

VERISMIC PROVIDES POWER MANAGEMENT TO PORTLAND'S LEADING ENERGY CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION

Background

Since 1980, PECl has pushed the boundaries of energy efficiency, becoming a leader in the field with expertise in designing and delivering programs for utility and government agency clients. By opening new markets and teaming up with some of the best minds in the industry, PECl carries out its goal of practical delivery of energy-efficient solutions.

Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, with a second office in San Francisco, California, PECl is dedicated to developing and delivering innovative energy efficiency projects, programs and research. PECl is proud to be ranked in Oregon Business Magazine's 2011 list of the 100 Best Green Companies to Work For in Oregon for the third year in a row.

Challenge

As an organization focused on energy efficiency, it is important that PECl demonstrates leadership in the use of the latest energy saving technologies. PECl's previous power management program did not offer the ability to view energy consumption, either as a whole or per user, which the organization felt was a disadvantage.

In the summer of 2009 PECl underwent a thorough evaluation of several power management solutions, selecting PC Power Management vendor Verismic's Power Manager software as a finalist. During the final selection round, PECl's solution reviewer concluded that Verismic's solution had the most 'straight forward' implementation model and the fullest set of features. These features ranged from analysis of power consumption to data on end-user behavior, allowing for the most effective and non-intrusive power policies to be applied. The feature set was complemented by a full reporting capability which would satisfy even the strictest measurements required by PECl's power vendor in support of the \$10 per PC rebate it was taking advantage of for implementing the software.

"Having the ability to take a look at our own company's energy consumption is an important element of power management software because it helps ensure that we stand behind our own mission of energy-efficient solutions, and set an example for our partners and clients."

Jean Pirkl, IT Support Specialist II for PECl

Solution

After the assessment was complete, PECl transitioned to a more appropriate server for the long term Verismic Power Manager implementation. PECl then took a phased approach in both upgrading devices which had been used during the pilot, and deploying to all remaining PC's.

Since most of the configuration work had been performed during the pilot, very little assistance was needed from Verismic during the product implementation. Minimal contact was necessary, and that was only to confirm new settings and organizational structures, though it is important to note that PECl was self-reliant in meeting its own implementation timeline.



Results

For nearly two years now, PECL has seen continued monthly power savings across its IT environment thanks to Verismic's Power Manager's enforcement of optimal power settings. PECL has also been extremely happy with the program's ability to centrally manage computer power settings and view energy consumption reports. PECL plans to use Verismic's new 'Wake on Web' utility as well, which offers both IT staff and end-users the ability to wake pre-authorized workstations from a sleep state utilizing a seamless and simple web-portal.

In addition to the thousands of dollars saved on the investment in Power Manager, PECL also successfully met its power vendor's strict requirements for an additional rebate of \$10 per PC after implementation was complete.

To date, minimal technical support has been required by PECL. In those rare instances where it was needed, Verismic's technical support team worked remotely with the Power Manager administrator to resolve the issue. Since implementation, the majority of contact has been of a training nature, since PECL's originally designated and trained Power Manager administrator left the company shortly after the pilot was completed. Because of this, PECL's staff has had the opportunity to learn the solution quite effectively, with ongoing remote training sessions that have taken place over the year.

"We have fully enjoyed all the energy and cost saving benefits that come with implementing a solution like Verismic's Power Manager into our IT department," said Pirkl. "At the end of the day, both companies have the same goal in mind, which is to spread awareness about energy conservation and create a greener planet, and that connection helped to create this winning partnership."

About Verismic, a Sparxent Company

Verismic, a Sparxent company, is focused on developing solutions to reduce operational costs, enhance end user experience, and increase efficiency of IT support staff. The Verismic product range contains an array of systems management solutions designed to extend systems management and service desk capabilities. The toolset includes solutions such as PC Power Management, Password Reset, Desktop and Service Desk integration, and Historical Tracking. www.Verismic.com

About PECL

PECL is a leader in the field of energy efficiency solutions, with expertise in designing and delivering programs for utility and government agency clients. Through sustained market and customer engagement, PECL achieves persistent energy savings and reaches millions of residential, commercial and industrial customers. A nonprofit corporation dedicated to creating the new energy economy, PECL was founded in 1980 and has offices in Portland, Oregon and San Francisco, California.

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