

Visualization & Situational Awareness Demonstrations Project



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- Visualization and Situational Awareness Demonstrations (EPIC-1 Project)
 - Focus: Presentation of data to system operators in a way that enhances situational awareness
- Smart Grid Architecture Demonstrations (EPIC-1 Project)
 - Focus: Communications standards for integration of feeder equipment and DER into networked automation
- Modernization of Distribution System and Integration of Distributed Generation and Storage (EPIC-2 Project)
 - Focus: New communication standards for substation network
- Monitoring, Communication, and Control Infrastructure for Power System Modernization (EPIC-2 Project)
 - Focus: Open Field Message Bus (presented at last EPIC symposium)

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Objective:

- Pre-commercial demonstration to explore how data collected from sensors and devices can be processed, combined, and presented to system operators in a way that enhances grid monitoring and situational awareness.
- Examine how data currently unexploited and separately processed can be integrated and visually presented for strategic use by system operators.

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Scope Overview:

- Requirements definition for GIS-centric visualization for improved situational awareness based on where data could yield significant value.
- Prototyping the data integration schemes, displays and algorithms.
- Performing pre-commercial demonstrations with stakeholders in utility system operations.
- Documentation of findings.

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Project Technical Team:

- Internal - SDG&E project technical staff from different departments:
 - Electric Ops & Smart Grid support team (IT)
 - Electric GIS & Asset Management (IT)
 - Geographic Business Solutions (GBS)
 - BI & Analytics – SAP Solutions (IT)
- External – Contracted resources, as may be needed

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Selected use cases for pre-commercial demonstrations:

1. Visualization of electric transmission outages
2. Visualization of electric load curtailment
3. Self-service electric eGIS reporting interface
4. Historical play back
5. Real time system visualization dashboards based on Distribution SCADA and AMI Data
6. Incorporate a representation of customer-owned Energy Resources

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1. Visualization of Electric Transmission Outages

- To display Electric Transmission fault distance details in a geospatial map.
- Electric transmission outages are reported via alerts (emails with embedded hyperlink) that include a linear distance along the transmission line where the fault is occurring.
- Providing the fault distance information from the Data Historian system



2. Visualization of Electric Load Curtailment

- Develop a program that has the ability to visualize the Load Curtailment or Demand Response.
 - Color coding, displaying circuit information via circuit on the map near real time.
- This program will allow SDG&E to potentially reduce the electricity usage of certain customers for a brief period, on demand, to help manage during peak usage events.



3. Self-Service Electric eGIS Reporting Interface

- Develop a concept design for an intuitive user interface that would allow Electric eGIS users to generate a variety of GIS reports based on any combination of the following four criteria:
 - Features, e.g., wood poles.
 - Attributes, e.g., characteristics like length of poles.
 - Polygons, e.g., high risk fire area.
 - Networks, e.g., by circuit.

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4. Historical Play Back

- Develop the ability to play back historical data to get more information about the system outages and events; weekly and daily outages playback and fire perimeters
- Maps that contain a time-enabled layer can include the time slider at the bottom of the map like below:



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5. Real time system visualization dashboards based on Distribution SCADA and AMI Data

- Overlay the AMI and SCADA voltage data onto a GIS map with circuit topology and create a heat map that shows the voltage swell and swag data on the GIS map.
 - Voltage for primary distribution circuits with visual indicator % of nominal voltage.
 - Visualizations for emergency operations various scenarios:
 - Storm
 - Red Flag (e.g., Wind – Santa Ana)
 - Earthquake
 - Wildfire

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6. Incorporate a representation of customer-owned Energy Resources

- Incorporate a representation of customer-owned energy resources name plate data by transformer, circuit and substation data presentments.
 - Visualizing customer generated load via the transformers to the circuits in ArcGIS portal.
 - Real time visualization of DER (generators and storage) data for dispatch (30 kW or more).

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- **Schedule:**

- Use-case development and pre-commercial demonstration:
 - December 2016 to August 2017
- Contractors' Final Report:
 - September 2017

- **Project Status:**

- ✓ Project plan development in progress
- ✓ Internal project team created
- ✓ Use-case development in progress

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Q&A

For further questions and interests in this project:

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Thank you!

