

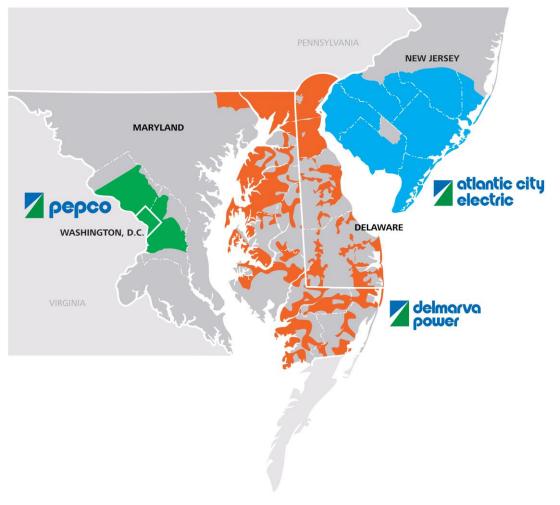
# **Meeting Customer Needs**



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# Pepco Holdings, Inc. Quick Facts

- Incorporated in 2002
- Service territory: 8,340 square miles
- Customers served
  - Atlantic City Electric:
    - 545,000 electric
  - Delmarva Power:
    - 503,000 electric
    - 125,000 natural gas
  - Pepco:
    - 793,000 electric
- Total population served:
  5.6 million



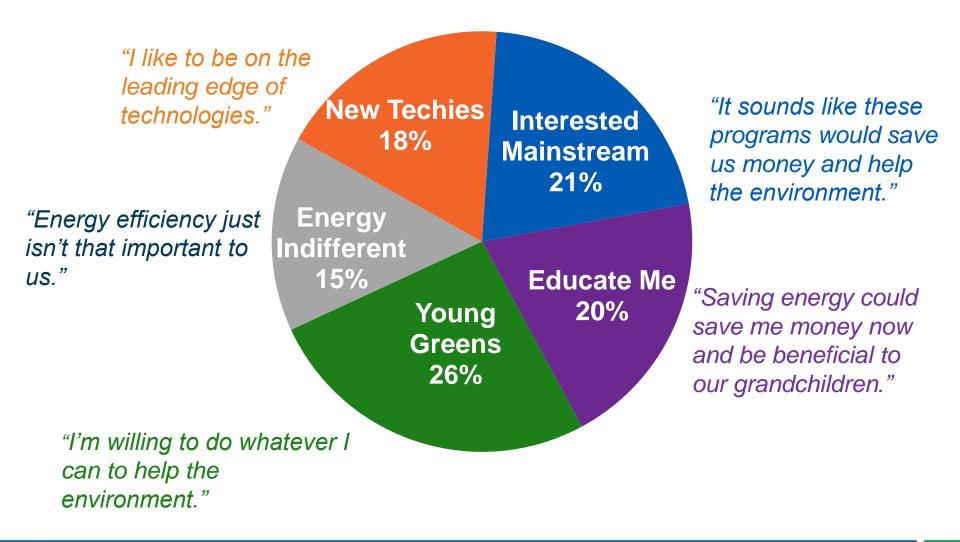
### **Customers Want a Variety of Channels for Communications** and Transactions

- Issue is choices customers want to have transactions and information available when they need them.
- Preferences may change based on situation
- Examples:
  - Social media: Customers look for information during storms and major outages but don't interact much for energy efficiency information
  - Communications: customers are split between email and direct mail/bill inserts, but percentages vary on a regional basis
  - High bill season: both calls to call center and visits to budget billing webpage increased dramatically

### **Use Of Segmentation to Understand Customer Needs**

- Segments developed based on surveys related to energy use, interest in saving energy, attitudes towards saving energy, technology use and interest, and media preferences
- Some segments have a higher concentration of older customers
- Two examples in our service territory:
  - In MD, we have a segment of older customers who are less concerned about the environment and more focused on potential cost savings. They have higher income and currently are not focused on energy efficiency, and need to be convinced they can be both comfortable and save energy.
  - In DC, we have a segment of older customers who are interested in saving energy for cost savings, but want more information on the cost/benefits of different steps they can take.

### **Washington DC Customer Segments**



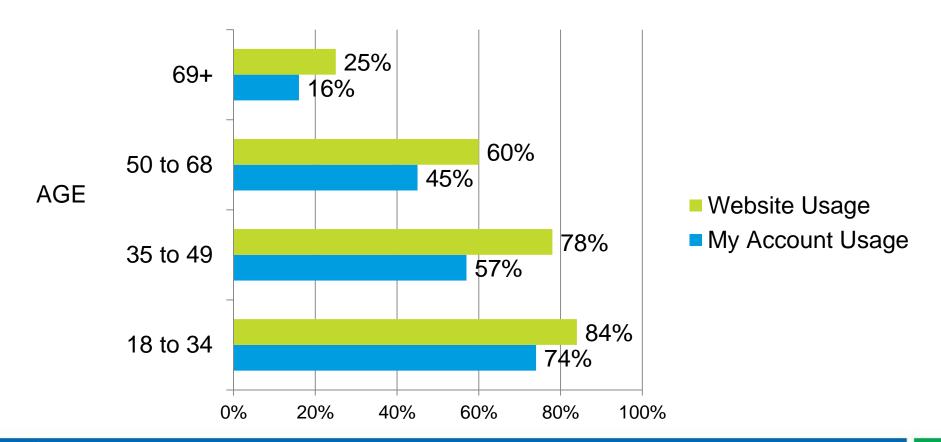
# Information Can Provide Customers with Greater Control

Regardless of segment, more information gives consumers a better understanding of their energy usage, but they can decide what to do with it.

- Customers want easy access to information during outages:
  - Can report outage via mobile app, online at website, through IVR or via call center and get updated restoration time when available
  - Information received through any of these channels is consistent
- Customer service:
  - New website with updated information
  - Self-service channels can help improve satisfaction outages and billing
- Customers want programs to help them save energy:
  - Strong desire for more information but many don't want to sacrifice comfort
  - Confusion over highest impact changes

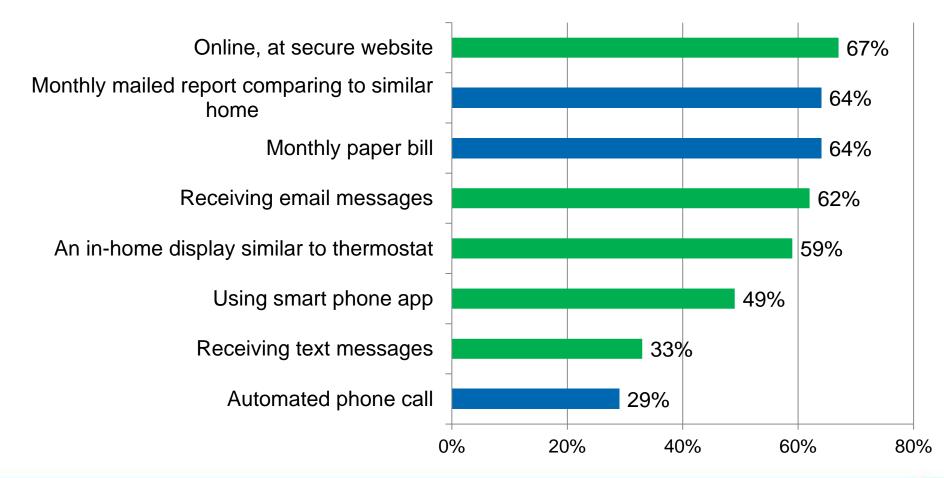
# Customers are going online for transactions and information, but preferences vary

- While Millennials are more likely to use online access, significant proportions of Gen Y and Baby Boomers are using My Account
- Devices used may be different



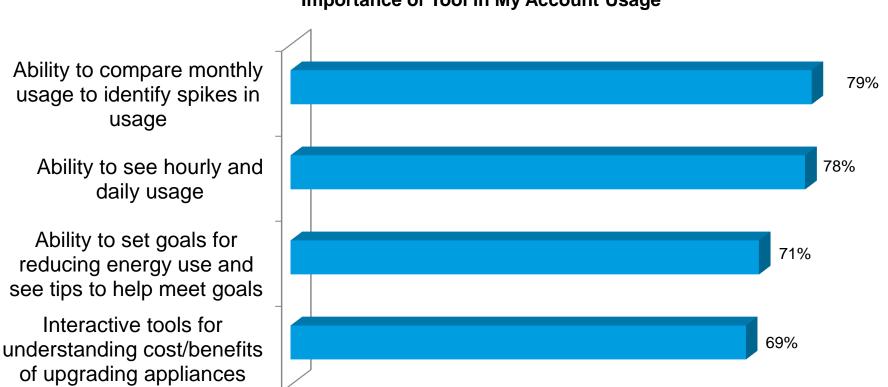
### **Preferences for Obtaining Energy Use Information**

Customers are interested in viewing their energy use data (from the smart meter) in a wide variety of ways.



### New Tools Add Value but Need to Increase Awareness

Customers do not necessarily want to view their energy use frequently, but for it to be available when they need it.



Importance of Tool in My Account Usage

Scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means not at all important and 10 means extremely important.

# **Energy Information Channels**

Energy Information Class in partnership with DC Library



TAKE CONTROL **OF YOUR ENERGY USE.** 

#### Introduction to **Energy Management.**

The DC Public Library and Pepco are working together this summer to present a new class to help you save money on your energy bill. In this class you'll:

- Get tips to help you save money and energy
- Design a custom energy management plan for your home
- Learn how to use tools on Pepco's My Account
- Receive a complimentary, reusable gift bag with tools to help you save



### Website

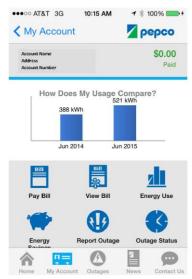
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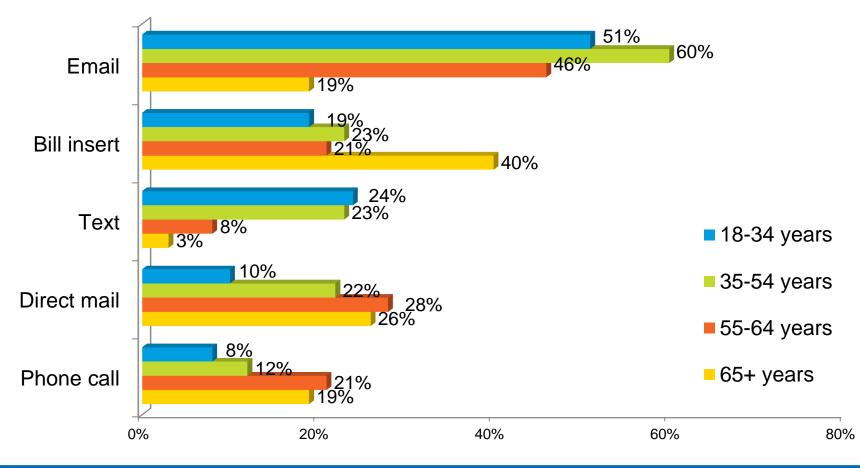
CSRs or Energy Advisors can go through daily/hourly usage with customers on the phone

### Smartphone App



# Preferred information channels also vary based on customer age and regionally.

- Customers who are 18-54 years of age prefer an email.
- Older customers prefer bill inserts or direct mail.



### **Preferred Information Channels**

# **Uncovering What Customers Really Want**

### Based on our research:

- Both qualitative and quantitative research can be critical to understanding consumer tradeoffs and decision-making
  - Consumers sometimes see the equation as comfort vs. cost
  - Education continues to be important
- Customer interests and needs varies regionally
  - Terminology
  - Images
  - Channels
- ✓ All segments don't want to interact with you in the same way
  - For certain types of transactions, customers prefer the phone
- Expectations are changing, but need to focus on the goal processes may be behind service expectations
  - Customer expectations for instant service with online applications may not be always be met, unless full process changes

### **Questions?**

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