

### Empowering you to make smart energy choices

## Getting the Customer to Say Yes to ENERGY STAR Water Heaters: Best Practices in CT

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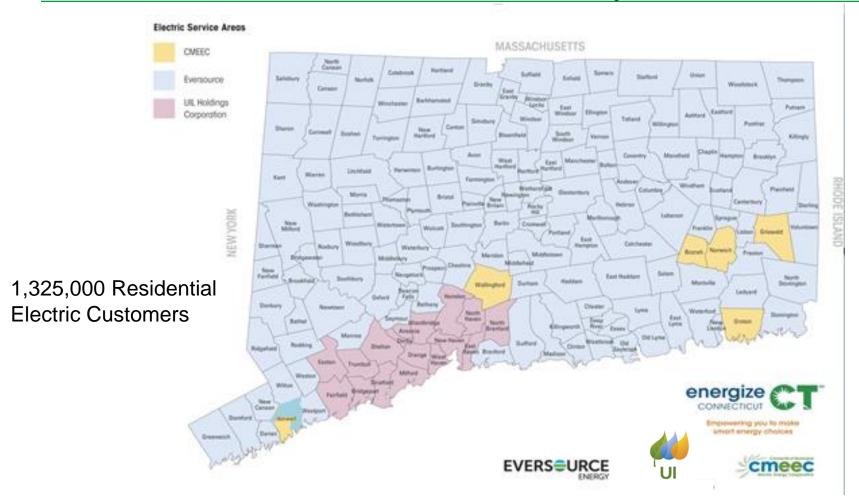


## **Energize Connecticut**

- Energize Connecticut is an initiative to help consumers save money and use clean, affordable energy.
- A partnership of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), and the local electric and gas utilities.
- Efficiency incentive programs funded through the CT Energy Efficiency Fund.
  - Created in 1998 with natural gas programs added in 2005

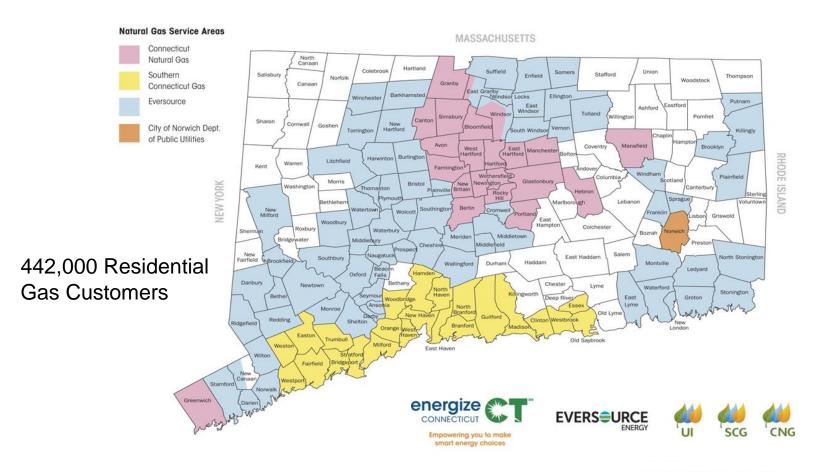


## CT Electric Service Territory





## CT Natural Gas Service Territory



Gas may not be available in all areas of towns served.

Norwich is NOT participating in the Gas Upstream Rebate program.



## Getting to YES in Connecticut

- Educated Contractors
- Easy Incentive/Rebate Redemption
- Stocked Shelves at the Distributor / Retailer
- Educated Customers



### Educated Contractors: Outreach and Trainings

- General education emails and meetings about ENERGY STAR, incentives, and energy savings.
- Partner with equipment distributors and manufacturers to host installation trainings.





# Easy Incentive Redemption: 2016 Residential Upstream Incentives

#### **Eligible Equipment:**

- ENERGY STAR® Natural Gas Water Heaters:
  - Tankless 0.94 EF+ = \$300
  - Condensing 95% TE = \$300
- ENERGY STAR® Heat Pump Water Heaters:
  - \$400 at participating equipment distributors
  - Or \$300 instant discount plus \$100 mail-in at retail
- Specific heating and circulator pump equipment also included



## Easy Incentive Redemption: Distributor/Retailer Enrollment Success

- Program Pilot began October 2013

- Statewide Rollout April 2014



Participating	Participating
Distributors	<b>Branch Locations</b>
52	139

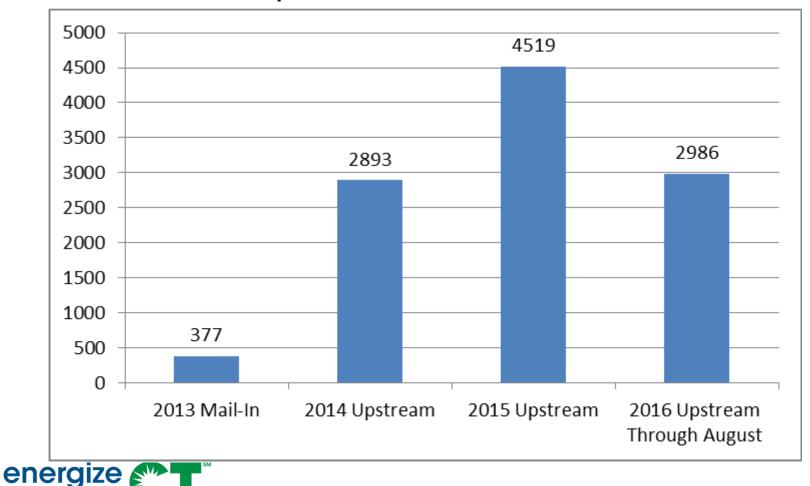
~ 99% distributor participation

Participating Retailers	Participating Locations
14	66



### Stocked Shelves: Increase in Sales

#### **ENERGY STAR Heat Pump and Natural Gas Water Heater Incentives Processed**



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## **Educated Customers: Marketing**

- Point of Purchase (POP) Signage
- Radio
- Billboards
- TV appearances
- Educational webpages
- Geo-targeted web banner ads
- Targeted direct mail
- Customer testimonial promotion







#### Questions?

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