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NETL MGS – Smart Grid Field Trials

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Role of the Modern Grid Strategy

- Define a vision for the Smart Grid
- Reach out to stakeholders for input
- Assist in the identification of benefits and barriers
- Facilitate resolution of issues
- Communicate and educate stakeholders
- Promote testing of integrated suites of technologies





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Developmental Field Tests (DFT)

Morgantown DFT

- Dynamic Feeder Reconfiguration (DFR) System
- "Weak tie" concept
- NETL / Allegheny Power

BPL DFT

- Broadband Over Power Lines at 69 kV
- NETL / AEP



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Morgantown DFT

Dynamic Feeder Reconfiguration System

- Find fault location and isolate
- Check adjacent circuit capacities
- Connect if adequate capacity exists
- Monitor feeder loadings in real-time

Circuit Characteristics

- Two 12.5 kV radially operated
- Multiple switches to adjacent circuits
- 5,000 customers 93% residential
- Poor reliability performance



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Morgantown Goals & Objectives

- Significantly improve reliability (CAIDI)
- Demonstrate feasibility of "weak tie" concept
- Reduce labor cost associated with fault location
- Demonstrate integrated communication system that will support both smart meters and advanced distribution operations
- Create a design concept that can be transferred to utilities nationwide
- Provide test results for extrapolation at regional / national level
- Expect to be operational April, 2009





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Technologies

- Patrick Energy Services
 - GE Human Machine Interface (HMI) software provider (ENMAC)
 - Microsol Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) provider
- Fault Location, Isolation Restoration
 - Restoration based on real-time loadings
 - Intelligence at the substation
 - Back-to-normal topology with one click
 - Open architecture







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Human Machine Interface

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System Specifications – Access Points



Reclosers at the Substation

- West Run Substation
- Cooper Electronic Reclosers 560A,15.5 kV
- Form 6 Controllers





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AEP DFT

Demonstrate BPL operation over 69kv lines

Some key applications:

- Utility wideband data applications (WAMS)
- Enables modern transmission circuit protection systems using advanced digital relaying methods
- Early detection of failures on the HV system
- SCADA expansion to remote stations
- Station surveillance
- Replace old pilot wire for protective relay applications







Results

- Continuous BPL operation achieved for 16 weeks over a 5-plus mile link using one station-based and one line-based repeater
- Data rates range 2 20 Meg BPS
- Methods developed for locating noise sources and found effective
- Coupling techniques successful and scalable
- FCC compliance demonstrated



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HV BPL Next Steps

- Test at 138 KV operation using similar techniques
- Survey noise characteristics on a variety of HV lines
- Develop low cost method to power transmission line repeaters from line voltage
- Improve noise source location diagnostics
- Develop correlation of noise sources and line defects



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West Virginia Super Circuit



DOE RDSI Program

- Nine DOE funded projects to develop Renewable and Distributed Systems Integration
- \$50 million to be invested over five years
- Will reduce peak load electricity demand by at least 15 percent at distribution
- WV Super Circuit is one of the nine projects



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West Virginia Super Circuit

- Objective: Improve distribution system performance, reliability, and security of electricity delivery through the integration of distributed resources and advanced technologies.
- Duration: 5 years
- Estimated Cost: \$5.4 million federal/4 million non-federal



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Features

- Customer owned distributed generation
- 2400 AMI meters
- Storage devices (NaS battery)
- Solar (PV) cells
- Dynamic islanding
- DSM and Demand Response
- Expand Dynamic Feeder Reconfiguration concept to adjacent circuits



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WV Super Circuit Goals

- Reduce peak power demand >15%
- Cost to be competitive with capacity upgrades
- Demonstrate the viability of multi-agent technologies
- Address interoperability issues between control and protection systems and DER
- Determine system and societal benefits of integrated operation of advanced technologies
- Demonstrate feasibility of dynamic islanding and microgrids
- Demonstrate the reliability benefits of Dynamic Feeder Reconfiguration



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WV Super Circuit Participants

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- Augusta Systems, Inc.
- North Carolina State University
- Science Applications International Corp.
- Tollgrade Communications
- West Virginia University (WVU) Research Park
- WVU Advanced Power and Electricity Research Center



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