

# **Case Study:**

GPM Investments C-Stores Richmond, Virginia Performed February 2017

Tech: EnerG<sup>2</sup> and IntelliHVAC





### The Company:

GPM Investments, LLC, or GPM, is the largest privately-owned company in the convenience store channel of business, operating or supplying fuel to more than 1,000 stores in a total of 18 states. The company, based in Richmond, VA, operates or supplies stores in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

## The Project:

Madison Energy worked with GPM to reduce energy consumption in their HVAC and walk-in refrigeration systems utilizing their proprietary technologies; EnerG<sup>2</sup> for the walk-in coolers and freezers and IntelliHVAC for the HVAC units. A pilot program was completed using Time of Use and EKM data logging equipment and data was analyzed by third party engineers at HMS Engineering Ltd. and Tower Engineering.





EnerG<sup>2</sup> reduces energy consumption and compressor cycles in walk-in coolers and freezers by providing a more accurate means of temperature measurement through a specialized gel compound that simulates the food product temperature instead of the air temperature which fluctuates with more volatility. It retrofits to the existing thermostat air probe and requires no additional maintenance.



Guaranteed to Reduce Energy Costs 15 – 30%
Reduces Compressor Cycles by 40 – 60%
Prevents Wear and Tear
Extends Life of Equipment
12 Month ROI
Green Restaurant Associated Endorsed
Reduced CO2 Emissions – Go Green!
Lifetime Warranty



EnerG<sup>2</sup> is a device that was developed by The Madison Energy Group and contains a non-toxic, food safe gel compound that has similar thermal properties to that of food and beverage. It is therefore, not subject to the same wider and more volatile standard of deviation in temperature that air is. The technology of EnerG<sup>2</sup> is based on the fact that food and beverage products contain significantly differently thermal properties than air. This means that their temperatures rise and fall at different rates and at different intervals. This causes inefficiency in operation because typical measurement is of the environment (air) and not the actual food and beverage product. Air, having very little density, fluctuates with more volatility thereby causing the coolers to engage in cooling cycles unnecessarily, while EnerG<sup>2</sup> simulates the stable temperature curve of food product and allows the cooler to operate only when it needs to.

When applied, EnerG<sup>2</sup> easily retrofits over the external air probe in commercial coolers and freezers and converts the temperature measurement from the ambient air temperature to that of food and beverage temperature. We are now measuring the *intended target of measurement* of food and beverage temperature instead of the immediate environment surrounding the thermostat. This creates an inherently more efficient scenario and results in an average energy reduction of 15-30%. EnerG<sup>2</sup> is also effective at reducing carbon emissions by several thousand pounds annually. It also increases food safety by maintaining more stable temperature ranges and reduces maintenance costs on equipment by minimizing unnecessary compressor cycles.

## HMS Engineering Ltd.

### Phillip Stewart

**Engineering Consultant** 

### **Background and Qualifications for Energy Analysis**

Mr. Stewart joined the US Military in 1982 and became a marine engineer involved with mechanical, electrical and structural engineering. After completing his military tour in 1990, he was recruited by Walt Disney World as a Control Specialist and Engineer. During that period Mr. Stewart became extremely interested in energy management systems. After opening Pleasure Island, MGM Studios, Disney Vacation Club, he realized that it was time for new growth in my life and joined Florida's largest Service Company BGSI. Mr. Stewart became certified as a Master Engineer for Refrigeration and Food Equipment.

After years of international endeavours Mr. Stewart entered semi-retirement where he established his consulting company, HMS Engineering Ltd. (HMS), based in Montego Bay, Jamaica in 2007.

As a Chief Engineer, Renewable Energy Consultant and Food Equipment expert, he continues to educate and assist many large companies on ways to reduce their energy consumption and increase their bottom line profits. Companies he has supported over years include Sandals, Couples Resorts, Montego Bay Convention Centre, KFC, Wendy's, Burger King, Moes, Margaritaville, and many others.

The attached Baseline/Performance Test Report was prepared by Mr. Stewart and all findings are based on analysis of the raw data logger information collected onsite and provided to him. I certify that neither I nor my company (HMS Ltd.) ever receive any compensation which correlates in any manner whatsoever to test report results and that the referenced report findings are accurate and unbiased.

Phillip Stewart

Chief Engineer			
HMS Engineering Ltd.			
Referenced Report No.	GPM21217	Dated	2/12/2017

## EnerG<sup>2</sup> Proof of Concept Protocol

Purpose: Demonstrate **EnerG**<sup>2</sup> performance on walk-in cooler and freezer units at multiple pre-determined locations.

#### Sizing Protocol:

- 1. Measure baseline (before) performance
- 2. Install EnerG<sup>2</sup>
- 3. Measure EnerG<sup>2</sup> (after) performance

#### Measurement: Before/after measurement of:

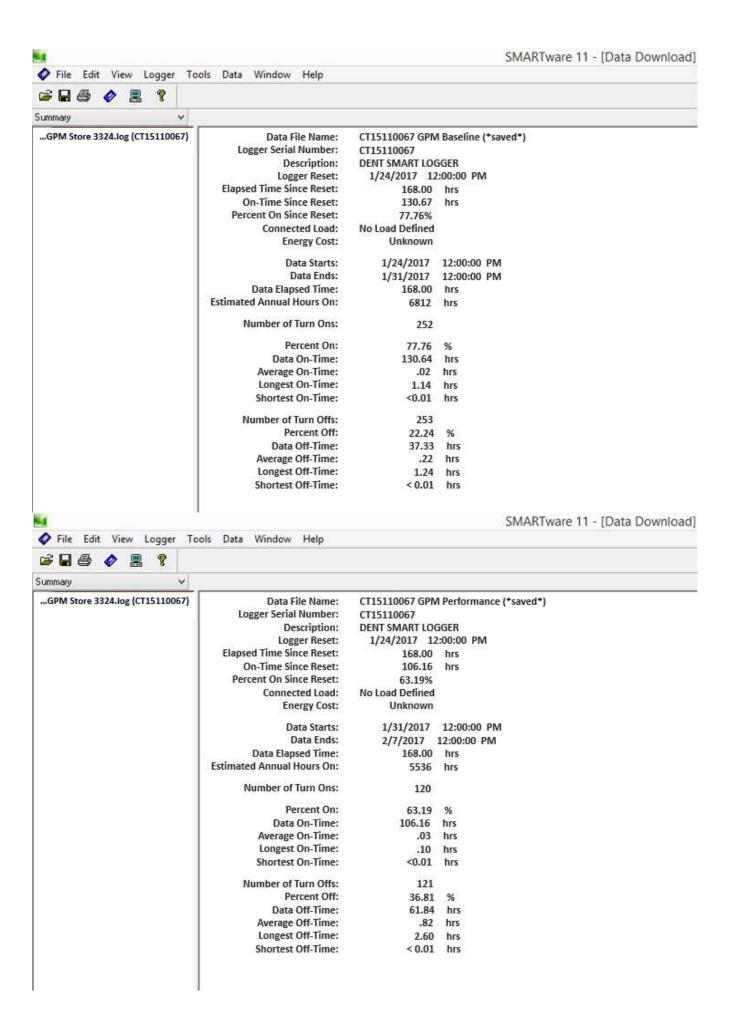
- 1. Energy usage (kilowatt hours)
- 2. Compressor starts/stops (run time)
- 3. Amps
- 4. Volts
- 5. Kilowatts

#### Procedure:

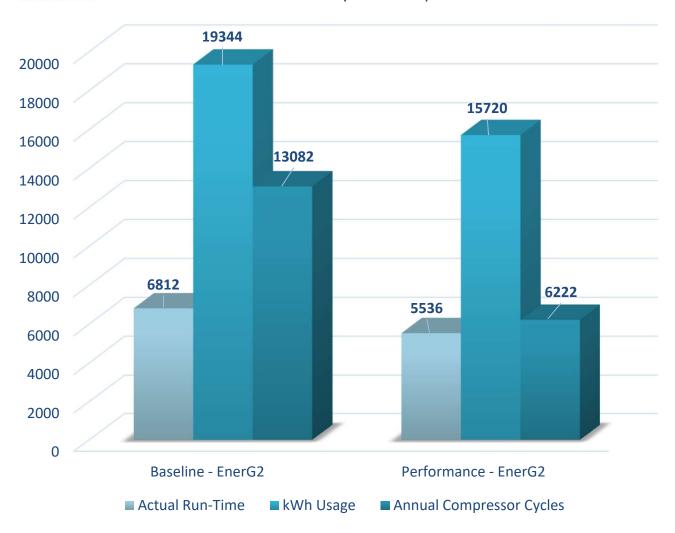
- 1. Measure Baseline Data
  - a. Stable Refrigeration Unit
    - i. Identify walk-in cooler/freezer unit
    - ii. Ensure unit is operating properly (normal duty cycle, no visible ice, reaches set point)
    - iii. Ensure thermostat bulb is accessible (no evaporator/pressure units)
    - iv. Ensure compressor motor is accessible for data logger connection
    - v. Record refrigeration Information: Type, Mfg, Model #
  - b. Compressor Power Source
    - i. At the compressor
      - Single phase (hot lead)
      - 3 Phase (1 of 3 hot leads)
    - ii. Locate power rating (amperage/voltage) on compressor nameplate
    - iii. Record on datasheet; Phase, Volts and Amps
    - iv. Record pilot start date/time on datasheet
  - c. Record Baseline Data
    - i. Attach Dent TOU CT Logger around hot lead to record total run-time as well as compressor cycle ("on/off") data
    - ii. Record Baseline Data 7 days
    - iii. Validate baseline data
- 2. Measure Performance Data
  - a. Install EnerG<sup>2</sup> over thermostat air probe
  - b. Record EnerG<sup>2</sup> start date/time
  - c. Record Performance Data 7 days
  - d. Validate Performance Data
  - e. Record pilot ending date/time
  - f. Analyze results
  - g. Present results

### HMS Engineering Ltd.

Customer : The Madison Energy Group Report Print Date: 12-Feb-17 5 Hargett St., 4th Floor Raleigh, North Carolina, USA Report No.: GPM21217 27601 Facility / Location: GPM - Store 3324 (Oleander Dr, Wilmington, NC) Room/Equip. Tested: Walk-in Cooler Calculation Basis Phase: 3 HP: 0.3 230 8.0 Compressor Motor: Volts: RLA: 2.84 Electricity Rate: \$0.10 Power Consumption: per kWh Operating Basis Actual (Without E<sup>2</sup>) With E<sup>2</sup> Change Change -18.7% Projected Run Hours / Yr: 6,812 5,536 -1,276 -52.4% Projected Cycles / Yr: 13,082 6,222 -6,860 Energy Use & Cost Savings per Month Actual (Without E<sup>2</sup>) With E<sup>2</sup> Change Change Operating Hours / Month: 568 461 -106 -18.7% KWh / Month: 1,612 1,310 -302 -18.7% Energy Cost / Month \$161 \$131 -\$30 -18.7% Mechanical Cost Savings per Month Actual (Without E<sup>2</sup>)With E<sup>2</sup> Change Change Cycles / Month: 1,090 519 -572 -52.4% Compressor Maintenance \$20 Cost/ Month: \$42 -\$22 -52.4% Combined Energy and Mechanical Cost Savings Actual With E2 (Without E<sup>2</sup>) Change Change Energy & Mechanical Cost / Month: \$203 \$151 -\$52 -25.7% Energy & Mechanical Cost / Year: \$2,435 \$1,810 \$625 -25.7%



# CT15110067 Data Graph Series | Store 3324



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Customer : The Madison Energy Group Report Print Date: 12-Feb-17 5 Hargett St., 4th Floor Raleigh, North Carolina, USA Report No.: GPM21217 27601 Facility / Location: GPM - Store 3730 (Carolina Beach Rd, Wilmington, NC) Room/Equip. Tested: Walk-in Cooler Calculation Basis HP: 0.3 230 8.0 Volts: RLA: Phase: Compressor Motor: Power Consumption: 2.84 kW Electricity Rate: \$0.10 per kWh Operating Basis Actual (Without E<sup>2</sup>) With E<sup>2</sup> % Change Change Projected Run Hours / Yr: 6,991 5,743 -1,248 -17.9% 13,525 6,788 -6,737 -49.8% Projected Cycles / Yr: Energy Use & Cost Savings per Month Actual (Without E<sup>2</sup>) With E2 % Change Change Operating Hours / Month: 583 479 -104 -17.9% KWh / Month: 1,655 1,359 -295 -17.9% Energy Cost / Month \$165 \$136 -\$30 -17.9% Mechanical Cost Savings per Month Actual With E<sup>2</sup> (Without E<sup>2</sup>) Change Change Cycles / Month: 1,127 566 -561 -49.8% Compressor Maintenance Cost/ Month: \$42 \$21 -49.8% Combined Energy and Mechanical Cost Savings Actual (Without E2) With E<sup>2</sup> Change % Change Energy & Mechanical Cost / Month: \$207 \$157 -\$50 -24.3% Energy & Mechanical Cost

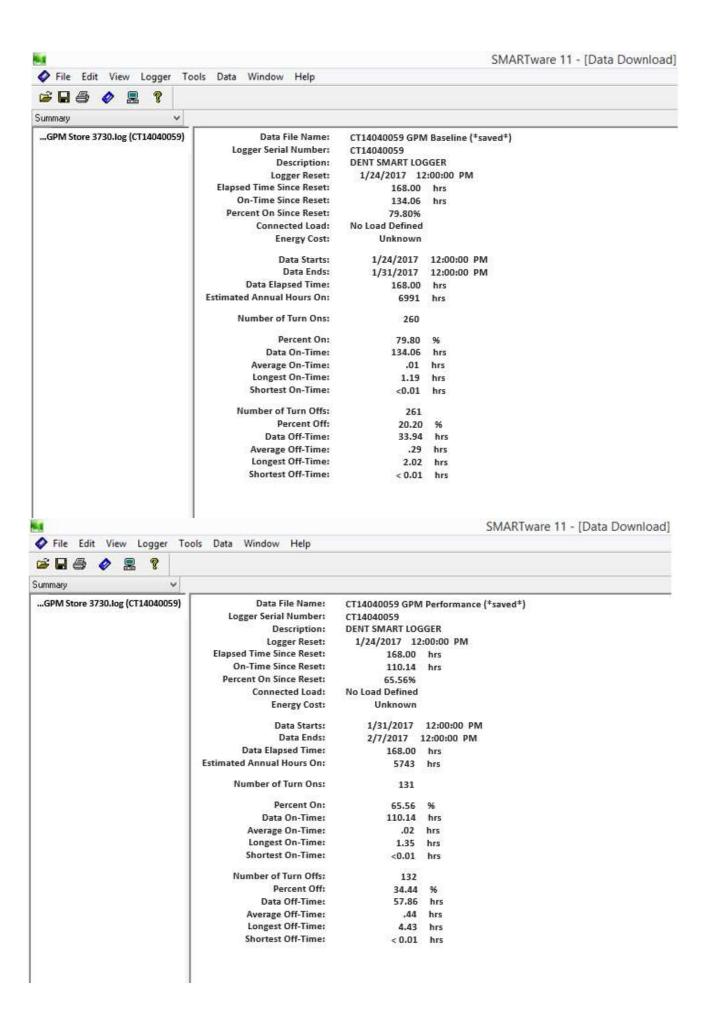
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/ Year:

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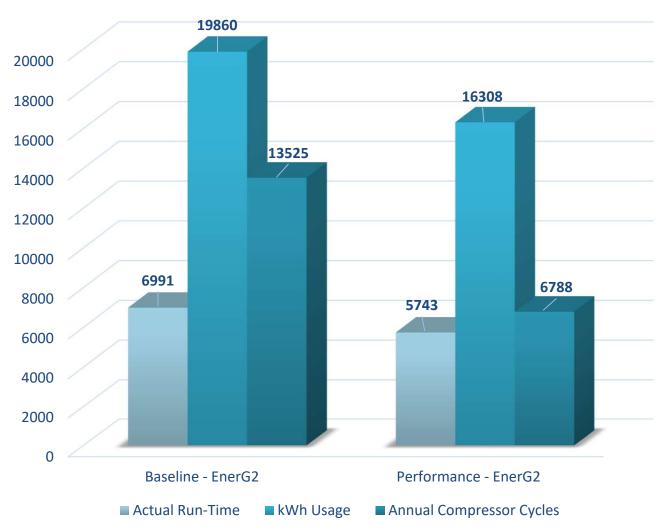
-\$603

-24.3%





# CT14040059 Data Graph Series | Store 3730





IntelliHVAC reduces energy consumption in HVAC units through efficient fan control and compressor cycling. The combination of these two technologies optimizes performance by allowing the fans, which use 8 to 15 times less energy than the compressors to capture latent energy that would otherwise be lost. It is retrofitted at the 24 volt terminal and requires no additional maintenance.



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IntelliHVAC is a dual microprocessor technology that easily retrofits to any existing central air HVAC system. It contains both a *post-purge* and *compressor cycle functions* that work together to create a significantly more efficient environment within the system. The inefficiency and therefore *opportunity* is that there is still latent cold energy on the coil or heat energy in the exchanger and this energy is wasted as it dissipates within the system. IntelliHVAC captures this excess energy through its *post-purge function*. This process is known as **latent recovery** and has been verified by numerous utility companies.

When the HVAC system reaches set point, IntelliHVAC will extend and optimize the fan run-time based on the previous compressor cycle to ensure that the latent hot or cold energy has been captured and that all of that air is circulated all the way through the duct system so that it is not wasted. IntelliHVAC continues to monitor the system and adjust the post purge cycle based on its proven algorithm.

IntelliHVAC also has a *compressor cycle function* that increases the overall energy savings cycling the compressor off for 5 minutes for every 25 minutes of continuous run-time. This allows the fan, which uses 8 to 15 less energy than the compressor to capture the latent energy from the coil or heat exchanger. IntelliHVAC will run the fan for the equivalent amount of time that the compressor is off to ensure that air continues to circulate and there are no negative effects to the indoor air temperature quality.

## Tower Engineering Craig Andes Owner / HVAC Engineer

### Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina

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### J. Craig Andes, MBA

With close to 40 years of experience, Mr. Andes has been an industry veteran since 1977 and has a keen eye toward efficiency for his customers. Mr. Andes has owned and operated numerous businesses including several mechanical companies, an insulating company, has built numerous structures, and has directed large service oriented companies. Mr. Andes has also been hired as a consultant by several companies to assist them in their growth and process management.

Currently Mr. Andes owns and operates Tower Engineering in the Raleigh, NC metro market.

After earning his MBA at Union University in Jackson, TN, Mr. Andes is able to merge the real-world practical side of HVAC with financial feasibility and ROI making for good common-sense guidance. With regard to Madison Energy Group, Mr. Andes serves as an independent, 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant and assists the company specifically with the IntelliHVAC technology. Mr. Andes has help Madison Energy consult with companies such as Starbucks, Darden Restaurants, CBL Properties, and others in helping them to understand the mechanics of their systems as well as the benefits of the IntelliHVAC technology. Mr. Andes also manages the pilot program process, analysis and reporting on behalf of Madison.

The attached reporting is hereby approved and certified by Mr. Andes as accurate in its entirety. Mr. Andes is not compensated in any manner that is based on test results.

J. Craig Andes

Tower Engineering
Owner / HVAC Engineer

o Craig Andes

Date: 2/15/17

## **IntelliHVAC Proof of Concept Protocol**

Purpose: Demonstrate IntelliHVAC performance on rooftop HVAC units at multiple pre-

determined locations.

### Sizing Protocol:

1. Measure baseline (before) performance

- 2. Install IntelliHVAC
- 3. Measure IntelliHVAC (after) performance

### Measurement: Before/after measurement of:

- 1. Energy usage (kilowatt hours)
- 2. Compressor starts/stops (run time)
- 3. Amps
- 4. Volts
- 5. Kilowatts

#### Procedure:

- 1. Measure Baseline Data
  - a. Stable HVAC Unit
    - i. Identify HVAC unit
    - ii. Ensure unit is operating properly (normal duty cycle, reaches set point)
    - iii. Ensure compressor motor is accessible for data logger connection
    - iv. Record system Information: Type, Mfg, Model #
  - b. Compressor Power Source
    - i. At the compressor
      - Single phase (hot lead)
      - 3 Phase (1 of 3 hot leads)
    - ii. Locate power rating (amperage/voltage) on compressor nameplate
    - iii. Record on datasheet; Phase, Volts and Amps
    - iv. Record pilot start date/time on datasheet
  - c. Record Baseline Data
    - i. Attach EKM CT Logger around hot lead to record total run-time as well as compressor cycle ("on/off") data
    - ii. Record Baseline Data 7 days
    - iii. Validate baseline data
- 2. Measure Performance Data
  - a. Install IntelliHVAC at 24 volt terminal
  - b. Record IntelliHVAC start date/time
  - c. Record Performance Data 7 days
  - d. Validate Performance Data
  - e. Record pilot ending date/time
  - f. Analyze results
  - g. Present results

Report Date: 2/15/2017



Craig Andes HVAC Engineering Contractor Fuquay Varina, NC

On Behalf of: The Madison Energy Group
For Client: GPM Investments

Location: 6126 Oleander Dr, Wilmington, NC Kwh Rate: 0.10

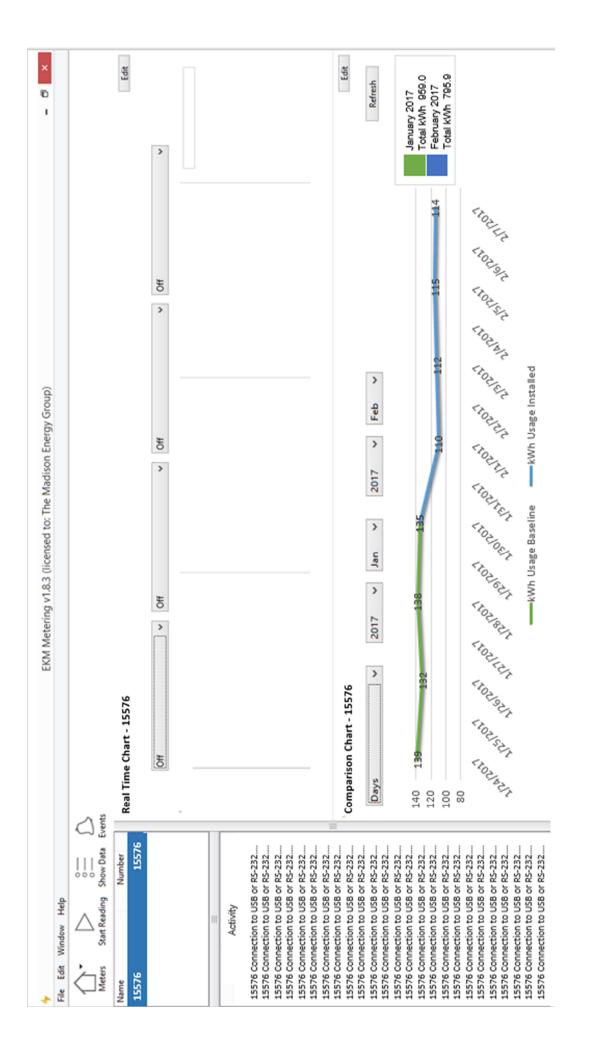
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							Diff / Day	23.30	)	
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							Savings/Yr	\$ 850.45		

Location: 5325 S. College Rd, Wilmington, NC

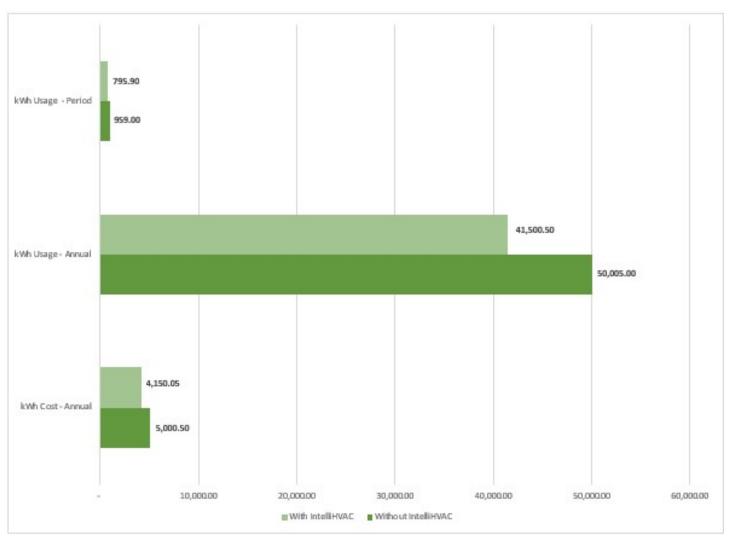
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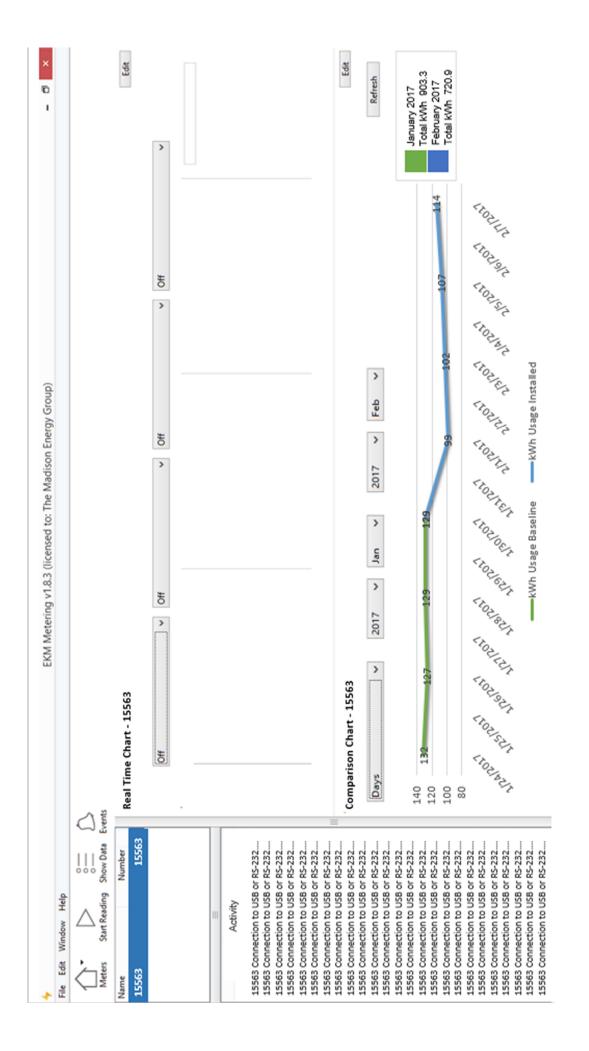
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Savings/Yr	\$ 951.09

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Average Annual Savings \$ 900.77
Projected ROI 13.3 Months

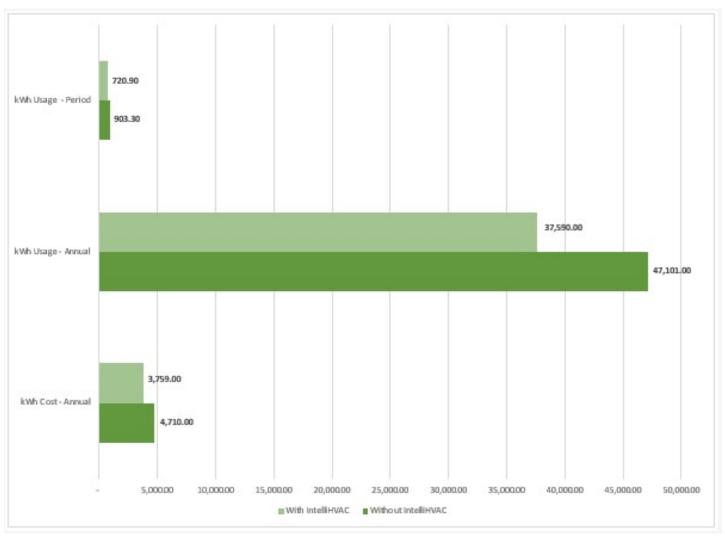












### **Pilot Program Performance Summary**

Program Duration  $-\frac{1}{24}/2017 - \frac{2}{8}/2017$ 

### EnerG<sup>2</sup> Summary

Annual Savings – Cooler (Store 3324): \$625 Annual Savings – Cooler (Store 3730): \$603 Average Annual Savings per Unit: \$614

Projected Annual Savings for 1,070 Units (1,070 locations x 1 unit): \$656,980

Projected Savings Over 10 Years: \$6,569,800

**Return on Investment: 11.7 Months** 

### **IntelliHVAC Summary**

Annual Savings - HVAC (Store 6126): \$850 Annual Savings - HVAC (Store 3323): \$951 Average Annual Savings per Unit: \$900.50

Projected Annual Savings for 1,070 HVAC Units (1,070 locations x 1 unit): \$963,535

Projected Savings Over 10 Years: \$9,635,350

**Return on Investment: 13.3 Months** 

Total Combined Projected Annual Savings: \$1,620,515 Total Projected Savings Over 10 Years: \$16,205,150

