

#### **Annual Performance Report**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017 (FY17)

Prepared in compliance with Resolution No. 3337, adopted by the Bryan City Council on December 14, 2010

#### Bryan Texas Utilities Report of Customers and Revenues by Customer Class and Average Residential Usage and Average Residential Bill

	ı	FY17	ı	Y16	!	FY15	ı	FY14		Y13
	Average Number of		Average Number of		Average Number of		Average Number of		Average Number of	
City Electric System	Customers	Total Revenue								
Residential	31,777	\$39,111,757	30,982	\$ 38,743,627	30,573	\$ 37,994,138	29,951	\$ 37,528,503	29,335	\$ 35,526,822
Commercial	4,493	36,017,676	4,379	36,833,406	4,335	36,089,688	4,232	35,880,572	4,104	34,842,038
Large Industrial	17	10,307,465	19	9,721,163	19	9,020,189	19	8,597,081	14	7,845,580
Transmission Service	1	2,468,989	1	1,757,245	1	1,199,685	1	10,171		
Security&Street Lights *	N/A	1,247,533	N/A	1,214,451	N/A	1,162,539				
Total	36,288	\$ 89,153,422	35,381	\$ 88,269,892	34,928	\$ 85,466,239	34,203	\$ 82,016,327	33,453	\$ 78,214,440
Average Monthly Residential Usage (Kwh)	1,000		1,009		1,049		1,032		1,013	
Average Residential Bill	\$ 101.94		\$ 104.21		\$ 103.56		\$ 104.42		\$ 100.92	
Average cents/kwh - Residential	10.20		10.33		9.88		10.12		9.96	
Average regulatory cents/kwh - Residential	1.33		1.34		1.12		1.15		N/A	
All other average cents/kwh - Residential	8.87		8.99		8.76		8.97		N/A	
	1	FY17	ı	-Y16	1	FY15	ı	FY14	1	FY13
	Average		Average		Average		Average	-	Average	
	Number of		Number of		Number of		Number of		Number of	
Rural Electric System	Customers	Total Revenue	Customers	<b>Total Revenue</b>						
Residential	16,475	\$29,757,029	15,520	\$ 28,293,319	14,872	\$ 27,113,275	14,351	\$ 25,060,389	13,884	\$ 22,394,725
Commercial	4,207	13,462,635	4,009	12,671,991	3,808	11,226,511	3,582	10,254,341	3,363	9,493,758
Security&Street Lights *	N/A	543,925	N/A	540,471	N/A	524,509				
Total	20,682	\$ 43,763,589	19,529	\$ 41,505,781	18,680	\$ 38,864,295	17,933	\$ 35,314,730	17,247	\$ 31,888,483
Average Monthly Residential Usage (Kwh)	1,376		1,419		1,559		1,580		1,467	
Average Residential Bill	\$ 150.51		\$ 151.92		\$ 151.93		\$ 145.52		\$ 134.42	
Average cents/kwh - Residential	10.94		10.62		9.74		9.21		9.16	
Average regulatory cents/kwh - Residential	1.16		1.17		0.98		0.74		N/A	
All other average cents/kwh - Residential	9.77		9.45		8.76		8.47		N/A	

<sup>\*</sup> Beginning in FY15, Security & Street Lights are reported as a separate category.

#### Bryan Texas Utilities Known or Projected Changes in Base and Fuel Rates

On October 1, 2016, BTU implemented phase three of a three phase electric rate adjustment for the City Electric System which includes City of Bryan retail customers and the Rural Electric System wholesale rate. These changes were identified as being necessary cost-of-service adjustments during the rate study completed in 2014. Overall, base rates increased 2.4% over the prior three years.

During fiscal year 2017, the City Electric System did not adjust the Power Supply Adjustment (PSA) component of its rates for retail customers. The PSA is a pass-through used to recover fuel costs, net purchased power costs, and adjustments for the over or under recovery for such costs from preceding periods.

During fiscal year 2017, the City Electric System did not adjust the Regulatory Charge (RC) component of its rates for retail customers and the Rural Electric System wholesale rate. The RC is a pass-through used to recover BTU's Transmission Cost of Service charges as established by the Public Utility Commission of Texas and for other fees assessed by regulatory bodies.

The City Electric System does not anticipate making any additional rate changes during fiscal year 2018.

#### Bryan Texas Utilities Average Customer Outages FY2017

	SAIFI	SAIDI
	Average Number of Outages per Customer per Year	Average Minutes of Outages per Customer per Year
City Electric System	0.25 Occurrences	12.39 Minutes
Rural Electric System	0.36 Occurrences	32.33 Minutes

SAIFI - System Average Interruption Frequency Index

SAIDI - System Average Interruption Duration Index

### Bryan Texas Utilities Equivalent Availability Factor for Generation Facilities Twelve Months Ended September 2017 \*

	Equivalent	Unplanned
	Availability	<b>Outages of More</b>
	Factor	than 12 hours
	24.224	
Dansby 1	81.38%	
Dansby 2	76.56%	2
Dansby 3	98.04%	1
Atkins 7	95.32%	

<sup>\*</sup> reported based on FY to be consistent with the remainder of the Annual Performance Report

#### Bryan Texas Utilities Operating and Capital Expenditures

								CITY ELEC	TRIC	SYSTEM							
	FY2017			FY	<b>′2016</b>	i		FY	/2015			FY	2014		FY2	2013	
	ACTUAL		BUDGET	ACTUAL	_	BUDGET	_	ACTUAL		BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET	ACTUAL		BUDGET
OPERATING EXPENSES Energy Cost Capacity Cost TCOS Expense TCOS Expense - Wholesale Departmental Expenses Administrative Reimbursement to COB Administrative Reimbursement from COB TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES  NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES Annual Capital Expenditures from Rates Right of Way Payments to COB Debt Service Requirements	\$ 69,993,591 28,370,440 16,063,152 3,081,627 23,879,734 754,049 (1,762,263) 140,380,330	\$	77,678,795 27,494,469 15,245,133 3,083,291 23,841,914 921,487 (1,505,592) 146,759,498	\$ 71,333,494 29,998,113 15,840,864 3,072,887 22,663,829 768,630 (1,515,748) 142,162,068	\$	81,237,423 30,672,501 15,721,121 3,473,579 23,976,157 894,648 (1,575,675) 154,399,754	\$	74,683,129 27,202,304 13,498,758 2,900,296 21,545,100 881,813 (1,529,782) 139,181,618 7,621,312 11,411,380 22,369,965	\$	84,941,256 28,744,823 14,778,356 3,257,310 21,811,868 868,590 (1,529,782) 152,872,421 8,572,977 11,619,122 22,369,965	\$	84,178,564 21,956,707 11,151,480 2,711,867 19,358,083 774,208 (1,331,857) 138,799,051 6,335,750 10,598,712 19,511,538	\$	72,353,799 22,462,543 13,424,705 4,170,562 21,609,181 773,783 (1,331,857) 133,462,716	 70,327,522 25,342,258 12,076,405 19,112,807 630,954 (1,344,820) 126,145,126 8,928,711 9,196,836 19,921,938	\$	70,589,070 24,993,963 9,766,769 - 20,659,441 541,576 (1,344,820) 125,205,999 6,894,260 9,234,062 20,286,419
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES	48,126,204		53,618,342	45,404,576		44,125,041		41,402,656		42,562,064		36,446,000		41,811,589	38,047,485		36,414,741
TOTAL OPERATING AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AMENDED BUDGET	\$ 188,506,534	\$ \$	200,377,840 200,377,840	\$ 187,566,644	\$ \$	198,524,795 198,524,795	\$	180,584,274	\$ \$	195,434,485 195,434,485	\$	175,245,051	\$ \$	175,274,305 184,518,304	\$ 164,192,611		161,620,740 161,620,740
FINANCED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS Annual Capital Expenditures from Bonds TOTAL FINANCED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 29,035,480 \$ 29,035,480	\$	53,256,857 53,256,857	\$ 16,194,138 16,194,138	\$	47,730,810 47,730,810	\$	13,346,896 13,346,896	\$	17,397,470 17,397,470	\$	25,479,698 25,479,698	\$	34,816,132 34,816,132	\$ 26,895,920 26,895,920	\$	46,801,455 46,801,455
				 			_			RURAL ELEC	TRIC				 		
	F\	/2017		 FY	2016	<u> </u>		FY	/2015			FY	2014		 FY2	2013	
	ACTUAL		BUDGET	ACTUAL		BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET	 ACTUAL		BUDGET
OPERATING EXPENSES Purchased Power Purchased Power - Base Purchased Power - Fuel Regulatory Charge Departmental Expenses All Other TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 17,162,790 14,405,520 4,779,258 1,673,282 35,291 38,056,141	\$	17,053,855 14,943,280 4,299,280 1,835,721 35,000 38,167,136	\$ 16,374,791 13,933,366 4,540,617 1,664,352 35,688 36,548,814	\$	16,531,434 14,467,848 4,469,453 1,701,309 25,000 37,195,044	\$	15,878,248 12,279,545 3,910,141 1,162,435 34,457 33,264,826	\$	14,817,878 14,092,628 4,040,567 1,539,346 25,000 34,515,419	\$	13,510,263 12,925,728 2,768,191 1,266,929 31,645 30,502,756	\$	12,041,419 12,078,996 2,542,270 1,389,532 25,000 28,077,217	\$ 14,121,248 11,893,932 - 1,186,133 29,896 27,231,210	\$	13,282,058 11,625,597 - 1,371,076 45,000 26,323,731
NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES  Annual Capital Expenditures from Rates Debt Service Requirements TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES  TOTAL OPERATING AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AMENDED BUDGET	3,043,910 1,822,098 4,866,008 \$ 42,922,149	\$	3,664,749 1,968,879 5,633,628 43,800,765 46,800,765	\$ 4,461,957 1,201,009 5,662,965 42,211,780	\$	2,816,752 1,890,887 4,707,639 41,902,683 43,902,683	\$	4,234,453 1,204,659 5,439,112 38,703,938	\$ \$	3,338,737 1,204,659 4,543,396 39,058,815 39,058,815	\$	4,349,656 1,204,362 5,554,018 36,056,774	\$	4,291,296 1,144,668 5,435,964 33,513,181 37,202,180	\$ 4,196,319 775,000 4,971,319 32,202,529	\$	3,843,975 1,002,097 4,846,072 31,169,803 32,619,803
FINANCED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS Annual Capital Expenditures from Bonds TOTAL FINANCED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 3,775,974 \$ 3,775,974	\$	4,308,359 4,308,359	\$ 2,833,604 2,833,604	\$	4,225,128 4,225,128	\$	1,653,883 1,653,883	\$	2,134,603 2,134,603	\$	2,525,299 2,525,299	\$	2,107,852 2,107,852	\$ 924,250 924,250	\$	2,362,486 2,362,486

#### Bryan Texas Utilities System Average Production Costs

	FY17	FY16	FY15	FY14	FY13
Total Cost*	\$ 89,029,262	\$ 87,997,702	\$ 89,128,942	\$ 88,643,908	\$ 85,473,065
Total MWh	1,458,868	1,422,071	1,429,844	1,377,209	1,326,544
\$/MWh	\$61.03	\$61.88	\$62.33	\$64.36	\$64.43

<sup>\*</sup> Includes power production expenses as defined by FERC accounting guidelines. Costs are offset by any revenues from wholesale sales.

#### Bryan Texas Utilities Annual Bad Debt Expense

	FY17	FY16	FY15	FY14	FY13
City Electric System	\$175,262	\$66,319	\$125,520	\$146,887	\$272,787
Rural Electric System	\$30,356	\$24,711	\$25,321	\$29,411	\$38,598

#### Bryan Texas Utilities City and Rural Bond Ratings

	FY17	FY16	FY15	FY14	FY13
BTU - City Electric System					
Moody's	A2	A2	A2	A2	A1
S&P	A+	A+	A+	A+	A+
Fitch	A+	A+	A+	A+	A+

	FY17	FY16	FY15	FY14	FY13
BTU - Rural Electric System					
Moody's	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
S&P	A+	A+	A+	A+	A+
Fitch	A+	A+	A+	A+	A+

#### Bryan Texas Utilities SmartHOME & SmartBUSINESS Programs FY17

			Number of	
		Total Amount	Customers	
Rebate Programs	Budget FY17	Rebated FY17	Participating	kW Saved
SmartHOME	\$100,000	\$64,014	162	73.03
SmartBUSINESS	\$300,000	\$278,938	47	944
Total for FY17	\$400,000	\$342,952	209	1017

#### Bryan Texas Utilities Wind and Solar Energy Utilized in 2017

#### **Utility Scale**

Wind Generation 191,941,000 kWh\*

Solar Generation 23,576,000 kWh\*

\*BTU has sold all Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) associated with this generation. As such, BTU cannot claim that we utilized any renewable energy from these sources.

#### **Distributed Renewable Generation**

Solar (Photo Voltaic) Generation No longer available (1)

Solar (Photo Voltaic) Generation Systems > 100 kW 130,853 kWh

Solar Thermal (Water Heating) Generation Offset\*\*

No longer available (1)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Solar thermal generation is used to heat water, offsetting electricity that would have otherwise been consumed.

<sup>(1)</sup> BTU no longer requires a meter that tracks solar generation on residential and commercial solar installations that are <100kW due to the discontinued solar rebate offer.

#### Bryan Texas Utilities Customers Enrolled In Special Programs On December 30, 2017

Program Name	Program Description	Participants
Bank Draft	Allows bill payment through automatic draft of customers bank account.	8,455
E-Billing	Customers receive their invoice in electronic format via email.	6,167
Pay Arrangement	Schedules final payments on inactive accounts.	10
Recurring Credit Card	Allows automatic monthly bill payment against customers credit card.	5,035
Medical Alert	Identifies Customers that have a medical necessity for electricity.	76
Budget Billing	Allows customers to be billed based on average historical usage.	467
Social Security Extension	Customers qualifying for Social Security are allowed additional time to pay their bill.	0

#### Customer Satisfaction Survey

The attached survey was completed in FY16 and presented as part of the FY16 Performance Report.

Customer satisfaction surveys are conducted every two years.



## Customer Satisfaction Study

greatblue

**Presentation of Findings** 

12 September 2016

# Research Methodology Snapshot

Methodology

Telephone

No. of Completes

201

No. of Questions

52\*

Time Compensation

None

Sample

Customer list

Target

Commercial

**Quality Assurance** 

Dual-level\*\*

Margin of Error

6.9%

Confidence Level

95%

Research Dates

Jun 2 - Jun 7

<sup>\*</sup> This represents the total possible number of questions; not all respondents will answer all questions based on skip patterns and other instrument bias.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Supervisory personnel in addition to computer-aided interviewing platform ensure the integrity of the data is accurate.

# Research Methodology Snapshot

Methodology

Telephone

No. of Completes

600

No. of Questions

47\*

Time Compensation

None

Sample

Customer list

Target

Residential

**Quality Assurance** 

Dual-level\*\*

Margin of Error

3.9%

Confidence Level

95%

Research Dates

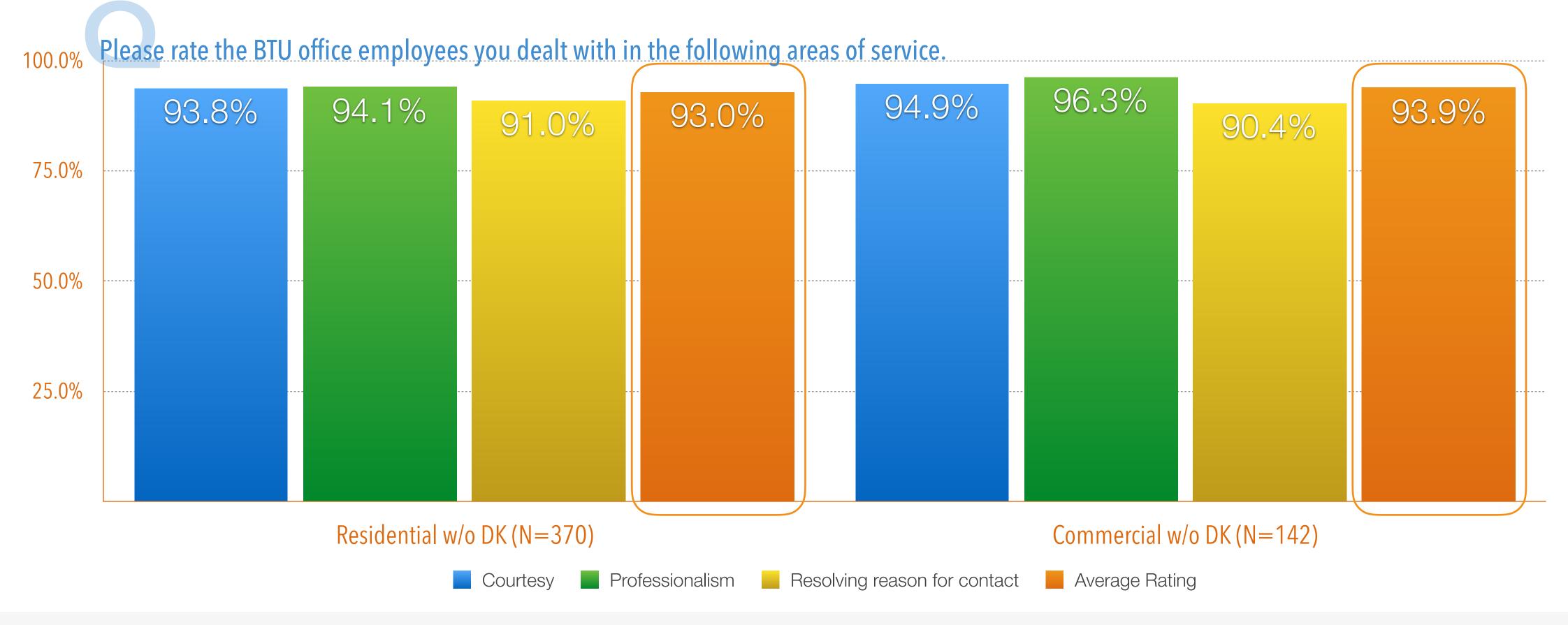
Jun 8 - Jun 13

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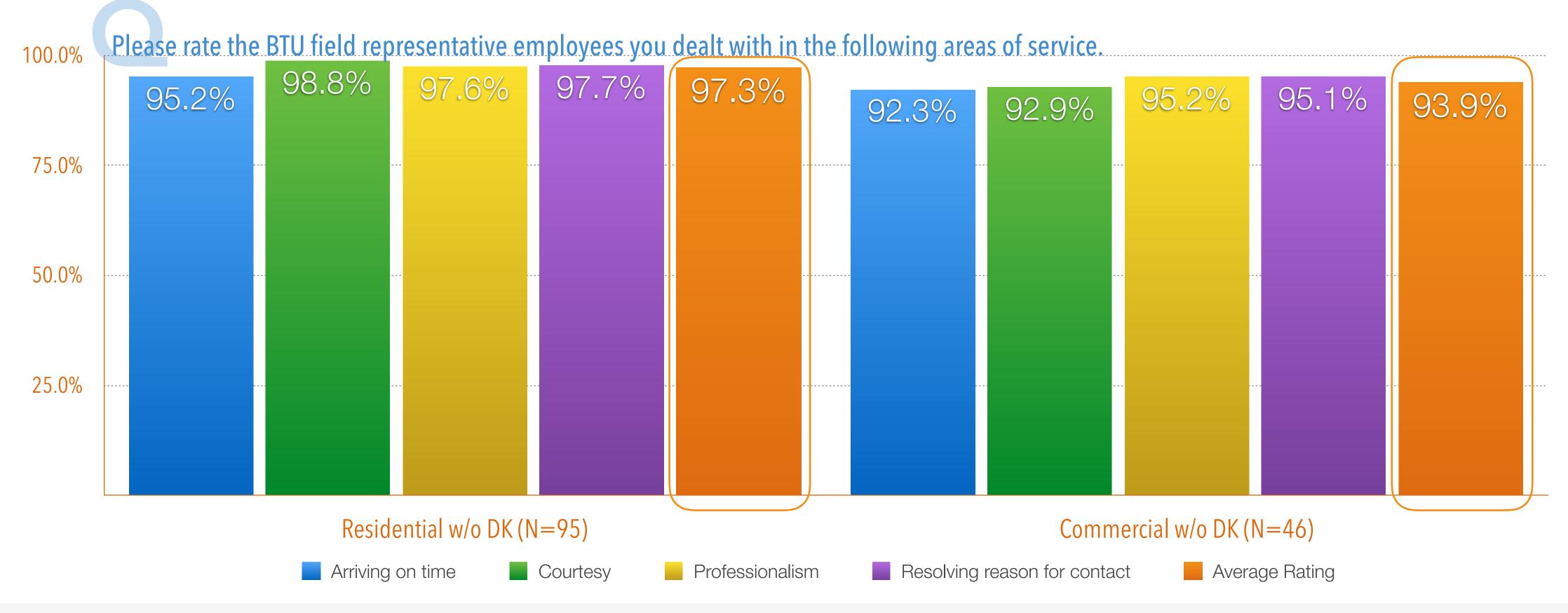
# Satisfied with office personnel

Impressively, the majority of customers who interacted with any office personnel at BTU provided a positive rating for the employee's "courtesy," "professionalism," and "resolving the reason for contact." While still strong, slightly fewer customers provided positive ratings regarding the employee's ability to resolve their reason for contact.



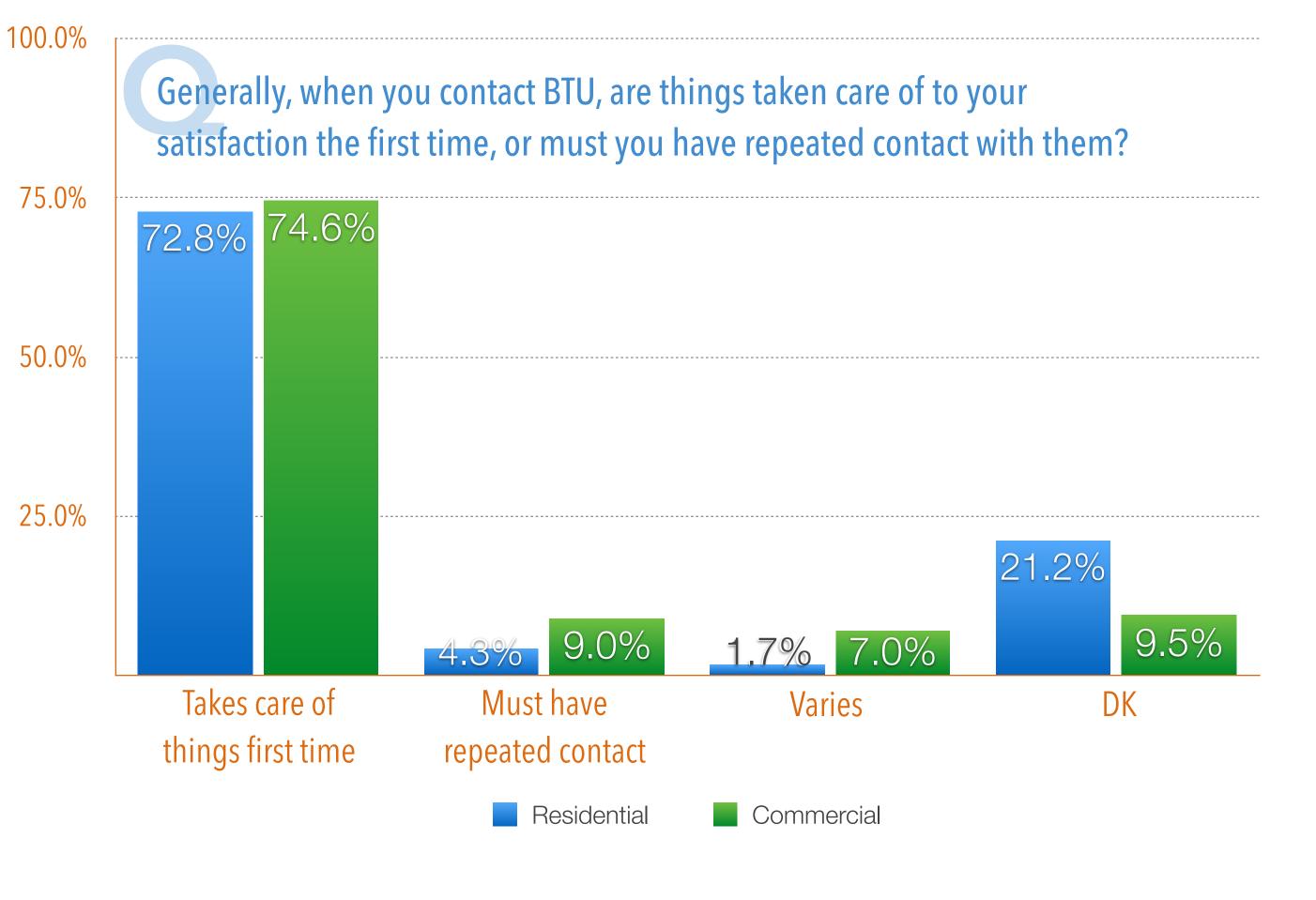
# Higher satisfaction with field personnel

Among customers who had a visit from a field representative, the majority were satisfied with the interaction. While both segments of customers provided highly positive ratings, residential customers rated their experience as satisfactory at a higher rate than commercial customers, with an average positive rating of 97.3% (compared to 93.9% among commercial customers).



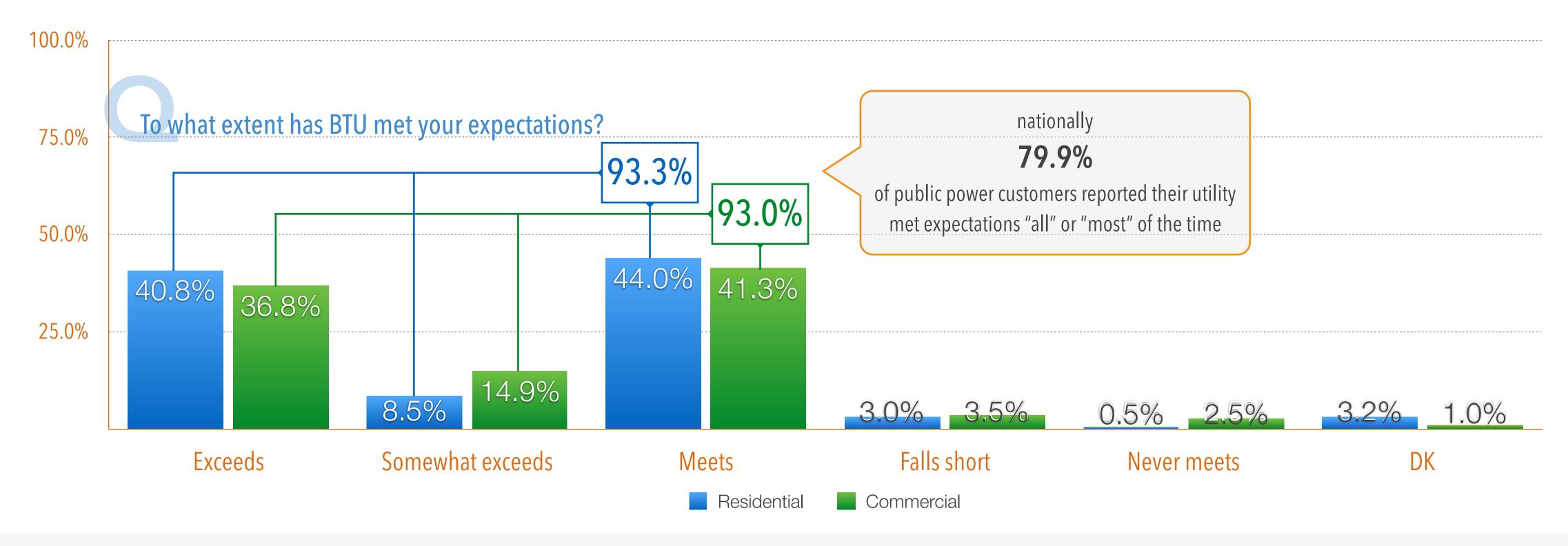
# High rate of first contact resolution

In general, BTU tends to resolve 3 out of 4 issues on the first contact for all customer needs. However, while 21.2% of residential customers were unsure of the frequency of interactions it takes BTU to resolve their reason for contact, 16.0% of commercial customers reported instances that have required multiple contacts (9.0%) or variations in contact resolution (7.0%).



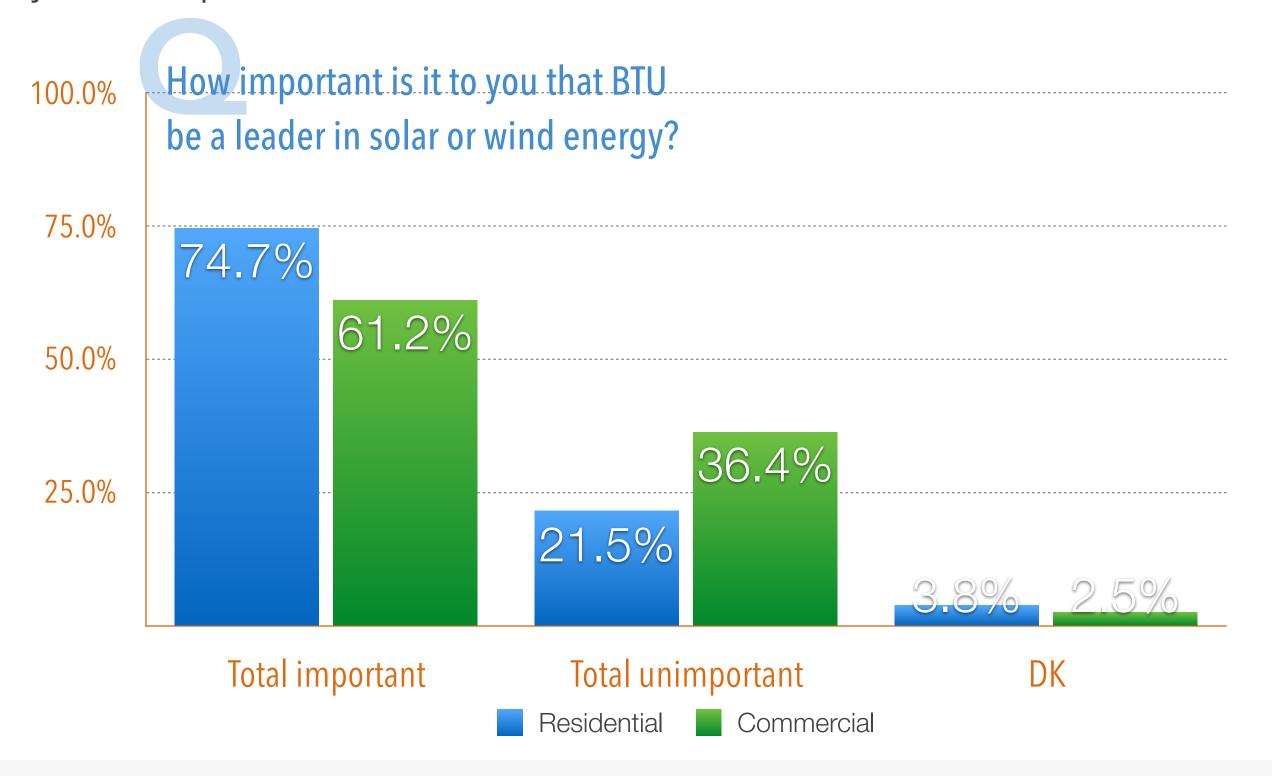
# BTU excels at servicing customer expectations

Overall, 93.3% of residential customers and 93.0% of commercial customers reported BTU "exceeds," "somewhat exceeds," or "meets" their expectations. This is important to note as a similar question employed in GreatBlue's national municipal utility study found that 79.9% of all public power customers reported their utility met expectations "all" or "most" of the time.



# Renewable energy important

Although 74.7% of residential customers believed it is important for BTU to be a leader in solar or wind energy, fewer commercial customers agreed (61.2%). While both reported similar levels of awareness that BTU purchases solar and wind power on a utility scale, customers who were aware of this had investigated solar panels at a higher rate in the past year compared to those who were unaware.



33.7% residential customers aware that BTU purchases solar and wind power as part of their generation supply

of aware customers investigated solar panels in the past year (compared to 14.5% unaware)

of **aware** customers investigated solar panels in the past year (compared to 12.4% unaware)

35.3% commercial customers aware that BTU purchases solar and wind power as part of their generation supply

# Price deterrent to purchasing renewable energy

Despite solar energy being a priority for many residential and commercial customers, ultimately customers were less willing to financially invest in renewable energy as part of their personal energy portfolio. Over half of residential customers (52.3%) and commercial customers (59.2%) reported they would not purchase renewable energy from BTU at a higher price than normal cost.

52.3%

residential customers would

not purchase renewable energy
from BTU at a higher price than
normal cost

another

34.7%

of residential customers may purchase renewable energy "depending on price"

59.2%

not purchase renewable energy from BTU at a higher price than normal cost

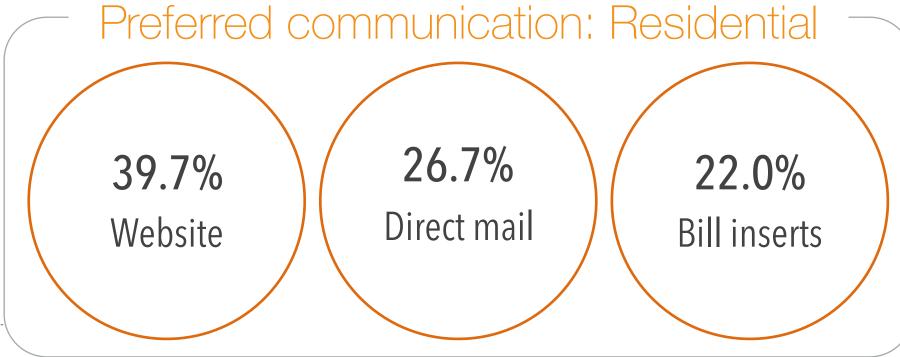
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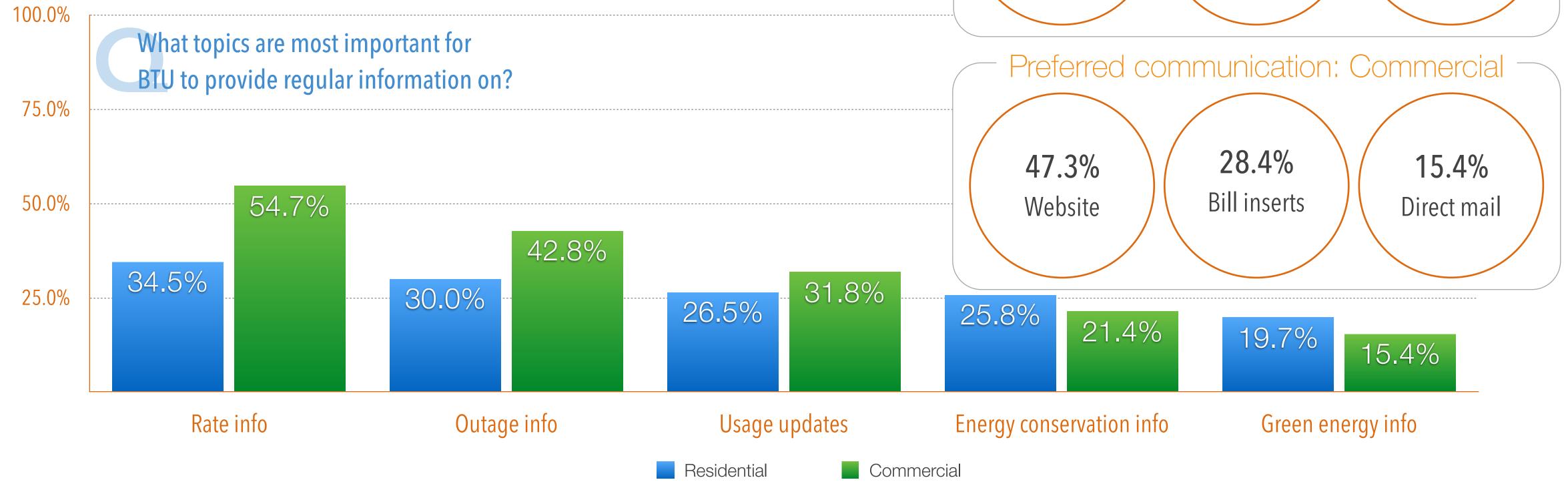
28.9%

of commercial customers may purchase renewable energy "depending on price"

# Opportunities to align communications

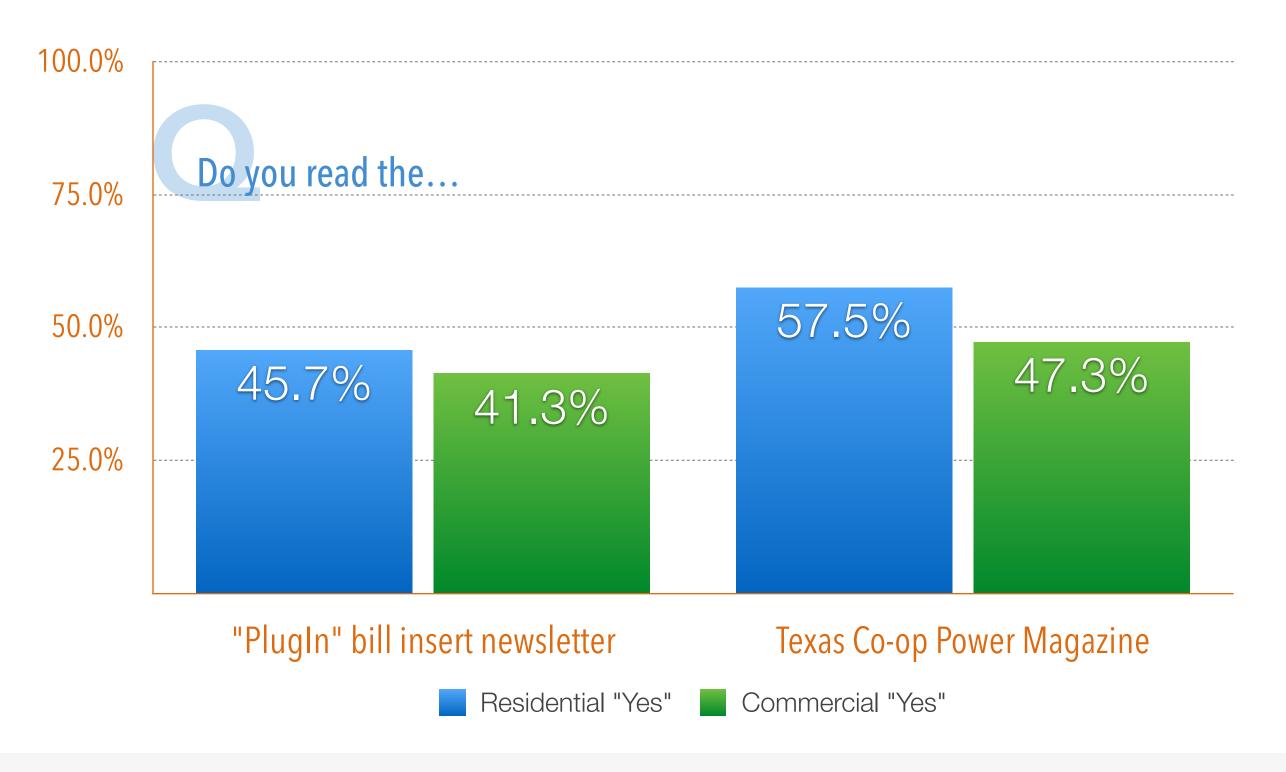
Both customers primarily prefer to seek information about BTU on their website. However, residential customers alternatively seek information from "direct mail" (26.7%), while commercial customers turn secondly to "bill inserts" (28.4%). In addition, both customers were aligned in what they believed to be the most important information to receive from BTU.





# High readership & satisfaction with newsletters

While residential customers tend to read the "Plugln" newsletter (45.7%) and the Texas Co-op Power Magazine (57.5%) at higher rates than commercial customers (41.3% and 47.3%, respectively), commercial customers were more satisfied with the publications. Texas Co-op Power Magazine, in particular, was well-received by 94.7% of commercial customers.



85.6% commercial customers

satisfied with BTU's "PlugIn" Newsletter

94.7%

commercial customers satisfied with the

Texas Co-op Power Magazine

84.4%

residential customers satisfied with BTU's "PlugIn" Newsletter 87.1%

residential customers satisfied with the

Texas Co-op Power Magazine