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IIT MICROGRID A NEW HUB IN EENERGY INFRUSTRUCTURE

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## **The Interconnection**

- Edison designed the entire electrical system down to the wall outlet, and in 1881 established the first electric power company.
- In the 1930s, isolated power systems melded into interconnected systems.
- In the 1950s and 1960s, isolated systems were converted to large regional pools.
- bulk delivery over long distances
- originated at large generating plants

With economies of scale, prices declined and demands increased.



# **Electricity Infrastructure**

- **Supply Adequacy and Economics:** Applications of renewable energy, storage technologies for enhancing the security, coordination of renewable and storage supplies, carbon footprints
- **Transmission Expansion and Security:** Expansion planning of transmission facilities, coordination of energy infrastructures, superconductors, HVDC, physical and cyber security, wide area measurements, PMUs
- Smart Grid: Energy efficiency, price response, peak load reduction, distribution automation, new building technologies, smart metering, sensors, communication and control techniques

# What is a Smart Grid?

- Smart grid is a response to economic, security, and environmental mandates placed on energy supply and delivery
- Smart grid provides access points that can be identified, much like computer devices, with an IP address on the internet
- Smart grid uses the internet protocol to shuttle information back and forth between the utility and customers
- With two-way communications between consumers and suppliers, both parties can get far more control over the grid consumption, and physical and cyber security

## **Consumer's Dilemma**

- Today, most consumers know little about costs that show up on their electricity bills except that they are higher during hot and cold months
- Few consumers realize that the true price of electricity varies continuously in response to supply and demand, and that electricity bills are mostly calculated based on average prices
- Since consumers do not adjust energy use in response to high prices, they are likely to use electricity at peak hours more than what they need to and thus pay more than what they would have to



#### Microgrid at Illinois Institute of Technology

Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (\$12M) Located at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Involves the entire campus Partners: IIT, Exelon, S&C, Schweitzer, Endurant, Siemens, Eaton



"The perfect power system will ensure absolute and universal availability of energy in the quantity and quality necessary to meet every consumer's needs. It is a system that never fails the consumer." Bob Galvin























## Why would IIT Need a Microgrid?

At least three power outages per year

• Costs = up to \$500,000 annually in restoration costs, lost productivity and ruined experiments

Addition of two new resident halls require more power Campus electricity infrastructure would need to be upgraded Electricity demand is growing with increased student population Installation of additional building equipment adds to energy use

## **Benefits of IIT Microgrid**

Efficiency in campus electricity use

- 50% peak demand reduction
- 20% permanent demand reduction

#### Improved resilience to disasters

- Demonstration of the value of perfect power
- Cost avoidance and savings in outage costs
- Deferral of planned substations

Replicable in larger cities and municipalities Living Laboratory for the promotion of energy efficiency in cleaner cities Reduced energy costs Reduce carbon footprint









#### **IIT | Smart Grid Workforce Education and Training Center**

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#### **Illinois Smart Grid Regional Innovation Cluster**

IIT is helping lead the development of an innovation platform for Smart Grid technology that recently was awarded \$600,000 from the Small Business Administration.

The Cluster will provide technical and business support to speed new Smart Grid technologies on the path to commercialization.

www.SmartGridCluster.com



#### **DoD Microgrid**

Using its strong set of research, test-bed and technology innovation assets, the Center will serve DoD goals by:

- 1) Identifying, validating and certifying emerging, battlefield-ready micro grid technologies.
- 2) Accelerating new military micro grid technology development.
- 3) Providing sustainment training for DoD personnel.

