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#### VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Honorable Jaclyn A. Brilling, Secretary New York State Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

RE: Case 07-M-0548 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Regarding an Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard

<u>2011 Marketing Report – Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a</u> <u>National Grid</u>

Dear Secretary Brilling:

As required by the Commission's August 22, 2011 *Order Approving Revised Deadlines for Monthly and Annual Reporting* in Case 07-M-0548, annual reports of each calendar year's Outreach & Education/Marketing program achievements shall be submitted no later than 90 days after the conclusion of the calendar year being reported. Accordingly, attached please find the 2011 Marketing Report for the EEPS electric and gas programs administered by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION d/b/a NATIONAL GRID

## 2011 ANNUAL REPORT: ELECTRIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY MARKETING

# Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") 2011 Annual Report: Energy Efficiency Marketing

## Residential ENERGY STAR® Recycling Program



Upstate New York electric customers qualify for a \$50 rebate for recycling their second refrigerator or freezer. In order to maximize participation in the program a multi-channel marketing campaign was implemented in 2011. Consistent copy and creative was used throughout all tactics. Channels utilized for the campaign in 2011 included: (i) e-mail blasts that were distributed in February, May, July and September; (ii) direct mail that was distributed in June; (iii) a bill insert that was

distributed in May; (iv) television ads that ran March through June and August through October; and (v) print ads that ran March through June and August through October.

### Residential Electric Enhanced Home Sealing Incentives Program



Beginning on October 1, 2010, this program became available to National Grid's residential electric heating customers in Upstate New York.

Qualifying customers were eligible to receive a comprehensive home assessment and up to two hours of air

sealing for a participation fee of fifty dollars. Additionally, these customers may have been eligible for up to \$3,000 in attic insulation incentives.

In order to maximize participation in the program, a multi-channel marketing campaign was implemented in 2011. Consistent copy and creative was used throughout all tactics. Channels utilized for the 2011 campaign included: (i) e-mail blasts that were distributed in February and March; (ii) direct mail that was distributed in March and April; (iii) a bill

insert that was distributed in April; and (iv) print ads in April and May. National Grid stopped marketing the program in late May 2011 due to program design issues. The program was suspended in September 2011 and is currently being redesigned.

### **Energy Initiative – Large Industrial Electric and Mid-Sized Electric Programs**

In 2011 these programs were promoted as part of an Upstate New York Large Retrofit Campaign. The 2011 campaign began in March and ran through October.

There was a three-month long Paid Search and Digital banner ad campaign in the Spring 2011 which drove almost 2,000 customers to National Grid's campaign web page to learn more about the program or sign up for evaluations of their facilities.

In late May 2011 there was a large direct mail campaign which targeted general businesses, as well as healthcare facilities, educational facilities, restaurants, hospitality facilities and manufacturing facilities. This direct mail piece highlighted the specific energy efficiency measures that would benefit each facility based on industry type and went out to approximately 6,000 customers. Direct mail campaigns were delivered to over 100 previous participants in April 2011, as well as outreach to trade partners. Email blasts were sent out to follow-up and complement each direct mail letter. Emails had a 15.63% open rate and a 3.10% click rate; an improvement over 2010 results.

In April 2011, previous participants were targeted for telemarketing efforts and over 100 program leads were received that were passed to the sales team.

In October/ November 2011, print ads ran in Upstate New York business publications.



## **Small Business Services Energy Efficiency Program**

In 2011 there were various marketing tactics implemented throughout the year. First, direct mail letters were sent out in mid-February and they continued into November. The campaign targeted up to 25,000 small businesses in the general mailings (approximately 6 such general mailings occurred in 2011) and there were smaller mailings that targeted specific industries based on applicable case studies as well as previous audit participants that had not elected to move forward with energy efficiency improvements.

Bill inserts were distributed in July 2011 and the program was represented in an E-action newsletter article in March and August 2011 highlighting new case studies.

There were trade publication ads regarding the program in Buffalo Business First, The Central NY Business Journal and the Albany Times Union in September and October 2011.

Email blasts were sent out to follow up on certain direct mail campaigns. Open rates stayed around 13% during the summer and click rates around 1%.

Collaboration efforts with one of our program vendor partners helped to re-brand the program and utilize 3 new case studies that were initiated by our vendor partners and then provided to us for re-branding and re-purposing.

There were multiple print ads, banner ads and general outreach with local chambers of commerce in 2011 including the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce, Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce, Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, and others in Rensselaer County. These chamber ad initiatives began in January and ended in July/August.

From June through August 2011, National Grid tested the effectiveness of Twitter as a tactic to promote energy efficiency awareness where we tweeted about new case study information.



### **Residential Building Practices & Demonstration Program**

Upstate New York electric customers that meet minimum annual energy usage requirements qualify for inclusion in the Residential Building Practices & Demonstration program. Participants are randomly selected. National Grid has partnered with OPOWER (vendor) to offer this program. OPOWER provides design services, print and mail for all of the marketing collateral supporting this program. All content is reviewed with and approved by National Grid. Promotional collateral includes hard copy and email versions of Home Energy Reports which provide customers with 12-months of energy usage; a "neighbor comparison" with similar local households; and energy savings tips. OPOWER also maintains an accompanying website with the same information along with additional resources for reducing home energy use. Hardcopy reports and the website were in use from May through December. Email reports – available for approximately 50,000 customers – were sent in November and December 2011. Also in December, customers were able to create and send electronic holiday "E-cards" to friends and family encouraging them to implement a few simple energy saving tips throughout the holidays.

## **BUDGET VERSUS SPENDING**

	2011			
	Marketing	arketing 2011 Marketing		
Program Name	Budget		Actual	
Small Business Services Energy Efficiency Program	\$200,000	\$	148,080	
EnergyWise Electric Program	\$224,279	\$	4,316	
Energy Initiative - Large Industrial Electric Program	\$ 72,000	\$	40,456	
Energy Initiative - Mid Sized Electric Program	\$182,814	\$	76,668	
Electric Enhanced Home Sealing Incentives Program	\$181,020	\$	147,268	
Residential ENERGY STAR® Electric Products and Recycling Program	\$478,500	\$	263,823	
Residential Building Practices and Demonstration Program	\$ 20,000	\$	21,520	

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## 2011 ANNUAL REPORT: GAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY MARKETING

# Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") 2011 Annual Report: Energy Efficiency Marketing

## Residential ENERGY STAR® Gas Products Program



Upstate New York gas customers qualify for rebates upon installation of programmable thermostats. In order to maximize participation in the program a multi-channel marketing campaign was implemented in 2011.

Consistent copy and creative was used throughout all tactics. Channels utilized for the 2011 campaign included: (i) e-mail blasts that were distributed in May, July and September; (ii) direct mail that was distributed in April; (iii)

print ads that ran in April and May; and (iv) a web tile appearing on the nationalgridus.com site from July through November.

## Residential Energy Wise Gas Program



Upstate New York building owners of 5-50 unit multifamily properties receiving gas service from National Grid qualify for a free energy evaluation to identify opportunities for increased energy efficiency. Incentives for insulation, air sealing, attic ventilation, ductwork and air infiltration testing, and lighting and refrigerator replacements are also available.

In order to maximize participation in the program a multi-channel marketing campaign was implemented in 2011. Consistent copy and

creative was used throughout all tactics. Channels utilized for the 2011 campaign included direct mail that was distributed in May and collateral developed for building

owners and tenants which was distributed throughout the year including at landlord/property association events. A web tile appeared on the national gridus.com site from July through November 2011.

## Residential High-Efficiency Heating and Water Heating and Controls Program



In 2011, limited marketing support was required in National Grid's Upstate New York gas service territory to reach the annual participation and therm savings goals for this program. An e-mail blast was distributed in September 2011. Direct mail was distributed in December 2011 to build a pipeline of leads for 2012 installations.

### **Residential Gas Enhanced Home Sealing Incentives Program**



Beginning on October 1, 2010, this program became available to Upstate New York residential gas heating customers. Qualifying customers were eligible to receive a comprehensive home assessment and up to two hours of air sealing for a participation fee of fifty dollars. Additionally, these customers may have been eligible for up to \$3,000 in attic insulation incentives.

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implemented in 2011. Consistent copy and creative was used throughout all tactics. Channels utilized for the 2011 campaign included: (i) e-mail blasts that were distributed in February and March; (ii) direct mail that was distributed in March and April; (iii) a bill insert that was distributed in April; and (iv) print ads in April and May. National Grid stopped marketing the program in late May 2011 due to program design issues. The program was suspended in September 2011 and is currently being redesigned.

## Energy Initiative – Large Industrial Gas, Mid-Sized Gas and Commercial High-Efficiency Heating and Water Heating Programs

In 2011, there was an Upstate New York Large Retrofit Campaign for these programs. The campaign began in March and ran through October.

National Grid utilized a three-month long Paid Search and Digital banner ad campaign in Spring 2011 which brought almost 2,000 customers to our campaign web page to read more about the program or sign up for evaluations of their facilities.

There was a large direct mail campaign in late May 2011 which targeted general businesses, as well as healthcare facilities, educational facilities, restaurants, hospitality facilities and manufacturing facilities. In this direct mail piece that went out to nearly 6,000 customers, National Grid highlighted the specific measures that make sense for each target industry. There was a direct mail campaign to over 400 previous participants in April 2011 and a campaign for outreach to trade partners. Email blasts were sent out to follow-up and complement each direct mail letter. Emails had a 15.63% open rate and a 3.10% click rate; an improvement over 2010 results.

In April 2011, there was a targeted telemarketing campaign to previous participants where we received over 100 program leads that were passed to the sales team.

Print ads ran late in the year in various Upstate New York business publications.



## Residential Building Practices & Demonstration Program

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## **BUDGET VERSUS SPENDING**

		2011 Marketing		2011 Marketing	
Program Name		Budget	Actu	al	
EnergyWise Gas Program	\$	232,028	\$	43,690	
Energy Initiative - Large Industrial Gas Program	\$	39,237	\$	16,769	
Energy Initiative - Mid-Sized Gas Program	\$	17,605	\$	11,591	
Gas Enhanced Home Sealing Incentives Program	\$	34,559	\$	25,423	
Residential ENERGY STAR® Gas Products Program	\$	13,650	\$	11,191	
Residential Building Practices and Demonstration Program	\$	8,000	\$	11,015	
Commercial High Efficiency Heating and Water Heating Program	\$	46,991	\$	13,755	
Residential High-Efficiency Heating and Water Heating and Controls Program - Incremental	\$	90,500	\$	110,096	