



Distributed Energy Resources Trial

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

EMPLOYEE COMMITMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECT

REGULATORY INTEGRITY

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

BERKSHIRE FINANCIAL STRENGTH OWNERSHIP

Overview

Consumer Information Gateway Development and Integration to Enable Price-Responsive and Direct Load Control



Department of Energy RDSI Grant (2009-2015)

- Reduced Peak demand by over 65% (*Compared to code built homes*)
- 50% Cost Share

Partnership

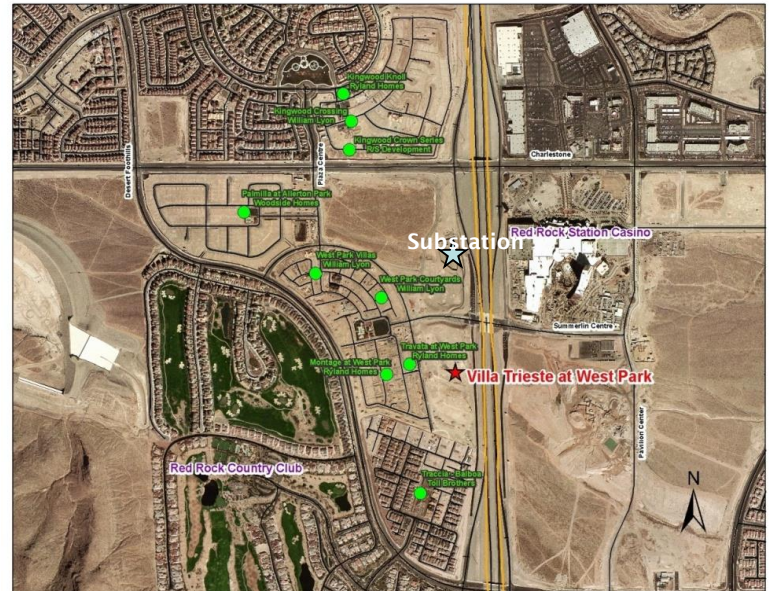
- NV Energy, Pulte Homes, UNLV

Project Site Villa Trieste

- 185 LEED Platinum homes completed

Integration Objectives

- Smart Meters
- Distributed Generation ~ 2 kW PV Systems
- Residential Battery Storage ~ 8 kWh Lithium-Ion
- Energy Efficient Construction
- Display of Aggregated Energy Information
- Demand Responsive Thermostats
- Automated Intelligent Agents



NV Energy Objectives



Test/Validate

- Test and integrate new technologies (smart meters, home energy management systems, storage, PV)

Technology Integration

- Effectively integrate premise-based systems with grid management

Demand Side Management

- Develop and optimize peak load management strategies

Grid Impacts

- Evaluate potential grid benefits of premise-based systems

Customer Impacts

- Gauge customer impact and interaction with energy management systems

Cost Effectiveness

- Assess cost/benefit of technology packages

Technology Roadmap

- Develop distributed energy resources roadmap and new customer energy solutions

Current Status



All Homes Sold

- Include PV systems and home energy management systems

10 Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Installed

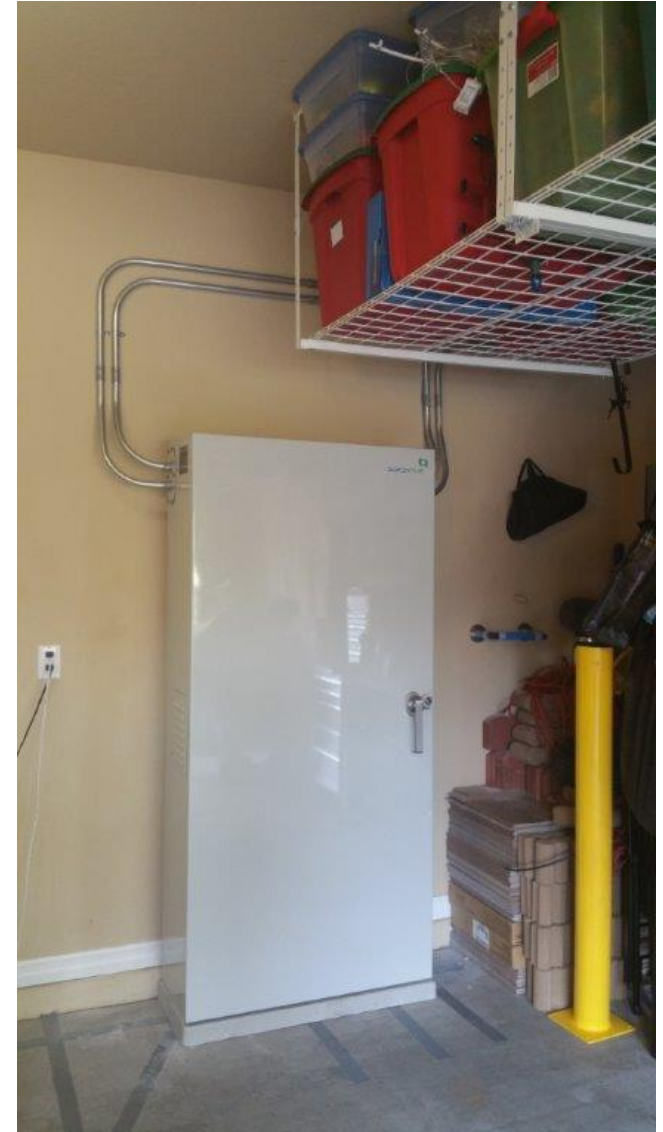
- Five more systems ordered

Smart Meter Gateways Installed

- Redundant hardware exists for energy information collection
- Hardware based information display technology

Integration Testing On-Going

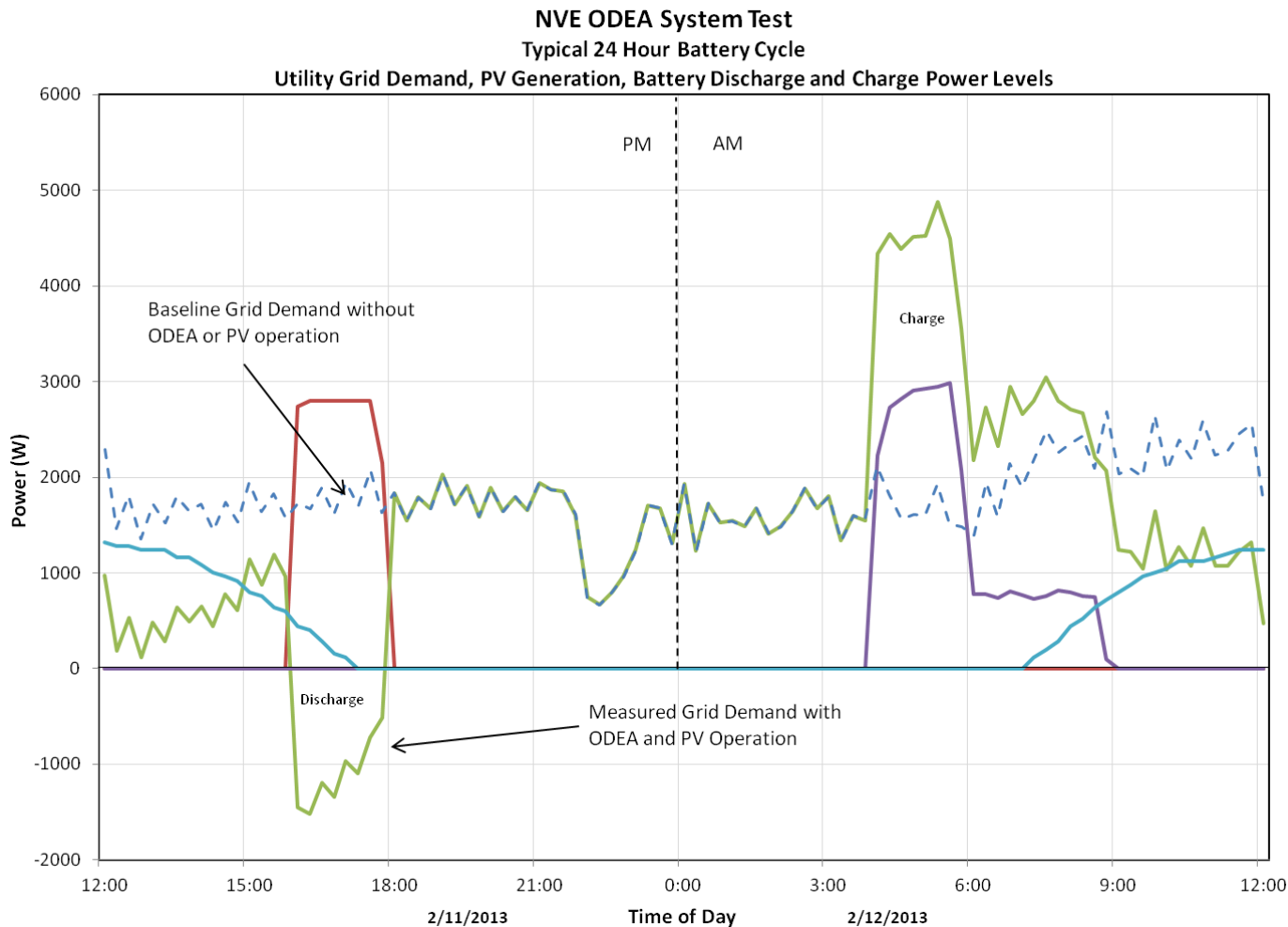
- BESS hardware and software still in testing phase
- Still need to fully integrate premise-based systems and grid systems
- Integration challenges persist due to varying levels of technology maturity and integration challenges related to vendor product design and implementation strategies



Battery Testing Ongoing



[Battery plus PV System]



- **Green:** Customer's net demand for energy from the grid
- **Red:** Battery discharge
- **Purple:** Battery charge
- **Blue (solid):** PV output
- **Blue (dashed):** Customer's baseline

Next Steps



Improve Real-Time Energy Information

Expand/Enable software based displays using tablets, mobile phone, computer

Continue Integrations

Integrate BESS with
Premise-Based Systems

Integrate Premise-Based
Systems with NV Energy
Systems

Explore Additional Benefits

Attempt to configure BESS to support:

- Voltage, frequency, and renewable firming use-cases



Existing and Potential Grid Benefit Streams



Existing:

Traditional Demand Response (DR)

Peak Shaving / Shaping

Operating Reserve (10-min spinning reserve)

Generation Dispatch Optimization

Potential:

Demand Response + PV + Battery Storage

Area and Distribution Operations:

Frequency Regulation

Voltage Support

Power quality control

Renewables Integration

Firming intermittent generation (e.g., PV)

Renewable Energy Time-Shift

Customer Benefits

Cost reduction depending upon rate structure

Receiving benefits for delivering grid services

Key Findings & Identified Gaps



Key Findings

- Lessons learned allowed NV Energy to launch next generation demand response systems
- Value of Integrated Energy Efficiency and Demand Response
- Networked platforms facilitate data rich applications and remote upgrade capabilities
- Two types of optimization—premise specific and grid level—can interoperate for higher all around value
- Traditional DR vs Fast DR and DERs
- Battery permitting and inspection processes were defined

Identified Gaps

- Battery Energy Storage System maturity level
- Standards and Open protocols
- Significant variation across technology vendors
- DRMS (or EMS) requires evolution to DERMs
- DER grid services benefits not actualized yet



Thank You

