

# Measured vs. Modeled Energy Performance in Passive House Multifamily Properties

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# AGENDA

1. Background
  1. Motivation for monitoring
  2. Potential Factors
2. Four Multifamily Projects - Monitored Data Analysis:
  1. Building Rundown
  2. Data Rundown
  3. Monitored vs Modeled
3. Lessons Learned

# IMPORTANCE OF MONITORING



- PHIUS+ Certification is based on design  
– need to verify actual performance
- Realize & quantify savings
- Troubleshoot issues
- Adjust modeling protocol to improve predicted values
- Shape incentives from local jurisdictions & rating systems

# POTENTIAL FACTORS AFFECTING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MODELED AND MONITORED

- Varying heating setpoint above/below 68F (winter)
- Varying cooling setpoint above/below 77F (summer)
- Climatic differences between measured year and 'typical year' used for modeling
- Varying number of occupants from modeled assumption (BR+1)
- Occupant behavior (work from home, kids vs adults, lifestyle, habits)
- Equipment tested efficiency varying from real performance
- System/Operator Error

# CLIMATE SPECIFIC METRICS

## PASSIVE STANDARDS IN VARYING CLIMATES

← Olympia

City  
Olympia

State  
WA

ASHRAE 2013 & Global Solar Radiation Location  
Olympia Regional Airport

Zone  
4C

Annual heating demand kBtu/sf-ICFA.yr  
6

Annual cooling demand kBtu/sf-ICFA.yr  
1

Peak heating load Btu/sf-ICFA.h  
3.9

Peak cooling load Btu/sf-ICFA.h  
3.5

← Chicago

City  
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State  
IL

ASHRAE 2013 & Global Solar Radiation Location  
(O'Hare International Airport)

Zone  
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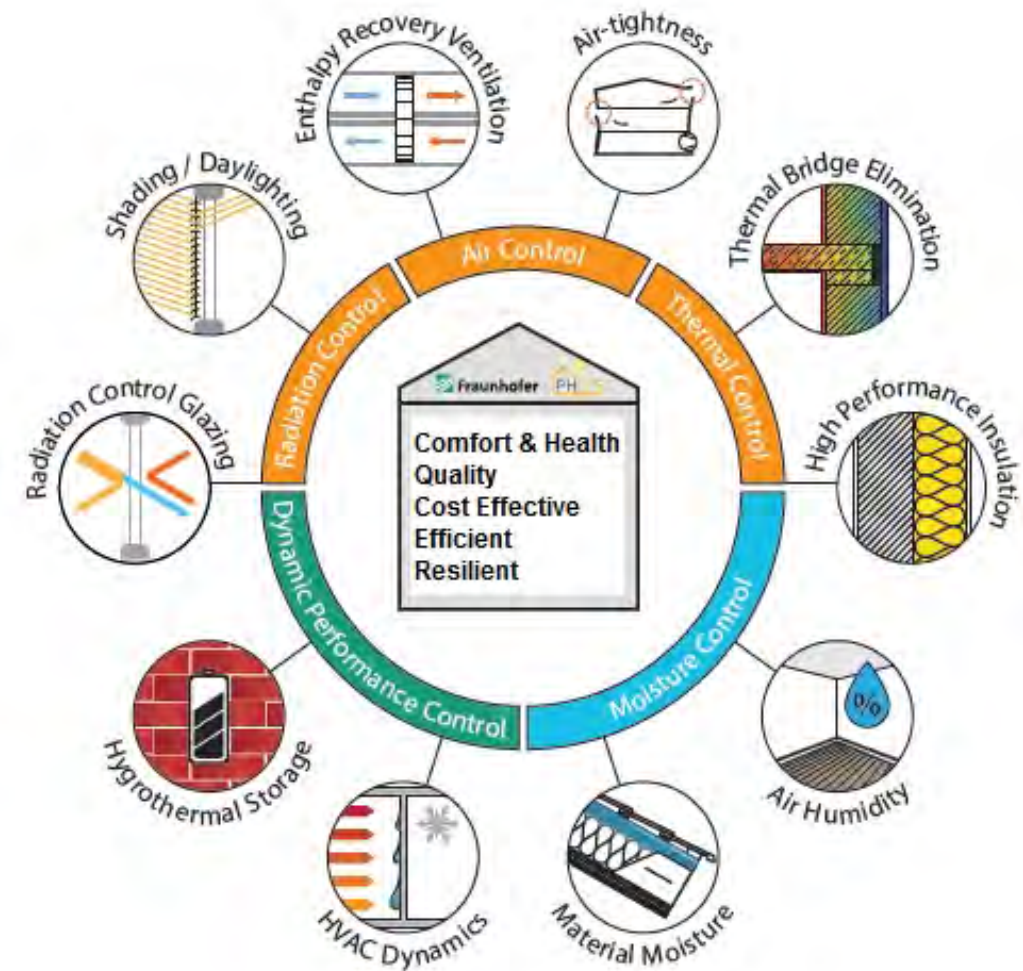
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Peak heating load Btu/sf-ICFA.h  
5.1

Peak cooling load Btu/sf-ICFA.h  
4.4

# CERTIFICATION PROTOCOL

	PHIUS+ 2015
<b>Internal Heat Gains (Residential)</b>	Varies Calculated
<b>Square Footage</b>	Interior Conditioned Floor Area (iCFA)
<b>Occupancy</b>	# Bedrooms + 1
<b>Residential Lighting</b>	80% RESNET Lighting Assumptions
<b>Residential Miscellaneous Electric Loads (MELS)</b>	80% RESNET MELS Assumptions
<b>Source Electric Energy Factor</b>	3.16 kWh/kWh (US Average)



\*Assumes one light on per person at a time

\*\*Reference: 25" color TV consumes 150W/hr

# TERMINOLOGY

## Demands, Peaks, Site & Primary Energy

**Annual Demand [kBTU/yr.ft<sup>2</sup>]:** Space conditioning energy consumed over the course of the year, delivered by the equipment to the space.

**Peak Load [BTU/hr.ft<sup>2</sup>]:** Space conditioning requirement during the peak climate conditions (average over the worst 24 hours). Determines the size of the mechanical system.

**Site Energy [kWh/person.yr] OR [kBTU/yr.ft<sup>2</sup>]:** Total energy consumed over the course of the year, including space conditioning, hot water, plug loads, lighting, appliances, systems, etc. (Excludes electrical vehicle charging energy, and lighting energy specific to vehicle parking areas)

\*No requirement for PHIUS+ Certification

**Source (Primary) Energy [kWh/person.yr] OR [kBTU/yr.ft<sup>2</sup>]:** Site energy as described above, multiplied by the source/primary energy factor for the specific fuel type used.  
Ex: Electricity has a PE factor of 3.16 kWh/kWh (generation at the source vs use on site)

# Four Case Studies




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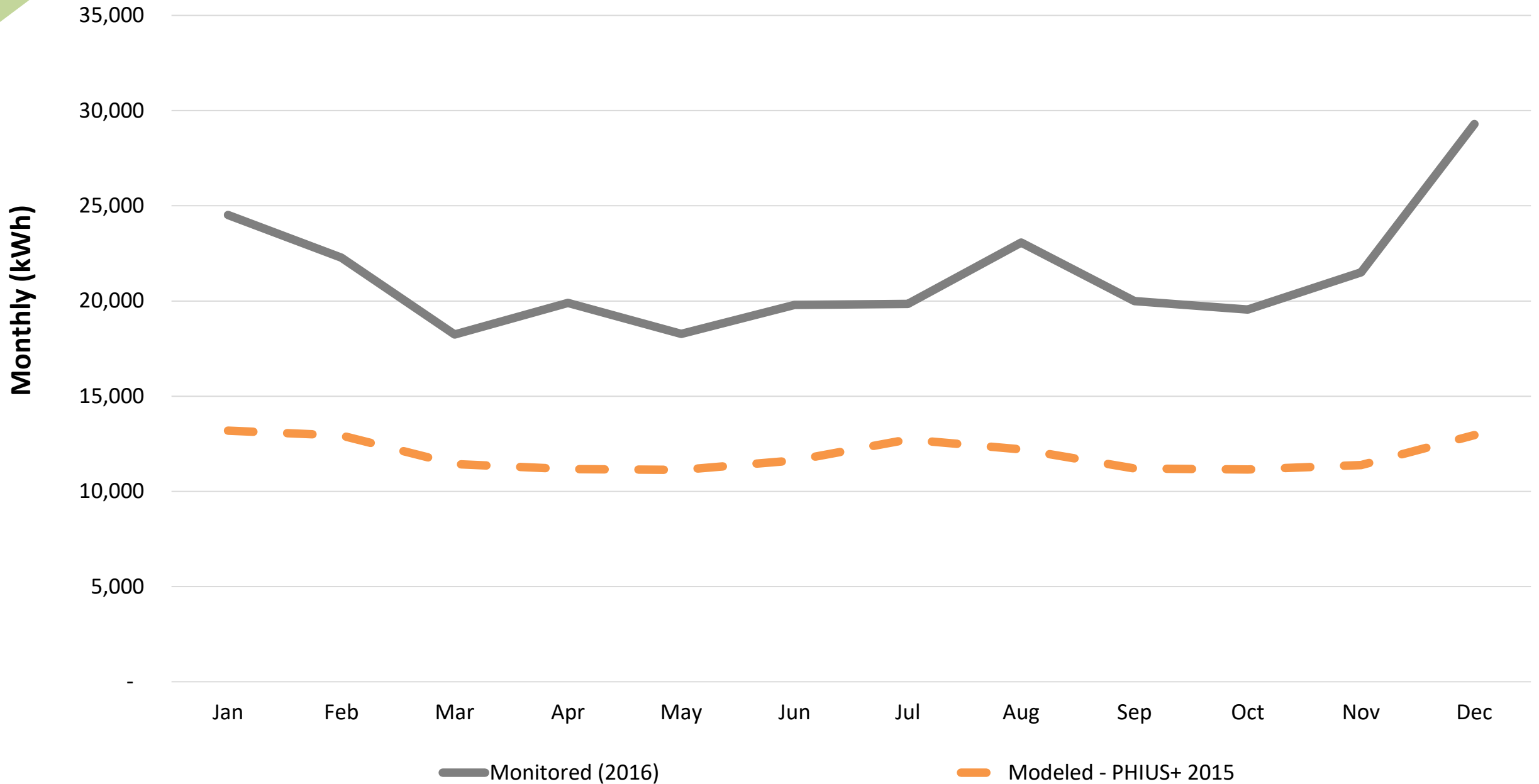


**Uptown  
Lofts**  
*Pittsburgh, PA*  
24 units  
25,000 ft<sup>2</sup>

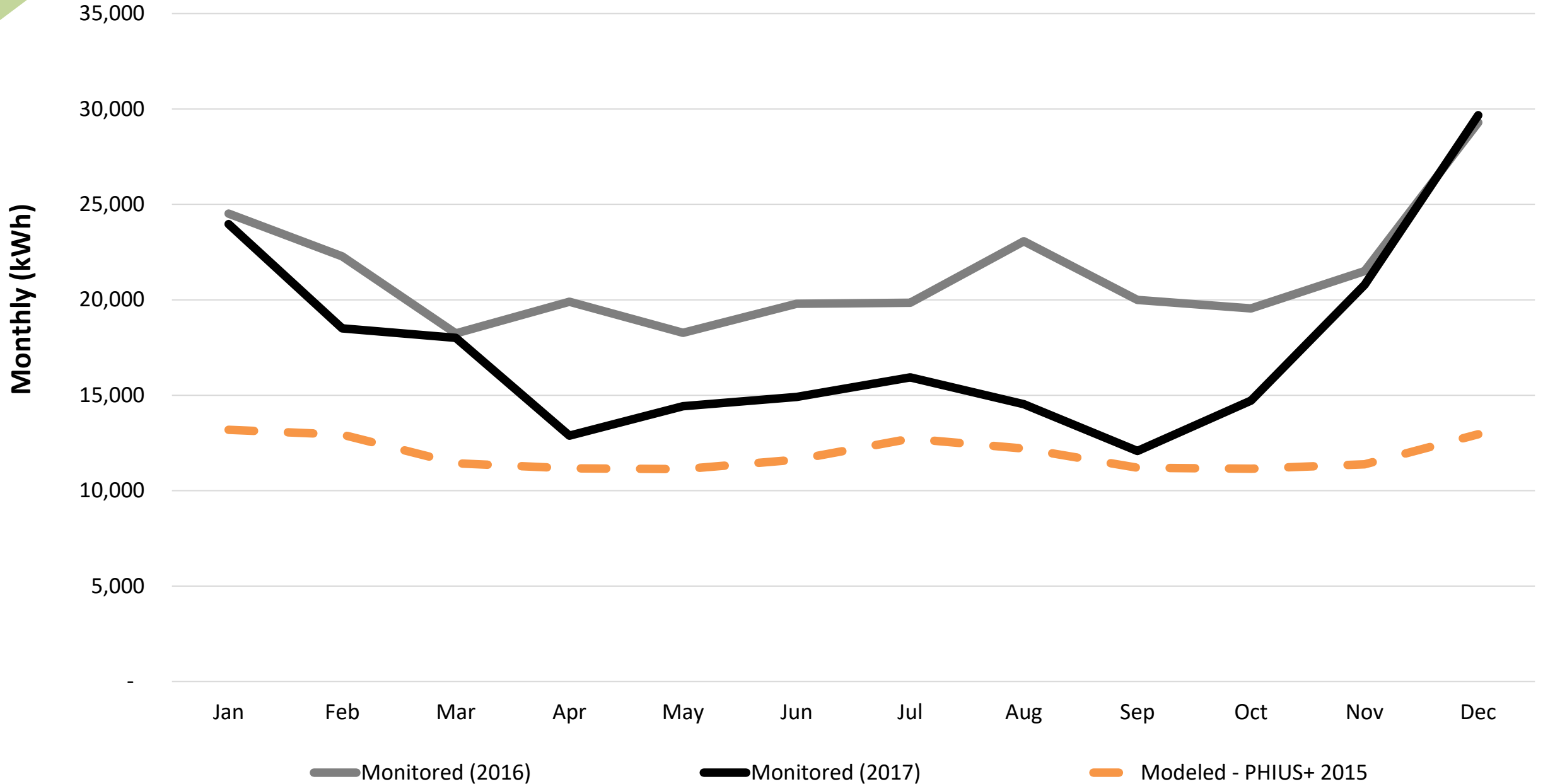
# Things to keep in mind

- Site Energy analyzed
- All electricity monitored together (includes all HVAC, hot water usage, lighting and MELs)
- Heat pumps (heating/cooling) in apartments
- Direct Electric baseboards in common stairs
- HRV
- Direct Electric WH

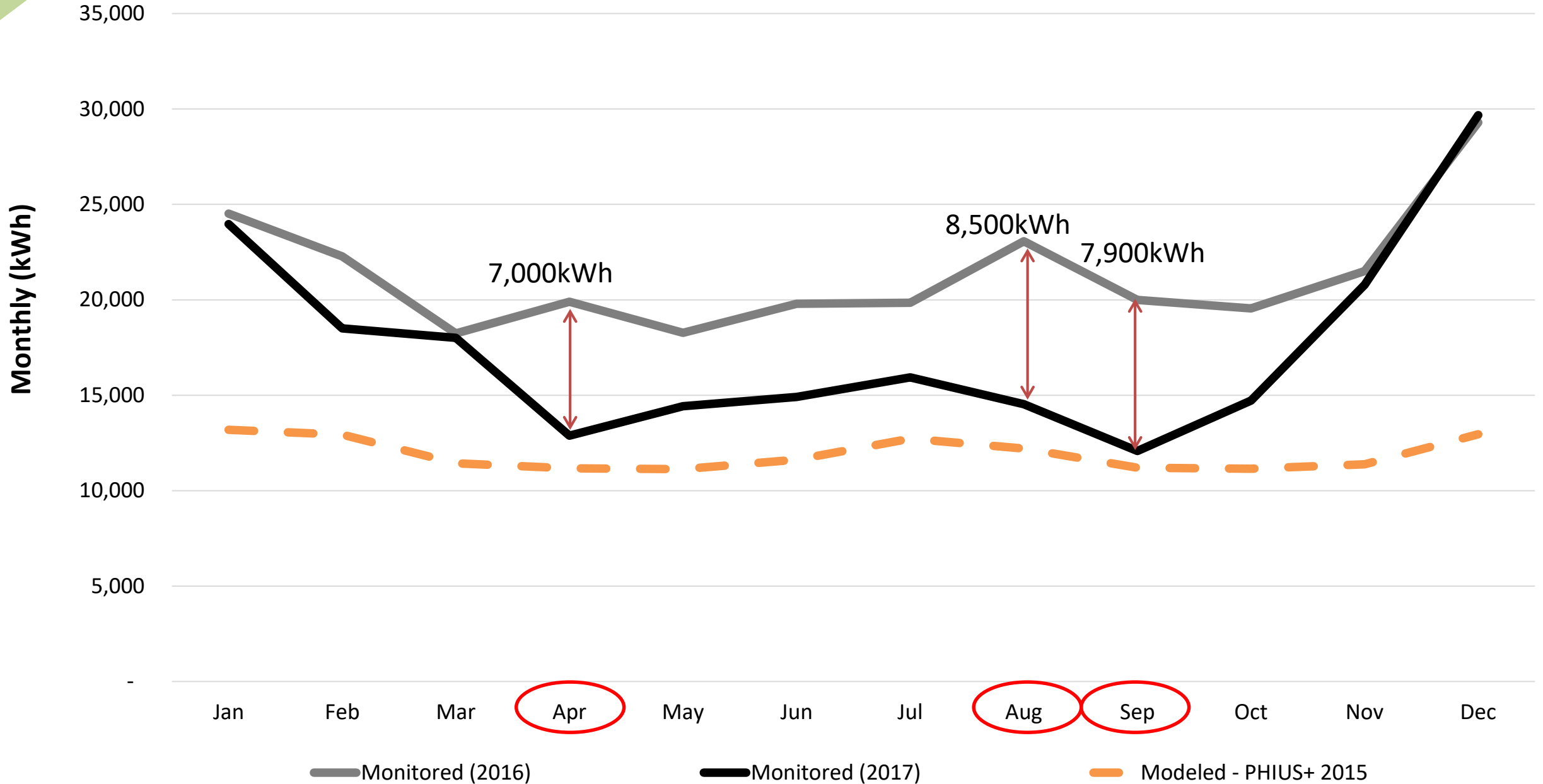
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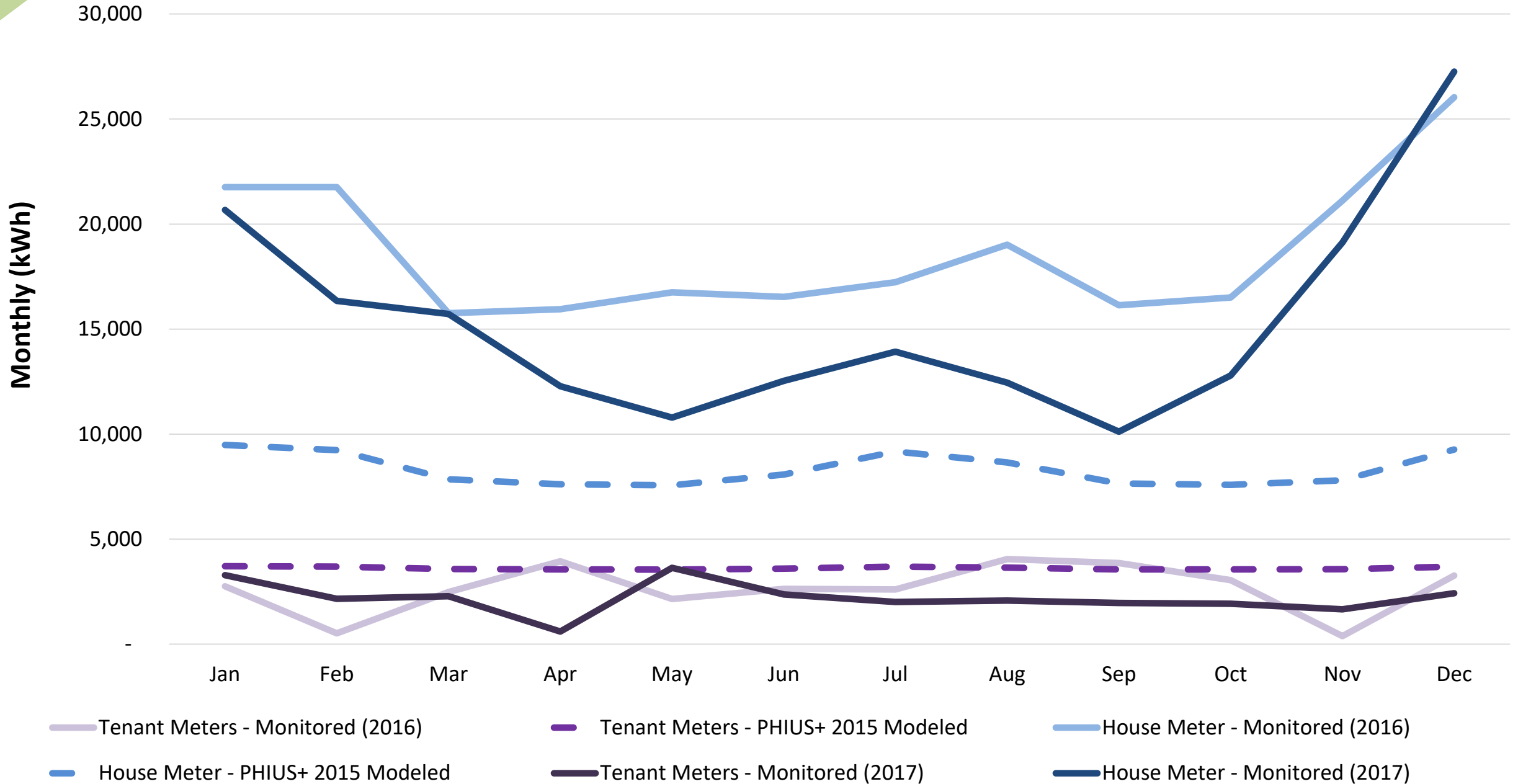
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# Two Meters

- Tenant Meter: Unit Plug loads/electricity, Unit Lighting & Fans for Heating/Cooling
- House Meter: Hallway/Stairwell/Exterior Lighting, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Office Plug Loads, Laundry, Heat Pumps, Hot water tanks, all Ventilation

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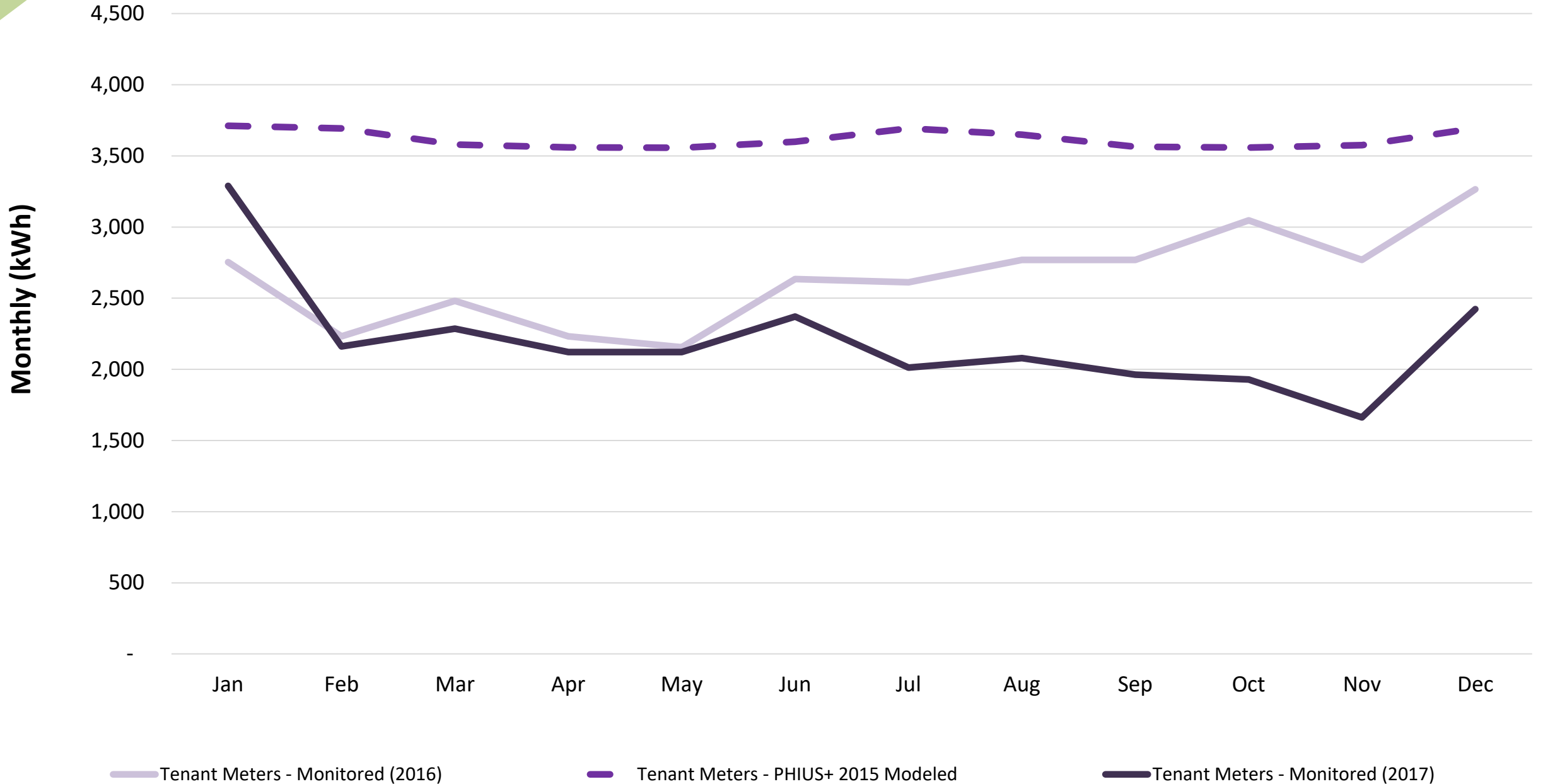




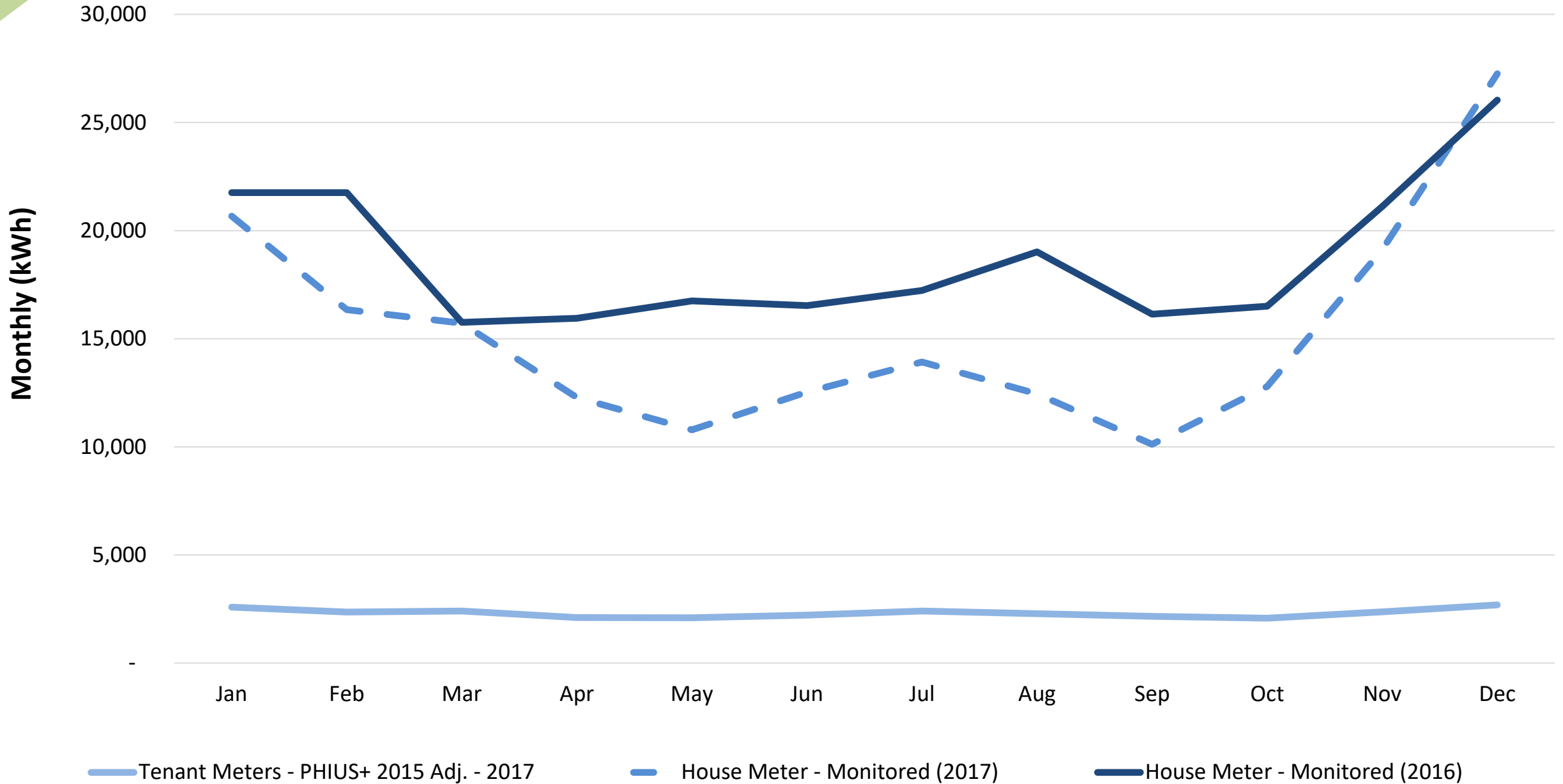
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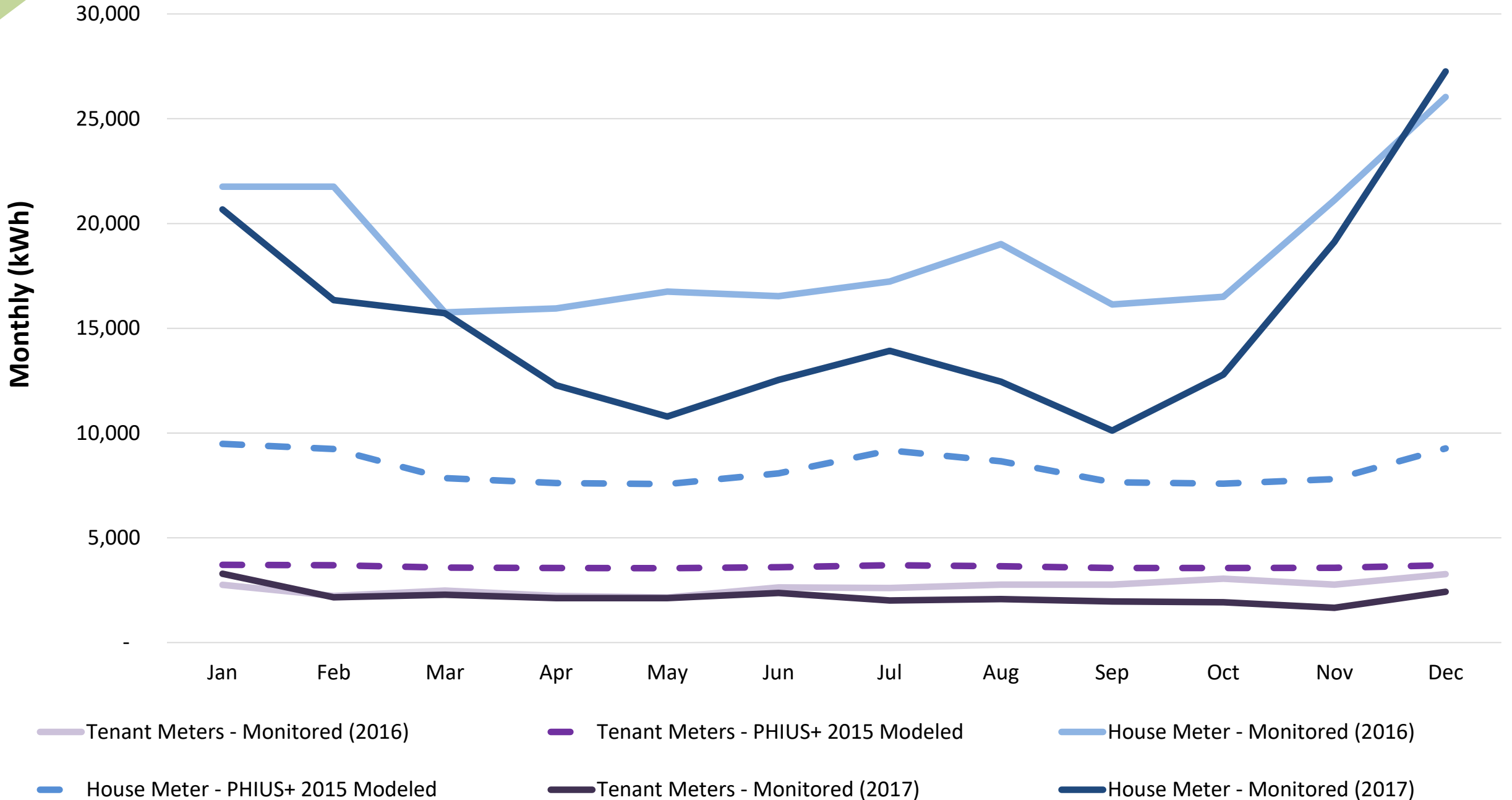
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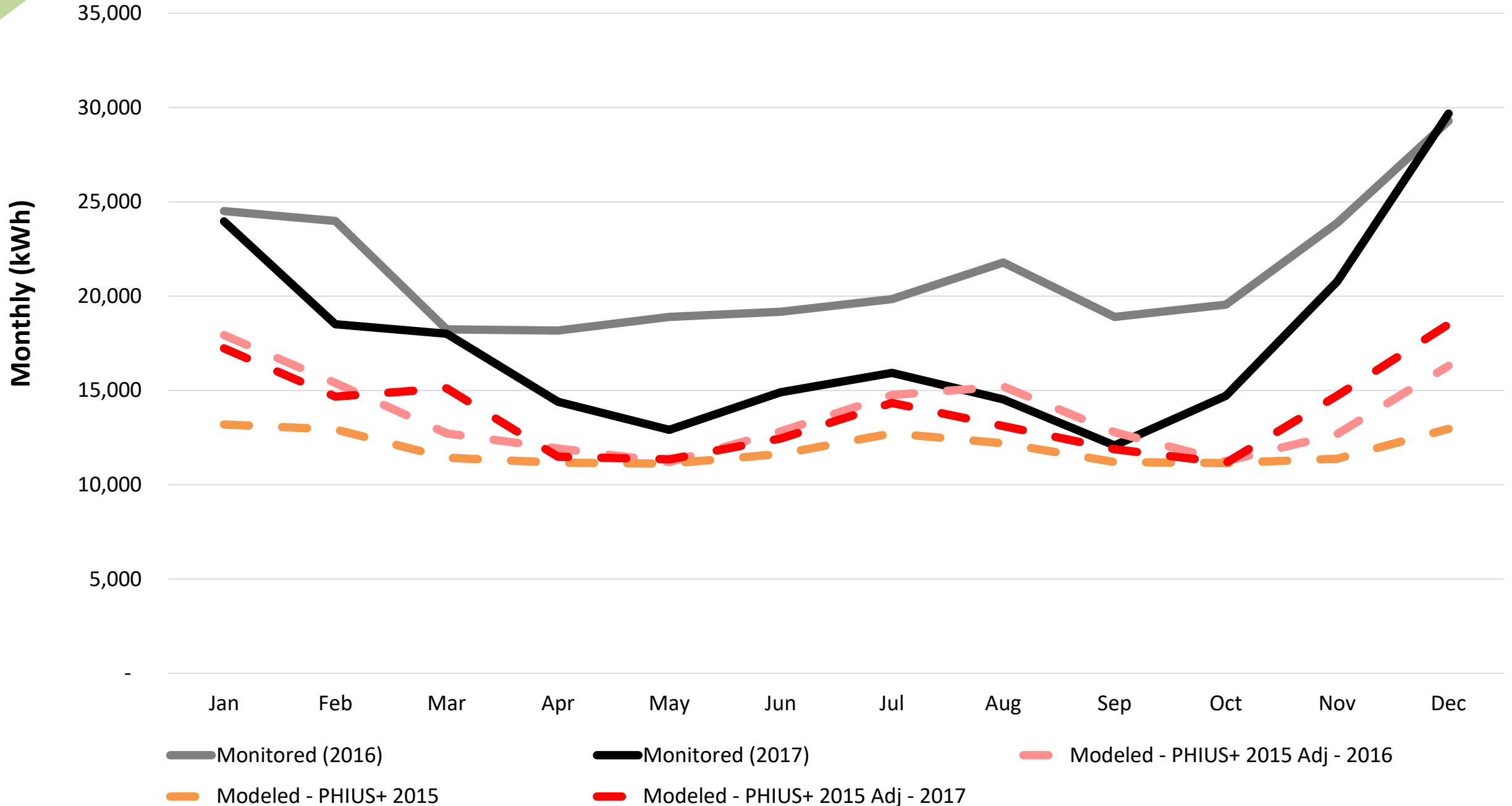
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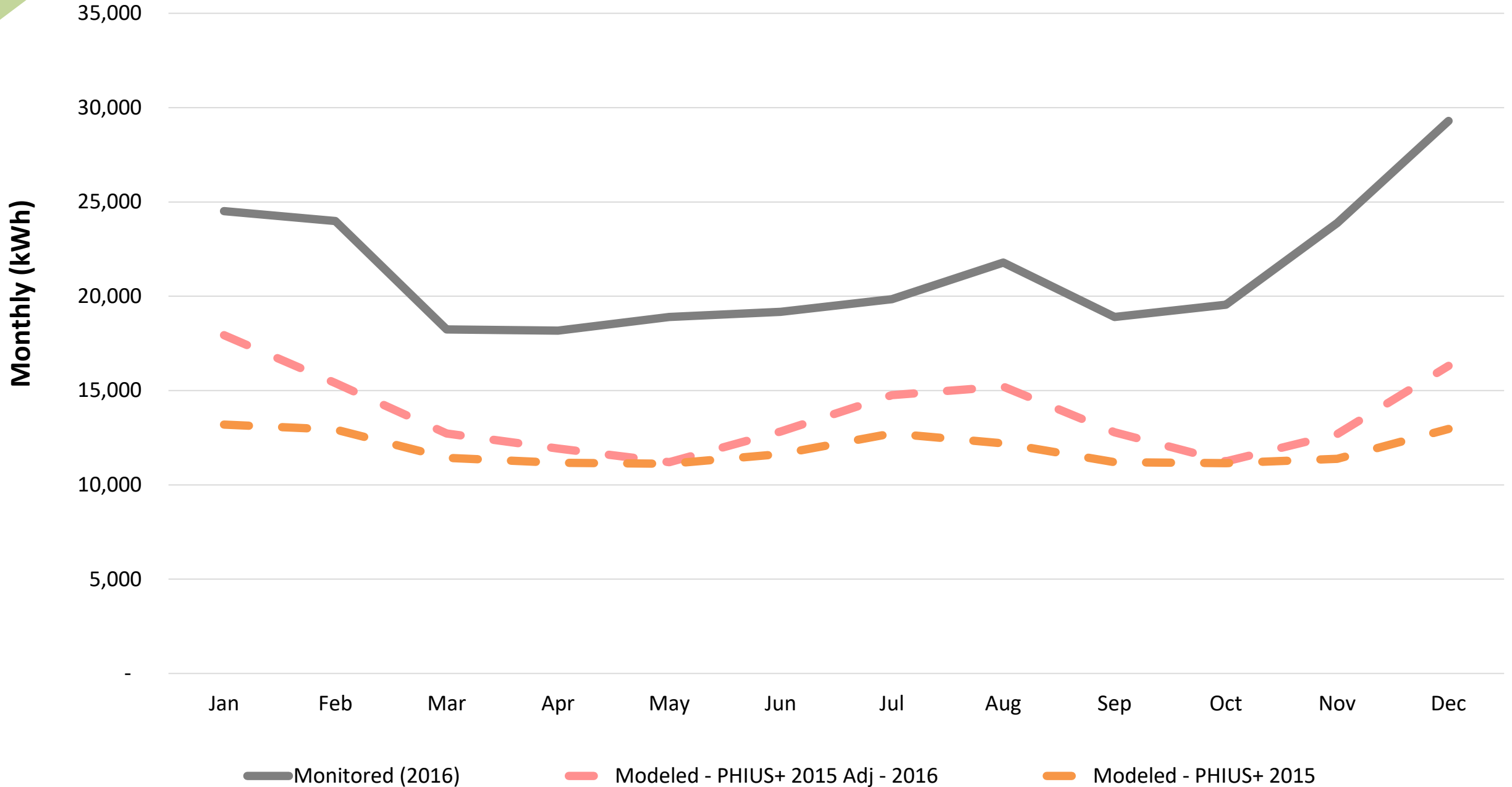
# PHIUS+ 2015 – Adjusted Model

- Mean Temperatures Adjusted (2016 & 2017)
- Actual Occupancy
- Unit MELS/Lighting Reduced
- Thermostats set to 80F (Winter) 72F (Summer)
- Doubled Hot Water Usage
- Eliminated Summer Natural Ventilation
- Heat Pumps Malfunction? (2.7 COP to 1.5 COP)

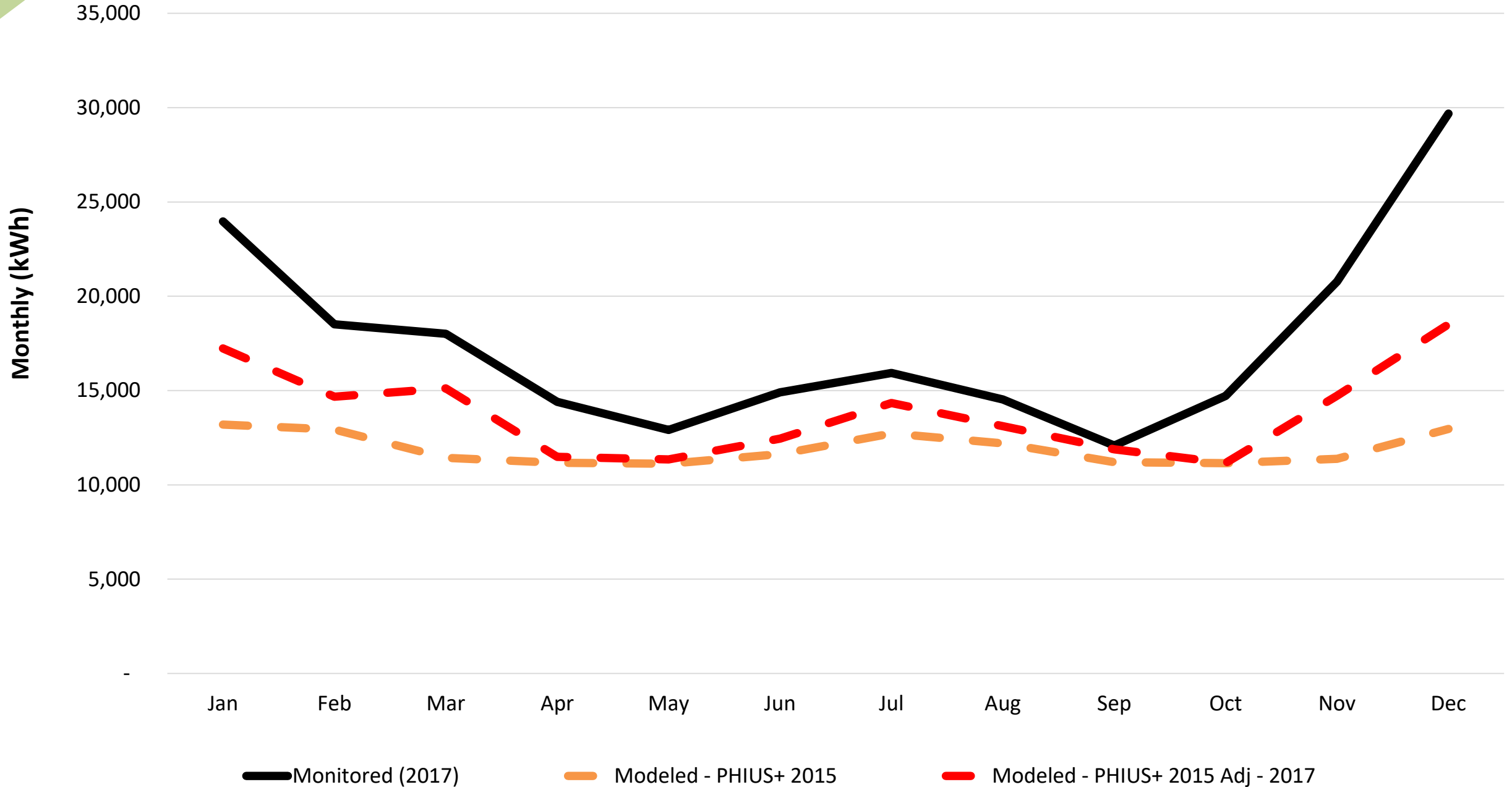
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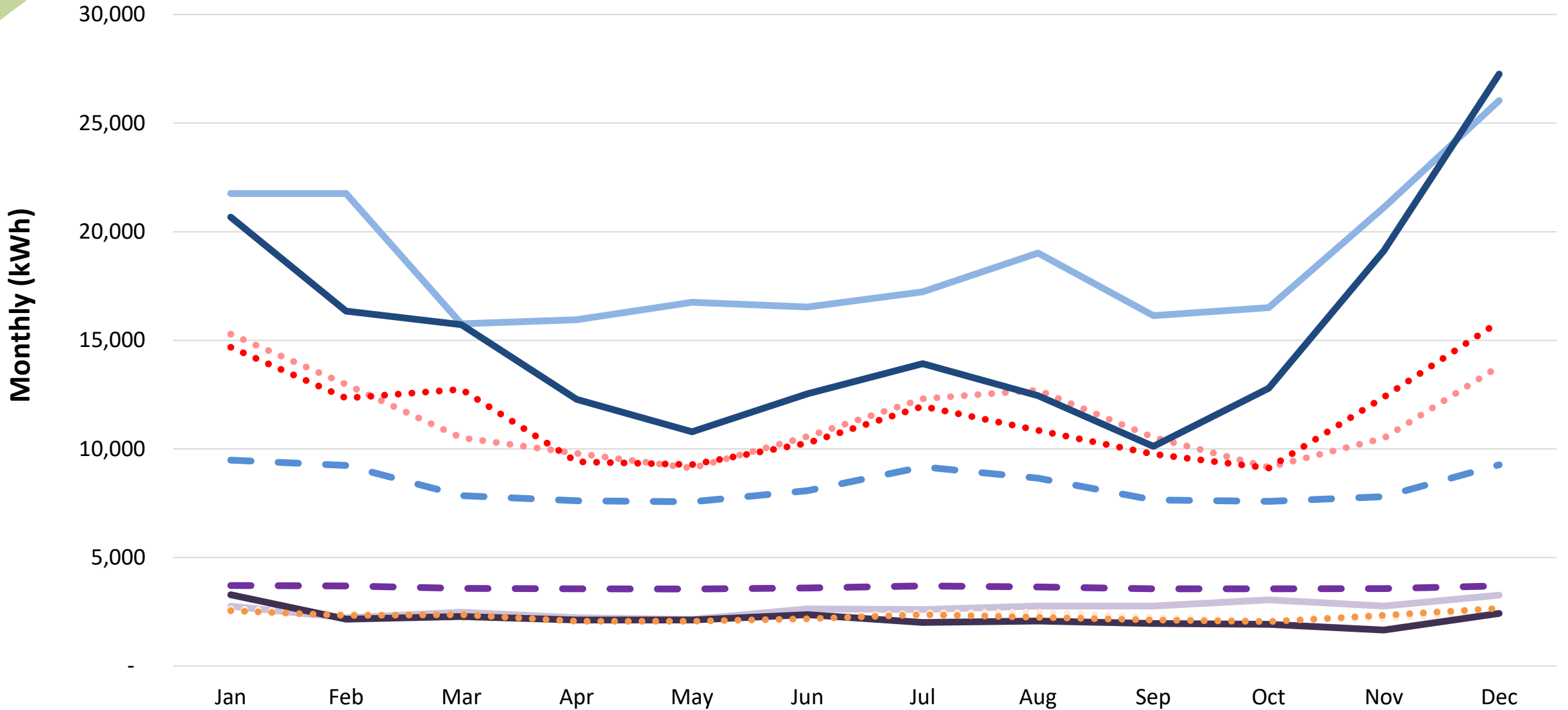


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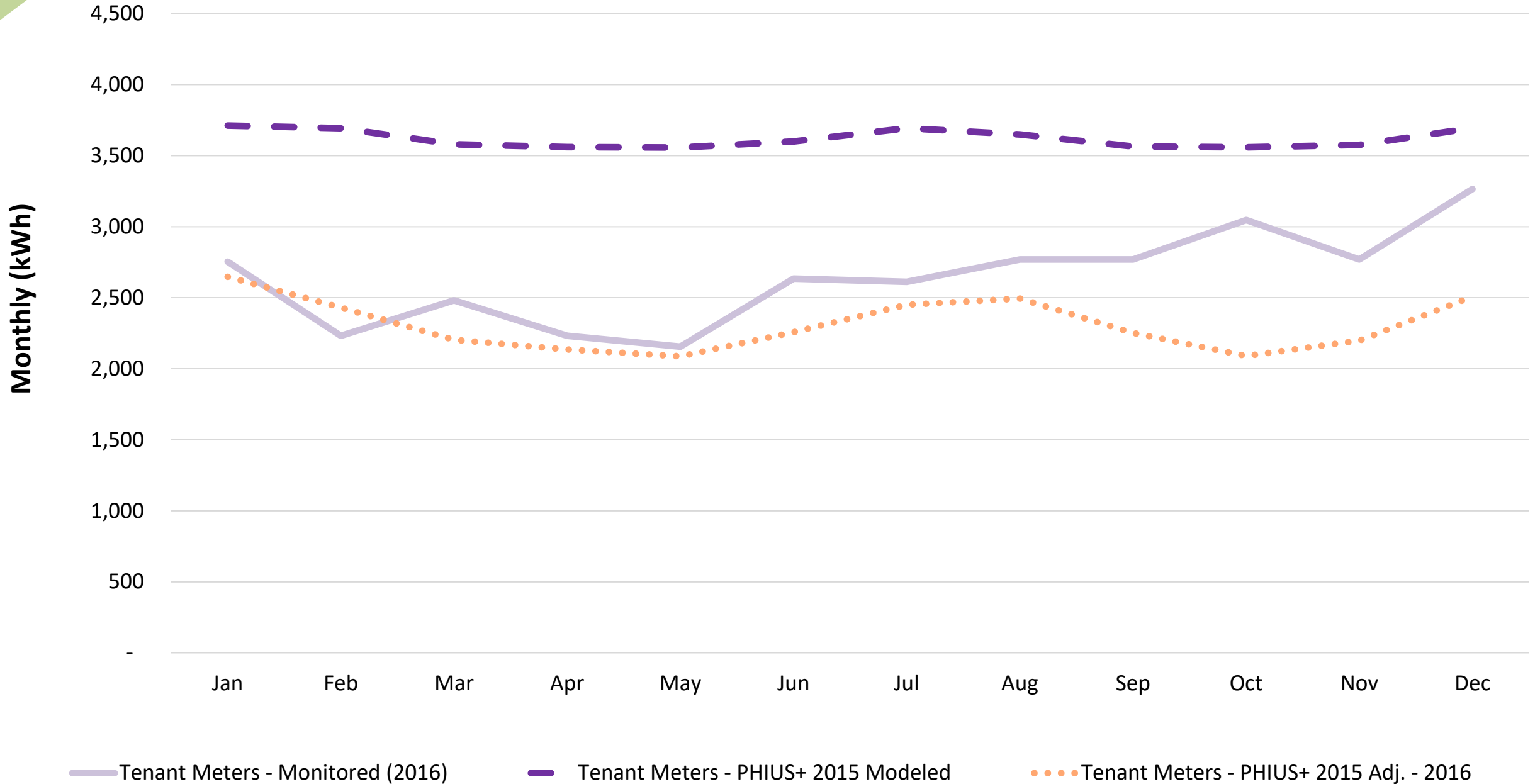


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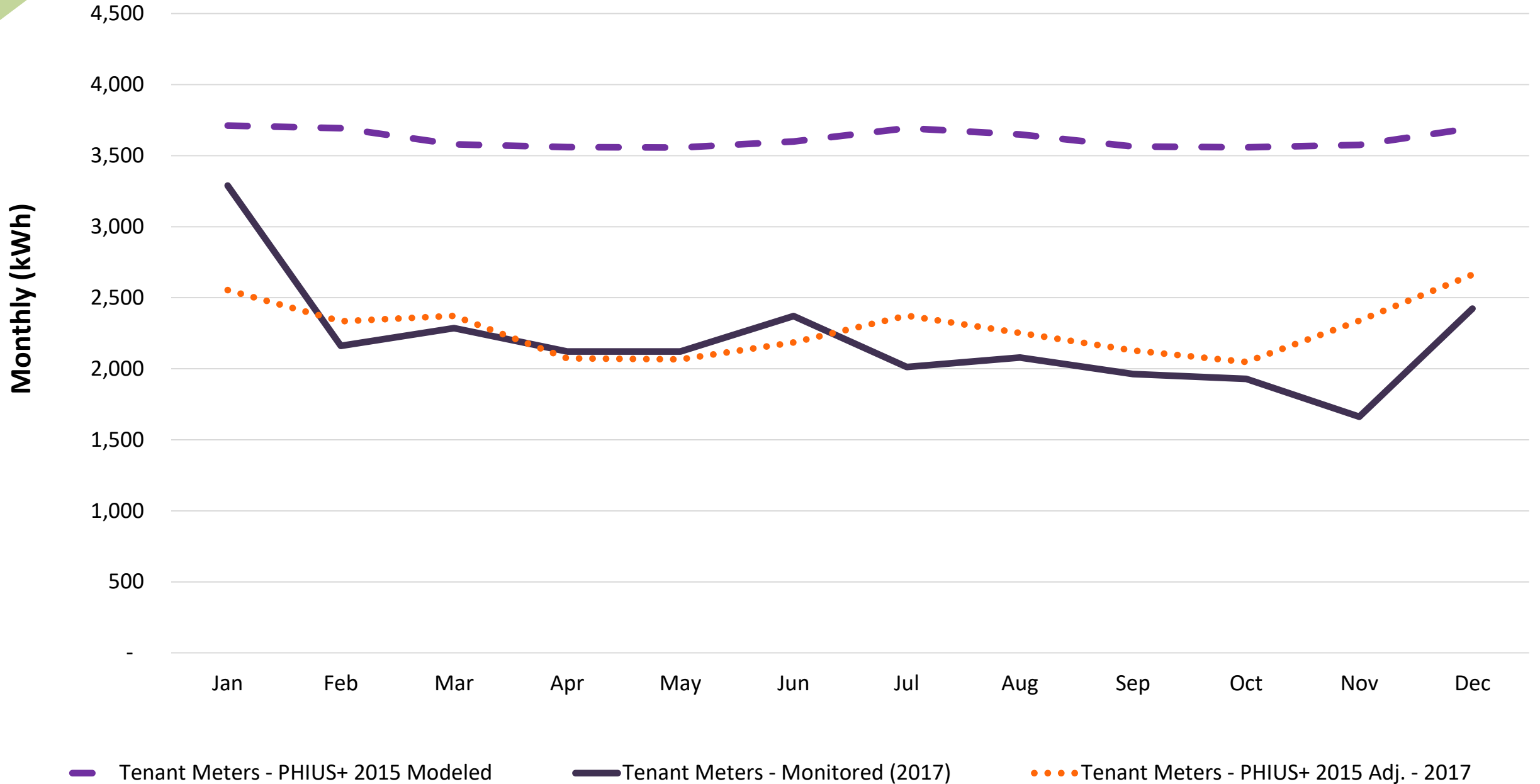


- Tenant Meters - Monitored (2016)
- House Meter - Monitored (2016)
- Tenant Meters - Monitored (2017)
- House Meter - Monitored (2017)
- Tenant Meters - PHIUS+ 2015 Modeled
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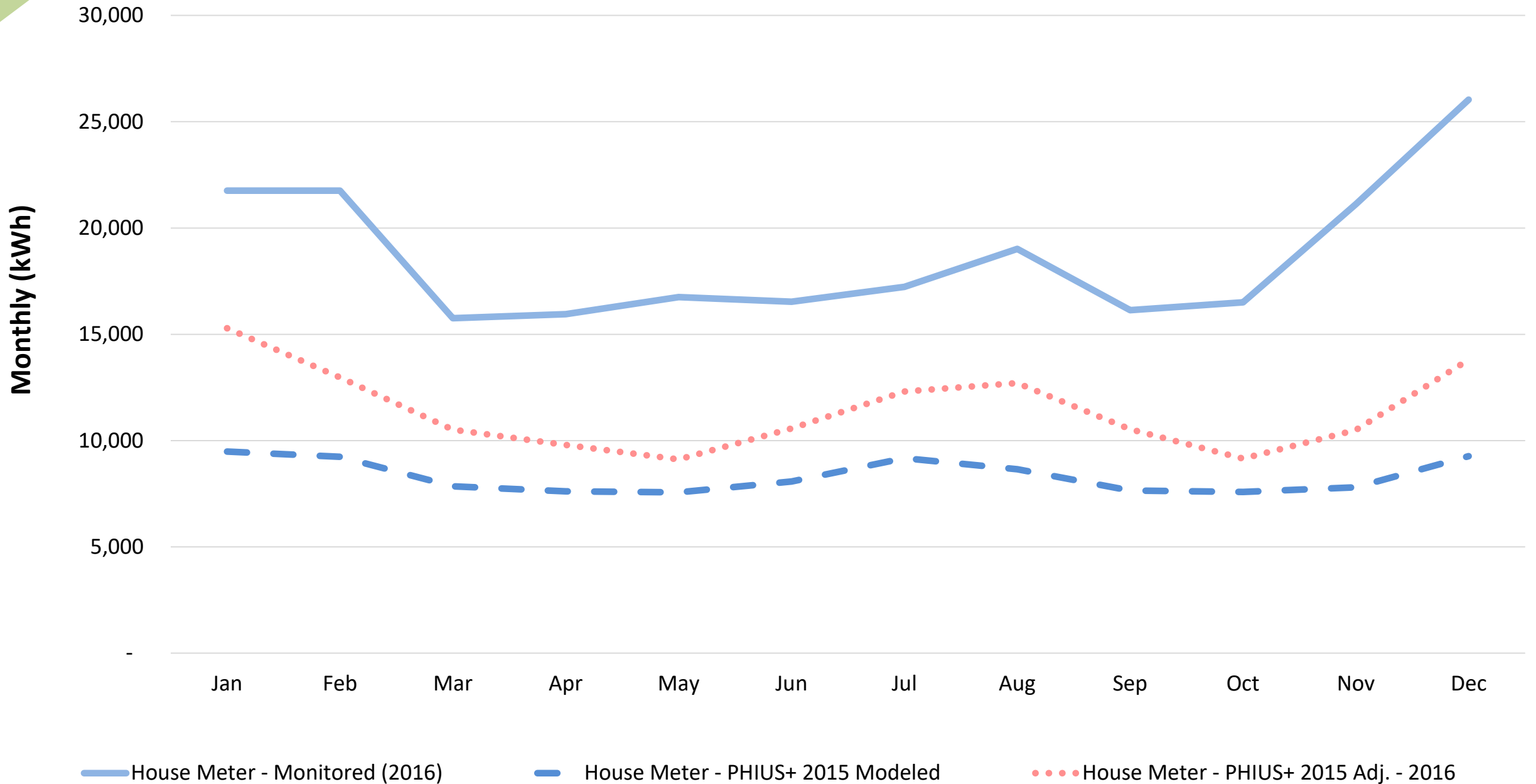
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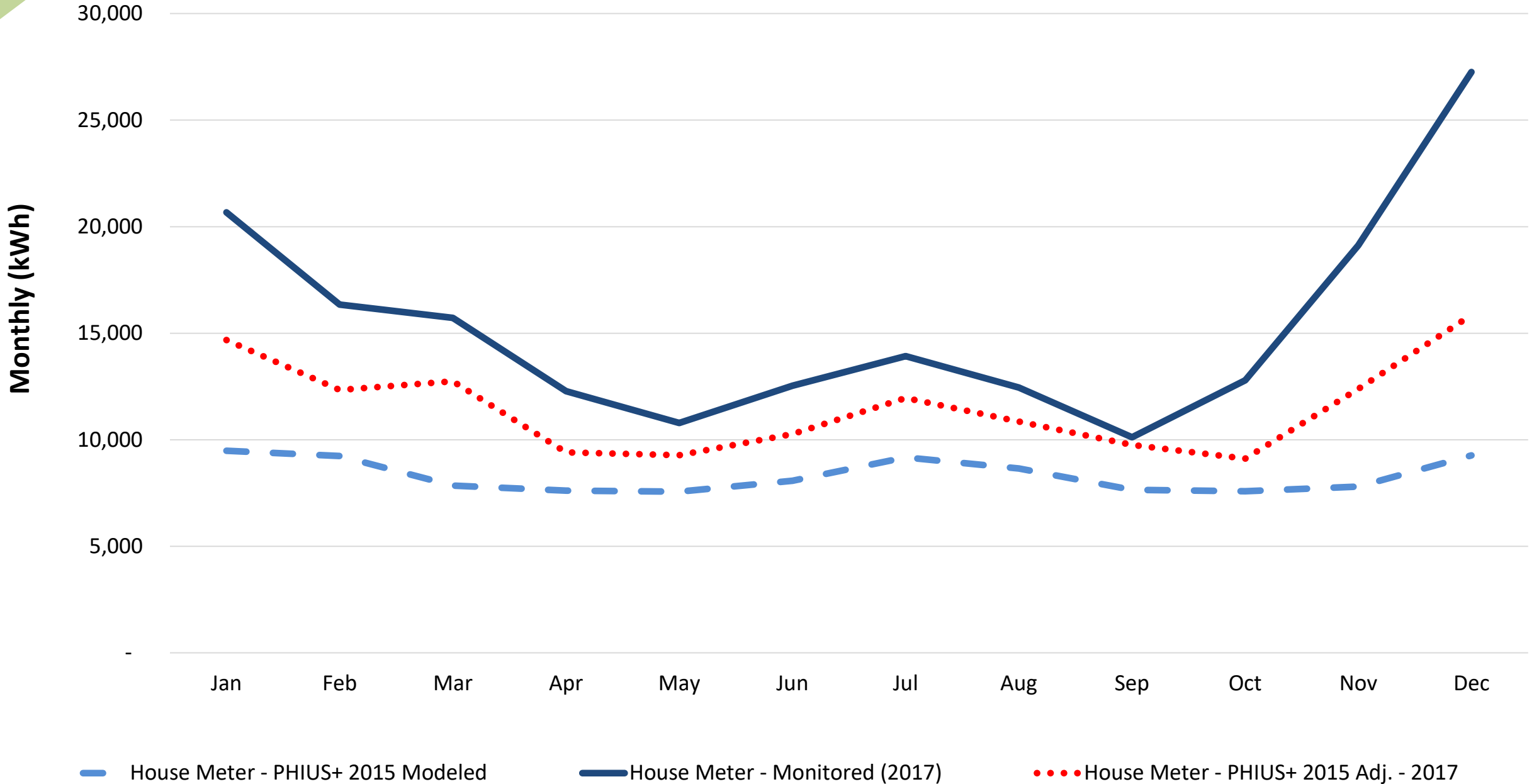
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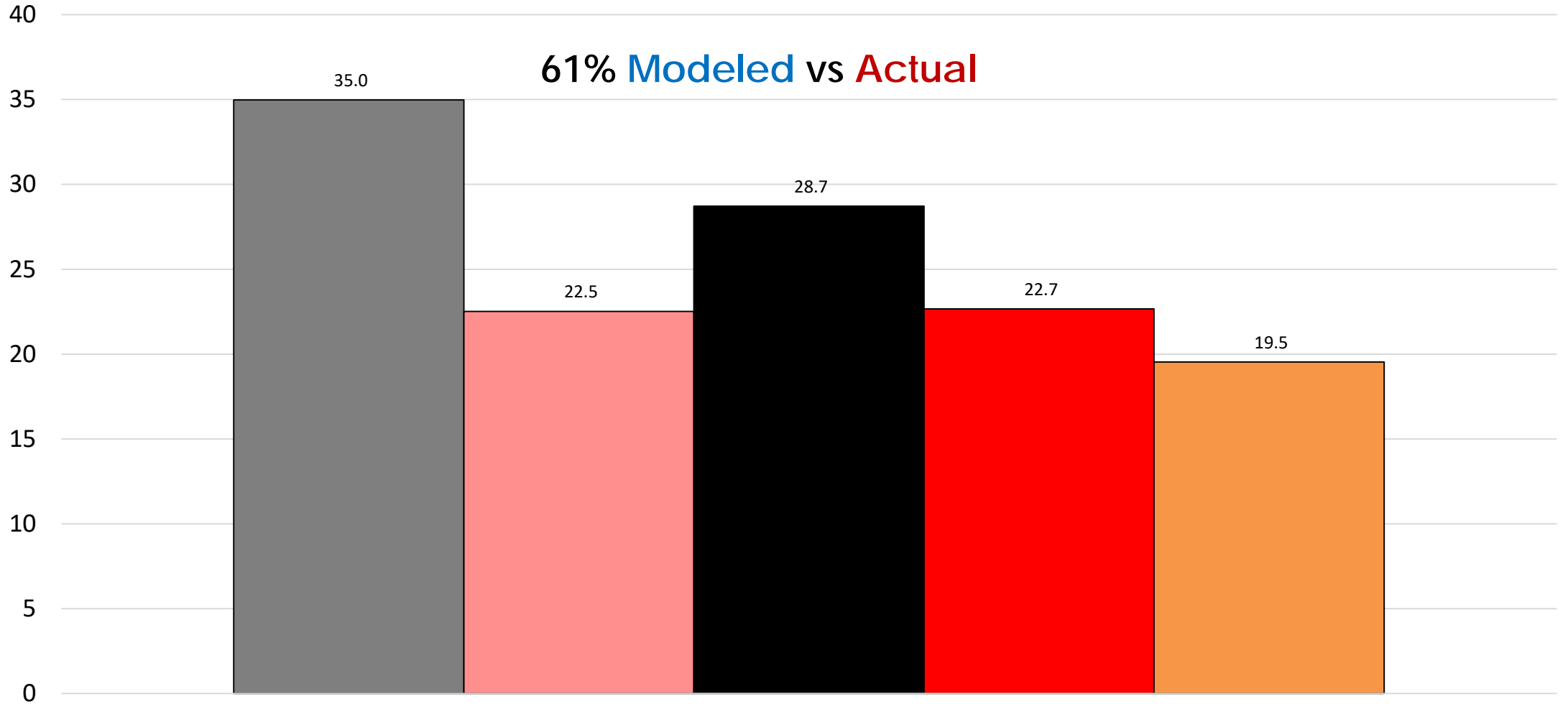


# Site Energy: Monitored vs Modeled



# Site Energy: Monitored vs Adjusted Models

Site Energy Comparison



kBtu/sf.yr

■ Monitored (Electricity) kWh (2016)

■ Modeled - PHIUS+ 2015 Adj - 2016

■ Monitored (Electricity) kWh (2017)

■ Modeled - PHIUS+ 2015 Adj - 2017

■ Modeled - PHIUS+ 2015

Uptown Lofts

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# BAYSIDE ANCHOR

*Portland, ME*

45 Units

iCFA: 36,161 ft<sup>2</sup>

Electric heating, no cooling

Gas Water Heating

Gas Exhaust Dryers

All other electric

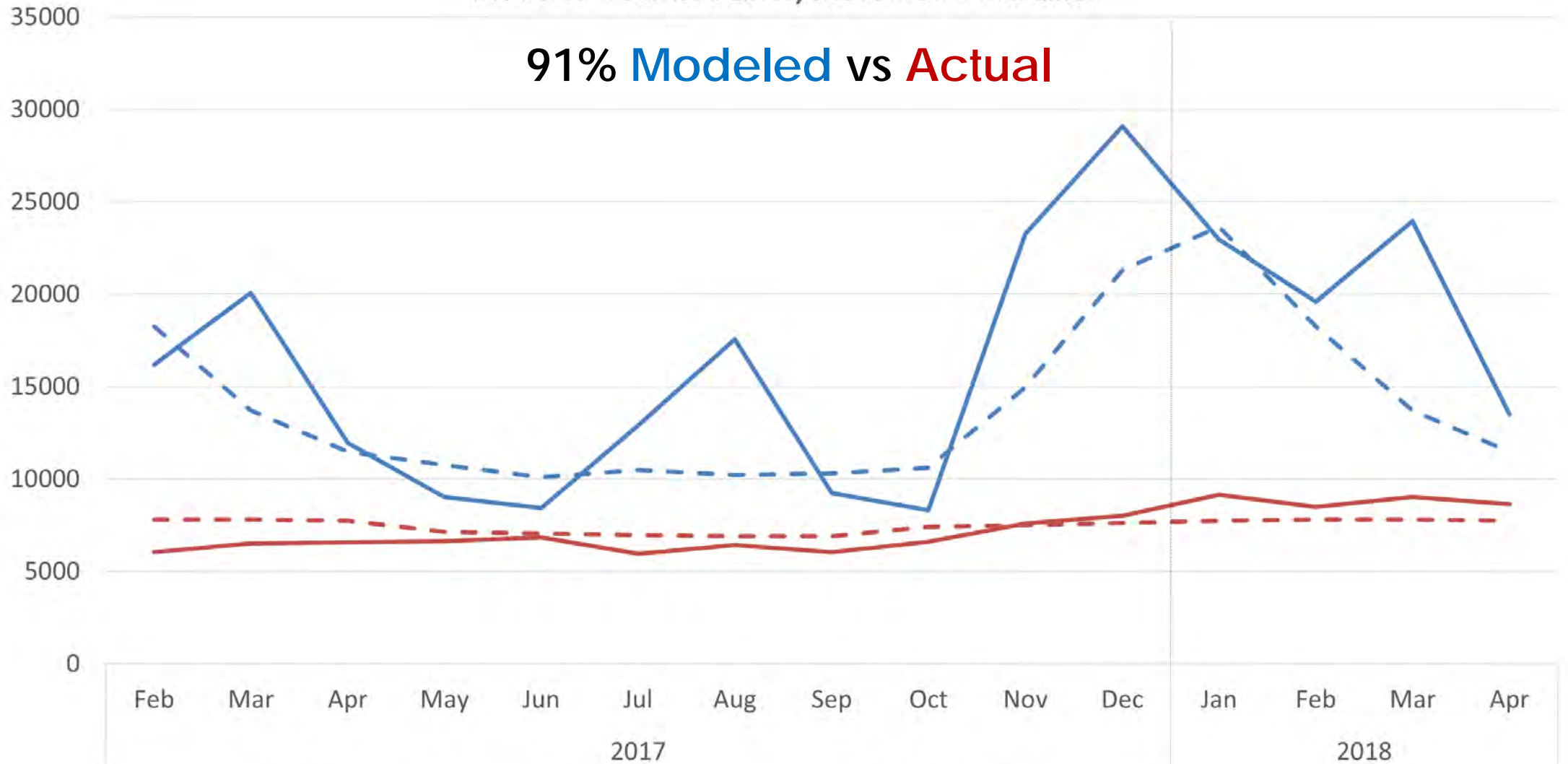




# BAYSIDE ANCHOR

1343 - Bayside Anchor | Portland, ME  
Modeled = Dashed Lines, Measured = Full Lines

91% Modeled vs Actual



- Modeled Elec (kWh)

- Modeled Gas (kWh equiv)

- Measured Elec (kWh)

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# VILLAGE CENTER

*Brewer, ME*

48 Units  
iCFA:  
51,778 ft<sup>2</sup>

Central Heating  
Individual Unit Cooling  
Gas Water Heating  
All other electric

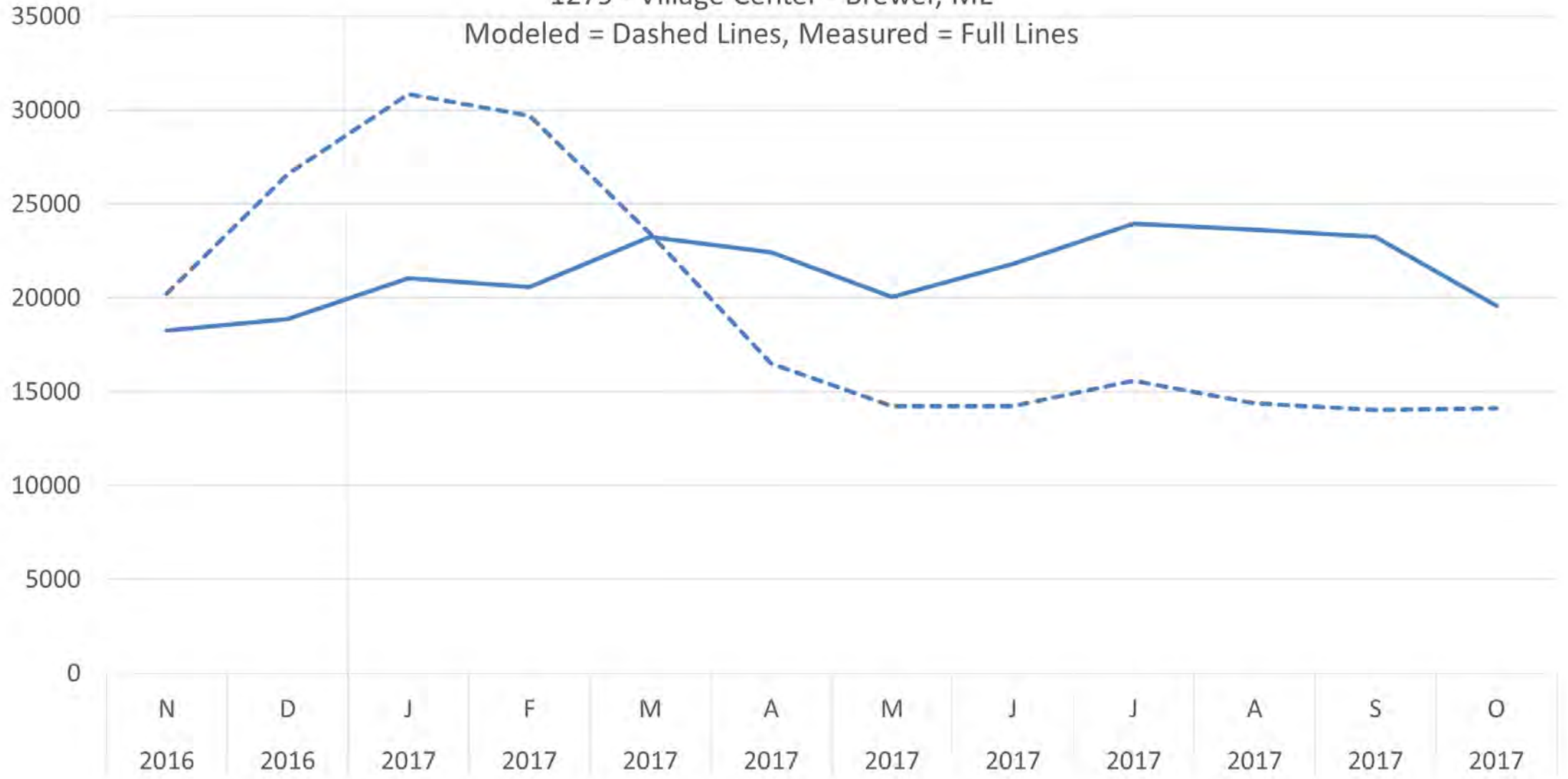
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## TOTAL ENERGY USE

1279 - Village Center - Brewer, ME

93% Modeled vs Actual

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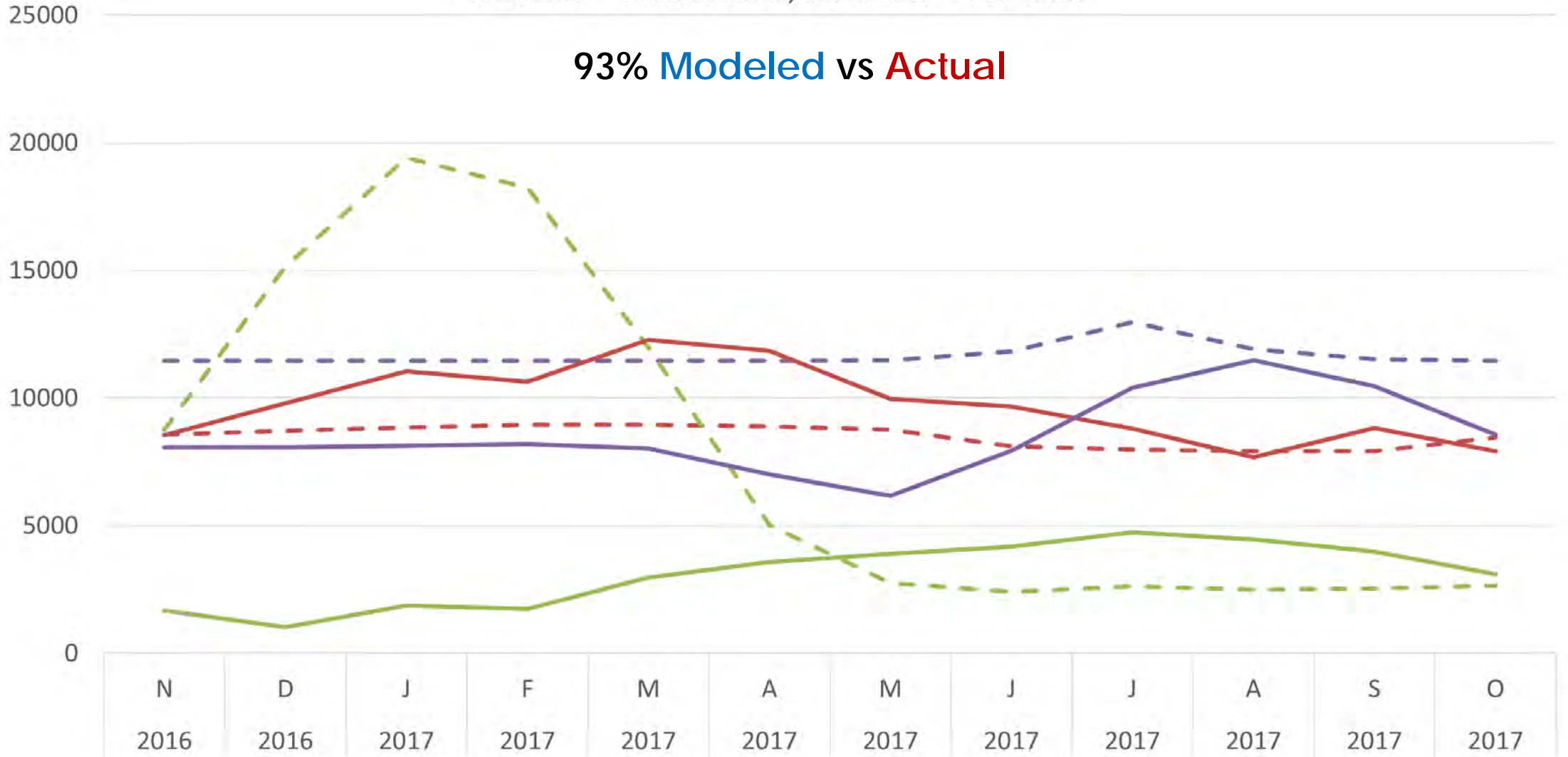
--- MODELED ENERGY USE Modeled Total (kWh)

— MEASURED ENERGY USE Measured Total Elec (kWh)

# VILLAGE CENTER

1279 - Village Center - Brewer, ME  
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Modeled Total Gas (kWh equiv)

Modeled Units (kWh)

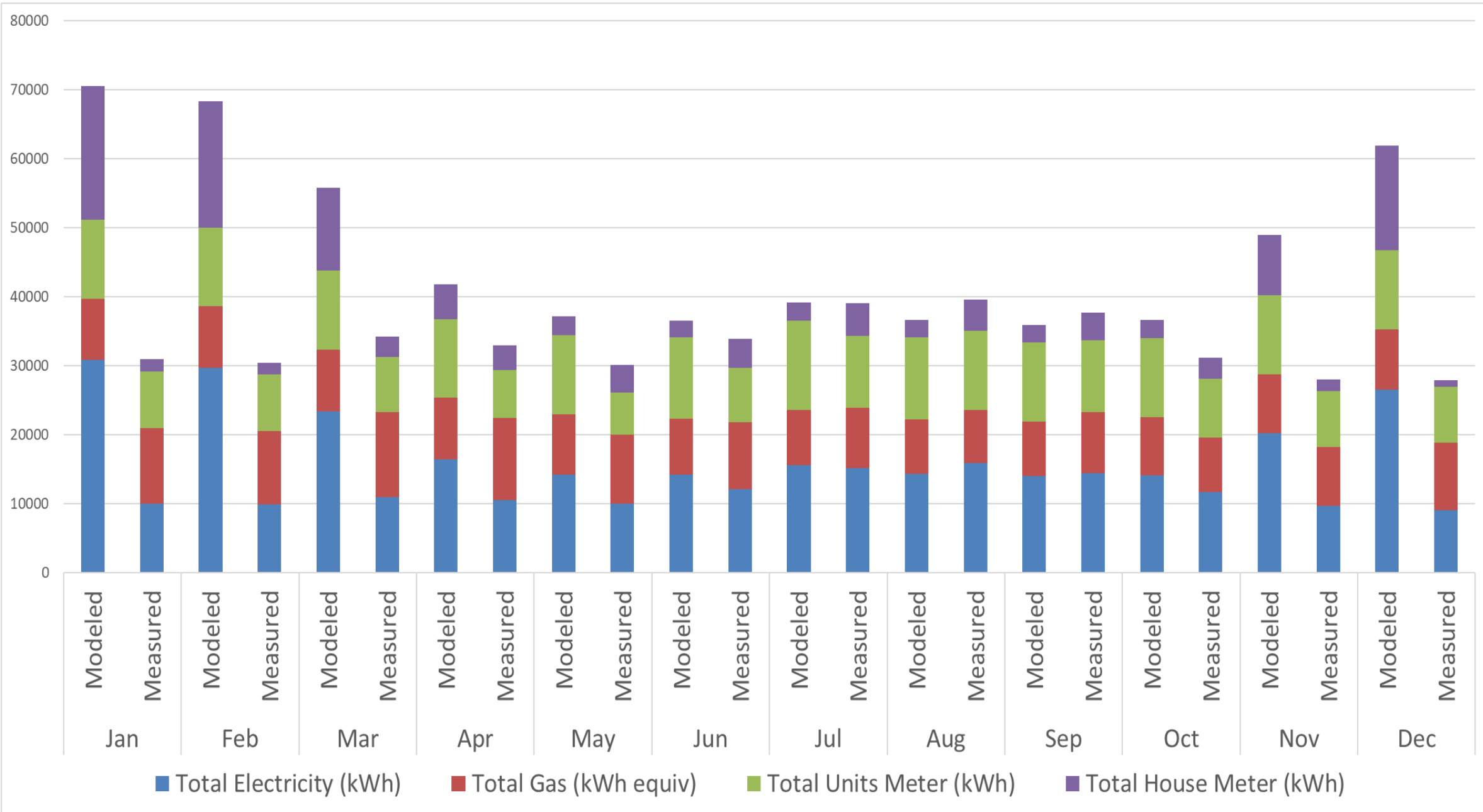
Modeled House Meter (kWh)

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Measured Units (kWh)

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# Beach Green Dunes

*Far Rockaway, NY*

101 units

107,800 ft<sup>2</sup>

Central VRF

In-Unit ERVs

Gas Water Heating

Central Laundry



**WEGOWISE**

**BUILDING**

**ELECTRIC BILLS**

**YANMAR**

**LG VRF**

**TENANT ELECTRIC**

**SYSTEM**

**BILLS**

**PHOTOVOLTAICS**

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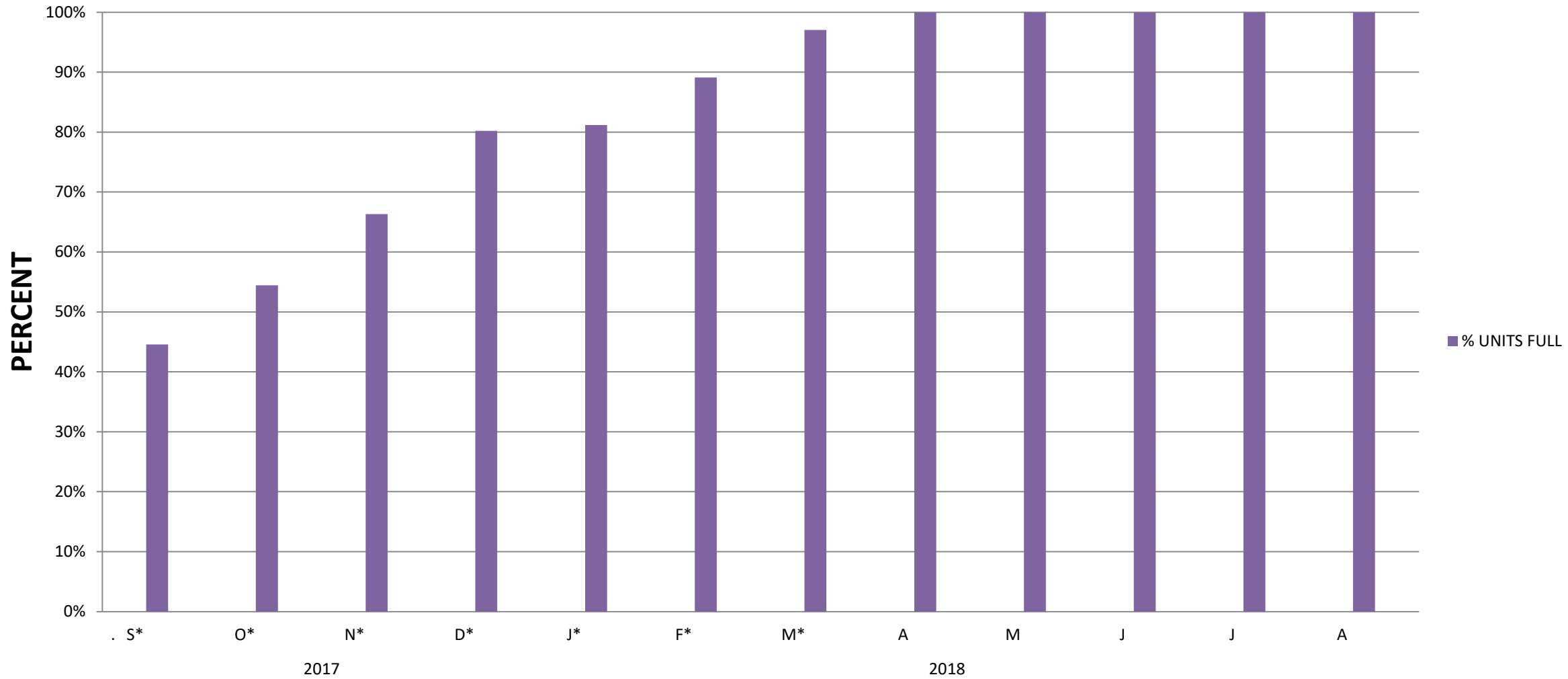
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**PHOTOVOLTAICS**

\*Months Under Occupied

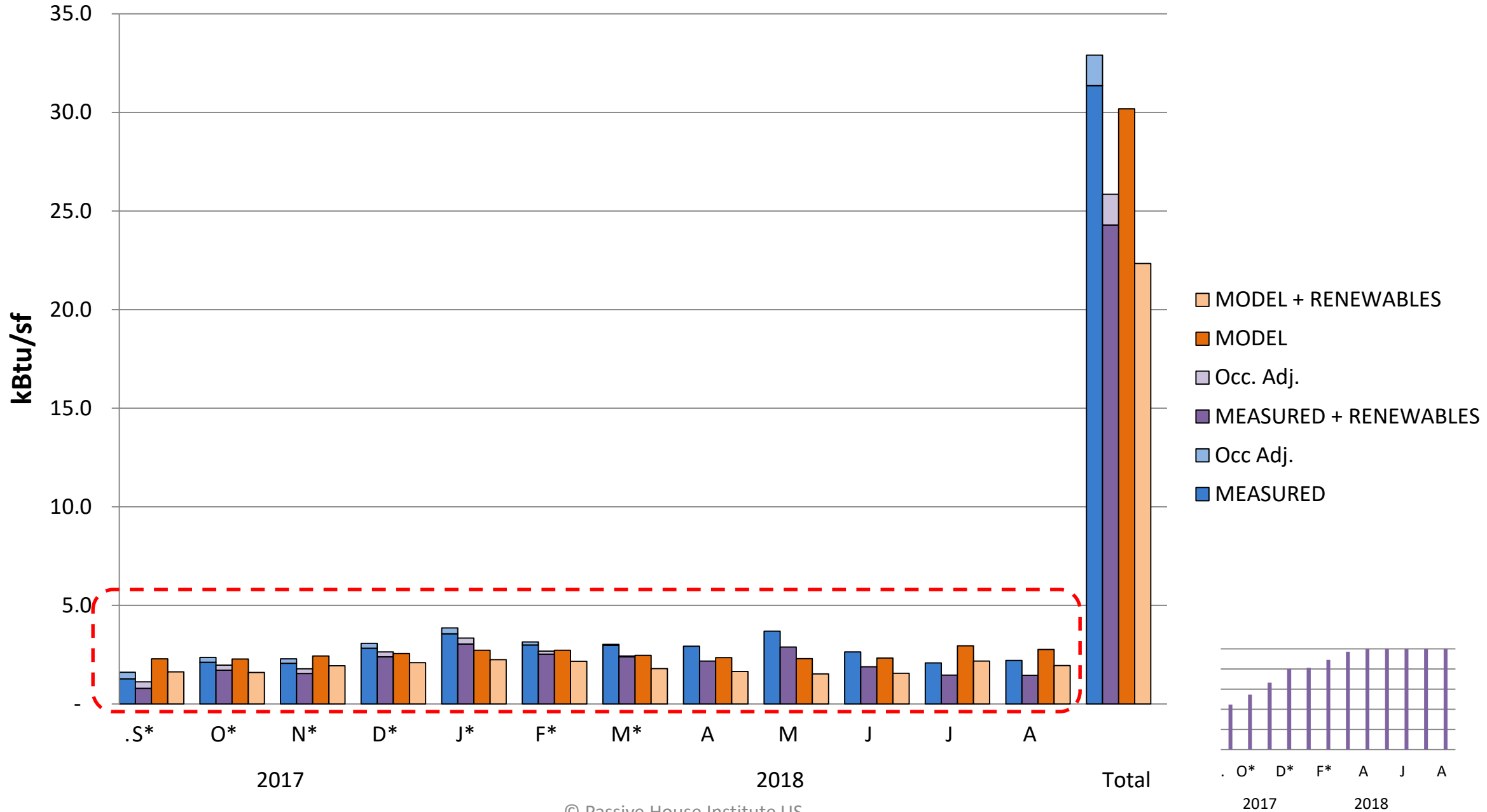
# 84% Average Occupancy

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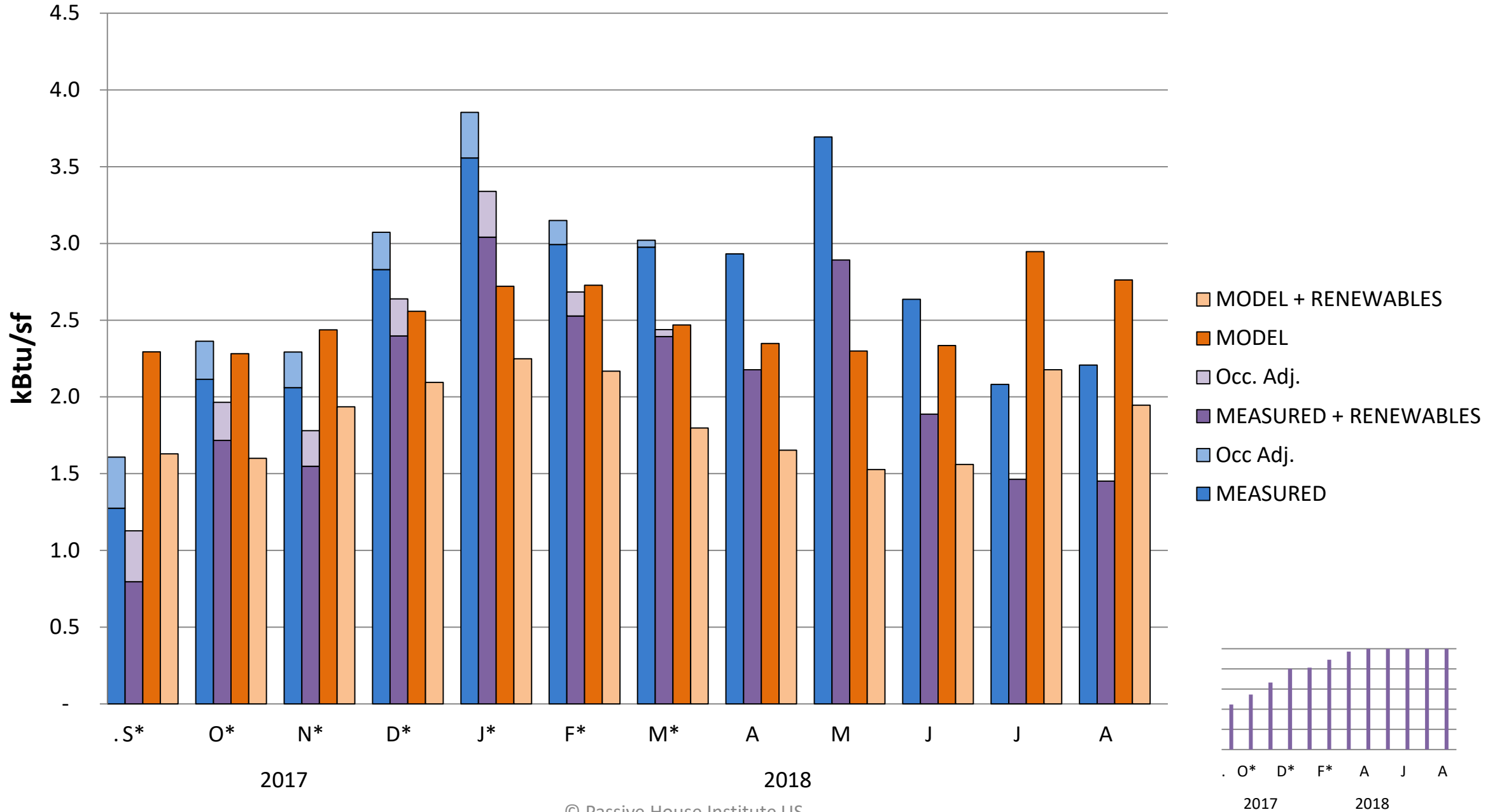
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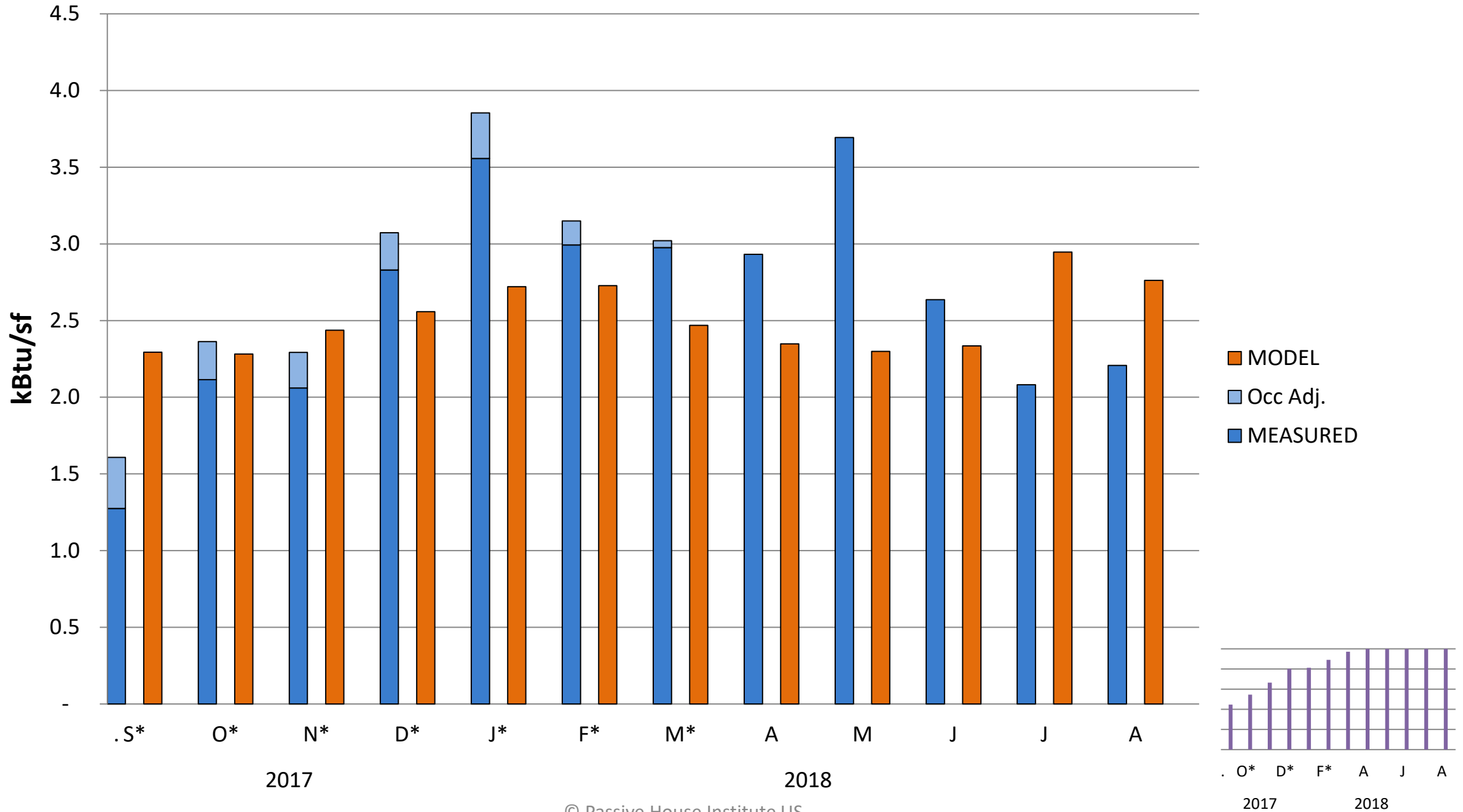
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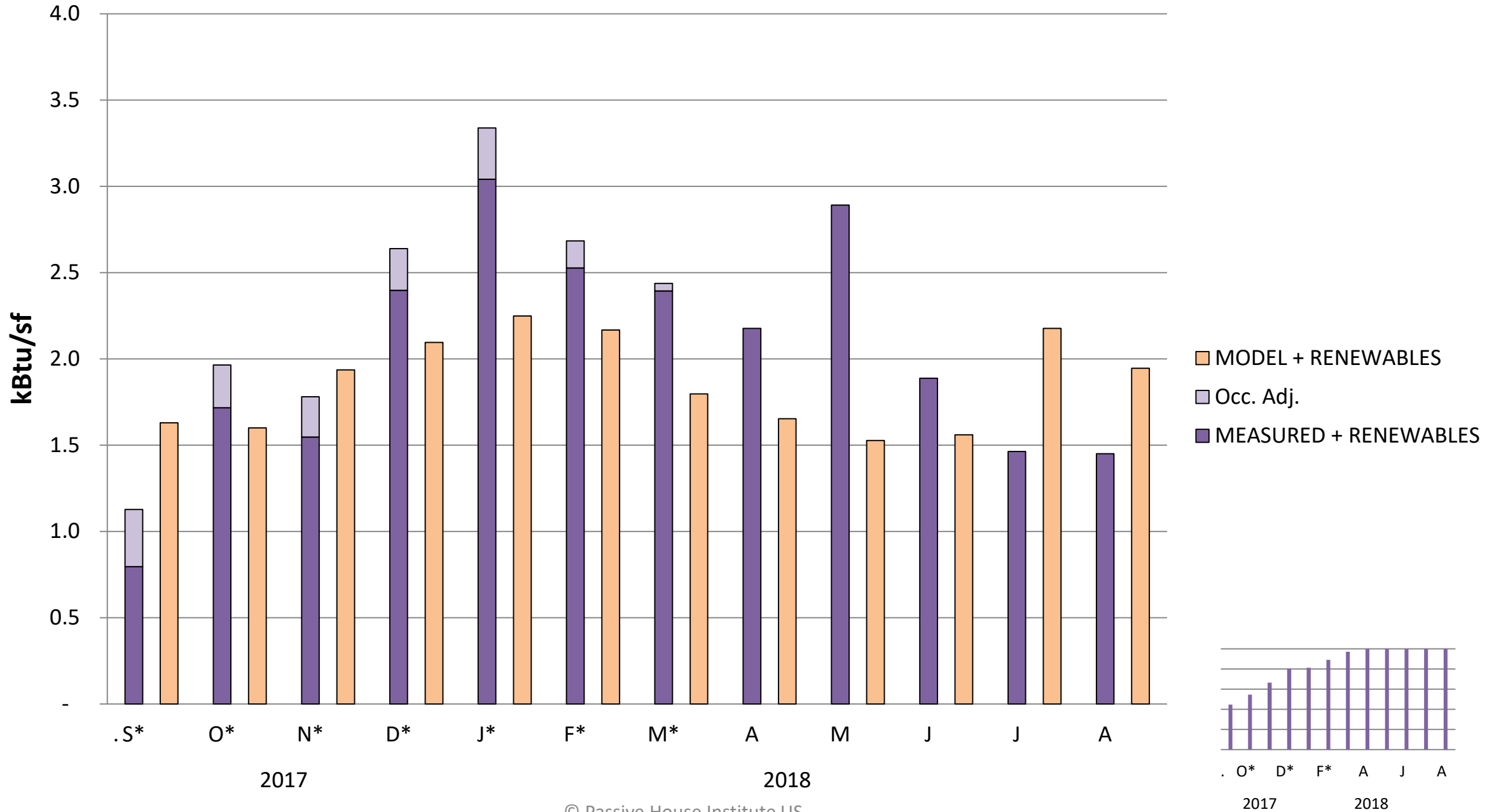
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## SITE EUI - NO PV



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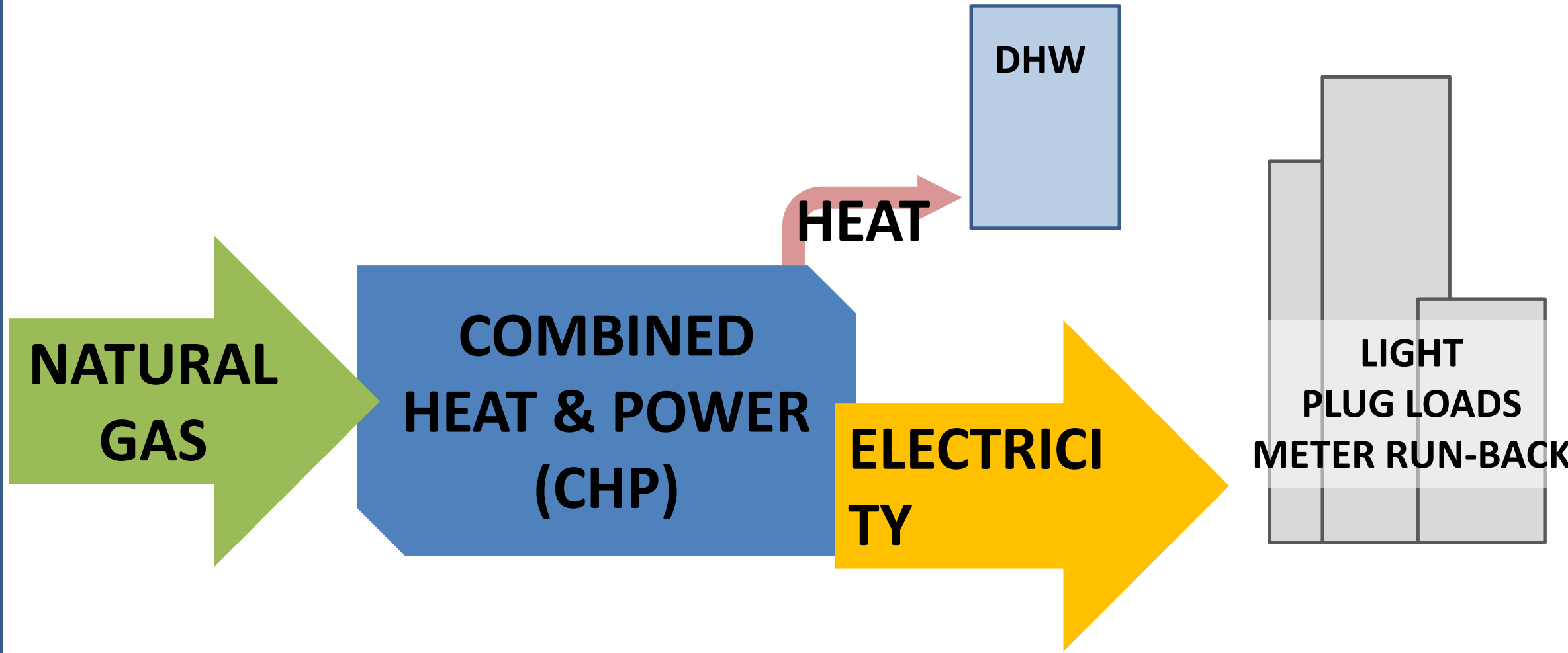
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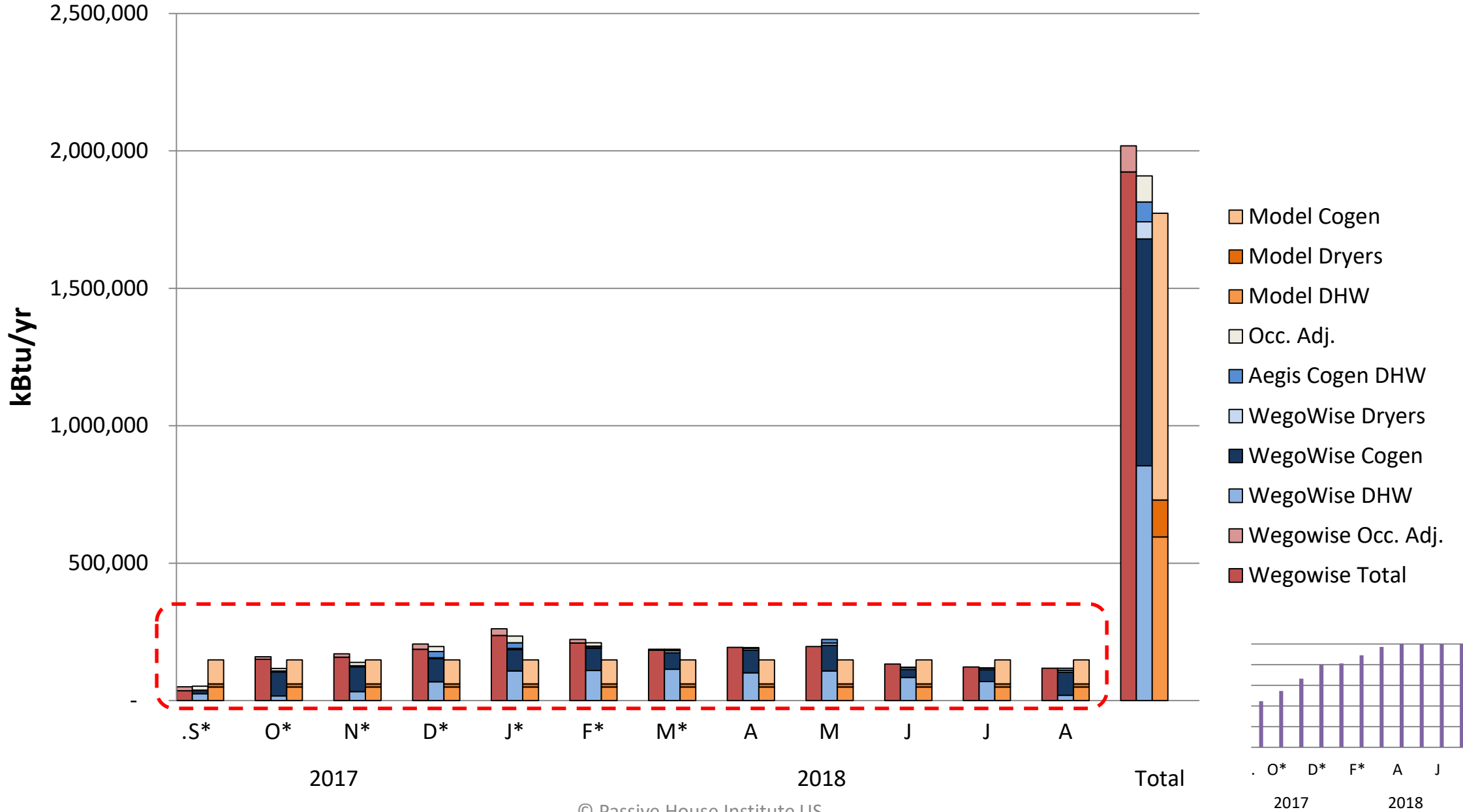
**NATURAL GAS**  
**COMBINED HEAT & POWER**  
**DOMESTIC HOT WATER**  
**DRYERS**





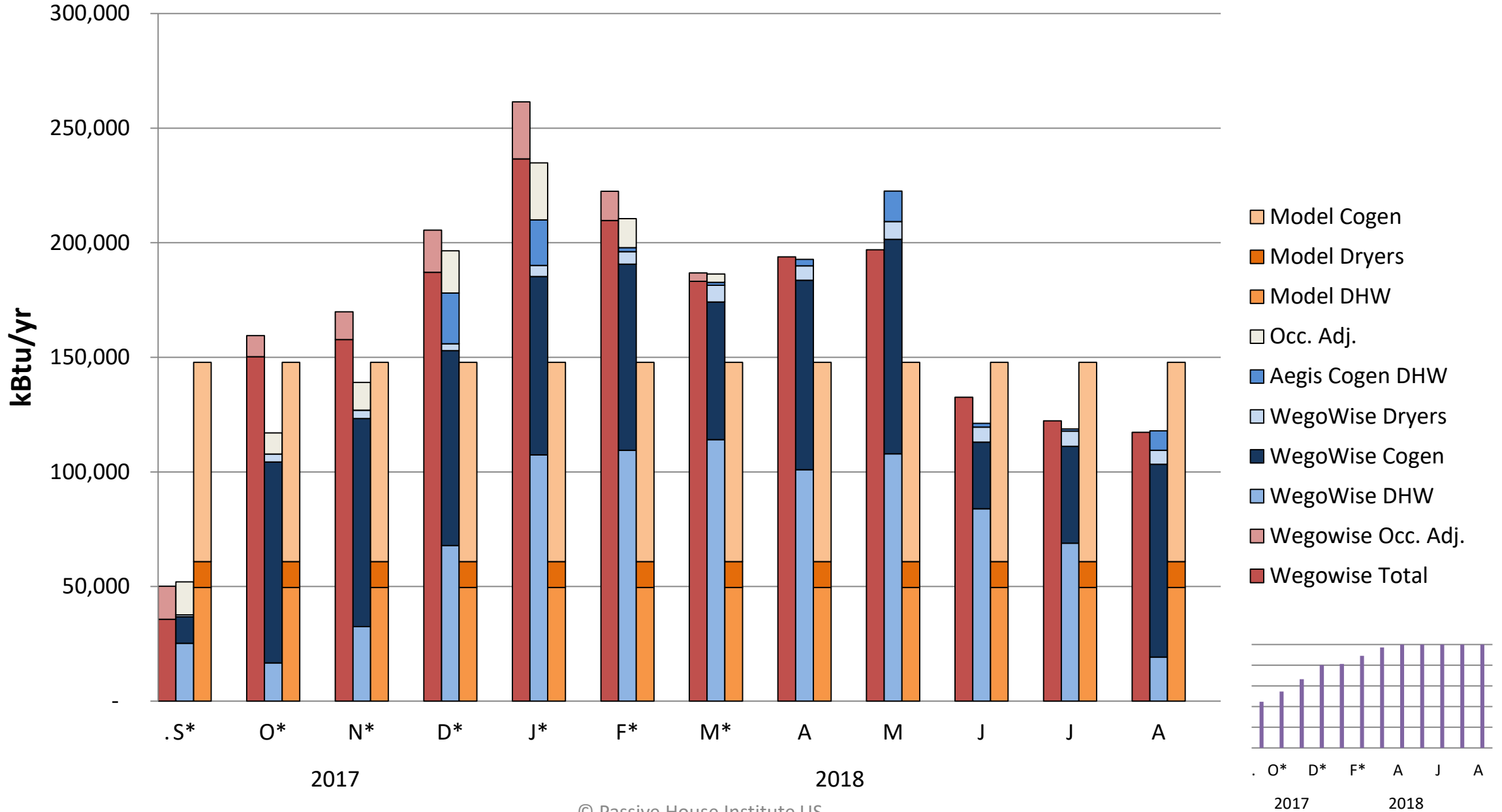
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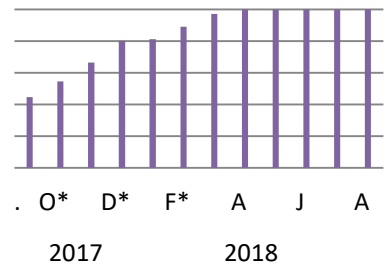
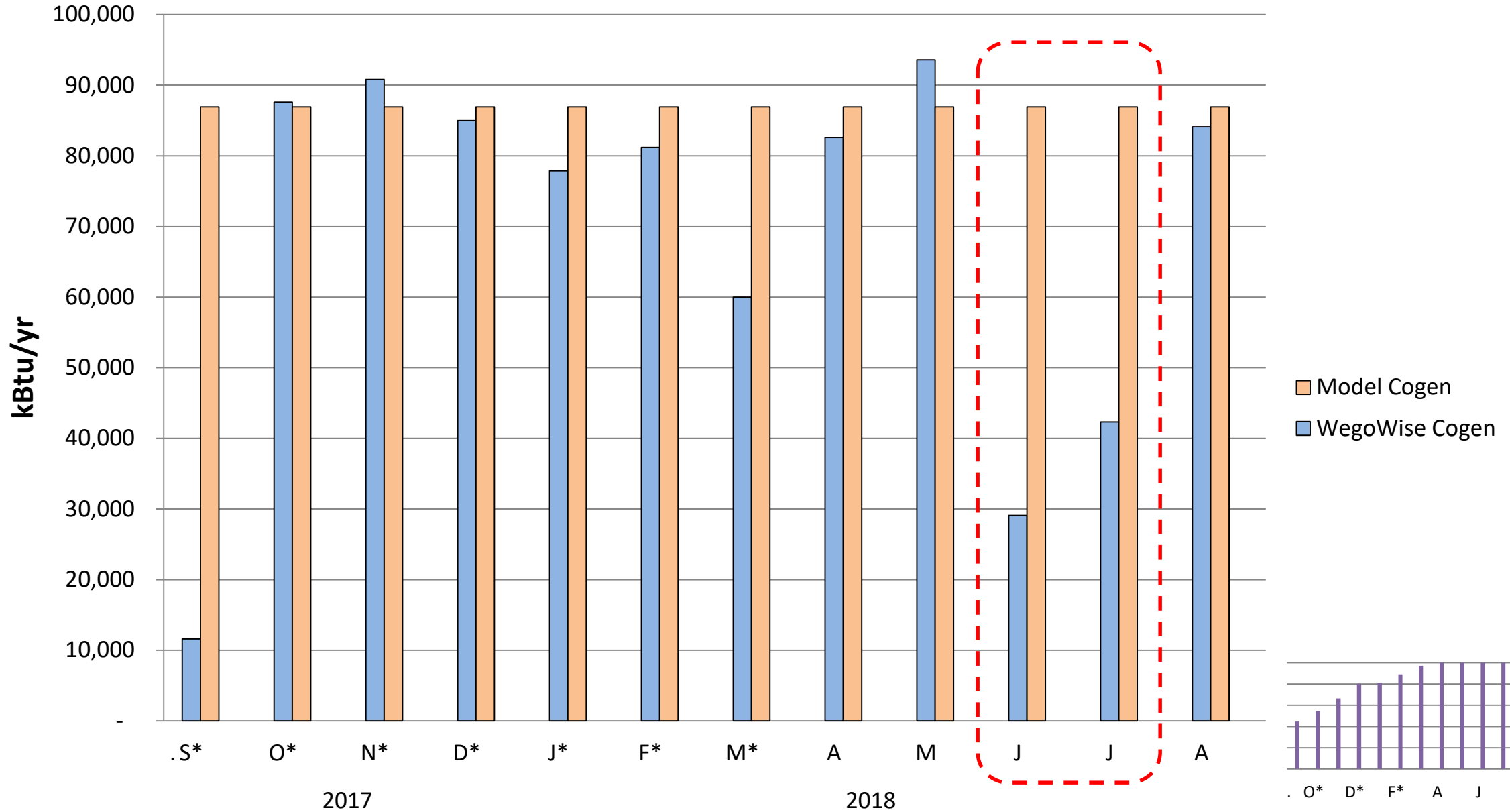
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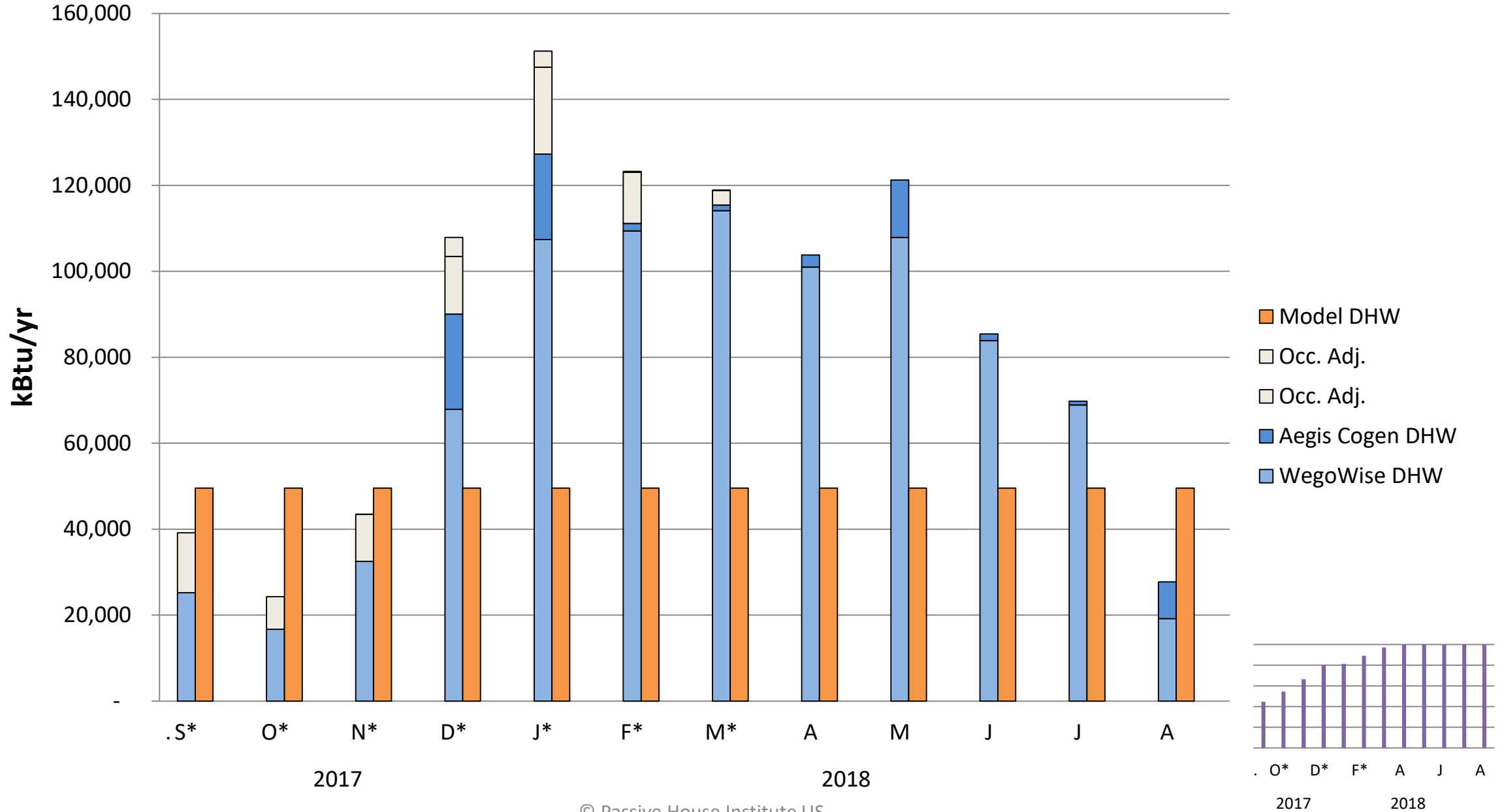


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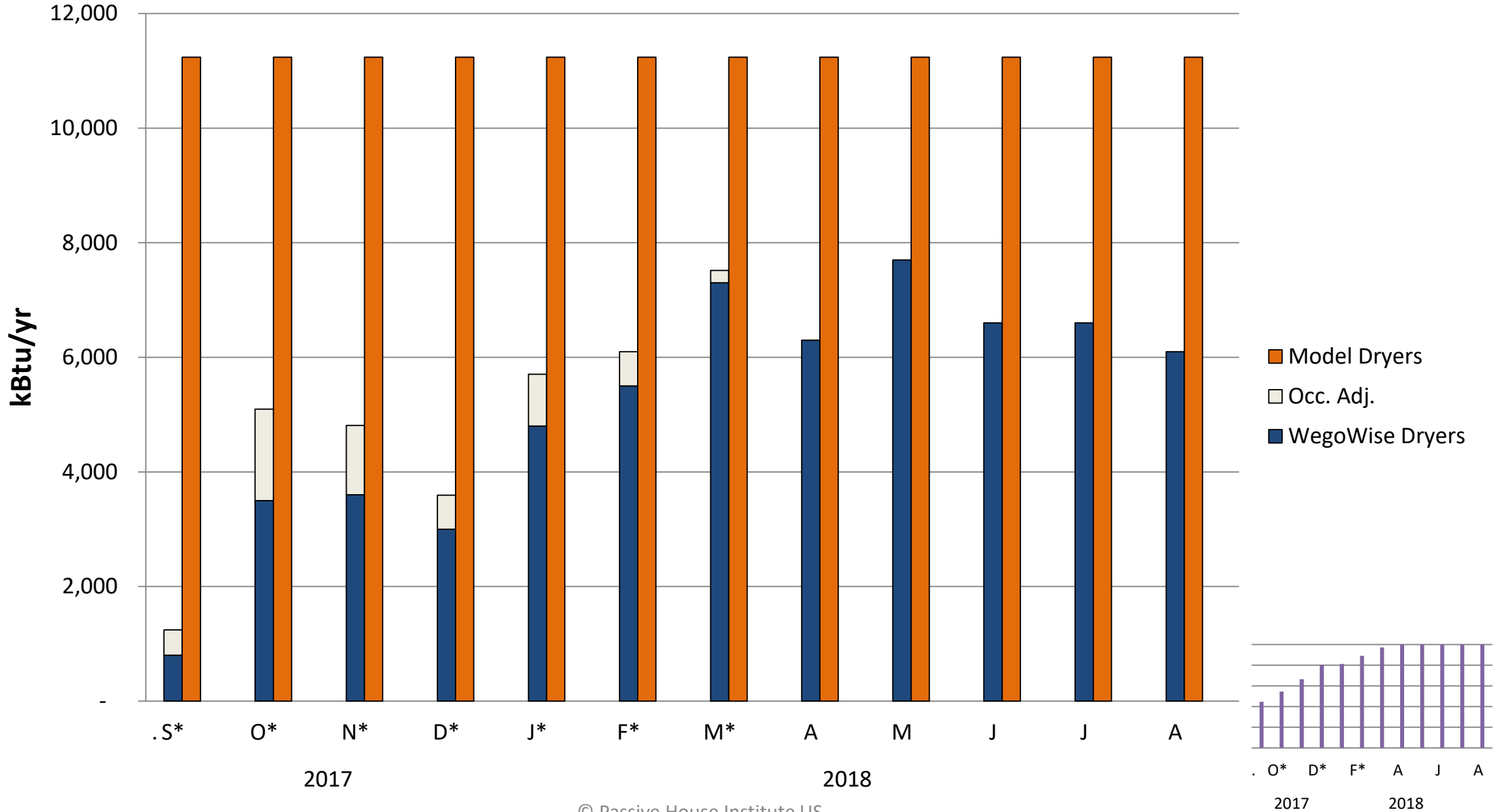
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## DHW USAGE



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DRYER USAGE



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## ELECTRICITY

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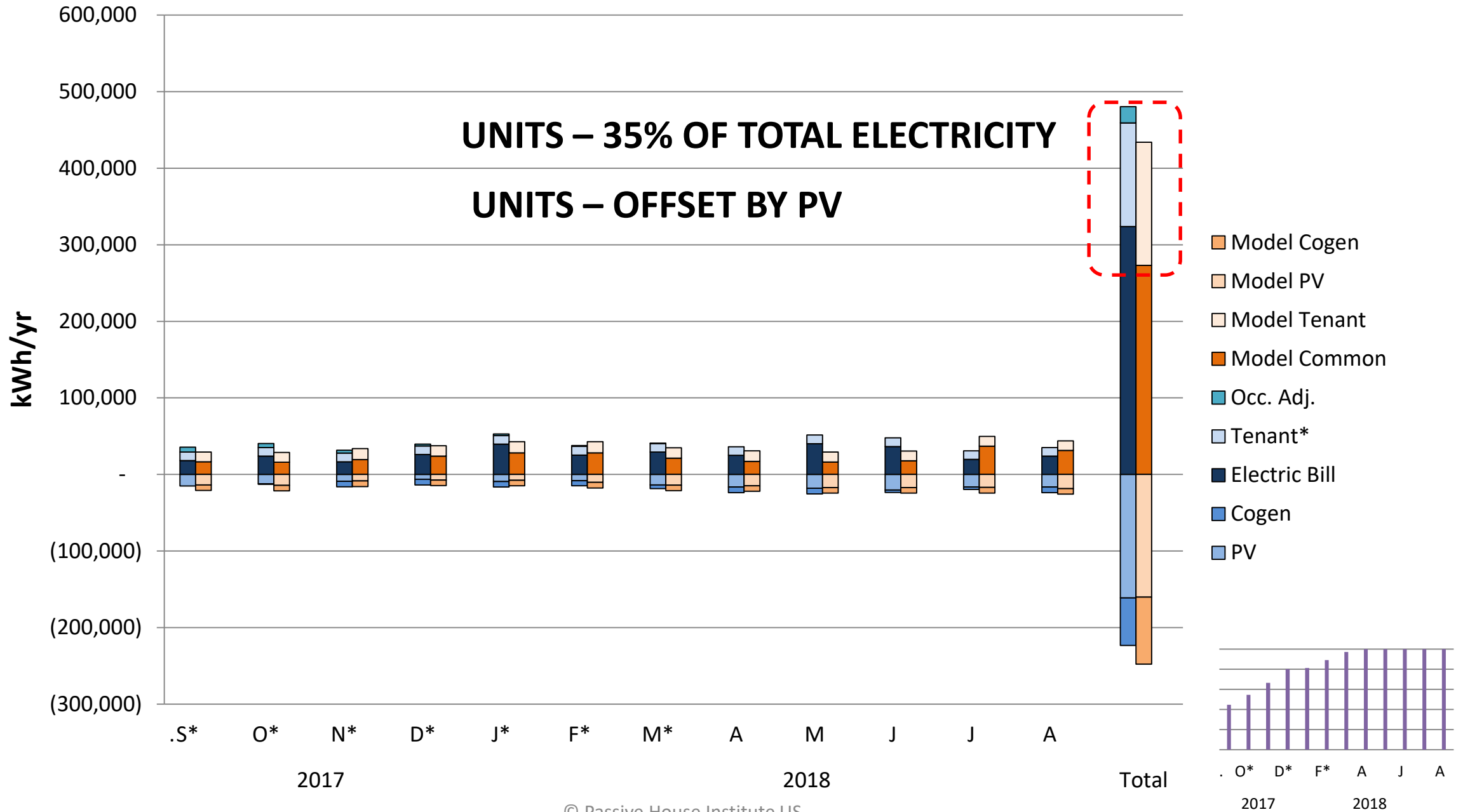
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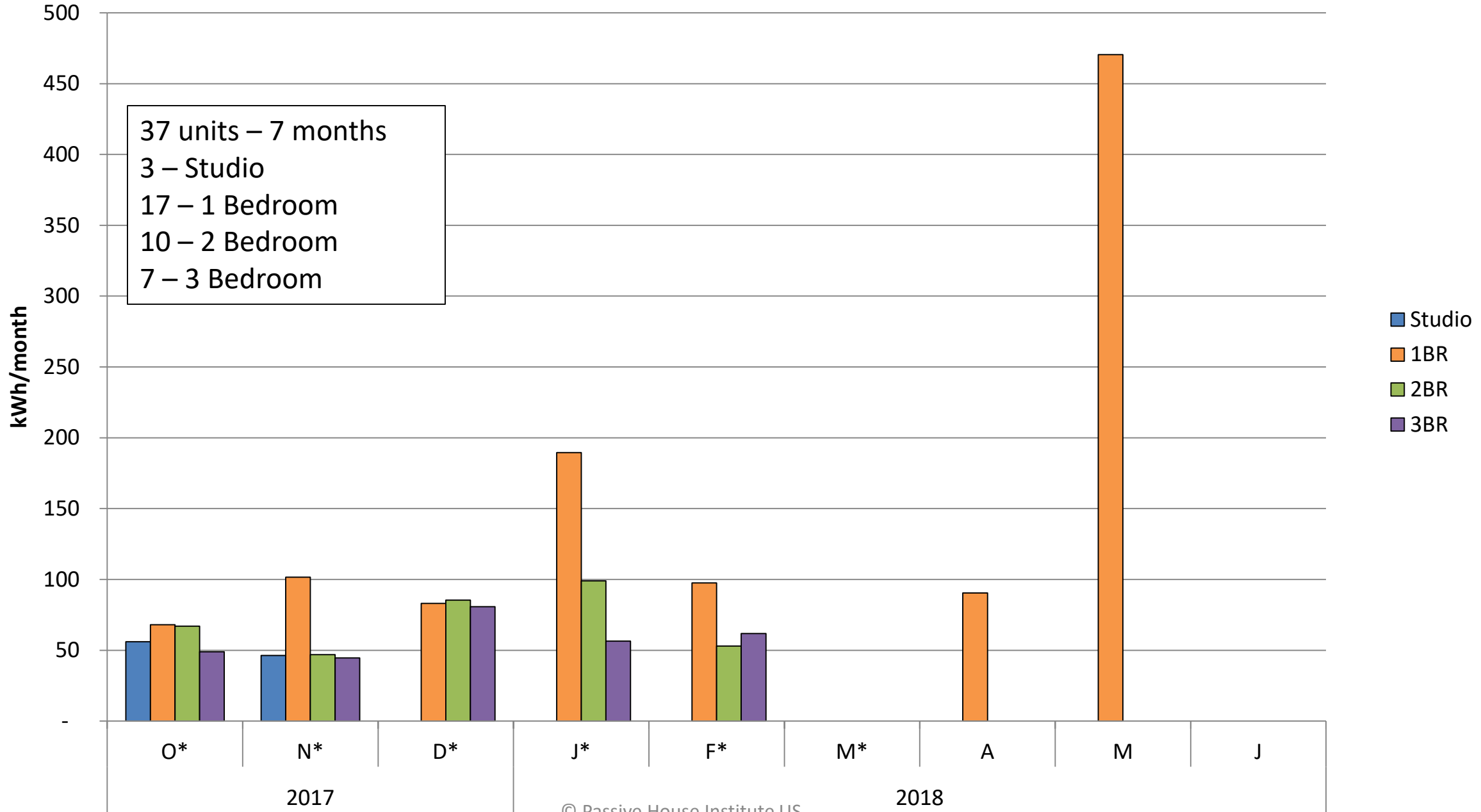
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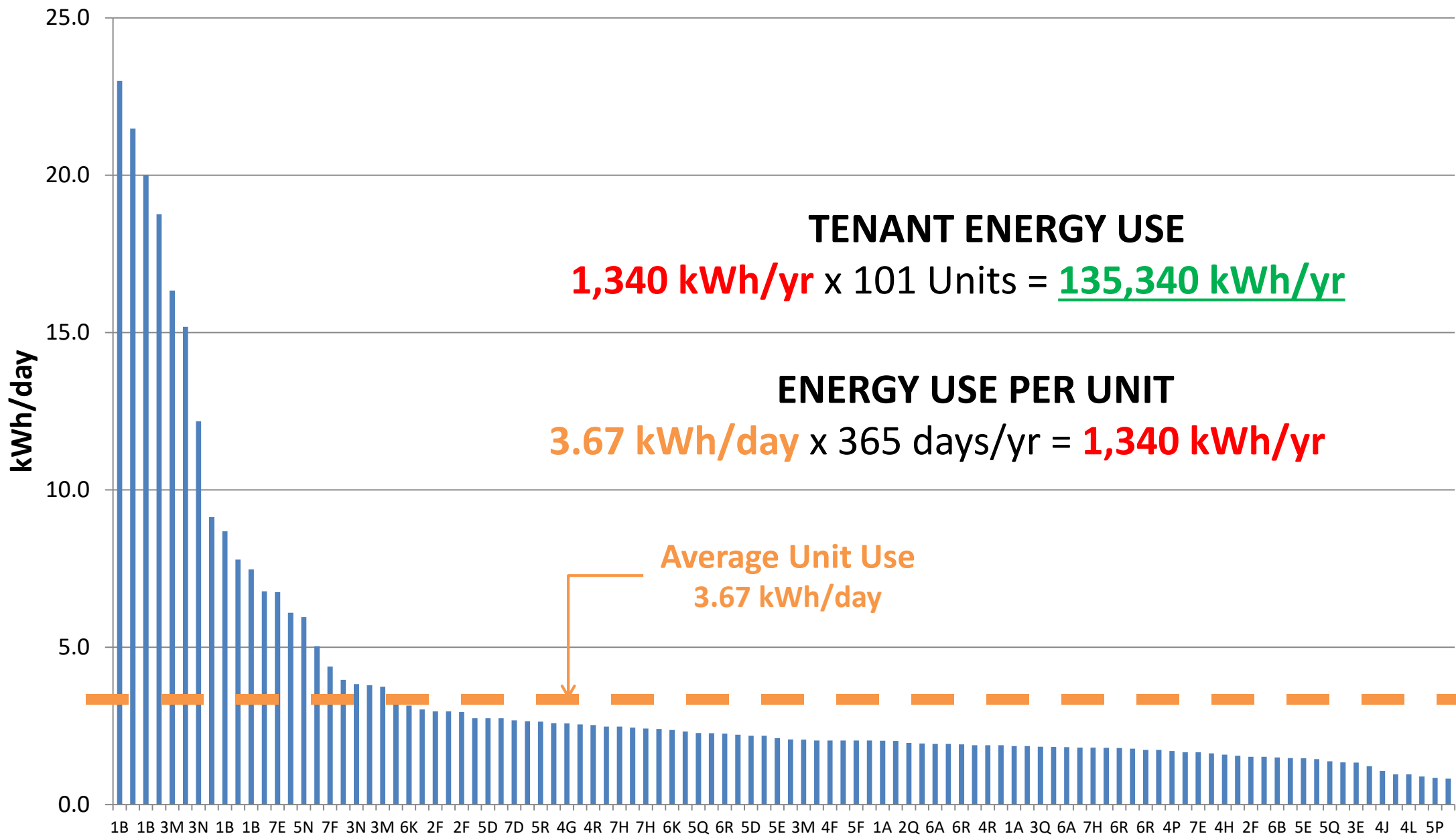
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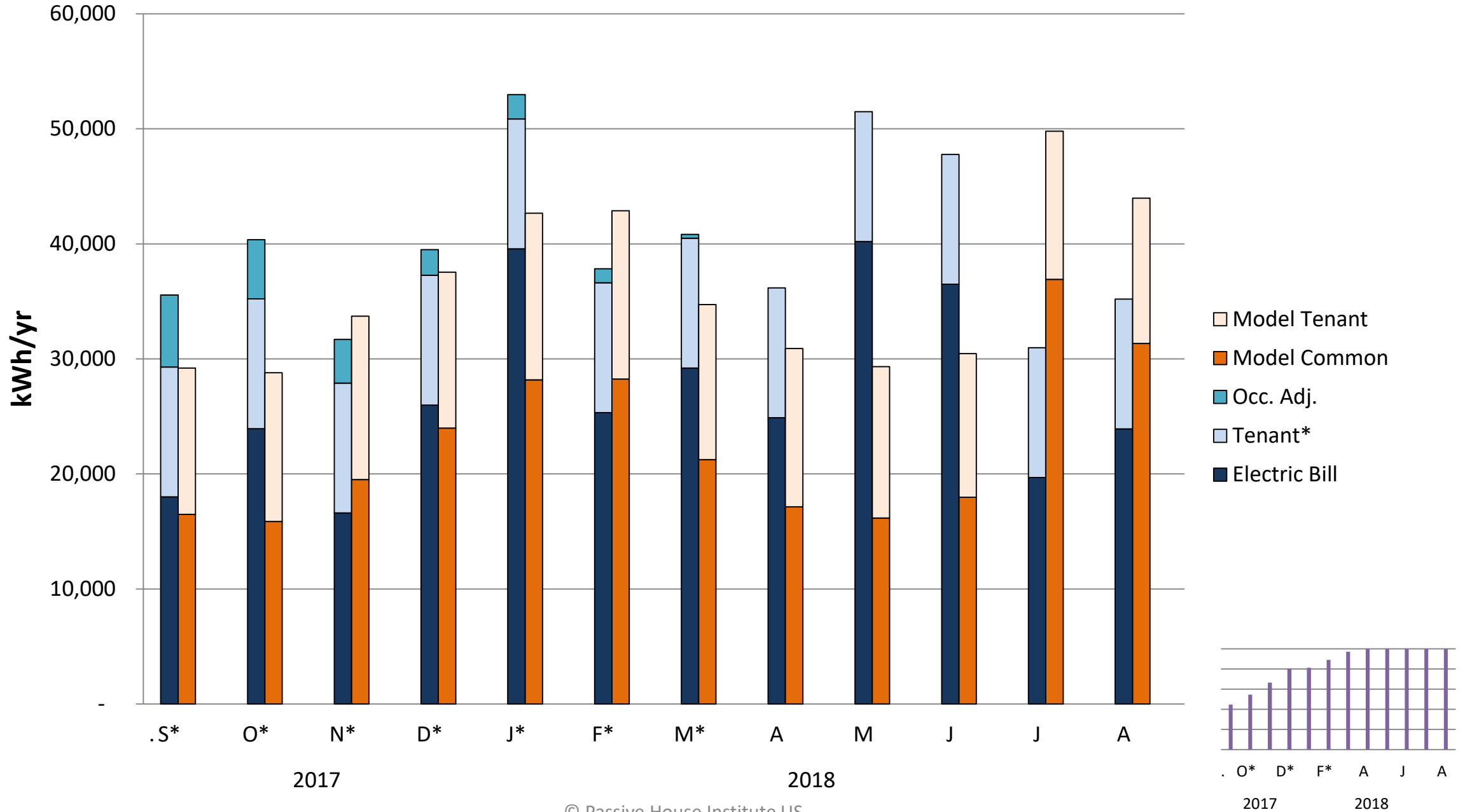
### Unit Average Electricity



UNIT ELECTRICITY



## COMMON + TENANT



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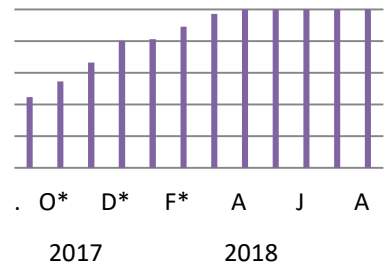
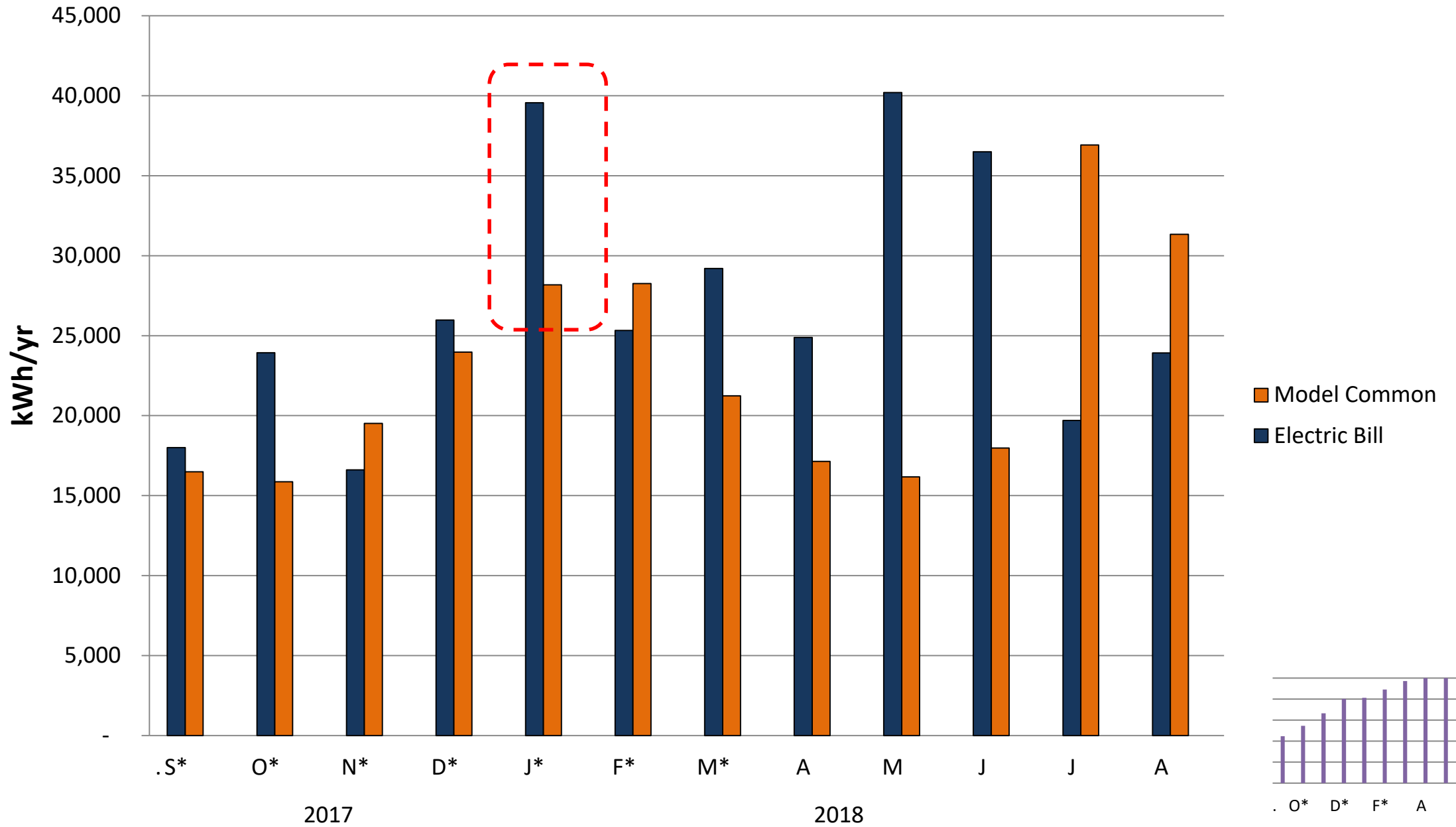
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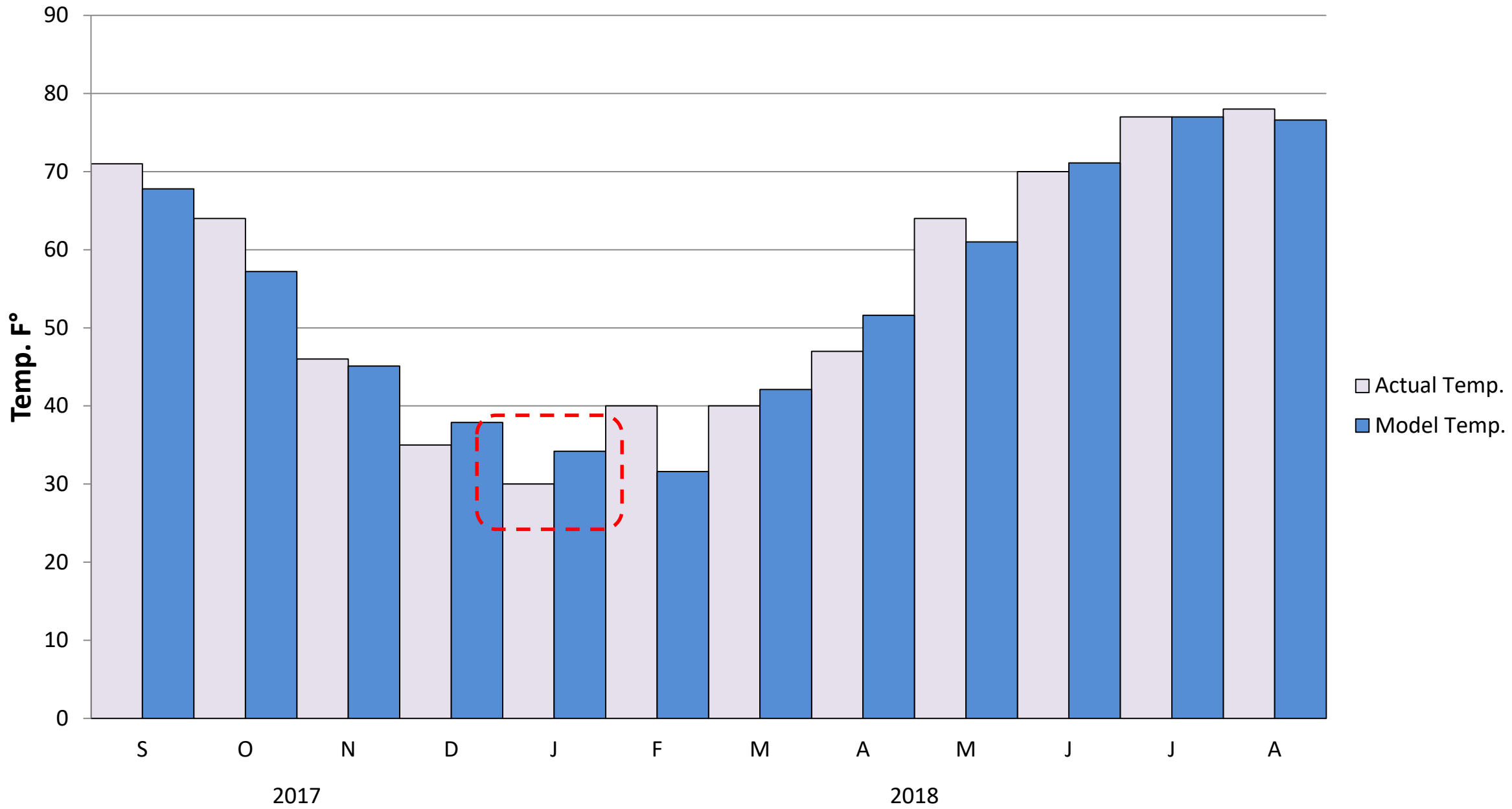
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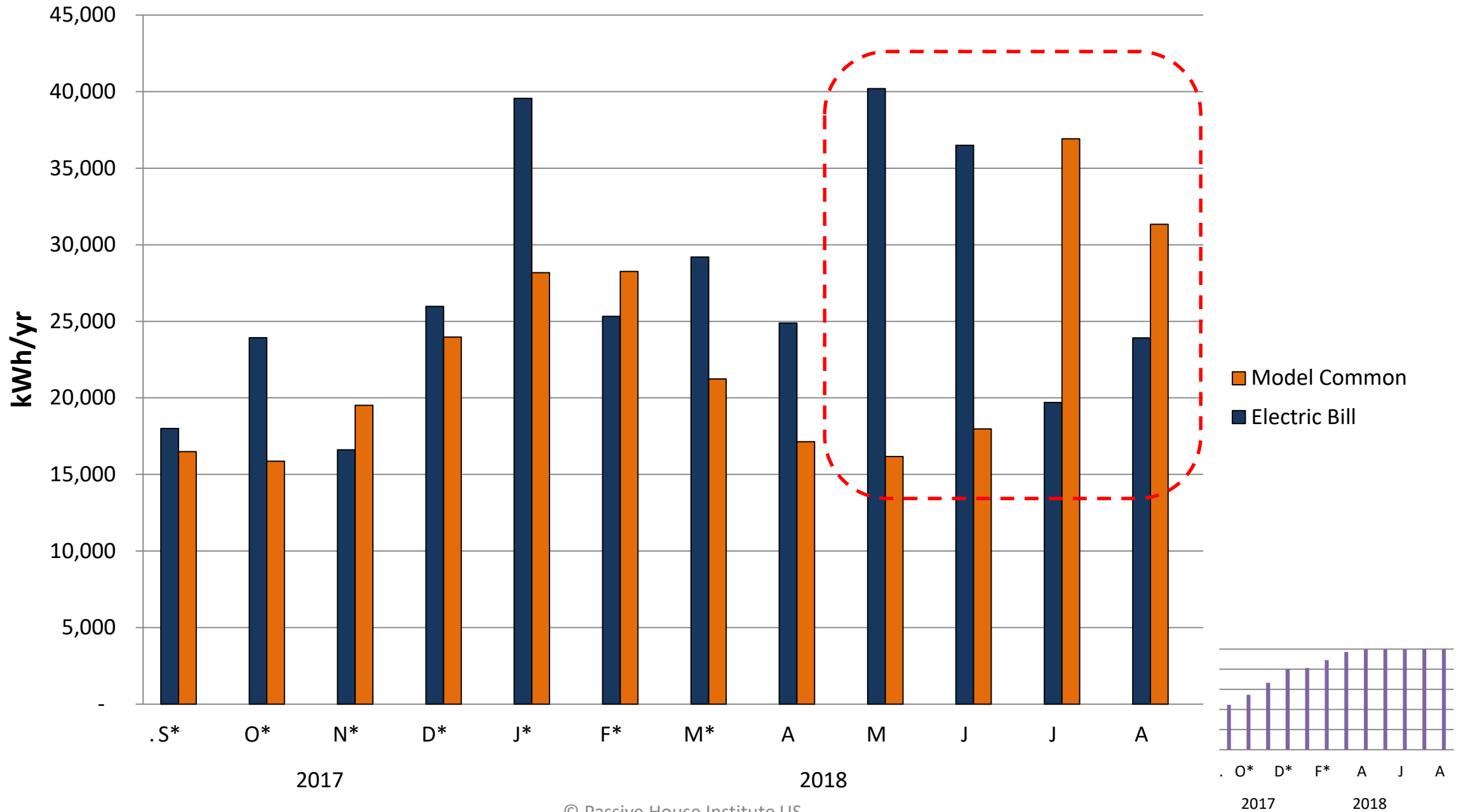


- System #1
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- System #2
- System #3**
- System #4
- System #5
- System #6
- System #7

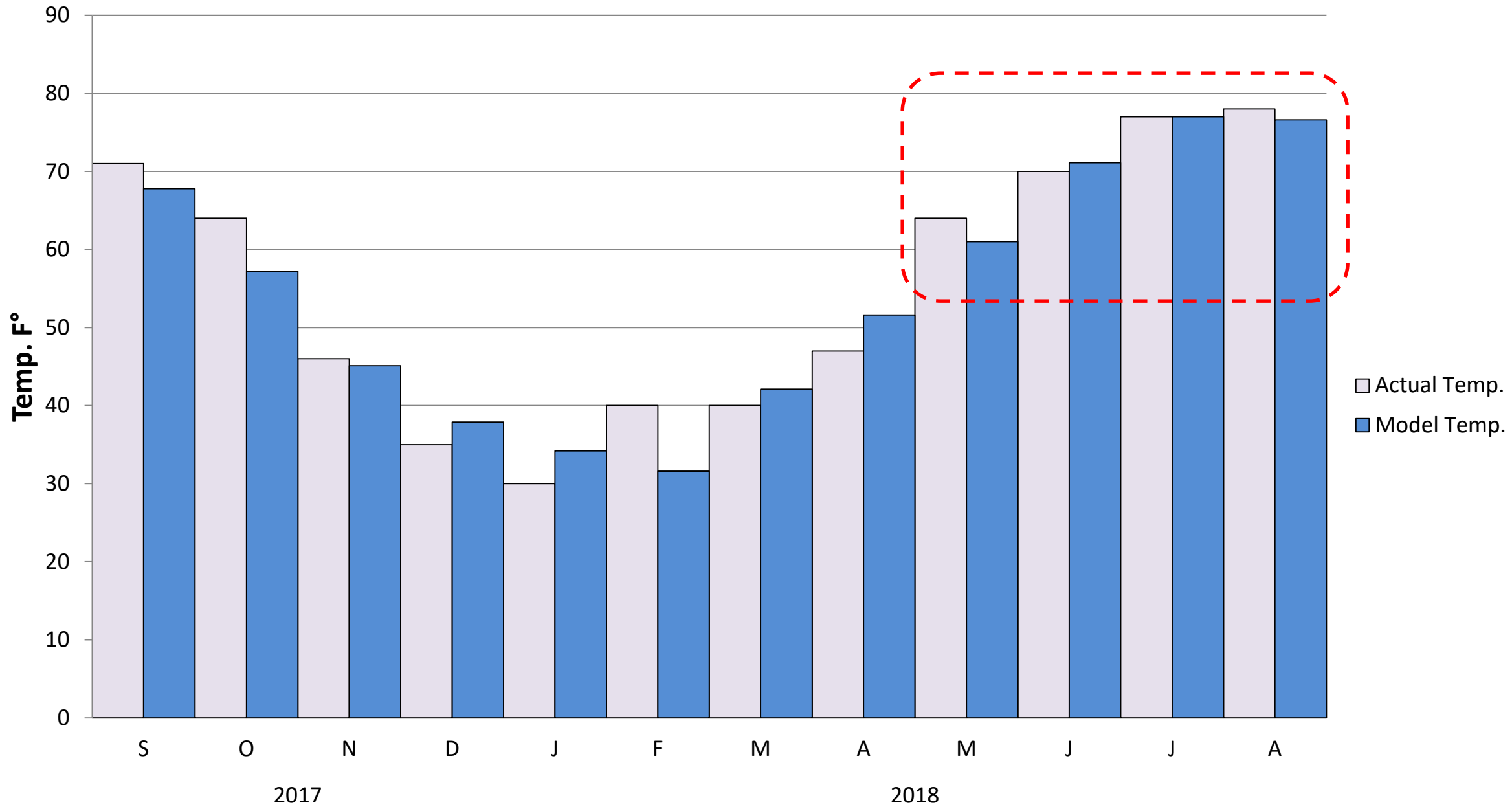
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# COMMON ELECTRICITY

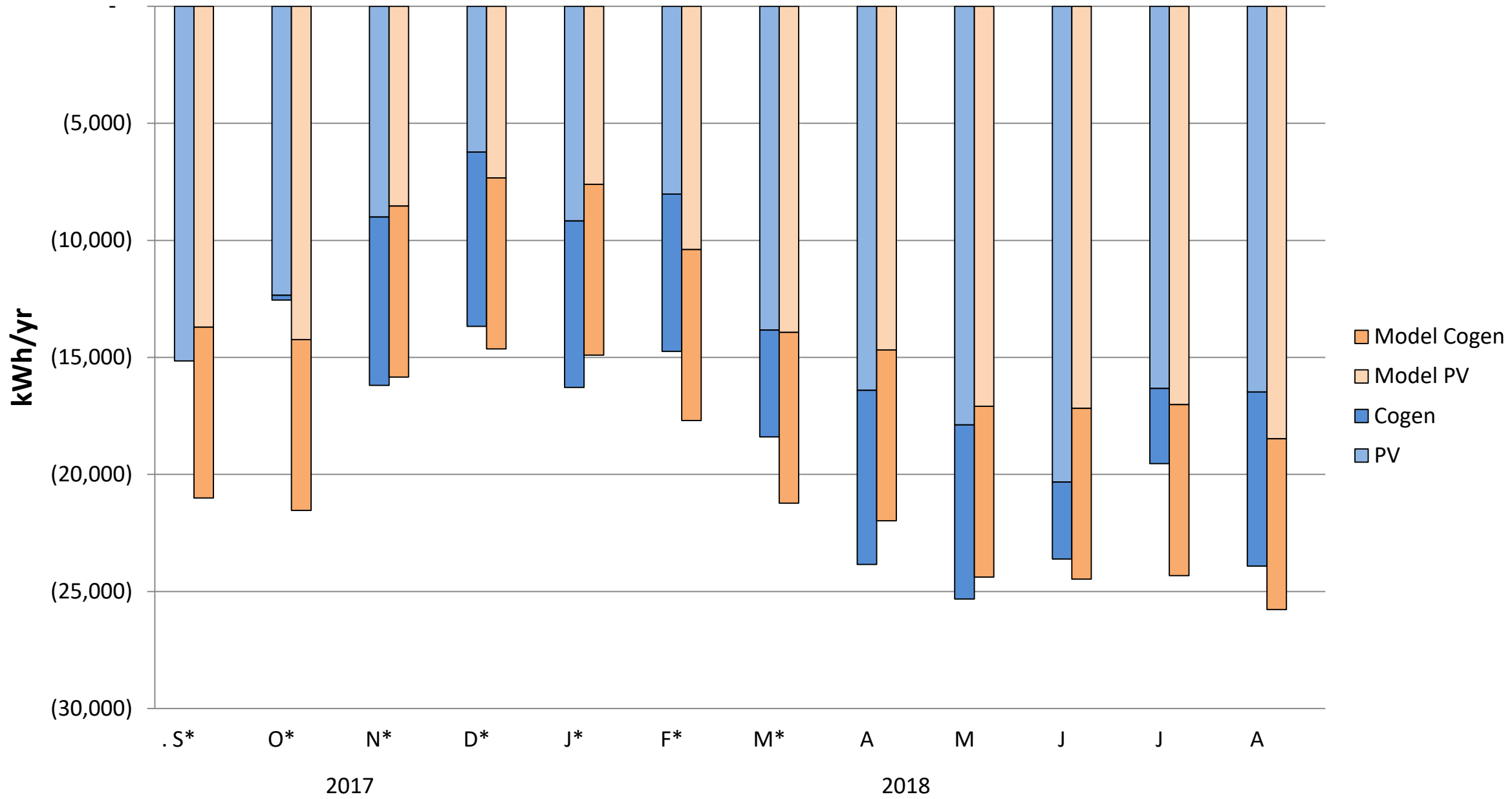


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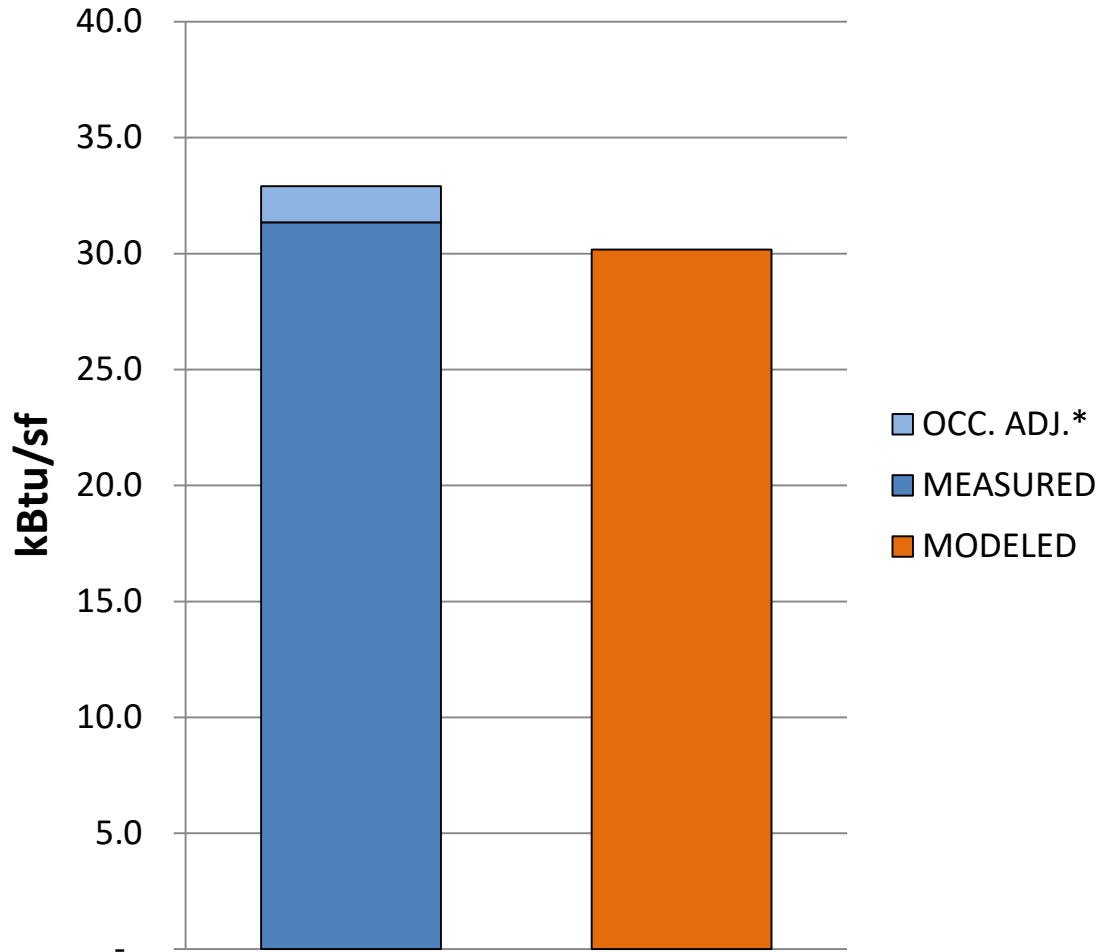


## ELECTRIC RENEWABLE OFFSET

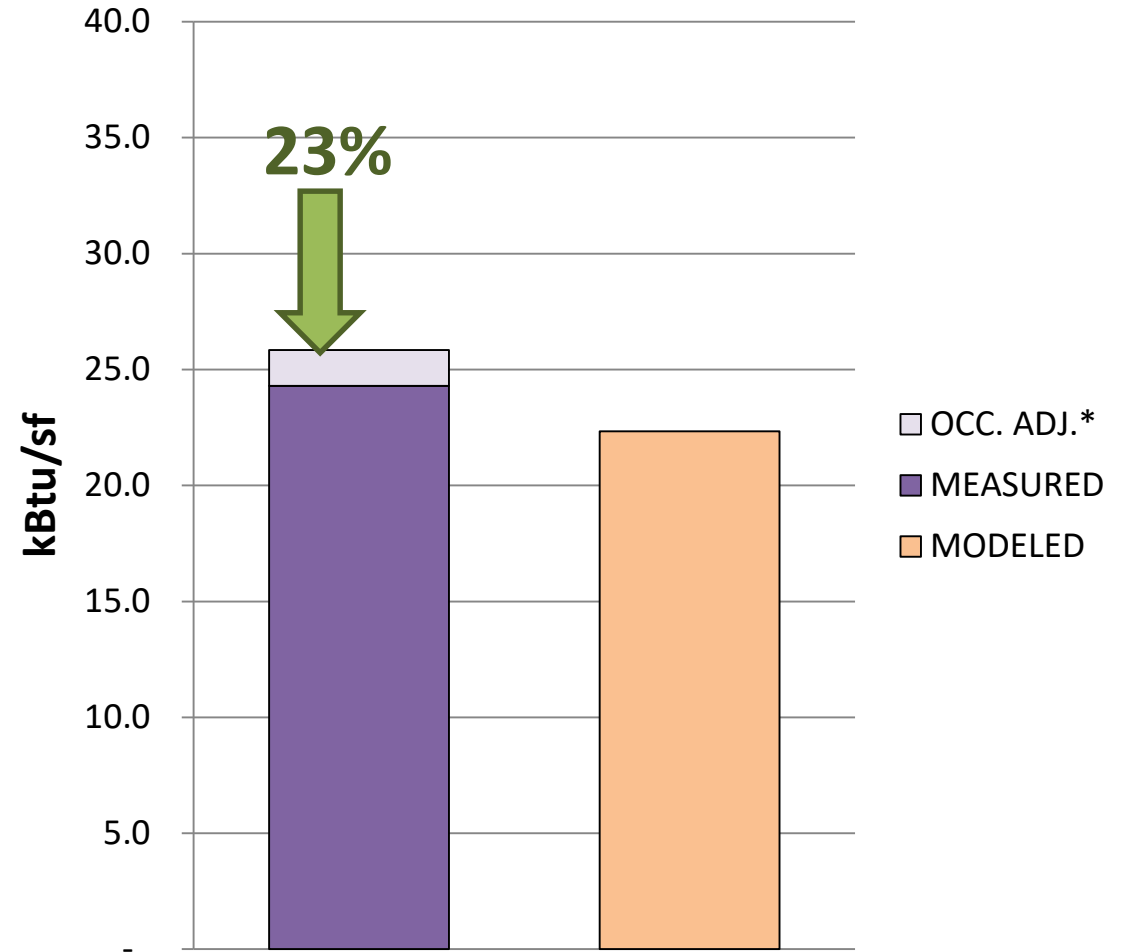


89% Modeled vs Actual

SITE EUI (NO PV)



SITE EUI W/ RENEWABLES



# LESSONS LEARNED

- Assigning roles/responsibilities upfront is critical.  
*Need a contact for design, installation, monitoring, debugging, resident.*
- Monitoring never seems to be a priority, just “nice to have”.  
*Hard to place priority on that over other budgetary/time constraints.*
- Systems work incorrectly (or not at all) quite often. Meters also break.  
*Whose responsibility is it to check up on that, and then fix it?*
- Monitoring should be part of the design process at the start, not finish.  
*And maintained throughout all phases of design.*
- Critical to follow through with plan during construction.  
*And inspect/track after final installation.*



Second and Delaware – Kansas City

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# ENERGY STAR Benchmarking Passive House Multifamily Properties

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# Why Benchmark to ENERGY STAR

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- National point of reference
- Required in some jurisdictions
  - NYC
- FANNIE MAE funding



# Performance of Three Properties

## Benchmarked Performance

Property	ENERGY STAR Rating	Total GHG (Metric tons)	CO2e lbs / SF
188 Uptown Lofts, Pittsburgh, PA	72*	126	11.4
1279 Apartments, Brewer, ME	100	50.8	2.04
1343 Apartments, Portland, ME	100	63.1	3.59



# ENERGY STAR® Statement of Energy Performance

# 100

ENERGY STAR®  
Score<sup>1</sup>

## 1279 Apartments

Primary Property Type: Multifamily Housing  
Gross Floor Area (ft<sup>2</sup>): 54,886  
Built: 2016

For Year Ending: September 30, 2017  
Date Generated: October 02, 2018

## Property & Contact Information

### Property Address

1279 Apartments  
266 Center Street  
Brewer, Maine 04412

### Property Owner

New York University, Schack Institute of  
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### Primary Contact

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Property ID: 6458182

## Energy Consumption and Energy Use Intensity (EUI)

### Site EUI

15.1 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>

### Annual Energy by Fuel

Electric - Grid (kBtu)	363,940 (44%)
Electric - Solar (kBtu)	90,162 (11%)
Natural Gas (kBtu)	375,824 (45%)

### National Median Comparison

National Median Site EUI (kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> )	60.2
National Median Source EUI (kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> )	115.3
% Diff from National Median Source EUI	-75%

### Source EUI

29 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>

### Annual Emissions

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e/year)	51
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# ENERGY STAR® Statement of Energy Performance

# 100

## 1343 Apartments / Oxford Street

**Primary Property Type:** Multifamily Housing  
**Gross Floor Area (ft²):** 38,760  
**Built:** 2016

**For Year Ending:** February 28, 2018  
**Date Generated:** October 02, 2018

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## Property & Contact Information

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1343 Apartments / Oxford Street  
81 East Oxford Street  
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Property ID: 6454351

## Energy Consumption and Energy Use Intensity (EUI)

### Site EUI

23.9 kBtu/ft²

### Annual Energy by Fuel

Electric - Grid (kBtu)	635,841 (69%)
Natural Gas (kBtu)	290,162 (31%)

### National Median Comparison

National Median Site EUI (kBtu/ft²)	49.8
National Median Source EUI (kBtu/ft²)	112.1
% Diff from National Median Source EUI	-52%

### Source EUI

53.8 kBtu/ft²

### Annual Emissions

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Metric Tons CO2e/year)	63
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Next Steps

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- Energy operating cost data
- Impact on rental rates
- Impact on net operating income
- Impact on asset value