

# Syracuse University Participation Agreement

This Participation Agreement is made by and between Syracuse University's Northeast Residential Energy Use Pilot Study (NRE Project) and

Resident's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Resident's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## NRE Project's Roles and Responsibilities

- A. The NRE Project will install the equipment described below at Resident's premises free of charge. It will be installed by a licensed contractor selected by the project team. Resident will keep the equipment at the end of the project.
  1. eGauge is a device that connects to the home's wiring system, near the breaker box, that measures the current in the various circuits. The usage data is collected remotely and can be viewed online.
  2. A Nest Thermostat is a web-enabled thermostat with an Android or iPhone app that lets Resident remotely control the temperature. Nest software tracks and evaluates energy usage in order to help homeowners manage their home energy consumption.
- B. The NRE Project will collect data on Resident's energy usage to advance public interest research on electric system reliability, climate change, renewable energy integration and different customer needs.
- C. The collected data will be treated as confidential information. Confidential information includes any non-publicly available data obtained from Resident through participation in the project.
- D. NRE Project shall not use any confidential information except as necessary in order to carry out its research work, and it shall not disclose any confidential information to any third parties (except to project collaborators).
- E. NRE Project shall take reasonable security precautions, at least as great as the precautions it takes to safeguard its own confidential information, to prevent disclosure of the confidential information.
- F. NRE Project will share Resident's usage data with Resident. Project participants will receive data at different times in during research project. NRE Project makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, regarding the data or the equipment including, but not limited to merchantability, fitness for a particular purposes, accuracy or reliability.
- G. NRE Project shall have sole ownership of the data that it collects from Resident's

premises, including project information, and data from any devices, equipment, or systems that are the subject of any addenda to this agreement.

- H. NRE Project will include project information in research reporting and /or presentations so long as it does not include Resident's identity or the address of Resident's premises.
- I. Resident may withdraw from the NRE Project by contacting a project team member at the address posted on the "Contact Us" page of the project's web site:  
<https://nre.syr.edu/pages/contact>.

### **Resident's Roles and Responsibilities**

- A. Resident authorizes NRE Project and its agents to install energy measurement equipment at Resident's premises.
- B. Resident will not tamper with the equipment, and will notify the project team if the equipment is broken or not working properly.
- C. In the event that equipment malfunctions, Resident agrees to provide access to Resident's premises for repairs, replacement or removal.
- D. Resident will notify NRE Project if Resident moves from Resident's premises during Resident's participation period. This agreement is not intended to transfer to new residents of the premises.
- E. Resident will maintain broadband internet service and a functioning available ethernet port without interruption during Resident's participation period.

### **Mutual Terms**

- A. Resident's participation in the NRE Project shall begin as of the date set forth below and shall terminate \_\_\_\_\_, thereafter the Resident's participation shall automatically renew annually unless Resident withdraws or the NRE Project ceases.
- B. This Participation Agreement may not be assigned by either party
- C. This Participation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior oral or written understandings of the parties. It shall not be modified in any way except by in writing and signed by both parties.

### **Agreed to and Accepted:**

Resident \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Project Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_