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"Engaging Consumers"

### Making energy engaging





#### A private limited company formed in 2006

- UK market leader to the leading Utilities
- 40 + staff
- High volume supply chain, ISO 9001 & 14001 certified
- 1,600,000+ displays and systems sold
- One of first large scale connected home roll outs in the UK with Scottish Power
- Multiple smart home and smart metering systems
- World's first colour water display integration with Elster meters in UK for Anglian Water
- Integration with all leading energy meters
- Water meter compatibility so far with Elster, Kamstrup, Itron and Hydrometer (Diehl). More to come...



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## **Designing displays & services**

#### To engage your customers







#### Three core elements:

- 1. Home Energy Management Systems:
  - A range of "smart-ready" In Home Displays
  - A range of sensors and controllers
  - A set of data access devices hubs, gateways and bridges
- 2. On-Line Platform:
  - Mobile and PC web sites
  - Widget based can be hosted by GEO or licensed to customers
  - Value adding functions and services
- 3. Engagement Engine:
  - Personalised advice, alerts, notifications, messaging
  - Digital marketing engine
  - Two-way communications



 geo
 Mobile
 In-Home
 Online
 geo

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Integrated information is key: in-home, mobile, on-line & two-way



**See:** using the IHD to provide real time stimulus to trigger interest

**Explore:** using the richness and immediacy of mobiles to explore and understand more

Analyse: for advanced settings, detailed examination, advice and further sales opportunities

**Communicate:** personalised messages, advice and alerts



See

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## Which design is most engaging?





#### **Expectations for both short and long-term benefits**



#### Focus on cost savings but ease of eco-conscience an appealing benefit





#### Sample groups and approach



#### The qualitative element of the project consisted of four focus groups



- Four ninety-minute focus groups
  - research held in the UK
- Group recruitment criteria
  - mixed sex groups; 4 male, 4 female
  - at least 2 per group to already use an IHD
  - all to be conscious of their energy consumption
  - however, no over-zealous 'eco warriors'
- Fieldwork by Independent Researchers
  - moderation and analysis by Independent
  - UK recruitment of focus group members by independent recruiters
  - Fieldwork took place 2012
- Qualitative findings to be supported by a subsequent 1000 person quant on line survey







#### Busy family, less affluent: all about the money



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likely usage of monitor distrust energy suppliers want cost saving advice must be easy to use

instant savings bill predictions budget management

high

characteristics

high consumption all about money need to educate kids eco less important ?

> 'The kids are always leaving the PlayStations on, it drives me mad!'



#### Busy family, affluent: cost conscious, but eco aware







#### **Elders: energy costs are a significant outgoing**









# What is a Water Display and can they make a difference?

- An in home display shows water use in real time
- Forecasts use against budget set by customer
- Leak alerts relayed immediately
- All in real time using one way radio data packets released by meter every 12.5secs
- EXAM QUESTION Can they make difference? AWS to measure consumption before and after deployment







- Following initial consumer research in 2012, all products now manufactured and delivered
- Limited 1<sup>st</sup> edition of 11,500....
- Customers invited to apply for free Water Display
- Sample set was defined by Jan 2013
- Interim results May 2013
- Conclusions Autumn 2013

What next.....?



- the guide was well received, thought be simple, well designed & straightforward to understand
- however, there was uncertainty about how easy it would be to set up if you had not received a physical demonstration
- the groups therefore felt it was important to have a free phone support line in case a customer struggled to set up



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- The In House Display was positively received by all participants. They all thought it was useful & something they would look at and use
- The appearance of the IHD was well liked by participants
- The IHD features & settings were considered easy to understand when demonstrated



- The most popular feature of the IHD was that it would help save customers money
- All participants felt that the IHD was simple to use when demonstrated
- However, there is ambiguity around whether participants would be able to set up & use the IHD without a Makina enerav enaaaina demonstration or assistance?





## Thank you for listening

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