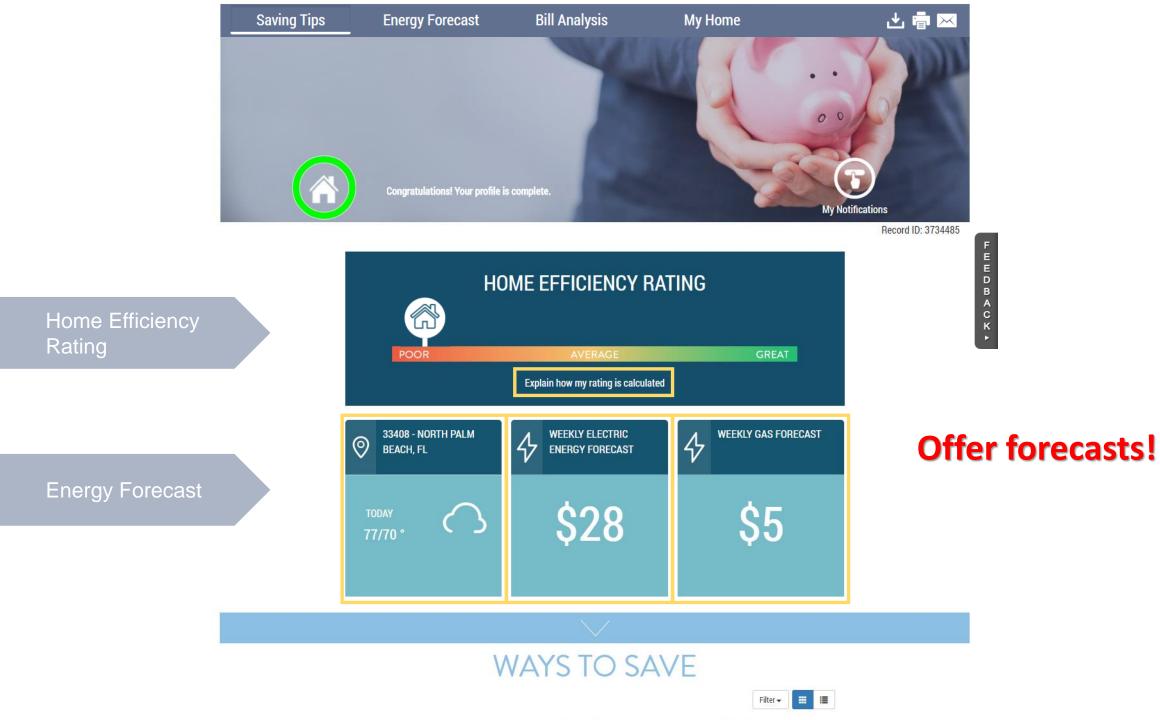
### **Example Heating Analysis Results**



#### Where are you in the process of actually using business analytics, artificial intelligence, and big data to enhance your business?

- Still evaluating the opportunity
- Building out the data warehouse and analytics approach
- Have our data analyzed and designing messages
- Conducting our first customer messaging trials
- Fully operational and getting results





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#### **Proactive Alerts**

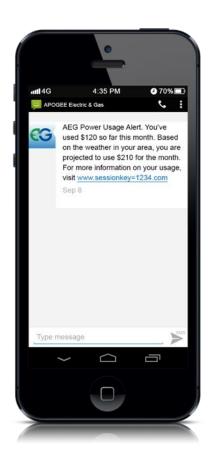
**80%** Want Alerts

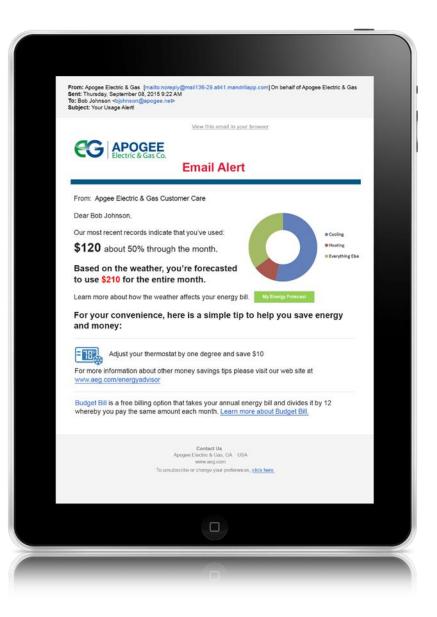
Check for alerts 67% even when phone isn't vibrating



Sleep with their phones so to not miss alerts and calls

Source: Pew Research Center 2015





#### ENERGY ALERTS

- Alerts based local weather, rates, and billing data
- Send mid-cycle email or text
- Customers set alert parameters
- Customers learn how:

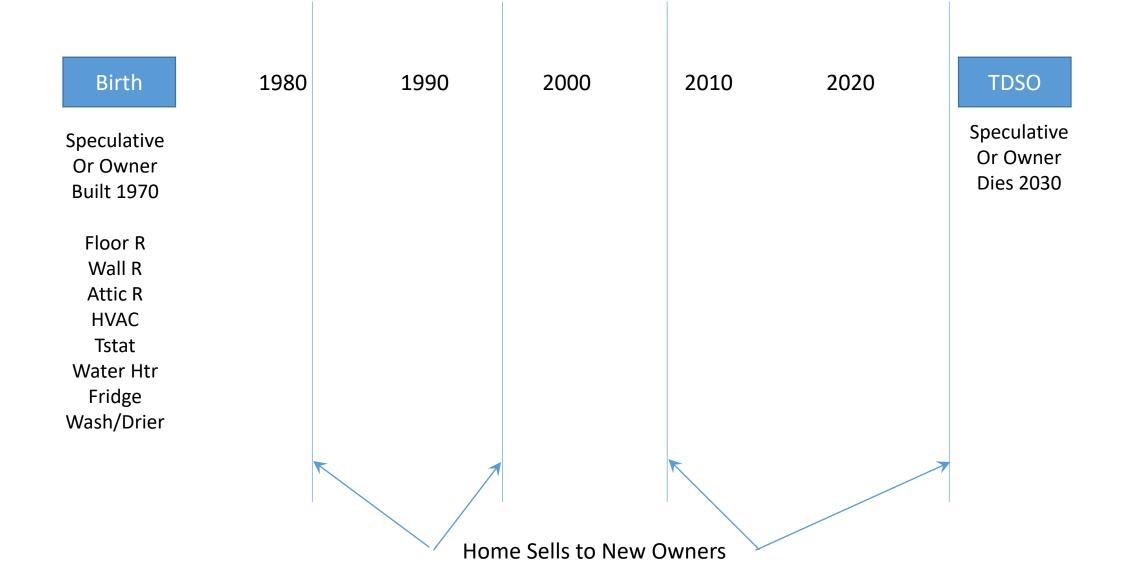
Seasonal rate changes, weather, days in cycle affect bills

To avoid high bills **before** they happen

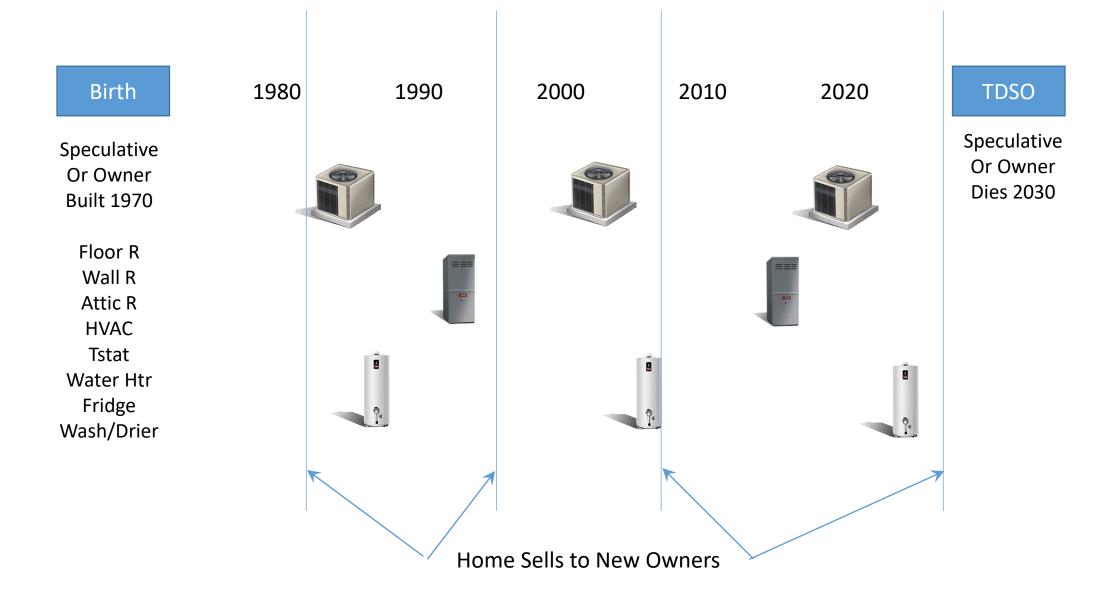
### Customers can't see prior owner's bills ...

- But, they can be given home performance attributes
  - kWh per CDD and HDD in a form they can use
  - Estimate of the operating efficiency of the home
  - Trends in energy use over the past few years
  - Comparison of that home to similar homes
- But we must Automate a Digital Dialogue
  - Conversation that resolves a question or solve a problem
  - Alexa ... what can I do to save money

#### The House's Journey & Experience (Birth through Death)



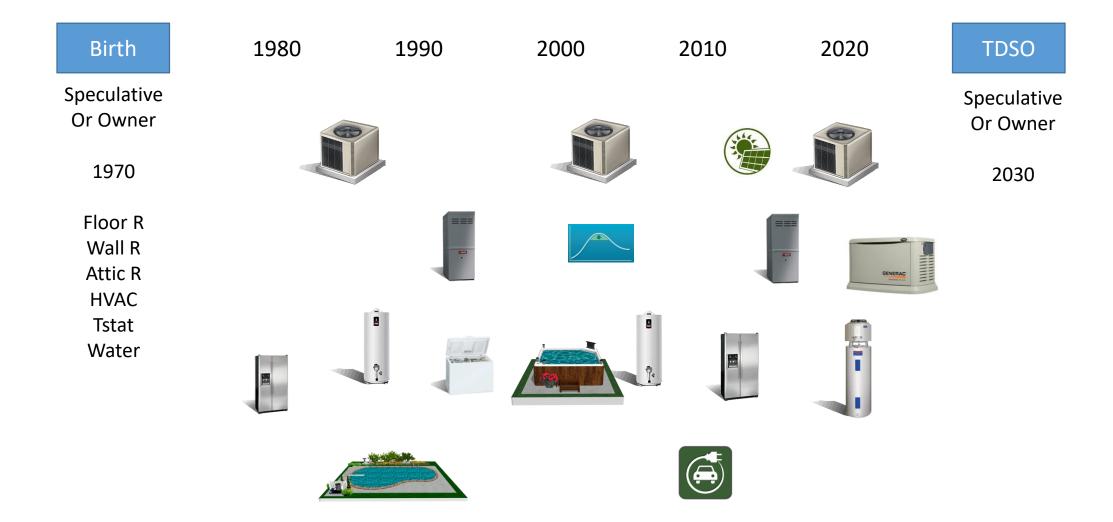
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### **Episodes catch Occupants by Surprise!**

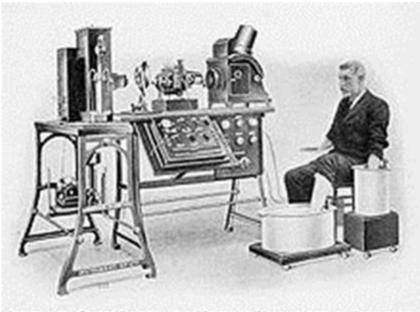
- Average American stays in any one home 13 years
- Assuming any one home persists for 50-100 years
- A home will see 3-8 owners in its lifetime
- The fact that the Air Conditioner is near End of Life
  - The are about to find out
  - You missed the critical opportunity to educate and engage
  - When the AC fails, the contractor will use warehouse engineering
- Whomever gets the customer's trust wins

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### <u>Automated Digital Dialogue</u>

- Now the House Does the Talking using bills and bill histories
  - Trends in HVAC use, temperature settings, and plug load
  - Home transfer transaction Moment of Truth truly change things
- EKG-like diagnostics using Precision Temperature Monitoring
- Trend and alert HVAC, water heating, and envelope issues
- Engage daily with weather, trends, alerts, and alarms
- Broadcast seasonal changes with quarterly end reports
- Broadcast mid-cycle alerts with virtual prepay options
- Position your company as the trusted energy advisor
- Become the rightful arbiter of home performance



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#### Heart Performance

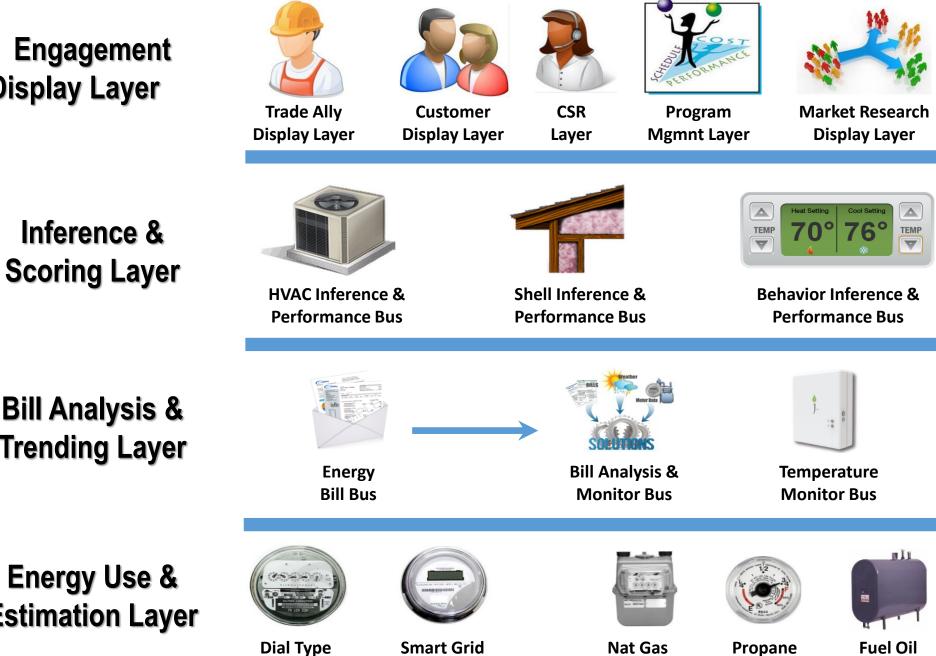




#### Home Performance



#### Engagement **Display Layer**



Bill Analysis & **Trending Layer** 

Energy Use & **Estimation Layer** 

### **Result: New Engagement Paradigms**

- Watch your own obsessions on this agenda
- Plan for new models of value delivery
- Think Uberization of business relationships
  - Ride once with Uber ... you'll never take a cab again!
  - AirBNB makes no sense ... until you see how it works!
  - Traffic navigation with Waze ... check it out
- You were worried about Comcast, AT&T, or NEST?
- Do you remember Abraham Lincoln's quote here?

### **Show Senior Management Results!**

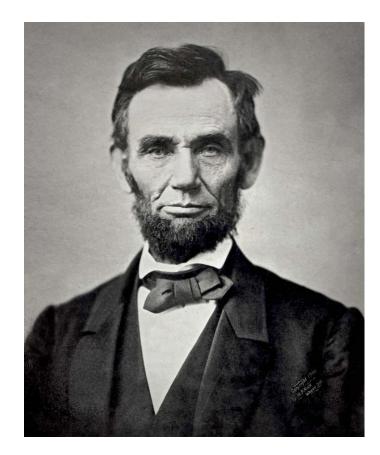
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### Things may come to those who wait ...

"But only the things left by those who hustle!"

Ample reasons today to act and improve the business:

- Print, call center costs, M&V, Free Ridership, Targeting
- Do nothing new and you become irrelevant!
- Lose relevance and ...



### Life is like a dogsled team. If you ain't the lead dog, the scenery never changes.

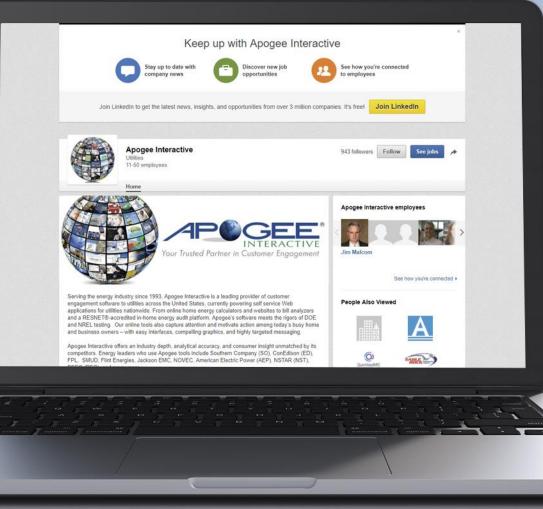


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