

Customer Priorities and Your Brand: KWhs, iPads, and Lattés

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What's Exciting about Energy?



Growth in Plug Loads

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MORE!



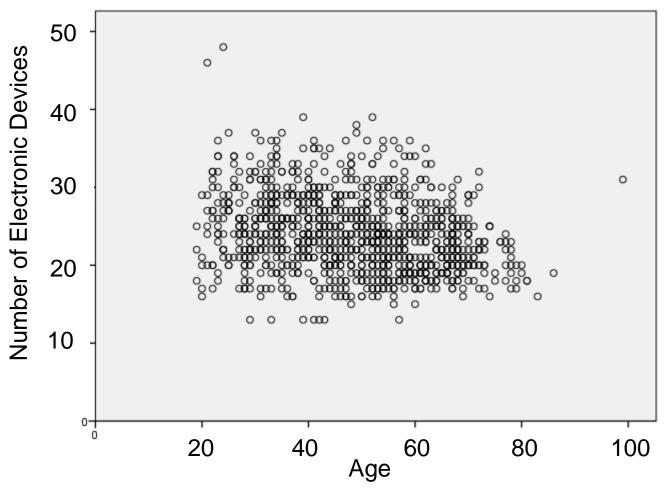
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of Gadgets by Age:

(cell/smartphones, TVs, Game Consoles, DVR, laptops, etc.)



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It can energize your morning but not your whole day

For about the price of a cup of coffee, FPL gives you the energy you need to power your life.

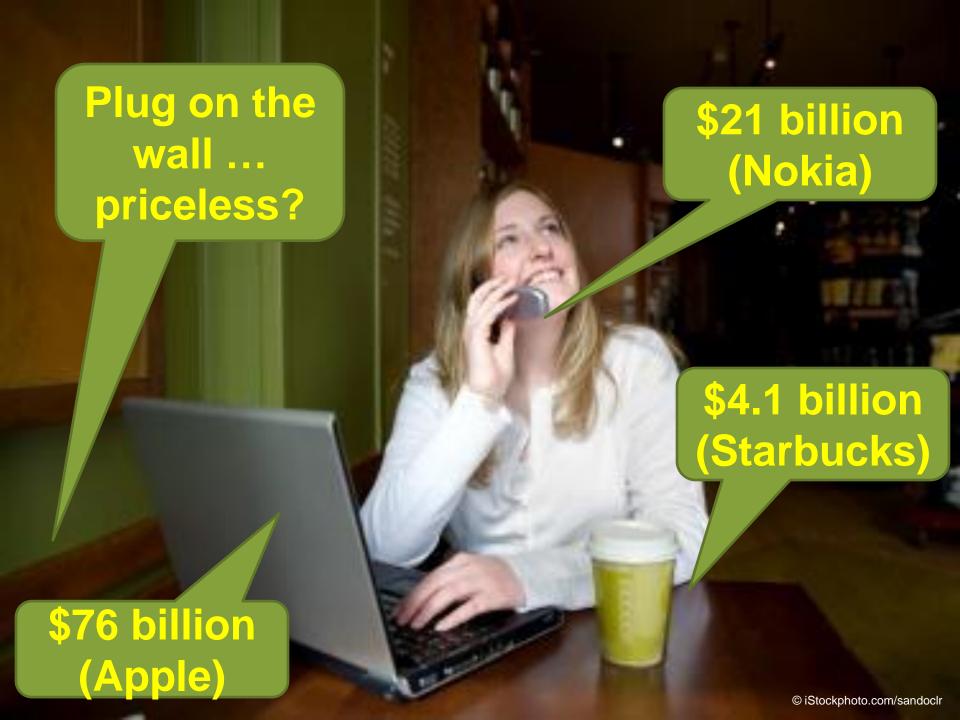


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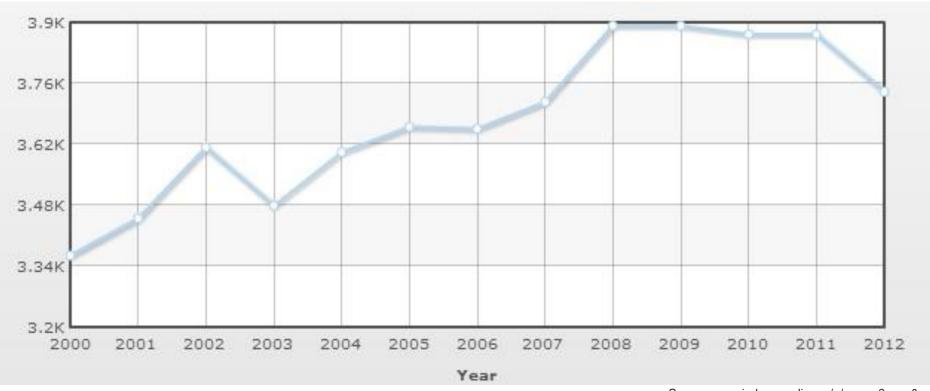
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YOUR BRAND AND WHY IT MATTERS



US Electricity Consumption (billion kWh)



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The OLD Utility Success Paradigm



Source: www.industcards.com/st-other-usa-oth.htm

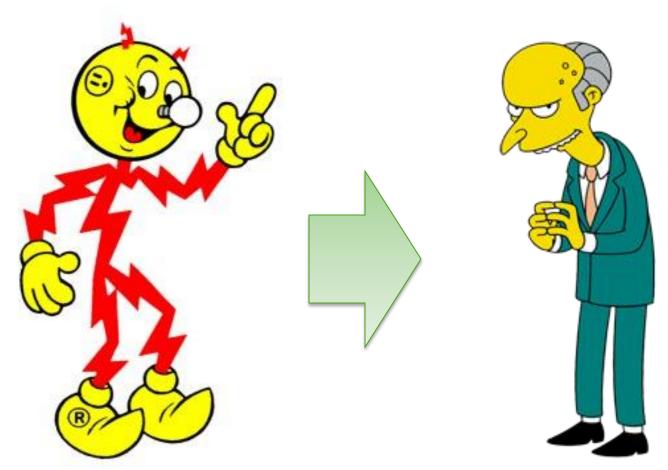
Increase sales

Build and spend

Enhance reliability



The Utility Brand: How Did This Happen?



MATT GROENING

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mr._Burns





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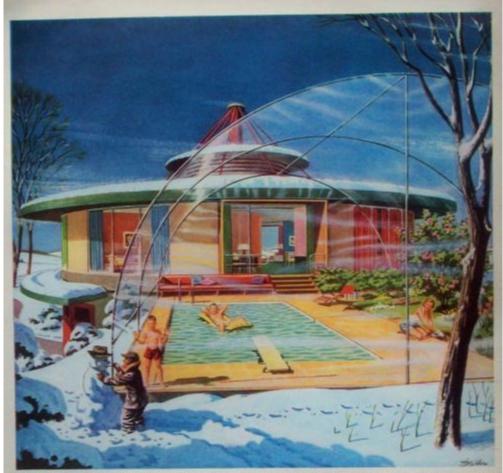
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ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANIES

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Power companies doubling electricity for new kind of living

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America's independent light and power companies build for your new electric living

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AMERICA'S INDEPENDENT ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANIES

What is the Utility Brand Today?



Who Do Customers Want to Deliver **Their Energy Services?**

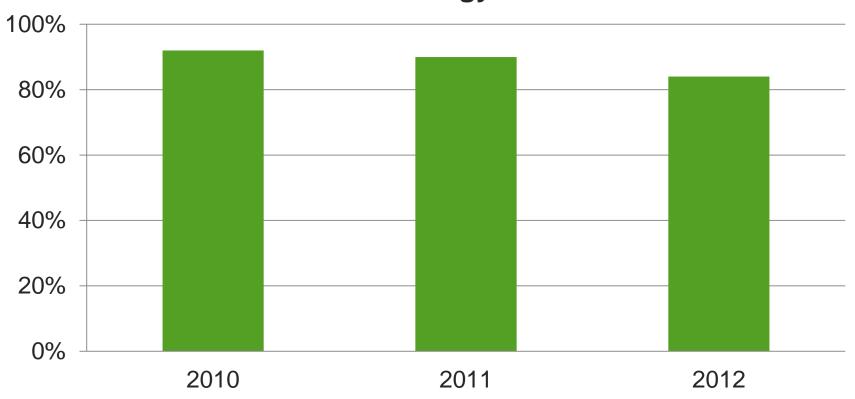
- 84%: Their electric utility
- 19%: Third-party energy management company
- 16%: Wireless phone company
- 15%: Cable company
- 11%: Landline phone company

Source: Pike Research, via presentation Smart Grid News/Pike Jan. 16th Webinar, Part 2: Customer Attitude Research, Bob Lockhart, Pike Research



Who Do Customers Want to Deliver Their Energy Services?

Favorability of Electric Utilities to Provide Energy Services



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The New Utility Success Paradigm

20th Century Model



Source: www.industcards.com/st-other-usa-oth.htm

Increase sales
Build and spend
Enhance reliability

21st Century Model



Source: monkeybusinessimages/Bigstock.com

Increase value

Products and services

Experience beyond reliability
and customer service



Where the Brand Lives: In the Mind of the Customer





Influences on the Brand Experience

Decisions primarily controlled by the company

Features indirectly managed by the company

Influences beyond the company's control



The Brand "Didn't See It Coming" Award Winners

- Sears OWNED the retail mail order space for over 100 years
- Sears was broad and deep, held the VALUE brand position
- What were they DOING and THINKING during their strategic discussions about Internet commerce?!?





Utility Lessons Learned from Sears



- Even if the change is obvious to the world, it may not be obvious to your management
- It takes time to move a ship; start early
- Think like an entrepreneur, create autonomous "start-ups" to compete with yourselves



The Brand "Didn't See It Coming" Award Winners

- Blockbuster OWNED the movie rental space
- Netflix was a small upstart with a very different model
- Blockbuster underestimated the appeal of Netflix's:
 - Self-service
 - No late fees!!
 - Web-suggestion software
 - Streaming movies





Utility Lessons Learned from Blockbuster



- Don't discount the appeal of new business models
- Seemingly small start-ups that are nibbling at the edges of your business are attractive to some segments ... why?
- Carefully take direction from companies that hold consumer mindshare such as Google and Facebook



The E Source Brand Scores for Utilities

- Partnership with Nielsen to survey utility customers
- Over 32,000 responses, allows granularity of analysis nationally
- Series of brand related questions
- E Source's brand rankings

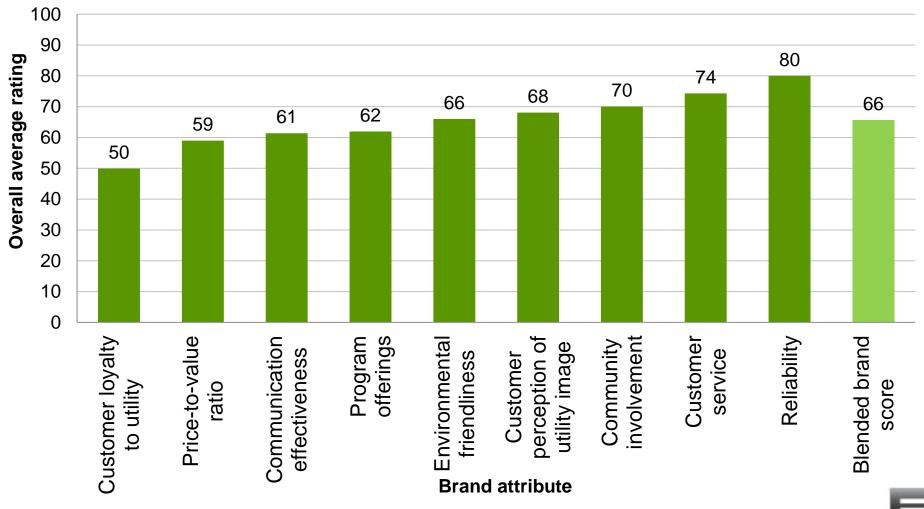


E Source Blended Brand Score





Average Ratings: Brand Attributes and Blended Brand



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How the Top Companies Do It: Create a Product and Service Portfolio to Support the Chosen Brand

"A brand is no longer defined only by advertising-driven perception. Rather it is defined by the customer's experience in buying the product; satisfaction in using the product; and the services wrapped around the product with positive consequences."

—Andrew Cohen, Founder, Exposed Brick



Maslow's Hierarchy

Self-actualization

Esteem needs

Social needs

Safety needs

Physiological needs



Brand Attribute Evolution

Energy partner

Customer Experience

Energy Options, Demand Side Management

Reliability and Customer Service

Basic Electrification and Gas Delivery



Time for a Quiz!

How well do you know your customers??





E Source/Nielsen National Residential Survey of 32,000 Households

- Energy Characteristics of Households by Segment
- Saturation of Appliances and Equipment
- Potential for Energy Savings, Program Participation
- Best Targets for Highest Savings
- Interest in New Product Concepts (EVs, Smart Meter services)

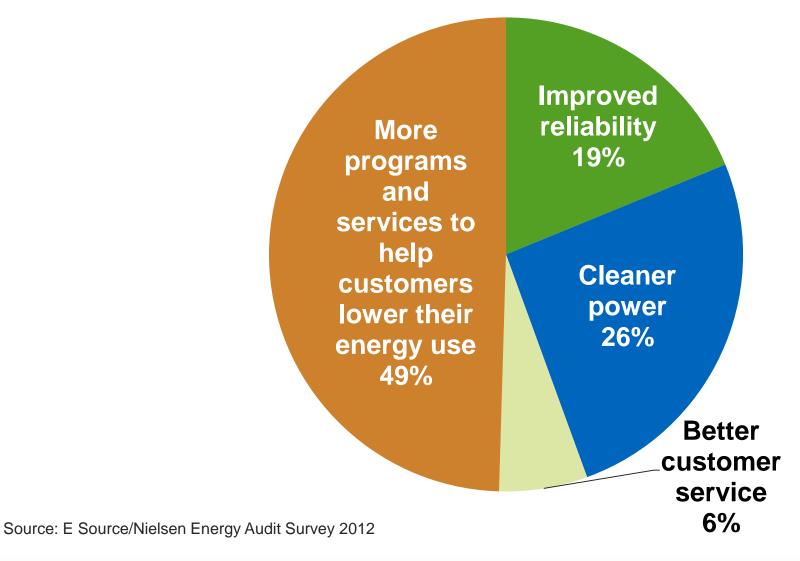


If your electric utility was given a grant to improve part of their business, which would you most like to see them invest in?

- 1. Improved reliability (reducing outages, quicker outage response)
- 2. Cleaner power (more pollution controls, more renewable energy)
- 3. Better customer service (better phone service, better website, better billing information)
- 4. More programs and services to help customers lower their energy use (appliance rebates, weatherization services, energy savings info)

Source: E Source/Nielsen Energy Audit Survey 2012

If your electric utility was given a grant to improve part of their business, which would you most like to see them invest in?



If all or part of your electricity could be provided by "carbon neutral/green" energy sources, which one would you prefer?

- Wind power
- Solar power
- Hydro-electric power (dams)
- Nuclear power
- Do not have a preference



If all or part of your electricity could be provided by "carbon neutral/green" energy sources, Wind power which one would 16% you prefer? No Preference 31% Solar power 40% Nuclear power_ 7% Hydro-electric_ power (dams) 6%



If all or part of your electricity could be provided by "carbon neutral/green" CA=9% energy sources, Wind power which one would 16% you prefer? No Preference 31% Solar power CA=50% 40% Nuclear power_ 7% Hydro-electric_ power (dams) 6%



Source: E Source/Nielsen Energy Audit Survey 2012

Male vs. Female on Generation Selection?

	Male	Female
Wind power		
Solar power		
Hydro-electric		
power (dams)		
Nuclear power		
Other		
Do not have a		
preference		



Male vs. Female on Generation Selection?

	Male	Female
Wind power	8.8%	9.4%
Solar power	48.2%	53.6%
Hydro-electric		
power (dams)	7.0%	3.5%
Nuclear power	13.2%	3.0%
Other	.5%	.7%
Do not have a		
preference	22.4%	29.7%



Quiz: (answers were similar for central AC)

What level of efficiency did you purchase when you replaced your primary heating system?

Normal or base efficiency

High efficiency

Don't know



Source: E Source/Nielsen Energy Audit Survey 2012

People think they are buying high efficiency appliances!

What level of efficiency did you purchase when you replaced your primary heating system?

Normal or base efficiency	29.5%
High efficiency	56.8%
Don't know	13.7%



Quiz: What percent setback their thermostat setting in summer, and what's the trend over the past 3 years?

		Survey year		
		2010	2011	2012
Programmed it in the summer to go to a higher temperature when people are out of the house	No			
	Yes			



Programming thermostats are going in the wrong direction...

		Survey year		
		2010	2011	2012
Programmed it in the summer to go to a higher temperature when people are out of the house	No	47.3%	53.7%	56.3%
	Yes	52.7%	46.3%	43.7%

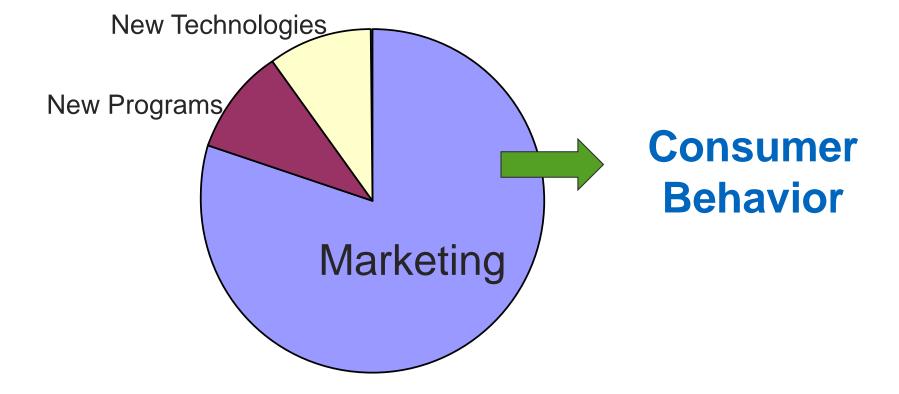


And MANY people have investigated solar panels, but few convert...

What type of research/investigation, if any, have you or anyone in your household ever done about installing solar electric panels in your home?		
Read a few articles about it online or in print	25%	
Looked online for some general prices and options	13%	
Talked to a few vendors about prices and options	6%	
Worked with a vendor to scope out installation plans and options for your house	1 0/_	



How Will We Influence Customers?



Source: LeBlanc, based on prediction of future opportunities for energy efficiency



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And They Turn Water Into....



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"But now we have to deal with people...and they don't act 'normal"

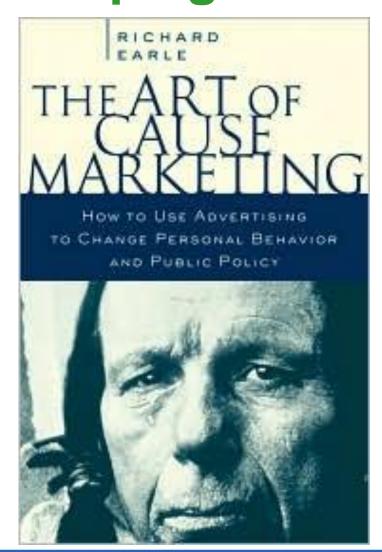


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What are some Customer Trends for the Future?



We All Know of Famous Campaigns





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The Incredible Power of Social Norms



"Yes, I look ridiculous to you, but in my milieu, I would be an outcast if I didn't wear skin tight fluorescent lycra bikewear."

The Incredible Power of Social Norms



"I recycle because my neighbors do, so it must not be that hard."

The yellow top is a "prompt"



www.teawamutu.co.nz/news/2007/07/03-bins.shtml

Remember This Part: **Social Norms** are Powerful and often Undetected

- People SAY they do things for rational, or benevolent, or personal reasons
- People DO things because they see it (or think they see it) done by others
- People throw trash on the ground when others do it
- People park illegally when others do it
- Norms make actions OKAY



Montana Seatbelt/Social Norms Experiment and Campaign

 Drivers thought that MANY other drivers did not wear seatbelts

 Radio/print/billboard ads: "Most Montanans Wear Seatbelts!"



Why did the Prius win the battle?





Honda Civic Hybrid

Toyota Prius



Types of Behavior Change Programs

- Energy Use Feedback
- Home Energy Reports
- Social and business norms
- Pledges
- Contests
- Neighborhood blitzes
- Energy use comparisons/feedback
- Tailored tips



Old News: Energy Feedback Devices

- 3-7% savings found
- Is it long lasting?
- Adding prompts, pledges, reminders, tools can help boost results
- MPower program is PrePaid and saves 12% on average





Commitment/Pledges

Boulder, Colorado



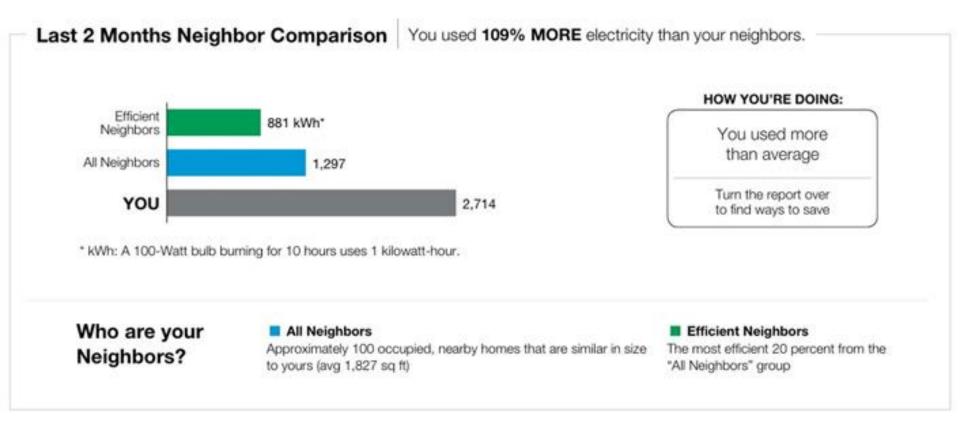
A new climate for business

	Member Businesses	Total kWh ReductioN (Electricity)	Therm S (Natural Gas)	Total \$	Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Tons)	Energy Use Percent Reduction
2009	65	1,318,345	29,287	\$159,425	1,371	7%
2010	110	2,953,728	24,069	\$260,367	1,191	4%



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Norms and Feedback: OPower





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Tailored Tips: NOT THIS!

Details for: 100 Ways to Save Energy

How do we reduce our electric usage 30% by 2010? Here are some examples;

Electricity:

- 1. Change **all light bulbs** to energy efficient kinds that use less power and last longer and make less heat (you save twice), the Lights, LED and low voltage lighting using 20watt halogen bulbs, all use less electricity.
- 2. Replace those aging fire hazards the Halogen torch lamps with Energy Star lamps from Efficiency Vermont. Encourage all of your friends to do similar things at home or at work. Changing even one large bulb can make all the difference in
- 3. Replace old computer equipment with energy star rated SMALL footprint energy efficient PC's laptops are the best. But the a great energy saver. A 19" LCD monitor uses less than a 15" CRT and gives you so much more room on the desktop and in you
- 4. Replace all CRT based TV sets with LCD screens. Some of these will perform dual functions TV and computer screen and the HiDef.
- 5. Replace external compressors for refrigeration in retails space (like the Putney Coop is doing). Use single efficient compressor are available for residential and commercial usage.
- 6 Replace that old refrigerator or freezer with a super energy efficient unit.
- 7. Replace your washer with a front loader and opt for a gas dryer or use the cloths line in the sun, which really makes your clot
- 8. Invest in Geothermal heating and cooling systems, yes even in Vermont these things are more efficient and worth the investi
- 9. Invest in solar photovoltaic systems. Like **Google** and Microsoft are doing.

 These can be connected to the energy grid to off set your electric usage or even to sell electricity back to the power company.
- 10. Install motion sensors in bathrooms and hallways, the lights will magicly turn on when needed and off when not needed, say
- home or business safer. Replacing wall switches with motion sensor enabled switches will save the cost of the item in the first years. Turn off your lights and other things when they are not in use, get motion sensors for outdoor lights that need to be on for
- 12. Close the windows if you use an air conditioner.
- 13. Insulate Your Existing Water Heater. If your electric water heater was installed before 2004, installing an insulating jacket is yourself energy-saving projects, especially if your water heater is in an unheated space. The insulating jacket will reduce standby

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The Main Story Line

- Recognize and embrace the consumer's irrationality
- We need to learn how to make it Stupidly simple
- People do and act like the people they hang
 Out with
- Marketing is more powerful than technology, products, and programs: Harness the power



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