# Duke Energy Residential Winter Demand Response

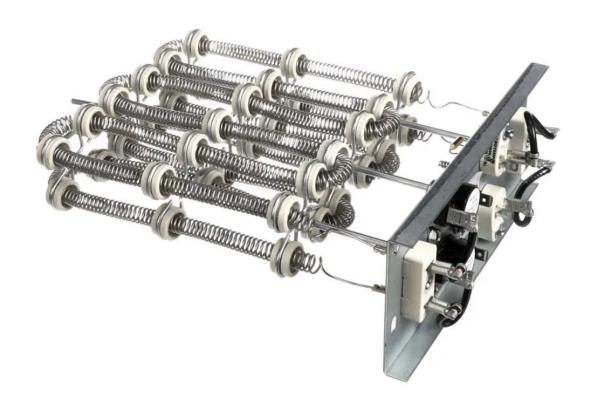
**Electric Heat Strips** 

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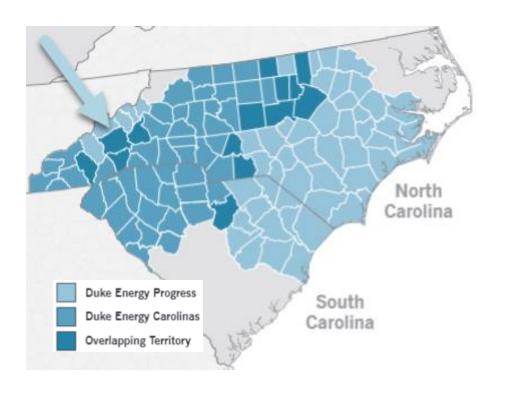
# **Heat Strips**

- What's in a name?
  - Auxiliary heat
  - Back-up heat
  - Emergency heat
  - Strip heat
  - All of the above!



# A History on Heat Strips

- First offered in 2009, in the Duke Energy Progress west region
  - Mountainous area of NC
  - Includes the highest point in eastern USA
  - This area is physically separated from the eastern portion of the DEP area.
  - Asheville is the largest city in this area
  - 6,800+ Heat Strip participants
- Duke Energy Carolinas
  - Received commission approval in NC in late 2022
  - Received SC commission approval in early 2023
  - 200+ participants
- DEC and DEP have become winter peaking utilities.
  - And thus, we must grow our winter load reduction capabilities.



#### Before Heat Strips



- BYOT option began in late 2019 as a summer only program.
- We worked with EnergyHub to develop their first winter/heating option.
- In late 2020, BYOT was approved as a winter-focused option and was available only to customers with qualifying electric heat.
- BYOT Participants:
  - 32,000 summer only customers (a declining number)
  - 16,600 (and growing) winter-focused customers
    - Available for 45 hours of winter control and 15 hours the rest of the year

### Heat Strip Program

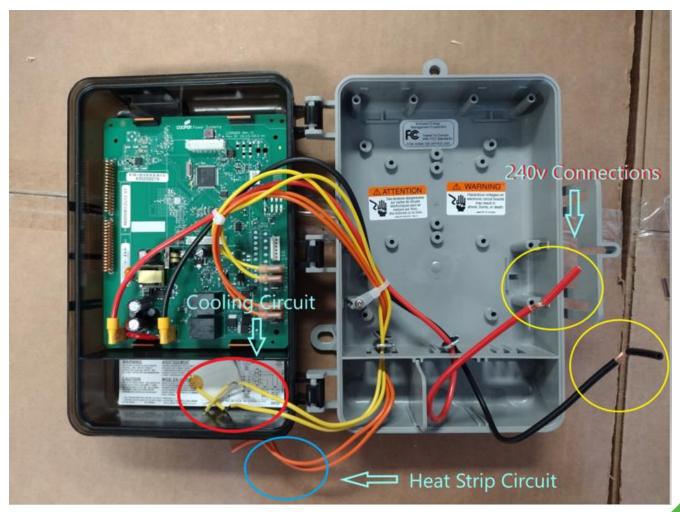
- Provides an alternative for customers without a qualifying smart thermostat
- Available to customers with ducted electric resistance heat
  - Heat pumps
  - Electric furnace with explanation from Franklin Energy technician before installation
- Heating control parameters
  - Control months December through March
  - Up to four hours control per day
  - Limited to a total of 60 hours during the winter control season
  - May call events outside of these parameters if continuity of service is threatened
- Participants receive \$6 bill credits on their January April bills
- Initially plan on a full-shed for one-to-two-hour duration during morning peak
  - Defrost cycle won't be affected
- Possible future cycling options, similar to summer control, as we gain more customers

#### **Expectations and Challenges**

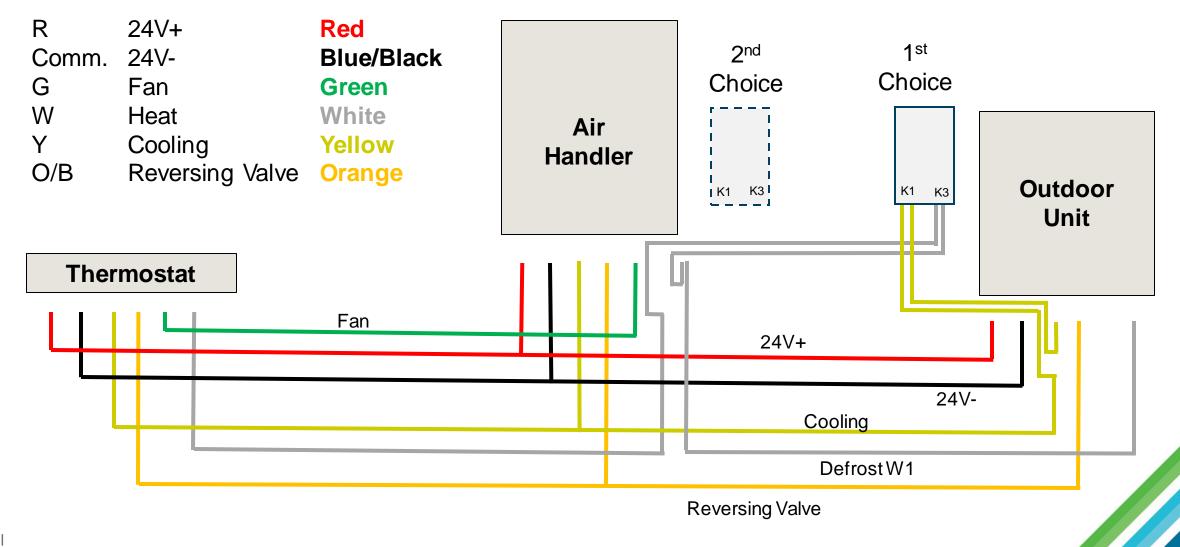
- Load Impacts
  - We'll have official numbers in a few years, after our first EM&V study
  - We did our modeling based on impacts from DEP heat strips 1.2 KW
- Market potential and eventual goal is to have 80,000+ participants
- Challenges
  - Lower than expected customer acceptance
    - Primary targets are qualified existing AC control customers (email and follow-up telemarketing)
    - Additional enrollments of qualified new AC enrollment customers obtained via telemarketing
    - Website enrollments
  - Customers
    - Don't know what kind of heat they have
    - Change their minds more frequently about heat strip control vs. AC control
    - Franklin Energy reports over 50% of installations are cancelled due to non-qualifying customers or a change of mind
  - We're working on improving
    - Our targeted email lists with more advanced analytics to better determine electric heat
    - Adding an electric heat indicator on our AC telemarketing customer lists

One 5-amp relay (AC) and one 30-amp relay (HS)





#### Installation

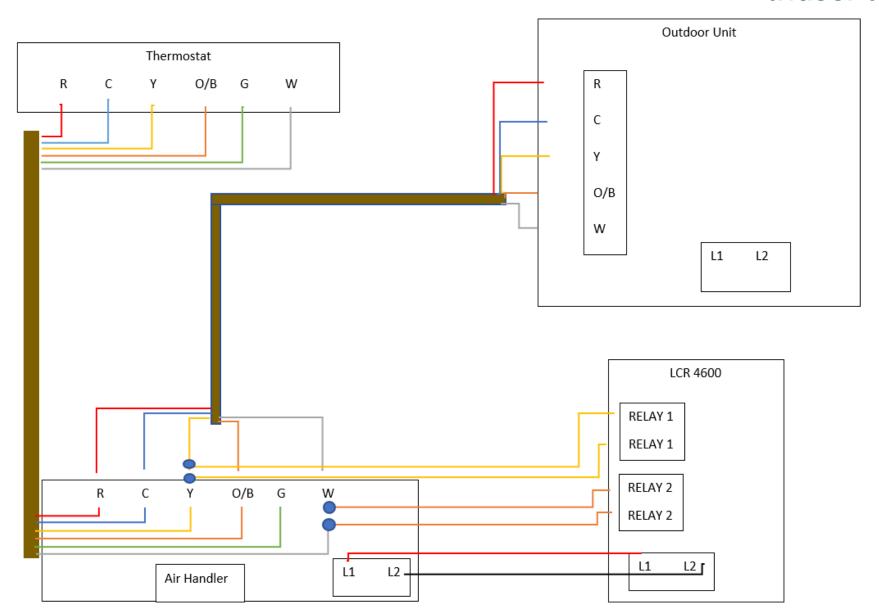


#### Thank you!



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# **Indoor Installation**



# Outdoor Installation

