



CAFÉ ZUPAS REMOTELY MANAGES ENERGY USAGE IN 81 STORES THANKS TO VENSTAR THERMOSTATS WITH SKYPORT ACCESS

CHALLENGE: Remotely Manage Energy Usage in 81 Stores Across Eight States

With the old thermostats, managing energy usage at the 81 Café Zupas stores across eight states was a challenge. The stores are located in some of the hottest states in the nation as well as some of the coldest states, so monitoring indoor temperatures and HVAC rooftop units is critical.

OBJECTIVE: Control and Reduce Energy Usage and Costs

Tyler Harris, Café Zupas' owner's representative who oversees store construction and facilities, needed thermostats that provided visibility into the store temperatures as well as remote management of the thermostats at all 81 stores. The objectives were:

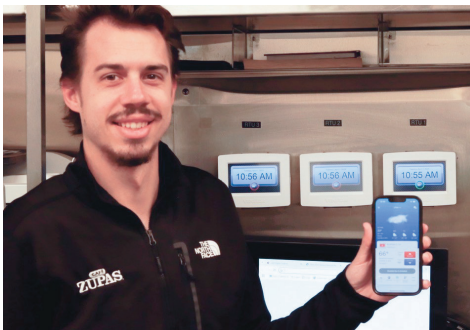
- Manage energy usage and reduce costs
- Ensure comfort for the customers and staff
- Gain visibility into the health of the rooftop units

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— Tyler Harris, Owner's Representative for Café Zupas

SOLUTION: ColorTouch Commercial Thermostats with Skyport App

Café Zupas chose Venstar's ColorTouch thermostats with Venstar's Skyport App, which enable him to remotely control and change the settings of all of the thermostats at once in regional groups, all from his desktop computer or mobile phone. In addition, when two thermostats are serving the same dining area, Tyler can see if one is in heating mode and the other in cooling mode, working against each other. Skyport makes it easy to resolve this issue.



Easy to Install and Use — Because of their ease of installation, Harris personally installed the ColorTouch thermostats in the stores' kitchens. He also installed remote temperature sensors in the dining areas so he can remotely ensure guest comfort.

Instant Remote Management — Using Skyport from his desktop or mobile phone enables Harris to confidently know the kitchen and dining room temperatures as well as which rooftop units are running.

Secure, Setpoint Limiting — Although all of the thermostats are locked to prevent tampering, setpoint limiting allows local staff to adjust the temperatures up or down a few degrees to ensure indoor comfort.

About Skyport

Venstar's free Skyport Cloud Services allow users of Venstar's Wi-Fi® thermostats to use Venstar's free Skyport Mobile App on their Apple iOS® and Android™ mobile devices or directly from the Web to instantly access and control multiple thermostats at numerous locations from virtually anywhere.

About ColorTouch

ColorTouch Commercial models offer 365-day programming or can be used as nonprogrammable thermostats. They include security features and setpoint limiting. ColorTouch can remotely control, monitor or average temperatures with remote sensors.



For more information on Venstar thermostats scan the QR code.

RESULTS: Remotely Manage and Control Energy Costs

Harris is delighted with the easy-to-use ColorTouch thermostats that are remotely managed with Venstar's Skyport desktop and mobile app.

Results include:

- Reduced energy costs by managing rooftop unit runtimes
- Indoor comfort for store guests and staff
- Remote visibility of which rooftop units are running
- Automatic Daylight Savings Time adjustments
- Easily program and make changes with intuitive Skyport dashboard
- Ability to schedule runtimes for 365 days for all 80 locations
- Implementation of global and regional programming and scheduling



About Café Zupas

With 81 stores across eight states, Café Zupas restaurant chain delivers “house-made happiness” with its healthy menu designed to “nourish the good life,” its tagline. Headquartered in Sandy, Utah, Café Zupas standardized on Venstar's ColorTouch (T8900) commercial thermostats with Skyport app to remotely manage and control energy usage for all of its stores.



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About Venstar

Venstar, founded in 1992 and based in Southern California, designs and builds a broad variety of innovative thermostats with more than 10 million installed. Venstar's Skyport Cloud service provides businesses a secure and private powerful cloud service for command and control of HVAC systems from anywhere in the world.

The company's Surveyor® Energy Management System allows retailers, restaurant chains and other multi-location businesses to remotely monitor, manage and control energy consumption while reducing maintenance expenses. Currently, Surveyor is used to control more than 100,000 HVAC systems and building lighting in more than 30,000 retail locations throughout North America.

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