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# Introduction to the Opower Platform

Influence action → save energy & reduce customer bills → drive energy security

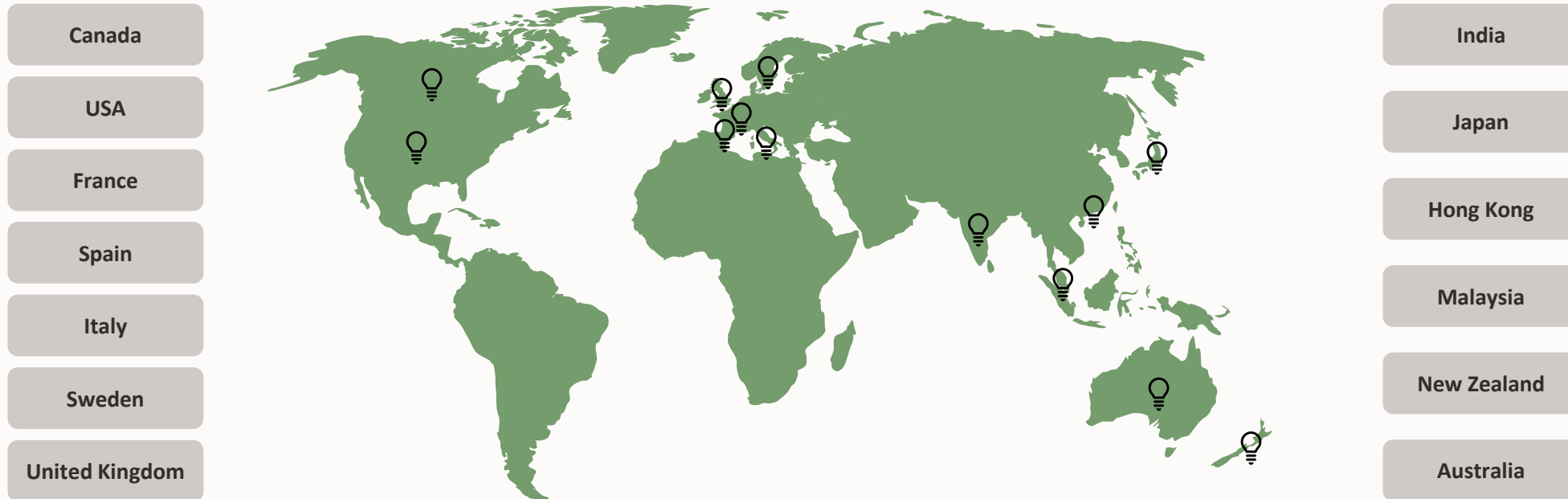
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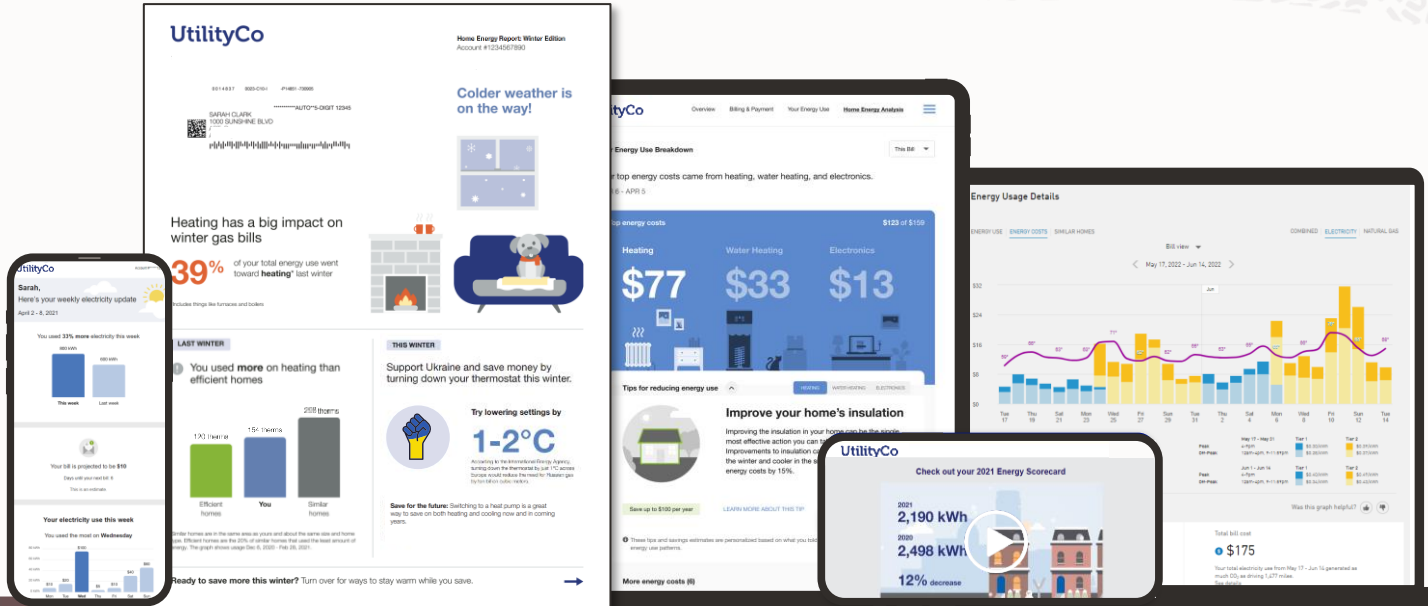
# Opower solves energy and engagement challenges for utilities worldwide



Since 2007, Opower has served 175+ utilities in 12 different countries



# Behavior-based utility programs: a measurable impact



**33**TWh

Saved with Behavioral Energy Efficiency

**418**MW

Lower Peak Demand Capacity Today

up to **5X**

Faster Product & Program Adoption

**+\$2.7B**

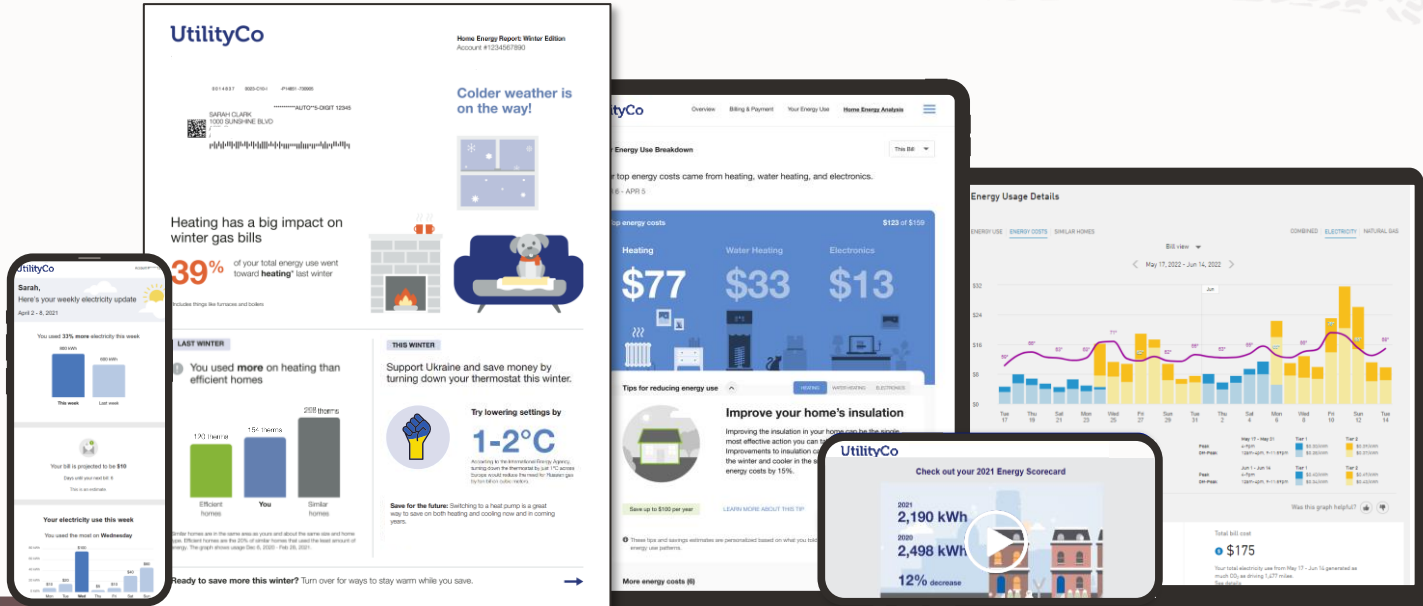
Customer Bill Savings

up to **95%**

Satisfied Customers



# Behavior-based utility programs: a measurable impact



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Saved with Behavioral Energy Efficiency

Equivalent to taking all of Denmark's households off the grid for 1 year

Avoided CO<sub>2</sub> emissions equal to outputs from ~60 natural gas-fired power plants<sup>1</sup>

Potential to save an additional 10 TWh annually in Europe

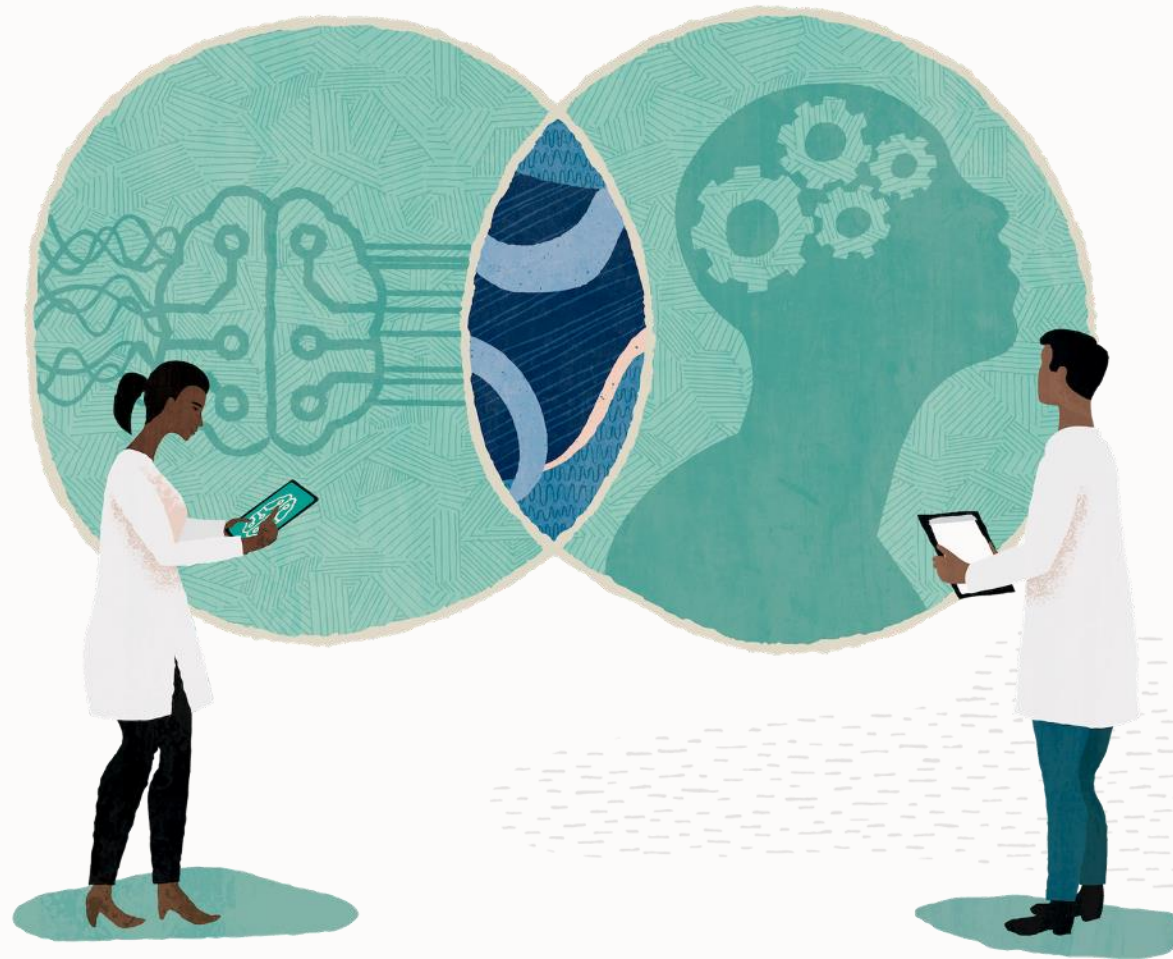
1) <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator>



# Our success stems from the intersection of AI and behavioral science

## Artificial Intelligence

- Simplifies complexity
- Trained on the world's largest energy consumer data set
- Predicts and offers what each customer needs



## Behavioral Science

- A variety of proven principles
- Makes price signals secondary
- Large experiments with leading scientists
- Gets customer attention and influences action

# The value of an opt-out program design



◆ **Scalability**  
Opt-out programs maximize value, ensuring the most possible savings from an extremely cost-effective program.

◆ **Crisis Response**  
An opt-out program is a tangible way for a utility and government to support *every* customer during a crisis.

◆ **Equity**  
Opt-in programs are exclusive, preferencing wealthier, more engaged homes and only benefitting a subset of utility customers.

◆ **Measurability**  
A larger sample size in opt-out programs makes it possible to run a Randomized Control Trial, definitively attributing savings to a utility-led program.

◆ **Customer Satisfaction**  
Despite the common misconception that opt-out programs can decrease happiness, Opower programs demonstrably increase customer satisfaction in Europe and around the world.



# Behavioral change is a cornerstone of effective demand side management

*In both the short and long-terms*



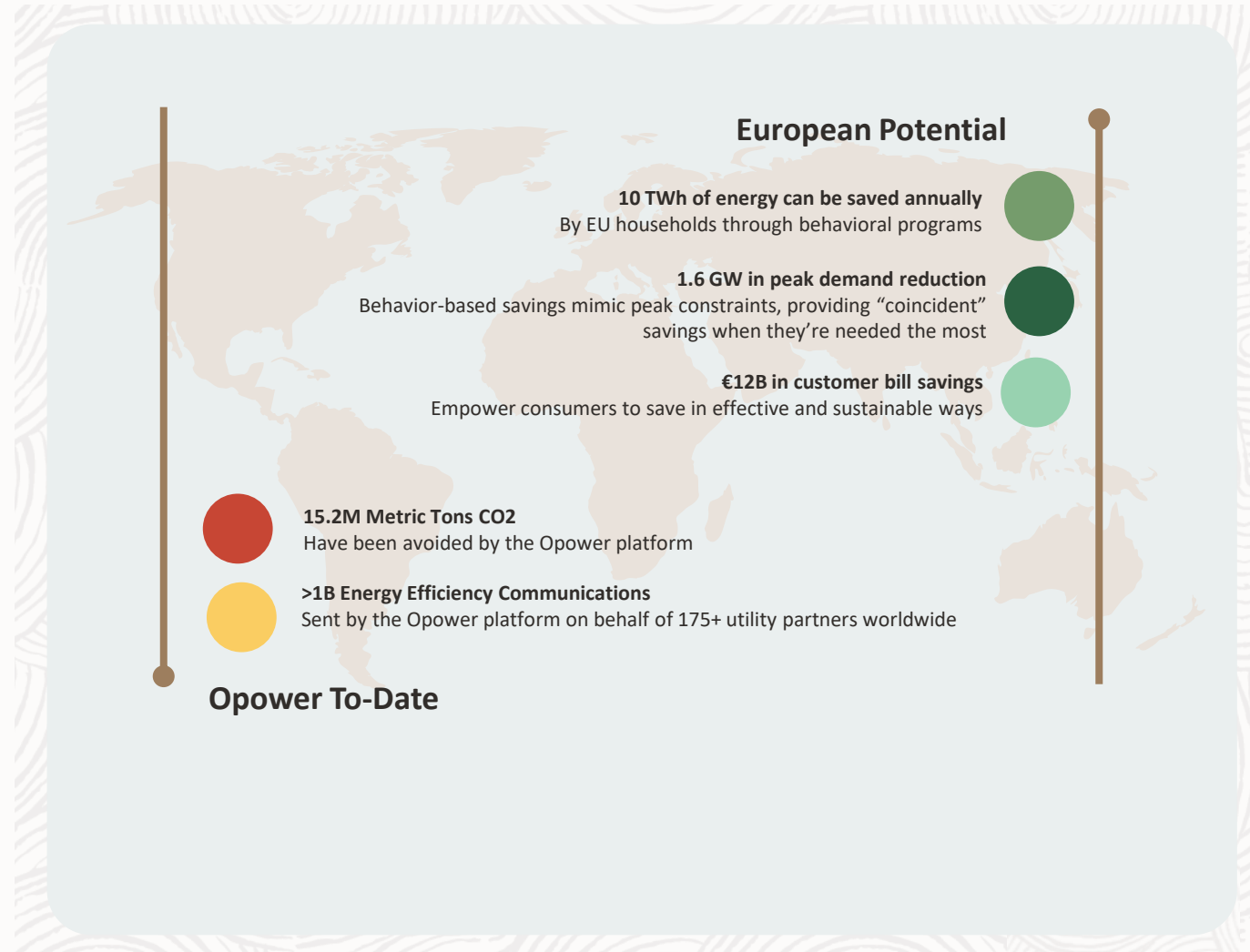
Behavioral change is a necessary tool to address the Russian gas crisis *and* to meet sustainability goals.



Despite its acknowledged importance to short and long-term energy efficiency programs, there is no mandated plan in Europe to drive behavior change.



Opower is the global leader in behavioral energy efficiency. Our impact in Europe can be tremendous.



# Opower's Original European Pilots

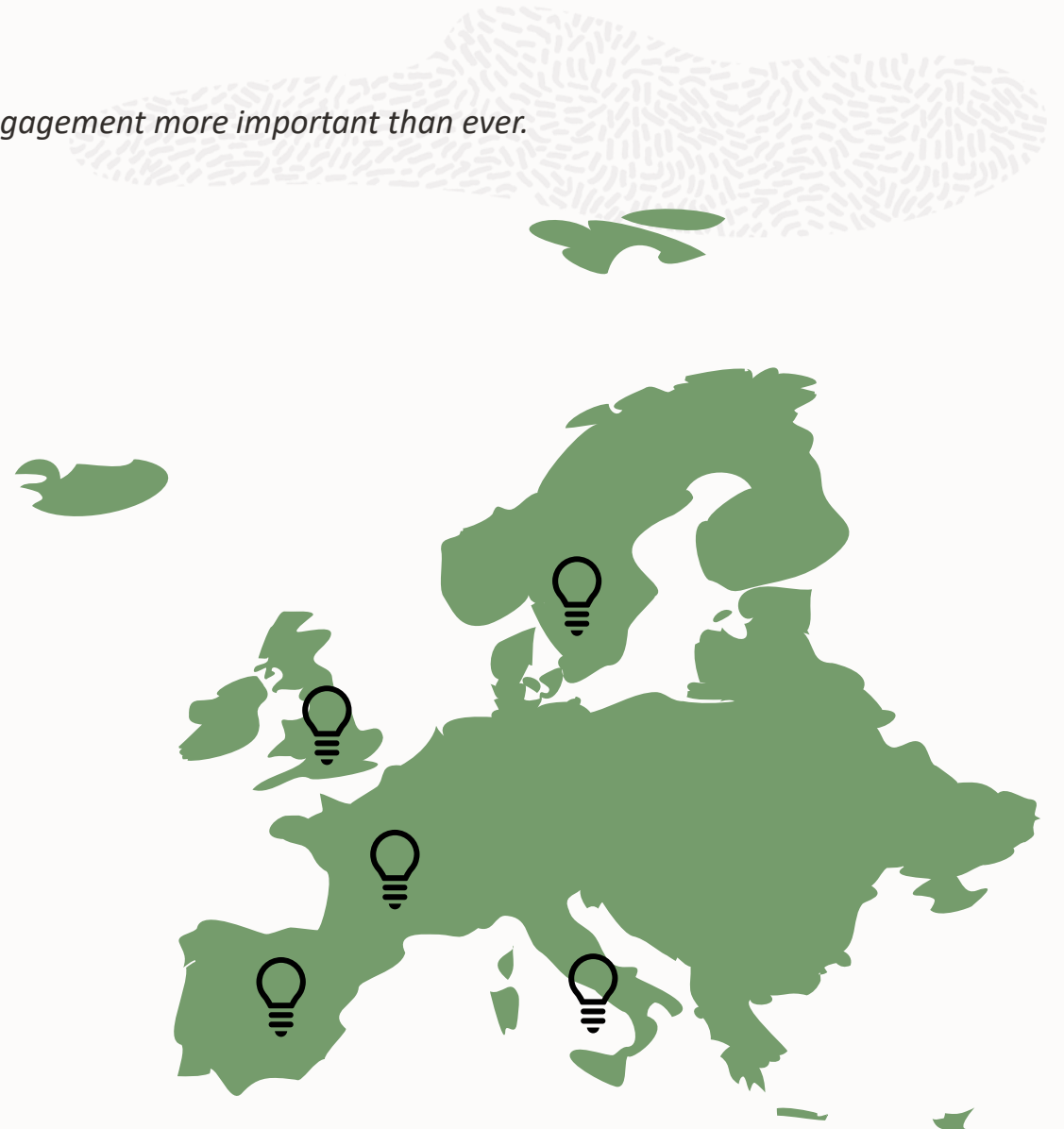
*The urgency of the current European energy crisis makes effective consumer engagement more important than ever.*

Across five energy efficiency pilot programs in Europe, Opower reduced **>113 GWH** of electric and gas usage.\*

Europe's smart meter rollout **enables new tools** that drive additive energy efficiency savings.

The climate crisis has become **increasingly urgent** since Opower left the European market.

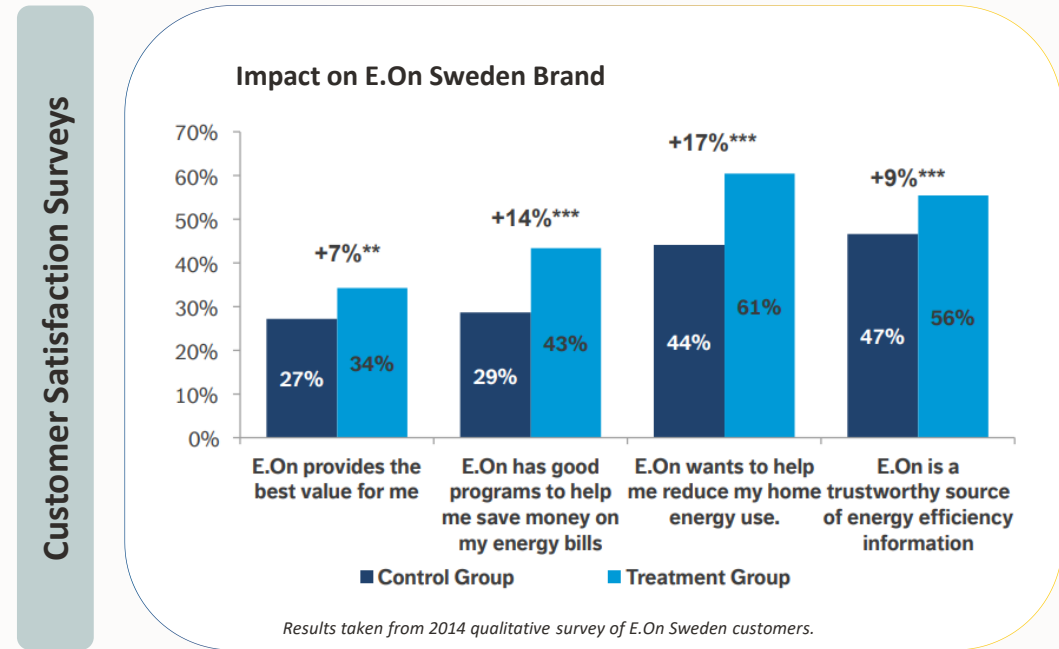
Fuel prices are taking an **unprecedented toll on consumers**, necessitating the relief Opower can provide.





# Case Study: E.On Sweden

Program Length	Opower Efficiency Solutions	Electric Savings Rate <sup>o</sup>	Total Electric Savings <sup>o</sup>
2013-2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HER – Print and Email</li> <li>• Web Portal</li> </ul>	1.12%	12.8 GWH




# Why aren't these programs in Europe today?

To enable a successful behaviour change *programme*, you need:

1. Access to meter data
2. The ability to proactively communicate with consumers in a personalized way
3. Retail supplier incentive

# A New Model: Opower & MoE approach to Japanese Energy Crisis

Program design



- 2017-2021 programme
- 300,000 households
- Five retailers participated
- Behavioral energy efficiency Home Energy Reports



Funding structure



- Ministry of Energy (MoE) provided funding
- Individual retailers shared data
- Opower delivered home energy report program via retailer



Program results



- 2% average energy efficiency saving
- 2.8% max savings
- 47,000 tons of CO2



# Thank You

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