Approach to Smart Grid

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National Grid: an international electricity and gas company

National Grid Electricity and Gas Service Areas - US



Largest utility in UK; second largest in US*

- 50% UK, 50% US
- 50% Electricity, 50% Gas
- 50% Transmission, 50%
 Distribution
- 27,000-plus employees

 Almost 18 million customers

Northeast US

- Distributes electricity to 3.3 million customers
- Services 1.1 million customers of Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)
- Provides natural gas to 3.5 million customers
- Currently owns over 4,000MW of generation

*Based on customer numbers; includes the servicing of LIPA's 1.1 million customers

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Aspects of Smart Grid Changes

- Significant Pilot of Metering Based Equipment (> 100K meters)
- Distribution Equipment
 - Reclosers, sectionalizes, switches
- Control Room Changes
 - How do you deal with this new information?

Proposed Smart Grid Pilots

- Three States
 - Massachusetts
 - 15,000 meters plus potentially 100,000 more
 - Rhode Island
 - 10,000 meters
 - New York
 - 80,000 meters in two locations
- Regulatory Filings made in Three States
- DOE Filings made
- Next Steps
 - DOE indications Dec. 2009
 - NY PSC prioritization August 2009
 - MA Approval October 2009
 - Rhode Island ?



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Smart Grid Distribution System – New York Pilot

Objectives

- ✓ Integrated Grid / Network Communications
- Advanced Smart Meters (real time measurement and communication of consumption)
- Automated Load Management imbedded in existing DSM Programs
- ✓ Remote status detection and operation of Distribution Equipment
- ✓ TOU or Hourly Pricing
- ✓ Coverage of .25% of service territory
- Reductions of 5% in peak and average load consumption of participants

Selection Criteria

Mix of Urban and Suburban

Mix of Commercial and Residential

Existing Reliability Challenges

Potential to interconnect feeders

Mix of existing and potential Distributed

Generation, Wind, Solar, PHEV



Syracuse

- ✓ East Syracuse
- 3 complete substations in a contiguous area (Syracuse University is an add on option)
- Existing Distribution Automation project
- ✓ 17,100 customers sub-urban, rural mix
- Opportunities to improve reliability
- Opportunities to interconnect feeders

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Control Room Changes

- New common EMS for Transmission
- Replace Outage Management System (OMS)
- New Distribution Management System (DMS)
 - Enhanced capabilities needed to manage data from Smart Grid
 - Eliminate paper maps
 - Automated load calculations
 - On-line switching orders
 - Self healing grid technologies
 - Fault isolation and restoration switching
 - Volt/VAR management





