

# EE362G Smart Grids: Austin Energy Smart Grids – Part 2

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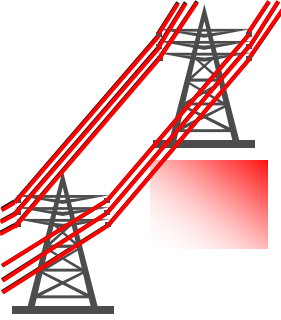
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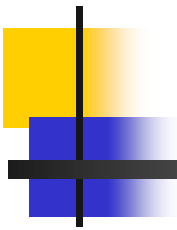
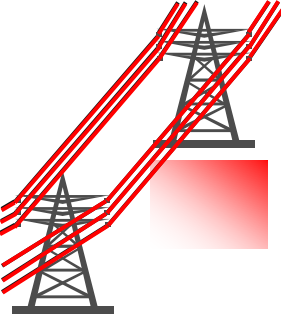
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# Presentation Outline



- Load Control
- Distribution Automation
- Distributed Energy Integration and Austin SHINES
- Integrated Asset Management
- Summary of AE Smart Grid Initiatives
- What are the New Challenges
- Where are We Headed
- Smart Grid Communication Network (SGCN)
- AE Wireless Communication
- Homework



# Load Control

# Austin Energy's Green Building Program



- Rebates and Incentives
- Lighting, HVAC, Load Management, Building Envelope

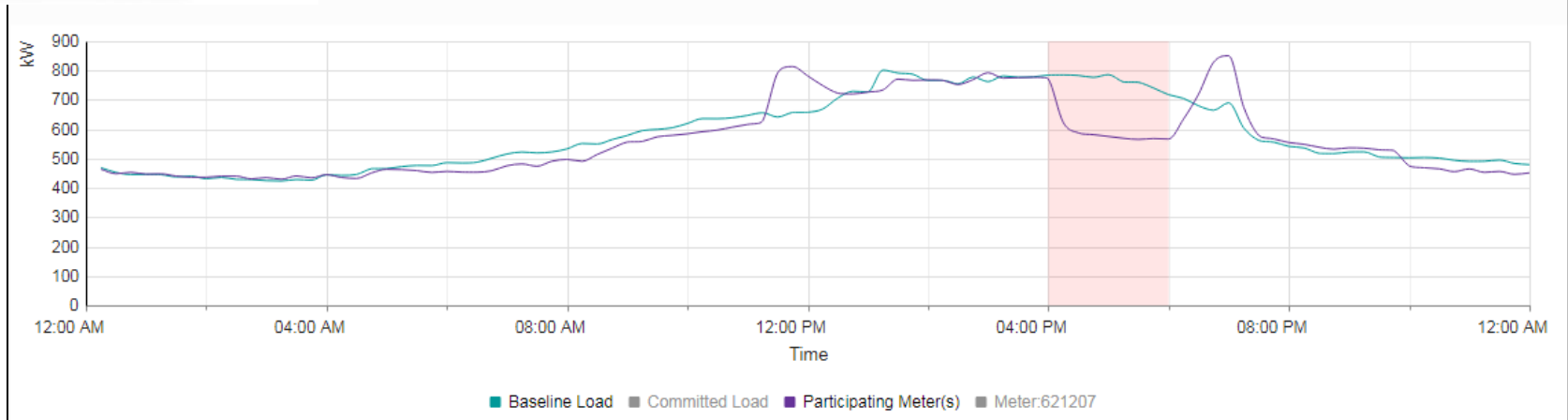


# Energy Profiler Offering (Load Profiler Curtailment Module)



Account ID: 6088400000  
Account Name: COA- TLC - 721 Barton Springs Road  
Contact Info: [Display](#)  
Date of Event: 08/23/2018  
Start Time of Event: 16:00  
End Time of Event: 18:00  
Status: Completed [Reset Event](#)  
Curtable Load: 0 kW  
Incentive: 1.45 \$/kWh  
Date Settlement Calculated: 08/24/2018

Curtailment report - Thursday, August 23, 2018



# AE Demand Response



Power Partner  
Thermostat

Load  
Cooperative

Power Savers  
Thermostat

AE  
Demand  
Response

Auto-DR

Water Heater  
Timer

Emergency  
Response Service



# The GridOptimal Initiative



- The GridOptimal Initiative is a multi-year effort among utilities, governments, and industry led by the New Buildings Institute (NBI) and the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) to create a rating system to quantify a building's interaction or harmonization with the grid

## Passive Design Elements

- Overhangs
- Envelope
- High-efficiency HVAC Systems

## Active Dispatchable

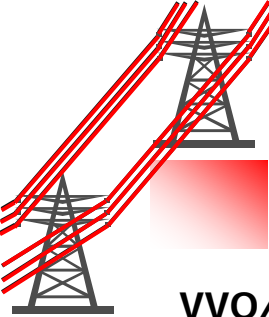
- Automated Demand Response
- Peak Load Shifting Strategies
- Load Co-Op

## Distributed Energy Resources

- On-site Solar Generation
- Batteries
- Electric Vehicles and Vehicle to Grid



# Distribution Automation



## VVO/CVR

- ❑ Currently 97 distribution feeders active w/ 42 more planned

## Fault Location, Isolation, Service Restoration (FLISR)

- ❑ Fault location on 200 feeders
- ❑ Installing reclosers, remote operated switches, and other D/A

## Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS)

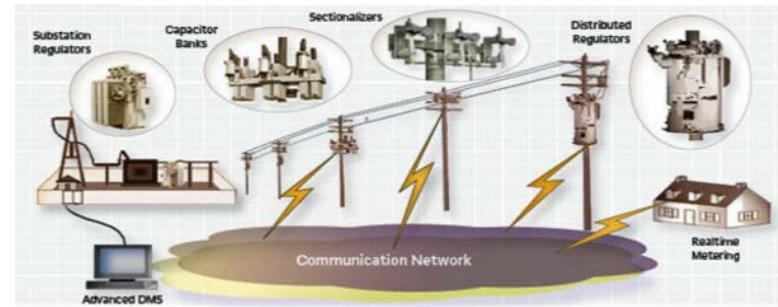
- ❑ Upgrading to Schneider version 3.8, DERMS, Field Client, DERMS, AE Call

## SCADA/ EMS

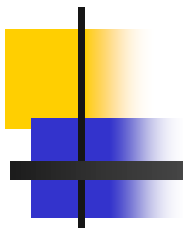
- ❑ OSI to replace antiquated ABB system

## Intelligent Electronic Device (IED)

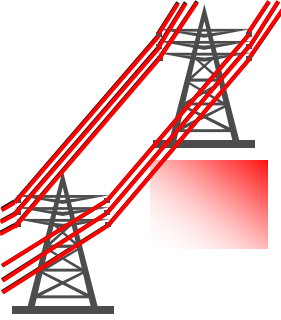
- ❑ RTU-less Architecture using Data Concentrators
- ❑ Continuing migration from E-M to Microprocessor relays







# Distributed Energy Resource Integration



# Austin Energy 2027 Goals



**Offset 65% of customer load with renewable resources**



**1000 MW of savings from energy efficiency and demand response**



**750 MW utility-scale solar + 200 MW local solar, including 100 MW customer-sited PV**



**10 MW battery storage and 20 MW thermal energy storage**

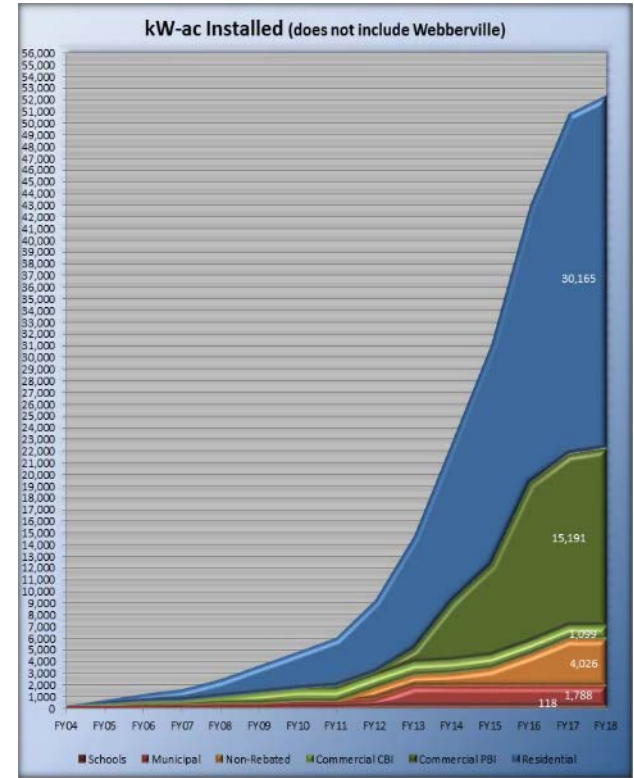
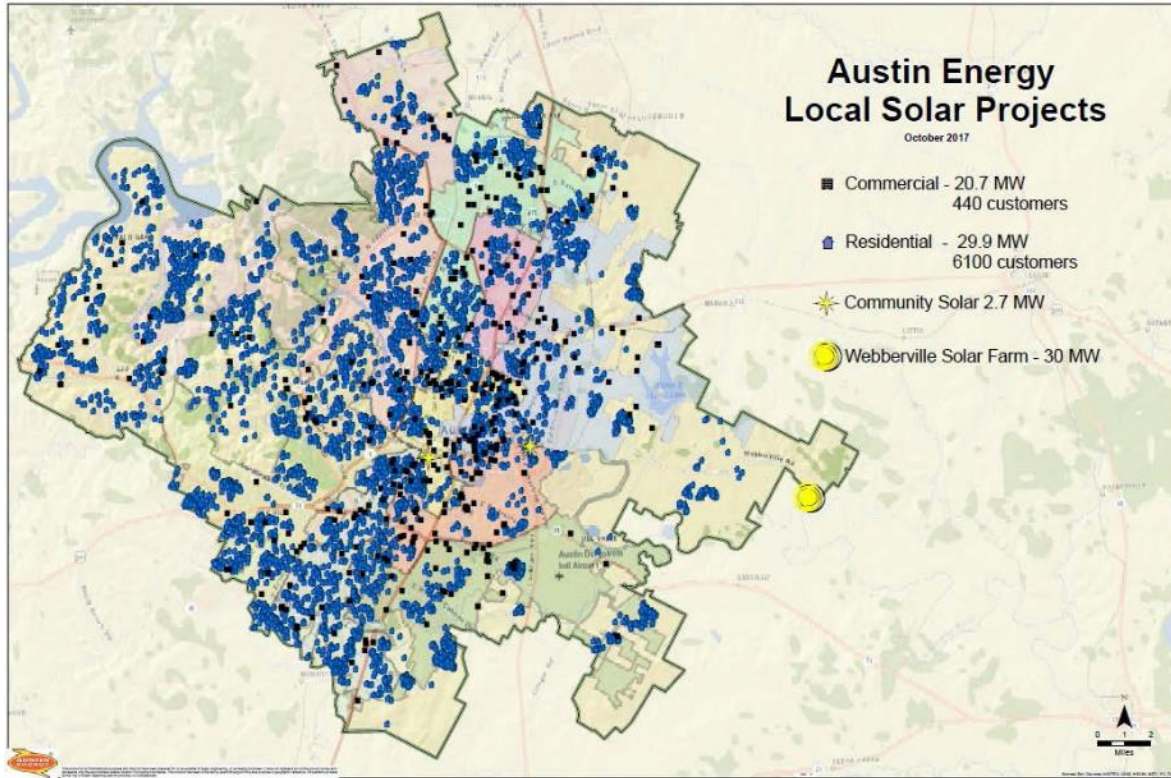


**Net zero community-wide GHG emissions by 2050**

All subject to meeting **Affordability Goals**:

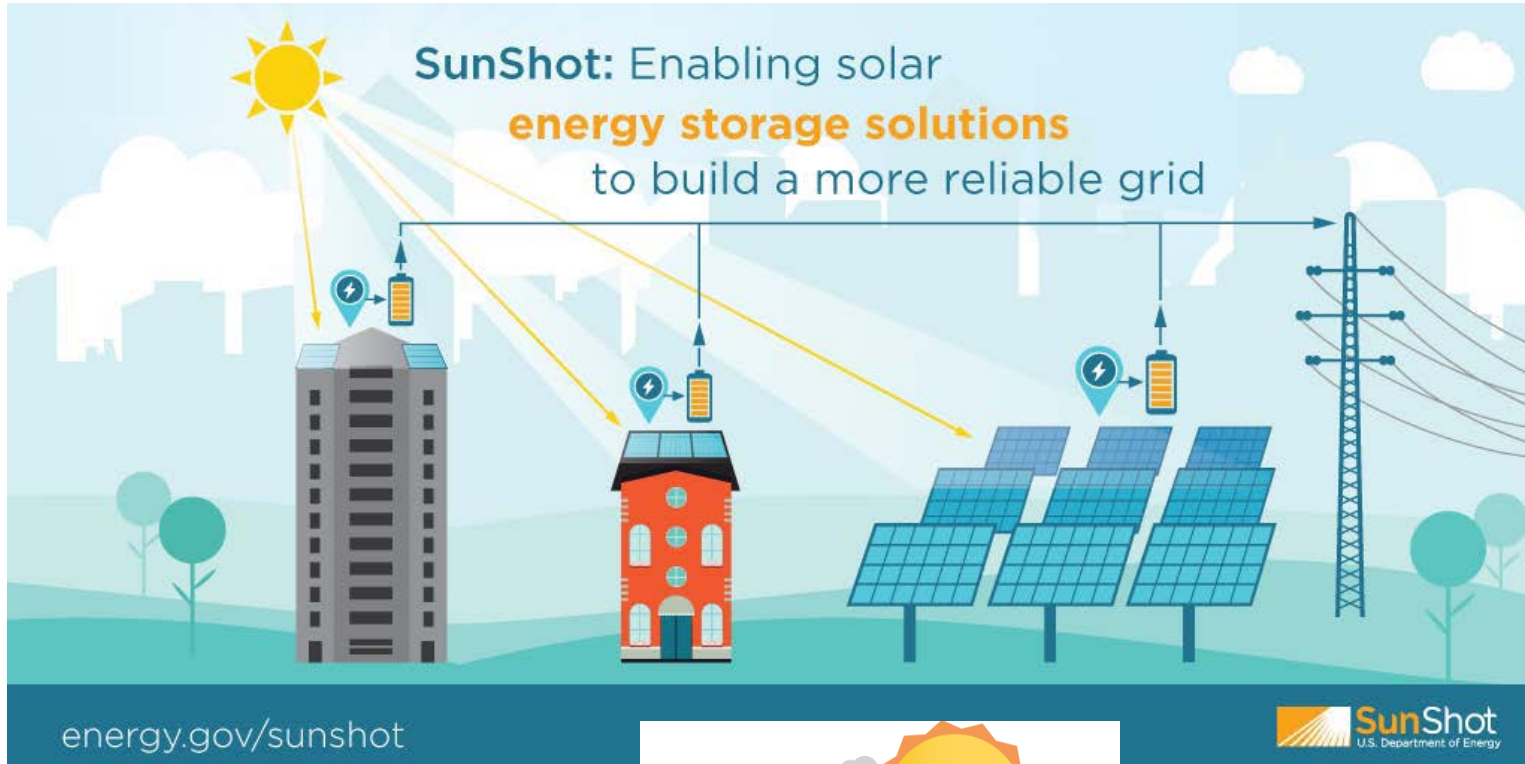
<2% rate increase per year; Austin Energy rates in lower 50th percentile of statewide utilities

# Local Solar Installations



Total AE local solar projects: about 80 MW

# DOE SunShot & Austin SHINES

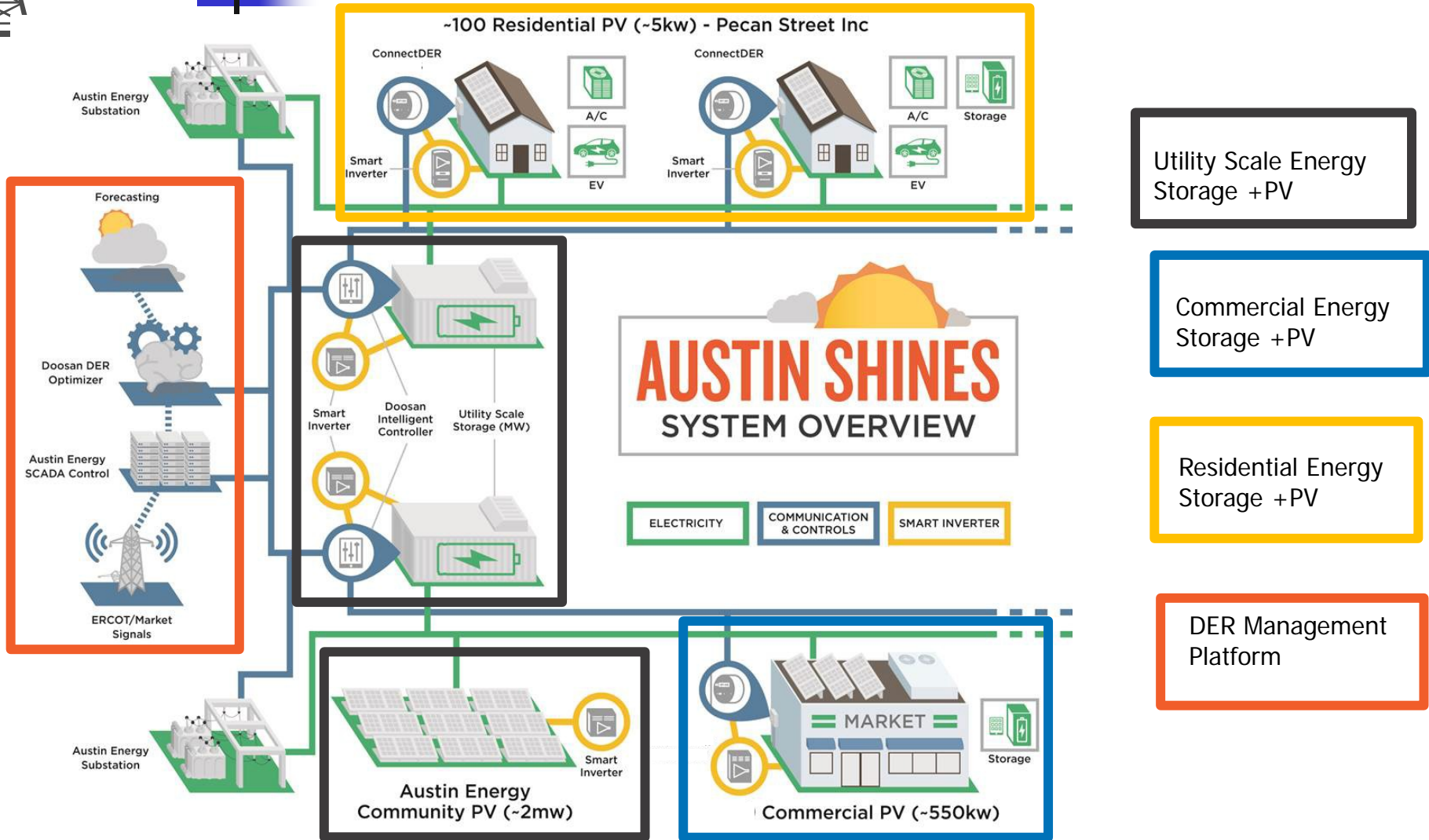


**AUSTIN SHINES**

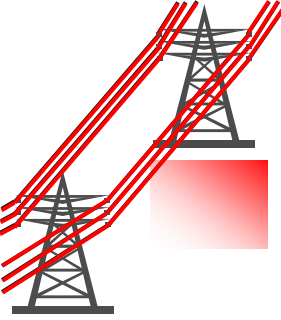
Sustainable and **H**olistic **I**Ntegration of **E**nergy Storage and **S**olar PV



# Austin SHINES Concept



# Distributed Energy Resource Value Stacking



	Application	Benefit
MARKET	Utility Peak Load Reduction	Lower Transmission Cost Of Service obligation
	Day-Ahead Energy Arbitrage	Price differences create economic value
	Real-Time Price Dispatch	Economic value from real-time price spikes
RELIABILITY	Voltage Support	Reduce losses and increase PV generation
	Distribution Congestion Management	Increase local grid reliability
CUST	Demand Charge Reduction	Customer and system benefit



# Austin SHINES Partnerships





# Austin SHINES Assets

## Utility Scale

### La Loma Community Solar

- 2.6 MW Photovoltaic solar

### Kingsbery Energy Storage System

- 1.5 MW / 3 MWh Li-Ion battery storage

### Mueller Energy Storage System

- 1.75 MW / 3.2 MWh Li-Ion battery storage
- 7 Energy Storage Units (250 kW each)





# Austin SHINES Assets



## Commercial Scale

**Aggregated Storage Installations at 3 sites, with existing solar (300+ kW)**

- One 18 kW / 36 kWh Li-Ion battery storage
- Two 72 kW / 144 kWh Li-Ion battery storage

## Residential Scale

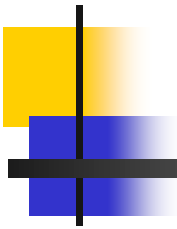
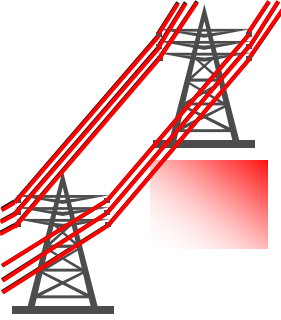
**Aggregated Storage Installations**

- Six stationary battery storage systems (10 kWh each) at homes with existing solar
- One Electric Vehicle installed as Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G)

**Utility-Controlled Solar via Smart Inverters at 12 homes**

**Autonomously-Controlled Smart Inverters at 6 homes**





# Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G)



## Customer Value

Electric vehicle is charged and ready when owner needs it for mobility

## Utility Value

Utility able to shift charging load to the most opportune time

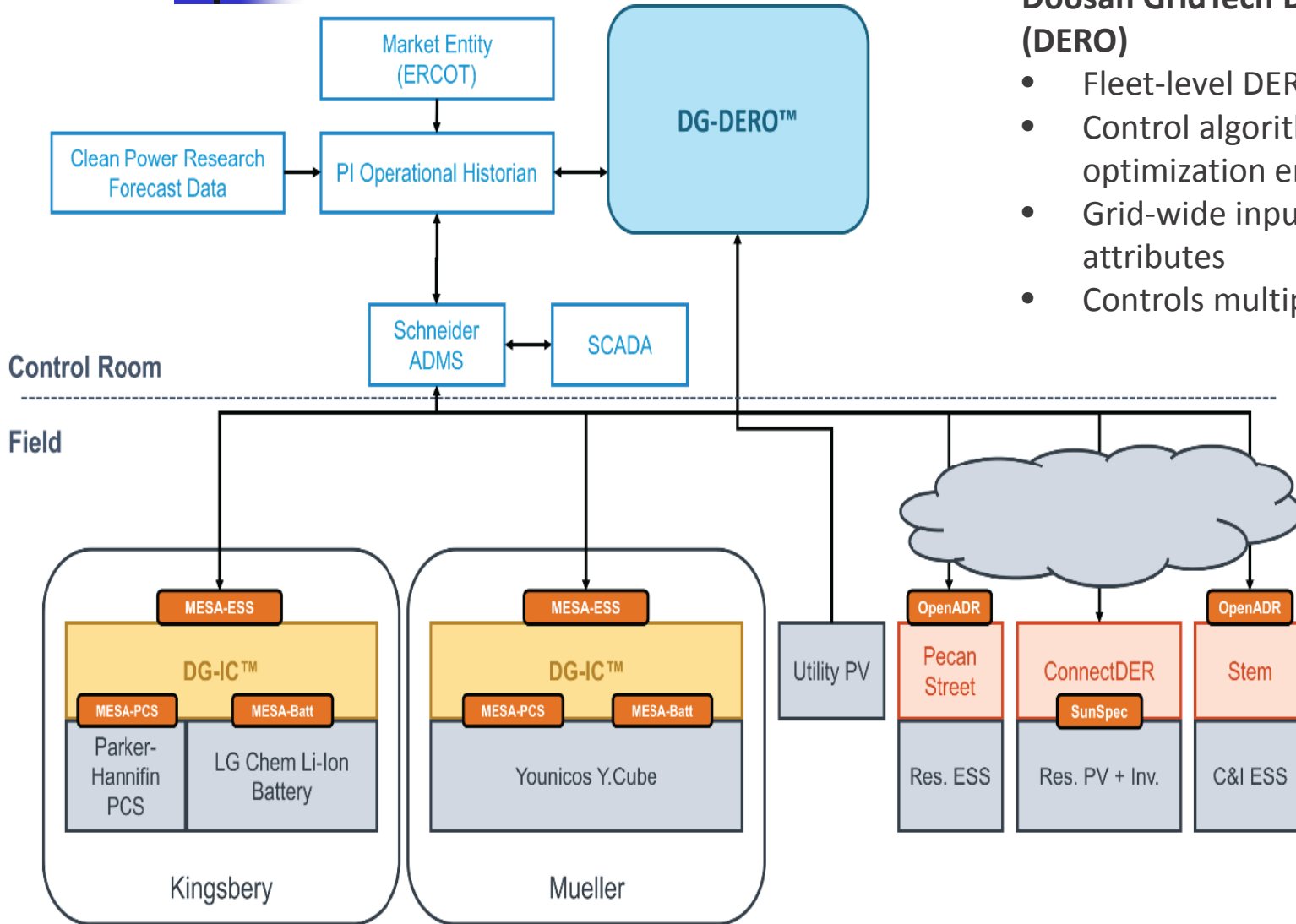
When needed, stored energy can be discharged to the grid to serve local load

## Win-Win

V2G is another way to realize value in multiple ways



# DERO in an Austin Energy Ecosystem – Centralized



## Doosan GridTech DER Optimizer (DERO)

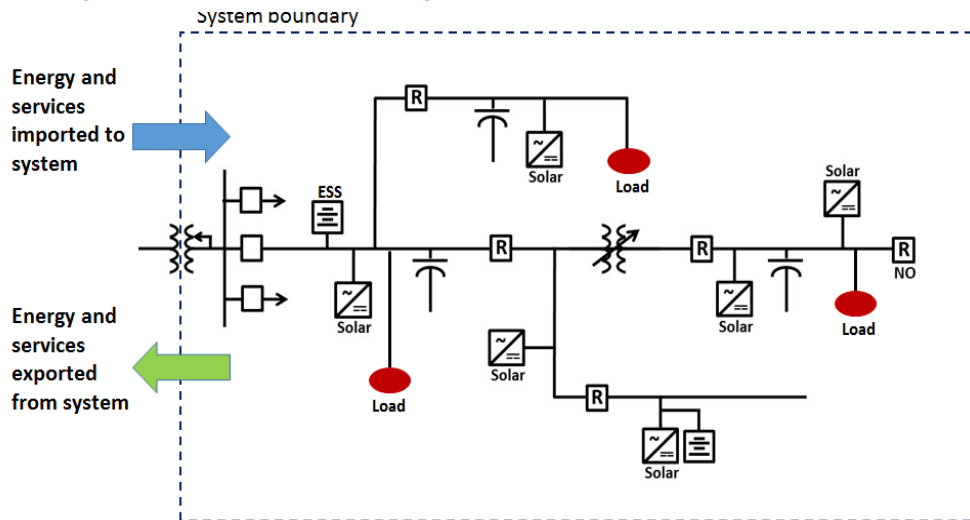
- Fleet-level DERMS
- Control algorithms and optimization engine
- Grid-wide inputs and attributes
- Controls multiple DERs



# System Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) Methodology

*System LCOE encompasses the cost and performance of all assets, within a defined distribution circuit.*

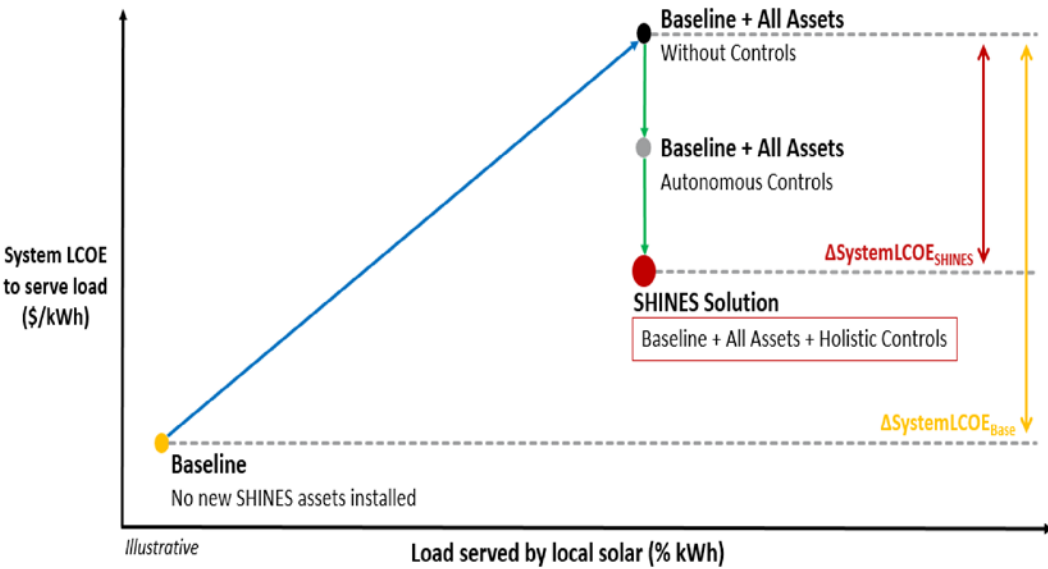
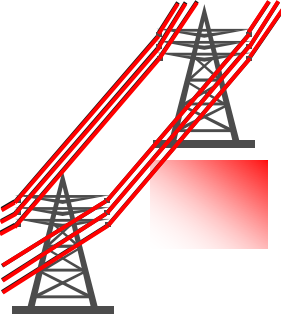
## System-level boundary definition



Where, **SystemLCOE to serve load (\$/kWh)** =

Capital cost of all equipment within system (\$)	+	Operating cost of all equipment within system (\$)	+	Net value of energy, capacity, and services that cross system boundary (\$)
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All load served within the system (kWh)				

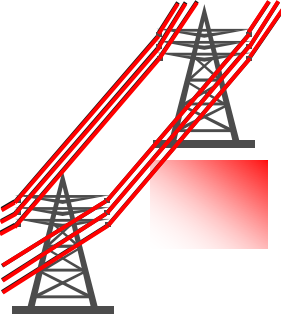
# System Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) Methodology



1. No individual asset is isolated
2. Dependent and supportive elements of a holistically integrated system
3. Collective contribution of diverse assets result in utility-grade performance

The Austin SHINES project has two key metrics for System LCOE:

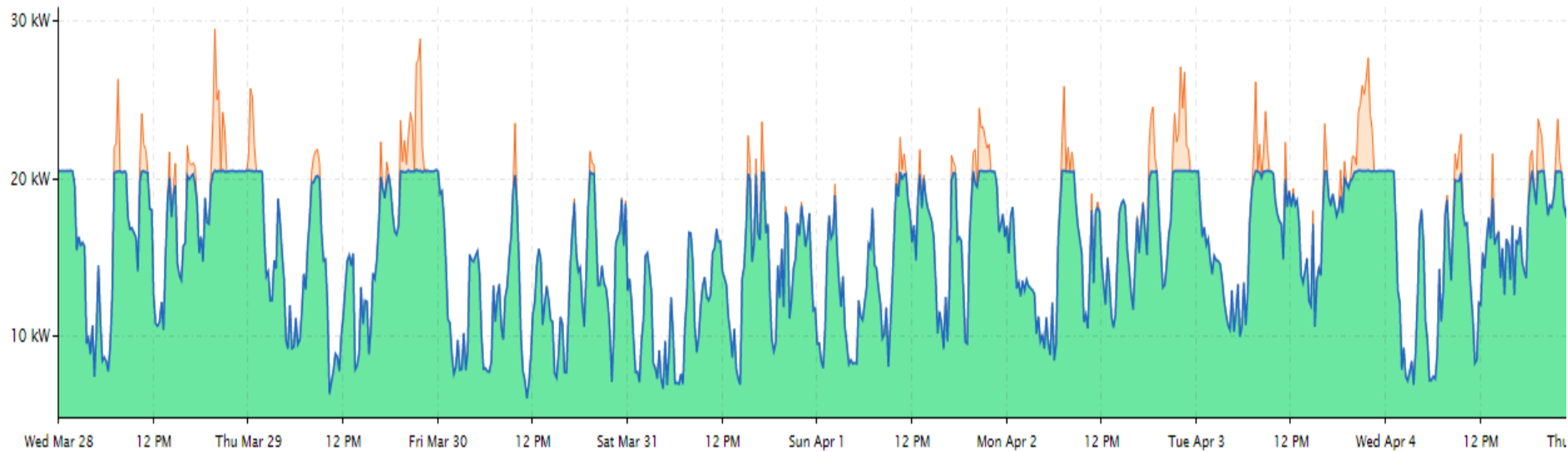
1.  $\text{SystemLCOE}_{\text{SHINES}} < \$0.14/\text{kWh}$
2. Modeled  $\frac{\Delta\text{SystemLCOE}_{\text{SHINES}}}{\Delta\text{SystemLCOE}_{\text{Base}}} \geq 20\%$ , at same solar penetration



# Demand Charge Management



Reducing electricity bills for commercial customers



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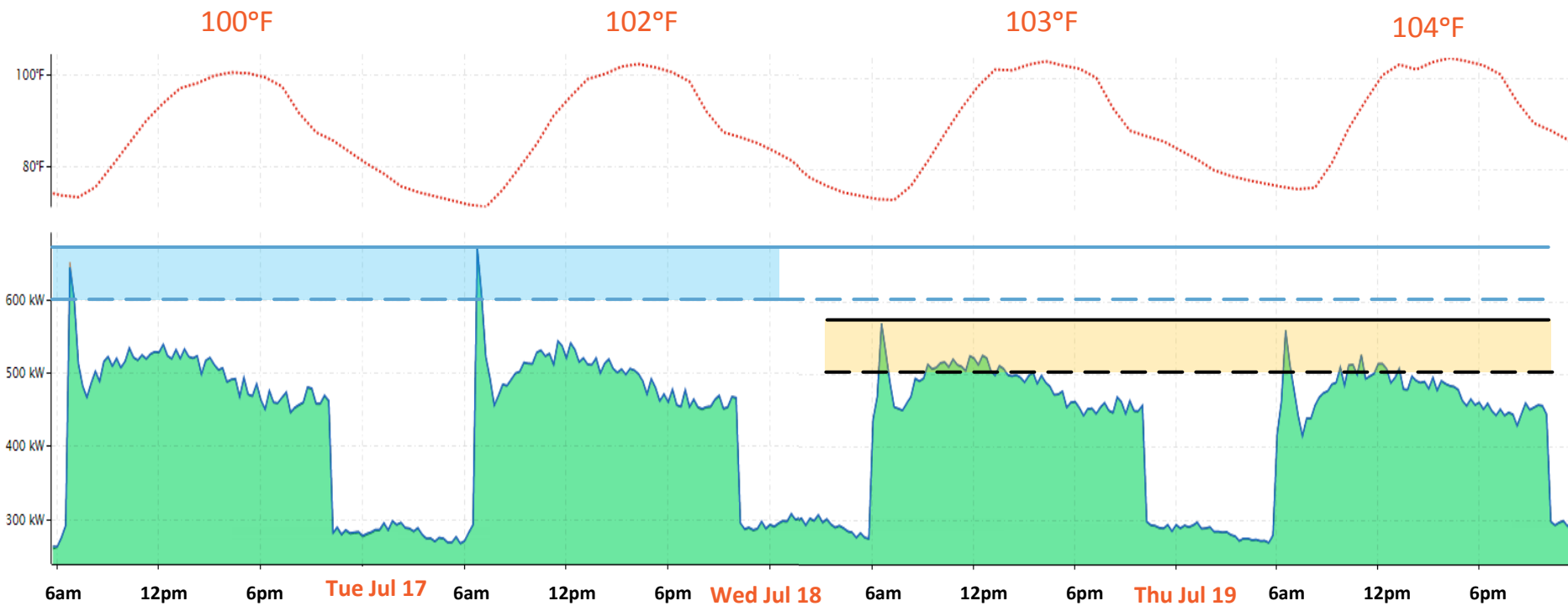


# Customer Value



Changed operations: Additional demand charge savings

—— Peak without battery  
- - - Peak with battery

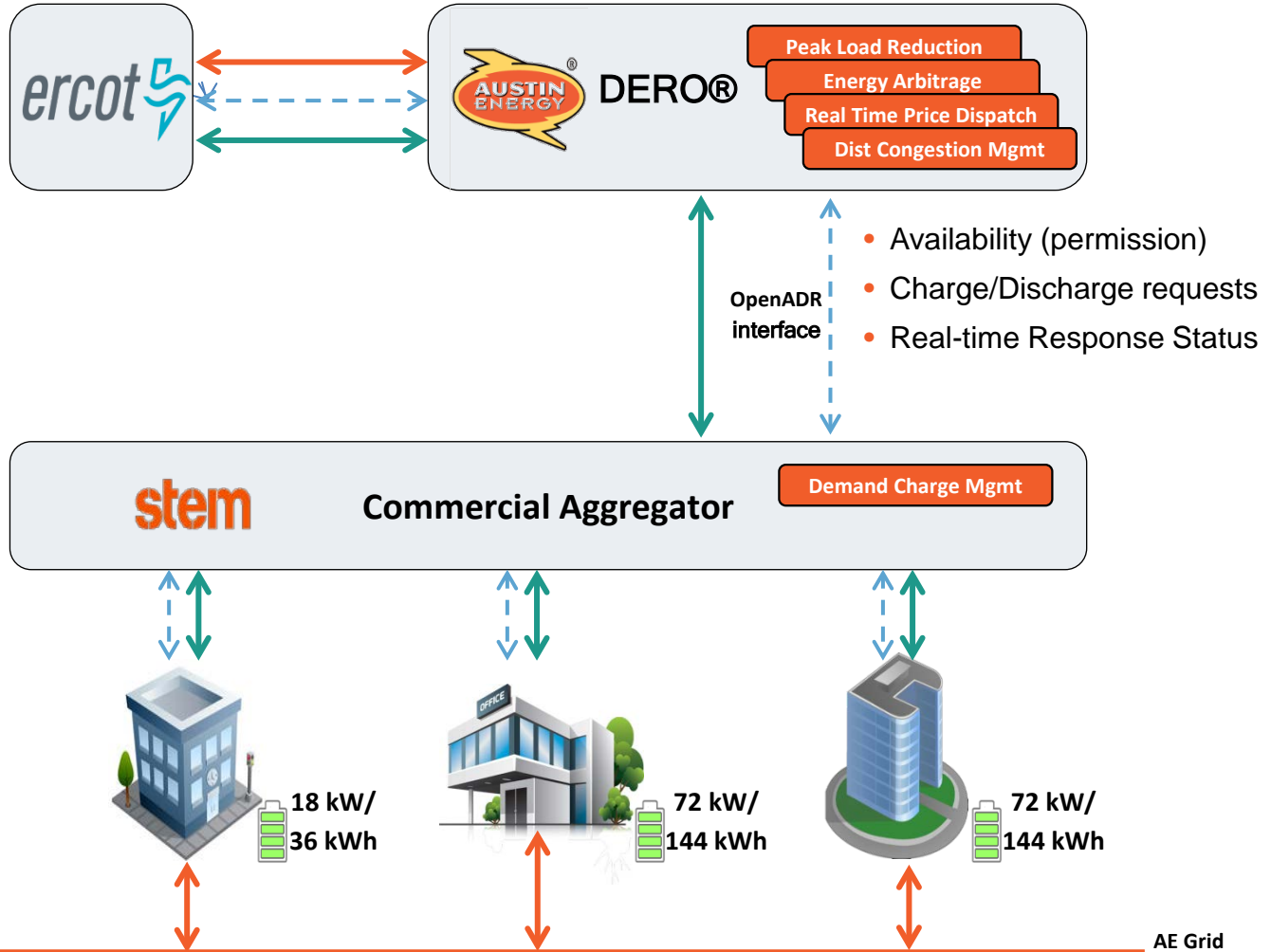
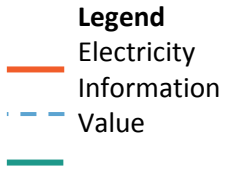


**"We made a schedule change in our HVAC settings at that campus, and it looks like our morning spike is reduced by about 100kW!"**

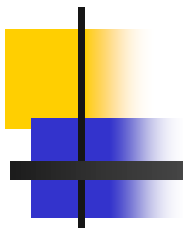
~ Email received from one happy customer on July 18

# Control Platform

## Defined Priorities and Two-Way Data Streams





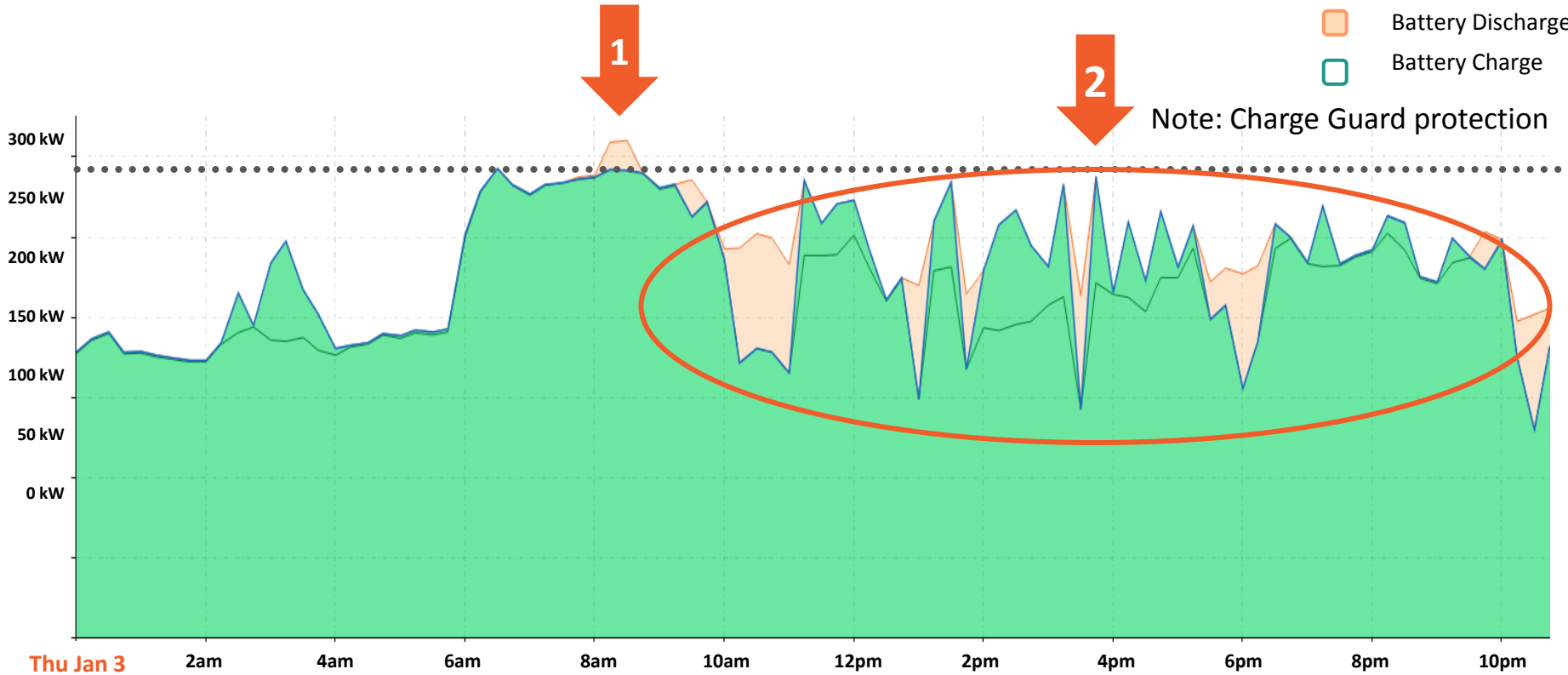


# Results



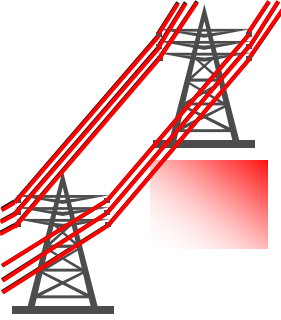
## Commercial Aggregator and DERO Share Capacity

- LEGEND**
- Building Load
  - Battery Discharge
  - Battery Charge



1 – Demand Charge Management

2 – DERO charging/discharging for additional value

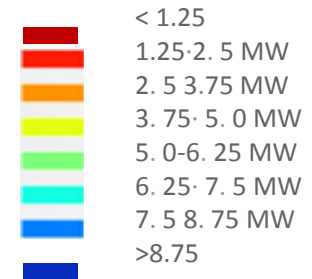
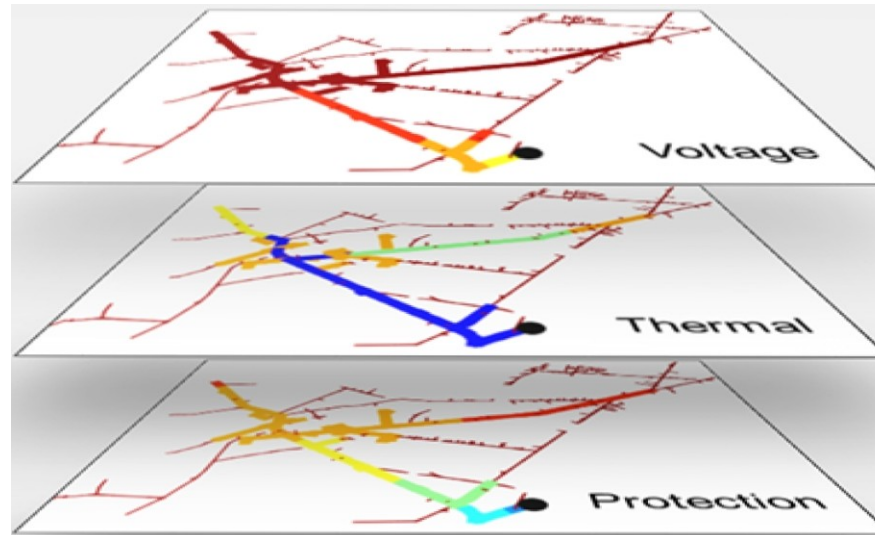


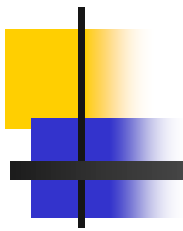
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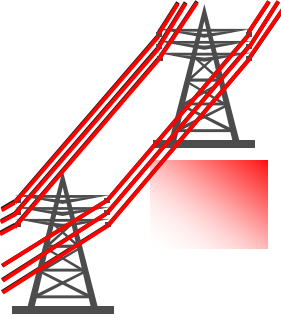
## Impacts Considered

- Voltage
  - Primary overvoltage
  - Primary voltage change
  - LTC/Regulator tapping
- Thermal
  - Ratings for generating power
  - Ratings for demanding power
- Protection
  - Element fault current
  - Breaker relay reduction of reach
  - Sympathetic breaker relay tripping
  - Reverse power flow
  - Unintentional islanding





# Integrated Asset Management



# Asset Management – Improving Grid Reliability



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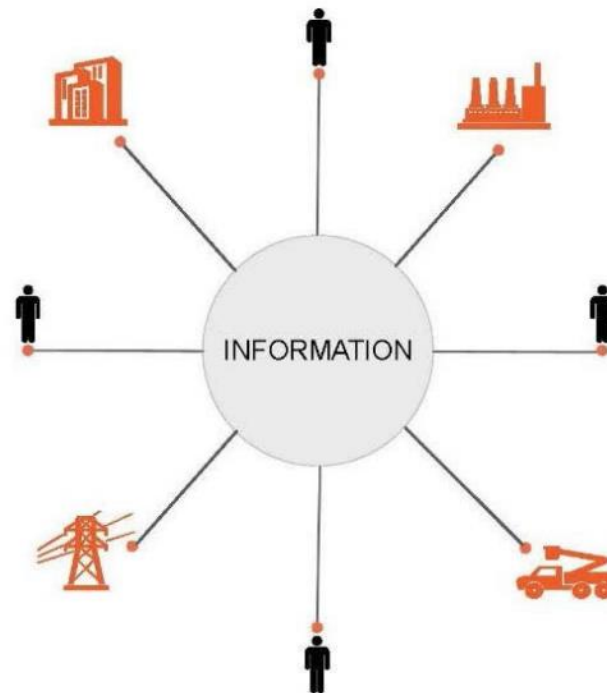
QUICK ACCESS TO  
INFORMATION

BIG PICTURE  
VISIBILITY

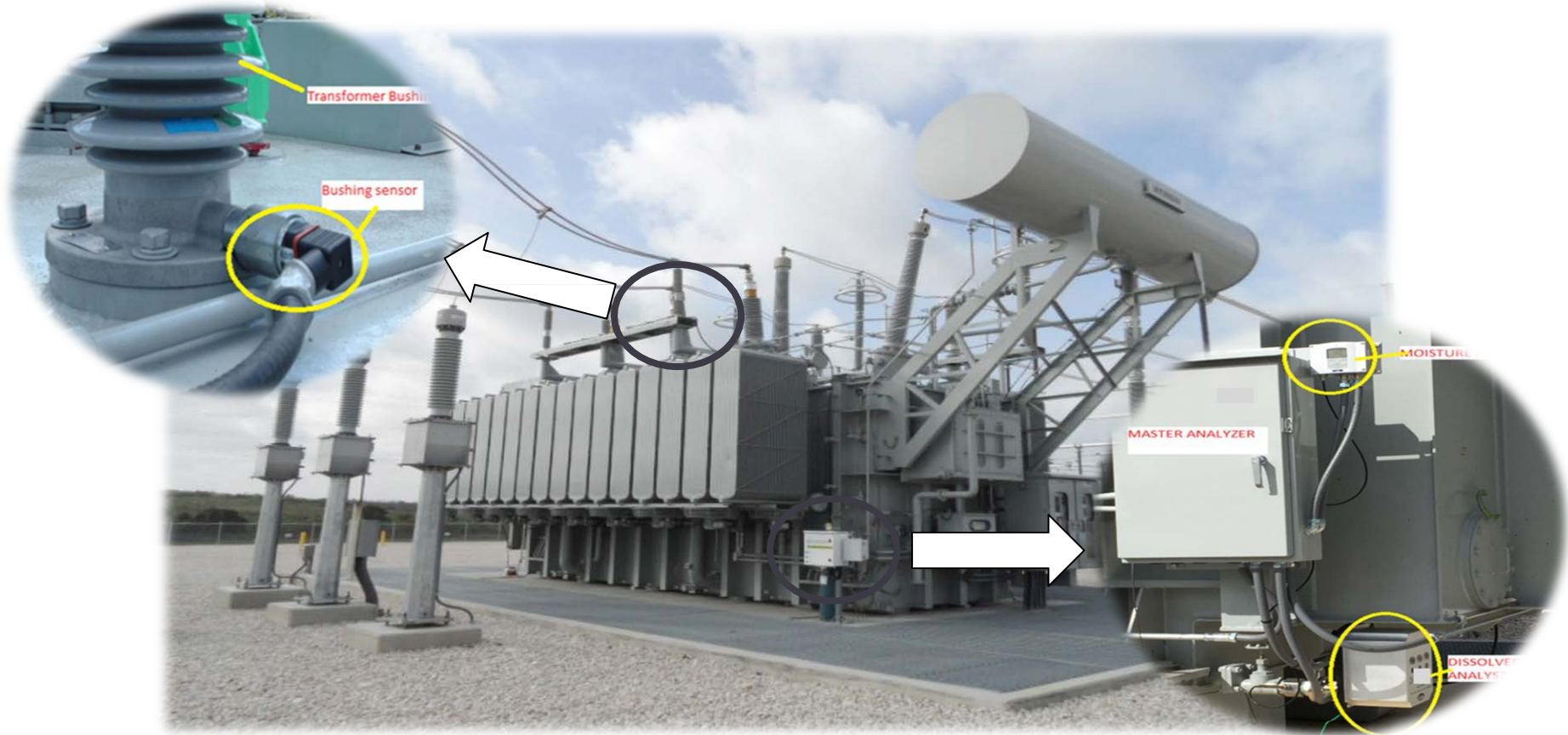
HIGHER  
RESPONSIVENESS

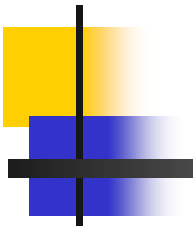
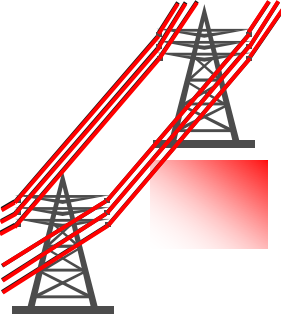
IMPROVED  
VISIBILITY

IMPROVED  
EFFICIENCY



# Conditioned Based Monitoring





# Risk & Asset Health Index



Screenshot of the dobleARMS web application interface showing the Asset Health Index for asset MC\_456.

**Navigation:** Austin Energy > Austin TX > MCNEIL > MC\_456

**Asset Information:**

- Manufacturer: [Redacted]
- Serial Number: 50177-1
- Special ID: M12318
- Asset Health Index: 1

**AIH Ranking:**

Population (238 assets) vs. Asset Scores. The chart shows a distribution of scores, with a significant portion in the 1-2 range (green bar).

**Asset Scores:**

AHJ	3	Aggregated	3	Availability	3
Customer	3	Environmental	3	Financial	3
Reliability	3	Safety	3		

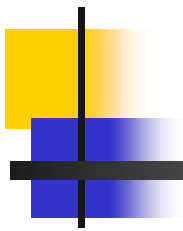
**Key Indicators:**

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
MVA			
MVAR			
MW			
I High			
I Low			
KV High	140.85	141.79	141.35
KV Low		12.86	

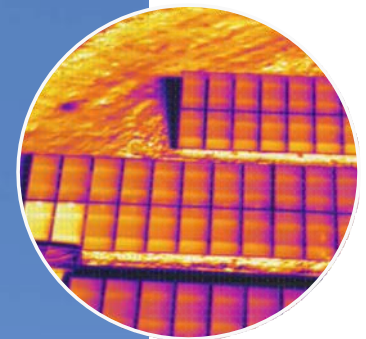
**Diagnostics Summary: MC\_456** | Inspection Data | Maintenance History | Activity Log | Source Event Monitor

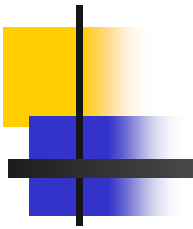
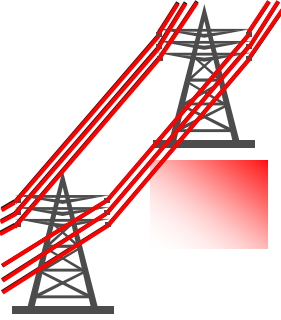
**MC\_456 Asset**

Asset Health Index		Annotated
1		
Assessment	aScore	Annotated
Bushings	3	
Dielectric	1	
IM	3	
Operational	3	



# The Future of Inspections





# Other Initiatives



## Geospatial Information System (GIS)

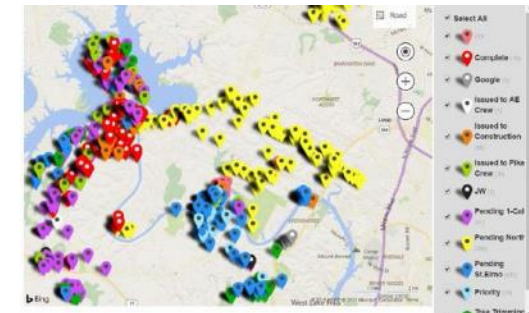
- Electric Office Upgrade
- Distribution assets modeled in GIS
  - 98% +/- of solar has been modeled in GIS
  - Transmission assets to be modeled in FY18/FY19
  - Downtown Network assets to be modeled in FY18/FY19+

## Work and Asset Management + Mobile Solution

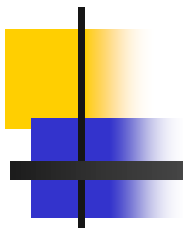
- Replacing STORMS with Maximo for Utilities

## Pole Audit

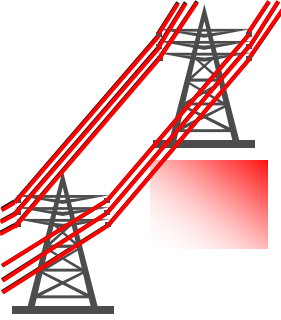
- Annual pole audits identified distribution poles needing attention
  - Remediation performed where possible
  - Other rejected poles replaced per a priority system







So What? Why Does This Matter?



# So What is Our Why?



Enriching the lives of our **customers** and **communities** by being their trusted energy **provider**, **platform**, and **partner**

# Customer Collaboration Alignment



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## Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

- Flexible rate options
- Customer access to their energy usage and usage alerts
- Identification of product opportunities and more tools at the hands of CSRs



## Grid Automation

- Two way outage communication/notification
- Reduced outage durations and increased resiliency
- Customer information and history in the hands of field personnel



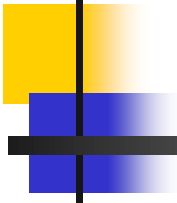
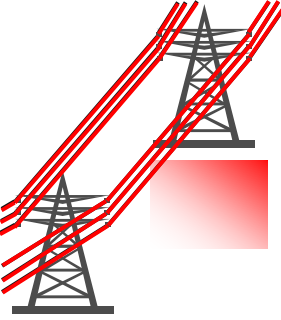
## Distributed Energy Resource integration

- Customer choice and flexibility
- Customer participation opportunities (e.g. community solar)
- Environmental and Social benefits of reduced carbon emission



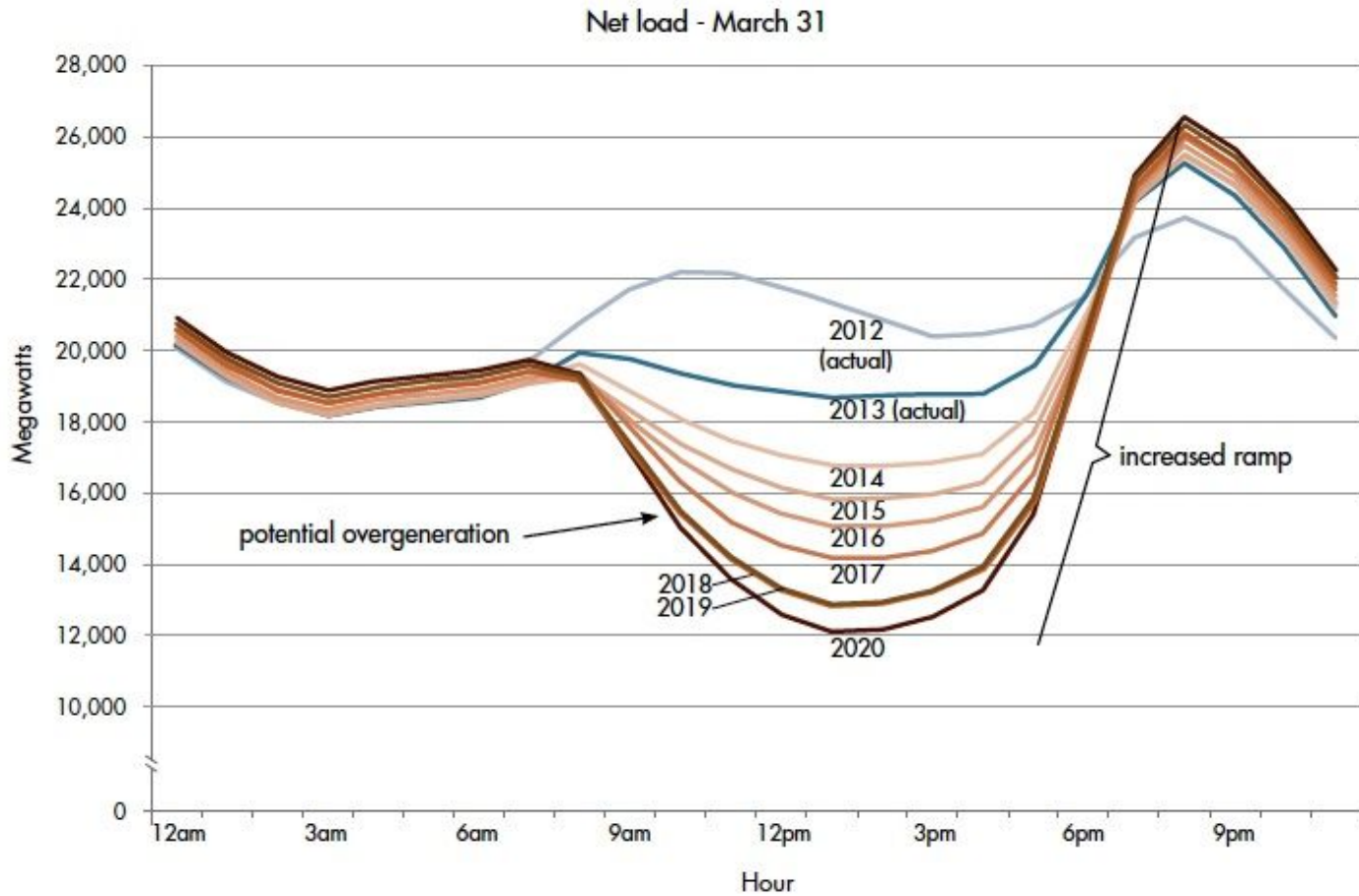
## Asset Management

- Improved reliability and better identification of customer problems
- Cost savings through operational efficiencies impacting affordability
- More granular customer outage history

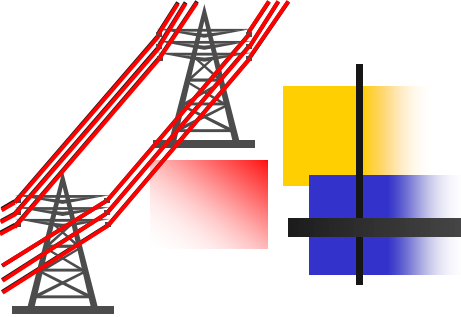


What are Some of the Challenges?

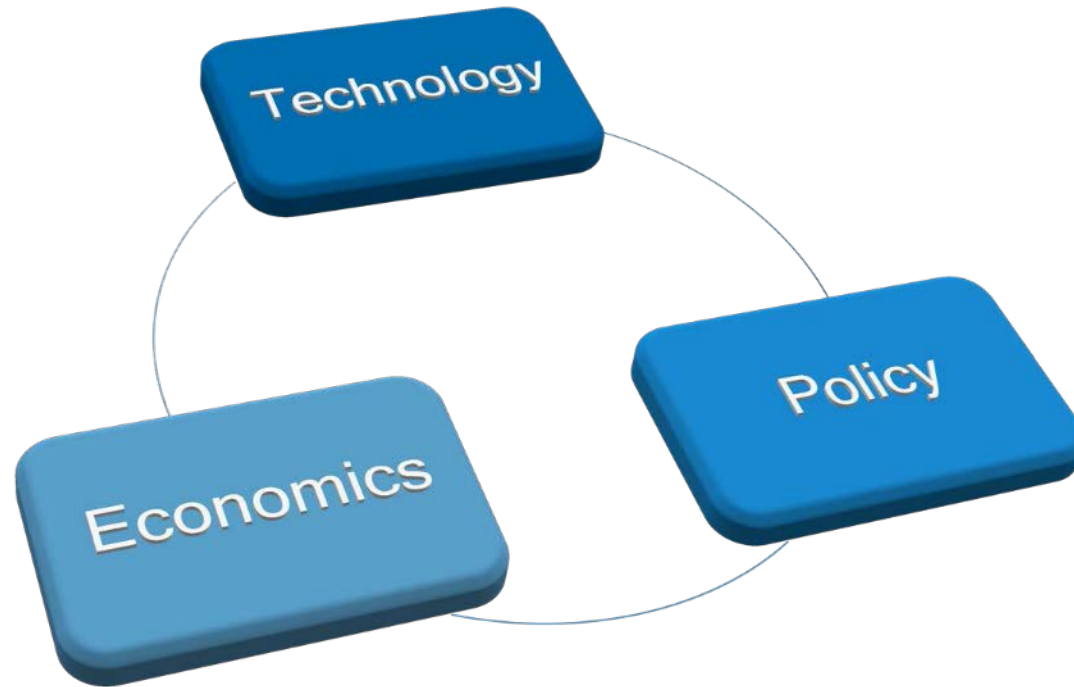
# The "Duck" Curve



CAISO "Duck Curve" is a projection of the net load - including renewables



# Grid Modernization Challenges



# Where Are We Headed?



## The Grid

- Enables the Future Energy Ecosystem and Increasingly Transactive
- AMI and ADMS Systems Ubiquitous
- Microgrids and Battery Storage will Increase but not Ubiquitous
- Grid Modernization Integral/Inseparable with Smart Cities



## Customers

- Choice
- Convenience
- Communication
- Cost of Service Parity



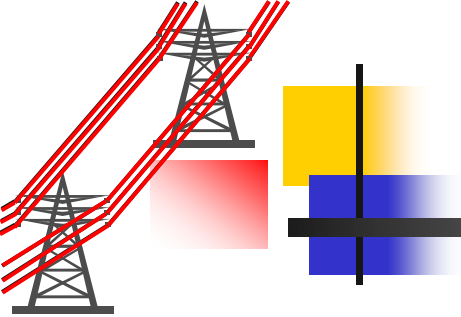
## Energy

- Continued Decarbonization and DERs will Effect Transmission Operation
- Markets will become even More Efficient
- Load Profile Flatten
- Increased Electrification Offset by EE, DR, DER



## Business Model

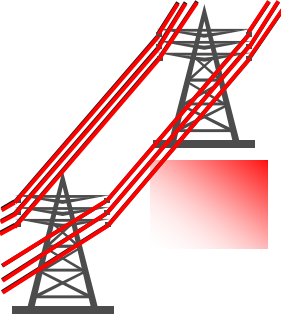
- No Death Spiral with few truly "Off the Grid"
- New Business Model Resolved - Real Time Pricing
- New Market Participants
- Increased Dependency on Service Providers, Cloud Solutions, Outsourcing



# Austin Energy's Paradigm

- Traditional Regulatory Construct
- Low and Very Stable Wholesale Market Prices
- Active and Engaged Stakeholders w/ Limited Market Understanding
- Policy Focus on the Environment and Affordability
- Austin Energy Functions as a City of Austin Department
- Customer Growth without Corresponding Load Growth
- Redundant, Reliable, and Robust Grid





# Integration of Systems and Organization



Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS)

Complex Two Way Smart Meters (AMI)

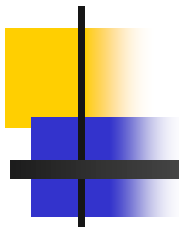
Geographic Information System (GIS)

Customer Care & Billing (CCB) Meter

Data Management System (MDMS)

Mobile Workforce Management (MWM)

Work & Asset Management System (WAMS)



# Final Thoughts



Get Educated and Engaged

Understand the Core Business is Table Stakes

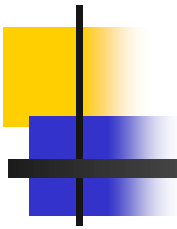
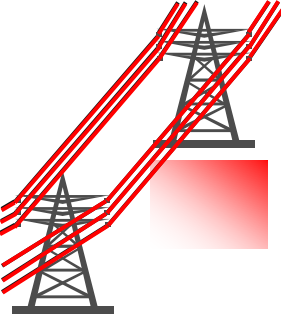
Customer Experience is Driving Change and the Standard is Amazon ... at Least for Today

Enable the Power of Many and Embrace Diversity

Recognize not only the Need to Change but the Rate Required

Solve Beyond the Classic Project Management Triple Constraint

Safety is not a Program ... Safety is the only Culture for Success



# Smart Grid Communication Network



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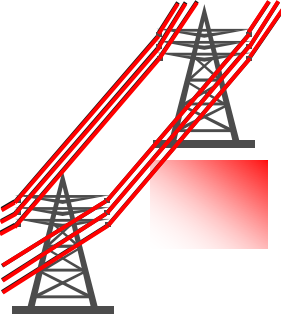
- Power System Communication Network
  - Protection System
  - SCADA
    - Smart Grid
  - Basic Telephone



# Smart Grid Communication Network



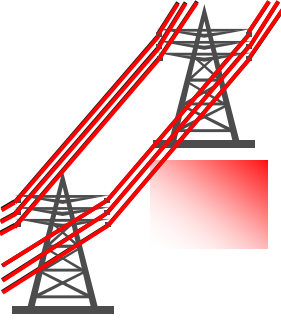
- The key to achieving SG is to successfully build a Smart Grid Communications Network (SGCN) that can support all identified SG functionalities:
  - Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI),
  - Demand Response (DR),
  - Electric Vehicles (EVs),
  - Wide-Area Situational Awareness (WASA),
  - Distributed Energy Resources and Storage,
  - Distribution Grid Management, etc.



# SCADA AE Network Current State



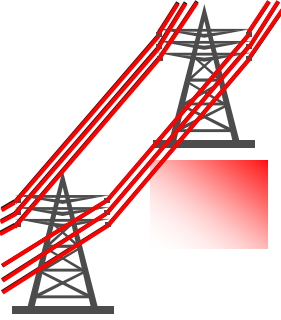
- Applications forced to conform to rigid legacy network architecture
- Inefficient hardware utilization
- Risk of a major failure is very high due to aging equipment
  - Severity: Previously entire sites have been impacted by failure of a single network device.
  - Rate of Occurrence: High rate of occurrence
  - Detection: Very low ability to detect a failure, or identify a root cause of problems quickly
- Risk of undetectable security breach is very high
  - Zero trust is implemented through firewalls. Most firewall rules are not managed by the Change Management process. Human error rate is very high with firewall changes
- Inconsistent Network management
  - No VLAN naming standards



# SG Communication Requirements



- Interoperability
- Sufficient Data Rate
- Reliability
- Latency



# AE Requirements for a New Network



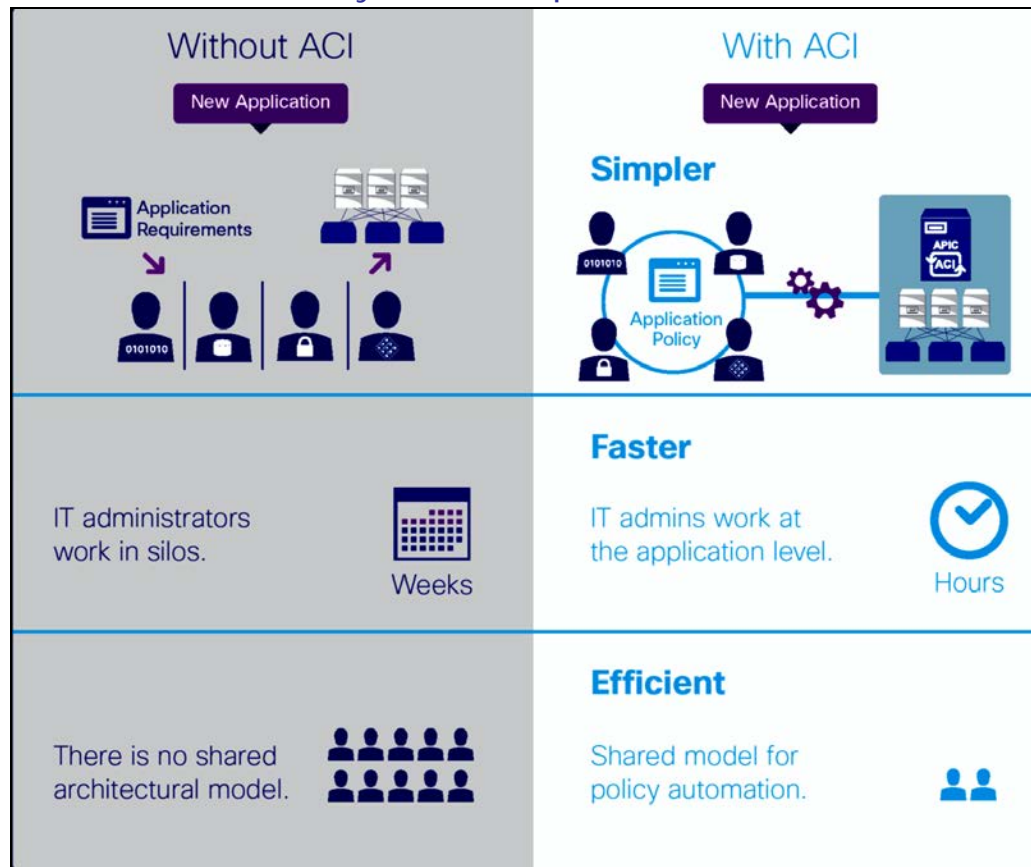
- Operational
- Reliability/Availability
- Security
- Scalability
- Programmability
- Integration





# Why Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI)?

**Application Centric Infrastructure** is a type of networking that is based on the **application**. In an **application-centric** network, the network administrator manages a system for a specific **application** rather than managing individual servers and routers like they did in the past





# Why Cisco ACI?

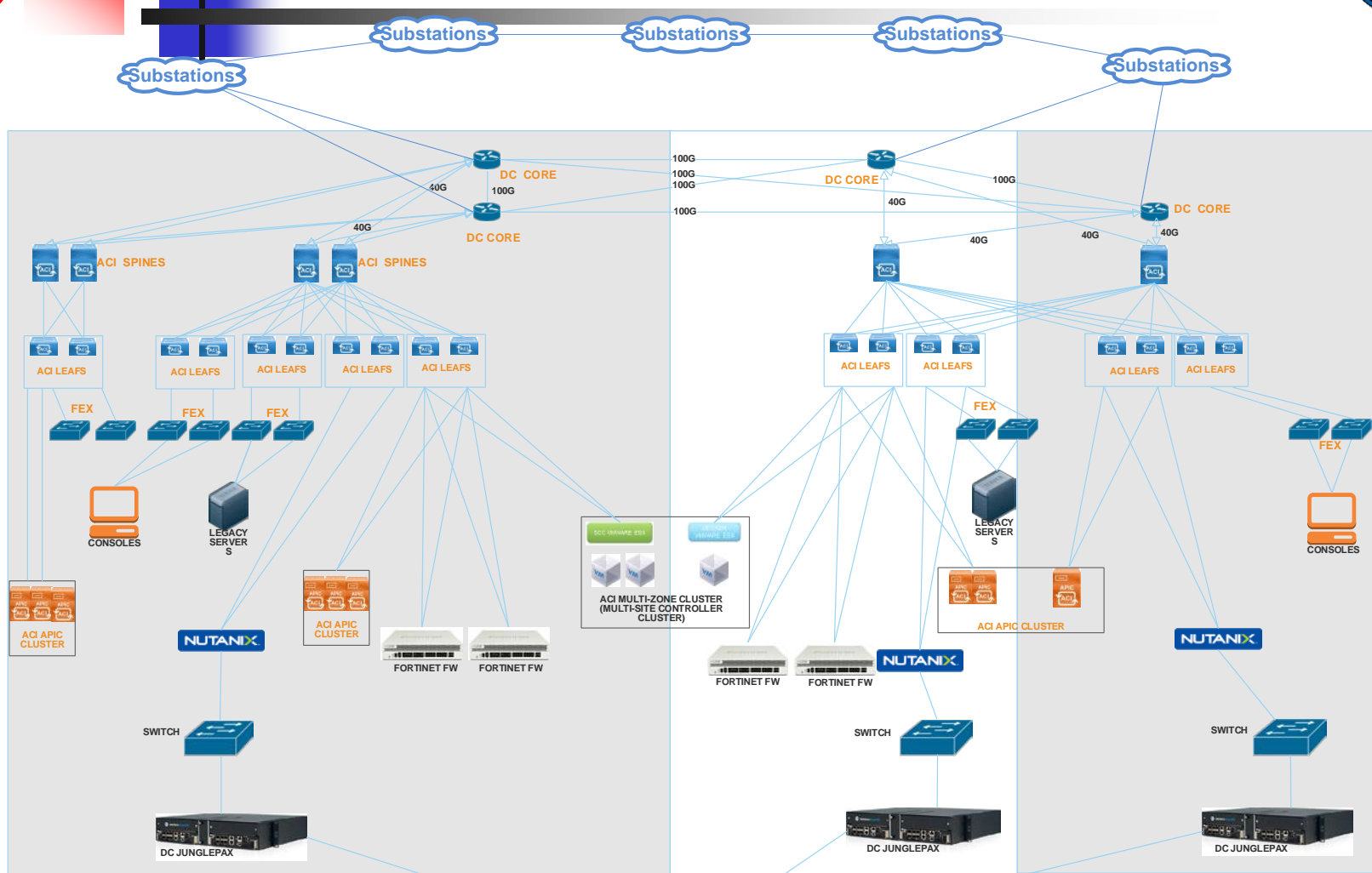
- Cisco ACI is a Software Defined Network (SDN) Spine-Leaf Architecture and it is the only solution that satisfies all our Technical/Business Requirements.
- We chose a spine-leaf network architecture for the following benefits:
  - Industry recommended standard for next-generation physical datacenter infrastructures.
  - It improves total bandwidth availability
  - Simplifies network configuration and management
  - It is highly scalable
- We chose Cisco because the cost of switching to another vendor was prohibitive.
- Even without implementing micro-segmentation, ACI in pure network-centric mode, automates the provisioning of the spine-leaf network with minimal configuration.



# Cisco ACI Multi-Site

- We chose Cisco ACI multi-site as our next-generation datacenter network platform because ACI Multi-site is the most highly Available Cisco ACI design and requires the Nexus 7000 series switch for seamless integration and automation of the ACI WAN interconnection.
- ACI Multi-site gives you the capability to extend segments across multiple sites without changing IP addresses.
- The Multi-Site infrastructure will not only be leveraged by the SCADA datacenter but it is positioned to be leveraged as the Core for the IT Datacenter whether or not ACI is deployed in the IT Datacenter.

# SCADA ACI NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE



DC CORE: Datacenter Core Layer, provides the high-speed packet switching backplane for all flows going in and out of the data center





# Wireless Communications

## ■ History

- In August of 2009 AE installed the DC Systems Intelligent Communication Gateway (ICG) which provided the infrastructure needed to leverage our existing AMI wireless network (L+G GridStream) for communication with distribution automation assets scattered throughout the AE territory.
- This mesh radio system does not carry DNP polling traffic in the traditional way – the ICG is needed to serve as a piece of ‘middleware’ that provides limited DNP interoperability.
- Communication latency over the mesh radio system was excessive, resulting in a loss of confidence from an operational perspective.
- In 2016, Verizon presented a service called an “LTE Access Point Name (APN)” service.



# Verizon LTE APN

- AE APN network is divided into 4 'pools' of addressed space:
  - 1 pool for SCADA system purposes;
  - 1 for ADMS purposes;
  - 1 for metering;
  - 1 for corporate network extension which is useful for corporate 'mobile data' purposes (mobility for GIS, ADMS, etc.).
- In January of 2017 AE began deploying equipment onto the AE Verizon Wireless network.
- Verizon APN is a private 'VPN type' service where LTE network bandwidth is carved out for AE's exclusive and secure use.
- This is a high speed, IP based network that looks like an extension of AE's existing network structure for wireless communications anywhere within AE's territory. As an IP based network, devices can be very easily added to the Verizon network.
- Each end-point (recloser, cap bank, motor operated switch, line sensor) has an LTE modem and data plan with a defined number of 'gigabytes' allocated at a monthly charge rate.



# Homework – Due March 7



1. Describe How Volt-VAR Optimization (VVO) improves efficiency?  
*Hint: VVO is a component of most Distribution Management Systems*
2. Calculate the power losses in a conductor with the impedance of  $0.01 + j0.05$  ohms, on one side connected to a constant voltage source of 120V, AC, and the other side connected to a) a load of  $4.0 + j1.0$  VA, b) a load of  $4.0 + j2.0$  VA.
3. In the previous question calculate the power factor for the loads in parts a) and b). Describe the reason for the difference in losses. How can we reduce the losses in the above conductor for these loads?  
*Hint: Consider what improves the power factor of a load*
4. Why it is useful to install battery storage in combination with renewable energy resources?
5. Describe three benefits of ACI communication networks
6. Considering power system communication networks, is protection system more critical or smart grid functions? Describe why?
7. Provide one of the reasons Austin Energy chose Verizon LTE