

#### U.S. Department of Energy Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

#### **Smart Grid Activities at the Department of Energy**

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"We'll fund a better, smarter electricity grid and train workers to build it..."

President Barack Obama

"To meet the energy challenge and create a 21st century energy economy, we need a 21st century electric grid"

> DOE Secretary Chu GridWeek, September 2009

### **Smart Grid: A National Priority**

- The Energy Independence and Security Act ("EISA") of 2007established "modernization of the nation's electricity transmission and distribution system" as a U.S. policy goal.
- EISA required DOE, among other things, to:
  - Establish a Smart Grid Advisory Committee
  - Establish a Smart Grid Task Force
  - Submit to Congress a report concerning the status of Smart Grid systems deployments
  - Establish a Smart Grid regional demonstration initiative showcasing advanced technologies

### What is the Smart Grid?

The Smart Grid isn't a "thing" but rather a "vision" and is defined by its characteristics. The Smart Grid will:

- Enable active participation by consumers.
- Accommodate all generation and storage options.
- Enable new products, services and markets.
- Provide power quality for the digital economy.
- Optimize asset utilization and operate efficiently.
- Anticipate & respond to system disturbances (self-heal).
- Operate resiliently against attack and natural disaster.

# Smart Grid Enables Dynamic Optimization of Grid Resources and Operations



## Smart Grid Enables Consumer Participation and Demand Response





#### How will the Smart Grid differ from today's grid?

Three Fundamental Differences

- Incorporates both a centralized and decentralized supply and control model.
- Provides for two-way power flow.
- Provides for two-way information flow.



#### Who will benefit from the Smart Grid?

- Utilities
  - Benefit from cost reductions e.g. reduced O&M
  - Enhanced system reliability
  - Improved customer service
  - More efficient planning and maintenance of system
- Consumers
  - Control over energy use and monthly bills
  - Improved reliability
  - Improved customer service
  - Support for in-home networking
- Society at large
  - Possible reduction in carbon emissions
  - Reduced need for power plants
  - Infrastructure that can support variable renewable generation
  - Infrastructure that can support PHEV



#### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Jumpstarts Smart Grid

Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability	\$ Millions
Smart Grid Investment Grant (SGIG) Program; ≤3 years	\$3,400
Smart Grid Demonstrations; 3-5 years	\$615
Interoperability Framework Development by NIST	\$10
Workforce Development	\$100

#### **ARRA Smart Grid Investment Grants** *Transform* Electricity Delivery

Smart Grid Systems and Equipment	Numbers of Units (self-reported estimates)	Improvements	Impacts
Networked Phasor Measurement Units	877	<ul> <li>Near-nationwide coverage</li> <li>6X the 166 existing networked PMUs</li> </ul>	Enhanced situational awareness and electric system reliability and resiliency
Smart Transformers	205,983	<ul> <li>Enables preventative maintenance</li> </ul>	
Automated Substations	671	<ul> <li>5% of 12,466 transmission and distribution substations in the U.S.</li> </ul>	
Load Control Devices	176,814	<ul> <li>Enables peak demand reductions</li> </ul>	<b>1444 MWs of peak demand</b> <b>reduction per year</b> (self-reported estimates)
Smart Thermostats	170,218	<ul> <li>Enables peak demand reductions</li> </ul>	
Smart Meters	18,179,912	• 13% of the 142 million customers in the U.S.	Transformational changes in consumer behavior and energy consumption
In-Home Display Units	1,183, 265	• Enables customer empowerment	
PHEVs/Charging Stations	12/100	Accelerates market entry	Begins the path toward energy independence

#### ARRA Smart Grid Activities in Missouri

- City of Fulton \$1.5m Smart Grid Investment Grant to the to replace 5,000 meters with a smart meter network that includes a dynamic pricing program.
- KCP&L was awarded a Smart Grid Demonstration Project grant of almost \$24m for Kansas City's Green Zone Impact Project.
- Boeing in St. Louis was awarded a Smart Grid Demonstration Project grant of \$8.5m to demonstrate advanced smart grid software technology with militarygrade cybersecurity for improving regional transmission system planning and operation.
- Ameren Services Company was awarded a Smart Grid Work Force training grant of \$3.5m for training in three smart grid areas: Advanced Data Management Systems; new Graphic Information System functionality; and other smart devices for the electric distribution system.
- St. Louis Community College was awarded a Smart Grid Work Force training grant for a \$82k to implement a pre-employment program in collaboration with Ameren, to address the necessary critical skills and technical expertise needed in the energy industry.



#### National Broadband Plan and Smart Grid

- In early 2009, Congress directed the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to create the National Broadband Plan ("NBP") that was released in early 2010. www.broadband.gov/plan/
- NBP has specific recommendations regarding the Smart Grid and directs the DOE to:
  - Consider consumer data accessibility when evaluating Smart Grid grant applications.
  - Report on States' progress toward enacting consumer data access policies.
  - Provide States guidance regarding data access policies.

#### DOE Response to National Broadband Plan

- On May 11, 2010, DOE issued a request for information seeking comments regarding access to energy consumption information and privacy among other issues.
- The request for information asks for responses to the following questions that should be of interest:
  - Who owns energy consumption data?
  - Who should be entitled to privacy protection relating to energy information?
  - What, if any privacy practices should be implemented in protecting energy information?
  - Should consumers be able to opt in/opt out of smart meter deployment or have control over what information is shared with utilities or third parties?
  - What mechanisms should be made available to consumers to report concerns or problems with smart meters?
  - How do policies and practices address the needs of different communities, especially low-income rate payers or consumers with low literacy or limited access to broadband technologies?
  - Initial comments are due July 12, 2010.
     <a href="http://www.gc.energy.gov/documents/Natl\_Brdband\_Data\_Access.pdf">http://www.gc.energy.gov/documents/Natl\_Brdband\_Data\_Access.pdf</a>

#### Smart Grid Subcommittee of the White House Office of Science and Technology Committee on Technology

- The Subcommittee will articulate a vision for smart grid technology and the core priorities and opportunities for the development of the Smart Grid.
- The Subcommittee will facilitate a strong, coordinated effort across federal agencies to develop Smart Grid policy.
- The Subcommittee will prepare a report for the NSTC's Committee on Technology that articulates a vision for the smart grid, provides analysis about the social costs and benefits of the smart grid, identifies barriers to smart grid deployment, and makes policy recommendations.



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