

# Lessons Learned – Key Characteristics of a Microgrid

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The future requires a shift from passive grid management to active grid management...and the future is here.

### CHALLENGING THE PARADIGM





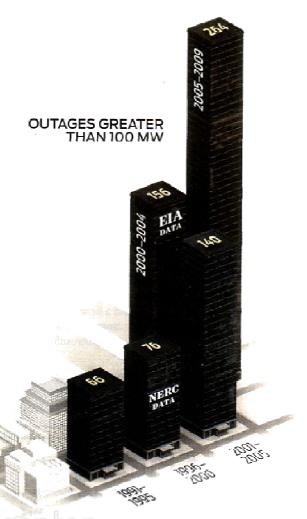
### Old Paradigms Challenged

- US average outage duration is 120 minutes and getting worse; rest of industrialized world is < 10 minutes and getting better
- "Build mentality" has yielded ≤ 45% capital asset utilization (generation, transmission, distribution) and getting worse...at the same time outage duration and frequency is increasing
- Top down electric power system is not meeting the challenge. Consumers are embracing distributed resources (> 5 GW/year) and participation in peak reduction programs (DR, PTR, CPP, etc)





### **Decreasing Grid Reliability**



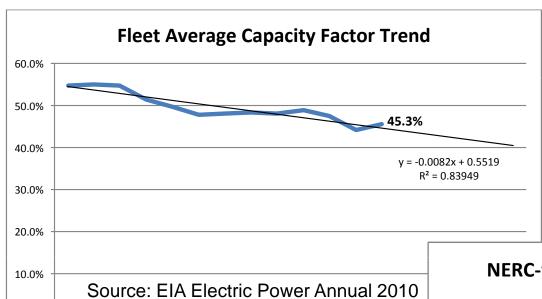
OUTAGES AFFECTING MORE THAN 50 000 CUSTOMERS

Source: Dr. S. Massoud Amin, IEEE Spectrum, January 2011

at ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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### Decreasing Capital Asset Utilization

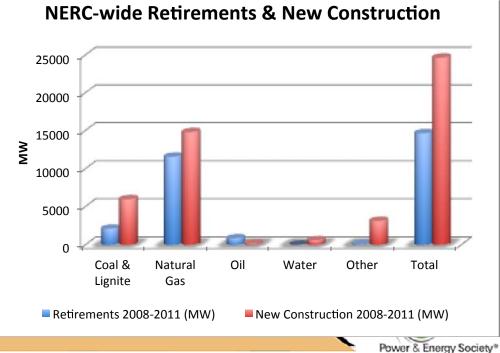


To deliver 1 MW to a customer, we are building and paying for 2.2 MW generation and transmission.

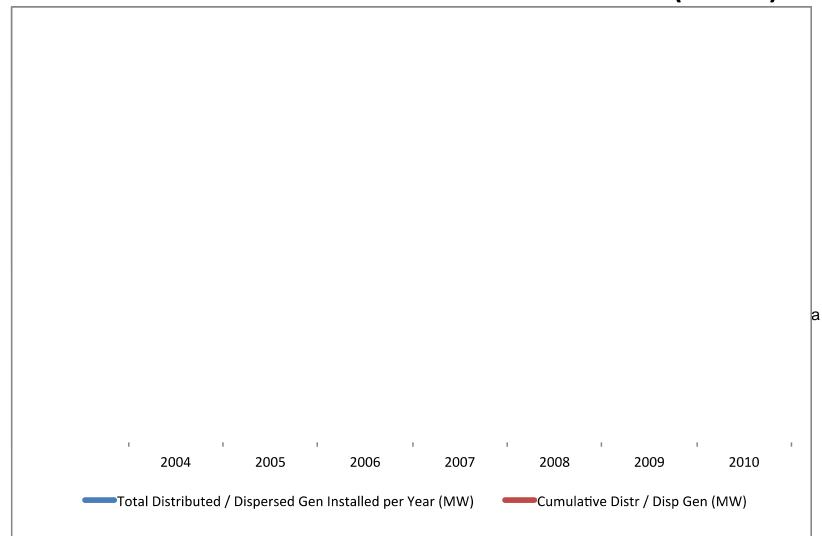
A long-term increasing generation capacity with a long-term decreasing capacity factor is an unsustainable business model.



0.0%



### C&I DG Installations since 2004 (MW)

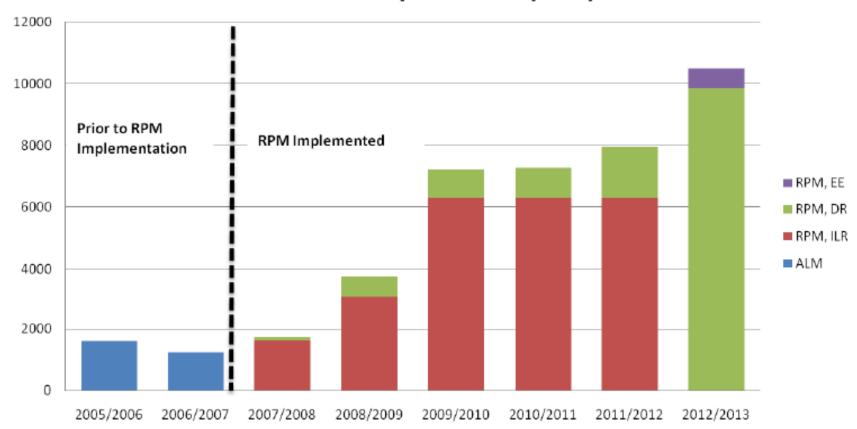




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### Dispatching Demand Side on the Rise

#### **Demand Side Participation in Capacity Market**

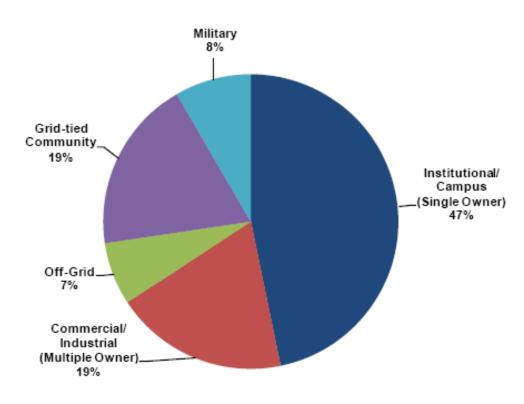


#### Demand Side Participation in the PJM Capacity Market



Source: PJM Interconnection





### **LESSONS...SO FAR**





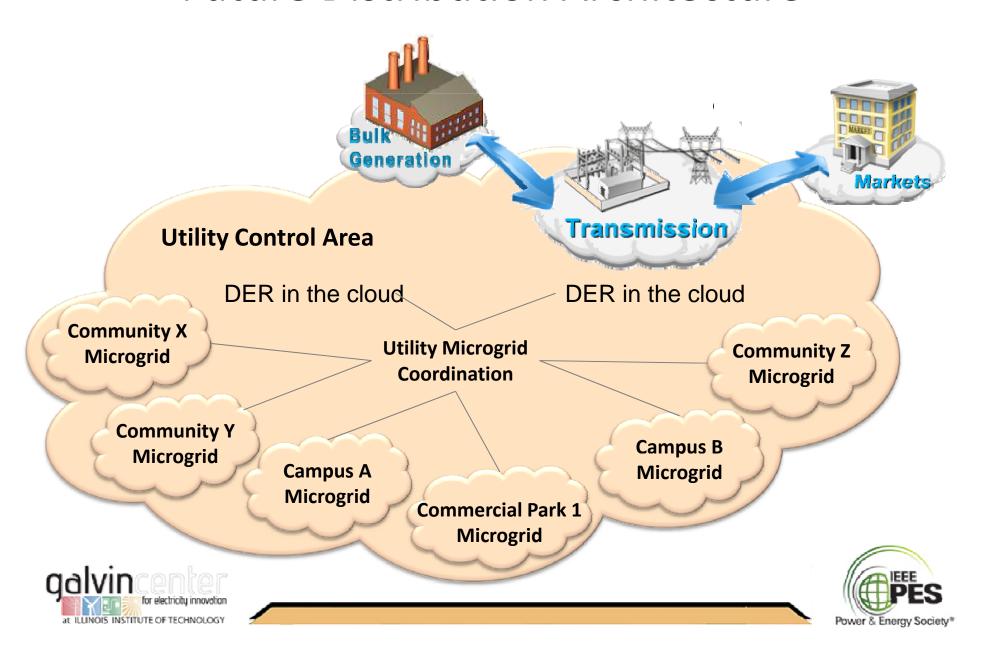
### Utility Distribution Microgrid Uses

- Somewhat remote communities
  - Highly concentrated PV communities
  - Address variability of high renewables targets
- Custom power offerings tailored to customers with specific economic, reliability, and emissions objectives
- Active management to drive improved reliability
- Local resource mix hedge to a single grid supply
  - Municipals and Cooperatives





#### **Future Distribution Architecture**



### Lessons - Microgrid Characteristics

- Most interest is behind the meter
- Economically viable
  - Commercial & Industrial consumers 4 to 40 MW
  - University campuses 2 to 40 MW
- Significantly improves on-site reliability; a MUST
- All solutions (to date) reduce emissions footprint, but not the major objective
- All solutions (to date) include energy storage and 3 to 6 other resource types
- All solutions (to date) include integration to building controls and price-driven load management
- Most selected Scenario: MaxSavings
  - 80% to 86% self-generation, rest from grid
  - Always grid connected
  - Sales to grid: zero to minimal





### Lessons on Typical Project

- Design and Integrate Multiple Resources
  - DG, PV, Wind, CHP, FC
  - Utility-scale and distributed storage
- Automate Distribution
- Grid Interconnection and Islanding
- Price-Driven Load Management
  - Intelligent load management
  - Demand response
- Multiple Revenue Streams
  - Primary energy and demand
  - Utility peak load programs
  - Utility ancillary services





### Lessons on Optimization Design

- Industry-leading converged energy and financial model
- Commercial and industrial businesses, and university campuses are focused and looking for solutions
- Four main scenarios
  - MaxSavings
  - MaxRenewables
  - MaxDiversity
  - Grid Independence
- Incorporate federal, state, and utility tax credits and incentives





### Microgrid vs Traditional Supplier Roles

Criteria	MEA/Shell	IIT/Exelon	Calpine <sup>8</sup>	NextEra <sup>9</sup>	US Avg.
Source Energy Intensity (mmBTU/MWh)	3.8	6.6	7.3	8.0	9.1
CO <sub>2</sub> Intensity (lbs/MWh)	610	0	870	650	1330
SO <sub>2</sub> Intensity (lbs/MWh)	0.3	0	0.0044	0.44	3.0
NOx Intensity (lbs/MWh)	0.3	0	0.12	0.33	1.4
Water Consumption (gallons/MWh)	>400*	240*	100	230	>400*
Solid Waste Recycled (waste recycled/total waste)	16%*	60%	0%*	28%*	65%
Renewable Energy Credits (bonus points)	6	0	0	0	N/A
PPI Rating Score (max 100)	91	79	68	64	41
Percent Renewable	60%	40%	6%	13%	9%

Table 3, Assessing
Power Supply:
Environment and
Energy Efficiency,
Perfect Power Institute,
July 2012

\*Numbers estimated from available data

Notes: Results adjusted for average system losses. MEA is the Marin Energy Authority contracting with Shell Energy. IIT is the Illinois Institute of Technology contracting with Exelon.



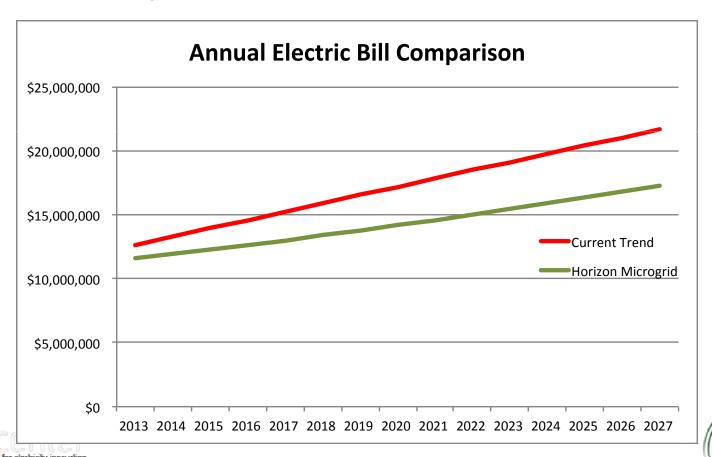
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### Case Study: 11 MW Shipyard

Shipyard will save ~\$23 million in the first 10 years of the microgrid operations.



### Case Study: 3.5 MW Engineering Center

The campus will save almost \$10M in the first 10 years of the microgrid operations

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022





## Case Study: What if ConEd?

Compare 500 MW over 20 years	ConEd BAU	ConEd Microgrid	
Amount of microgrids		500 MW	
Reliability (avg customer outage minutes/year)	120	12	
Power Plant Capacity Factor	45.3%	83.2%	
Emissions (NO <sub>X</sub> , SO <sub>X</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> )		532,727 Tons less	
Consumer Savings		\$2,091 M higher	
Distr. Marginal Cost	\$600/kW-year	<\$250/kW-year	

Case Study based data from an 11 MW industrial microgrid design.





#### Conclusions

- Must move distribution network from passive to active management
- Most microgrid action is behind the meter
- Business and university consumers are motivated
- For the consumer, well developed microgrids are more capital efficient, energy efficient, and reliable than traditional service





## Thank you!

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