## **Smart Grid Update**



# Customer Engagement

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## **SG Strategic Goals**

### Member Relationship & Loyalty

 Expand strategies that strengthen relationship with members, communities and leaders

#### **EFFICIENCY**

- With remote meter reading and reconnection, we can save time and money (and reduce air pollution).
- With more detailed data about demand and usage we can distribute power more efficiently.

#### RELIABILITY

- New meters help us locate—and respond to—outages faster and more safely.
- New meters can help us improve power quality, reducing surges and blinking.
- . New meters mean consistent billing periods.

New technology to help us serve you better

#### AFFORDABILITY

- Operating more efficiently can help minimize cost increases.
- We can use the new data to help our members address high bills.



### **Member Concerns**

- Radio Frequency Interference
- Radio Frequency Exposure
- Data Privacy / Security
  - Utility monitoring
- Meter Accuracy and Billing
- Rate Impacts



### **SG Communications**

- Internal communications importance
  - Customer Service Representatives training
- Communicate early and often
  - Benefits to members
  - Non-technical terms
  - Variety of media
- Maintain trust
  - Other content on SG readily available
  - Focus on our message





- Rural Missouri Monthly Updates
- Radio Interviews
- Civic Organization Presentations
- Door Hangers
- Open House Demonstrations
  - AMI System
  - Outage Management
  - Distribution Automation
  - Energy Efficiency
- Website and Social Media





### Summary

- Constant and consistent communications
- Benefits to members
  - Reliability
  - Efficiency
  - Affordability
- Internal personnel understanding of SG operation and member benefits
- Timely Response to issues / concerns
  - Perception is reality
- Next Steps Meter Data Portal
  - Benchmarking and analysis