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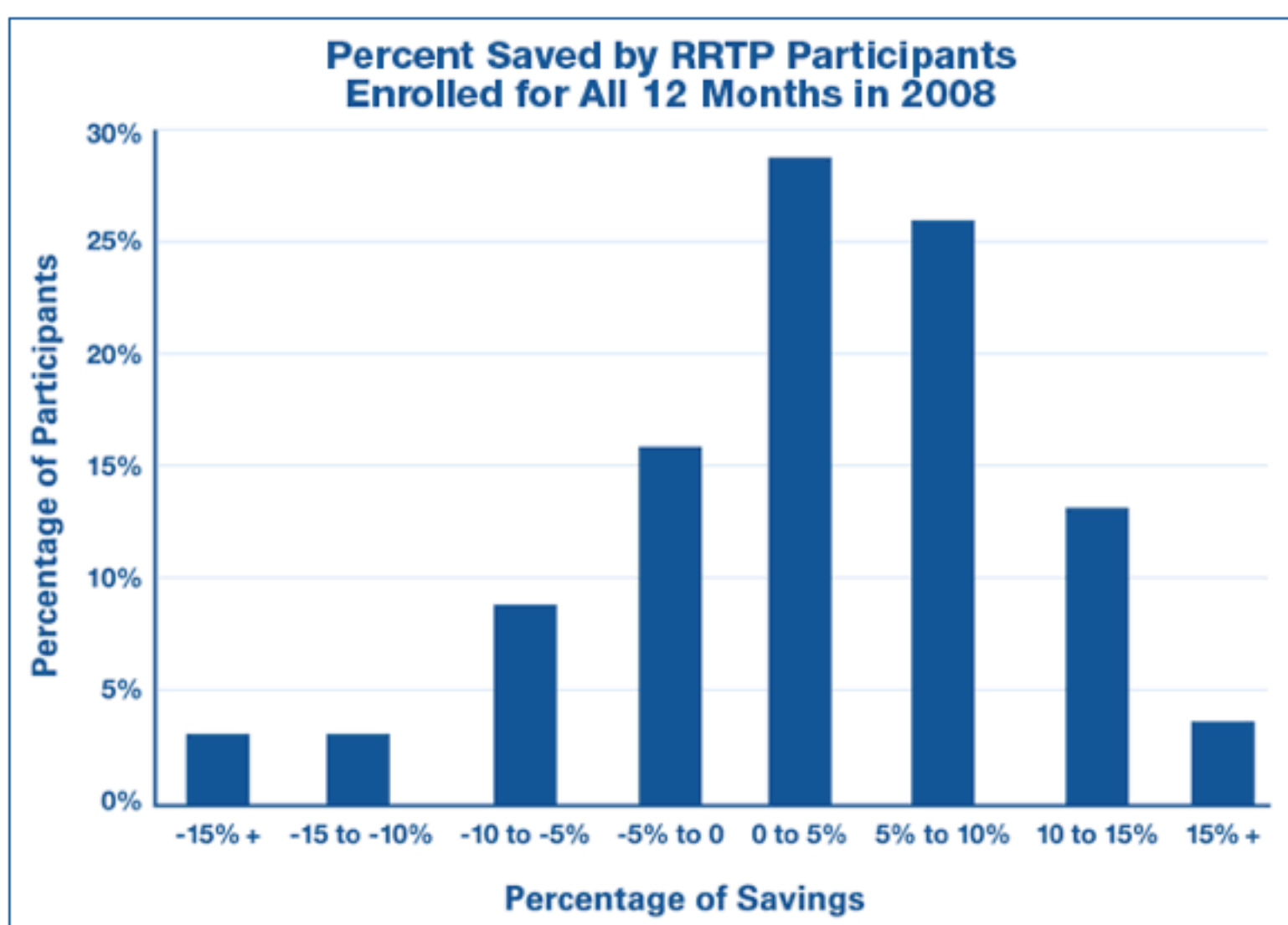
The ComEd Residential Real-Time Pricing Program Monthly Newsletter



## Most Residential Real-Time Pricing Participants Saved in 2008!

The results are in. The majority of customers who participated in the ComEd Residential Real-Time Pricing (RRTP) program for all twelve months in 2008 saved on their annual electricity bill, as compared with what they would have paid with ComEd's fixed-price rate.

**Overall for 2008, ComEd RRTP participants saved more than \$315,000!**



In a recent survey, 80 percent of ComEd RRTP participants said that the program met or exceeded their expectations. In addition, three out of four surveyed RRTP participants stated that the program provides a hassle-free way to manage their energy usage and electricity bills.

If you participated in the program in 2008, you will receive your individual savings summary later this month. Watch your mailbox for this important update.

By controlling and shifting your electricity use, you've helped reduce demand when it counts most. When less electricity is generated, it helps reduce the release of carbon emissions that contribute to global warming. Congratulations on a job well done!

## Spring Energy-Saving Tips

The following tips can help you manage your energy use and bills.

### Light for less

Save on lighting by switching from incandescent to compact fluorescent light bulbs. If every American home replaced just one light bulb with a qualified ENERGY STAR® CFL bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars or 4,367,958 metric tons.<sup>1</sup> ENERGY STAR qualified CFL bulbs use about 75 percent less energy than do incandescents and last up to 10 times longer, saving about \$30 or more in electricity costs over each bulb's lifetime.<sup>2</sup>

### Plug power leaks

Many electronic devices use energy even when they are turned off (i.e., "phantom load"). Common culprits include home entertainment systems, office electronics, and appliances that include rechargeable batteries. Look for appliances that can be unplugged or connected to a power strip, which can be easily switched off when the appliances are not needed.

### Clean up on washing

Take advantage of lower hourly electricity prices to run major appliances, such as your clothes washer and dryer, and your dishwasher. During the winter and spring, electricity prices tend to be low most of the time, but typically are lowest at night and on weekends. As summer prices rise and become more variable, the practice of using electricity-hungry appliances during lower-priced hours could potentially help you reduce your electricity bills.

### Shop for savings

Keep energy efficiency in mind when shopping for light bulbs, appliances, and electronics. Look for products that have earned the ENERGY STAR label. They meet strict energy efficiency guidelines while offering high levels of performance and quality. For instance, ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerator models use at least 20 percent less energy than required by current federal standards and 40 percent less energy than the conventional models sold in 2001.<sup>3</sup> To calculate your own savings before purchasing your next electronic product, explore the ENERGY STAR calculators at [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bulk\\_purchasing.bus\\_purchasing#elect](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bulk_purchasing.bus_purchasing#elect).

For more *Smart Ideas*™ to help you save energy and money, please visit [www.ComEd.com](http://www.ComEd.com).

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