Evolving Transmission and Distribution System Operations: A Hawaiʻi Snapshot

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 - 1. Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
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- 5. Lessons learned



EXPONENTIAL DER GROWTH



Cumulative Installed PV in Hawaii, as of Dec. 31, 2017



Over 600 MWs of DG-PV across the Companies' service areas.

DER TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

	STEADY STATE OPERATIONS	CONTINGENCY EVENTS
SYSTEM-LEVEL	Over-generation and increasing variability in generation resulting in: -Curtailment of other renewable generation -Frequency regulation and ramping challenges for central generation	Behavior of aggregate DER fleet may exacerbate grid instability during emergencies: -Need grid-supportive frequency and voltage trip and ride through settings
CIRCUIT-LEVEL	Over-generation resulting in: -Approaching or exceeding distribution system equipment capacity limitations	Behavior of DER systems during circuit-level contingencies may result in: -Unintentional islanding -Temporary load rejection overvoltage

Source: Table 2, page 19, Staff Report and Proposal, Docket No. 2014-0192, March 31, 2015

COMMISSION'S INCLINATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF HAWAII'S ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Creating Modern Transmission and Distribution Grids -"[The Inclinations] outlines priorities in order to transform each island's transmission and distribution grids into modern, advanced electrical networks that are capable of integrating greater quantities of customer-sited distributed energy resources and expand the array of energy options for customers to manage their energy use."

DER PHILOSOPHY PROGRESSION



Adapted from Strategen Consulting LLC

Figure 7 "Run" - Illustrating an Envisioned Future State for Technology Supporting the Grid



Grid Related Investments

- Varentec: ENGO Devices
- Grid 20/20: OptaNode

Programs and Tariffs

- CSS
- CGS+
- Smart Export
- Demand Response Portfolio
- Demand Response Management System (DRMS)



GRID RELATED INVESTMENTS

Varentec - Grid Optimization Project;

Edge of Network Grid Optimizers (ENGO) Devices to minimize voltage fluctuation and allow for additional rooftop solar capacity. Grid Energy Management System (GEMS) Platform for data analytics.

GRID 20/20 - OptaNODE Distribution Transformer Monitor

Provide Planning Engineers with more insight on how much PV circuits can handle before suffering overvoltage and reliability issues (i.e. safety concerns and additional costs for the utility)

Can circuit hosting capacity be improved upon through active voltage regulation?



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Leveraging and Integrating Customer Sited Resources

Distributed Energy Resources Programs

- Customer Self Supply (CSS)
- Customer Grid Supply + (CGS+)
- Smart Export
- Demand Response Portfolio
 - Providing other services beyond energy; voltage, capacity, frequency reserve, etc.
- Demand Response Management System

"The Brain"

DEMAND RESPONSE PORTFOLIO



Demand Response Management System

Within Decision and Order 34884, the Commission noted that the DRMS proposed by the Companies was a "critical tool for leveraging customer-sited resources to assist in grid operations and constitutes a key component of a modern electric grid."





LESSONS LEARNED

Coordination

Risks associated with new technologiesStrategic Plan

Thank you!

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