

#### New Energy Industry Task Force Existing Infrastructure and Modernization of the Electric Grid

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## Agenda



- Existing Infrastructure
  - Fossil generation and transmission
  - Renewable generation
- Modernization of the grid
  - Energy Imbalance Market (EIM)
  - Smart grid the age of information
  - Energy efficiency programs
- Emerging technologies
  - Distributed generation
  - Energy storage
  - Electric vehicle, EV to the grid

## **NV Energy Background**



- Headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2,498 employees
- 1.2 million electricity and 0.2 million gas customers
- Provides service to 90% of Nevada population, along with tourist population of 41 million annually



- Provides electric services to Las Vegas and surrounding areas
- 4,766 megawatts of owned generation
- Provides electric and gas services to Reno and northern Nevada
- 1,372 megawatts of owned generation

#### **Current Generation portfolio\***

Coal	10%
Natural gas	68%
Renewables	22%
*Including renewable power	
purchase agreements	

## **Nevada's Renewable Generation**



- 1. Northern Nevada resources consist mostly of geothermal, one large wind project and solar with storage near Tonopah
- 2. Southern Nevada resources primarily solar
- 3. Distributed generation primarily rooftop solar spread throughout the state
- 4. Nevada is one of the highest geothermal and solar producers per capital
- 5. Nevada has a renewable portfolio standard that is currently 20% of load moving to 25% by 2025
- 6. NV Energy remains on target to meet the RPS

#### NV Energy's Renewable Energy Sources



## **The Traditional Electric Service Model**

- 1. Electricity is generated and leaves the power plant
- 2. Generated voltage is increased at a "step-up" substation
- 3. The energy travels along a transmission line to the area where the power is needed
- 4. Once there, the voltage is decreased or "steppeddown," at another substation
- 5. A distribution power line carries the electricity
- 6. Electricity is delivered to your home or business



#### **Smart Grid of the Future**



## Modernization of the Grid Transmission and Generation



- Participation in the California Independent System Operator's Energy Imbalance Market ("EIM")
  - NV Energy's participation is voluntary
  - NV Energy received PUCN approval in 2014 and went live in December 2015 resulting in cost savings as soon as the first full month of participation was completed
  - Primary Benefits of EIM Membership for Nevada:
    - Members can avoid having to build new resources to follow imbalance in generation and load due to the fact that existing resources can be shared between balancing areas
    - Increases the cost effectiveness of intermittent renewable resources such as wind and solar because any excess generation can be delivered and used over a larger area

## Modernization of the Grid Monitoring and Diagnostic Center ("MDC")

- MDC
  - NV Energy maintains an MDC that tracks over 100,000 data points at its power plants
  - The data helps to predict failures in advance so outages can be avoided or properly scoped
  - NV Energy spent roughly \$5 million to build the state of the art facility
  - The MDC saved over \$5 million in preventable maintenance in the first two years of operation
  - Advanced Pattern Recognition Software GE
     SmartSignal is the model used to monitor and identify
     degradation through pattern recognition and failures

#### Modernization of the Grid Generation - MDC

#### MDC



#### • Benefits

- Optimal dispatch and scheduling of resources based on performance data
- Forced outage avoidance
- Maintenance scheduling / optimization
- Centralized fleet-wide process engineering competency

## Modernization of the Grid Distribution



- Distribution Operations objectives
  - Safety: Ensure highest level of employee and public safety through understanding and application of technology
  - Reliability: Minimize customer outages and improve communication
  - Efficiency: Efficient operation of distribution system
  - Performance: Improve system performance based on technological advancements

Modernization of the Grid Distribution - continued



- Programs currently in place:
  - -NV Energize
  - Distribution Line Capacitor Automation
  - Substation Automation and Restoration
     Schemes
  - Distribution Automation Intelliteam
     Switches
  - -Substation Gas Detection
  - Substation Transformer Bushing Monitoring
  - Distributed Generation Monitoring (Primary)



Smart Grid

#### NV Energize - Smart Grid Foundation

- Communications Infrastructure Statewide
- Cyber Secure Base Stations
- 900 MHz licensed frequency
- Dedicated AMI and DA spectrums



#### Multiple Prioritized Channels





#### **Customer Preference Center**

- Enables customers to specify which channels and devices they prefer to use when communicating with NV Energy
- Allows NVE to manage all of these customer communications from a single platform
- The Customer Preference Center enables reliable, consistent, effective, economical, and targeted communications





#### MyAccount and auto notifications

- Enables NV Energy customers to report outages and to receive information, maps, and messages about outages occurring in the NV Energy service territory
- The outage communications platform links with the Customer Preference Center and operates via proven web and mobile applications





#### Customer Programs – Outage Reporting

Outage Reporting through multiple channels- Utilizing the Customer Preference Center customers have the ability to choose their preferred method to report outages:



#### Modernization of the Grid Smart Meters



Smart Meters



## Modernization of the Grid Smart Meters



- Deployment of smart meters has significantly changed the way NVE communicates and conducts business with customers
  - NV Energy pursued aggressive implementation of smart meter technology, spurred by a \$139 million US Department of Energy grant. Over 1.4 million electric and gas meters were exchanged from 2010-2015.
  - Implemented essential communication networks necessary to collect and manage the metering information. These are the regional network interface (RNI), the meter data management system (MDMS) and the demand response management system (DRMS).
  - The project achieved two primary objectives:

1. Substantially reduce operating costs while simultaneously improving meter data and billing quality. Also supports operational improvement, specifically as it relates to outage detection and restoration

2. Provides a technology platform that automates and optimizes enhanced customer communications and demand management solutions.

## Modernization of the Grid Smart Meters



- Smart meters continued
  - Provides operating cost reductions of \$20 million annually,
    - Over 600,000 avoided annual truck rolls (3.5 million during course of project),
    - Creates and improves a cyber secure network that also provides transmission and distribution operational benefits.
  - Customers benefit by having reduced operating costs, improved metering and billing accuracy, real-time outage and restoration information, remote connect and disconnect services and enhanced data analysis/communications regarding energy usage

# Smart Meters Leading The Way to New Customers Offering

- MyAccount
  - Over 580,000 accounts (50,000+ annual increase)
  - Multiple new features added in December 2015
  - New dashboard
  - Scroll over data on temperature, use and cost
  - Downloadable two-year data
  - New net metering usage/production graphs
  - Time of use and demand (for commercial customers)
  - Outage map utilization growing dramatically
    - 1.4 million total hits in 2015 (web and mobile)
  - Serves as a product and service promotion platform

#### MyAccount Dashboard



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View Usage



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Change Bank Information

Enroll in Equal Pay

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## MyAccount Manage Your Energy Alerts & Notifications



Sign-up for notifications to be provided by email, text or automated phone call

## MyAccount Weekly Energy Snapshot



#### Snapshot by Email

ddress: 3520 Amish Ave Nort	h Las Vegas NV 89031		<b>NV</b> Energy
ENERGY	SNAPSHO	Т	
ng Cycle: 01/	21 - 02/18		Data as of 01/23
Electricity Used	to Date	Cost to Date	\$21
61	2	Days Remaining	26
		Projected Monthly Bill	\$85
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#### Snapshot by Text

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Kessages 683-123	Details
Days remaining in billing cycle: 4 Projected bill this month: \$76	
Sunday 3:55 PM	
NVE123 Alerts: BILL SUMMARY Acct at 3520 Cost-to-date: \$21 Days remaining in billing cycle: 26 Projected bill this month: \$85	
Yesterday 8:27 PM	
NVE123 Alerts: THRESHOLD EXCEEDED Your estimated electric cost-to-date \$26.00	
Text Message	Send

#### MyAccount Daily Energy Usage Data



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#### MyAccount Daily Energy Usage & Cost Data





#### MyAccount Daily Energy & Weather Data





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#### MyAccount Additional Views For Net Metering Customers

#### **Net Metering Usage Graph**





#### NV Energy Mobile App – available in iTunes or Google Play





## Grid Modernization Energy Efficiency and Demand Response

- Customer Energy Management Solutions
  - New program designs integrate energy efficiency and demand response to provide enhanced services to customers well beyond traditional rebate programs
- A new portfolio of programs leverage the smart grid infrastructure to allow customers to take advantage of new data driven solutions for enhanced energy management
- "Big data analysis" is applied on both sides of the meter to:
  - Optimize how customers use major energy systems
  - Allow NV Energy to actively manage its peak demand via peak shaping technology

#### Grid Modernization New Customer Solutions



#### Grid Modernization Advanced Peak Demand Managment

- DRMS advanced platform integrated to other enterprise systems allows NV Energy to forecast and optimize the "dispatch" of customer loads to reduce and shape the electric peak load. New approaches minimize customer impact, and most customers do not notice events.
- NV Energy has deployed the most advanced integrated energy efficiency and demand response platform in the country allowing flexible and locational dispatch to support both system wide and distribution level demand management (~240 MW of demand response statewide).



Demand response event optimization flatlines the electric peak producing significant avoided cost savings.

## Grid Modernization Role of Demand Response



- Demand response programs that allow NVE to control customer's loads to assist in meeting the electric peak load without adding generation
- NVE's Program is one of the largest in the country
  - Controls over 244 MW of load thus avoiding the need to construct new generation to serve the load
    - 201 MW at Nevada Power
    - 35 MW Irrigation load at Sierra Pacific
    - 8.4 MW other load at Sierra Pacific

## Grid Modernization What's Next?



- Transmission
  - Continue to develop and expand working relationships with regional transmission organizations
- Generation
  - Expand MDC role in monitoring NVE and other generating assets
- Distribution
  - Distributed generation integration and impact to the grid
  - Study the benefits of smart inverters
  - Volt/Var optimization pilot program
  - Fault location, isolation, and service restoration
  - Remote controlled switching
  - Integrated mobile dispatch
  - Distribution automation

#### **Grid Modernization – What's Next?**



- Customer service offerings
  - Continue to develop emerging technologies and interfaces with customers offering a suite of products and services to help customers track and manage consumption
- Use of Emerging Technologies
  - Use of storage technologies,
    - Batteries
  - Electric Vehicles (EV)
    - Infrastructure needed to promote EV use across Nevada
      - The "Electric Highway" is a catalyst
    - Forecast underway to determine potential EV penetration
    - Potential use as a demand side resource either through demand response or acting as a storage device



#### **Questions?**

