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Dear STARS verification team:

As the Energy Manager for the University of Dayton, I can verify that we are undertaking a pilot program that tests the use of real-time energy meters in student housing. This program is a collaboration between Facilities Management staff and a student in the Physics department. Units have been installed in 23 campus-owned houses, and data is being collected to determine whether they influence energy use.

In another energy conservation program, the university supplied each one of our student residences with a monthly energy report card. We measured a small savings just by giving students more information about their use, but because of the time delay with billing, the information was always about six weeks out of date. A student approached me and my colleagues in Facilities Management about doing a pilot with real-time meters, to determine whether additional savings could be achieved with more timely information, and the program was launched in the fall of 2013.

This program is unique to our university in part because of the program that preceded it. We have an unusually large number of campus owned single family homes (roughly 600) that makes energy conservation particularly challenging. We are following our groundbreaking energy report card program with the pilot of real-time meters to continue our commitment to taking bold steps to conserve energy on campus. Few universities have been able to deliver monthly energy use data to such a large percentage of their students. If additional savings are confirmed in our pilot residences, this program could be implemented across our entire student neighborhood, leading to even more innovation and savings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Kendig".

Steve Kendig  
Energy Manager