



# SDG&E-Beach Cities MicroGrid Project



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## Agenda

- 1. Project Overview
  - Objectives/Benefits
  - Project Participants
  - Equipment Deployment
  - Project Schedule
- 2. Update of activities completed to date
  - Successes
  - Challenges
  - Next Steps
- 3. Questions

#### **Objective:**

Conduct a pilot scale "proof-of-concept" test in San Diego, CA of how information-based technologies and DER may increase utility asset utilization and reliability.

#### Goals:

- Achieve > 15% reduction in feeder peak load through the integration of multiple, integrated DER– generation (DG), energy storage and price-driven load management
- 2. Demonstrate capability of Volt-Amps-Reactive (VAr) management -
- 3. Develop a strategy and demonstration of:
  - Information integration focused on security and system architecture.
  - Integration of advanced metering infrastructure (AMI)
  - 'Self-healing' networks through the integration of Feeder Automation System Technologies (FAST)
  - Integration of Outage/Distribution Management Systems (OMS/DMS)
  - Automated distribution control to intentionally "Island" customers

#### **MicroGrid Project Overview: Goals & Scope**

SDG&E's Microgrid project integrates a DOE component, focused on feeder applications and a CEC component, focused on customer-side applications

#### **MicroGrid Project**

#### **DOE Portion**

- \$7.2M in DOE funds contribution towards
  \$12M total project cost over 3 years
- Goal to achieve >15% reduction in feeder peak load and improve system reliability
- Perform cost/benefit analysis for full scale deployment
- Involves Integration of 5 technologies:
- 1. Distrib. Energy Res. (DER) and VAr
- 2. Feeder Automation System Technologies (FAST)
- 3. Advanced Energy Storage (AES)
- 4. OMS/DMS system
- 5. Price Driven Load Mgmt (PDLM)

#### **CEC Portion**

- Entirely CEC Funded (\$2.8M)
- Sustainable Communities MicroGrid focused on interoperability, AMI and customer DER
- Schedule to mesh with larger DOE proj.
- Involves Integration of customer based technologies:
- 1. Remote Controlled Demand Response Devices (e.g. Thermostats)
- 2. Solar panels
- 3. Battery storage
- 4. Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV's)
- 5. Grid-friendly appliances

### **MicroGrid Project : Roles and Responsibilities**



### **MicroGrid Project Overview: Timeline**



#### **Project Architecture: Context Level Architecture**



### **Project Approach: Release-Based Project**

The proposed approach is to run the MicroGrid project as a release-based project.

The key components are common vision, centralized program management, single design and phased implementation.



### **Phase 1 Overview: Status of Activities**

Task	Status	Comments
Task 1A – Develop a <b>Project Management Plan</b> (PMP):	Complete	The final SOPO and a project management plan have been updated
Task 1B – <b>Site Selection</b> : Select a demonstration site for the project	Complete	Site has been selected as Borrego
Task 1C – Analyze <b>Advanced Energy Storage (AES)</b> Solutions. Select appropriate types of AES devices to deploy for substation peak load shaving and support during transitions to/from islanded operation	Complete	The Use Cases for storage have been completed The RFP for storage device has been sent to the AES vendors
Task 1D – <b>Negotiate AES Pricing</b> and Obtain Cost: Quotes Analyze submitted price quotations, select vendor(s) and initiate purchase order(s)	Pending	The Pricing and Cost Quotes will be completed after the bids have been received.
Task 1E – Install Initial <b>Field Hardware</b> : Begin installing equipment to be used for subsequent phase of the project.	In Progress	Permits have been acquired. Civil & Electric engineering activities initiated Generator to be installed by September
Task 2.1 Pilot <b>Network Analysis and Baselining</b> :	Pending DOE approval	DOE funds have not been fully released
Task 2.2 <b>Key Developments</b> : Establish the functional specifications and test programs	Pending DOE approval	DOE funds have not been fully released

#### **Microgrid-Project Location**



### **MicroGrid Selected Project Site: Borrego Substation**

#### Key Characteristics:

#### Strengths:

- No residences nearby, plenty of land
- More Existing Solar Customers
- Large Reliability Improvements Possible
- Possibility of 'Islanding' Entire Community
- Great learning environment
- Extendable to service territory

#### **Challenges:**

- Remote Area
- Challenging Communications Environment
- New Fencing Required
- Requires Accelerating schedule for Condition Based Maintenance and AMI Deployment



Borrego offers SDG&E an opportunity to be the leader in the Micro Grid area, with the possibility of being able to island an entire substation with peak load of over 10 MW.

### MicroGrid Selected Project Site: Borrego Substation Circuit Diagram



- Establishing Secure Communications Network
- Development of Appropriate IT Architecture
- Customer Participation in DG and Demand Response Programs
- Coordination of Efforts Across Departments and with Subcontractors
- Regulatory and Tariff Impacts

#### **Microgrid Project Overview "Pyramid"**



## **Questions???**

