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**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF TED REGULY**  
**(DER PROJECTS)**

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1 **SOCALGAS/SDG&E REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF TED M. REGULY**  
2 **(DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES AND DERMS)**

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4 **I. SUMMARY OF DIFFERENCES**

<b>TOTAL CAPITAL - Constant 2016 (\$000)</b>					
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Variance</b>
SDG&E	\$5,541	\$21,970	\$21,694	\$49,205	
ORA	\$6,069	\$6,221	\$6,220	\$18,510	\$30,695
TURN	\$5,541	\$10,922	\$3,778	\$20,241	\$28,964

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6 **II. INTRODUCTION**

7 This chapter provides rebuttal testimony regarding San Diego Gas & Electric Company's  
8 (SDG&E) request for Distributed Energy Resources (DER) and Distributed Energy Resources  
9 Management System (DERMS) addresses the following testimony from other parties:

- 10 • The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) as submitted by Mr. Thomas  
11 Roberts (Exhibit ORA-06), dated April 13, 2018.
- 12 • The Utility Reform Network (TURN), as submitted by Mr. Eric Borden  
13 (Exhibit TURN-01), dated May 14, 2018.

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15 Please note that the fact that I may not have responded to every issue raised by others in  
16 this rebuttal testimony does not mean or imply that SDG&E agrees with the proposal or  
17 contention made by these or other parties.

18 In addition, this chapter (1) adopts the direct testimony of Alan Colton supporting  
19 SDG&E's incremental cost forecasts for the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Integration  
20 capital projects;<sup>1</sup> and, (2) adopts the direct testimony of Alan Dulgeroff supporting DER policy.<sup>2</sup>

21 Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) are being installed at a rapid pace throughout  
22 SDG&E's service territory due in part to California's low carbon policy and customer adoption  
23 of energy technologies. With this transformation, SDG&E faces new challenges in operating the

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<sup>1</sup> December 2017, Revised SDG&E Direct Testimony of Alan F. Colton (Electric Distribution Capital), Ex. SDG&E-14-R at AFC-127 – AFC-137.

<sup>2</sup> October 6, 2017, SDG&E Direct Testimony of Alan M. Dulgeroff (Distributed Energy Resources Policy), Ex. SDG&E-13.

1 distribution grid safely and reliably. SDG&E's installation of energy storage and the continued  
2 advancement of DERMS are key enablers of a safe, reliable distribution system that  
3 accommodates customer choice. The DER projects and DERMS expenditures SDG&E is  
4 proposing are not in conflict or duplicative to Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) or  
5 other California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) initiatives/proceedings. The projects  
6 outlined in SDG&E's General Rate Case (GRC) are intended primarily for maintaining and/or  
7 enhancing the electric distribution system's reliability, aiding with the integration of intermittent  
8 renewables, and/or addressing distribution circuits that are most prone to outages. Therefore,  
9 SDG&E takes issue with the recommendations by ORA and TURN to reduce or eliminate  
10 budgets for these projects. SDG&E believes these projects are foundational to the safe, reliable,  
11 continued operation of SDG&E's electric distribution system as California moves to a lower  
12 carbon economy.

13 **A. ORA**

14 ORA issued its report on Distributed Energy Resources projects on April 13, 2018.<sup>3</sup>  
15 ORA claims that SDG&E's various DER projects are duplicative or conflict with various  
16 commission proceedings. ORA further alleges that SDG&E has not provided enough  
17 information for approval. SDG&E disagrees and addresses each project below.

18 **B. TURN**

19 TURN submitted testimony on May 14, 2018.<sup>4</sup> TURN takes issue with two DER  
20 projects: Advanced Energy Storage project and Microgrid for Energy Resilience. TURN claims  
21 that SDG&E does not provide enough information for approval of the Advanced Energy Storage  
22 project, including the requested expenditure, specific circuits that SDG&E has identified for this  
23 project, operational problems that energy storage would resolve, or alternatives to storage.<sup>5</sup>  
24 TURN further states that SDG&E does not explain why or how the requested funds for

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<sup>3</sup> April 13, 2018, Prepared Direct Testimony of Thomas Roberts, Report on the Results of Operations for San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, Test Year 2019, General Rate Case, SDG&E – Electric Distribution Capital Expenditures, Part 1 of 2, Ex. ORA-06.

<sup>4</sup> May 14, 2018, Prepared Direct Testimony of Eric Borden, Addressing the Proposals of San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas Company in their Test Year 2019 General Rate Case Related to Electric Distribution Capital, Gas Transmission Operation, Gas Major Projects, Cash Working Capital, and Customer Forecast, Ex. TURN-01.

<sup>5</sup> Ex. TURN-01 (Borden), pp. 37-38.

1 Microgrid for Energy Resilience are necessary, nor does it show that this project is cost  
 2 effective.<sup>6</sup>

3 SDG&E disagrees with TURN on these points, and the issues are addressed below within  
 4 each individual project.

5 **III. REBUTTAL TO PARTIES' CAPITAL PROPOSALS**

	Figures in thousands of 2016\$								
	2017			2018			2019		
	SDG&E	ORA	TURN	SDG&E	ORA	TURN	SDG&E	ORA	TURN
BC 11246 Smart Transformers	\$258	\$4	\$258	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
BC 11247 Advanced Energy Storage	\$-	\$1	\$0	\$5,154	\$1,748	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,452	\$0
BC 14243 Borrego Springs Microgrid Enhancements	\$1,769	\$3,531	\$1,769	\$515	\$175	\$515	\$-	\$-	\$-
BC14259B Vanadium Flow Battery Project	\$539	\$408	\$539	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
BC 16243 Microgrid for Energy Resilience	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$5,894	\$1,999	\$-	\$7,916	\$2,733	\$-
BC 17244A Volt-Var Optimization Transformer	\$-	\$16	\$-	\$500	\$170	\$500	\$100	\$35	\$100
BC 17245 ITF	\$523	\$-	\$523	\$1,050	\$356	\$1,050	\$-	\$-	\$-
BC 17246 Borrego Microgrid 3.0	\$209	\$-	\$209	\$5,230	\$1,773	\$5,230	\$-	\$-	\$-
BC 14860A DERMS	\$2,243	\$2,109	\$2,243	\$3,627	\$-	\$3,627	\$3,678	\$-	\$3,678
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,541</b>	<b>\$6,069</b>	<b>\$5,541</b>	<b>\$21,970</b>	<b>\$6,221</b>	<b>\$10,922</b>	<b>\$21,694</b>	<b>\$6,220</b>	<b>\$3,778</b>
<b>VARIANCE</b>		<b>\$528</b>	<b>\$-</b>		<b>\$(15,749)</b>	<b>\$(11,048)</b>		<b>\$(15,474)</b>	<b>\$(17,916)</b>

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 7 **A. BC 11247 Advanced Energy Storage**

8 **1. ORA**

9 ORA takes issue with capital forecast for budget code 11247 Advanced Energy Storage  
 10 (AES). Specifically, ORA states that “the AES program is a distribution deferral proposal,” and,  
 11 based on this assumption, claims that SDG&E needs to meet the criteria established by the

<sup>6</sup> Ex. TURN-01(Borden), pp. 23-24.

1 Commission governing distribution deferral investments.<sup>7</sup> ORA also criticizes the AES program  
2 for not predefining the particular reliability needs being served,<sup>8</sup> not specifying the scope of  
3 work,<sup>9</sup> nor determining whether the AES program is cost-effective.<sup>10</sup> Separately, ORA asks  
4 SDG&E to justify its reliance on utility-owned energy storage.<sup>11</sup> By pointing out that SDG&E  
5 has already met its energy storage mandate under Assembly Bill (AB) 2514 for distribution  
6 connected energy storage, ORA highlights that the energy storage that is part of the AES  
7 program will not count towards SDG&E's AB 2514 target.<sup>12</sup>

8 ORA recommends a total budget reduction of 34% of this budget based on the objections  
9 summarized above. SDG&E disagrees with ORA's recommendation on the primary basis that  
10 the AES program, contrary to ORA's flawed assumption, is not intended for distribution deferral  
11 purposes. Rather, the overall purpose of the program is to maintain and/or enhance the safety  
12 and reliability of the electric distribution system, like the other capital programs outlined in Mr.  
13 Colton's testimony. Mr. Colton's testimony and accompanying workpapers do not describe the  
14 installation of energy storage as a distribution deferral program because the AES program is not  
15 designed to defer any investments of traditional electric distribution infrastructure. Furthermore,  
16 while language in the Capital Budget Documentation (CBD) from 2013 referenced by ORA,<sup>13</sup>  
17 which was created prior to the Distribution Resource Plan<sup>14</sup> rulemaking, arguably suggests it  
18 could support distribution deferral, as it states that one of the many benefits of the AES program  
19 is the potential for "deferred capacity investments," it is important to highlight the fact that  
20 distribution deferral is not listed as a primary objective. Therefore, since the AES program was  
21 not intended to defer traditional distribution capacity upgrades, but rather to integrate renewables

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<sup>7</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), pp. 93-94.

<sup>8</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 94.

<sup>9</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 95.

<sup>10</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), pp. 95-96.

<sup>11</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 98.

<sup>12</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 96.

<sup>13</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 93.

<sup>14</sup> R.14-08-013, Commission established policies, procedures, and rules to guide California investor-owned electric utilities (IOUs) in developing their Distribution Resources Plan (DRP).

1 and harness their benefits, the processes and solicitations as contemplated in the DRP and  
2 Integrated Distributed Energy Resources (IDER) proceedings are not applicable.

3         SDG&E has determined that the AES program will provide value to ratepayers. By  
4 strategically deploying energy storage devices on distribution circuits with an abundance of solar  
5 photovoltaic (PV) penetration, the energy storage devices will be able to leverage excess  
6 renewable energy to charge during the day when the circuit is experiencing lighter load levels,  
7 and discharge during times of higher loading. The AES program will allow for the increase of  
8 generation interconnection capacity (enabling more DER to interconnect without reaching  
9 system limitations) by mitigating power backflow from distributed generators. In addition, as  
10 SDG&E integrates additional energy storage managed by DERMS, it will help enhance the  
11 integration process and operability of future energy storage, utility or third-party. These  
12 preferred resources could also be used to potentially fulfill SDG&E's remaining Local Capacity  
13 Requirement (LCR) as identified in the CPUC's Track 4 decision.<sup>15</sup>

14         SDG&E is still in the planning and engineering phase of the AES program  
15 implementation and is considering a variety of circuits with an abundance of solar PV that could  
16 benefit from the installation of an AES. More generally, the objective of the AES program is to  
17 deploy energy storage to effectively manage the reliability of the grid. SDG&E believes that it is  
18 beneficial to its customers for SDG&E – as the distribution system operator – to own, operate,  
19 and maintain these assets and to have the operational flexibility and control that comes with  
20 ownership. Utility AES are essential in this application, to optimize system power flow specific  
21 to their area of interconnection and renewable integration. Utility AES are not necessarily driven  
22 by a specific customer or wholesale benefit (*e.g.* tariff), and instead can be dispatched for the  
23 needs of all customers, system safety and reliability, and renewable integration.

24         Availability and expected duration to respond when requested is critical to ensure the  
25 operation and mitigation performed by the AES asset is achieved.

26         In summary, the AES program, including SDG&E installing, operating, and maintaining  
27 energy storage, is primarily justified by the need to address intermittency and operational  
28 challenges associated with the variable and coincident output of renewable energy resources.  
29 ORA nevertheless asserts that SDG&E fails to meet its burden in showing that the AES program

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<sup>15</sup> See Decision (D.) 14-03-004; D.15-05-051.

1 is cost-effective and relies upon Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 2836.6 in its assertion.<sup>16</sup>  
2 ORA further asserts that the AES program would not count towards SDG&E's D.13-10-040  
3 targets because SDG&E has exceeded its distribution-connected need.<sup>17</sup>

4 ORA's assertions, however, are incorrect insofar as they assume that all energy storage  
5 procured by a load-serving entity must be procured through D.13-10-040 and for AB 2514  
6 purposes. Indeed, PUC Section 2836 (a)(4) specifically states otherwise: "Nothing in this  
7 section prohibits the commission's evaluation and approval of any application for funding or  
8 recovery of costs of any ongoing or new development, trialing, and testing of energy storage  
9 projects or technologies *outside of the proceeding* required by this chapter."<sup>18</sup> Accordingly,  
10 there is no prohibition on SDG&E proposing energy storage projects, such as the AES program,  
11 for the Commission's approval outside of D.13-10-040, nor is the Commission prohibited from  
12 approving such proposals.

13 Moreover, because SDG&E's AES program proposal is outside of the proceeding  
14 implementing AB 2514 and resulting in D.13-10-040, SDG&E's AES program proposal is not  
15 subject to the requirements (*e.g.* solicitation, ownership) in that decision cited by ORA.  
16 Therefore, ORA's assertions are unsupported and do not restrict the Commission's ability to  
17 review SDG&E's AES program under its own merits. Were SDG&E's AES program to be  
18 subject to the requirements of D.13-10-040, the specific purpose of the AES program proposal  
19 (facilitating the integration of renewable energy) would fall within an exception expressly noted  
20 in D.13-10-040. D.13-10-040 expressly states:

21 We acknowledge that, in some instances involving distribution-connected  
22 storage, beyond distribution reliability applications, utility-owned storage  
23 may be allowable to facilitate preferred resources (*e.g.*, intermittent) and  
24 for reliability purposes outside of a competitive solicitation. Accordingly,  
25 as noted earlier, procurement of energy storage in these instances outside  
26 of a competitive solicitation can be considered on a case-by-case basis.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 95. SDG&E notes that PUC Section 2836 et seq. implemented AB 2514, which resulted in the Decision Adopting Energy Storage Procurement Framework and Design Program (D.13-10-040).

<sup>17</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 96.

<sup>18</sup> PUC Section 2836(a)(4) (emphasis added).

<sup>19</sup> D.13-10-040, p. 56.



1           Accordingly, SDG&E here is providing the Commission an opportunity to review a  
2 program proposal that would facilitate the integration of preferred resources (in the AES  
3 program case, rooftop solar). The planned AES program is only scoped to address the few cases  
4 where there is a significant amount of renewable distributed generation relative to the circuit  
5 loading.

## 6                           **2.       TURN**

7           TURN takes issue with capital forecast for budget code 11247 Advanced Energy Storage.  
8 TURN states that SDG&E did not demonstrate the need for the AES project, challenging the  
9 sufficiency of SDG&E's demonstration of operational problems at the distribution level resulting  
10 from solar PV.<sup>20</sup> Moreover, TURN avers that SDG&E did not present alternatives to storage to  
11 help identify the most cost-effective solution.<sup>21</sup> TURN recommended zero funds allocated to this  
12 budget based on TURN's concerns summarized above.

13           SDG&E disagrees with TURN's recommendation for reasons that are similar to the  
14 points discussed in Section III.B.1, below. In addition to Mr. Colton's testimony and  
15 workpapers detailing the cost driver, providing the business justification for the AES program,  
16 and the business purpose, Section III.B.1 highlights additional benefits to install an AES system  
17 along with providing resolutions to majority of TURN's concerns.

18           TURN submitted a data request (DR),<sup>22</sup> requesting an abundance of circuit information  
19 for SDG&E's distribution system. Based on the data provided by SDG&E, TURN concluded  
20 SDG&E does not have a single circuit with reverse power flow, and therefore rejects the need.  
21 SDG&E disagrees with this conclusion. The need is not driven solely by reverse power flow, as  
22 discussed earlier. In addition, TURN's data request did not explicitly request the number of  
23 circuits with reverse flow, but rather requested a percentage that solar PV represents of the peak  
24 and minimum load. SDG&E provided data based on its interpretation of the data request. In  
25 addition, reverse power flow can occur at many locations on a circuit, not all of which have  
26 monitoring equipment. SDG&E believes that the items discussed in Section III.B.1 and

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<sup>20</sup> Ex. TURN-01 (Borden), p. 37.

<sup>21</sup> Ex. TURN-01 (Borden), p. 38.

<sup>22</sup> Ex. TURN-SEU-DR-003, Question 44, attached as Appendix A.

1 clarification on the data request submitted all support SDG&E’s request to fully fund the  
2 requested budget.

3 **B. BC 14243 Borrego Springs Microgrid Enhancements**

4 **1. ORA**

5 ORA takes issue with capital forecast for budget code 14243 Borrego Springs Microgrid  
6 Enhancements. ORA states that SDG&E’s parallel requests for funding demonstrates that  
7 research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) projects should be funded exclusively from  
8 one source: EPIC.<sup>23</sup> ORA points out that SDG&E pursued upgrades to the Borrego Springs  
9 Microgrid “through three independent sources: EPIC, DRP, and Test Year (TY) 2016 GRC.”<sup>24</sup>  
10 Finally, ORA states “it will be difficult to determine the final price tag for this project, which  
11 demonstrates why the CPUC required that all demonstration project should be funding through  
12 EPIC, rather than GRCs.”<sup>25</sup>

13 SDG&E disagrees with ORA’s position that the Borrego Microgrid project should be  
14 funded through EPIC, because EPIC funding is for RD&D purposes. SDG&E acknowledges  
15 that the initial phases of the Borrego Microgrid project were in part RD&D and were, therefore,  
16 appropriately partially funded by EPIC type funds; however, once an RD&D project does not  
17 equate to always an RD&D project. The Borrego Microgrid is now an integral part of SDG&E’s  
18 distribution system. The Borrego Microgrid is required to provide safe and reliable electric  
19 service to the Borrego Springs community. The funds requested in this GRC are not for RD&D  
20 purposes; rather, they are to update the Borrego microgrid. One such update, for example, is to  
21 enhance availability and operational flexibility of the microgrid and improve power quality,  
22 which are necessary to continue providing safe and reliable electric service to the Borrego  
23 Springs community. Specifically, GRC funds were used to install an ultracapacitor and upgrade  
24 an existing energy storage system for improved voltage and frequency management, to utilize a  
25 load bank to safely test and commission the microgrid without impacting customers, and to  
26 harden cabling for the generators for increased safety. SDG&E is continuing microgrid  
27 development as microgrids defined as using DER with the capability to island a defined

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<sup>23</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 102.

<sup>24</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 102.

<sup>25</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 103.

1 electrical load can vary from very basic to extremely advanced. For instance, the Borrego  
2 Springs Microgrid, which islands across multiple circuits and leverages varying utility-owned  
3 and controlled and third-party-owned and controlled resources such as solar PV, diesel  
4 generation and energy storage resources, is considered to be a tremendously advanced and  
5 complex form of microgrid. SDG&E has proven some use cases of the Borrego Microgrid  
6 operations, for example, using the diesel generators as isochronous resources, with energy  
7 storage to support varying load conditions to seamlessly transition from parallel to island and  
8 back to parallel. SDG&E continues to investigate more complex use cases, such as controlling a  
9 third party solar PV system as part of the microgrid, or using the energy storage as the  
10 isochronous resource, thus limiting the amount of diesel generation required to operate the  
11 microgrid in island mode. Therefore, while some aspects of our microgrids may be advanced or  
12 R&D, in other respects SDG&E's microgrids are more properly considered as being in  
13 commercial service.

14 SDG&E did, in fact, pursue funding for the Borrego Microgrid Enhancements through  
15 the three sources listed by ORA. These are separate and distinct from the funding being  
16 requested in the GRC. The RD&D funds are to develop and test automated microgrid controls,  
17 including the integration of a third-party renewable energy system and data analysis, which falls  
18 under RD&D. The funds proposed in the GRC are required to safely and reliably operate the  
19 existing microgrid, as previously stated.

20 Regarding ORA's reference to SDG&E requesting funds for Borrego Microgrid within  
21 the DRP proceeding, SDG&E acknowledges that the Commission approved SDG&E utilizing  
22 the existing microgrid at SDG&E's Borrego Substation for its DRP Demonstration Project E,  
23 and that the Commission authorized SDG&E recovery of incremental costs associated with that  
24 demonstration. However, ORA is incorrect in suggesting that any of the requested and/or  
25 authorized Demonstration Project E funds were to "pursue upgrades to the Borrego Springs  
26 Microgrid."<sup>26</sup> As stated and referenced in the Commission's Decision, D.17-02-007, SDG&E  
27 requested and was authorized \$550,000 of incremental costs associated with Demonstration  
28 Project E, and these costs were identified as associated with design & engineering (\$330,000)  
29 and data analysis and results (\$220,000). Also of importance is that by no means should one

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<sup>26</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 103.

1 unfamiliar with the DRP demonstration projects incorrectly assume that the word  
 2 “demonstration” in this context automatically equates to research and development-type projects.  
 3 While the Commission approved some of the DRP demonstration projects based in part on EPIC  
 4 sourced funding for those projects, the Commission also approved DRP demonstration projects  
 5 that were identified as not utilizing EPIC funds and being required to ensure the ability to  
 6 provide safe and reliable services equivalent to a utility’s traditional infrastructure investment;  
 7 the Borrego Springs Microgrid project falls under this category.

8 SDG&E has spent \$13,052,000 as part of RD&D efforts, \$16,413,000 in capital, and  
 9 \$550,000 through the DRP towards the Borrego Springs Microgrid. Table 1, below, provides  
 10 more detail on how this money was spent.

11 **Table 1. Summary of Borrego Springs Microgrid Spending**

Funding Source	Dollar Amount (\$000)		GRC	Description
	RD&D			
	Federal	State		
<b>Borrego 1.0</b>	6,098	2,808		Microgrid Demonstration and Energy Storage
			10,346	SDG&E Contribution
<b>Borrego 2.0</b>		4,146		Develop an advanced microgrid controller with remote capability, integrate with 3rd Party DER and evaluate the microgrid controller with NREL
			6,067	Frequency/voltage ride-through, energy storage, commissioning and training, seamless island transition, generator enhancements, electric OH hardening and field automation
<b>DRP Demo E</b>			550	Power quality monitoring for continuous microgrid operation optimization, specific studies on harmonics, load flow, short circuit balance of energy and power, arc flash and stability, and customer outreach/focus groups.

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1           **C.     BC 16243 Microgrid for Energy Resilience**

2                   **1.     ORA**

3           ORA takes issue with capital forecast for budget code 16243 Microgrid for Energy  
4 Resilience. ORA infers that the budget request is duplicative to the AES program<sup>27</sup> and AB  
5 2868 investments.<sup>28</sup> Separately, ORA calls out SDG&E’s request to continue microgrid  
6 development work in Borrego 3.0, as contradictory to our statement that SDG&E has  
7 “demonstrated that microgrids can provide additional reliability and operational flexibility, and  
8 would allow system operators to incorporate renewable energy”<sup>29</sup> and, that finally, our proposal  
9 to deploy microgrids as a developed solution is “not in sync with CEC efforts to develop a  
10 ‘Roadmap for Commercializing Microgrids in California.’”<sup>30</sup>

11           SDG&E does not believe that the issues raised by ORA justify eliminating SDG&E’s  
12 requested funding. AB 2868 directs SDG&E to “file applications for programs and investments  
13 to accelerate widespread deployment of distributed energy storage systems” and “prioritize  
14 programs and investments toward public sector and low-income customers.” SDG&E’s AB  
15 2868 application focuses on investing in energy storage to provide back-up power to public  
16 critical agencies like Cal Fire, local sheriff departments, water pumping stations, and emergency  
17 shelters. SDG&E’s GRC request is not duplicative to AB 2868 because SDG&E AB 2868  
18 application has not been approved, and its specific outcome cannot be determined now.  
19 Moreover, SDG&E’s AB 2868 application, if approved in its current form, is incremental to the  
20 need to provide energy storage-based utility microgrids in SDG&E fire prone areas. During  
21 potential fire threats, SDG&E must shutdown transmission lines that power backcountry  
22 communities. The microgrid projects intended for energy resilience will help ensure that  
23 customers, not only public sector and low-income customers, receive resilience benefits.  
24 Separately, the microgrid for energy resilience is distinct from the AES program. The AES  
25 program is aimed at deploying energy storage to smooth out intermittency because of high solar

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<sup>27</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 105.

<sup>28</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 106.

<sup>29</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), pp. 105-106.

<sup>30</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 106.

1 PV penetration on circuits to maintain and/or enhance reliability and not to provide microgrid  
2 resiliency benefits for customers located out in the backcountry and other wildfire prone areas.

3 Nor has SDG&E contradicted itself concerning the Borrego Microgrid project. Rather,  
4 SDG&E has, in fact, demonstrated that utility microgrids can provide a vital service,  
5 supplemental reliability, resiliency and operational flexibility, allowing utilities to better  
6 incorporate renewable energy onto the distribution system.

7 SDG&E’s request to deploy utility microgrids for energy resiliency furthers the  
8 deployment of technology in support of the safe and reliable operation of the distribution grid.

## 9 **2. TURN**

10 TURN claims, “SDG&E hasn’t even attempted to demonstrate why or how the requested  
11 funds are necessary or will result in ratepayer benefits that outweigh the costs of the project.”<sup>31</sup>

12 TURN also alleges that SDG&E does not provide cost effectiveness analysis for Microgrid for  
13 Energy Resilience “that demonstrates the project is a) the least-cost option and b) if not the least-  
14 cost option, that benefits outweigh the costs.”<sup>32</sup>

15 SDG&E disagrees. Microgrid for Energy Resilience projects will provide backup power  
16 to customers that would otherwise be disconnected from service during times of wildfire risks.  
17 The benefits of maintaining basic energy service to customers in a safe manner, particularly in  
18 regions that typically endure high temperatures, is critically important. Microgrid for Energy  
19 Resilience projects will provide backup power to customers that would otherwise be  
20 disconnected from service during times of wildfire risks. Additionally, SDG&E will deploy this  
21 energy storage in a way that maximizes grid benefits for all customers. Therefore, in SDG&E’s  
22 view, the costs are reasonable for the benefits to SDG&E’s customers from the capabilities these  
23 resources will provide.

## 24 **D. BC 17244A Volt/Var Optimization Transformer**

### 25 **1. ORA**

26 ORA takes issue with capital forecast for budget code 17244A Volt/Var Optimization  
27 Transformer. ORA states that the program is based on specialized equipment from a “defunct

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<sup>31</sup> Ex. TURN-01 (Borden), p. 23.

<sup>32</sup> Ex. TURN-01 (Borden), p. 24.

1 manufacturer” and that consequently, additional investments should be suspended until  
2 alternative equipment is available.<sup>33</sup>

3 SDG&E disagrees with that statement. Gridco Systems has ceased operation; however,  
4 SDG&E has deployed 35 of these regulation devices in the field and has 26 devices in inventory.  
5 Most of the remaining devices in inventory are being considered for installation at locations  
6 where they are the most cost-effective solution to resolve a localized secondary voltage issue  
7 and, potentially improve energy efficiency, as stated in Mr. Colton’s testimony. These devices  
8 are also being considered as a possible solution for situations where high penetration of DERs  
9 (rooftop solar) and/or electric vehicles on a circuit results in voltage issues on the secondary.

10 Even though the vendor has ceased operation, SDG&E is aware of other manufacturers  
11 actively considering acquiring the intellectual properties of the devices to continue with this  
12 technology commercialization. SDG&E has also been in contact with other companies capable  
13 of providing a similar technology. Some of these companies are detailed in the article provided  
14 by ORA in their data request submittal Ex. ORA-SDG&E-164-TCR. In my experience, it is not  
15 uncommon to have vendor fluctuations during any stage of any technology as specialized  
16 equipment is based on supply and demand. With SDG&E being one of the leaders in high solar  
17 PV penetration and the demand for this type of technology being limited, SDG&E foresees  
18 additional value pursuing this technology to potentially mitigate secondary voltage issues and  
19 possibly providing expertise to other utilities as well as potentially reduce any systematic issues  
20 from spreading.

21 **E. BC 17246 Borrego Microgrid 3.0**

22 **1. ORA**

23 ORA takes issue with SDG&E’s capital forecast for budget code 17246 Borrego  
24 Microgrid 3.0. ORA states that SDG&E’s summary of Borrego Microgrid 3.0 is insufficient  
25 because it does not provide a history of microgrids and Borrego or an explanation of how this  
26 project relates to Borrego Microgrid 2.0.<sup>34</sup> Specifically, ORA claims that SDG&E’s forecast  
27 budget of \$5,439K is not supported by findings from previous development work that  
28 demonstrates a need for this round of upgrades, nor that the level of solar and storage density is

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<sup>33</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 107.

<sup>34</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 99.

1 feasible on a system wide basis.<sup>35</sup> Moreover, ORA claims SDG&E has not explained why the  
2 current amount of DER in Borrego is lacking, and how a microgrid with more solar PV is  
3 technically or economically feasible as a model for system-wide deployment.<sup>36</sup> ORA rejects  
4 SDG&E's request for 12 MW of solar PV and 150 MWh of storage as an attempt to bypass and  
5 expand the DRP Demo E cost cap without filing the required Tier 3 AL.<sup>37</sup> ORA interjects that  
6 SDG&E states that this is an ongoing project that is expected to continue through the test year,  
7 despite including \$0 forecast for 2019.<sup>38</sup>

8 SDG&E disagrees. Today, SDG&E's Electric Operations relies on the Borrego Springs  
9 microgrid as an operational tool to mitigate outages in Borrego Springs. Upon completion of the  
10 EPIC Project EPC-14-060, this will cease to be a R&D funded program even though the assets  
11 will be in the field and serving as components of SDG&E's electric system. The existing backup  
12 diesel generation, which is a main resource of the Borrego Springs microgrid, requires frequent  
13 maintenance and repairs. Long term availability of the diesel generators is questionable and puts  
14 the microgrid capabilities at risk. The existing 1.5 MW/4.5 MWh of energy storage is  
15 insufficient. Temperatures can be above 100°F beyond daylight hours therefore and more storage  
16 is needed to allow the microgrid to operate for extended periods. A long-term and more  
17 sustainable solution is required.

18 Through the demonstration projects, Borrego 1.0 and 2.0, SDG&E has demonstrated  
19 microgrid and islanding success. However, SDG&E has learned that the existing assets are not  
20 sufficient for a production environment, with evolving operational needs. Borrego 3.0 will add  
21 12 MW<sub>ac</sub> of solar generation and 30 MW, 150 MWh of energy storage to the Borrego microgrid  
22 yard. The additional DER will create a renewable-based microgrid that can island for more  
23 extended periods on solar generation resources. It builds off the R&D efforts of Borrego 2.0,  
24 which integrated third party's 26 MW<sub>ac</sub> solar array into the microgrid, but diesel generators are  
25 still required for microgrid operations, due to insufficient amounts of energy storage relative to  
26 the amount of solar on the circuits. That said, there has been and continue to be issues with

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<sup>35</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 104.

<sup>36</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 104.

<sup>37</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 104.

<sup>38</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 104.



1 utilizing the third-party resources. For instance, even though the third-party facility owner has  
2 acquiesced to some of SDG&E's requests to be a participant in the microgrid, the process  
3 continues to be arduous and error prone because of the lack of operational control and limited  
4 system information. In addition, by coupling utility owned solar with storage it will allow  
5 SDG&E to take advantage of Federal Tax Credits, which will reduce the overall solution cost to  
6 ratepayers.

7 The solar and storage proposed in Borrego 3.0 will ensure operational success and is  
8 sized to the meet long term energy needs of the Borrego Springs community. Borrego 3.0 will  
9 build on what has already been installed through Borrego 1.0 and 2.0, including infrastructure,  
10 assets and control systems, and will provide enhanced reliability, safety and renewable  
11 integration to the 2,800 customers that reside in Borrego Springs. SDG&E's forecast of \$5,439K  
12 for this project will initiate the land acquisition process and the engineering and planning to build  
13 the expansion to the current Borrego Microgrid. SDG&E will continue to apply for grants to  
14 cover the costs of the proposed distributed energy as part of Borrego 3.0.

15 ORA's statement that SDG&E's request for this project represents an attempt to bypass  
16 the DRP cost cap is incorrect and unfounded. SDG&E's proposal to "use an existing microgrid  
17 at its Borrego Substation" for its DRP Demonstration Project E was approved without  
18 modification by the Commission. This effort will be completed by Q3 2018. It involves  
19 performing and reporting on performance tests utilizing the existing microgrid, and has a cost  
20 cap of \$550,000 in incremental costs: \$330,000 associated with design & engineering and  
21 \$220,000 associated with data analysis and results. Simply put, SDG&E is not expanding the  
22 scope of Demonstration Project E. Therefore, ORA's statement that funds requested for Borrego  
23 Microgrid 3.0 should be requested via a Tier 3 advice letter filed within the DRP proceeding is  
24 incorrect.

25 The equipment identified to be installed as part of Borrego Microgrid 3.0 and the  
26 associated request for funding is in no manner associated with any aspect of SDG&E's DRP  
27 Demonstration Project E. ORA provided no support for their statement that Borrego Microgrid  
28 3.0 represents an expansion of the DRP Demonstration Project E. At bottom, these are two  
29 different activities. In SDG&E's view, ORA is attempting to rely on their common name to  
30 create the appearance of these two activities being a single project in order to support denying

1 SDG&E’s funding request. SDG&E believes ORA’s effort should be rejected and, instead,  
2 SDG&E should receive the funding it requested.

3 **F. BC 14860A DERMS**

4 **1. ORA**

5 ORA takes issue with the capital forecast for budget code 14860A DERMS. ORA  
6 expresses support in concept for the DERMS program, but alleges that SDG&E has not provided  
7 sufficient support for this request.<sup>39</sup> Furthermore, ORA points out that no prior DERMS requests  
8 are mentioned and, subsequently, that the adjusted recorded costs for all years are shown as  
9 zero,<sup>40</sup> compared to previous testimony from SDG&E's TY 2012, which states that the total  
10 estimated expenditures for DERMS in the 2012-2016 period is ~\$57.4 million.<sup>41</sup> ORA goes on  
11 to say that SDG&E’s application does not explain how this project relates to past funding for  
12 DERMS approved in prior GRCs and provides no indication of the total cost to develop and  
13 deploy DERMS. More generally, ORA criticizes the adequacy of the showing in SDG&E's  
14 application concerning the development status of the DERMS system, its objectives, and how the  
15 system supports those objectives.<sup>42</sup> ORA states that “SDG&E’s justification for the project  
16 appears to be the creation of a DER market rather than enabling cost effective DER.”<sup>43</sup> ORA  
17 concludes that they can only support a specific deployment of DERMS once it has been  
18 considered sufficiently mature to deploy.<sup>44</sup> Separately, the scope of the program, its objectives,  
19 and total estimated costs beyond the TY 2016 GRC must be provided.<sup>45</sup>

20 SDG&E disagrees with ORA. In response to an ORA data request, SDG&E provided a  
21 substantial amount of detail about the DERMS project – including development status, scope,  
22 objectives, and total estimated costs across rate cases.<sup>46</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 4.

<sup>40</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 108-109.

<sup>41</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 109.

<sup>42</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 108.

<sup>43</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 113.

<sup>44</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 114.

<sup>45</sup> Ex. ORA-6 (Roberts), p. 114.

<sup>46</sup> Ex. ORA-SDG&E-DR-178-TCR, Questions 1, 3, 7, attached as Appendix A.

1 The DERMS project, included in the direct testimony of Chris Olmstead, is not a new  
2 program. The business objectives in Mr. Olmstead's testimony and copied below, are the same  
3 business objectives included in the original 2013 Work Order Authorization (WOA) for the  
4 DERMS project:

5 The development of a DERMS solution that is capable of monitoring,  
6 optimizing, and dispatching DER connected at the distribution and  
7 transmission system levels. This solution acts as a primary enterprise-wide  
8 solution integrated with the OMS and DMS.<sup>47</sup>

9 The version of DERMS that is currently deployed and in use by SDG&E is a  
10 continuation of the DERMS project that was funded through prior GRCs. Since 2014, SDG&E  
11 has continually worked with the DERMS software vendor to develop additional functionality and  
12 implement product enhancements from one release to the next. DERMS is currently capable of  
13 monitoring and dispatching DER in real-time, and scheduling operations at future dates for  
14 automatic dispatch. DERMS is being used to monitor and control the Borrego Microgrid, the  
15 Carmel Valley energy storage system, and the Ortega energy storage system. Additionally,  
16 DERMS is capable of real-time optimization of DER operations to meet specified business  
17 objectives. All this functionality is in line with the original WOA and the objectives described in  
18 testimony of Mr. Olmstead.<sup>48</sup>

19 SDG&E provided a description of the status of the DERMS system upgrades in response  
20 to ORA's data request, also copied below:

- 21 a) Release 2.4.9 of Wave is in production in the datacenter – applicable to  
22 two battery storage systems.
- 23 b) Release 2.4.10 of Wave is in production at the datacenter and in Borrego  
24 Springs – applicable to the Borrego Springs Microgrid.
- 25 c) SDG&E is currently testing release 4.2 prior to a planned 2018  
26 deployment.

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<sup>47</sup>October 2017, Capital Workpapers to Prepared Direct Testimony of Christopher R. Olmsted on Behalf of San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Ex. SDG&E-24-CWP, p. 474.

<sup>48</sup> Ex. SDG&E-24-CWP (Olmsted), p. 474.

1 d) SDG&E and [DERMS vendor] are continuing to develop future releases to  
2 complete scope.<sup>49</sup>

3 Additionally, in response to ORA's request for objectives, scope and schedule of  
4 DERMS development and deployment, SDG&E provided a DERMS product release schedule  
5 and description of key functionality included with each release to provide an overview of the  
6 work completed, in progress, and planned for the future.<sup>50</sup>

7 SDG&E disclosed the DERMS project expenditures by year—all charged to budget code  
8 14860 – as part of the same ORA data request:

- 9 a) 2013: \$127,613 (\$128,503 w/AFUDC)
- 10 b) 2014: \$4,906,032 (\$5,104,466 w/AFUDC)
- 11 c) 2015: \$3,072,211 (\$3,575,615 w/AFUCD)
- 12 d) 2016: \$2,341,844 (\$3,127,120 w/AFUDC)
- 13 e) 2017: \$2,261,423 (\$2,836,273 w/AFUDC)
- 14 f) 2018 (through Feb): \$247,063 (\$259,742 w/AFUDC)<sup>51</sup>

15 At the time the 2012 testimony was filed, SDG&E expected the first major release of  
16 DERMS to be in 2015, and total DERMS expenditures from 2012-2016 were estimated at \$57.5  
17 million. However, the DERMS project scope and schedule was further refined in 2013, after  
18 issuing an RFI for DERMS, selecting a DERMS vendor, and ultimately, signing a contract with  
19 the DERMS vendor in March 2014. SDG&E approved a December 2013 WOA, for  
20 \$20,506,443, with forecasted spending in 2013, 2014, and 2015. This cost forecast and schedule  
21 was revised from \$57.5 million to \$20.5 million after negotiations with the DERMS vendor,  
22 including functionality to be included in DERMS, types and locations of SDG&E's DER within  
23 the DERMS scope, and estimated schedule to develop, test, and deploy the DERMS product.  
24 After the initial product release and deployment in 2014, SDG&E and the DERMS vendor  
25 recognized the need to adjust the DERMS release schedule, resulting in a longer development  
26 time to deliver the agreed upon scope and within the approved budget amount. SDG&E updated  
27 its DERMS deployment in 2016, followed by the first major release of DERMS in 2017, which

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<sup>49</sup> Ex. ORA-SDG&E-DR-178-TCR, Question 3, attached as Appendix A.

<sup>50</sup> Ex. ORA-SDG&E-DR-178-TCR, Question 1, attached as Appendix A.

<sup>51</sup> Ex. ORA-SDG&E-DR-178-TCR, Question 7, attached as Appendix A.

1 included the Microgrid and Advanced Energy Storage Applications. The next major release is  
2 expected in 2018.

3 SDG&E's forecasts for DERMS in 2018 and 2019 are scoped to:

- 4 • Develop and test additional DERMS functionality required to successfully  
5 operate dual use batteries, meaning the energy storage can be bid into the  
6 CAISO market and can be operated for grid resiliency,
- 7 • Deploy the new DERMS functionality to existing energy storage assets,  
8 and
- 9 • Integrate the DERMS application with SDG&E's OMS/DMS used by  
10 Electric Distribution Operations.

11 Despite SDG&E's work to advance its current DERMS, the DERMS product is mature  
12 enough to deploy at multiple sites and is currently operational.

13 SDG&E is not creating a DER market. SDG&E abides by PUC section 769 in that the  
14 DERMS project provides a solution to the challenge of coordinating operations of DER on the  
15 distribution system, increasing the locational benefits by enabling remote operations to be  
16 scheduled in advance or operated in real time and, therefore, maximizing benefits of DER.

17 **G. BC 11246 Smart Transformers, BC 14259B Vanadium Flow Battery Project,**  
18 **BC 17245 ITF-Integrated Test Facility Improvements**

19 **1. ORA**

20 ORA recommends reducing the budgets for three of SDG&E's projects, specifically  
21 budget code 11246 Smart Transformers, budget code 14259B Vanadium Flow Battery Project,  
22 and budget code 17245 ITF-Integrated Test Facility Improvements without providing any  
23 discussion, analysis or justifications. SDG&E disagrees with ORA's recommended reductions  
24 because ORA provides no basis for the budget reductions. SDG&E stands by the original  
25 requests for these three projects as described in Alan Colton's revised direct testimony.<sup>52</sup>

26 **IV. CONCLUSION**

27 To summarize, this testimony outlined how SDG&E's DER projects proposed in the TY  
28 GRC 2019 will serve distinct needs on the distribution system and are not in conflict with or  
29 duplicative to other CPUC initiatives and proceedings. Moreover, the testimony herein describes

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<sup>52</sup> Ex. SDG&E-14-R (Colton).

1 | how SDG&E's DER projects will be deployed in a manner that is focused on maximizing  
2 | benefits to its customers. SDG&E is committed to clean, safe, and reliable energy and has  
3 | proposed these DER projects to meet both the company's goals, and California's low carbon  
4 | policy.

5 |         This concludes my prepared rebuttal testimony.

1 **V. WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS**

2 My name is Ted Reguly. I assumed sponsorship of this testimony area from Alan F.  
3 Colton. My business address is 8690 Balboa Ave., San Diego, CA 92123-6507. My title is  
4 Director of Growth & Technology Integration.

5 I am currently the director of Growth and Technology Integration at SDG&E. My  
6 previous director positions were at Sempra Renewables Operations, SDG&E's Substation and  
7 Transmission Operations and Maintenance, Customer Programs, Smart Meter, and Customer  
8 Services Organizations. I am a registered California Mechanical Engineer and hold a Bachelor  
9 of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from California State, Long Beach and a Master of  
10 Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from San Diego State University.

11 I have previously testified before the Commission.

**APPENDIX A**  
**ORA-SDGE-178-TCR**  
**TURN-SEU-03**



**APPENDIX A**  
**ERRATA AND DISCOVERY RESPONSES**  
**ORA-SDGE-178**

1. Provide existing SDG&E documents that describe the objectives, scope (in terms of the geographic deployment, and any excluded regions in SDG&E service territory), and schedule of DERMS development and deployment. If SDG&E does not have existing documents, explain why and provide a narrative response to this question.

**SDG&E Response 01:**

See the accompanying files, “ORA-SDGE-178-TCR Overview – Key Aspects of DERMS.pdf”, “ORA-SDGE-178-SDG&E DER Roadmap.pdf”, “ORA-SDGE-178-TCR- DERMS - Business Case.pdf” and “ORA-SDGE-178-Wave Project Release Schedule.pdf”.

3. Describe the current status of DERMS development and deployment at SDG&E.

**SDG&E Response 03**

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7. Provide SDG&E’s annual recorded expenditures, by year, for DERMS development and deployment. Provide these expenditures per the budget code to which they were recorded.

**SDG&E Response 07:**

Expenditures were recorded from budget 14860, in nominal dollars.

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- A system capable of monitoring, optimizing, and dispatching DER over multiple time horizons (day ahead, hourly, 15 minute).
- Creates the ability for SDG&E to manage rapid growth in utility, 3<sup>rd</sup> party and customer-owned DER systems of various types.
- Interacts with microgrids & other DER controllers as well as future Demand Response Management Systems (DRMS) to balance generation and load within a geographical area or electrical subsystem.
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- Primary enterprise-wide solution for current and future microgrids.
- Integrates with OMS/DMS, GIS, Distribution SCADA, CAISO, third party aggregators, and other systems.
- Supports SDG&E's long term strategy to implement unbundled rates and price-driven system management.

# SDG&E DER Roadmap –REVISED ( JUNE 2017)—Timeline for DERMS Integration

Operator	Q2 17	Q3 17	Q4 17	H1 18	H2 18	2019	2020
DER Team	<p><b>BRMG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gen 1</li> <li>• Gen 2</li> <li>• SES 1</li> <li>• SES 2</li> <li>• CES Fleet</li> </ul> <p>Carmel Valley</p>	<p>ITF DLPR</p> <p>Miguel</p> <p>Ortega</p>	<p>Pala 1</p> <p>Pala 2</p>	<p>Skills DLA</p> <p>CP SY</p> <p>UCSD SoP</p> <p>EIC Mad</p> <p>Zoo Civ</p>			
		<p>BR Ultra Cap</p> <p>BR NRG</p>					
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Electric Generation				<p>El Cajon</p> <p>Escondido</p> <p>Ramona</p>		<p>Felicita</p>	<p>Miramar</p> <p>Fallbrook</p>

**Legend**

- CES
- SES
- PV
- Market Part.
- Ultra Cap

# Distributed Energy Resource Management Solution (DERMS) and Microgrid Controller (MGC) Business Case



Smart Grid Management Team

July 1, 2013



# Agenda



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- Budget
- Benefits
- Summary





**Overview**

Drivers

Budget

Benefits

Summary

# Overview – DERMS Wears Many Hats

- Grid Optimizer

- Coordinates conventional grid assets (capacitors, LTCs, etc) and DER
- Optimizes operations based on current network topology



- DER Aggregator (Virtual Power Plant)

- Real-time monitoring and control for DER
- Provides DMS appropriately aggregated view of DER



- Market Enabler

- Provides market signals to DER

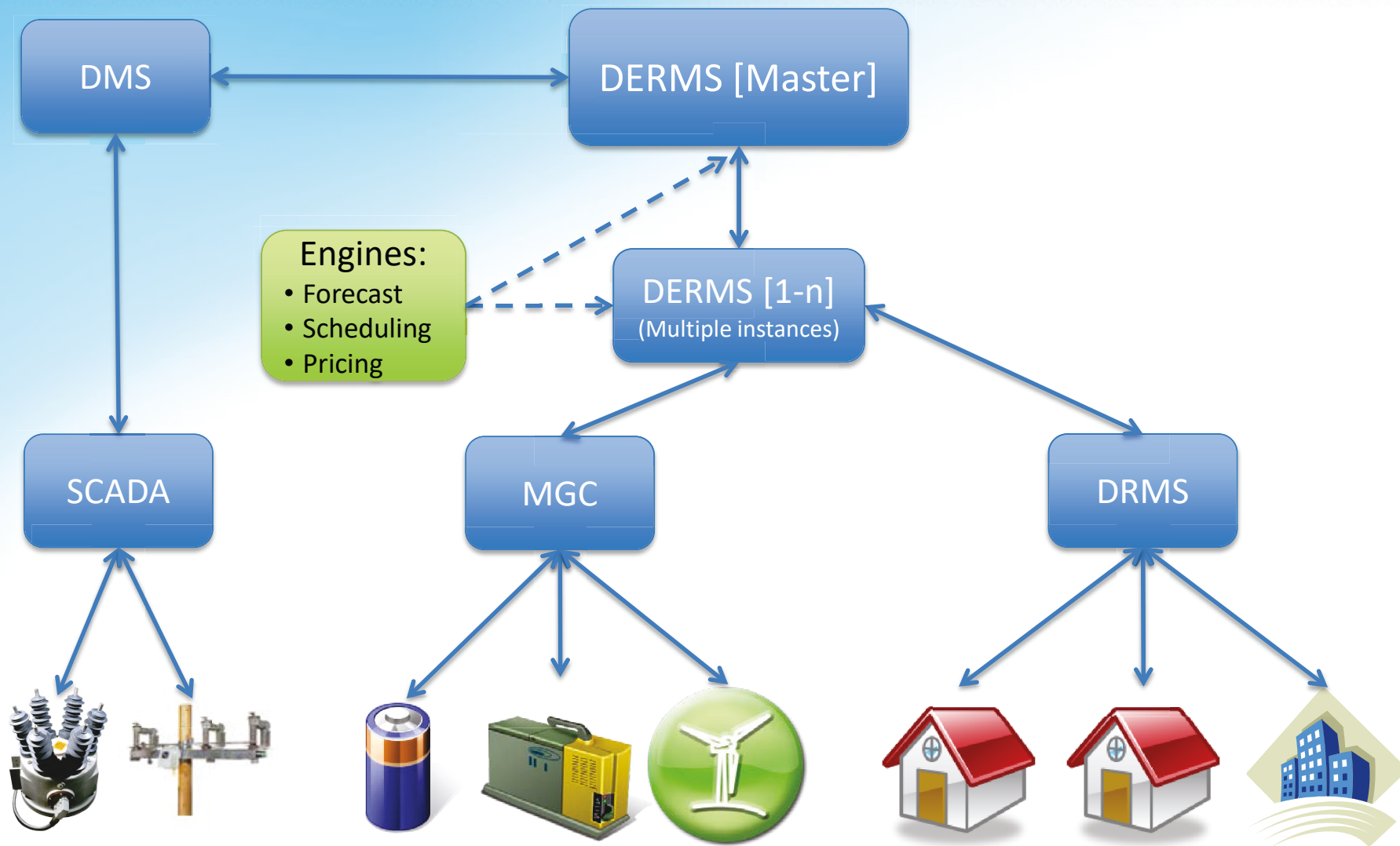


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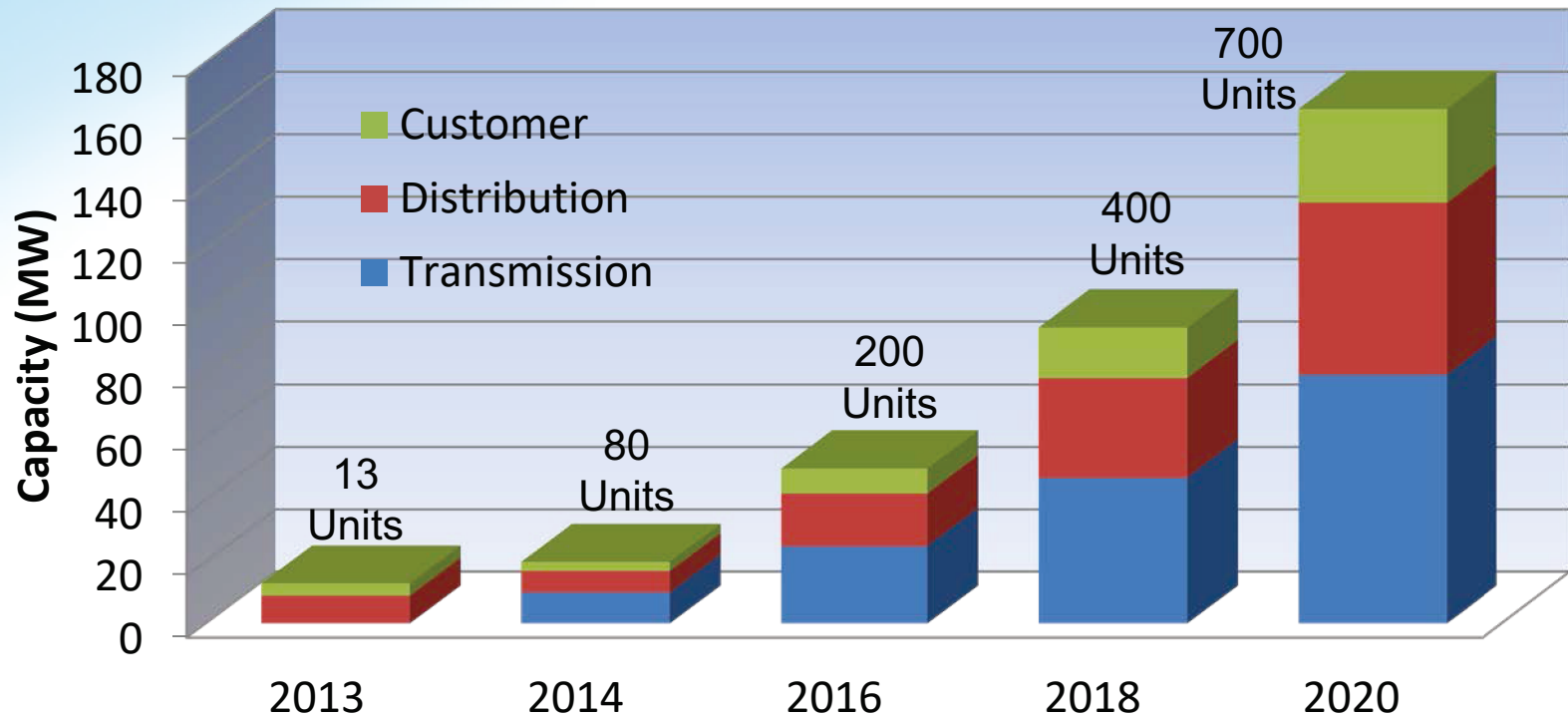
# Overview – Distributed Control Hierarchy





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# Drivers – Growth in Advanced Energy Storage (AES)



# Drivers – Developing Customer Side DER Markets

- Customer devices will require some type of control (pricing or other) from the utility
- Third Parties such as STEM and Solar City are already leveraging storage to reduce energy bills
  - Targeting Demand Charges by peak shaving
  - Investigating leveraging same storage for Demand Response for increased profits

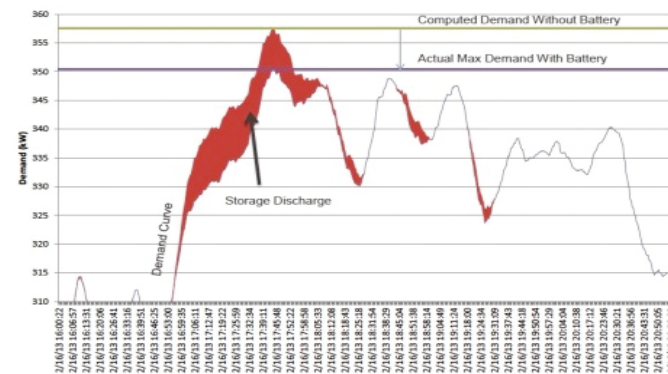


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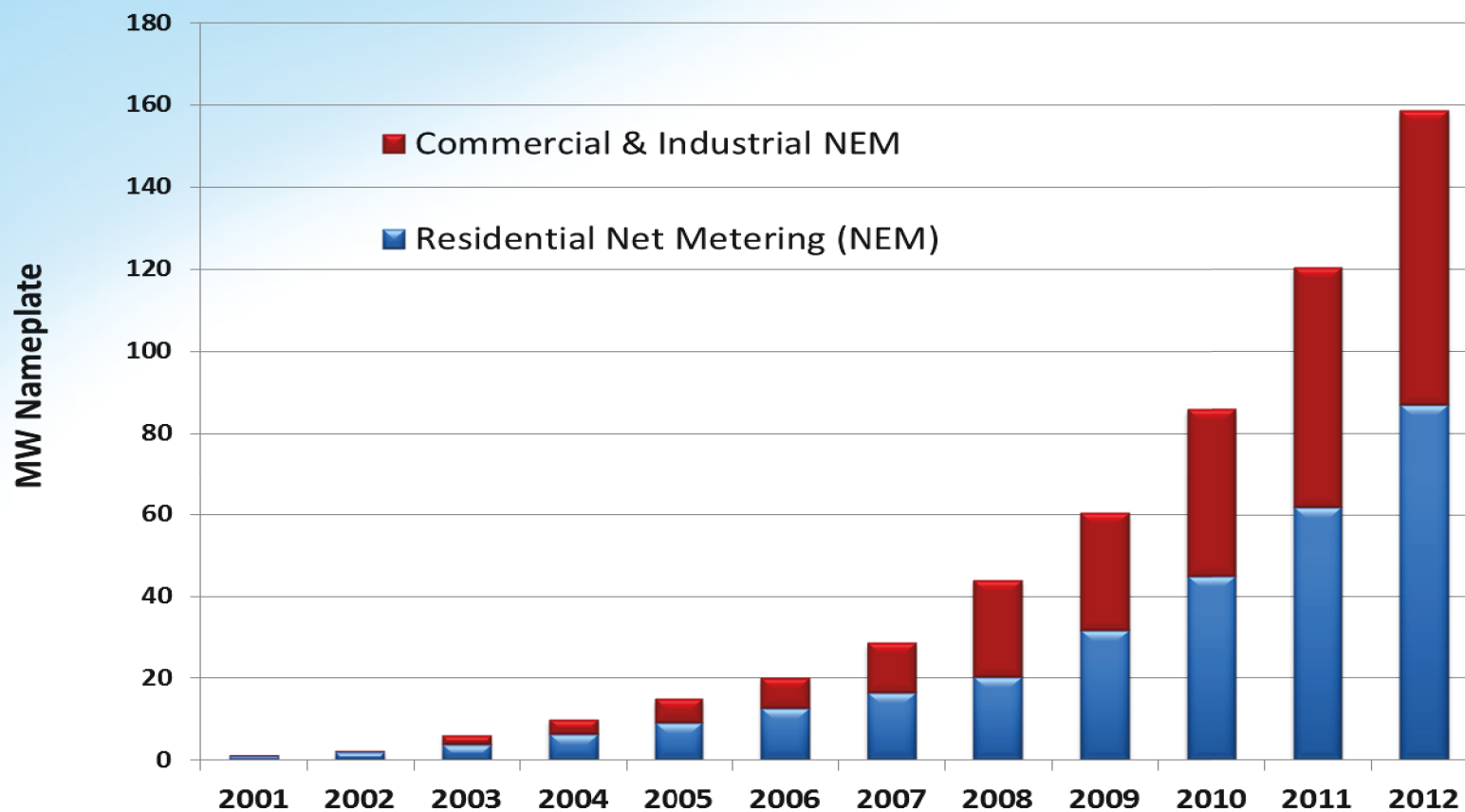
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### Operating Experience – Demand Management



# Drivers – Growth in Commercial/Residential Solar Generation

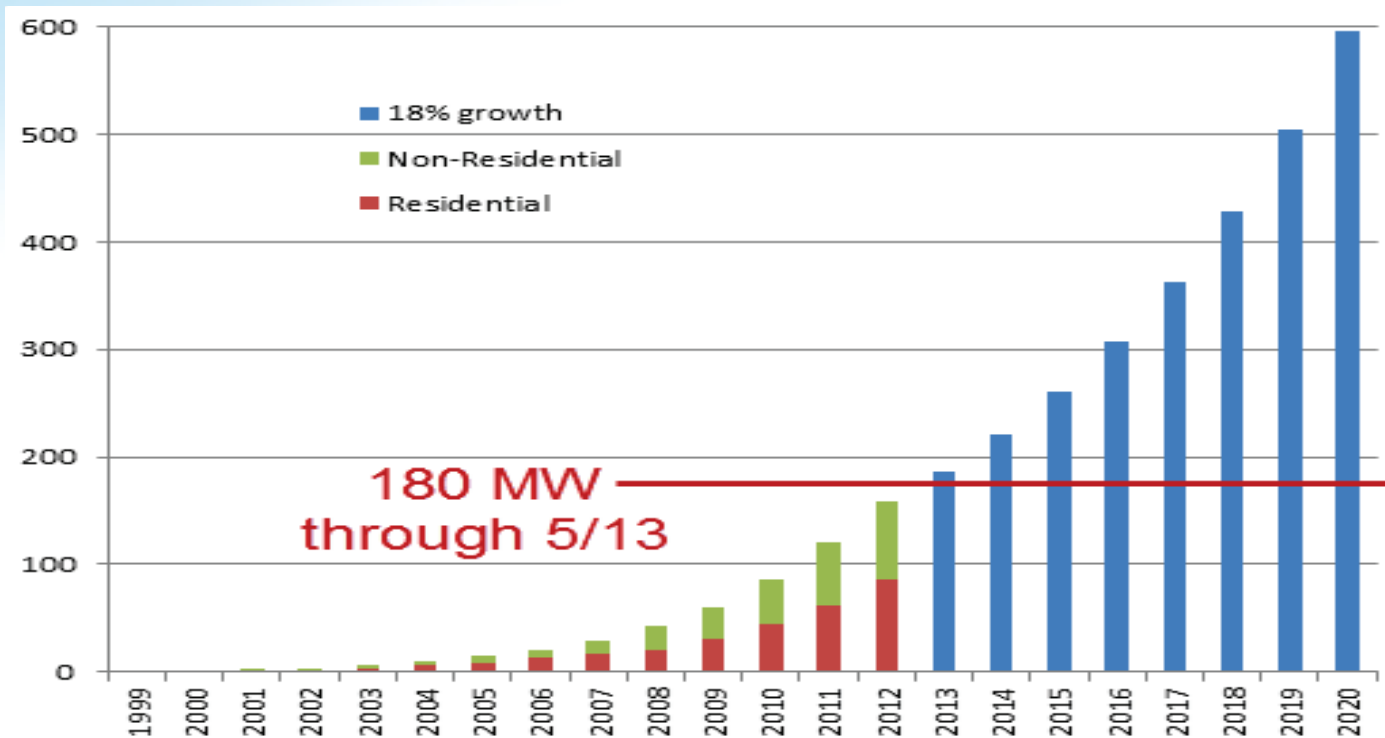
- NEM production “hides” load
- Ability to create voltage issues and excess equipment operations



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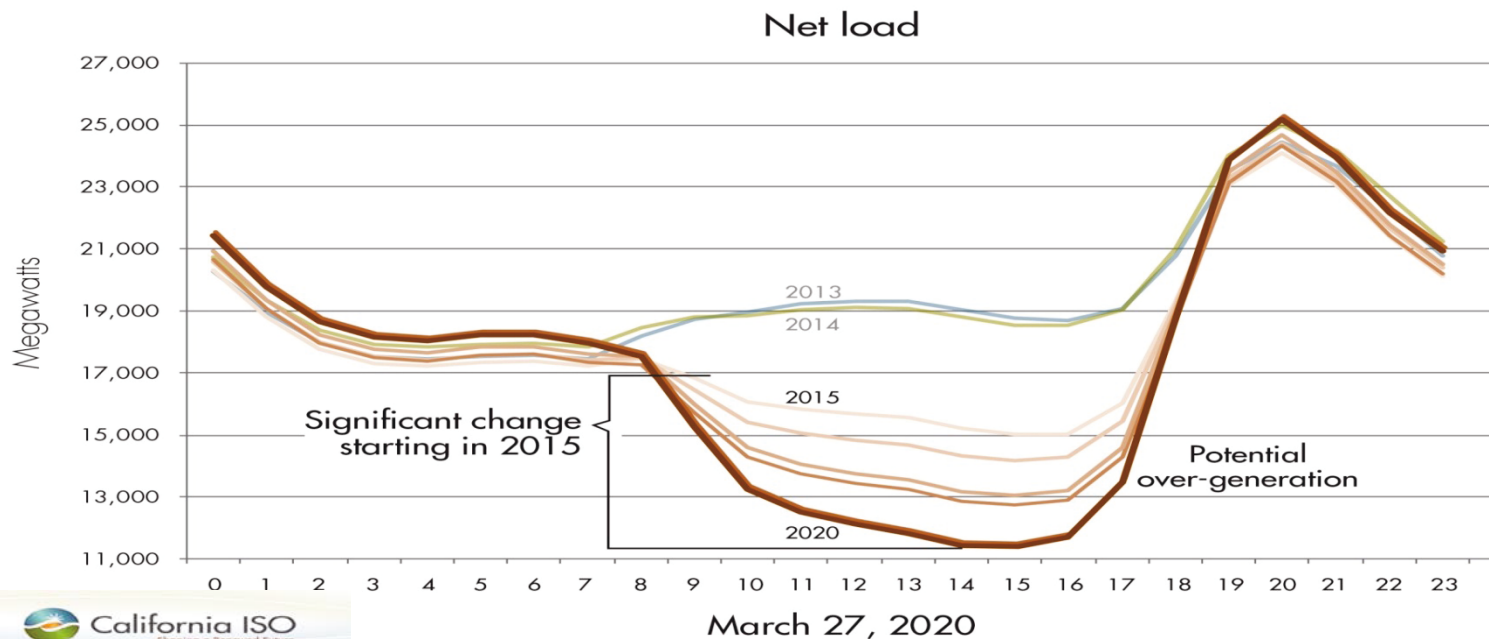
# Drivers – Fast Forward to 2020

- Rule 21 is being revisited to consider requiring “smart” inverter functionality
- Smart Inverters have the ability to respond to control signals from the utility

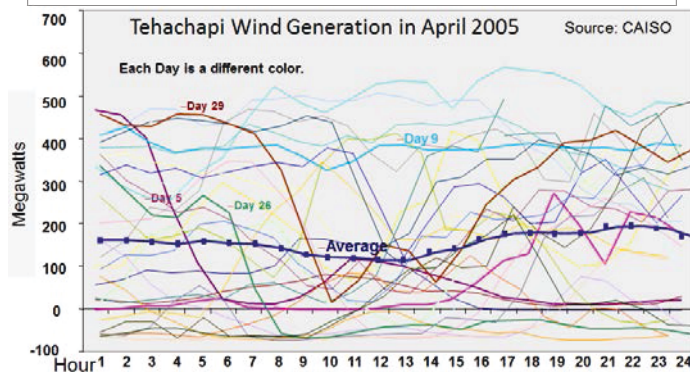
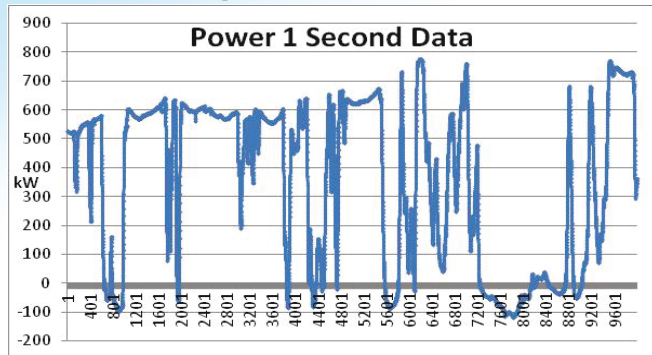




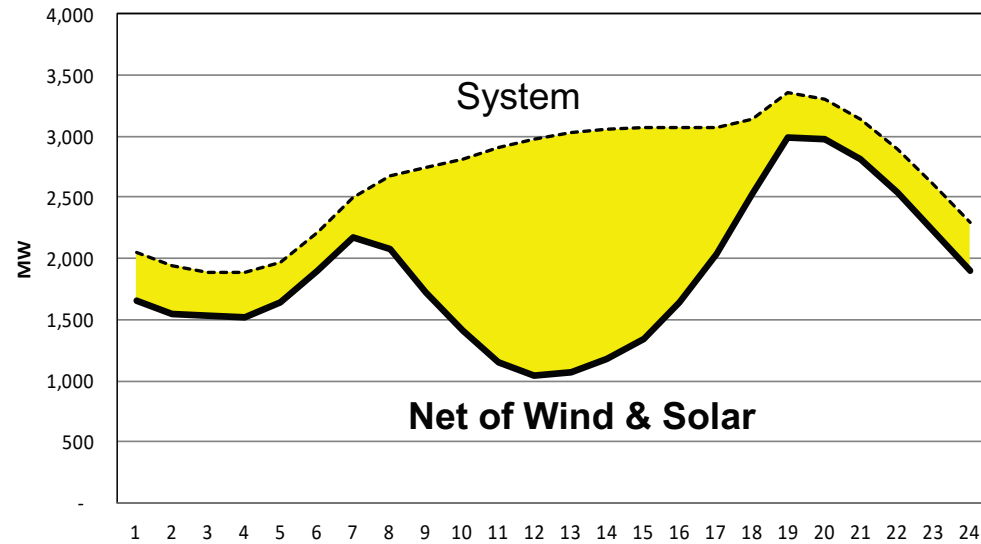
- Significant ramping will be required in both AM and PM to accommodate renewable production
- Governor has a plan for 12 GW of DER (> 1 GW for SDG&E)
- Coordinated operation of various DER can help reduce requirements



- Advanced forecasting capabilities for dispatching DER
- Distributed controls for smoothing spikes



**March Peak Day 2020**

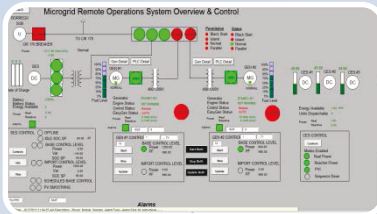


**2020 Installed Capacity**

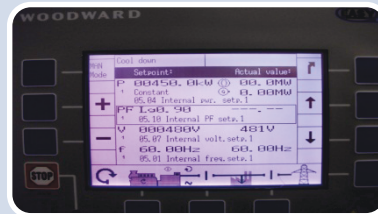
MONTH	SOLAR DG (MW)	SOLAR Central (mw)	WIND (MW)
Mar	600	1250	725



# Drivers – Managing DER today is very labor intensive



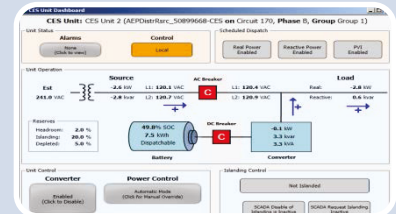
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Controls



Woodward  
controls for  
generators



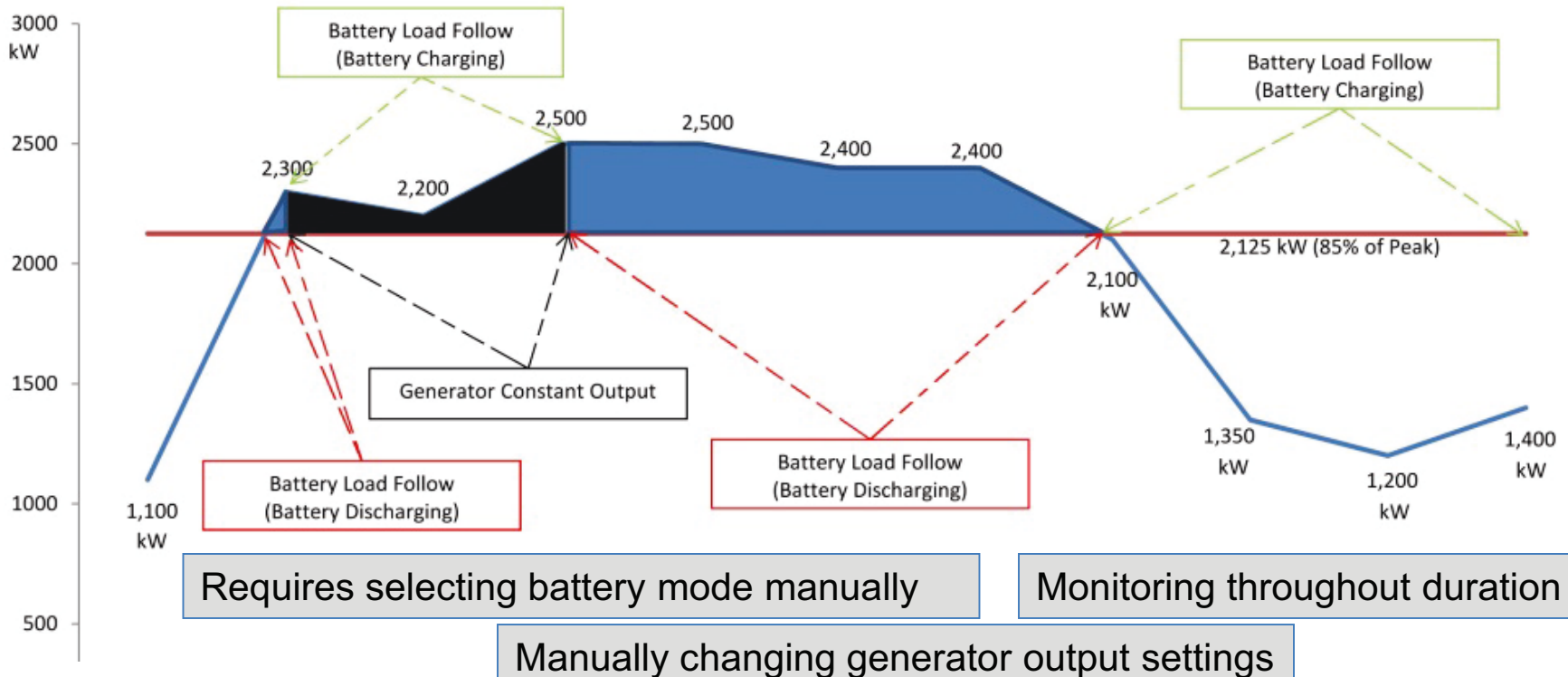
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S&C CES  
units

# Drivers – Today's DER Operations are Labor Intensive

Generator	DG-CO SES-LF (Peak Shave) 104						DG-CO SES-LF (Peak Shave) 104							
SES	SES Load Follow (Peak Shave) 48													
	Discharge			Charge			Discharge			Charge			Discharge	
	Generator Operation Allowed						No Generator Operation Allowed						Generator Operation Allowed	
Time	22:00	23:00	0:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00		





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# Benefits – Stakeholder Identified Benefits

Category	Reliability	Reduced O&M	Deferred Capital Investment	Safety	Direct Customer Benefit	Economic Optimization	Environmental
Reduced Outages to End Customers (MAIFI, SAIFI, etc.)	X	X			X		X
Improved Equipment Monitoring		X	X	X			X
Enhanced Power Quality Mgmt - Volt/Var/Freq/Pwr Fact	X	X	X		X	X	X
Support Fine-Grained Peak Shaving	X		X		X	X	X
Improved Load Forecasting at Circuit Level and Below	X					X	X
Enhanced Voltage Conservation Management	X					X	X
Aggregation of DER Into a Larger Virtual Resource					X	X	X
Support Market Participation / Arbitrage					X	X	
Extends Platform for Other Systems (ADMS, GIS, DRMS, etc.)				X		X	
Minimization of Upstream Stress on Transmission System	X	X	X				
Deferred Investments in Sub and Dist System Upgrades			X				
Support Higher Renewable penetration on Existing Circuits	X						X
Reduced Wear and Tear on Existing Assets (e.g. tap changer)	X	X	X				
Reduce Instances of Fires Through Equipment Monitoring	X			X			

# Benefits – SGDP Societal / Environmental

- Smooth voltage fluctuation from high PV penetration on circuits
- Monitor line capacity, ground clearance and performance during high load conditions
- Monitor substation transformer condition to dynamically rate capacity
- Enhance identification of potential grid issues

# DERMS

Dynamic Voltage Control

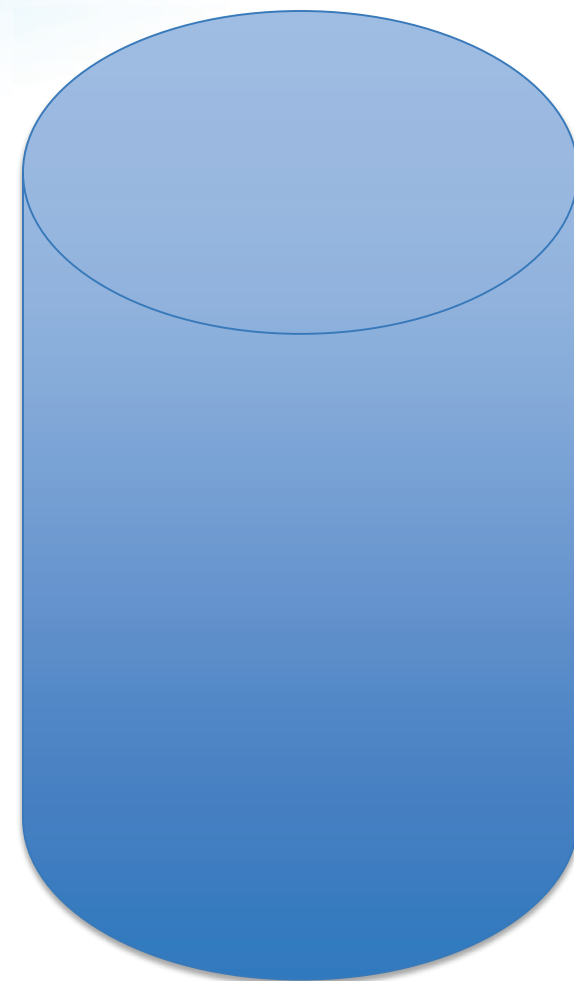
Dynamic Line Rating

CBM

PMU

Smart Transformers

Benefit Assumption:  
2% of SGDP Reduced  
Emissions Benefit Estimates:  
**\$7.8M - \$26.5M**



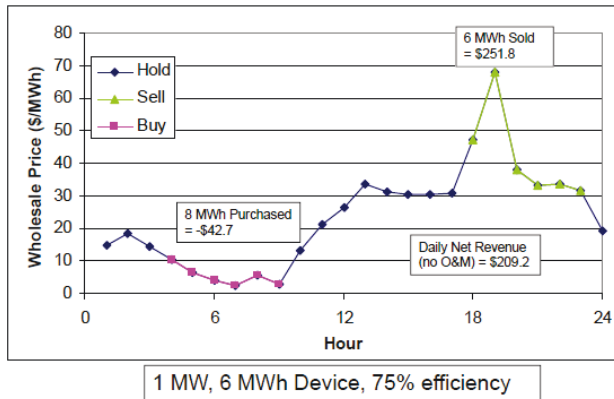
# Benefits – SGDP Economic / Reliability

	Benefit Category	Low	High
8.4.2	Renewable Growth	\$445	\$926
8.4.4	Reliability and Safety	\$666	\$1,443
8.4.6	Operational Efficiency	\$308	\$440
	Totals	\$1,419	\$2,809
	1% attributable to DERMS	<b>\$14.2M</b>	<b>\$28.1M</b>



# Benefits – Ability to “Stack” Benefits – AES Example

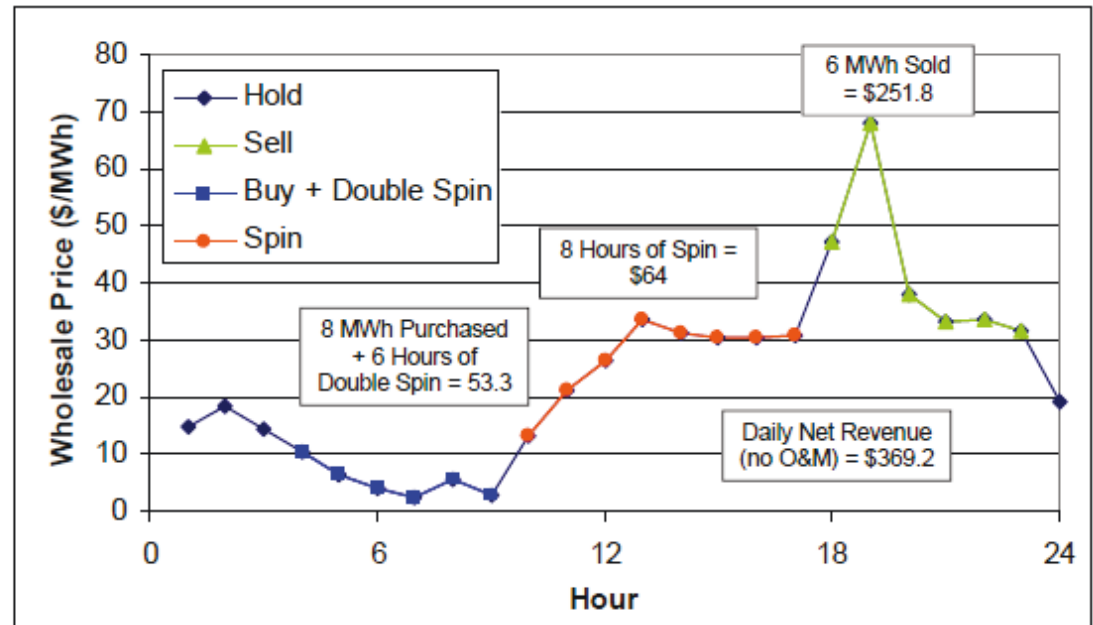
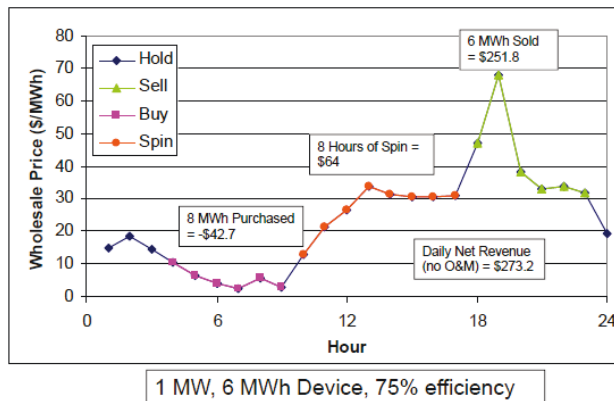
## Example: Arbitrage Only



Ability to optimize and dynamically switch modes produced a **76% increase** in daily revenue

## “Double Spin”

## Add Spinning Reserves..



## Benefits – Opportunity to “Stack” AES benefits

- **DERMS provides the ability “stack” multiple benefit streams**
- CPUC Storage OIR proposes a target of 165MW for SDG&E in 2020
- Suppose target ends up being between 25 MWh – 75 MWh
- At an assumed cost of \$500k/MWh → \$12.5M - \$37.5M installed cost
- *Cost-Effectiveness of Energy Storage in California*, June 2013 by EPRI for CPUC suggests distribution SES could have a cost-to-benefit ratio of 1.20
- If we use a cost-to-benefit ratio of 0.5 → \$6.3M - \$18.8M of potential benefits
- Through stacking benefits, you would be able to obtain at least an additional 10% of benefits
- **DERMS would be responsible for benefits of \$0.6M - \$1.9M**



## *Benefits – Business Approach that offers Value*

- DERMS is not a fully functioning, “off the shelf” product
- Exploring partnership with potential DERMS vendors
- Opportunity vs. buying a product
- Monetize SDG&E’s IP
- Potential benefits depend on the vendor, terms, and SDG&E’s appetite
  - Discounts (licenses, hardware, software maintenance)
  - Co-development IP
  - Equity stake
  - Royalties
  - Joint services offering

# Benefit Summary

		Low	High		Low	High
SGDP - Societal / Environmental Benefits	2%	\$391M	\$1324M		\$7.8M	\$26.5M
SGDP - Economic & Reliability Benefits	1%	\$1,419M	\$2809M		\$14.2M	\$28.1M
Stacking Benefits for AES	+10%	\$6.3M	\$18.8M		\$0.6M	\$1.9M
					<b>\$22.6M</b>	<b>\$56.5M</b>



DERMS and  
Microgrid  
Controller

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# Budget – Capital and O&M Estimates

Capital	2013	2014	2015
Internal Labor	\$ 979,228	\$ 1,450,438	\$ 1,202,960
External Labor	\$ 529,333	\$ 3,477,800	\$ 3,522,800
Infrastructure	\$ 35,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -
Software	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,250,000	\$ -
Annual Capital Cost	\$ 1,551,061	\$ 7,378,238	\$ 4,725,760
10% Contingency	\$ 155,106	\$ 737,824	\$ 472,576
<b>Annual Capital and Contingency</b>	<b>\$ 1,706,168</b>	<b>\$ 8,116,062</b>	<b>\$ 5,198,336</b>

**Total Project Capital \$ 15,020,565**

O&M	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 ->
IT Labor	\$ -	\$ 32,500	\$ 65,000	\$ 97,500	\$ 130,000
Business Labor	\$ -	\$ 39,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 117,000	\$ 156,000
IT Non-Labor (ex: Licenses)	\$ -	\$ 14,400	\$ 464,400	\$ 464,400	\$ 464,400
<b>Annual O&amp;M</b>		<b>\$ 85,900</b>	<b>\$ 607,400</b>	<b>\$ 678,900</b>	<b>\$ 750,400</b>

# Budget – GRC Decision Summary

- GRC Final Decision - DERMS

*Based on our review, SDG&E's funding request for this project is too high, given the work that needs to be done. Under the circumstances, it is reasonable to authorize capital expenditure **funding of \$4.550 million in 2012** for this project.*

- 2012 dollars (unloaded)

- Escalations per year from 2012 - \$4.55M

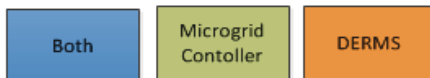
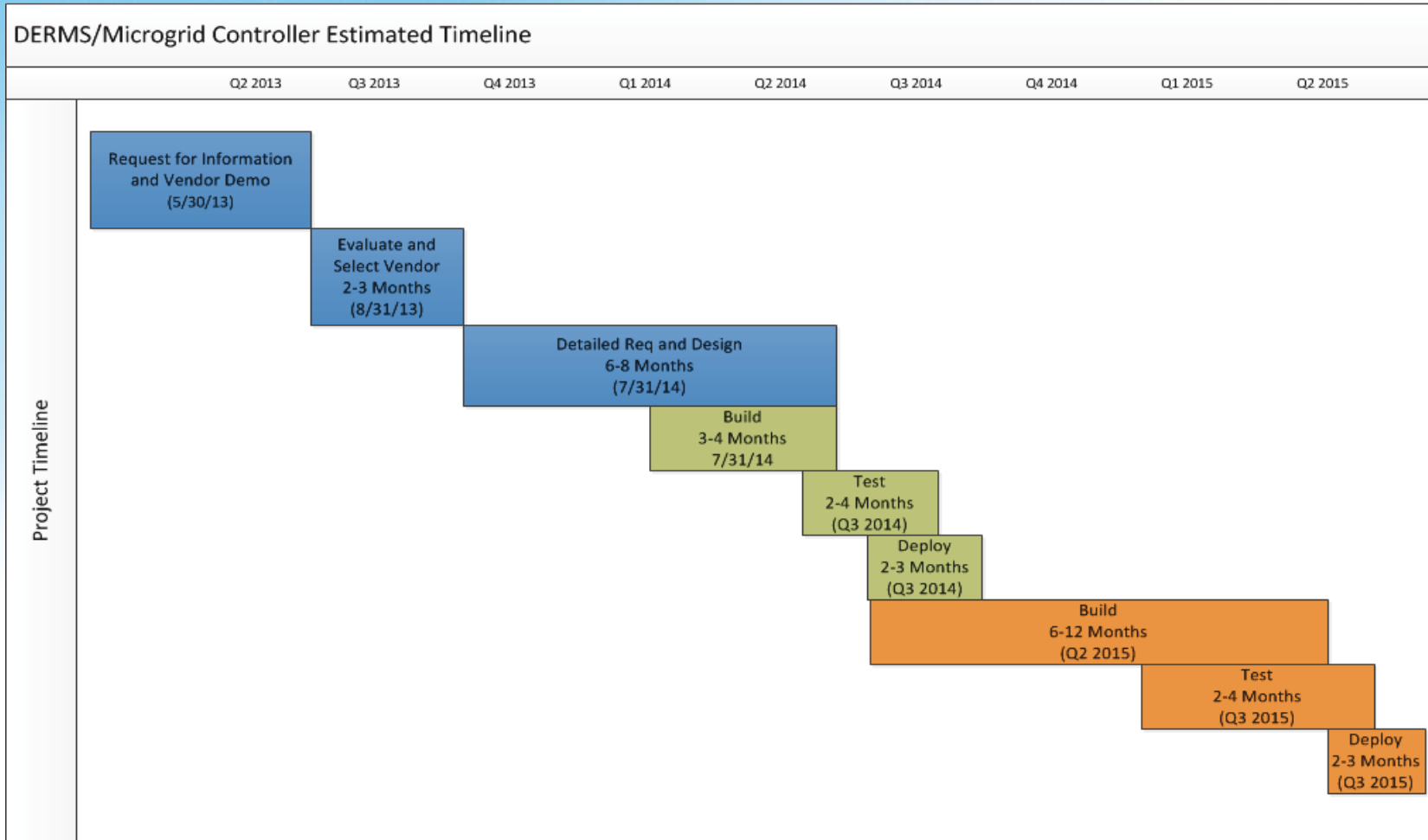
- 2.65% in 2013 = \$4.671M

- 2.75% in 2014 - \$4.799M

- 2.75% in 2015 - \$4.930M

**Total Funding Allocation = \$18.950 M**

# Budget – Schedule



# Agenda



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# Summary – Accomplishments and Next Steps

## Completed Activities

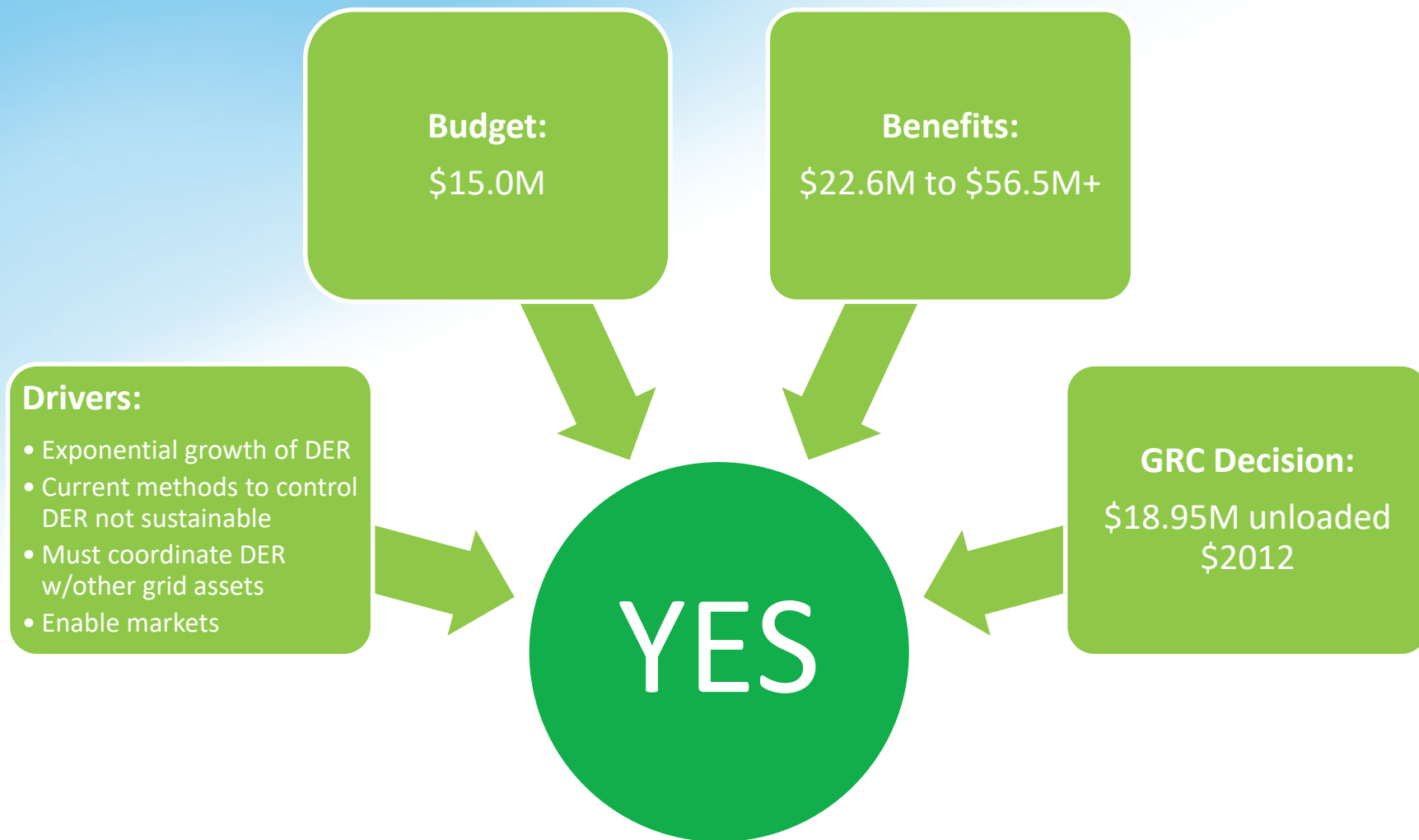
- Smart Grid Engineering and Architecture (SGEA), Q3 '12 to Q1
- Sent RFI for DERMS to 20 companies and received 17 responses, Q1
- Conducted full day on-site demos with the 6 short listed vendors, Q2
- Down-selected vendors based on business terms, Q2

## Next Steps

- Proceeding with top two, holding two, released two, Q2
- SGMT business case review and approval – 7/1 (hopefully)
- Demos and site visits – week of 7/15
- Scope of work development (high level requirements) – 7/22 to 8/2
- Negotiations/Contract – August 2013
- Start work – September 2013



# Summary – Time to Vote "YES" for DERMS



# Wave: Project Release Schedule

Complete/deployed

Dev complete; testing

In development

In planning



## Wave Release

## Schedule

Name	Key Functionality	SDG&E Begin Testing	Deployable	User
Blue Fin 2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M&amp;C for generators, Parker-Saft, CES at BRMG</li> </ul>	Jun 2014	Sep 2014	DER
CORAL M&C (2.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to control both batteries at BRMG</li> <li>Improved UI</li> </ul>	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	DER
CORAL (2.4.9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reservations</li> <li>Access via desktop client</li> <li>MG: optimization (e.g. non-forecast TTL)</li> <li>AES: manage SoC; dispatch energy; storage aggregation; cycle counting</li> <li>Integration with two additional SES (Carmel Valley, Ortega)</li> </ul>	May 2016	Apr 2017 (MG – Island 1) May 2017 (AES) Oct 2017 (MG – Island 2)	DER
DORADO (3.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logging updates</li> <li>DDS secure middleware – access via desktop client</li> <li>Several “base” updates (“under-the-hood”) in prep for future releases</li> <li>New AES UI, including navigation (searchability), configurability</li> <li>SOC mgmt updates</li> <li>Grouping enhancements (including configurability, asset selector)</li> <li>Peak load management</li> </ul>	6/1/2017	SDG&E will not deploy Dorado	DER – AES
Coral+ (2.4.10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to operate NRG as part of the MG App</li> <li>Critical defect patches (selected defects that were addressed in Eel)</li> </ul>	10/9/2017	Feb 2018	DER Island 1, 2, 3 EDO* – Island 1, 2
EEL (4.0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardize asset properties</li> <li>Alarm customization/notification</li> <li>Constraints mgmt</li> <li>Reservation enhancements</li> </ul>	8/1/2017	May 2018	EDO
Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced configurability</li> <li>Reservation enhancements – MG schedule aware</li> <li>Net load shifting</li> <li>Optimization engine</li> <li>Dispatch analyzer</li> <li>Alarm customization/notification enhancements</li> </ul>	12/15/2017 Iterative	Iterative	EDO

\*EDO operations dependent on microwave link in place; DER team will plan to operate Island 3 until the subsequent release of Wave

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44. Regarding the Advanced Energy Storage Project (11247):
- a. Please provide the list of circuits energy storage will be installed on. Please include all relevant identifying information for each circuit.
  - b. Please provide the number of circuits storage will be installed on.
  - c. Please provide the number of times reverse power flow has been experienced on each of the circuits listed in part (a).
  - d. Please provide the percentage of annual peak load PV generation comprises on each of the circuits listed in part (a).
  - e. Please provide the percentage of annual minimum load PV generation comprises on each of the circuits listed in part (a).
  - f. Please provide all supporting workpapers that support the costs for this project, including the capacity of storage that will be installed and the cost per kWh.
  - g. What alternatives exist to installing energy storage on high PV circuits? Please explain and provide a unit cost for each alternative, and explain why the alternative was not selected.
  - h. Please explain why SDG&E does not propose this project as part of the energy storage mandate or AB 2868.
  - i. Please provide a list of battery storage installations, including capacity of the storage, in SDG&E's territory and the primary and secondary uses (purpose) of the storage installation.

**Utility Response 44:**

- a. SDG&E has identified potential circuits, but has not finalized a list. SDG&E is still completing engineering analysis to verify these locations.
- b. This project will install up to six energy storage systems.
- c. The number of times reverse power flow has been experienced is still in the engineering and planning phase, and these circuits have not been determined.
- d. The percentage of annual peak load PV generation comprised is still in the engineering and planning phase, and these circuits have not been determined.
- e. The percentage of annual minimum load PV generation comprised is still in the engineering and planning phase, and these circuits have not been determined.
- f. The forecasted costs are shown below.

2018

Description	Unit	Quantity	Cost (\$1000) (material, direct charges, contract costs)

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Energy Storage Unit	EA	2	\$3,880.5
DERMS Integration	EA	2	\$120.0
Labor	HR	20,981	\$1,154.0
Total			\$5,154

2019

Description	Unit	Quantity	Cost (\$1000) (material, direct charges, contract costs)
Energy Storage Unit	EA	4	\$7,761.0
Labor	HR	40,709	\$2,239.0
Total			\$10,000

- g. SDG&E has explored other power electronic devices in the pilot arena, and the technology continues to emerge. At this time, energy storage systems, coupled with inverter technology, provide the most operational flexibility and functionality, and provide renewable integration in the evening hours when the sun is not shining.
- h. SDG&E will be proposing projects to deploy energy storage, as part of AB 2868. The Advanced Energy Storage Project will focus on distribution circuits that have high concentration of PV penetration.
- i. A list of battery storage installations, including capacity of the storage, in SDG&E's territory and the purpose of the storage installation is shown below.

Project	ES Size (kW)	Energy (kWh)	Purpose
Borrego Microgrid Yard- SES1	500	1500	Reliability
Borrego Microgrid Yard- SES2	1000	3000	Reliability
Pala Energy Storage Yard	500	1500	Renewable Integration & Reliability
Pala Unit 2	1000	2000	Renewable Integration & Reliability
Mission Valley - Skills Training Center	25	72	Testing & Training
Clairemont	25	72	Renewable Integration
Poway	25	72	Renewable Integration

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Borrego Springs CES	25	50	Renewable Integration & Reliability
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Century Park CES	50	82	Testing & Training
Energy Inovation Center- Indoor	4.5	10.7	Testing & Training
Energy Inovation Center- Outdoor	10	10	Testing & Training
San Diego Zoo	100	130	Renewable Integration & Vehicle Charging
UCSD MESOM	6	10.7	Renewable Integration & Reliability
Suites at Paseo (SDSU Private Dormitories)	18	32.1	Renewable Integration & Reliability
Del Lago Academy	100	200	Renewable Integration & Reliability
Ortega Highway (Quest) 1243 Unit 1	1000	3000	Existing Project Delayed
Ortega Highway (Quest)1243 Unit 2	1000	3000	Existing Project Delayed
Carmel Valley (Canyon Crest)	1000	3000	Renewable Integration & Reliability
Santa Ysabel Substation	6	11	Renewable Integration & Reliability
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Caltrans Park-N-Ride Del Lago (OPRA)	200	400	Vehicle Charging
ITF (OPRA)	200	400	Testing & Training
Civita Microgrid	125	200	Renewable Integration & Reliability

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Miguel Substation	3,000	8,000	Renewable Integration
El Cajon BESS 1	7,500	30,000	Resolution E-4791
Escondido BESS 1	10,000	40,000	Resolution E-4791
Escondido BESS 2	10,000	40,000	Resolution E-4791
Escondido BESS 3	10,000	40,000	Resolution E-4791

**APPENDIX B**  
**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

AB	Assembly Bill
AES	Advanced Energy Storage
DER	Distributed Energy Resources
DERMS	Distributed Energy Resources Management System
GRC	General Rate Case
LCR	Local Capacity Requirement
ORA	Office of Ratepayer Advocates
TURN	The Utility Reform Network
WOA	Work Order Authorization