



# Smart Micro-Grid Project Update: Hartley Bay, BC, Canada

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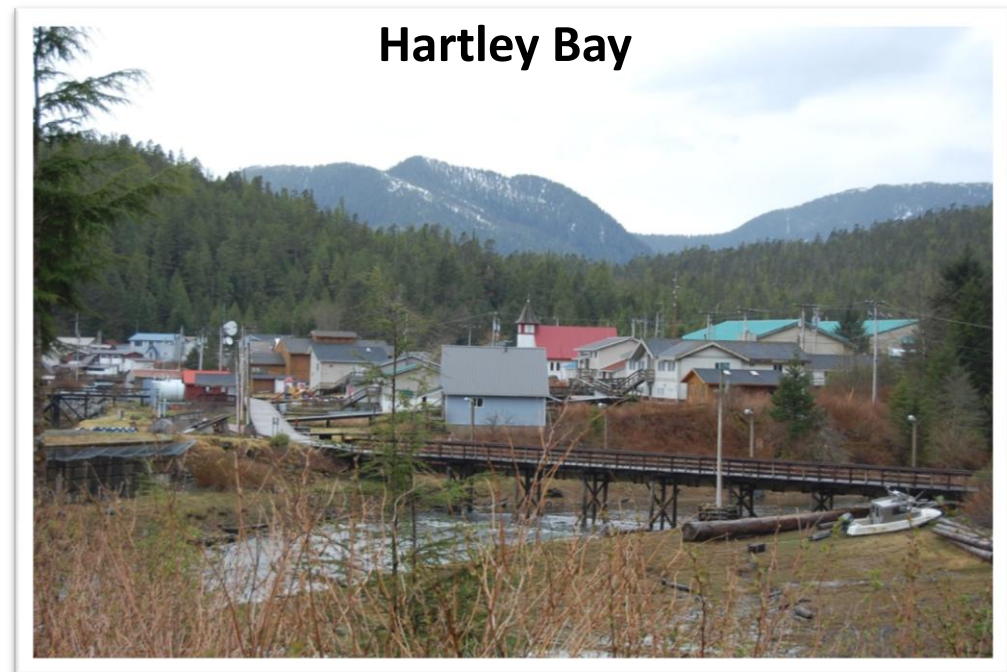
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# Agenda

- An Introduction to Hartley Bay's Micro-grid
- System Design Features
- Project Milestones
- Results and Benefits
- Challenges
- Next Steps
- Questions



# Introduction to Hartley Bay



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# The Hartley Bay Micro-grid:

- Hartley Bay Quick Facts:
  - Gitga'at First Nation
  - 170 Residents
  - Off Grid
  - 450 kW max demand
  - \$500,000 Fuel Costs
  - \$0.67/kWh, 2GWh/yr
  - 25 kV Distribution
  - Fuel is barged in regularly



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# Objectives of Smart Microgrid Project:

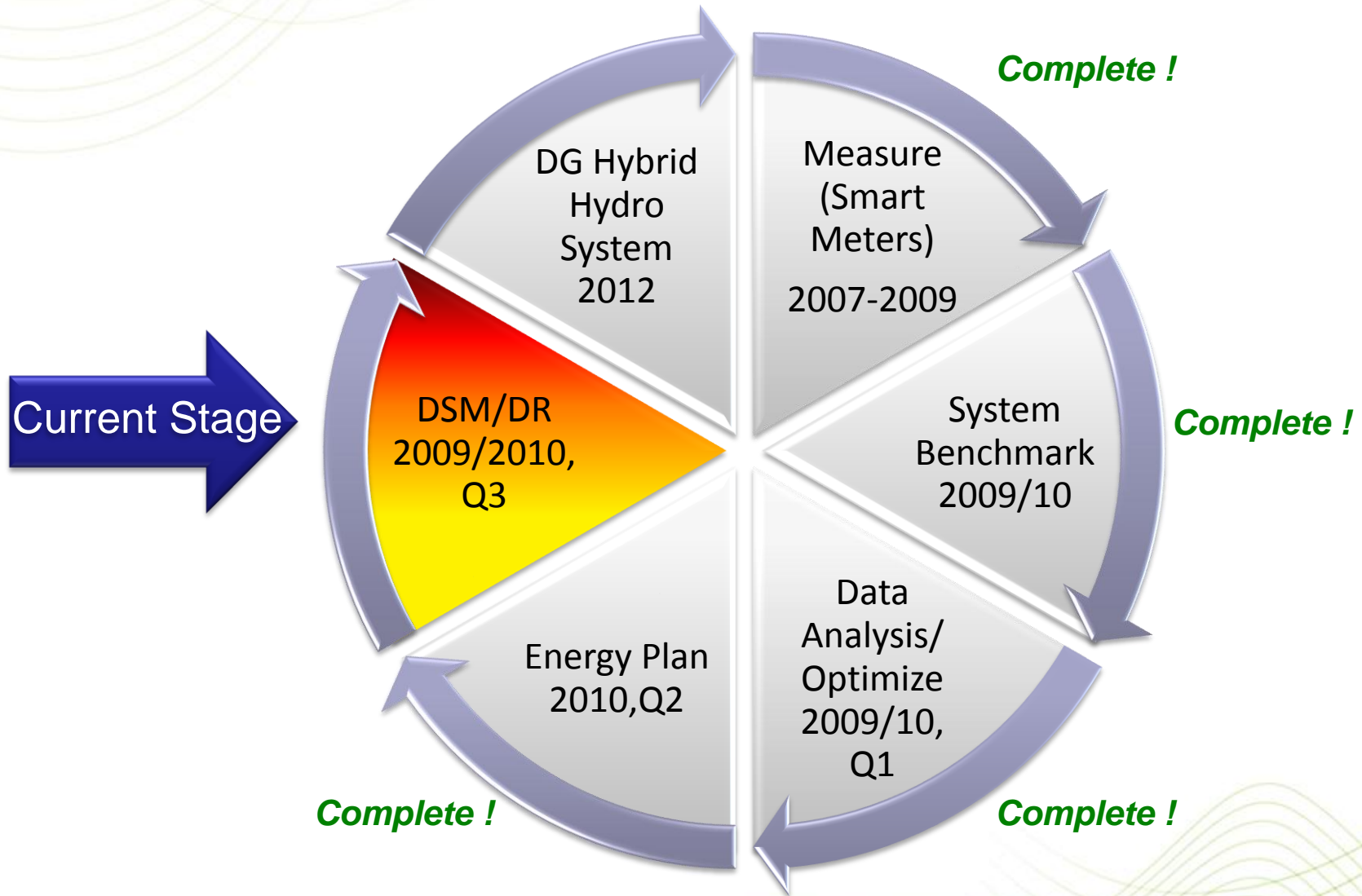
## **Social/Environmental:**

1. To be the Greenest First Nation Village in Canada.
2. To change the way the residents consume power.
3. Reduce: GHGs, Diesel Spill Potential

## **Economical:**

4. Production and Energy Costs, Regulatory Impacts (booms)
5. Integrate Hydro/Diesel Combined Generation
6. Increase Reliability, Maintainability, Usability

# Milestones and Process



# System Overview

- Smart Meters (1 and 15 minute min intervals)
  - 62 Residences, 20 Commercial, kWh, kW, V, A
  - 3 Generators, L of Diesel/min, kWh, kW, V, A, GHGs
  - 3 Internal Temperature monitoring points and Weather
- Communications Platforms
  - Monitoring - IEEE 802.11 5GHz Wireless
  - Monitoring - 900 MHz Mesh Modbus
  - Monitoring – 900 MHz Meshed Smart Meters (EKA)
  - Control - 900 MHz Paging Dispatcher (PAGENET)
  - Backbone – Microwave/Wired TCPIP/Cellular (Telus)



# System Overview

- Security
  - Proprietary Communications Protocols
  - Default privacy for users
- Central Collector and Analytics
  - Pulse Energy Management System
  - EKA/Cooper Smart Metering
  - Cooper Yukon Load Controller
- Direct Control (*Q3, 2010*)
  - Hot Water Heaters, Freezers (Switches)
  - Thermostats (Commercial and Residential)
  - Commercial building automation set points



# Smart Micro Grid - Architecture

## Pulse Energy Servers

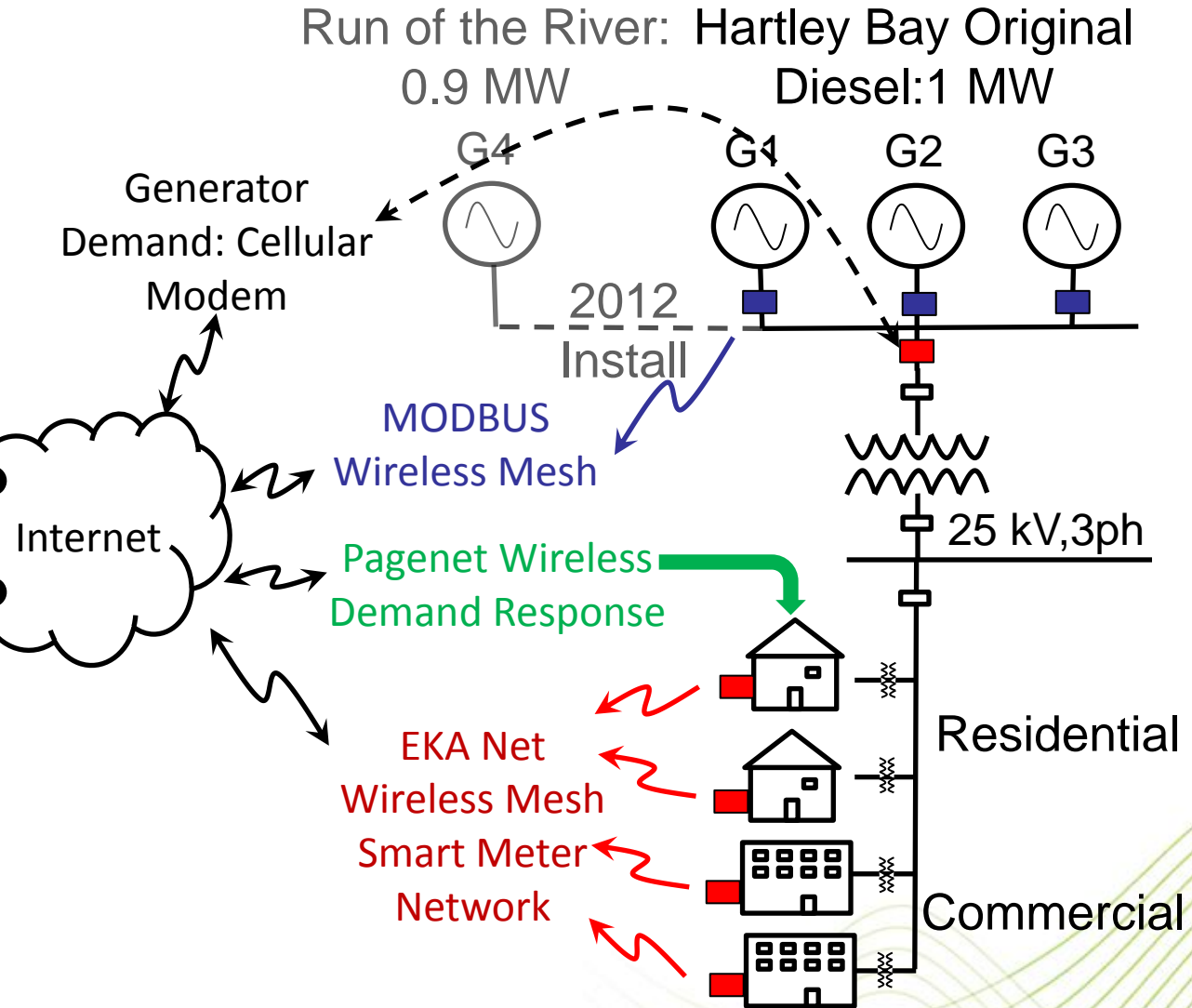
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Alerts and  
Demand-response  
dispatch Logic

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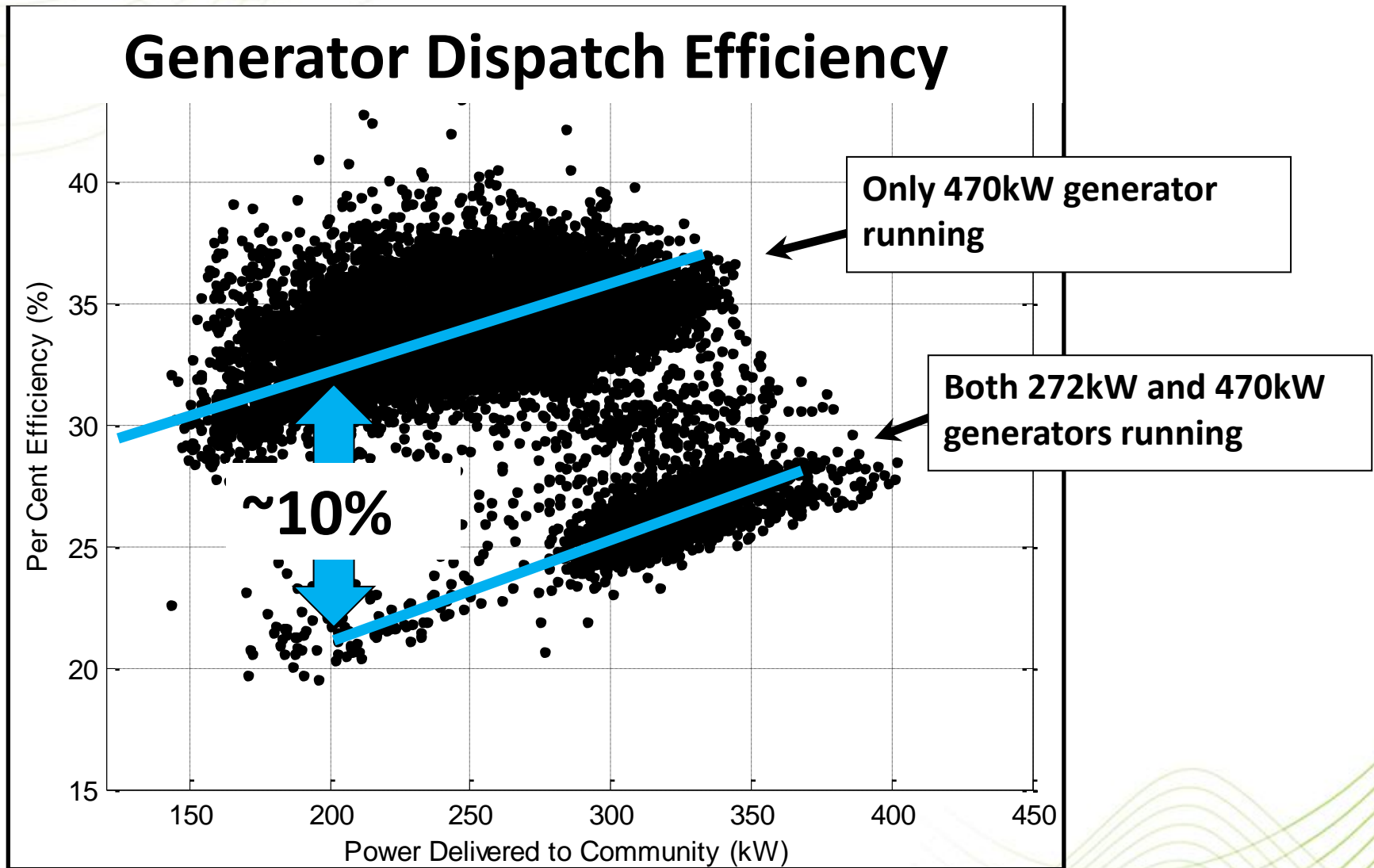
Hartley Bay Admin  
Office Server



Data Aggregator and  
DR Dispatcher

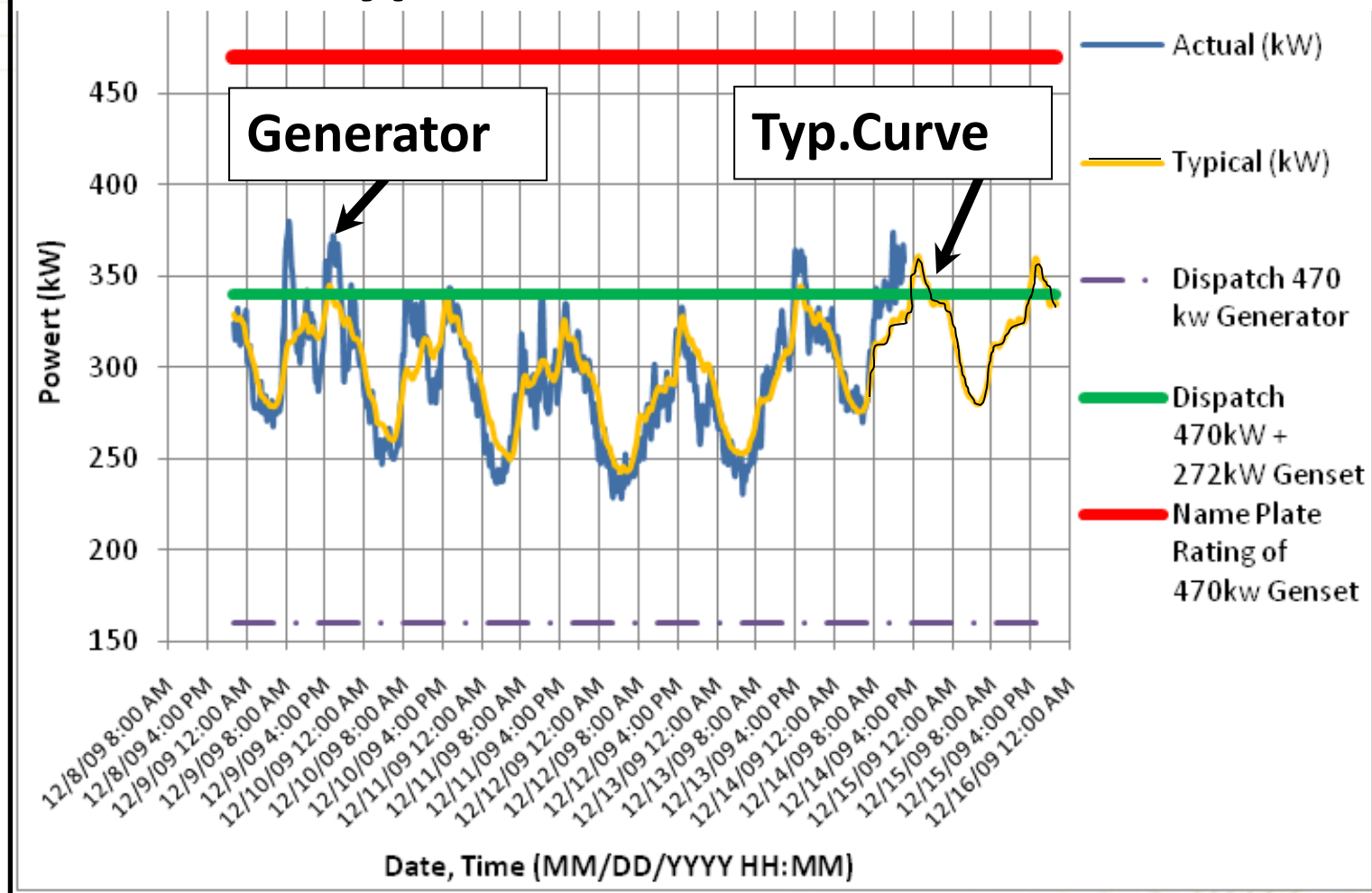


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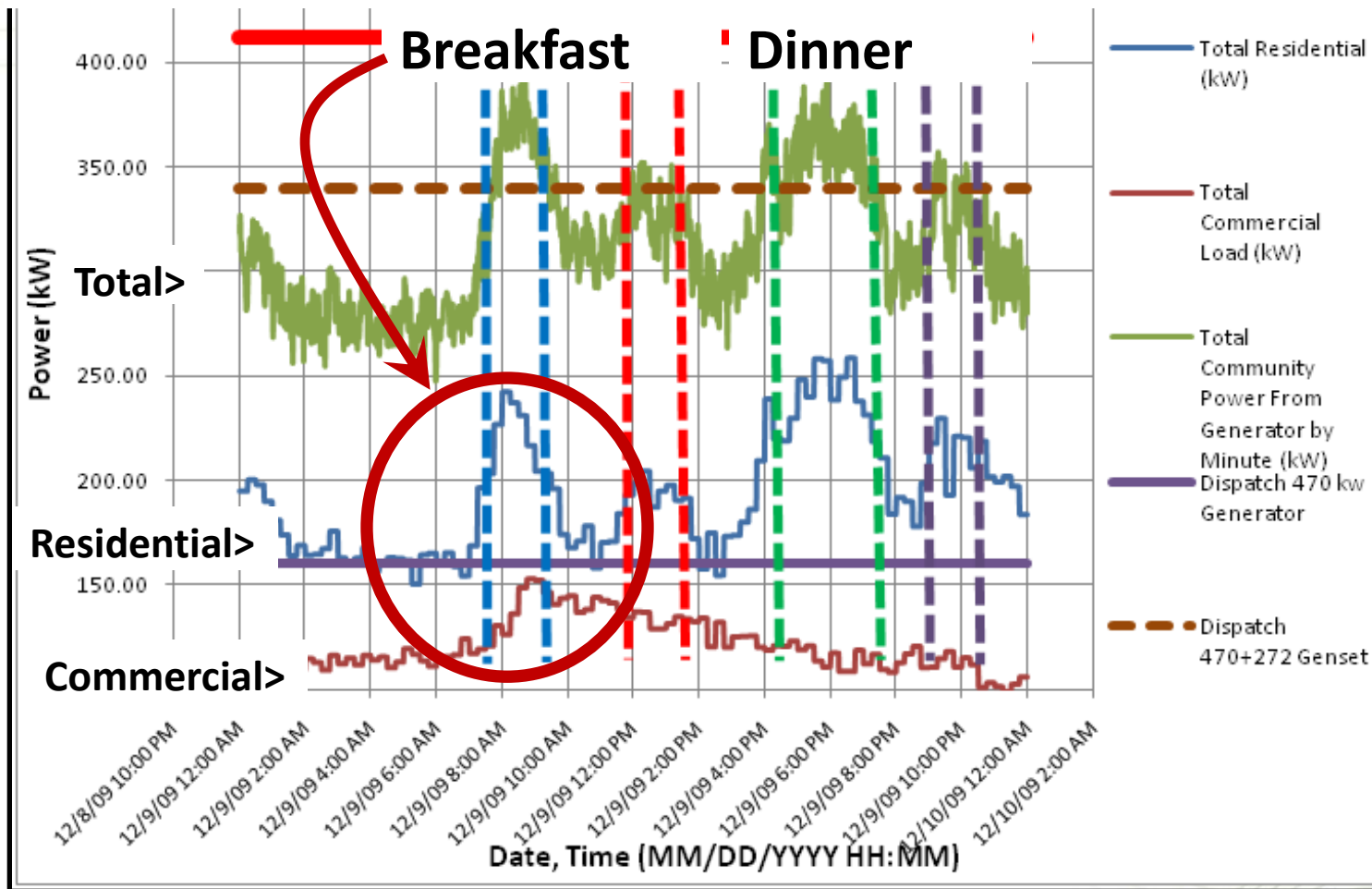
## Pulse Typical Curve - Load Predictor



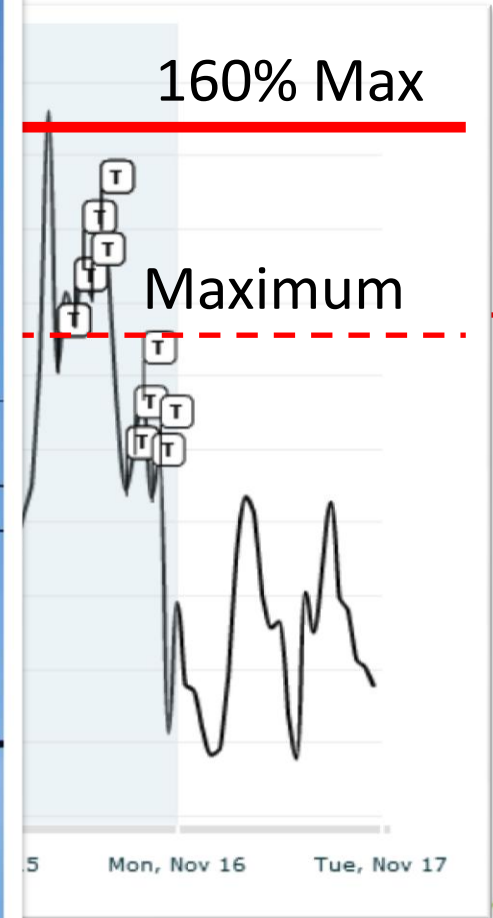
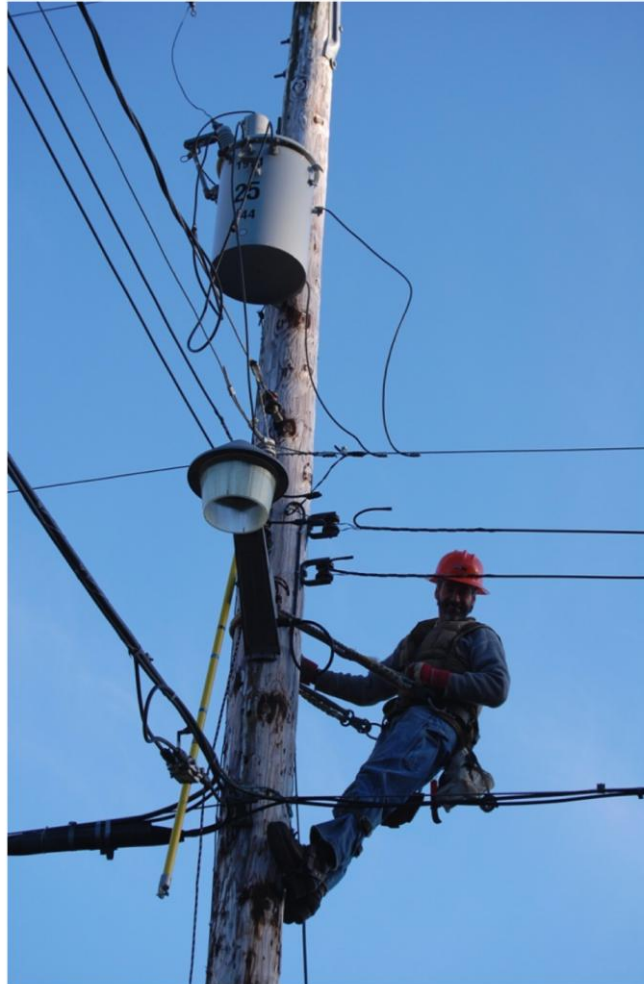
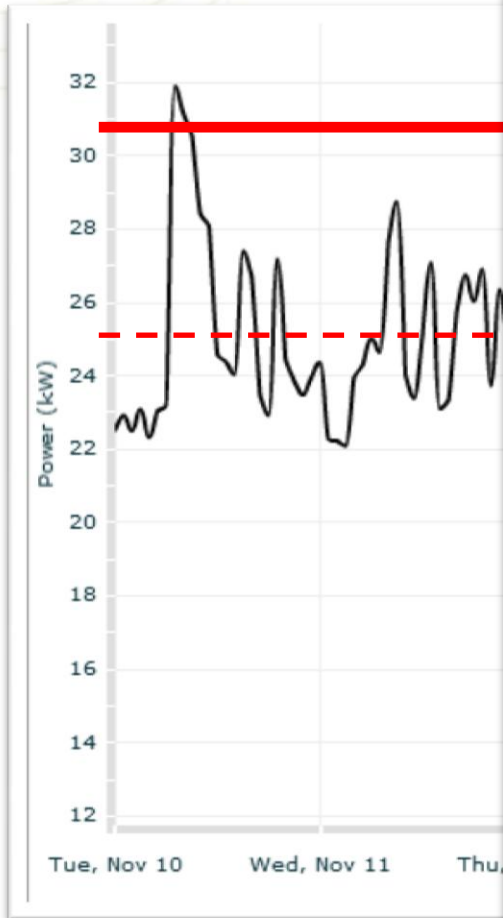


# Results:

## Commercial and Residential Demand



# Real Time Asset Management



# Innovative Thinking

- Real world user data
- “Pulse Typical Curve” Demand Predictor
- Generator efficiency and dispatching efficiency
- Advanced community energy plan
  - Top 1% demand occurs for 2 minutes (525k min in a yr)
  - Top 10% of demand occurs for less than 3hrs per year (8.7k hr in a year) - can it be prevented? Why size a generator to support 3 hrs?
- Smart Microgrid business case exists (3yr est.payback)
- Remote “Energy Coordinator”/Community Engagement

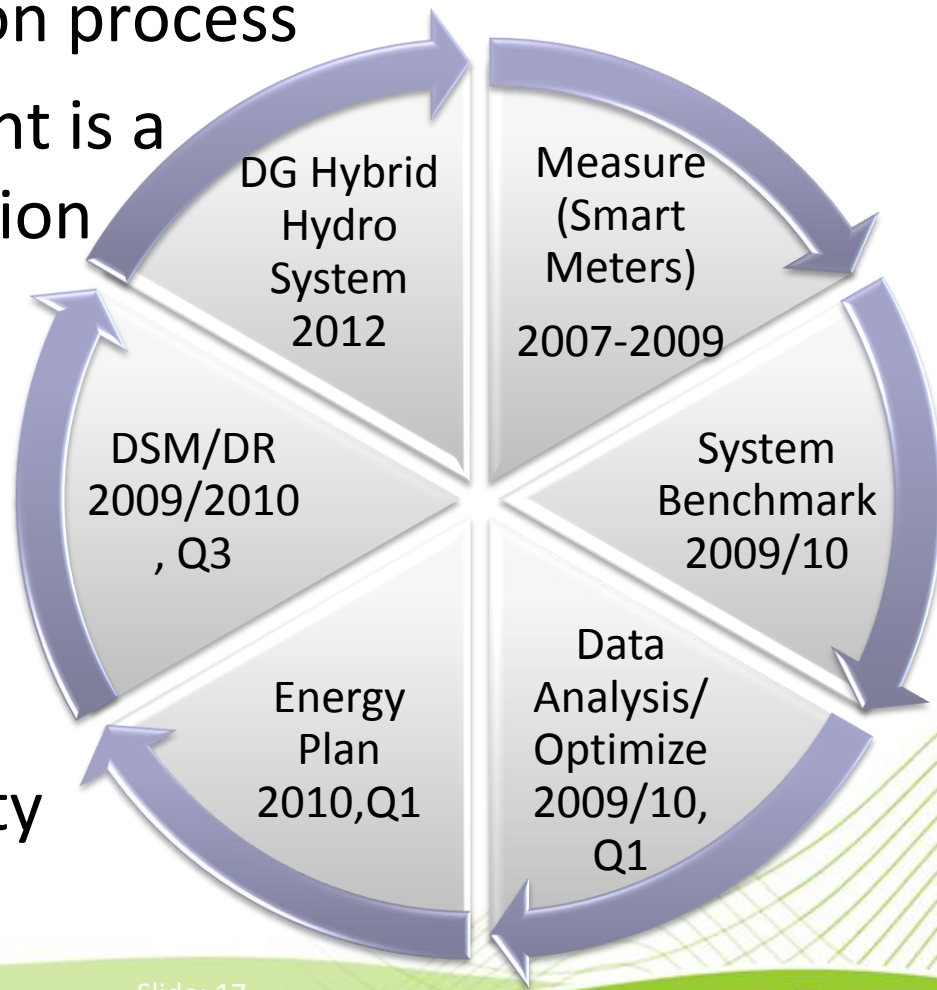
# Challenges

- Supply Chain
  - Selecting suitable suppliers during technology flux
- Engineering
  - Matching the system spec to the area
  - Software Support (local and remote)
  - Security and integrity of data and control
  - Telecom is Central
- Management
  - Configuration, Analytics, Training
  - Physical Cataloging and Verification
  - Upgradability



# Final Thoughts and Next Steps

- Developed Business Case
- Follow stepwise installation process
- Better Energy Management is a Technological-Social Solution
- Demand Response Installation and Hardware Availability
- Use of NRCAN “Off-Grid Optimization Tool”
- Meter Costs and Availability



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~Questions~



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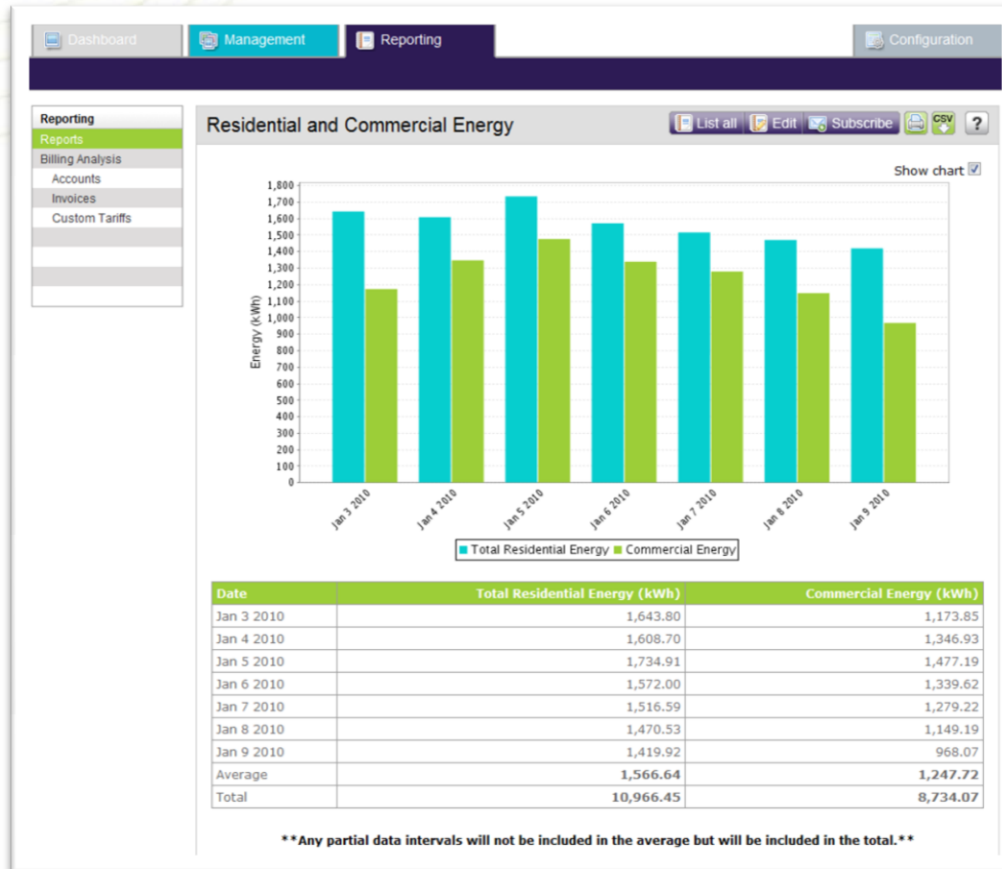
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# Pulse Applications



Reporting and Benchmarking



Real Time Operator



User Dashboard