

SECC Peer Connect WEBINAR SERIES

# Spring HVAC Tune-Up: Utility Case Studies

Thursday, April 27 at 1 p.m. (ET)

#### Housekeeping



#### You will receive a copy of the slides & a link to the recording

To the email you used to register.

#### You can ask questions as we go along

Simply type into the question box now or during the Q&A.

#### We will answer all the questions submitted

• If we are unable to get to all the questions, they will be answered individually after the presentation.

# Today's Agenda





Nick Fraser
Product Specialist
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Angie Ostaszewski
Energy Efficiency Consultant
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#### **Nick Fraser**



#### **Background**



#### **Product Specialist, Saint John Energy**

- Nick is a Smart Product Technologist and has worked for SJE for two years.
- He received his BSc in Environmental Biology from UNBSJ and his MSC in Marine Renewable Energy from Heriot-Watt University.
- Nick works primarily on peak reduction projects on water heaters and heat pumps, helping SJE to reduce their costs and environmental impact, while keeping customers comfortable.

#### Angie Ostaszewski



#### **Background**





- Since 2016, Angie has worked for Ameren Illinois in their communications, charitable giving and energy efficiency groups.
- In her current role as Energy Efficiency Consultant, she supports program strategy and innovation as well as management of the Market Development Initiative.
- Outside of work, Angie is also grateful to serve on Illinois Central College Foundation and Peoria Chamber of Commerce boards and is the vice president of Renaissance Park Community Association.
- She graduated #1 in her class at Bradley University's MBA program, and prior to that studied Economics and Sociology at Knox College.

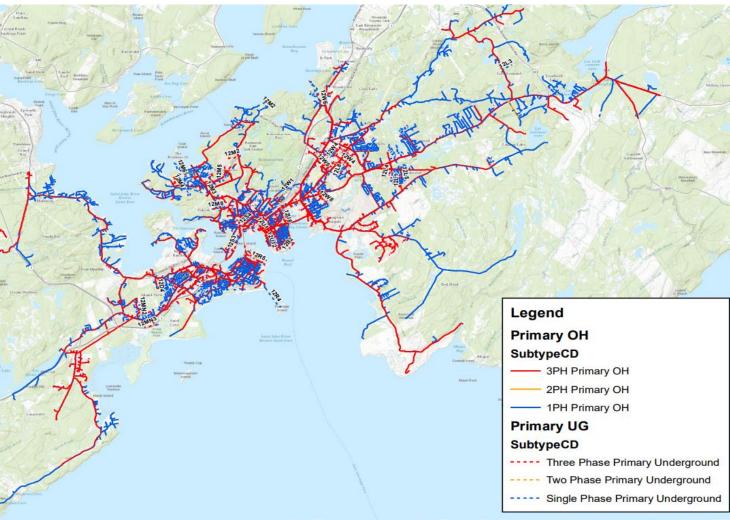


# Small City, Big Potential





Around **40%** of homes in Saint John, New Brunswick were built before 1960.



## Committed to Saint John Since 1922





#### **Low Rates**

Our rates are the lowest in Atlantic Canada.



#### **High Reliability**

Outage frequency and duration among the lowest in the nation.



#### **Strong Satisfaction**

Customer satisfaction among the highest in the country.

#### **Net Promoter Score**

- +4 National Average
- -16 Atlantic Canada Average
- +38 Saint John Energy

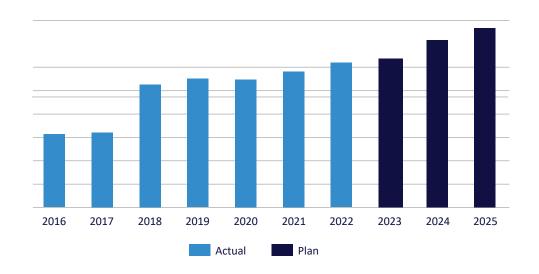


#### Rental Products





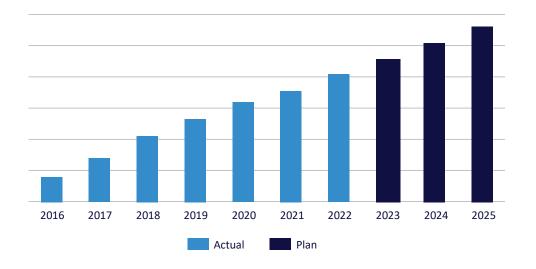
- Steady growth
- High customer satisfaction
- Strong market penetration
- 70 years in, ~22K water heaters rented





#### Heat Pump Rentals

- Rapid growth
- High customer satisfaction
- High market demand
- 7 years in, ~8.5K heat pumps rented



# What Our Customers Are Saying





"From the time I first contacted Saint John Energy, until the completion of the installation, I was very impressed with the speed and professionalism on all accounts. I will highly recommend Saint John Energy heat pump rentals to all of my friends and co-workers."

Happy heat pump customer

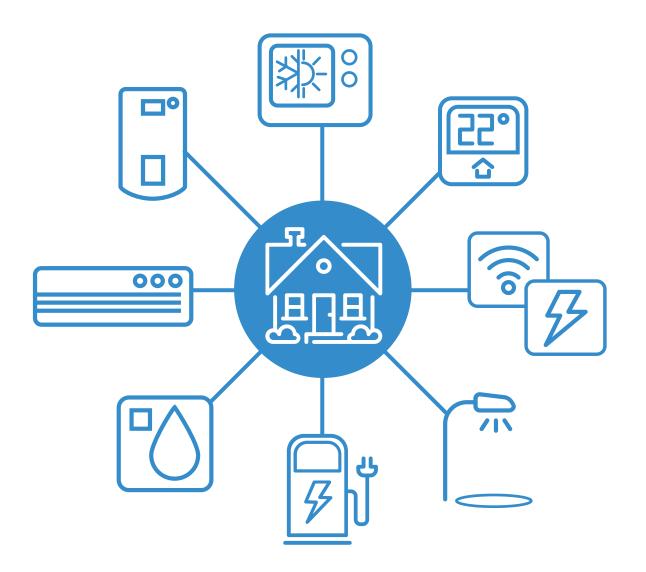


#### **Rental Program Benefits**

- No upfront cost
- Energy savings right away
- Long equipment lifespan
- Hassle-free installation
- Ongoing maintenance
- Worry-free and high safety

# Advancing Electrification in Saint John





#### **Rental Programs**

- Heat Pumps
- Water Heaters
- LED Area Lights

#### **Smart Product Pilot Projects**

- Heat Pump Controllers
- Water Heater Controllers
- Electric Vehicle Chargers
- Thermostats
- Thermal Storage Heat Pumps
- Residential Batteries

# Priorities for The Future





- Smart Home & Energy Management
- Renewable Energy
- Electrification
- Home Energy Efficiency





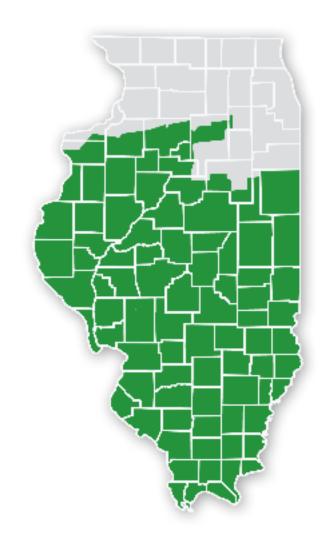
# POLL: Do you currently budget for and fund community-based partnerships in your program(s)?



#### Who is Ameren Illinois?



- Delivery only of electric and natural gas.
- 1.2 million electric and 816,000 natural gas customers.
- 43,000 square mile territory.
- 3,000+ employees.



#### What is the Smart Savers Initiative?



- The Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program is committed to helping customers increase the comfort of their home, manage energy usage and reduce energy costs.
- Residential customers living in eligible ZIP codes can receive a no-cost Google Nest Thermostat E or an ecobee3 lite.
- Customers can choose self-install the smart thermostat themselves or can have a Program Ally Contractor install it for them for free of charge.
- Goal to install 9,900 smart thermostats in residential customers home through the Smart Savers Initiative.



# **Engaging Community-Based Organizations and Program Ally Contractors**



- Innovation solutions to engaging community-based organizations across the service territory.
- Focus on engaging, retaining and recruiting new Program Allies to participation in the Initiative.
- Expand partnership with Peoria Production Solutions to distribute smart thermostats.



### Questions?





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