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Operating Agreements



Establishing norms with our communities is foundational to building trust

To create a **safe space**, we established **common agreements** such as **respect, honoring diversity of thought**, and **inclusivity**

Practice curiosity and seek to understand different perspectives

Stay Engaged Be Willing To Experience Discomfort

Speak Your Truth

Expect and Accept Non-closure

Share the Airtime



The courageous conversations framework by Glenn Singleton and Curtis Linton



Agenda

10:00 - Welcome & Meeting Logistics (5 min) Shadia

10:05 - DSP 2024 document outline & context setting

10:15 - DSP Vision and Strategy

10:35 - Virtual Power Plant & Benefit Cost Analysis of the Platform

11:00 - Near term action plan

11:20 - DER Forecast

11:30 - Traditional and Non-traditional grid needs/ solutions

11:55 - Closing Remarks & Next Steps

12:00 - Adjourn

DSP - Document Outline



DSP Guidelines- Process and Timing:

1.c. Each utility will present the results of the filing to the Commission at a public meeting

Executive summary

Reader's guide - Important terms

- Chapter 1. Distribution system vision
- Chapter 2. Distribution system strategy
- Chapter 3. DER forecasting
- Chapter 4. Technology foundations for a bi-directional grid
- Chapter 5. Virtual Power Plant (VPP)
- Chapter 6. Traditional infrastructure needs and solutions Chapter 7. Empowered communities
- ◆ Chapter 8. Action Plan (2-4 yrs)
- Appendix. A Compliance crosswalk
- Appendix. B Distribution planning process
 - Appendix. C Stakeholder feedback
- Appendix. D Multi-Year Plan 2024 Program descriptions
- Appendix. E Description of solutions to address grid needs
- Appendix. F Grid modernization long-term plan and workstreams
- Appendix. G Forecast results and AdopDER Appendix. H Annual reliability report
- Appendix. I Baseline data
- Appendix. J Capital planning process

Main body of the document
~120 pages

Appendices (minus one-pagers) ~200 pages



Distribution System Plan (DSP) context setting

What is it?

- For the Commission and Staff transparency and cost containment
- For Customers and Stakeholders –
 an opportunity to weigh in on investment decisions
- For PGE –

 an opportunity to explain our current
 Strategy/direction for distribution
 investments

Why submit now?

- Fall submission aligns with PGE's project planning process
- Avoid concurrent submission of DSP and 2023 CEP/IRP Update by staggering filings
- CEP/IRP and DSP to be informed by each other's analysis



Problem Statement



Traditional energy grid must evolve to support clean energy transition while maintaining affordability



Growing distributed energy resources (DERs) need integration into modernized grid infrastructure



Resource and load flexibility becoming critical with shift to variable renewable resources

Approach

Grid Solutions (Primary)

Modernize infrastructure for two-way power flow

Build Virtual Power Plant network

Target: 25% of peak met w/DERs by 2030

Enable DER integration and optimization

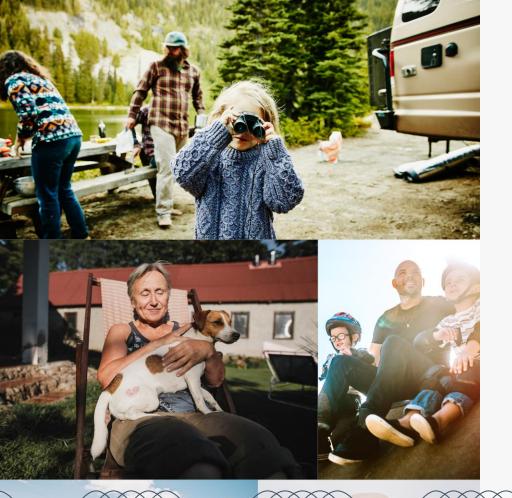
Balance reliability with renewables

Customer Benefits (Resulting)

Enhanced customer control over energy use and bills

Affordability

- Beneficial rate structures
- Shared system benefits
- Connected home resources (solar, batteries, Evs)





DSP Vision & Strategy Ch 1 & Ch 2

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Overview of the DSP

Two Tracks of Focus

Operational

Activities and investments to maintain reliability in today's environment

Traditional solutions, such as equipment upgrades, ensure grid reliability

Transformational

Activities and investments to address future challenges

Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and orchestration offer:

Alternatives to traditional solutions

Improved grid efficiency

Asset longevity and avoided costs

The Vision: Virtual Power Plant (VPP)

Enhanced System Management

Combines traditional solutions with DERs for dual benefits:

- Reliability
- Additional customer advantages

DSP Alignment

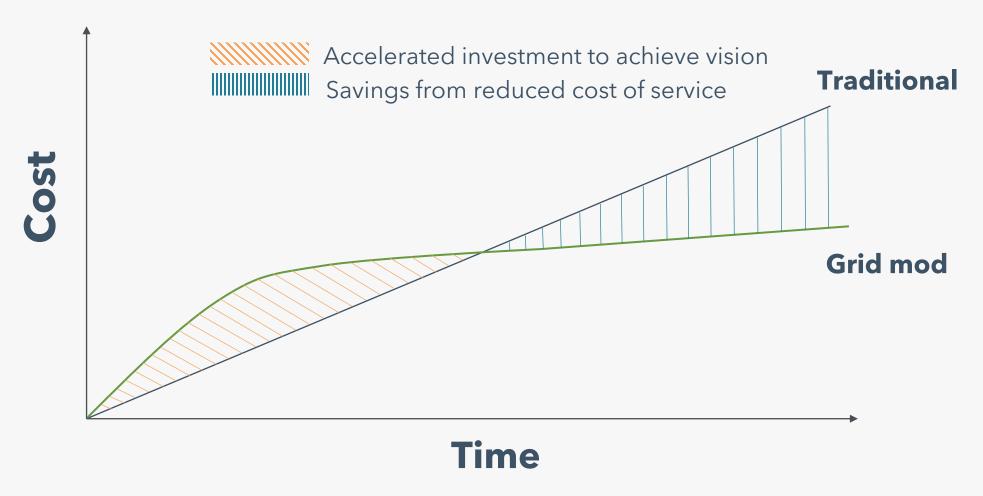
- Supports revised DSP guidelines
- Incorporates a full discussion of VPP development to orchestrate DERs for:

Greater grid and customer benefits

Quantified impacts outlined in the accompanying benefit-cost analysis

Illustrative Graph: Cost of service impacts of our vision





Vision - modernize the distribution system to enable bi-directional powerflow which unlocks customer value and mitigates increases in cost of service in the long-term

Strategic Pillars & Actions

Situational Awareness & Response

Advance initiatives for modernizing the grid, integrating digital technologies to improve system performance, resilience and enable a bi-directional power flow. Examples include: ADMS/DERMS, DA



DER Integration

Facilitate the integration of distributed energy resources (DERs) to support grid resilience and enhance energy management capabilities in real time.

Examples include: Communication and operational standards, new planning practices



Leverage existing & new delivery **channels - Co-deploy with Partners**

Increase adoption of current measures, seek deployment and measure development partnership with the ETO and NEEA. Support Federal and local grant awardees to maximize each dollar spent and accelerate DER deployment



Deliver Value through Programs & Services

Implement measures to reduce bills for both participating and non-participating customers through customer programs and rate designs.

Examples include: Energy efficiency, flex load, self generation, Time of Use



Build and optimize a distributed resource

Model, standardize and deploy existing and new resources to capture a suite of grid services capable of operating as a power plant from within the distribution system

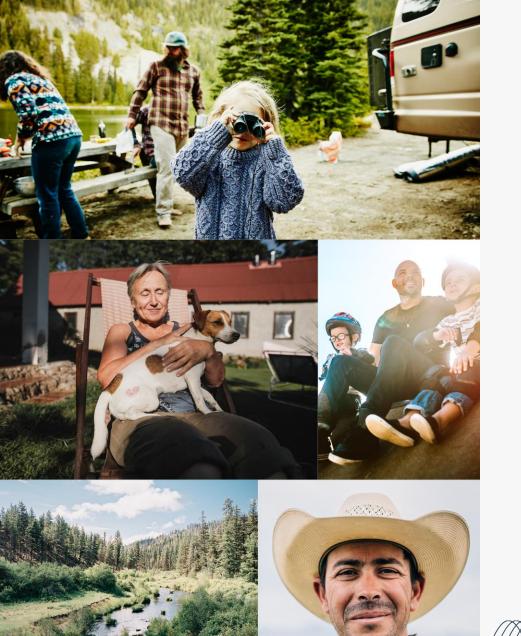


Reduce Cost of Operations

Develop operating procedures that enable deferral of infrastructure investment or energy purchases.

Examples include: Advanced powerflow, locational resource valuation, non-wire solutions







Virtual Power Plant

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Document structure/location

- Chapter 5. Virtual Power Plant (VPP)
 - 5.1 Virtual Power Plant
 - 5.1.1 What is the VPP
 - 5.1.2 Why develop a Virtual Power Plant
 - ▶ 5.1.3 Examples of the services that will be provided by the VPP
 - ▶ 5.1.4 VPP resources: Flexible load programs
 - 5.1.5 VPP resources: Distributed supply (solar + storage)
 - 5.2 Benefit cost analysis

Objectives of this chapter:

- Demonstrate capabilities necessary to deliver an NWS and a VPP that involves customer-sited DERs
- Demonstrate delivery and measurement of community benefits
- Investigate how CBREs can deliver an NWS or otherwise address grid needs





Capability	Description
Grid Modeling & Analysis	Digital twin/network model development, including analysis of SCADA and field sensor data, typology models and control settings, and DER performance data.
DER Control & Dispatch	Design and implement DER controls, including DERMS alignment, lab simulation, hardware-interoperability and testing, OEM communication and coordination.
Product Design & Marketing	Analyze customer composition of chosen locations, assess customer preferences/needs, customize product offerings to maximize participation/adoption, incorporate considerations for disadvantaged populations, design and implement measurement and evaluation framework.
Contractor Training & Management	Identify installers who are willing to add NWS requirements to the install process, work with installers to design efficient installation processes, prepare installers to configure DERs to integrate with PGE systems/controls.
ADMS/DERMS Controls Integration	Configure ADMS/DERMS to recognize and operate NWS DERs, develop operations procedures to cover NWS use cases.
Equity Lens	Apply environmental justice principles in the deployment of DER-based solutions

Collectively, VPPs Can Deliver a Range of Benefits



Customer Community Benefit

- Enable consumers to optimize energy cost, use, and source
- Retain and create good jobs
- Compensate consumers and businesses

Cost Control

- Energy market risk mitigation
- Defer grid capex (generation, T & D)
- Avoid fuel costs

Reliability & Resilience

- Integrate back-up power
- Eliminate single-point-of-failure

Decarbonization

- Add distributed renewable generation
- Reduce curtailment of renewables
- Reduce reliance on fossil fuels

T&D Infrastructure Relief

- Increase efficiency by smoothing peaks
- Alleviate congestion with local dispatch

Source: https://liftoff.energy.gov/vpp/

PGE's VPP Vision



PGE will enable customers to shift their power usage from peak times while providing reliable and affordable energy

DEFINITION: The orchestration of Distributed Energy Resources and Flexible Load, through technology platforms, to provide grid and power operations services.

OUTCOME: 25% peak usage offset while supporting 100% of customer energy needs by targeting over 2,000 VPP-

	enabled megawatts by 2030.								
VIRTUAL POWER PLANT	Resource	Flexible Load Distributed Solar + Storage Thermal(2)		Distributed Thermal ⁽²⁾	Utility Storage	Utility Sto			
OWER	2024	105 MW	O MW (1)	27 MW	114 MW	275 MW	orage is		
TUALF	2030	250 MW	350 MW +	150 MW	300 MW	600 MW+	s comp		
NIV.	Examples	Example: Customer Programs in Multi-Year and TE Plans	Example: Community Based Renew	able Energy	Example: Customer Dispatchable Standby Generation	Example Sundial Battery Storage	lementary		
Technology	logy			Ty to					
	Techno	Examples: Advanced Distributed Ma	anagement System, Distribu	uted Energy Resource Man	Example Energy Management Sys.	VPP			

- (1) Distributed Solar interconnected capacity from the Net Energy Metering Program is approximately 286 MW in Sep 2024; excluded from VPP because it is not integrated with PGE's VPP technology platforms.
- (2) Distributed Thermal represents the customer back-up engines in the Dispatchable Standby Generation (DSG) program.





Questions/ Comments



Benefit-Cost Analysis of the Modernized Grid Platform

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Document structure/location

- Chapter 5. Virtual Power Plant (VPP)

 - 5.2 Benefit cost analysis
 - ▶ 5.2.1 Scope of analysis
 - 5.2.2 Benefit-costs tests
 - 5.2.3 Costs
 - 5.2.4 Quantitative impacts
 - 5.2.5 Qualitative impacts
 - 5.2.6 Assumptions
 - ▶ 5.2.7 Approach
 - 5.2.8 Discussion of results

Objectives of this chapter:

- Conceptually demonstrate that PGE's vision for the distribution system has a customer benefit
- Provide an assessment of benefits and costs that can be realized through a modernized grid
- Define and quantify benefit streams brought about by grid modernization and VPP

Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) of VPP Portfolio





Initial benefit-cost analysis shows the Virtual Power Plant would deliver benefits that outweigh the costs over 20 years, demonstrating quantifiable returns on investments for PGE customers and the system.

Motivation

- PGE's Leadership requested to perform BCA for DSP
- Utilities like AES Ohio, Eversource Energy etc., have included BCA of their proposed grid modernization plans to justify the investments
- Preliminary BCA will help Staff and stakeholders' have insight in the customer value that VPP delivers

Approach

- Identified distribution projects that serve as VPP resources or enabling technologies
- Adopted the industry-leading National Standard Practice Manual for DER Benefit-Cost Analysis, incorporating utility best practices and TRC calculations
- Integrated valuable input from key internal stakeholders to ensure organizational alignment
- Took a conservative valuation approach, accounting for select DER benefits while acknowledging additional value streams exist

Other Considerations

Ensures compliance with long-term planning requirements as per OPUC's DSP Guidelines





Below is a list of the relevant value streams that are being included. These are standard value streams in Total Resource Cost (TRC) test per National Standard Practice Manual and have been included in plans developed by other utilities (for example, AES Ohio and Eversource). PGE traditionally included a subset of these value streams.

PGE can expand its analysis by incorporating additional benefit streams, conducting a more comprehensive BCA, and demonstrating the value of VPP investments by showing the returns.

In this preliminary BCA, we have included values of foundational benefits expected to be achieved.

Potential impact s						
Impacts	AES Ohio	Eversource	NSPM	PGE's traditional approach		
Energy generation (includes arbitrage)	Υ		Υ	Υ		
Generation capacity	Υ		Υ	Υ		Opportunities
Ancillary Services			Υ	Υ		for PGE to
Transmission capacity deferral	Υ		Υ			better justify
Distribution capacity deferral			Υ			benefits from
Distribution O&M savings	Υ		Υ			investments
Program administration			Υ	Υ		
Reliability	Υ	Υ	Υ		*	
Capital costs to utility	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ		





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Near term action plan (NTAP)

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- Chapter 8. Action Plan (2-4 yrs)
 - 8.1 Introduction
 - 8.2 Traditional infrastructure investments
 - 8.3 Grid modernization investments
 - 8.4 VPP resource targets
 - 8.5 Other significant or emerging drivers for distribution system investment
 - ▶ 8.5.1 MYP programs
 - ▶ 8.5.2 Transportation electrification
 - ▶ 8.5.3 Wildfire mitigation
 - 8.6 Monitoring and adapting PGE's DSP
- Appendix. E Description of solutions to address grid needs
 - E.1 One-page project descriptions for investments greater than \$2 M

Objectives of this chapter:

- Summarize the investments described in this DSP
 - Traditional
 - Grid modernization
 - VPP
- Provide context for those investments
- Cross-reference related planning documents
- Describe the measures that are used to evaluate distribution system performance





Role	Description
Board of Directors (BOD)	The Board of Directors reviews and approves the annual capital budget. In addition, the BOD approves large strategic projects and future-year obligations for long-lead-time equipment purchases.
Capital Review Group (CRG)	The Capital Review Group is a standing committee with governance over capital projects and allocates capital resources based on business value and alignment with PGE's strategy.
Business Sponsor Group (BSG)	The Business Sponsor Group is a standing committee, empowered by the CRG to approve capital projects and manage the assigned portfolio to deliver the most value at the least cost. The BSG reviews and approves a proposed annual budget based on a five-year project road map that prioritizes projects based on PGE's initiatives and project readiness.
Generation, Transmission & Distribution Project Management Office (G-T&D PMO)	The G-T&D PMO is an organization that manages a standardized process for the governance and execution of assigned capital projects for Generation and T&D. The G-T&D PMO includes roles such as Project Managers, Project Controllers, Estimators and Construction Managers.
Capital Portfolio Management Team	The Portfolio Management team optimizes the project portfolio, acts as the primary interface with the BSG and CRG, and oversees the steps related to the planning and execution gates. The Portfolio Management team also monitors Portfolio health and execution risks throughout the year, escalating issues to the executive team and the CRG as needed.

Business Sponsor Group (BSG) Reporting Structure





Current T&D Project Categorization



Portfolio

Sub-**Portfolio**

Category

Transmission & Distribution Sustain (keep

Grow (load growth/ econ. dev.)

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Capacity/Flexibility - increase capacity and/or flexibility to address load growth or increased demand; may include capacity-driven compliance and reliability projects

Customer/Partner - investments involving a commitment to a customer, internal partner, municipality, or co-owner; includes critical service restoration and our obligation to serve; applicable to both sustaining and growth sub-portfolios

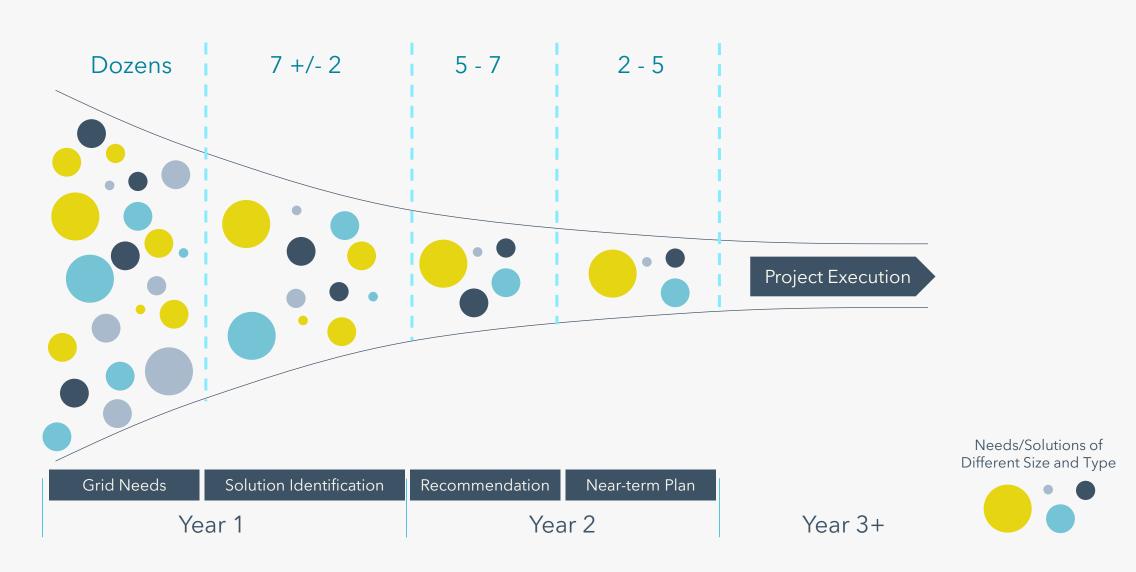
Compliance - address a non-capacity related compliance requirements from FERC, NERC, OPUC, EPA, DEQ or other regulatory body

Reliability - enhance reliability, resiliency and security; includes proactive repair/replace in kind projects as well as broader improvement initiatives

Operations - address tools, safety, restoration of non-critical services, and efficiency improvements

T&D Project Development Funnel









Alignment to Strategies and Goals

Firm commitments - customer and/or compliance

Execution readiness - cost estimate, resource and materials

Stage-gate approvals: minimize risk with planning-only approval

Quantified project benefits

NTAP: Traditional or business-as-usual investments



Project category (\$M, incurred*)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Compliance	\$148.32	\$187.38	\$141.53	\$91.10	\$72.07
Customer/Partner	\$153.44	\$140.55	\$131.80	\$135.58	\$140.49
Capacity/Flexibility	\$38.76	\$9.64	\$158.01	\$132.78	\$162.75
Reliability	\$41.37	\$70.27	\$47.90	\$38.62	\$31.85
Operations	\$1.25	\$1.10	\$2.26	\$2.47	\$2.56
Traditional Investments Totals	\$383.15	\$493.95	\$481.50	\$400.54	\$409.72

*Investments that are presented in the DSP are shown in "incurred" amounts - equipment, materials and labor.

Figures for '24/'25 have been through the capital governance process. Figures for '26-'28 are estimates and more subject to change.

NTAP: Grid modernization investments



Project category (\$M, incurred*)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Grid management systems	\$48.29	\$37.16	\$16.10	\$5.50	\$4.00
Integrated planning	\$1.50	\$0.70	\$1.40	\$-	\$-
Sensing, measurement, and automation	\$2.50	\$4.05	\$13.60	\$35.60	\$4.20
Telecommunications	\$12.80	\$14.16	\$13.65	\$9.85	\$3.55
Physical grid infrastructure	\$5.00	\$4.84	\$8.50	\$8.80	\$9.00
Grid Mod Total	\$70.09	\$60.91	\$53.25	\$59.75	\$20.75

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NTAP: VPP resource targets in MWs

VPP Resources (MW)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Flexible Load (Summer/Winter)	116.3/61.2	126.9/65.7	140.3/69.8	151.3/74.0	162.3/78.2
Solar	9	9	285	325	365
Storage	0	0	135	155	175
Distributed Thermal	140	180	220	260	300
Grand Total (Summer/Winter)	265.3/210.2	315.9/254.7	780.3/709.8	891.3/814	1,002.3/918.2

Grid Modernization Needs and Solutions - Compliance Overview



Prioritized list of the utility's proposed solutions (investments/expenditures) over the next five years to address identified grid needs.

Appendix E provides a list of currently approved projects

Summary of each planned investment / expenditure estimated to cost more than \$2 million.

Appendix Eincludes one-pagers for the projects >\$2M

Projected spending: Provide a table of the projected cost to implement the Action Plan... on an annual basis... in the same spending categories used for historical distribution system spending

Summary tables of spending from '24-'28 are provided

Key points about PGE's compliance

- Investment amounts shown are estimates and likely to change
- Investments are shown in incurred \$ meaning overhead amounts will be added later when all costs are known
- Distribution investments must compete with each other and other demands on limited capital





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DER Forecast Ch 3

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DER Forecast



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- Chapter 3. DER forecasting
 - 3.1 DER Forecasting Model
 - 3.2 AdopDER Enhancements
 - 3.3 Latest DER Forecasts

Objectives of this chapter:

- Explains how DER (Distributed Energy Resources) forecasting is fundamental to PGE's threecomponent strategy
- Introduces and explain PGE's DER forecasting model called AdopDER
- Documents recent improvements to the AdopDER too





Key Forecasting Outputs	20-year forecasts (2025-2044) with high/medium/low scenarios	
	8760 hourly load impacts of DER at feeder level	
	Baseline loads at feeder level across distribution system	
	Granular adoption forecasts for all DER technologies	
Business Applications	Informs grid modernization investments	
Applications	Enables effective customer program design	
	Supports Virtual Power Plant (VPP) service planning	
	Guides infrastructure investment decisions	

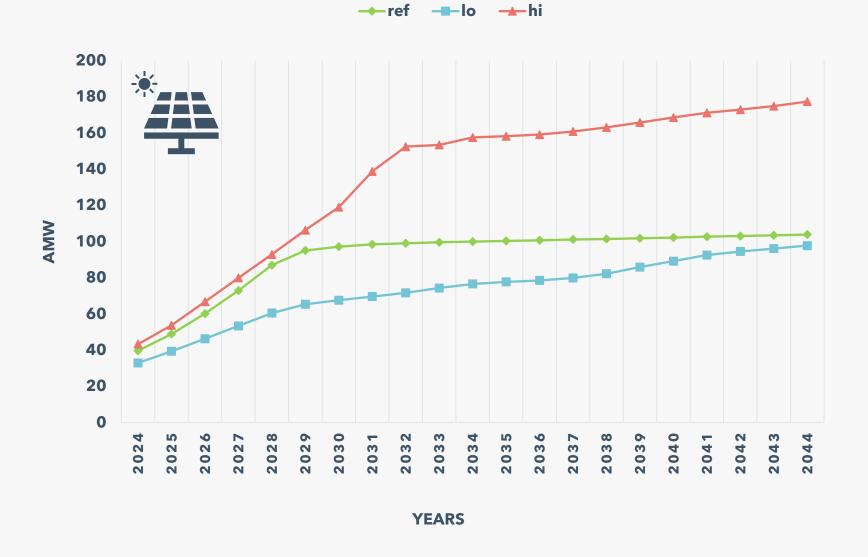




Employed bottom-up forecast

Calibrated to existing PGE customer installations from interconnection data

Used NREL's market share information



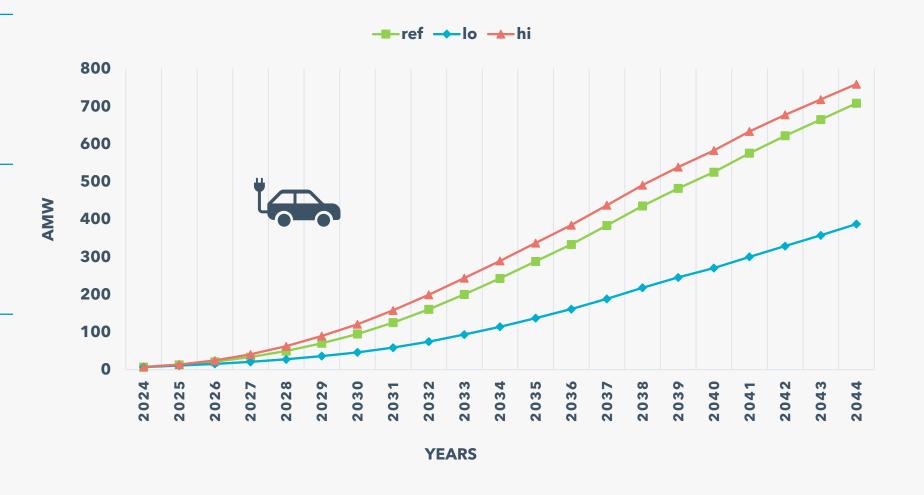
Modeling Electric Vehicles



Covered all segments, including medium and heavy duty

Modeled plug-in hybrids as well as battery electric vehicles

Market landscape has changed since previous study with temporary slowdown in EV adoption especially in MDHD EV categories

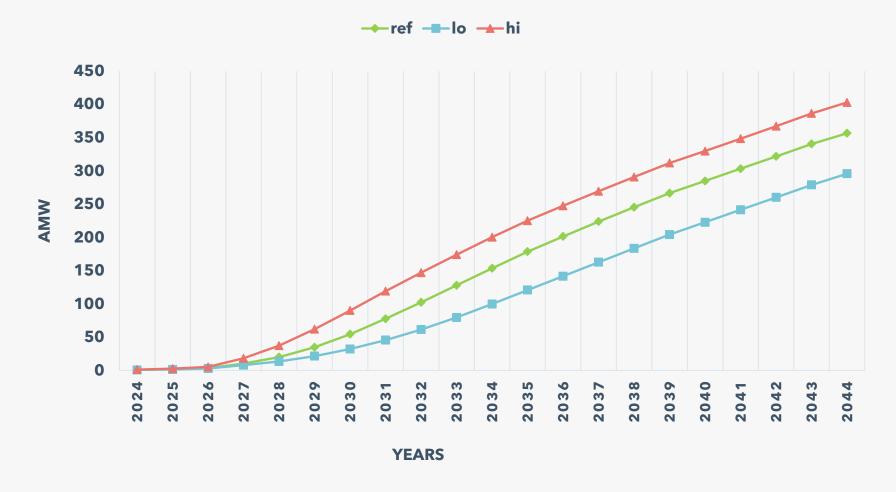


Building Electrification (BE) Impacts



Used NREL electrification futures study* for scenarios

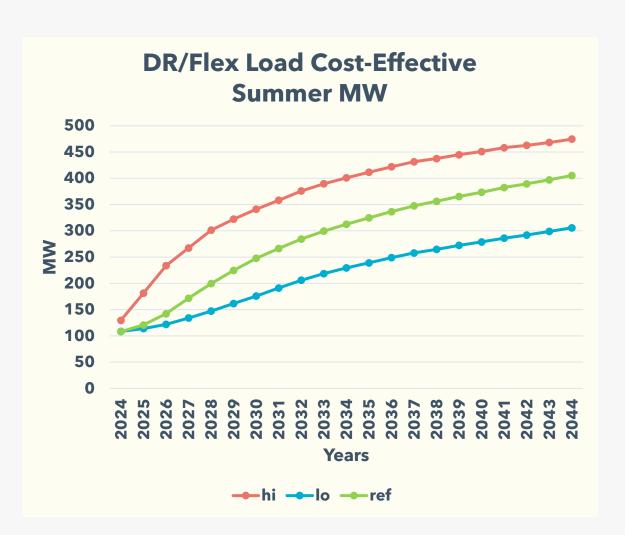
Follows-up PGE's 2019 Deep Decarbonization study



*NREL electrification futures study: Available at <u>Electrification Futures Study: A Technical Evaluation of the Impacts of an Electrified U.S. Energy System | Energy Analysis | NREL</u>









Key Takeaways



'ref', 'lo' and 'hi' scenarios investigated for each DER type

Scenarios accounted for state policies, incentives, market shares, actual adoption data available, price influences in the future and future technology costs

Not all the identified potential is cost-effective. The IRP will evaluate supply curves of the non-cost-effective DR potential for any added portfolio benefits.

In IRP different need futures will be assessed based on DER forecasts

TE load growth has decreased from the values reported in 2023 IRP update due to the observed slowdown especially in the MDHD EV categories. BE has slowed down in the short-term but ramps up over the forecasting horizon and in the long term the BE forecasts exceed those used for 2023 IRP.

DER Forecast - Compliance Overview



PGE's AdopDER Model Framewo

Explains the comprehensive forecasting tool and its capabilities

Data Sources and Integration

Details the various inputs and system integration aspects

Forecasting Outputs and Business Impact

Shows how the forecasts are used in practice

Key points about PGE's compliance

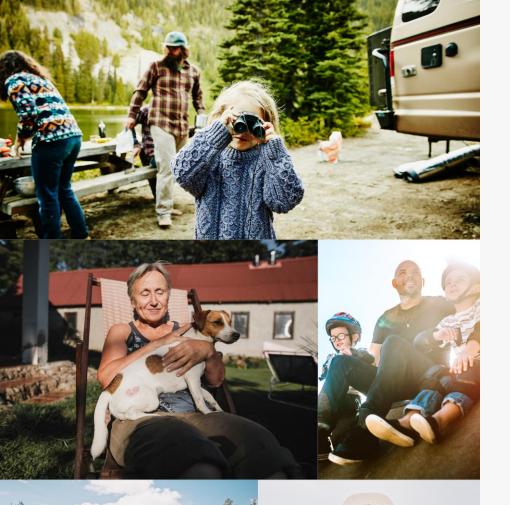
- Exceed the minimum requirement of substation-level granularity by providing forecasts down to the service point ID level
- Use a sophisticated hybrid approach combining top-down and bottom-up modeling
- Provide the required high/medium/low scenarios for DER and EV adoption
- 20-year forecast horizon (2025-2044) provides long-term visibility
- Integrate multiple data sources and maintain clear documentation of sources and vintage





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Grid needs & solutions to support DER integration and orchestration

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Document structure/location

- Chapter 4. Technology foundations for a bi-directional grid
 - 4.1 Needs analysis for DER integration and operation
 - 4.1.1 Modernized grid
 - 4.1.2 Why is grid modernization necessary?
 - 4.1.2.1 Customer growth in energy use
 - 4.1.2.2 Customer energy management
 - 4.1.2.3 Decarbonization through electrification
 - 4.1.2.4 Increase resilience
 - 4.1.2.5 Increase price competitiveness
 - 4.1.3 Key components of grid modernization
 - 4.1.4 Benefits of grid modernization
 - 4.2 Grid modernization solution identification
 - 4.2.1 How do we identify solutions?
 - 4.2.2 What solutions are needed?
 - 4.2.2.1 Customer ecosystem
 - 4.2.2.2 Integrated planning capability
 - 4.2.2.3 Grid management systems
 - 4.2.2.4 Physical grid infrastructure
 - 4.2.2.5 Sensing, measurement & automation
 - 4.2.2.6 Telecommunications

Objectives of this chapter:

- Focuses on needs as they relate to the grid's ability to support integration and orchestration of DERs to deliver value to customers and address needs with alternatives to traditional solutions
- Discuss the capabilities that we need to develop in order to use DERs as solutions
- Discuss the approach to grid modernization
- Describe how we identify solutions to build the needed capabilities

DER integration and orchestration



What do we need to integrate and operate DERs such that they deliver value to customers AND mitigate cost increases?

Enhance customer engagement and energy service options

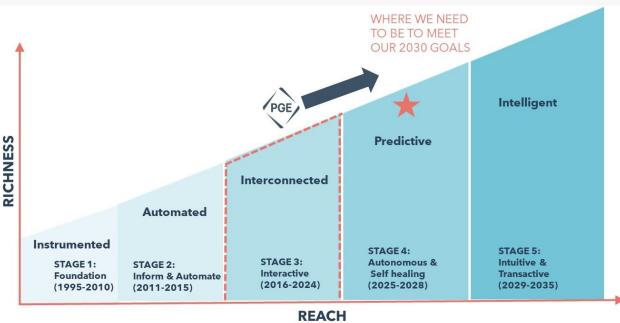
Create accessible grid platforms for new technologies and services

Optimize grid assets to reduce system costs

Improve system planning and analysis with growing DERs

Enable data-driven decision making

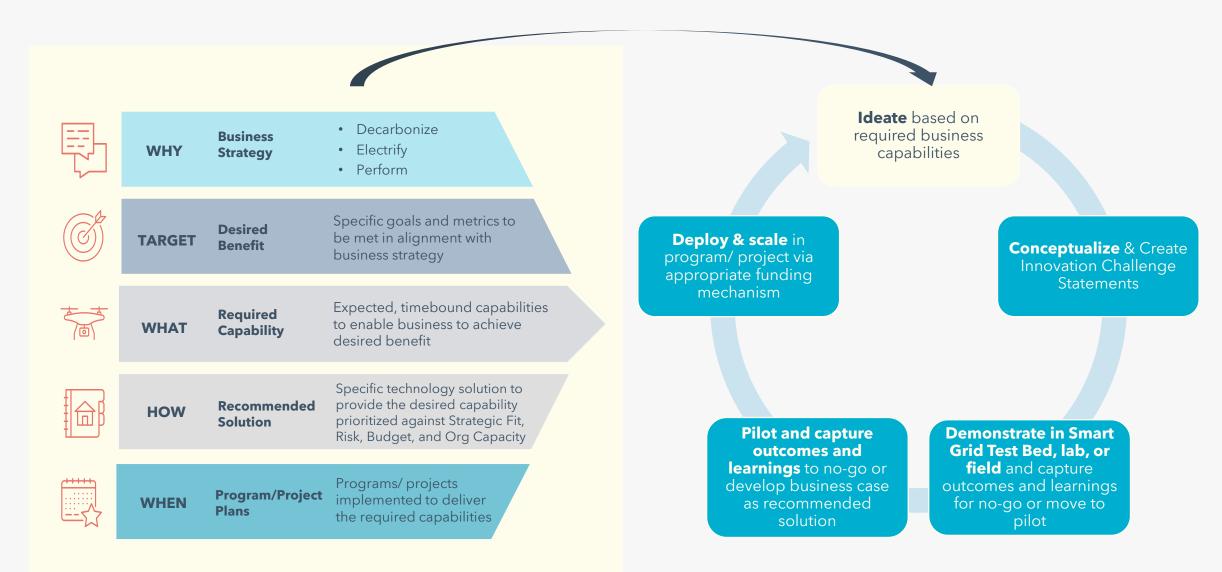
Evolution to a more predictive state



Stages of Grid evolution based on technology implementation /adoption

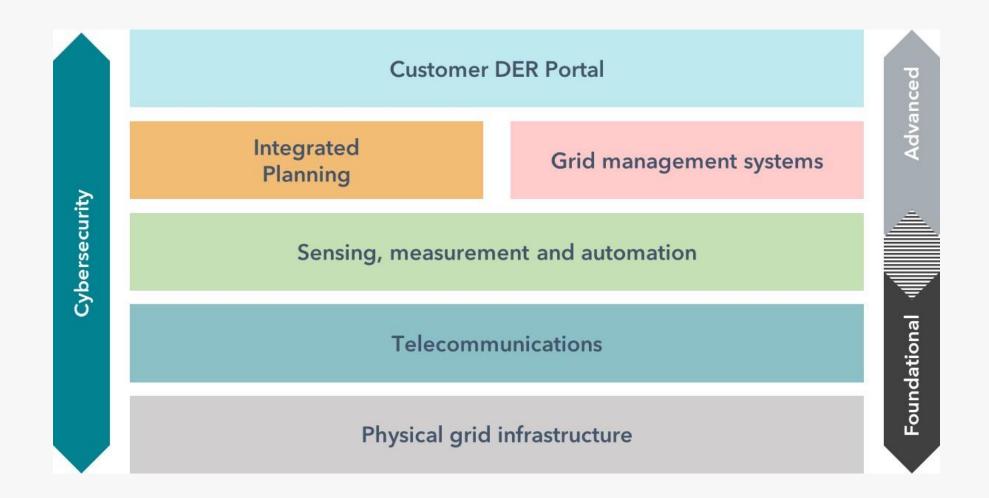
Identifying grid modernization solutions







Grid modernization framework



Grid modernization needs and solutions - Compliance overview



Discuss anticipated grid needs to address - load growth, DER adoption, customer needs

Explains the capabilities needed to address DER integration and orchestration as alternative to traditional solutions

Process to identify range of possible solutions to address needs

Describes grid modernization solution identification process

Key points about PGE's compliance

- Pressure on the grid is increasing
- DERs contribute to that pressure
- Orchestration of DERs can relieve some pressure and mitigate cost increases





Questions/ Comments







Traditional grid needs & solutions

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TRADITIONAL grid needs & solutions



- Chapter 6. Traditional infrastructure needs and solutions
 - 6.1 Traditional grid needs analysis
 - 6.1.1 Distribution planning process
 - 6.1.2 Prioritized list of grid needs
 - 6.1.2.1 Detailed breakdown of the updated methodology
 - 6.1.2.1.1 Safety and customer commitment
 - 6.1.2.1.2 Compliance and grid constraints
 - 6.1.2.1.3 Precursor to mitigating other grid needs
 - 6.1.2.1.4 Temporary equipment mitigation
 - 6.1.2.1.5 Equity index
 - 6.1.2.1.6 Loading and risk factors
 - 6.1.3 Distribution planning process evolution
 - 4 6.2 Traditional solution identification
 - 6.2.1 Traditional solution identification process
 - 6.3 Non-wires solution identification and development
 - 6.3.1 Flexible Feeder Project (SALMON: SmartGrid Advanced Load Management & Optimized Neighborhood)

Objectives of this chapter:

- Focus on grid needs as they relate to load growth, constrained areas of the grid and equipment, such as substation transformers, that are reaching performance thresholds
- Discuss planning thresholds that drive "needs" identification
- Share list of grid needs that have been prioritized for solution development
- Discuss solution identification process

Peak Load



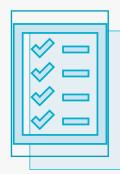


Is the highest electricity demand on a utility system



PGE typically experiences system-wide peak loads during both the hottest and the coldest days of the year

Summer: 4,498 MW Winter: 4,113 MW



Knowing peak load helps utilities design systems to handle maximum demand





Distribution Planning Expected Results



- Enhance safety
- Increase reliability
- Meet customer needs
- Meet standards/requirements
- Recommend best solutions
- Reduce risk (likelihood x consequence)

Grid Assessment Criteria



Plan to peak

PGE plans the distribution system to serve customers even at extreme temperatures, at the largest power demand at a given point during a year

Planning criteria for equipment loading

target loading is less than 67% for feeders, less than 80% for transformers to have capacity to move load around on the system

Target system flexibility at both the transformer and feeder level

all load picked up by switching to other equipment for the loss of a single element

Customer-driven projects

take priority, e.g., large housing development, manufacturing facility, industrial park

Ensure new infrastructure is planned for the long-term forecasted load in the area

when PGE implements a project, we aim to not have to do another project on the affected equipment for at least 10 years





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System Assessment Framework

- Comprehensive distribution planning process incorporating system reliability and asset health assessments
- Advanced modeling using CYME software for detailed power flow analysis
- Integration of corporate load forecasts and DER adoption projections
- Consideration of multiple data sources including AMI data, economic development plans, and known block loads

Key Performance Metrics

- Safety and customer commitment
- Compliance and grid constraints
- Equipment utilization and risk factors
- Equity considerations

Integration of Transmission and Distribution Planning



Transmission Planning

Guiding Standards: NERC TPL-001-5 for system reliability and contingencies

Planning Horizons:

- Near-Term (2 years)
- Mid-Term (5 years)
- Long-Term (10 years)

Regional Coordination: Embedded within BPA's transmission network

Distribution Planning

Load Forecasting:

- Collection and mapping of load requests to distribution feeders
- Aggregation at transmission nodes

Load Request Handling:

- Yearly and spot processes for new and expanded loads
- System studies for necessary upgrades

New Load Management:

- Aggregation by feeder and substation
- Informs transmission and DER forecasts

Integration and Coordination

Coordinated planning ensures a resilient, adaptable utility infrastructure capable of meeting current and future energy demands

Annual Updates: Ensuring transmission and distribution systems adapt to changing demands

System Alignment: Continuous alignment between local distribution needs and regional transmission capacity

Future Preparedness: Planning for future growth and integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)

Grid Needs to Solution Identification Process



Identified grid needs in 2024



Prioritized grid needs





Emergent grid needs



Solution Identification

Step 1



WHAT & WHERE IS THE PROBLEM

Step 2



CURRENT STATE SOLUTION **IDENTIFICATION** Step 3



OPTION ANALYSIS

Step 4



RECOMMENDATIONS

Distribution Planning Engineers conducting studies on the prioritized grid needs for 2025 capital cycle







Priority	Project	Grid need	Total Score
1	Evergreen	Add distribution infrastructure to substation	4.9
2	Swan Island	Substation Rebuild	4.8
3	Glisan	Industrial load growth in Gresham - substation	4.5
4	Sub E	New Load/Capacity need, rebuild substation	4.4
5	Glencoe-Glisan	Capacity addition	2.7
6	Holgate	Capacity and reliability improvements to substation	2.5

Traditional Grid Need and Solutions - Compliance Overview



Employ a comprehensive assessment process that incorporates multiple data sources and sophisticated modeling tools

Prioritization methodology has been refined based on stakeholder feedback to be more balanced and equitable

Approach allows for both traditional and non-traditional solution



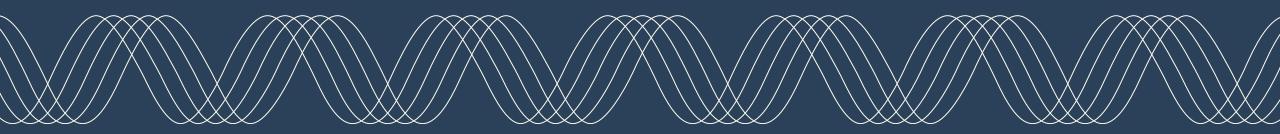


Questions/ Comments





Next Steps and Closing Remarks





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- Wednesday Dec 18 | PGE DSP Filing | <u>UM 2197</u>
- Wednesday Jan 8 | 9-11:30a | Zoom | CEP/IRP Roundtable
- Wednesday Jan 22 | 10a-12p | Zoom | CBIAG Meeting
- Thursday Feb 20 | 10a-12p | Zoom | Distribution System Workshop

- Meeting materials and recording will be posted to our Plan's Engagement webpage at <u>Plans Engagement | Portland General Electric</u>
- For more information or if you have questions, please email us at dsp@pgn.com
- Thank You for your participation in our plans



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