

**Drexel University**  
**Verbal Consent to Be Interviewed for a Research Study**

Welcome and thank you for agreeing to this interview. I invited you to take part in this study because your work is related to energy services. My name is Dr. Alison Kenner and I'm the PI of this study. I am going to give you some information as part of the verbal consent to participate in this research.

The purpose of this study is to understand how organizations help people meet their energy needs.

This is a federally-funded study and the data that I collect will be made available to our larger research community, which includes students and faculty at Drexel and other universities.

Today's interview should last about an hour, is that ok?

I'll be asking you questions about your work, the organization you work for, government policies, as well as housing and energy technologies.

If any question makes you uncomfortable, you can feel free to decline to answer it. You can also end this interview at any time. Is that ok?

- You should also know that your study participation is confidential. However, if you would prefer that your identity be associated with the interview, please let me know by adding the date and time of our interview here \_\_\_\_\_.

- With your permission I will audiorecord this interview. Other members of the research team will see your interview after it has been transcribed, but your identifying information will be confidential.

- I will assign a pseudonym to the audiorecording and transcript and only I will know that you are associated with this interview material.

- I store this information on a secure, encrypted and password-protected computer and only I will have access to your information. With your permission I will upload a transcript of this interview to the project archive where other members of the research team will be able to read and analyze the interview. All your identifying information will be confidential. If you agree to have the transcript of the interview uploaded to our project archive, please put the date and time of our interview here  
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- We may publish the results of this research. However, we will keep your name and other identifying information confidential.

· We will take every precaution to ensure that your confidentiality is protected, but there is some risk that others might learn that you are taking part in the study.

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, you can talk to me or you can contact Drexel IRB office. My contact information is,

Dr. Alison Kenner, Associate Professor of Politics, Drexel University  
Phone: (484) 461-5375  
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If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about your involvement in a research study or questions about your rights as a research subject, you may call us at 267.359. 2471 or email HRPP@drexel.edu.

Here is a copy of this consent script with the contact information. [Hand participant a copy of the script.]

Do you have any questions for me before we start the interview?

[answer any questions]

Great, is it ok with you that I start the recorder?

[If yes, start recorder]

For the record, this is an interview with participant #\_\_\_\_\_. My name is [interviewer name] and I have read the assent script to this participant.

[to respondent]: Do you agree to this interview?

[record response]

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