Venstar Achieves OpenADR 2.0b Certification for ColorTouch and Explorer Wi-Fi Programmable Thermostats

Displaying Thermostats at Emerging Technologies Summit April 19–21

CHATSWORTH, Calif., April 18, 2017 — Venstar®, a leading thermostat and energy management systems (EMS) manufacturer, today announced that it has achieved OpenADR 2.0b certification for its ColorTouch® and Explorer™ Wi-Fi®-enabled programmable thermostats from the OpenADR Alliance. Venstar will display its OpenADR-enabled thermostats at the Emerging Technologies Summit, being held April 19–21, 2017, in Ontario, Calif.

"We are proud to have received OpenADR certification for our ColorTouch and Explorer thermostats. We are committed to helping both public utilities and our customers reduce energy usage and costs," said Steve Dushane, president and CEO of Venstar Inc.

OpenADR is an open global standard that enables electricity providers and system operators to automatically communicate Demand Response (DR) signals with each other and their customers using a common language over any existing IP-based communications network. The OpenADR Alliance was created to standardize, automate and simplify DR to enable utilities to cost-effectively meet growing energy demand. DR programs help utilities maintain grid reliability and enable customers to realize significant value.

ColorTouch Touch Screen Thermostats With Wi-Fi Inside

Venstar offers four models of its ColorTouch programmable thermostats, two for commercial and two for residential use. All models have a multi-functional, simple-to-use touchscreen. The color touchscreen can be programmed to display a picture gallery of up to 100 files to be used as a slideshow.

ColorTouch residential Models T7850 and T7900 and commercial models T8850 and T8900 comply with OpenADR, enabling users to participate in utility-generated load shedding events as well as the ability to support the handling of specific signals from the utility provider. They also comply with California Title 24's requirements, including Equipment Fault Detection Diagnostics (FDD).

Explorer Programmable, Wi-Fi Thermostats

Venstar offers seven models of its Explorer affordable, fully featured programmable thermostats: three commercial models, three residential models and one designed specifically for schools. Explorer thermostats feature large, easy-to-read displays with easy setup and controls. Explorer thermostats feature "Simple as You Want" operation. Select models also include the ability to control or monitor a second temperature sensor, control humidification/dehumidification and include Energy Watch functionality. Explorer thermostats deliver a rich feature set that enables users to reduce energy costs with local or remote operation via the "Internet of Things" Wi-Fi, ZigBee and Z-Wave.

Explorer residential and commercial models, when used with the optional Wi-Fi module, comply with OpenADR. This enables users to participate in utility-generated load shedding events as well as the ability to support the handling of specific signals from the utility provider. Explorer thermostats are compatible with virtually every type of commercial heating and air conditioning system.

Compatible With Skyport Cloud Services and Venstar's Free Skyport App

Wi-Fi-enabled ColorTouch and Explorer thermostats are compatible with Venstar's Skyport™ Cloud Services, which allow both commercial and residential users 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.

For more information about Venstar's thermostats, please visit:
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About Venstar Inc.

Venstar Inc. is a leading thermostat and energy management system (EMS) manufacturer, known for providing value to its customers via ease of use and installation, proven cost savings, improved energy efficiency, quality and reliability. Founded in 1992, Venstar is one of the largest thermostat suppliers in the world and designs and produces Venstar-branded products as well as OEM thermostat products for the biggest names in HVAC. Venstar's Surveyor is a leading energy management system, typically saving small-box retailers 20–35 percent of their energy costs, which translates to tens of millions of dollars in savings each year and dramatic reductions in CO_2 emissions. Surveyor currently controls the energy usage of 25,000+ retail locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

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