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An Introduction to Virtual Power Plants

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THE RESILIENT POWER PROJECT

- Increase public/private investment in clean, resilient power systems (solar+storage)
- Protect low-income and vulnerable communities, with a focus on affordable housing and critical public facilities
- Engage city, state and federal policy makers to develop supportive policies and programs
- Visit <u>www.resilient-power.org</u> for more information and resources



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Virtual Peaker ^



Virtual Peaker Plants (VPPs)

- Ties together multiple distributed energy resources (DERs)
- Combination of generation and demand response (DR)
- Flexible, fast, efficient
- Replaces need for fossil-fuel generation
- Requires complicated optimization, control, and secure communications.
- Regulatory hurdles and limitations

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The Evolution of Demand-Side Management

REAL-TIME CONTROL

Device optimized Manage events at household level Infinite device types High-touch with customer Al and Machine Learning

BASIC DR -

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DIRECT LOAD CONTROL -

One-way communication High cost Load shed only Zero touch with customer Two-way communication Manage events in aggregate Limited device flexibility Low-touch with customer

PLATFORM



PGE Smart Battery Pilot



Audrey Burkhardt Senior Product Developer

PGE at a **Glance**

Quick Facts:

 Vertically integrated company including generation, transmission and distribution. Serving 4,000 mi²

• PGE customers:

Residential 773,514
Commercial 110,028
Industrial 200

Serves 46% of Oregonians, 51 incorporated cities

Total number of employees ~3,000



Diverse generation mix

Hydro, Coal, Natural Gas, Wind, Solar

PGE

Proposed Projects



Residential Pilot



Objectives

Small scale research study intended to optimize learnings of dispersed battery storage



Grid

- Study and model value to the grid for future use in IRP
- Primary use cases:
 - o autonomous volt/var support
 - o autonomous frequency response
 - contingency reserve, bulk generation capacity
 - o customer power reliability
- Locational benefits studied through Testbed density



Program

- Determine the optimal design for a future scalable, cost-effective program
- Incentive levels, optimal dispatch strategies, integration with power operations, communications & controls technologies



Customer

- Conduct interviews and surveys to understand customer resiliency needs, hurdles to adopting storage
- Balance expectations of battery performance with PGE management of battery operations

Smart Battery Pilot Design

Virtual Power Plant of 525 residential batteries for grid services

2 - 4 MW / 6 - 8 MWh

\$40 or \$20 per month for interconnected devices



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Additional rebate in Testbed to drive density for locational benefits $3,000 \rightarrow 2,000 \rightarrow 1,000$



Solar Within Reach for Income Qualified

\$5,000 for installing storage in conjunction with Solar Within Reach



Qualified devices are Tesla, Generac/Pika, SolarEdge, Sonnen, Sunverge



Architecture



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Virtual Peaker 🛆

- Founded: 2014
- Located: Louisville, KY
- **Business Model: SaaS**
- Serves as the software engine behind residential DER, DR, and VPP programs across the US



Virtual Peaker: An adaptable SaaS solution



- Tie together multiple programs needs
- Manage both front and back end requirements
- Deploy in <u>weeks</u>, not months
- Right-size contract for any utility

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How We Do It



The Broadest Manufacturer Support



Robustly integrate with a new device in ~2 weeks

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Thank you for attending our webinar

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