# Designing around your customer

Trends in DSM customer experience

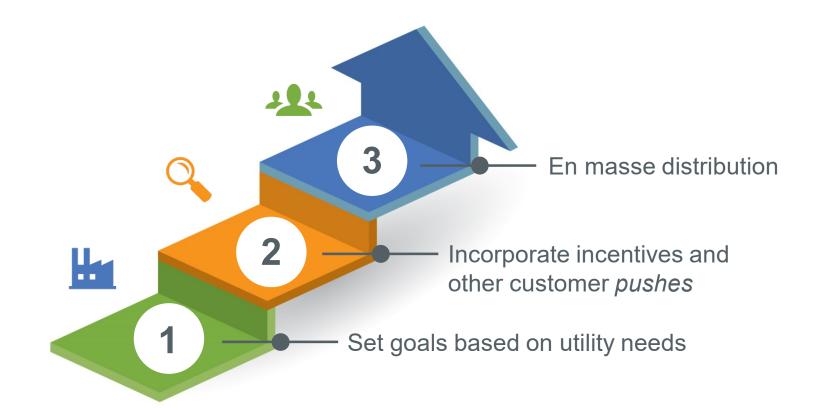




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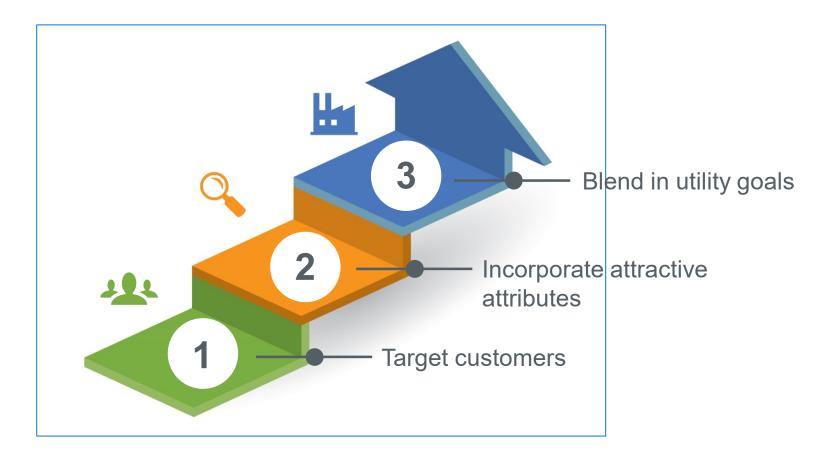
### "Typical" DSM program design







### The new paradigm in program design



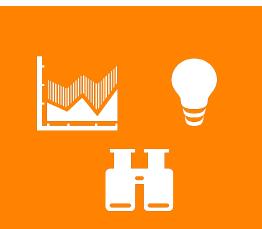




#### What's getting in the way?



Disjointed ownership of the customer journey Difficulty prioritizing issues and solutions



Poor insights to estimate customer impact





#### How are others overcoming barriers?



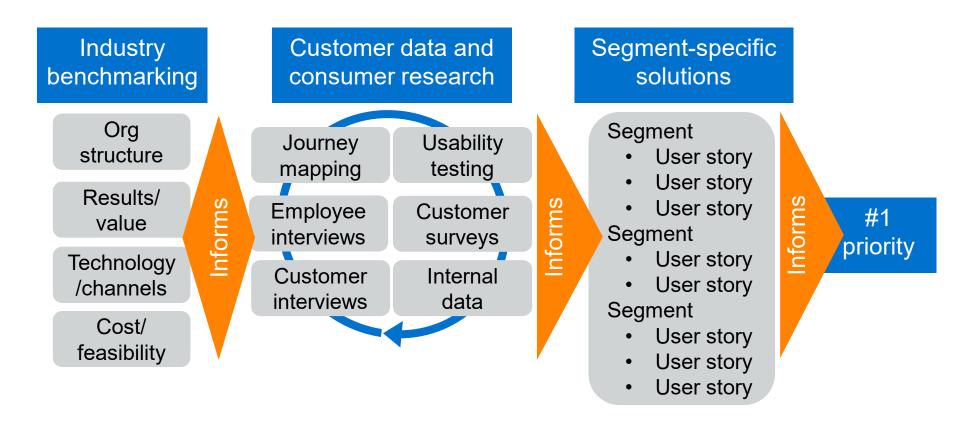
#### Industry benchmarking

Customer data and consumer research

Segment-specific approaches



### How they fit together to inform DSM strategy





### Customer data

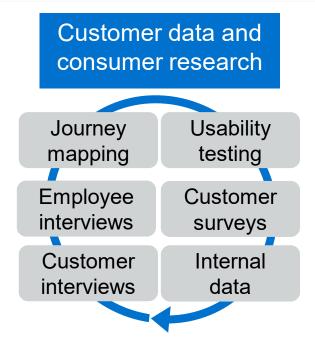
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- Past purchasing behavior
- Life stage or recent life event
- Attitudes and value systems
- Barriers and motivations for program
  participation





### Duke Energy residential case study

#### Study

- Uses propensity modeling to indicate a customer's likelihood to participate in a specific program based demographic and sociographic data
- Shares information within call center to target offerings
- Creates targeted campaigns



- Targeted efforts = 4x more responsive
- 5.2% completion rate for targeted messages; 1% with non-targeted
- \$24 per conversion for targeted; \$42 per conversion non-targeted



### National Grid low-income case study

- Using artificial intelligence to unify disparate customer data and make tailored program recommendations to income-qualified customers, across multiple channels
- Piloted in 2018; expanding in 2019
- Results
  - Arrears dropped 16%
  - Call center call volume dropped 11%
  - Customer Satisfaction trust scores increased 15%

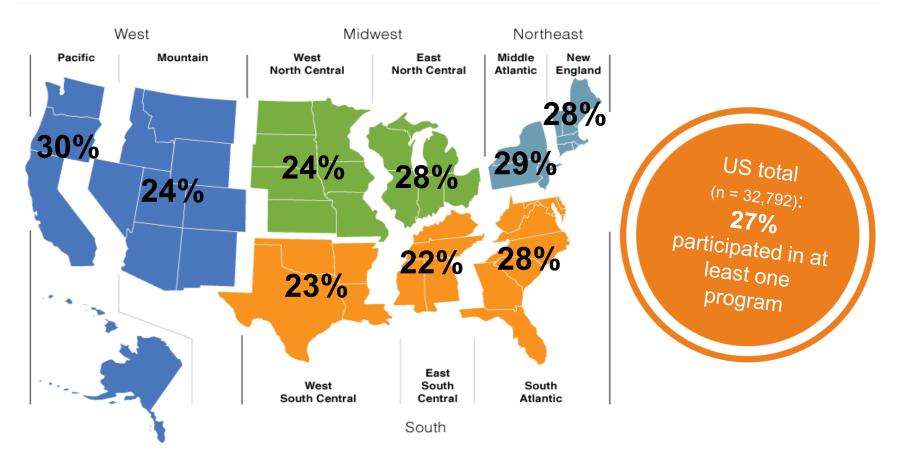


### PECO business case study

- Went from shotgun approach to defined sales funnel
  - 44 segment-specific landing pages with tailored content
- Employed regular training and commitment to get customer data and use it
  - Identified 14,000 new MF customers
  - Increased business type identification from 20% to 60%
  - Discovered 1,000 "whale" and 4,000 "jumbo shrimp" targets
  - Found top-level decision maker contacts at 27% of the targets
  - Increased leads by 48% through optimized media plan over 2017
  - Increased lead form response rate by 50% over 2017



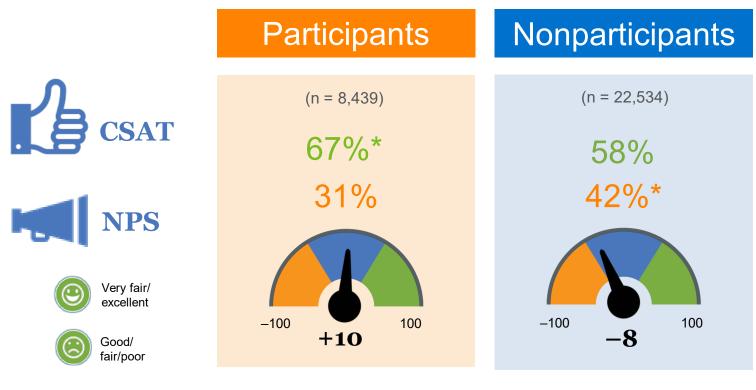
### Only 1 in 4 are participating



**Base:** All respondents. **Question D2:** Which of the following programs and services have you used at your primary residence through your energy provider in the past 12 months? Please select all that apply.



### Benefits beyond energy savings



\*Significant at the 95% confidence level

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**Base:** Customers of electric or dual-fuel utilities (n = 30,973). **Question A12:** Taking into account your overall satisfaction as a customer of your electricity provider, how would you rate your electricity provider? **A13:** How likely is it that you would recommend your electricity provider to a family member, friend, or co-worker? **Note:** NPS = Net Promoter Score.







## Thank you!

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