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Rating Homes Just Got a Lot Faster
New HouseRater® Mobile apps revolutionize industry, make rating and reports faster and easier

EAGAN, MN – Feb. 22, 2018 – HouseRater, the energy program management software for raters and providers, announces a new application that will change the way the industry operates.

The new HouseRater Mobile and Web applications powered by REM/*Rate*™ allow raters to use their iPad® to capture over 1,200 data points during inspections and quickly provide building science recommendations. HouseRater works offline to navigate raters through the app in the same order they move through the house collecting data, taking photos and syncing information for energy modeling. HouseRater keeps track of what's been entered and alerts the rater if anything's missing or invalid.

"The two primary obstacles for raters are speed and the ability to create a variety of reports, and HouseRater solves both," explains Mat Gates, CEO of HouseRater. "This app will transform the industry, and will streamline the entire process from rating to report."

REM/*Rate* software is developed by NORESCO, a team of building scientists and programmers who have supported the RESNET® rating industry for more than 20 years. The team provides rigorous solutions and technical participation for approximately 100 RESNET Providers and Raters through HERS® Ratings, code compliance, and utility program analysis. REM/*Rate* leads the market for residential energy modeling software with approximately 80 percent of the 2017 HERS Rating market.

Amber Wood, senior manager, REM/*Rate* says, "As an industry leader for Home Energy Rating System Ratings and residential building science analysis software, we understand our users' need for efficiency. The REM/*Rate* analysis with HouseRater's new software is designed so that raters can decrease the time needed for data entry. When raters can save time and simplify the ratings process, it's a win for the industry, the raters and the homeowners the industry serves."

No double data entry
HouseRater eliminates the need to re-enter data sheets after site visits. Everything is uploaded automatically, and synchronizes in the background while still monitoring cellular data limits. HouseRater stores an unlimited number of photos and information, and scales as rating companies grow. Field and plan information is combined across the mobile and web apps and exported directly to REM/*Rate* energy models.

Easy report generation
After the data has been captured, creating reports is easy. Raters can send consulting reports right from the job site, giving builders more time to fix problems. HouseRater enables raters, builders and implementers to access and analyze critical information in understandable and helpful ways. The app tracks contact people and email bounce notifications automatically.

Convenient and customizable
The app is preloaded with a template of common items for raters, but dropdowns can be instantly customized with new appliance makes, utilities and more as they are encountered. The app allows additional notes while still prompting raters for information typically required on a site visit.

"The goal is to organize the data points in the most efficient way for the field staff which eliminates second trips to the property and entering data multiple times," explains Gates. "By using this app, the data collection process becomes more consistent in a world of ever-changing standards. This app gathers every data point that RESNET and ENERGY STAR® require – and then some."

HouseRater includes:

- Start up guides with step by step instructions to begin using HouseRater, and more advanced guides and webinars to provide improved services to clients
- Aggregated data collected from inspections and REM/*Rate* energy modeling data which is combined to provide a clear snapshot of building performance
- Consulting advice for builders to be created, analyzed and shared to encourage more energy efficient housing
- Utility rebate program management to track house performance rebate information from enrollment to completion
- Program and compliance certificates, reports and more which are auto-generated with builder contact people and supervisors stored in HouseRater
- A confirmation process throughout an inspection with automated rating QA/QC, highlighting outliers and commonly misreported information
- Live developer and program support within the app

Thermal imaging
The HouseRater mobile app supports thermal differential imaging with a FLIR ONE® device to capture hybrid thermal images that show problem areas in inspected houses without slowing raters down. FLIR's hybrid image makes photos taken easy to identify and address before re-inspection. The app also integrates with TEC Auto Test to run single or multi-point blower door tests from the mobile device.

"We're excited to launch this app but also to continue to improve on it as we get feedback from raters and builders," Gates says. "This will be a one-stop solution that every rating company can tailor to their exact needs."

For more information, visit HouseRater.com, email sales@houserater.com, or call 651-200-3414.

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