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B3 BENCHMARKING newsletter

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Benchmarking v6 Released

B3 Benchmarking 6.0 has been redesigned and redeveloped in HTML5. This allows compatibility with most modern web browsers and tablet devices. Many other advancements have been included in this version including reporting and graphing options, potential savings calculations based on actual site costs, showing/hiding disconnected meters and decommissioned buildings, and support for additional meter units to align with ENERGY STAR. Please double check your B3 meter units compared to the units reported on your utility bills. There are inconsistencies in the industry in using 'k' for thousands and 'M' for millions.

To learn more about the many enhancements, please register for the New Features webinar at the bottom of this newsletter. Unable to join a webinar, contact us with questions or feedback.

ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

Wondering why your site didn't receive an ENERGY STAR score, B3 Benchmarking now displays detailed reasons from ENERGY STAR to assist in resolving N/A scores if applicable. There are still many benchmarking building space types that are not eligible for ENERGY STAR scores.

Already have your energy data in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (ESPM). B3 Benchmarking can now import ESPM energy data either as a one-time process or ongoing. That's right - no more hand entering or messing with spreadsheets if you are already using ESPM for data entry.

Automatic Updates for Xcel Energy Customers are coming

Coming early 2016, another update for our Xcel Energy customers, who account for nearly 50% of the meters within B3. We are developing a *secure* method of connecting to the Xcel system to provide automatic data updating. That's right – no

more hand entering or messing with spreadsheets.

B3 Benchmarking users will have the option to take advantage of this easy, time-saving automatic service. There will be a nominal one-time setup fee for this ongoing automatic meter data transfer. We will communicate once everything is in place.

Our thanks to Xcel Energy for helping us serve you better.

Upcoming Webinars

- **Overview** - Tuesday, December 15, 11am - [Register Now](#)
- **New Features** - Thursday, December 17, 12:30pm - [Register Now](#)

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