ENERGY STAR® Resources: Data Access for Benchmarking in Portfolio Manager

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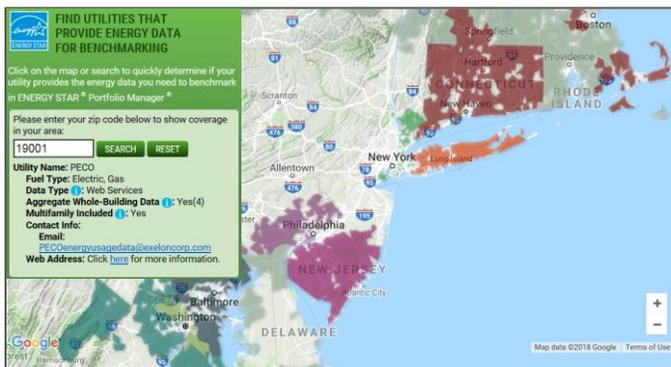
A Broad Suite of Resources Available

ENERGY STAR now has a range of resources to help building owners and operators, state and local governments, and utilities to understand the value of energy data access to support benchmarking – and to identify and take advantage of existing data access solutions. Each of these resources is described in more detail below.

Utility Data Access Fact Sheet and Interactive Map

These two resources provide an easy reference for building owners and operators seeking to identify whether their utility offers a data access solution in a given location. The fact sheet provides details by state, whereas the interactive map allows users to search on specific ZIP codes, or by clicking on the map. Both resources indicate whether the utility provides data via spreadsheet or Portfolio Manager web services, and whether the data access offering includes whole-building aggregate data. Relevant contact information and URLs are provided so that users can explore further details about each offering. These resources are being updated on a regular basis to reflect new utility data offerings.
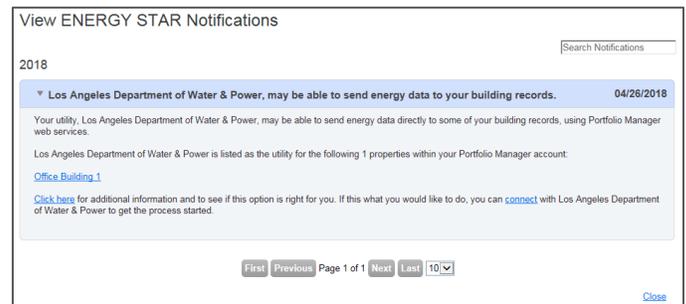

Visit www.energystar.gov/utilitydata to access these resources.

Find and Connect With Your Utility in Portfolio Manager

In addition to the resources noted above, Portfolio Manager now has built-in functionality that will alert users if any of the properties in their account are served by utilities that exchange data directly with Portfolio Manager via web services. A Portfolio Manager user is presented with account- and property-level "push" notifications to let them know when this
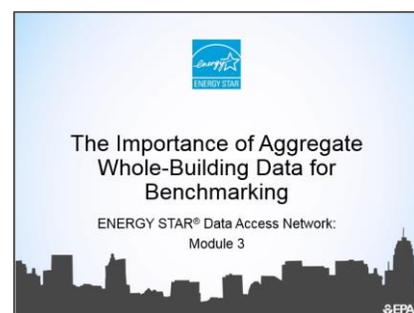
option exists. Through this feature, users can also send a connection request to their utility (the first step in the data exchange process) with just a few mouse clicks. At present, this functionality is limited to electric utilities that use web services, but EPA is exploring the opportunity to include gas utilities as well.

The ENERGY STAR Data Access Network

Finally, ENERGY STAR has launched a Data Access Network to provide critical information to energy utilities, state and local governments, and others who are interested in providing or obtaining whole-building energy consumption data to support benchmarking. A key Network resource is an extensive set of training modules on data access and benchmarking. These downloadable slide decks walk through the key decision points that a typical utility will face when considering options for providing enhanced data access to commercial customers. Taken together, these modules can help interested parties to:

- Structure and guide internal discussions about data access within their organizations;
- Inform discussions with external stakeholders (e.g., large customers, city staff, NGOs); and
- Identify specific questions to pursue in more detail with the EPA team and/or industry peers.

Visit www.energystar.gov/dataaccess to view these resources.

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