



Avista's Smart Grid Projects

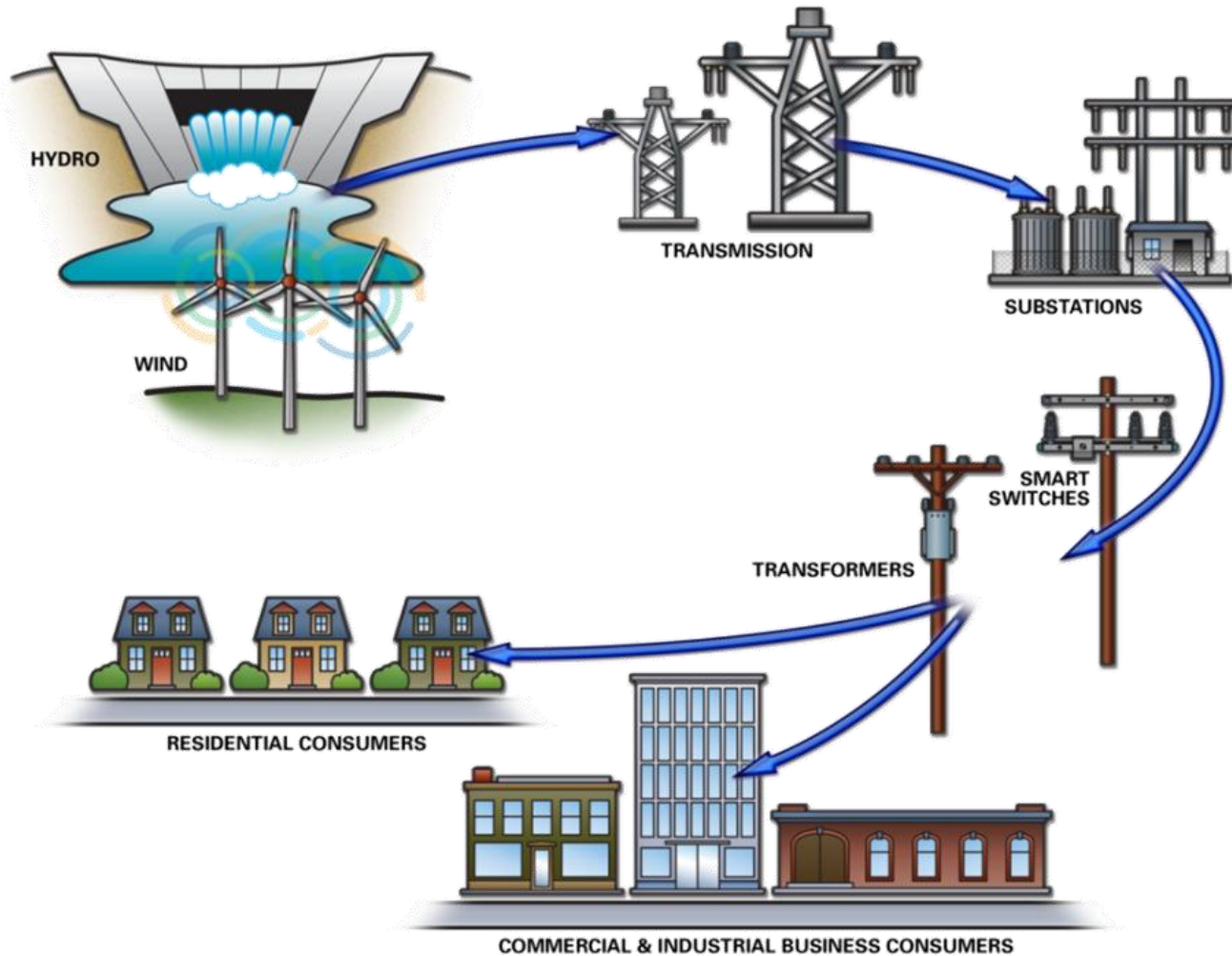
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Olympia, WA



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Energy for a Smart Future



Seven Characteristics of the Smart Grid

Characteristic	Today's Grid	Smart Grid
Enables active participation by consumers	Consumers are uninformed and non-participative with power system	Informed, involved, and active consumers - demand response and distributed energy resources.
Accommodates all generation and storage options	Dominated by central generation- many obstacles exist for distributed energy resources interconnection	Many distributed energy resources with plug-and-play convenience focus on renewables
Enables new products, services and markets	Limited wholesale markets, not well integrated - limited opportunities for consumers	Mature, well-integrated wholesale markets, growth of new electricity markets for consumers
Provides power quality for the digital economy	Focus on outages - slow response to power quality issues	Power quality is a priority with a variety of quality/price options - rapid resolution of issues
Optimizes assets & operates efficiently	Little integration of operational data with asset management - business process silos	Greatly expanded data acquisition of grid parameters - focus on prevention, minimizing impact to consumers
Anticipates and responds to system disturbances (self-heals)	Responds to prevent further damage- focus is on protecting assets following fault	Automatically detects and responds to problems - focus on prevention, minimizing impact to consumer
Operates resiliently against attack and natural disaster	Vulnerable to malicious acts of terror and natural disasters	Resilient to attack and natural disasters with rapid restoration capabilities

<http://www.oe.energy.gov/SmartGridIntroduction.htm>

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What are the potential benefits of a smart grid?

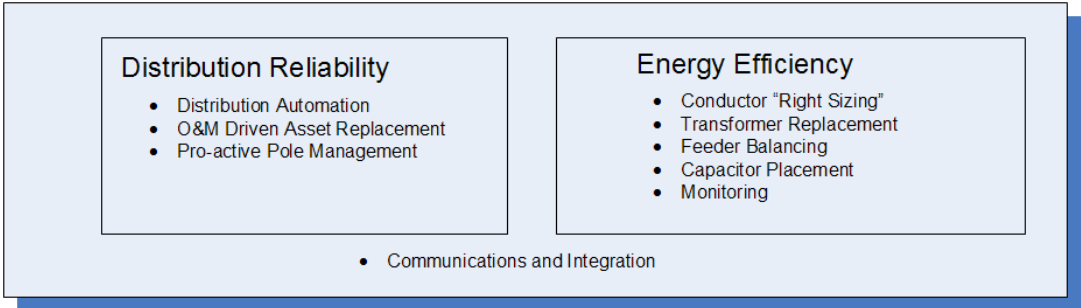
- Reduce waste and increase efficiency
- Decrease outages
- Empower customers
- Environmental benefits



Transformation

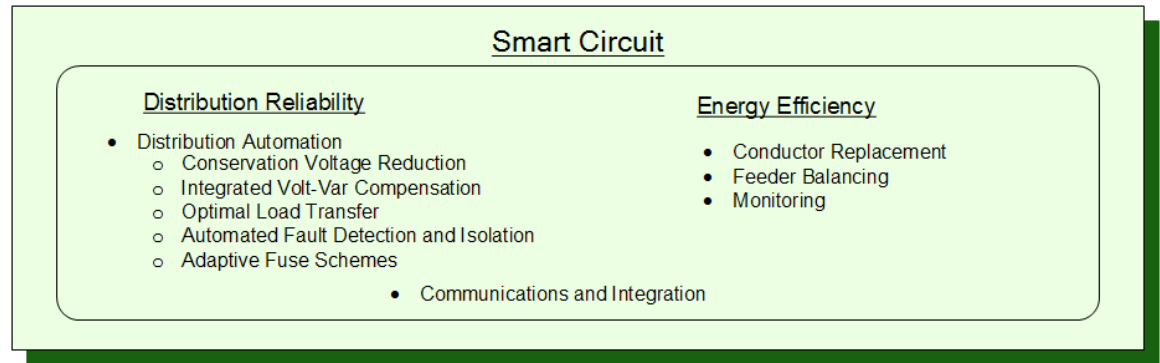


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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – Smart Grid Investment Grant Opportunity

July 2009

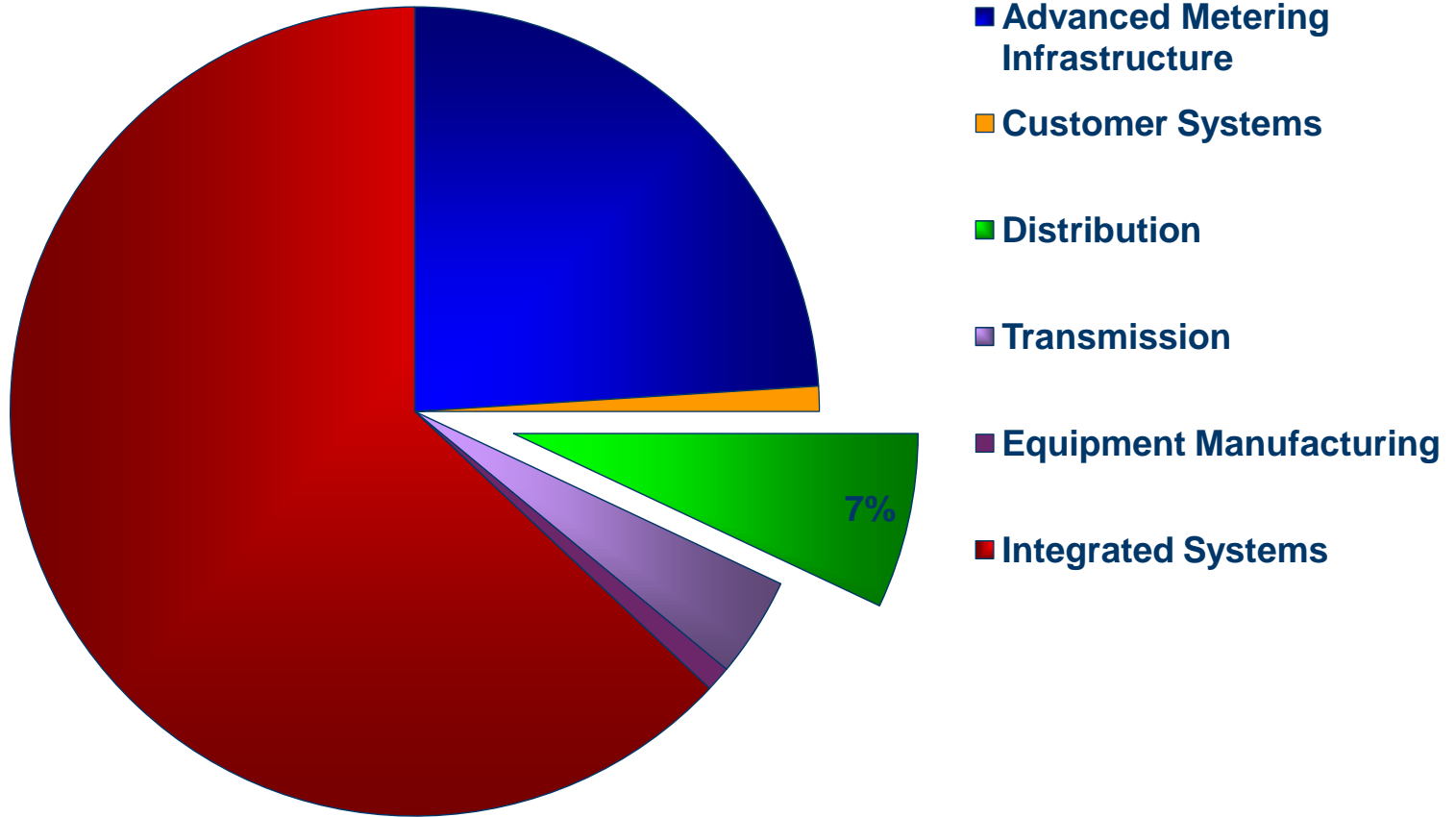




Spokane “Smart Circuit” Overview

Funding Overview

\$3.4 Billion awarded in the following categories



Source: Edison Electric Institute Smart Grid Website http://eei-stimulus.groupsites.com/file_cabinet/49994?lpx=1

Goals of the Spokane Project

- Increased Reliability
- Reduce Energy Losses
- Integration of distributed energy resources
- Extend life of assets



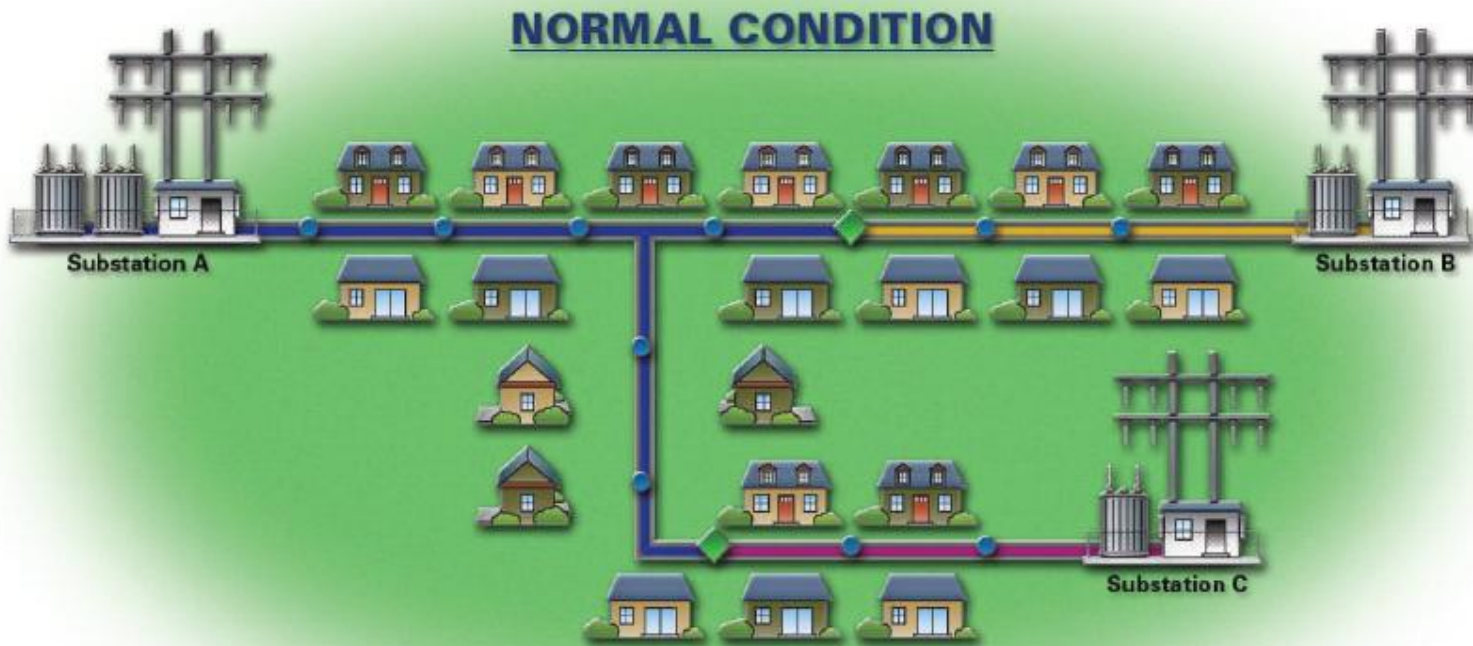
Increased Reliability

Fault Detection Isolation & Restoration

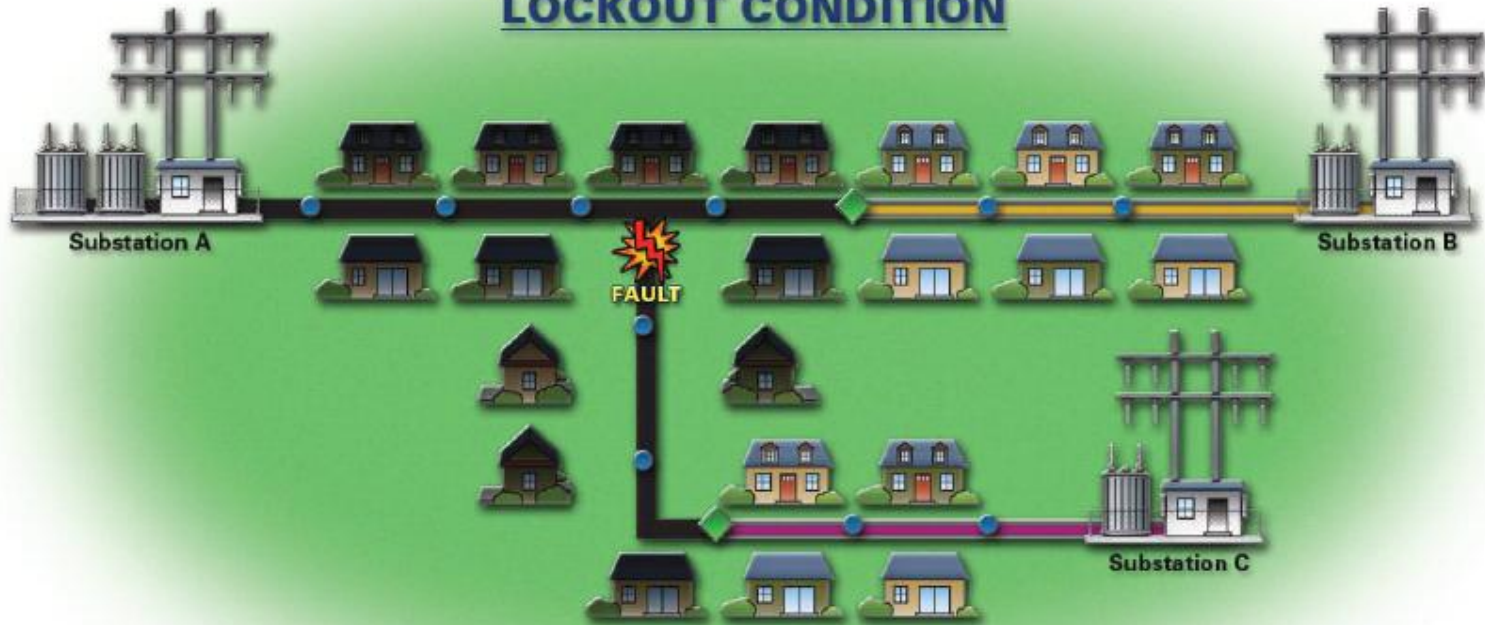
- Distribution Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)
- Line Monitoring
- Communication System
- Remotely Operable Line Devices
- Remotely Operable Substation Devices



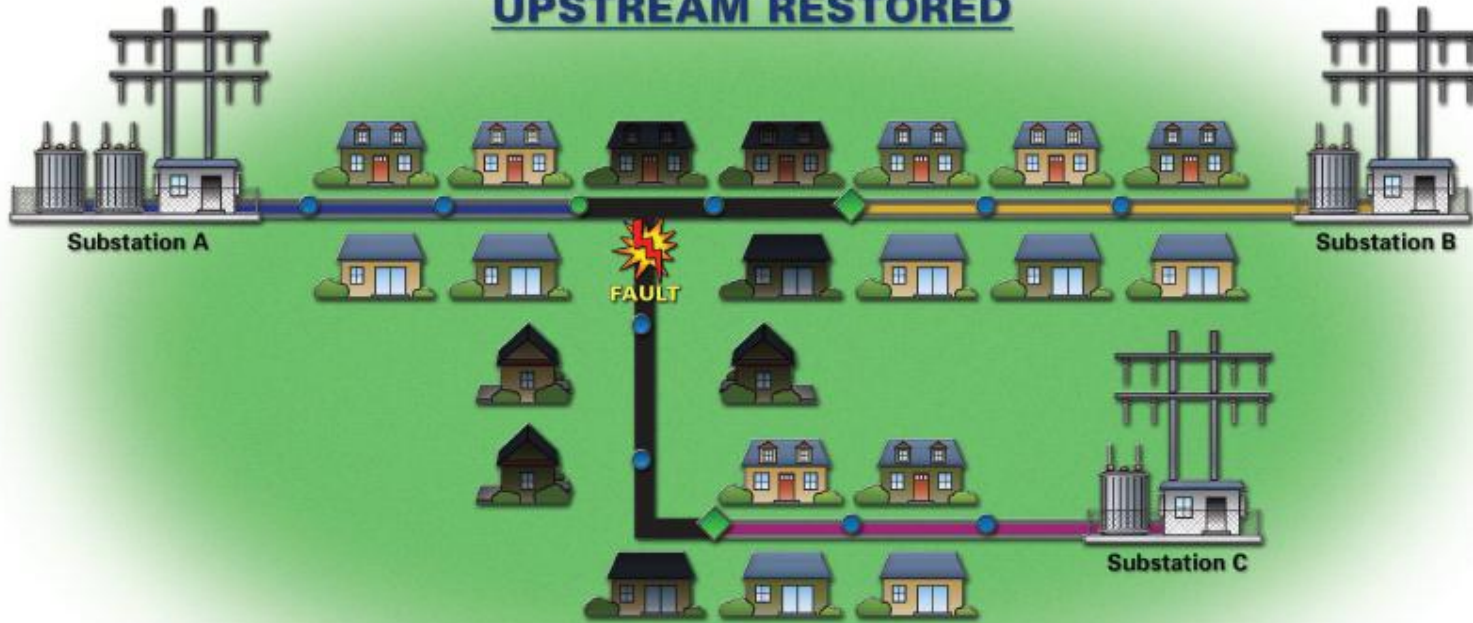
Outage Restoration Example



LOCKOUT CONDITION



UPSTREAM RESTORED



DOWNSTREAM RESTORED



Increased Efficiency




Active Power Flow Management

- Distribution SCADA
- Line Monitoring
- Communication System
- Remotely Operable Line Devices
- Remotely Operable Substation Devices



Increased Energy Efficiency



- Smaller Conductors  • Larger Conductors
- Fixed Voltage Regulation  • Dynamic Voltage Regulation
- Fixed Reactive Power Compensation  • Dynamic Reactive Power Compensation

Distributed Resources & Asset Life



- System capable of handling a wide range of customer, and utility owned **resources.**

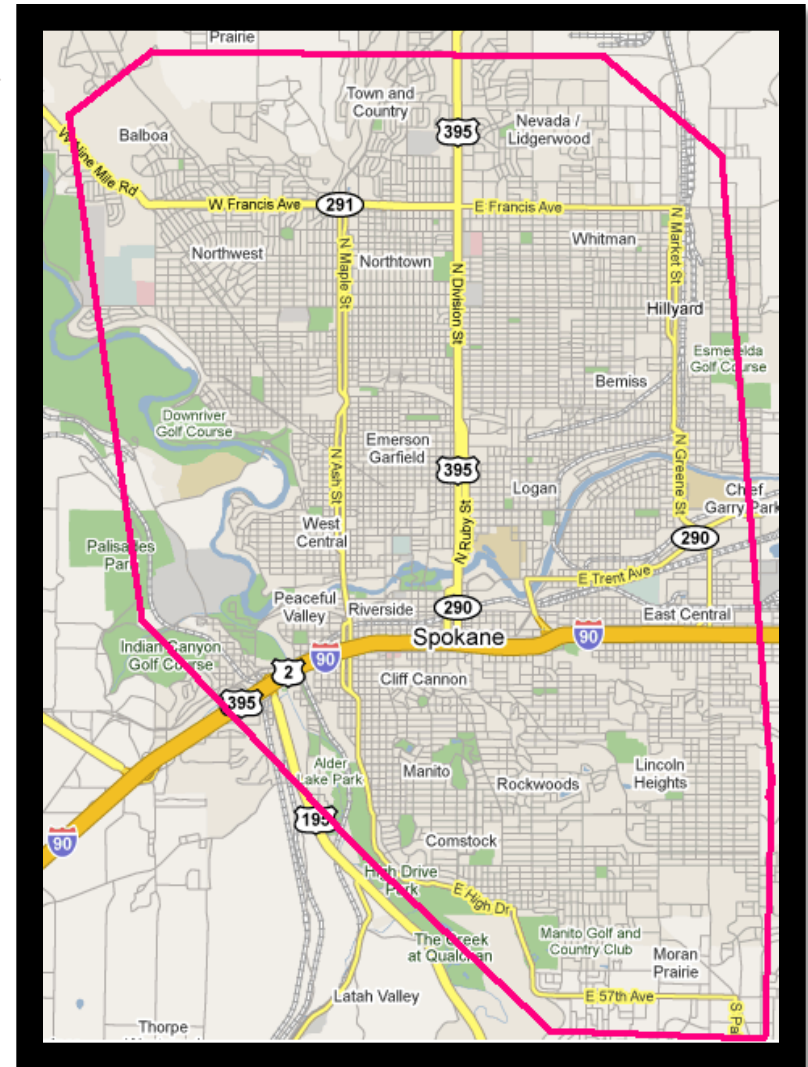


- System capable of handling a wide range of customer loads and system **constraints.**



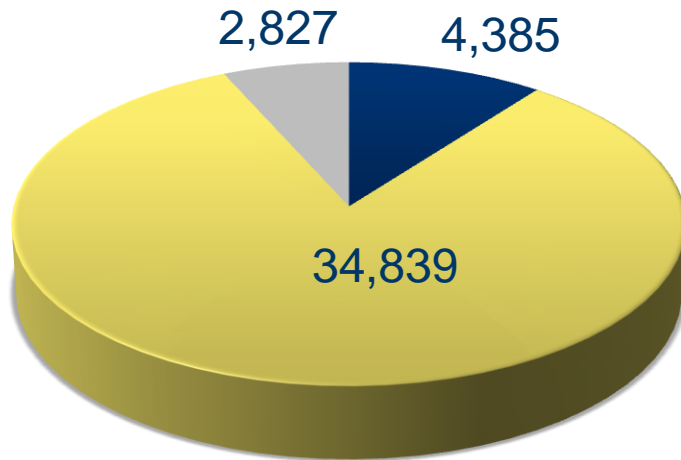
Project Scope

- 59 Circuits
- 14 Substations
- 110,000 electric customers



Benefits for Spokane Smart Circuit

Savings (MegaWattHour)



- Capacitors
- Voltage Optimization
- Reconductor

Carbon Reduction: 14,360 Tons a year.

- \$50/Ton to Sequester
- \$718,000/year.

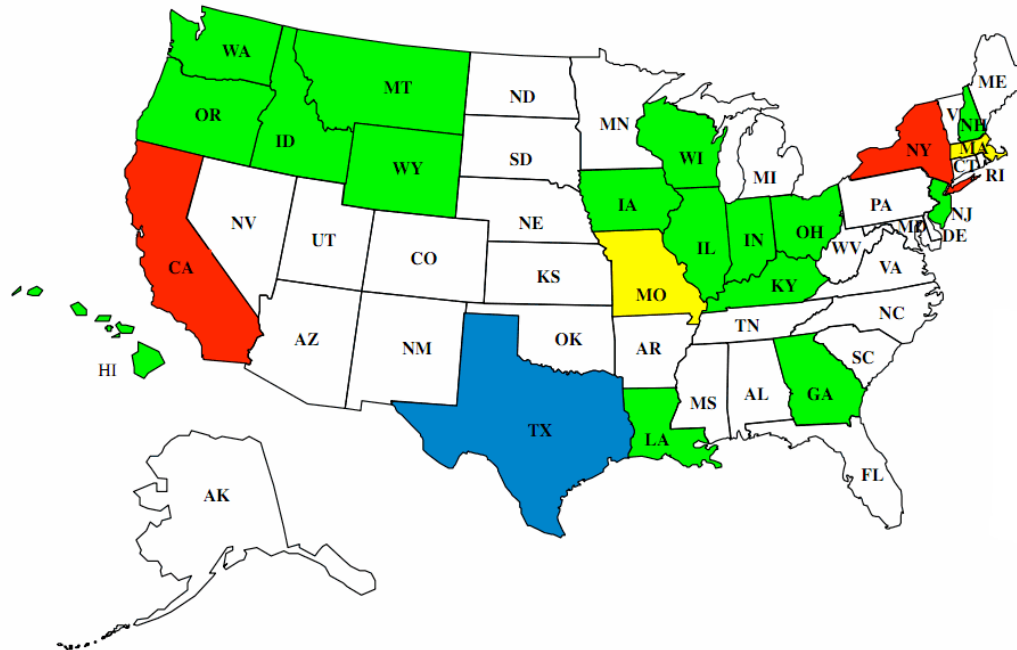


Smart Grid Demonstration Project

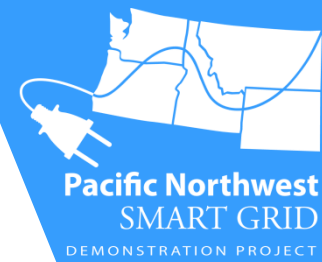
ARRA Smart Grid Demonstrations

Smart Grid Demonstration Project Locations

16 Awards Support Projects in 21 States



Pacific Northwest Demonstration Project



What:

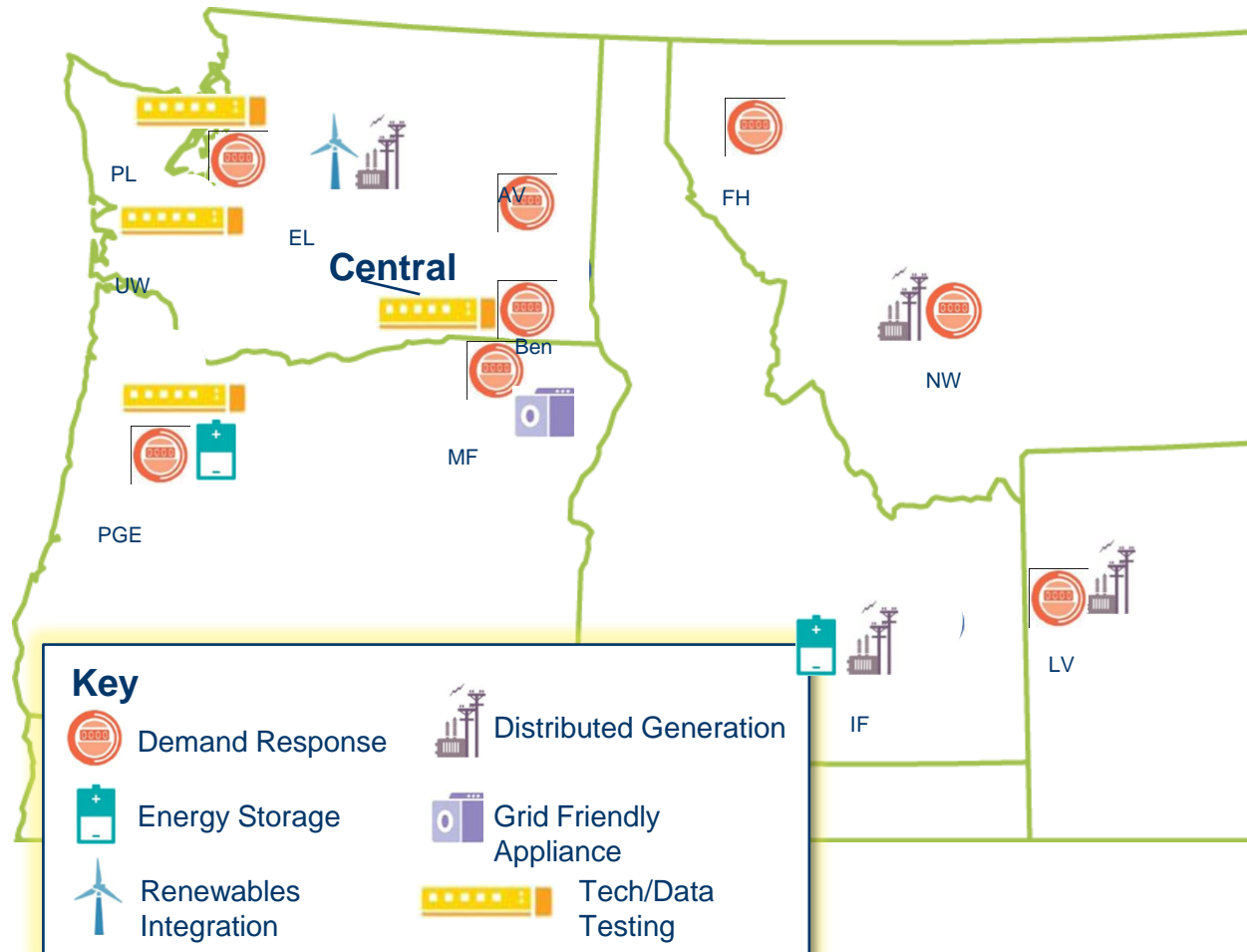
- \$178M, ARRA-funded, 5-year demonstration
- 60,000 metered customers in 5 states

Why:

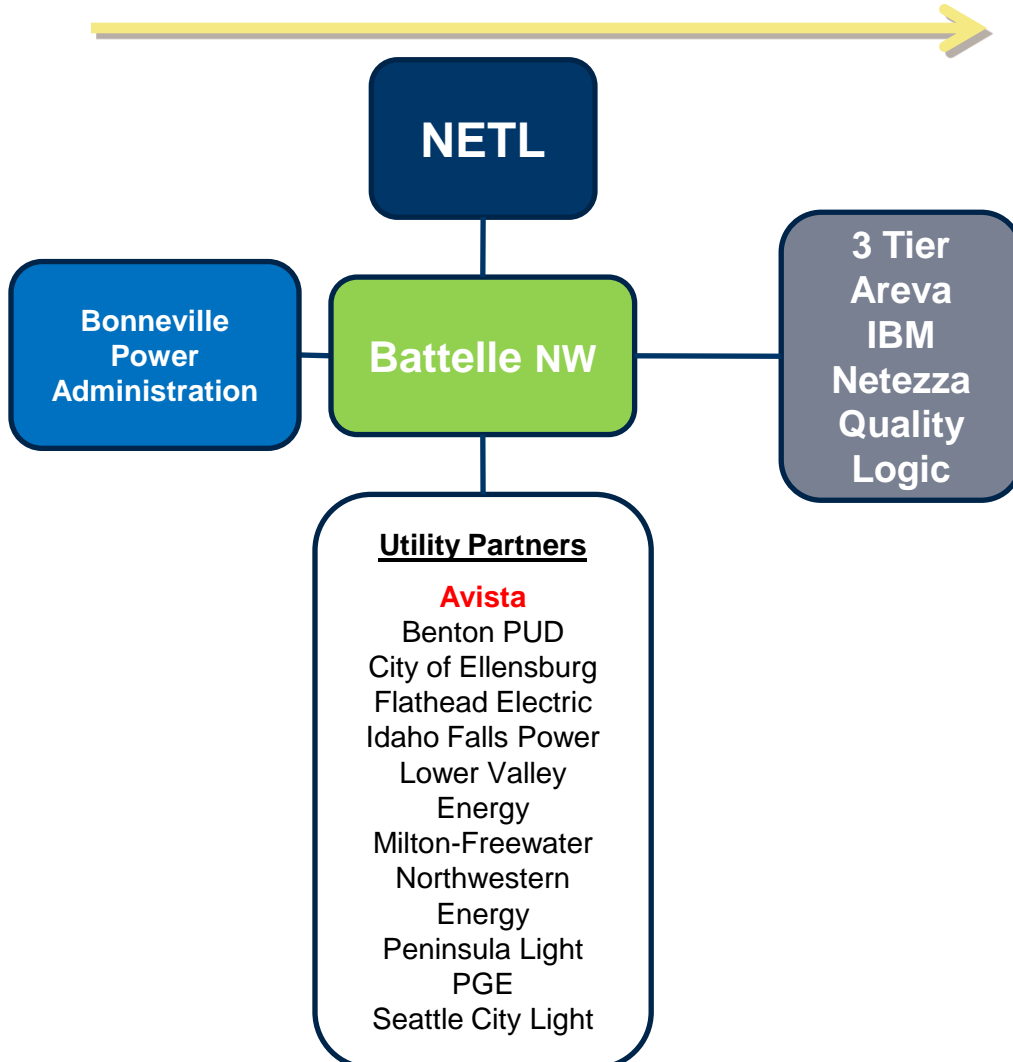
- Quantify costs and benefits
- Develop communications protocol
- Develop standards
- Facilitate integration of wind and other renewables

Who:

Led by Battelle and partners including BPA, 11 utilities, 2 universities, and 5 vendors



NW Smart Grid Demonstration



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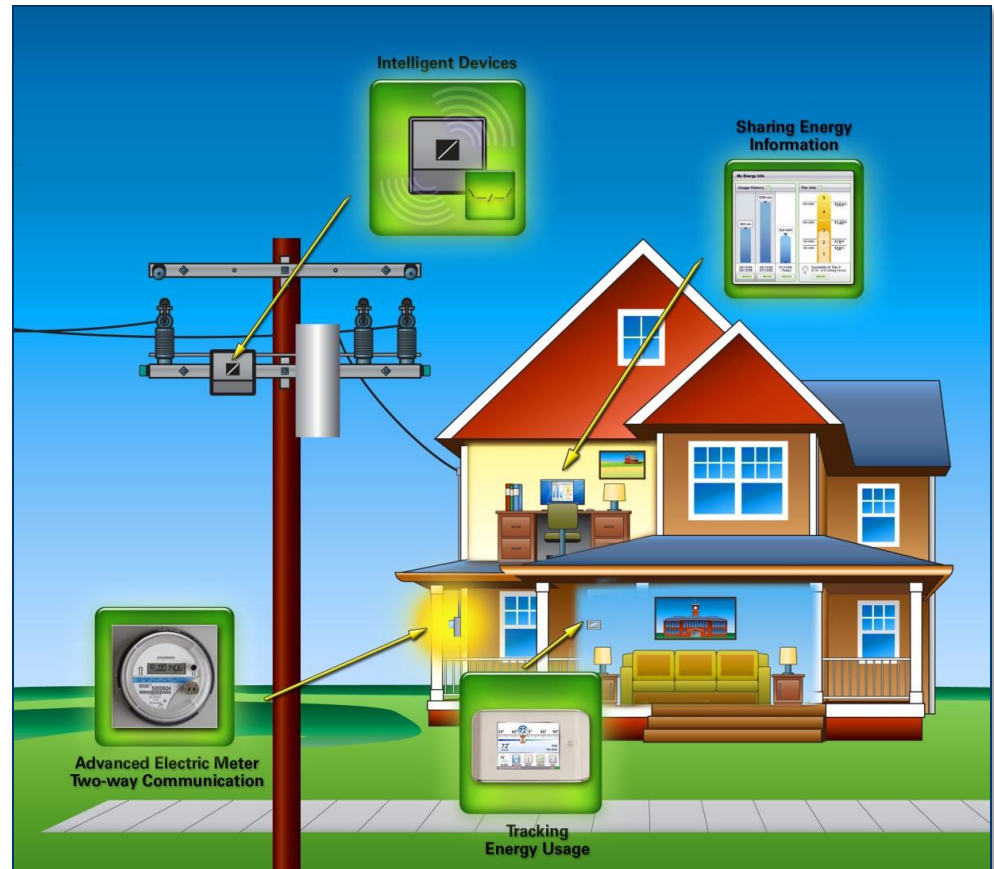


Project Impacts

- 3 Substations
- 13 Circuits
- 13000 Electric Customers
- 5000 Gas Customers

Pullman Smart Grid Demonstration Project

- Upgrade facilities and automate distribution system
- Install technologies and tools for customers to actively monitor and manage their energy usage



2010 Year in Review

Smart Grid Demonstration Project

- Project Funding
- Substation Design
- Distribution Design & Construction
- Communication Network Design
- Distribution Management System
- Communications
- Residential Meter Design



2011 Project Activities

Smart Grid Demonstration Project

- Substation Construction – device installation
- Distribution Construction – conductor upgrade, capacitor bank and recloser installation
- Communication Installation –radio mesh network deployed to allow meter communication
- Baseline system analysis of Pullman system
- Provide Advanced Meter residences a web based tool for data access



Smart Grid Demonstration Project



Benefits

- Distribution switches, capacitors and reclosers make the system more efficient
- A rapid communication system will shorten customer outages
- Management of the distribution grid improves reliability
- Automated outage detection and reporting to effectively locate outages
- Ongoing energy use information allows customers to monitor and manage energy



The Customer Experience

The Customer Experience

- Advanced Meter Infrastructure
- Customer Education and Energy Awareness (Web Portal)
- Customer Participation (Demand Response)
- Real Time Energy Use Feedback (In-home, real-time display)



Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) Scope

Digital meters provided by our cost share partner, Itron, that operate via a secure wireless network, allowing two-way, real-time communication between the customers' meter and Avista.

- Installation begins March 2011 Scope Services – trucks will carry Avista logo
 - ~13,000 Electric
 - ~5,000 Gas
- Customer web tools Fall 2011



The Customer Experience Scope

Web-Portal

- Display interval energy usage data
- Provide education and tools to understand and manage energy consumption
- Available to all Customers with Advanced Meters



Demand Response/Home Area Network

- Respond to Battelle's Transactive Signal
- Provide a Home-Area-Network & Smart Thermostat
- 1,500 Customers in Pullman



Real Time Energy Use Feedback

The Customer Experience

Web Portal Objectives



- Provide capability to display meter interval data
- Provide capability for customers to compare usage & costs in a variety of ways
- Provide capability for customers to set a budget and manage energy cost to that budget
- Provide customer education and generate interest in energy management
- Provide web-channel information to a mobile application.
- Develop an understanding of cause and effect results on customer behavior



Home > My Account > My Account Details

My Account Details

[Sign-Out](#)

Welcome Leona

Account

Balance (as of 01/08/2011)

\$ 16.00

[View Current Bill](#)

Last Payment Received 01/05/2011

\$ 1.00

[View](#)

No payment due at this time.

[Pay Now](#)

NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNT?

Payment and Billing Options

Payment Options Selected [None](#)

[See All Options](#)

Billing Options Selected [eBill](#)

[See All Options](#)

Project Share Pledge [None](#)

[Make a Pledge](#)

Update Your Service Information

Service Address

Spokane Valley, WA 99016

[Moving?](#)

Mailing Address

Same as Service

[Change](#)

Primary Phone Number

[Change](#)

Alternate Phone Number

[Change](#)

Account Preferences

E-mail Preferences

To help Avista deliver information that is relevant and valuable to you via e-mail, please visit your [E-mail Preferences](#) page.

My Account

Bill Assistance

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Bill Inserts

Housewarming Gift Certificate

[My Smart Meter](#)

SERVICES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

GO

MY SMART METER



BILL ANALYZER



Identify the major causes of changes in [energy usage](#).

HOME ENERGY ANALYZER



Analyze your annual energy costs and [find ways to save](#).

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SERVICES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Curtis A Kirkeby
Account #:

Service Details at:
Spokane, WA 99223

Your home is equipped with the innovative technology that will help you manage and better track your energy and save you money.

Getting started is easy.



Answer the 5 questions below.
Once completed, you will be directed to your Smart Meter.

- What year was your home built?
- How many people reside in your home?
- What is the size of your home? sqft.
- What is your homes main source of heating?
- How do you heat your water?



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SERVICES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

GO

Curtis A Kirkeby
Account #:

Service Details at:
Spokane, WA 99223

Go to My Account → Choose Bill → Analyze My Bill

My Smart Meter

My Bill edit info | Log out

Logged in as: Susan Miller
Account Number:

\$138.20 Make a Payment

Your Bill is Due by May 15, 2010

Total equals current charges plus any previous balance. [view bill details](#)

Bill Highlights (since March 22, 2010)

\$5.25 You saved since last bill	6.25 kWh Less used	\$20.00 Decrease in gas rates
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Ways to Save Your Profile

Your Energy Usage

Water	2%
Heating	18%
Lights	11%
Cooking	8%
Other	5%

Feb. 22, 2010 - March 22, 2010

Your BEST Deal: \$17 WORST Deal: \$22

Frequently Used Links

- [My Account Home](#)
- [View Bill](#)
- [Pay Bill](#)
- [Logout](#)

Additional Links

- [Newsletter](#)
- [Energy Challenge](#)
- [AutoPay](#)
- [Contact Us](#)
- [Go Paperless](#)

Ways to Save

Your average monthly bill is \$108. We have a plan that will reduce your monthly bill by \$50.00.

Enter a few simple questions to get started.

- Do you own or rent at this billing address?
 - OWN
 - RENT
- What's the size of your home?
 - SMALL (1-2 bedrooms)
 - MEDIUM (3-4 bedrooms)
 - LARGE (5+ bedrooms)

or Sq. Footage:

Continue

My Preferences



Change your default display settings.

My Budget



Set up what you want to spend per month and get notifications of your progress.

Save



Things you can do to save more on your energy bill.

Pay



my Avista bill

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Rate Comparison Calculator

You can check out the benefits of a new rate and combine it with a new energy-saving strategy! We'll use your current bill and meter data to analyze your savings under various rate plans that you can choose from.

My Current Rate Plan:

Your current rate is: **Standard Residential.**

- Currently, your rate is "Standard Residential."
- The energy cost is approximately 20¢ per kWh.
- "Flat" rate: no discounts for "Off-peak" power use.

Display Monthly Cost

Monthly Cost Comparison



Your estimated
June bill: \$95.00

View monthly results - including costs, savings, peak energy %.

View Details

My Comparison Plan:

1. Choose a new rate

"Time of Day" Residential Electric

- Features Low-priced "Off-peak" power weekends and weekday evenings (after 5:00 pm).
- Plan to reduce your energy usage during "On-Peak" hours (Weekdays: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm).

2. Shift energy from On-Peak to Off-Peak

Shift 4%

During "On Peak" Hours ...

- Raise the A/C set-point on your programmable thermostat by 5-10°.
- Shut-off lights, computers, & other electronics when they're not needed.

3. Adjust your annual usage

Reduce 10%

- Install energy efficient lighting
- Upgrade your cooling system

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Enroll & Succeed! More Information to help you

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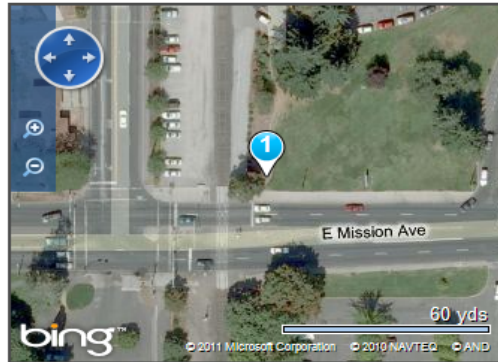




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SERVICES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

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1411 E Mission Ave Spokane, Washington 99202

Year Built: 1956 (default)
Bedrooms: -
Bathrooms: -
Sq Ft: 1500 (default)
Air conditioning: none (default)
Heating: central gas furnace (default)

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Estimated Home Score

Double-click on a home to compare

Your Annual Energy Usage Comparison

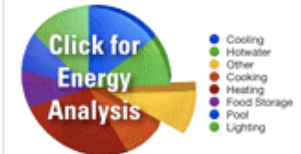
Home	Year Built	Bedrooms	Bathrooms	Sq Ft	Annual Energy Cost	Home Score
This House	1956	-	-	1500	\$8,604	56
Averages In 99202	-	-	-	-	\$2,479	62
18606 E Baldwin Ave, Spokane Valley, WA, 99018-9508	1980-1984	3	2	1200-1399	\$2,782	61

Find a House Compare
Or double-click on the map

† Energy estimates are based on publically available data for each home and typical usage data for households in your area.

You may be able to improve your score by telling us a bit more about your home.

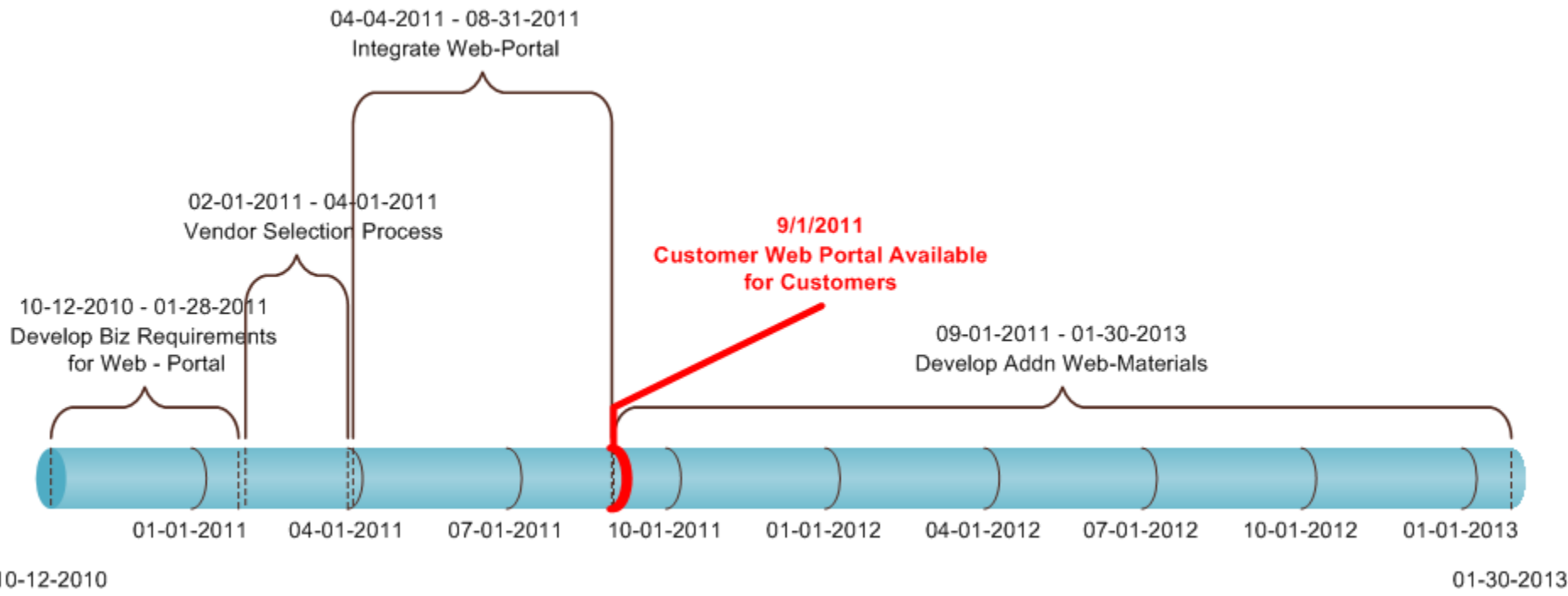
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The Customer Experience Web Portal Timeline



The Customer Experience

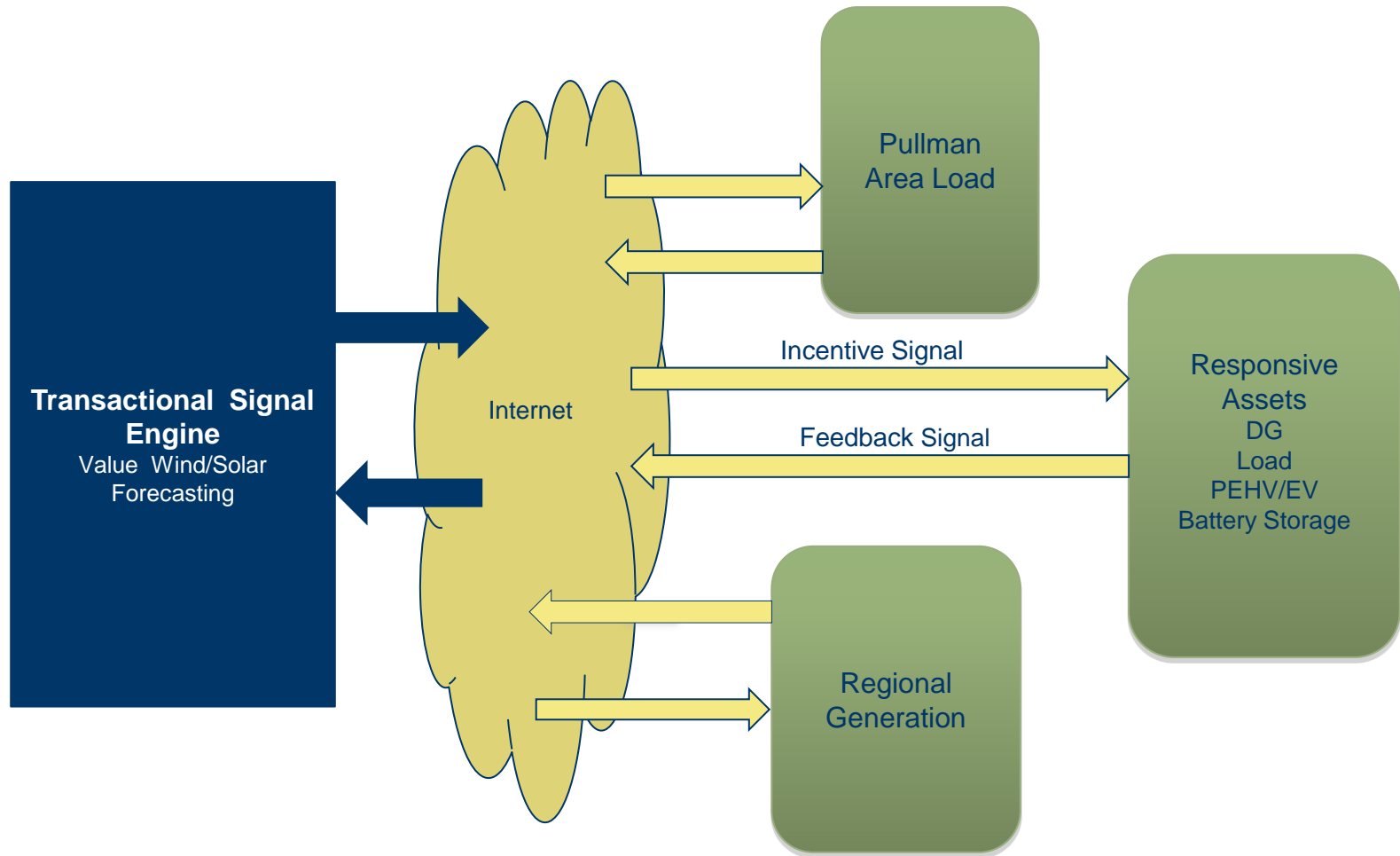
Demand Response



- Growing national interest in reducing the peak demand for electricity at critical times by eliminating some electricity use or shifting it to non-peak times.
- Strategy—‘demand response’(DR). Eliminates need to run or build more expensive, fossil-burning peaking generation plants.
- Pacific Northwest Regional Demonstration Project explores this on a regional scale
- Led by Battelle and its partners, including Avista



The Regional Transactive Signal



The Customer Experience

Demand Response Objectives

- Improve prediction and aggregation of energy consumption
- Establish and test the communication of and response to regionally communicated incentive signals
- Measure, analyze and report participant response to and comfort during DR events
- Measure, analyze and report multiple aspects of customers' satisfaction with the program
- Determine, document and report reasons customers leave the program by conducting program drop-out surveys
- Validate the need for and type of customer incentives



The Customer Experience Enrollment

- Inform and educate customer pool about opportunity
- Potential tactics being explored:
 - Targeted direct mail to eligible participants
 - Doorhangers to eligible participants
 - Outbound calling to eligible participants
- *Avista intends to test education/recruitment materials in advance with customers to ensure clarity and understanding*



The Customer Experience

Demand Response Focus Groups

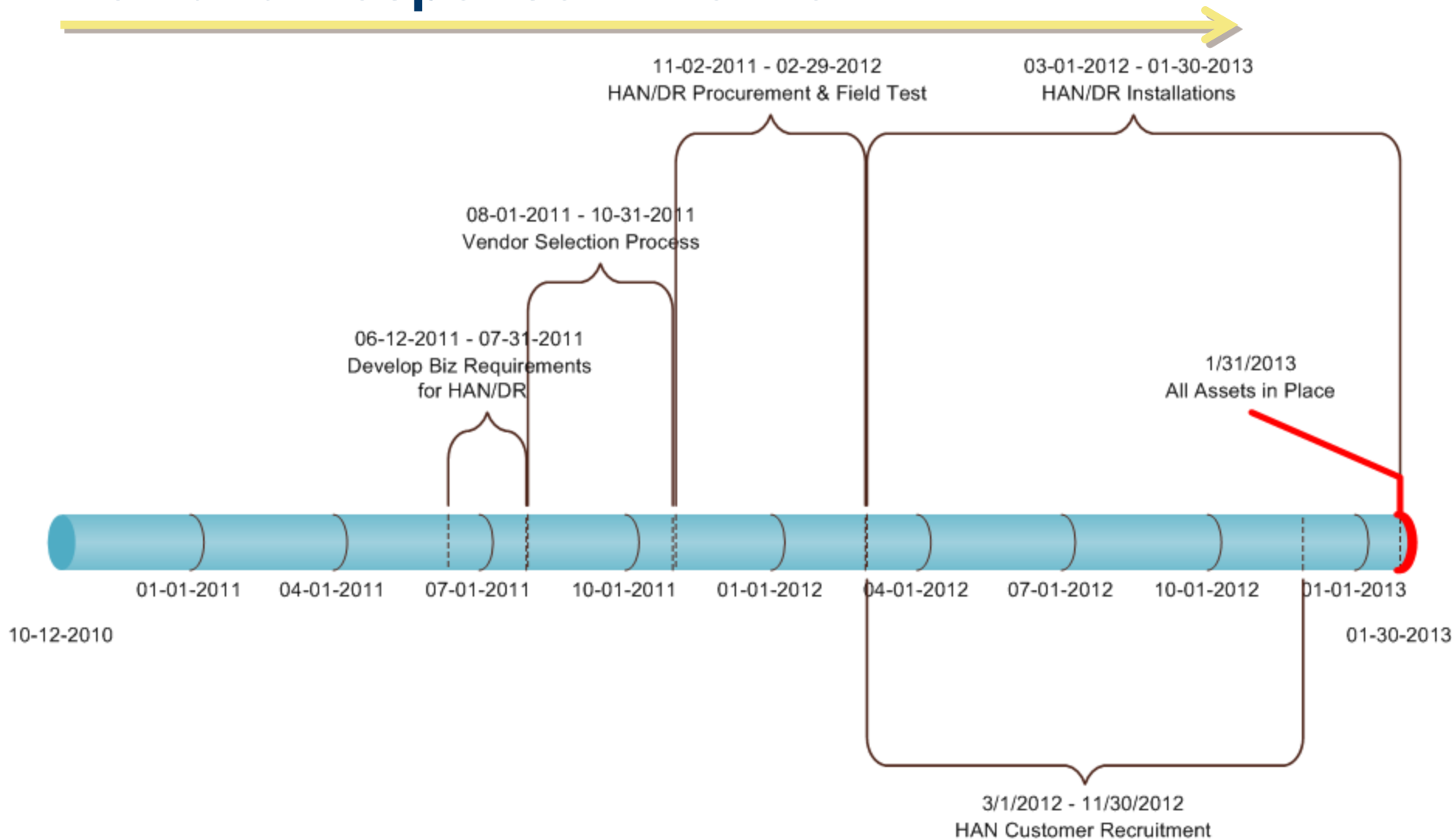
Conducted two customer focus groups in the summer of 2010

Purpose: gauge customer response to preliminary demand response program design; assess interest level to participate in the demonstration; and collect customer suggestions for communicating about the demonstration

Results: Response to preliminary design was positive; 15 of 16 said they are interested in participating in the demonstration; several good suggestions received for how best to communicate about the demonstration



The Customer Experience Demand Response Timeline



The Customer Experience In-Home Real-Time Usage Presentation

- Direct communication with the meter
- Energy usage available in real time
- Provide for customer understanding of energy impact for devices within the home
- Allow customer to view energy usage on many devices?



Stakeholder Communications

Commission

- Monthly WUTC updates

Community

- Pullman City Council presentations
- Community presentations

Customers

- Advanced meter pre-installation letter to all Pullman and Albion customers
- AvistaUtilities.com
- Outbound calls
- Door hangers, FAQs, brochures
- Informed Customer Service Reps

