



# Creating customer-centric DSM programs

## Delivering DSM programs that benefit the customer

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Demand-side management (DSM) programs are one of the best things utility customers get from their utility. In this episode, host [Bryan Jungers](#) welcomes [Tom Lienhard](#), E Source executive consultant, and [Barend Dronkers](#), product strategist for Customer Energy Solutions at E Source, for an in-depth discussion about DSM programs: what they are, how they're working, and how utilities should keep them moving forward to benefit customers.

### Customers always come first: Why it's important for utilities to fund and deliver DSM programs

The top impact of DSM is the social and economic benefit to the customer. Learn more by reading our interview with Tom and Barend.

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