

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY

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Data Request:

Refer to the “Actions Content Development and Implementation” section on page 17 of the Status Report. Provide some examples of the “no/low-cost actions that can lead to energy and cost savings”.

Attachments: 0

Response:

The MyMeter Actions module will provide a variety of no/low-cost actions including the following:

- Close Unused Areas:
 - Close doors and registers in unused rooms to cut energy costs.
- Drain Water Heater regularly:
 - Draining your water heater to remove sediment build up can improve efficiency and extend the life of your water heater. Your water heater should be drained once a year unless your manufacturer recommends a different frequency. Check the maintenance section of our operator’s manual to learn specific information regarding your water heater’s features and requirements.
- Wash Full Loads:
 - Always wash full loads of clothes and dishes to maximize water and energy savings. Use cold water for laundry whenever possible. Use the shortest cycle to get dishes clean.
- Maintain Dryer Efficiency:
 - Clean the lint filter after each drying cycle and inspect the dryer vent regularly to ensure efficient operation.
- Maintain Refrigerator Efficiency:
 - Keep refrigerator door seals airtight and leave a few inches between the wall and the refrigerator. Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in the refrigerator to reduce moisture release.

- Unplug Devices When Not in Use:
 - Many electronic devices continue to draw power even when turned off or fully charged. Unplug TVs, computers, phone chargers, and other electronics when not in use.

Once live on the MyMeter module, customers will have the ability to “check off” that they have completed an energy savings action, as seen in the example below. The savings claimed from these actions will be measured and verified by a third-party evaluator.

