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As summer heat waves continue to break records around the country, people may worry about what turning up the AC will do to their budget. Microsoft Hohm and Blue Line Innovations today introduced new tools that will give people valuable insight into their home energy use.

Blue Line's PowerCost Monitor and WiFi Gateway will enable a home's real-time home energy data to be wirelessly uploaded into a personalized Hohm profile. With these devices, people can pinpoint where in their house too much energy is being used. Customers will also get charts and graphs that will deliver more detailed information on consumption patterns than they would get in their monthly utility bill. This information lets homeowners better monitor energy use and allows them to make smarter decisions on things such as whether they can afford to turn up the AC.

Microsoft Hohm is a free Web-based application that helps people save energy and money. With Hohm, Microsoft is dedicated to finding innovative ways to provide everyone with clear insight about their energy use as well as easy and convenient tools to manage and reduce their energy consumption. This partnership with Blue Line is a step forward in Microsoft Hohm's strategy of enabling an ecosystem of connected devices in the home.