

Summary of public comments of the Retail Energy Supply Association

2019 Energy Master Plan – Building a Modern Grid Stakeholder Meeting

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- Advanced metering infrastructure:
 - NJ is 48th in the Country
 - We should not wait for 6 year implementation as proposed by some – can be achieved in 3 years.
 - While customers who lose power should always contact the utility, advanced metering means the utility already has that information and can better design outage repairs, etc. in major storm and other situations.
 - The data from AMI belongs to the customer, not the utility. If the customer uses a supplier or is part of a GEA program, the supplier and aggregator should have access to the data to better design programs or help customers manage their power. Part of customer consent to sign up with a supplier should include access to data. But it is the customer's data, first and foremost.
 - Adoption of AMI increases customer privacy by eliminating the need for on-site meter readers and lowers utilities' operational costs.
 - AMI data can help customers better target efficiency measures and take advantage of other EE offerings (data can let customers know refrigerator, for example, is not running well and customer can get new refrigerator and utilize EE rebates to offset cost plus reduce their consumption with more efficient appliance).
 - AMI should be on an opt-out basis to ensure maximum participation.