# How and Why Customers Respond to Electricity Price Variability A Study of NYISO and NYSERDA 2002 PRL

**Programs: Preliminary Results** 

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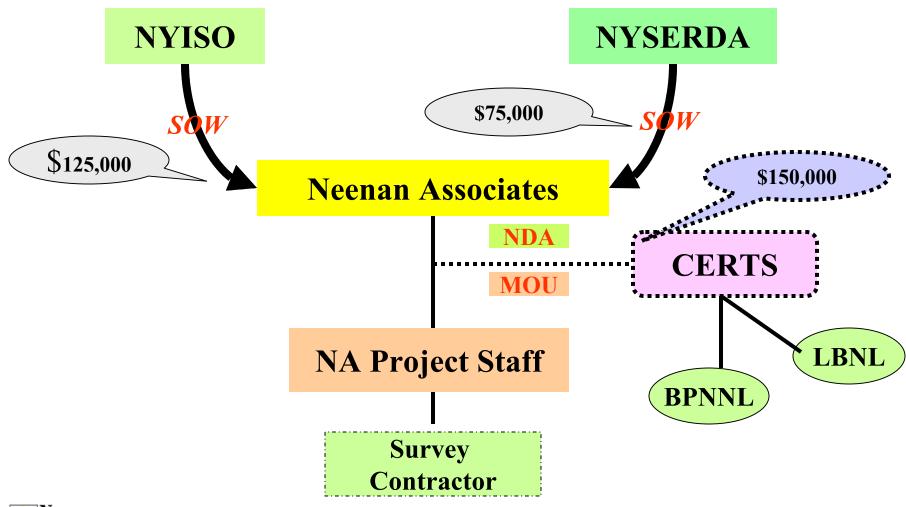
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#### **PRL 2002 Evaluation**

#### **Project Organization**







#### **Project Goals**

- ✓ Identify and quantify the impact of key drivers to PRL participation
- ✓ Assign performance index to individual participants
- ✓ Quantify the level and distribution of market impacts

**Application** 

Market segmentation, identify under-served markets

Program design,
Technology assessments,
Business case planning

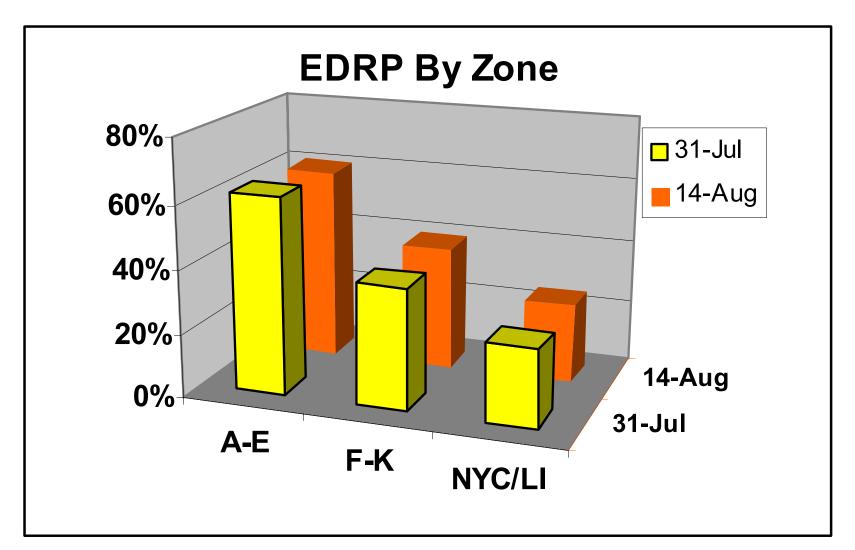
Identify market barriers, effective PON design and administration

Market segment-ation, sales





#### **EDRP By Zone**







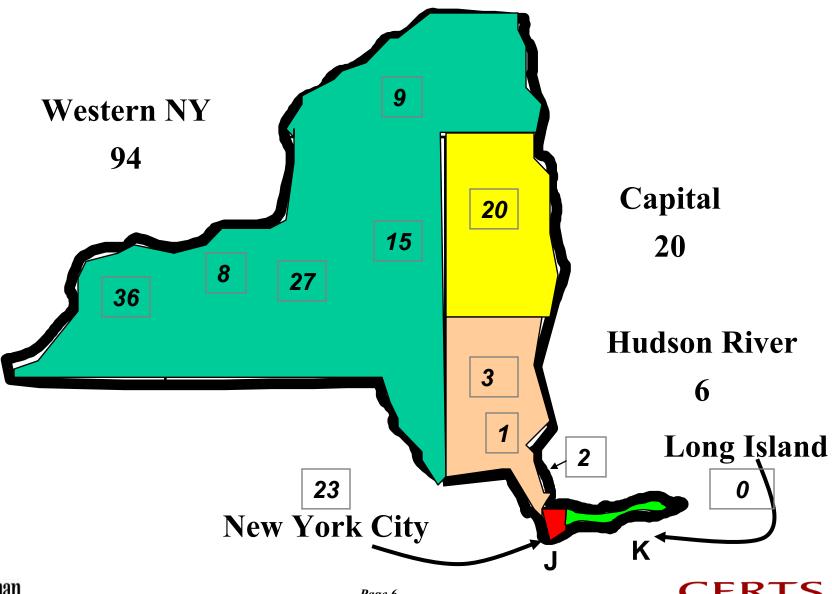
#### Multi-Site Participation

- Multi-site participant: individually registered locations with a single point of contact for all locations
- 25% of 2002 NYISO program participants were multi-site (all programs)
- 2001 less than 10% multi-site
- Surveys conducted with single contact for a multisite participant





Survey Response by "SuperZone"





## Typical DADRP Respondent (N=11)

- Manufacturing company
- Summer peak demand >5 MW
- Uses electricity accounting for 6 to >10% of operating expenses
- With between 100-500 employees
- Occupies >500,000 square feet of space
- Has participated in utility load mgmt programs (TOU,Interruptible)





### Typical EDRP Respondent (N=61)

- Manufacturing (23) or Govt./Institution (20)
- Summer peak demand 1 to >5 MW
- Uses electricity accounting for 4 to >10% of operating expenses
- With between <100 to 500 employees
- Occupies from 100,000 to >1M square feet
- 30% participated in utility load mgmt pgm





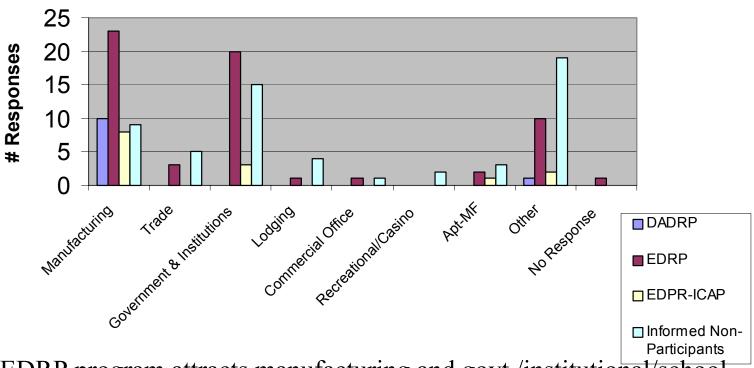
## Typical Informed Non-Participant (N=58)

- Govt./Institution (15) or Other (18)
- Summer peak demand 500 kW to >5 MW
- Uses electricity accounting for 1 to >10% of operating expenses
- With between <100 to 500 employees
- Occupies from 50,000 to 1M square feet
- <20% participated in utility load mgmt pgm





#### Major Activity of Respondents



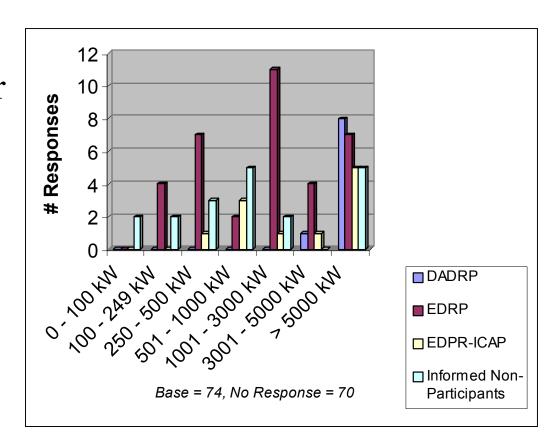
- EDRP program attracts manufacturing and govt./institutional/school sector (38% and 33% of sample)
- Virtually all DADRP participants in manufacturing
- Non-participants are from govt./institutional/school and Other (25% and 33% of sample)





#### Summer Peak Demand

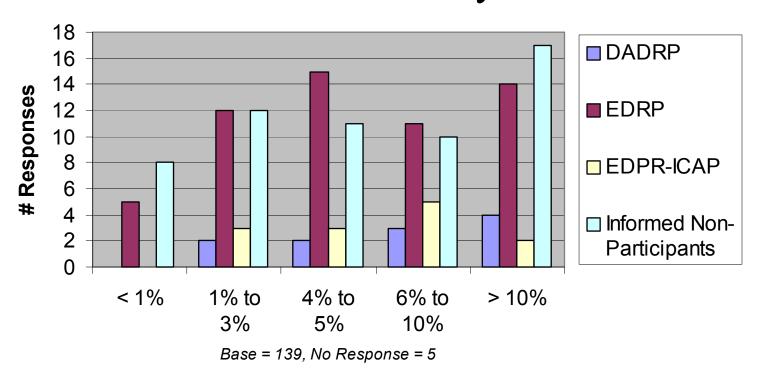
- Median summer peak demand is significantly lower for non-participants (750 kW) compared to DADRP (14.5MW), EDRP only (1.7) MW), and EDRP/ICAP (5 MW)
- Non-response is an issue (70), based on customer self-reports







## Proportion of Operating Expenses for Electricity

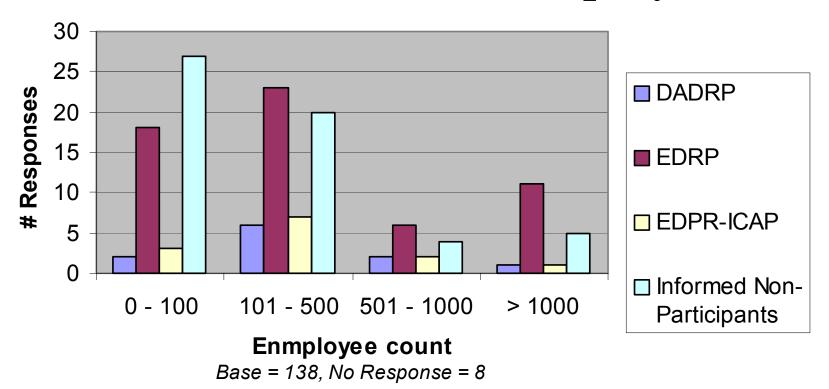


- 26% of respondents indicate that electricity represents >10% of operating costs (37 of 139)
- Median value is  $\sim$ 5%; similar pattern among program participants and non-participants





#### Number of Full-time Employees



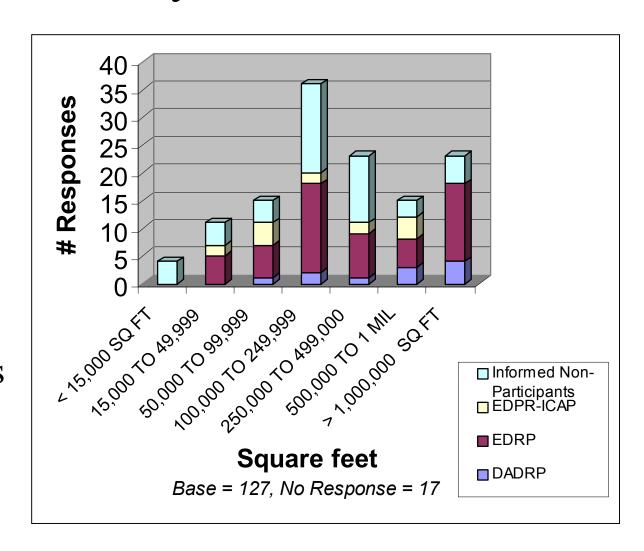
- 77% of respondents had fewer than 500 employees, and  $\sim$ 36% had fewer than 100 employees
- Non-participants tended to have fewer FTE





### Facility Size

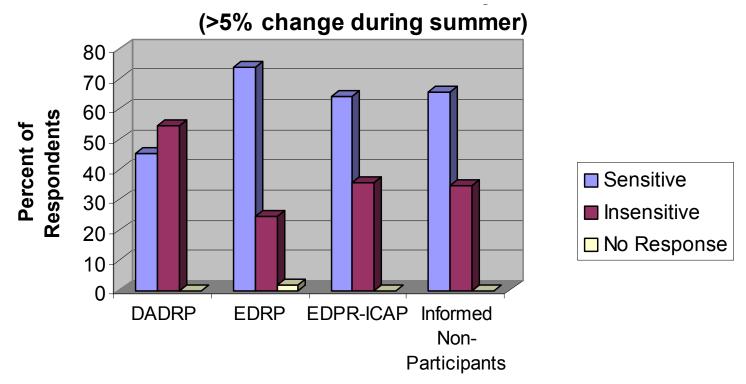
- DADRP
   participant
   facilities tend
   to be larger
   (>500,000 sq.
   feet)
- Median value for floor area is between 100,000-249,000 sq. ft.







### Temperature Sensitivity



- 65-75% of customers describe their load as temperature sensitive except among DADRP participants (45%)
- Much higher than those that use temperature-sensitive baseline method





## DADRP Barriers: Lack of Information/Knowledge

	Mean	t Value
Plan Comfort Level - Bid	1 10	2.05
Price Level	1.16	3.95
Monitor Price Comfort		
Level - Bid Price Comfort	0.23	1.49
Level		

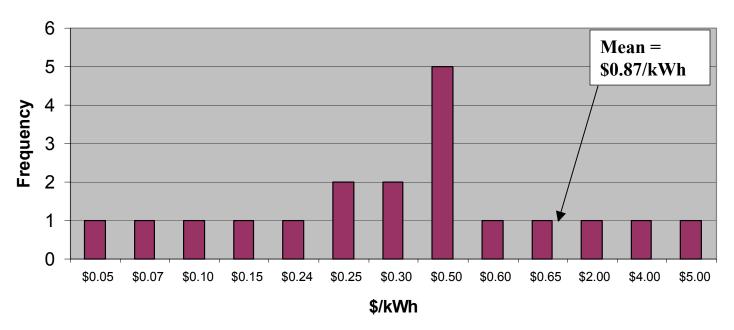
- Customers are much less comfortable determining at what price to bid compared to creating a load curtailment plan or monitoring DAM prices
- Calculated difference in comfort level rating for each respondent between determining bid price & either load curtailment or monitoring energy price
- Differences in sample means (1.16 and 0.23) are statistically significant (80% level)





## DADRP Barriers: Bid price thresholds are high for many customers

Bid Price Threshold



- Customers asked about their bid price minimum threshold
- Bid prices ranged from \$0.05 5.00/kWh
- Mean and median values are \$0.87/kWh & ~\$0.50/kWh



