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Requestor: Eric Paulson  
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Question:

Explain why so many more people participated in the Business Saver’s Switch and Peak Energy Control programs compared to the budget.

Response:

Saver’s Switch

The program achievements are tied to the size and number of controlled AC units. While the number of customers reported is higher than planned, they, on average, had fewer and smaller AC units. Several participants had one relatively small AC unit.

Peak Energy Control (Also known as Electric Rate Savings (ERS))

The budget for ERS is primarily used for administrative purposes. Customer incentives are discounts on electrical prices as a function of the electric rate case. Therefore, the budget is typically not a reflection of the number of participants signing up for the program.

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