







# Vacation Destination Nantucket – No Walk in the Park on an Island:

Conducting Residential Metering and Site Visits on Nantucket Island

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# The Challenge: Nantucket Island

- 30 miles off New England coast; ~ 48 square miles
- Population of 11,000 (year round) swells to 50,000 to 60,000 during summer
- 2 existing electric cables
- Study to assess peak demand potential through energy efficiency
- How to plan, recruit, conduct site visits, and remotely monitor 70 residential homes



# Summer Scheduling

#### Challenge 1 Recruiting mostly vacation rental homes

- Nantucket Energy Office posted study notices on website and provided list of rental owners and property managers on island
- Name dropping Nantucket Energy Office during recruitment was beneficial

## Challenge 2 Restrictions and availability of ferry travel

- Booked ferry tickets far in advance (learned the hard way)
- Field staff were available for long days and weekends
- Schedulers offered approximate arrival windows instead of a fixed times

## Challenge 3 Effective preparation

- Schedulers asked homeowners about availability of a wireless network and home characteristics
- Schedulers provided field staff with detailed notes in Outlook invitations (contact info., customer flexibility, equipment installation requirements, etc.)



# Logistics



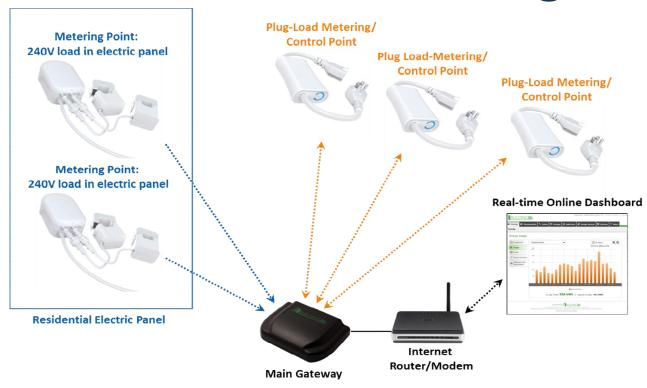
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 Packed plenty of spare parts and equipment

- Storage and easy access were important
- Local electrician assisted in this project and stored some equipment



# Remote Monitoring



- Essential that collected data could be accessed remotely
- Study included electrical panel loads (central air conditioners, electric water heaters, pool pumps, dryers, etc.) to various common plug loads (dehumidifiers, room air conditioners, televisions, set top boxes, etc.).



## Wrap Up

#### Success was made possible by:

- Staff efficiency
- Strategic planning and recruitment
- Creative staffing and equipment logistics
- Local support and local name recognition
- Ability to monitor remotely





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