# MULTIFAMILY UTILITY DATA COLLECTION DATABASE

For multifamily building owners with utility accounts paid for by tenants, benchmarking energy consumption can be challenging, in part because each utility provider requires owners to follow a different procedure to access tenant-level energy consumption data.

This database helps owners navigate that challenge with a comprehensive catalogue of many major United States utilities and their procedures to release tenant-level and whole building energy use and cost data.

This utility profile summarizes the process for requesting data from **Entergy Texas, Inc**. See the back page for detailed instructions and definitions. Visit the <u>HUD Exchange</u> to find the full utility database.

# **UTILITY NAME**

Entergy Texas, Inc

#### **USER-FRIENDLY SCORE**

1 (most challenging) to 4 (most user-friendly)

Overall User-Friendly Score: 1.0

Provides Tenant Data to Owner Score: 1

No

Tenant Data Release Forms Score: 1 Not applicable - Utility only provides data to

account holders

Tenant Data Comprehensiveness Score: 1 Not applicable - Utility only provides data to

account holders

Data Format Score: 1

Not applicable - Utility only provides data to

account holders

Connected to Portfolio Manager: No

DATA RELEASE FORMS Not applicable **SERVICE AREA** 

Texas

**ADDRESS** 

Entergy PO Box 8104

Baton Rouge, LA 70891

**WEBSITE** 

Utility main website

CUSTOMER SERVICE CONTACT

Customer Service None available

Phone: 1-800-368-3749

SUPERVISOR CONTACT

None available

# **DEFINITIONS**

AGGREGATED DATA: Some utilities can consolidate data for entire properties, rather than for each tenant. This option eliminates a need to collect forms from tenants to access data.

ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTY: This database scores utilities based on their ability to provide tenant data, aggregated data, whether they charge to release data, and format of the data they provide.

BENCHMARKING ORDINANCE: Some jurisdictions have legislation that requires building owners to benchmark their buildings. Utilities in these regions typically provide better access to data.

GREEN BUTTON: A standard data format that utilities can use to issue energy use data.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER: The Environmental Protection Agency's Portfolio Manager is a free tool that property owners can use to evaluate building performance. Some utilities have compatibility with the tool's Web Services feature, which can auto-populate energy data.

TENANT WAIVER: To protect customer privacy, many utilities require building owners to collect tenant waivers before they will release data to the owner.

## POTENTIAL CHALLENGES WORKING WITH THIS UTILITY

Challenge 1: Utility does not provide tenant data.

## HOW TO REQUEST DATA FROM THIS UTILITY

#### HOW TO REQUEST TENANT-LEVEL DATA

Not applicable. Property owners do not have access to tenant data.

#### HOW TO REQUEST AGGREGATED WHOLE-BUILDING DATA

Not applicable. Utility does not release aggregated data for residential buildings.

Disclaimer: This data is current as of 3/29/17. Please note that utilities regularly update energy data release policies. This database includes scores, challenges, and steps associated with obtaining tenant data for multifamily properties, as reported by customer service agents. Contact your utility to confirm their process before requesting data.