# How Do We Light a Way Forward?

Refined / Streamlined Shelf-Stocking Study Approach for Actionable Recommendations

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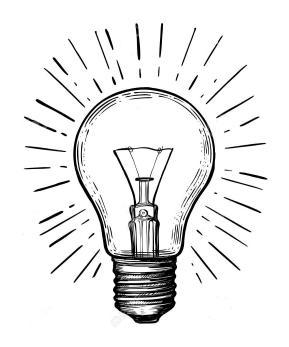
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### **Goals & Outcomes**

- Characterize market conditions for Residential Lighting
- Recommend modifications to promotional strategies based on market conditions





# **Typical Lighting Aisle**



Lowe's; Waterford, CT





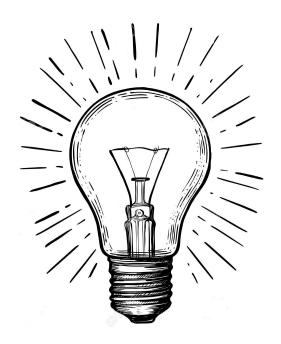
## **Product Availability and Pricing Study**

#### Establish availability of products

- New kind of shelf survey, not exhaustive shelf inventory
- Single SKU inventoried within each category
- Standard and key specialty products
- Representative of market conditions consumer's perspective

#### Pricing Information

- Efficient LEDs
  - Dimmable and Non-Dimmable
- Baseline halogen/incandescent products





## **Key Product Types**

#### **General Purpose A-Line Bulbs**

LED Dimmable (100, 75, 60 watt equiv.)
LED Non-Dimmable (100, 75, 60 watt equiv.)
EC Halogen (100, 75, 60 watt equiv.)

#### **G25 Globe Bulbs**

LED (60, 40, 25 watt equiv.)
Halogen/Incandescent (60, 40, 25 watt equiv.)

#### **Candelabra Base Bulbs**

LED (60, 40, 25 watt equiv.)
Incandescent (60, 40, 25 watt equiv.)

#### **Directional Bulbs**

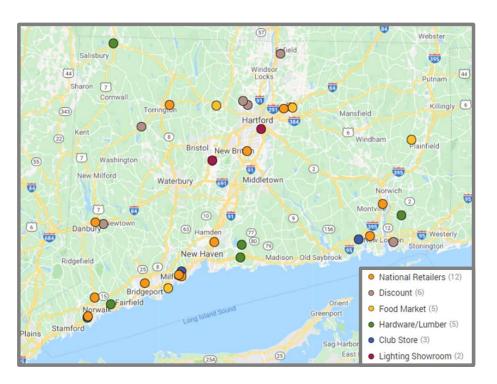
LED Dimmable BR30 (65 watt equiv.)
LED Non-Dimmable BR30 (65 watt equiv.)
LED Retrofit Kits (65/75 watt equiv.)
Incandescent (65 watt equiv.)



# **Sample Design**

	Retailer Type	# of Locations	TOTAL	Bulbs/ Location	% Total
4	Club Store	15	405,261	27,017	14.5%
DATA	Discount	166	336,127	2,025	12.0%
	Drug Store	188	38,848	207	1.4%
ORGAM	Food Market	135	74,810	554	2.7%
Ŋ	Hardware/Lumber	81	80,997	1,000	2.9%
Ö	Lighting Showroom	3	68,107	22,702	2.4%
PR	Miscellaneous	28	40,802	1,457	1.5%
	National Retailers	73	1,744,746	23,901	62.5%
	TOTAL	690	2,789,698		100.0%

	Retailer Type	Sample	% Sample
	Club Store	3	9%
щ	Discount	6	18%
Ы	Drug Store/Food Market	5	15%
SAMPLE	Hardware/Lumber	5	15%
<b>S/</b>	Lighting Showroom	2	6%
	National Retailers	12	36%
	Total	33	100%





### **SKU Selection Process**

#### Which SKU?

**Favorably Representative** 

### **60W Equiv. Dimmable A-Line LEDs Consumer Choice Factors:**

- Brand
- Model Line (e.g. Classic, Refresh, Relax, and Reveal)
- Color Temperature
- Package Size

Selected: 8-pk GE Classic bulb; nonprogram pricing available and slightly lower per bulb than the 4-pk GE Classic.



**SCS** ANALYTICS

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### **RESULTS:**

**Product Availability** 



## **Product Availability**

Shape	Tech	Dim	Equiv. Watts	Club Store	Discount Store	DIY	Food Market	Hardware/ Lumber	Mass Merch.
опаре			TIONS⁺:	3	6	6	5	4	6
A-Line	LED	Yes	60	100%*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A-Line	LED	Yes	75		33%	100%	60%	100%	100%
A-Line	LED	Yes	100	100%	83%	100%	80%	100%	100%
A-Line	LED	No	60		33%	100%	60%	100%	67%
A-Line	LED	No	75				60%	100%	67%
A-Line	LED	No	100			100%	60%	100%	67%
A-Line	Halogen	Yes	60		33%	100%	80%	100%	100%
A-Line	Halogen	Yes	75			100%	80%	100%	100%
A-Line	Halogen	Yes	100		33%	100%	80%	100%	100%
Globe	LED	Yes	25				40%	50%	50%
Globe	LED	Yes	40		33%	100%	60%	100%	100%
Globe	LED	Yes	60			100%	40%	100%	100%
Globe	Incand	Yes	25			100%	40%	75%	33%
Globe	Incand	Yes	40		33%	100%	60%	75%	50%
Globe	Halogen	Yes	60		17%	67%	40%	75%	33%
Candelabra	LED	Yes	25			100%	20%	100%	50%
Candelabra	LED	Yes	40	100%	17%	100%	60%	100%	100%
Candelabra	LED	Yes	60		17%	100%	40%	75%	100%
Candelabra	Incand	Yes	25			100%	60%	100%	17%
Candelabra	Incand	Yes	40		33%	100%	80%	100%	50%
Candelabra	Incand	Yes	60		33%	100%	80%	100%	50%
BR30 Reflector	LED	Yes	65	100%	50%	100%	60%	100%	100%
BR30 Reflector	LED	No	65					75%	17%
5/6 Retrofit Kit	LED	Yes	75	100%	17%	100%		100%	17%
BR30 Reflector	Incand	Yes	65		33%	100%	80%	100%	50%

#### **Select Results on Product Availability**

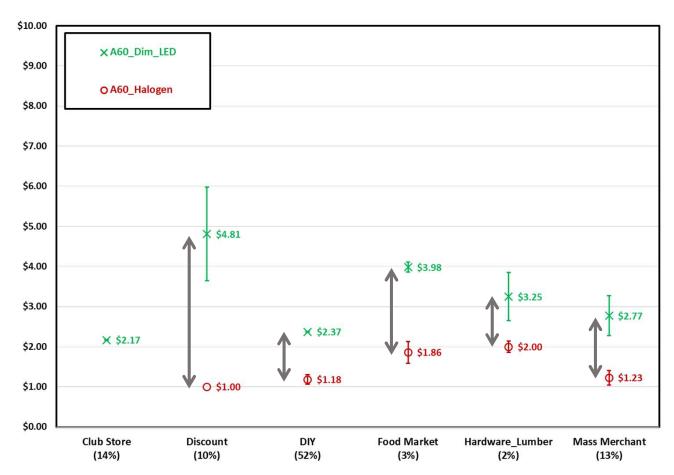
- LED products are widely available in all retail channels.
- Baseline incandescent and halogen products are widely available.
- Discount stores, except Dollar stores, do not carry baseline products and primarily only carry LED products that are "brought in" by the Energize CT program.
- Club stores do not carry baseline products of any type.



### **RESULTS:**

**Non-Program Pricing** 





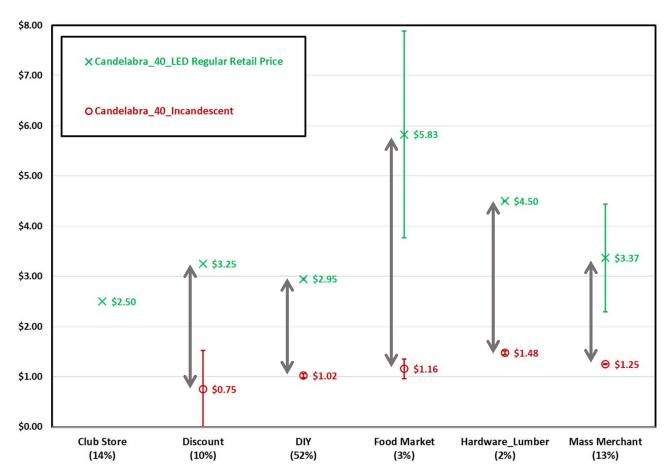
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### **60W Equiv. Dimmable A-Line**





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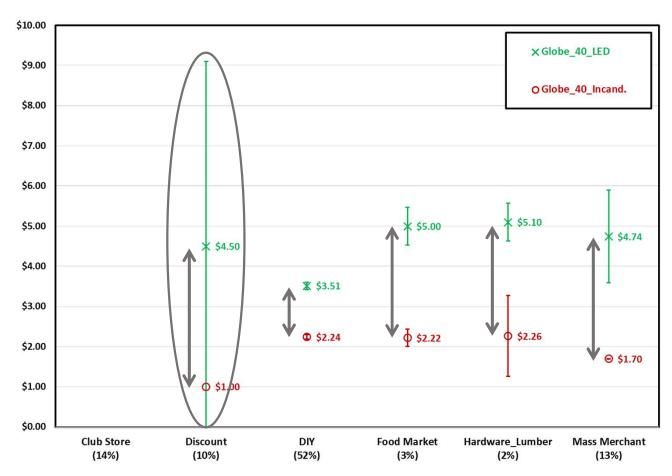
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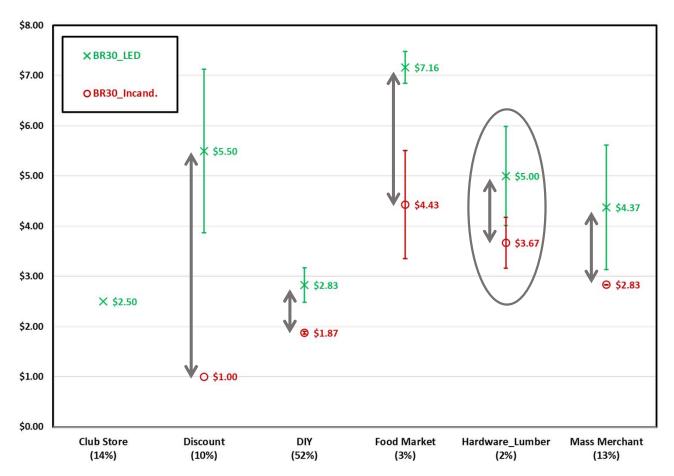
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### 40W Equiv. G25 Globe





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### 65W Equiv. BR30 Directional





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### **RESULTS:**

**Incremental Costs vs. Program Incentives** 



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LED Product	Incr. Cost (IC)	Avg. Incent. (AI)	% AI/IC												
60W Equivalent A-Line	\$3.81	\$1.59	42%	\$1.19	\$1.12	95%	\$2.12	\$1.90	89%	\$1.25	\$1.82	146%	\$1.55	\$1.30	84%
75W Equivalent A-Line		\$1.91		\$2.96	\$1.70	57%	\$5.03			\$4.34	\$1.70	39%	\$4.29	\$1.03	24%
100W Equivalent A-Line	\$4.00	\$2.27	57%	\$3.66	\$1.81	50%	\$7.11	\$1.92	27%	\$5.12	\$1.79	35%	\$5.62	\$1.58	28%
25W Equivalent Candelabra		\$2.25		\$2.10	\$1.41	67%	\$3.40			\$3.40			\$0.49	\$1.02	208%
40W Equivalent Candelabra	\$2.50	\$2.27	91%	\$1.92	\$1.70	88%	\$4.67	\$2.50	54%	\$3.02	\$2.46	82%	\$2.12	\$1.47	70%
60W Equivalent Candelabra	\$4.75	\$2.50	53%	\$2.29	\$1.82	80%	\$4.71	\$2.50	53%	\$4.21	\$2.50	59%	\$2.70	\$1.61	60%
25W Equivalent Globe							\$2.50			\$2.07			\$0.96		
40W Equivalent Globe	\$3.50	\$2.30	66%	\$1.27	\$1.77	140%	\$2.78	\$2.47	89%	\$2.84	\$2.50	88%	\$3.05	\$1.07	35%
60W Equivalent Globe				\$1.36	\$2.02	148%	\$1.00			\$1.18			\$2.75		
Retrofit Kits	\$13.49			\$7.17	\$3.63	51%				\$8.83			\$3.35	\$2.50	75%
65W Equivalent Directional	\$4.50	\$3.19	71%	\$0.95	\$1.67	176%	\$2.73	\$3.43	125%	\$1.33	\$3.08	231%	\$1.54	\$1.79	116%

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### **Recommendations and Future Research**



## **Program Recommendations**

- 1) Review and refine the incentive strategies:
  - a. For Non-Discount retailers, size incentives and design more targeted strategies to promote products based on the pricing and availability information and first cost differentials between LEDs and baseline products.
  - b. For Discount retailers, ensure that incentives are aggressive compared to the other retailers in the program.
- 2) Discontinue promotion of products at Club Stores.
- 3) Reduce incentives from products where the current levels *exceed* the incremental first cost between LEDs and baseline products.
- 4) Program Tracking Data:
  - 1) Product subtype and equivalent wattage need to be added.
  - 2) Non-program price and the program adjusted price updated/accurate.



### **Summary**

- Valuable new approach to shelf survey work
- Some potential for other products
- With the new federal standard in place for General Service Lamps, this approach provides a straightforward, but structured approach to assessing market conditions in 2023 and beyond.

