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Grid Complexity and Cyber Risks:
Days of Future Past?

Interoperability for a Modern Grid: NARUC Summer Policy Summit

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Energy Independence and Security Act (2007)

NIST has “*primary responsibility to **coordinate** development of a **framework** that includes protocols and model standards for information management to achieve **interoperability** of smart grid devices and systems...*”



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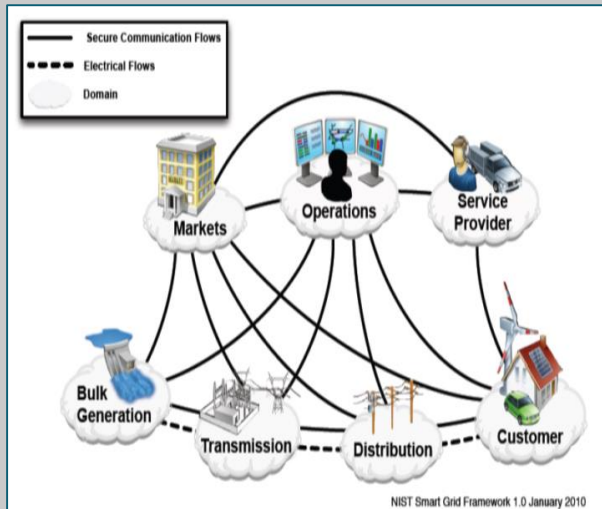
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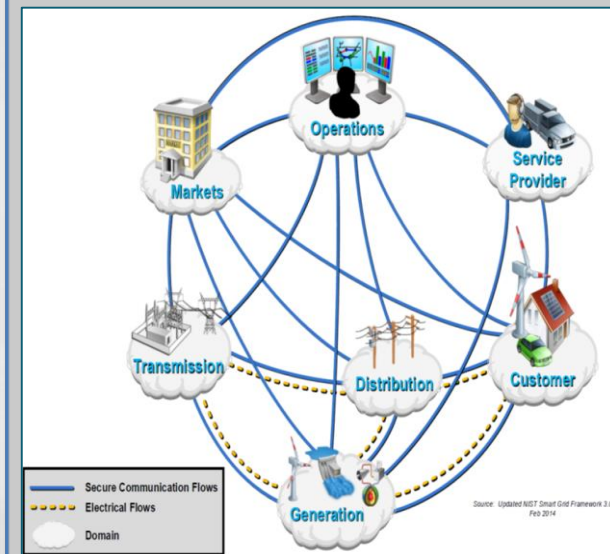
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Motivations / Themes

Motivations

- Technology is advancing rapidly
- Evolving capabilities bring:
 - New opportunities
 - New concerns / challenges
 - Structural change
- Modular and scalable technologies enable:
 - Disaggregation of system physics
 - Hyper-local optimization
 - A new set of cascading concerns
- Distribution models diversifying
- Interoperability more critical than ever
- Interoperability more challenging than ever

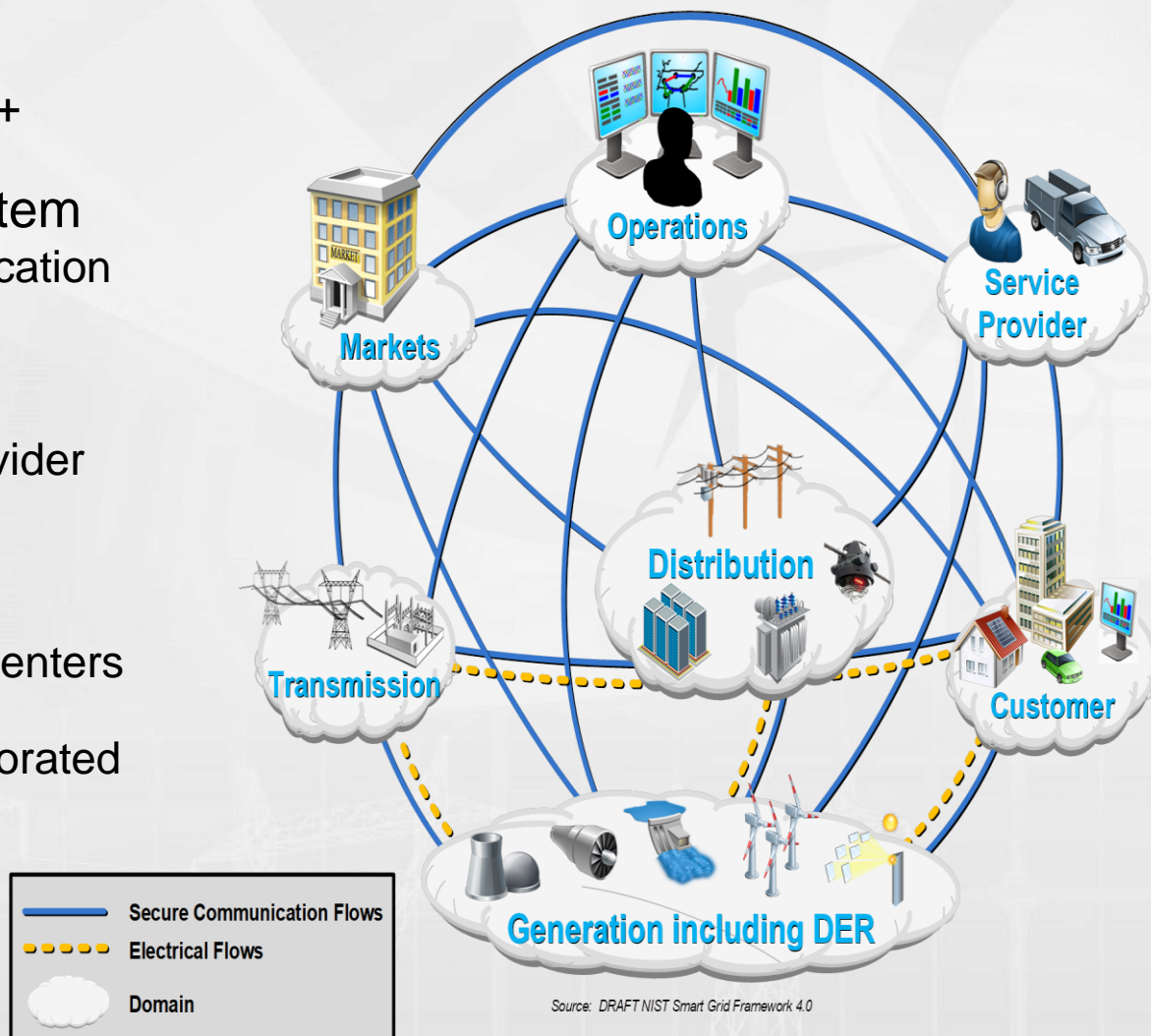
Framework 4.0 Themes

- Structural changes are occurring in the grid
- System complexity is increasing
 - Interoperability is a critical element of modern grid function
- No single architecture is correct
 - Common trends
 - Unique conditions
- Grid architectures affect:
 - Operations
 - Economics
 - Cybersecurity
- As actors take on new roles within the system and new economic forces emerge, interoperability gains new dimensions
 - Testing & Certification

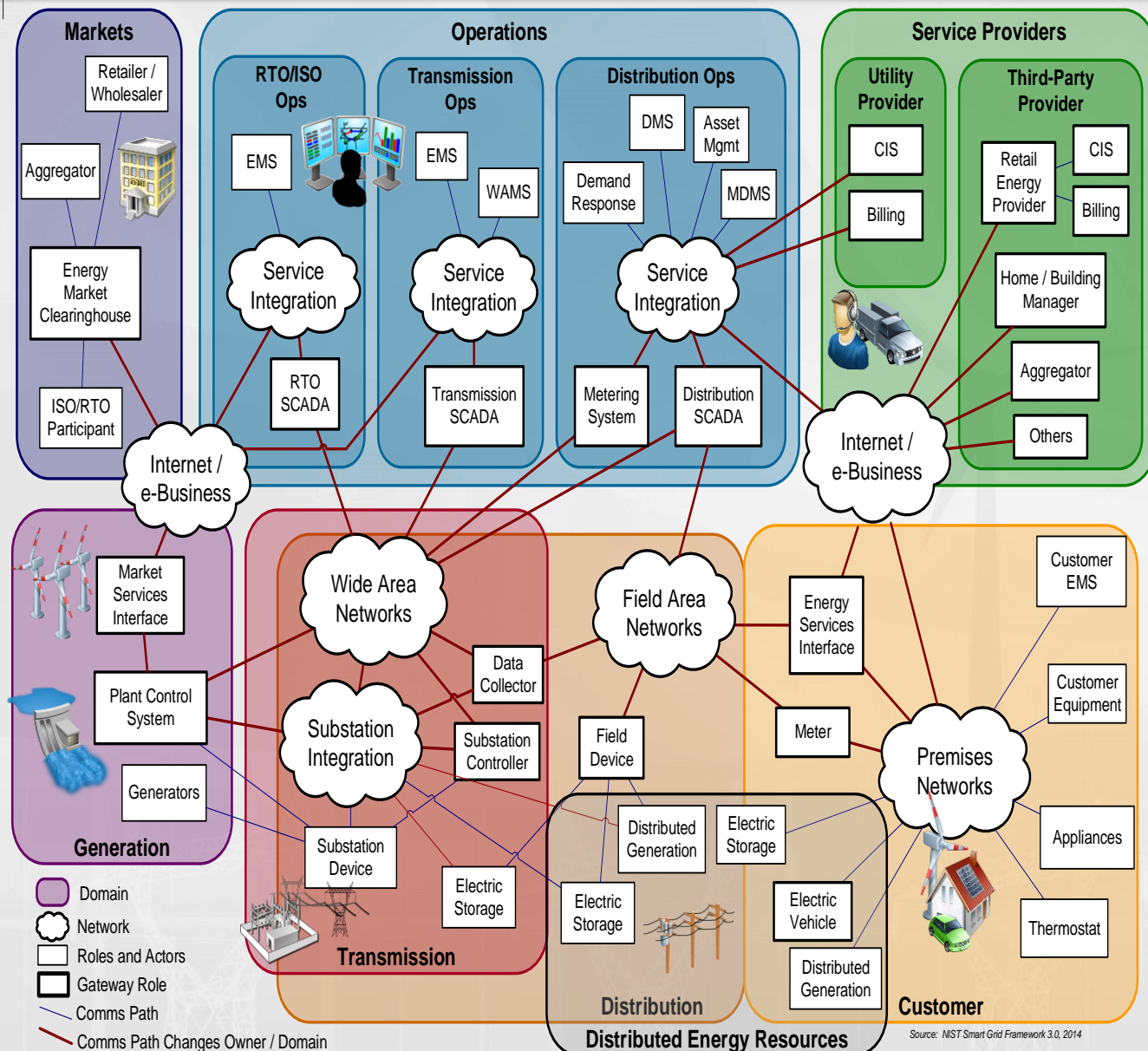
Conceptual Model

- Generation including DER
 - Technology diversity
 - Physical proximity to transmission, distribution + customer domains
- Intelligent distribution system
 - Increasing importance (location + size)
 - Improved controllability + intelligence
 - Connected to service provider domain (e.g., congestion mitigation)
- Empowered consumers
 - Operations & intelligence enters customer domain
 - Customer diversity incorporated

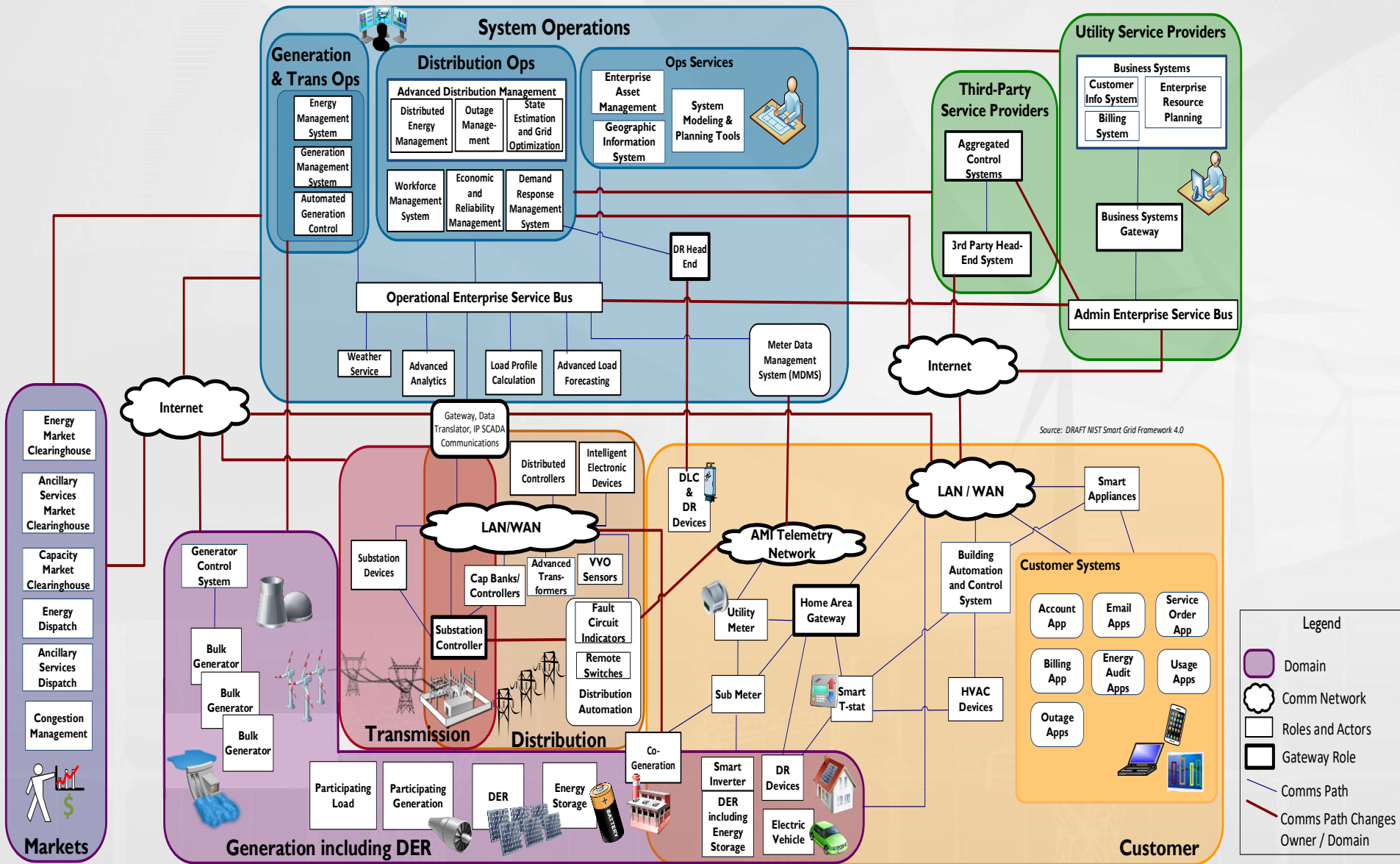
Smart Grid Conceptual Model



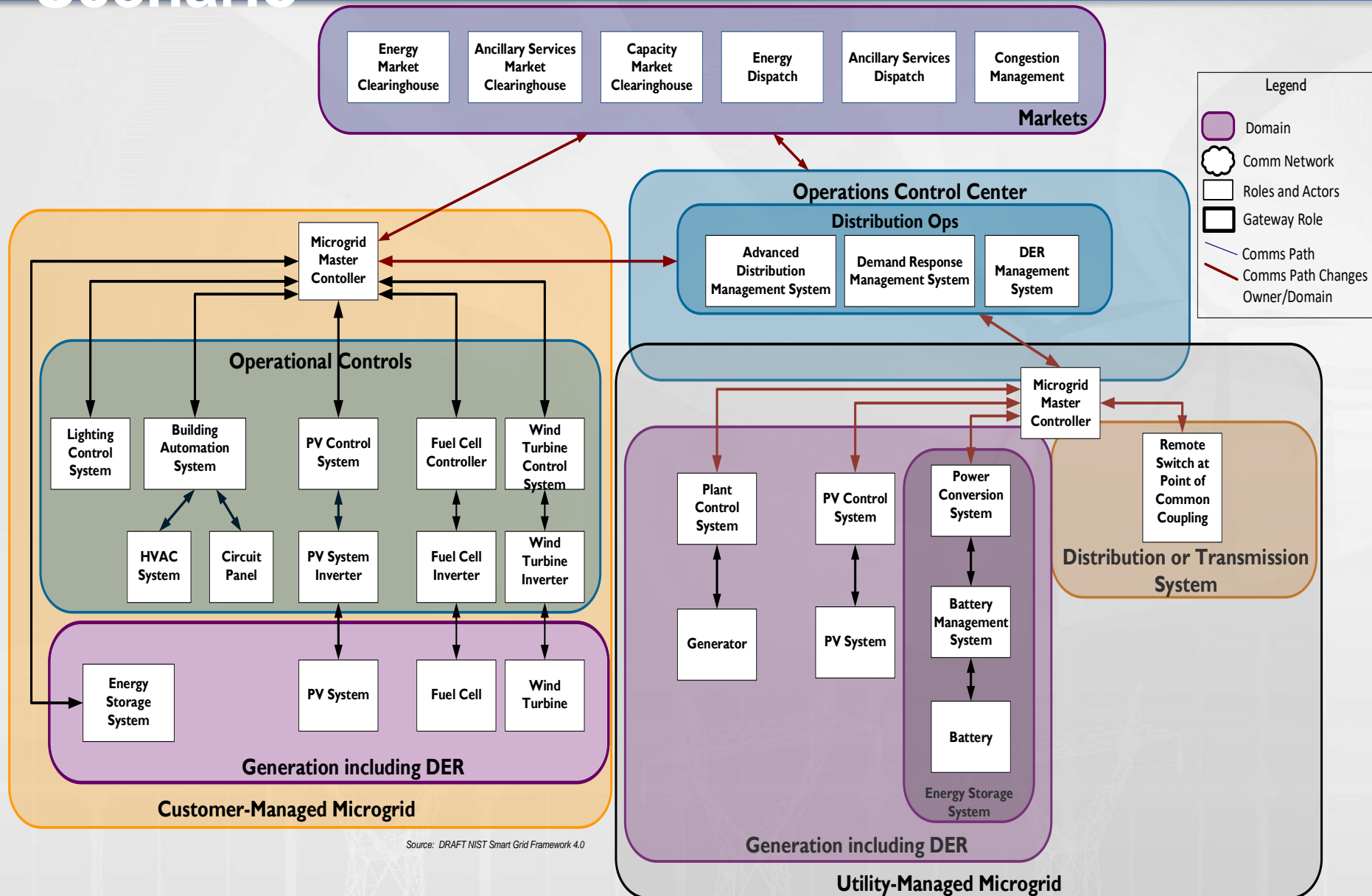
Legacy Communications Pathway Scenario



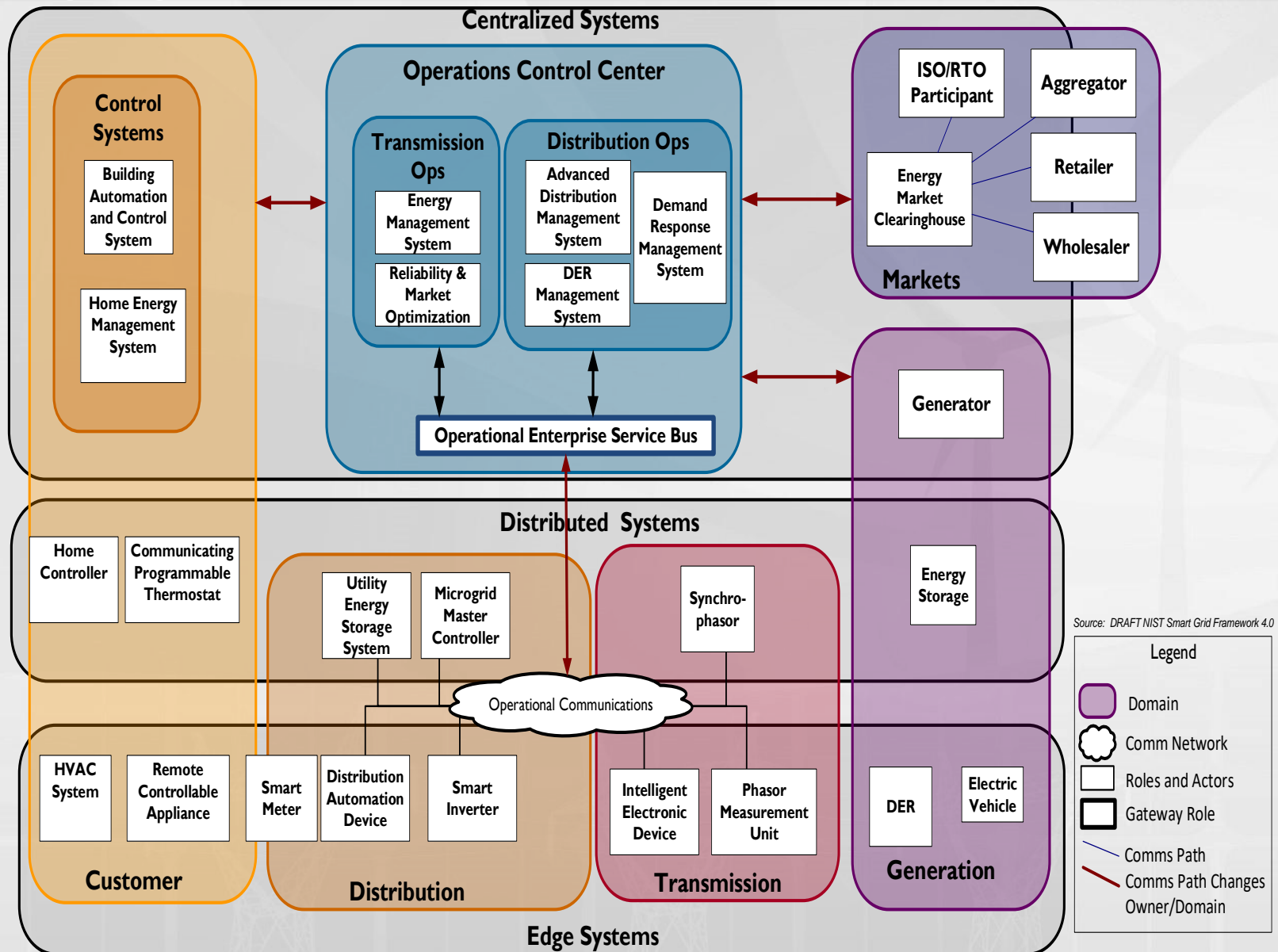
High-DER Communications Pathway Scenario

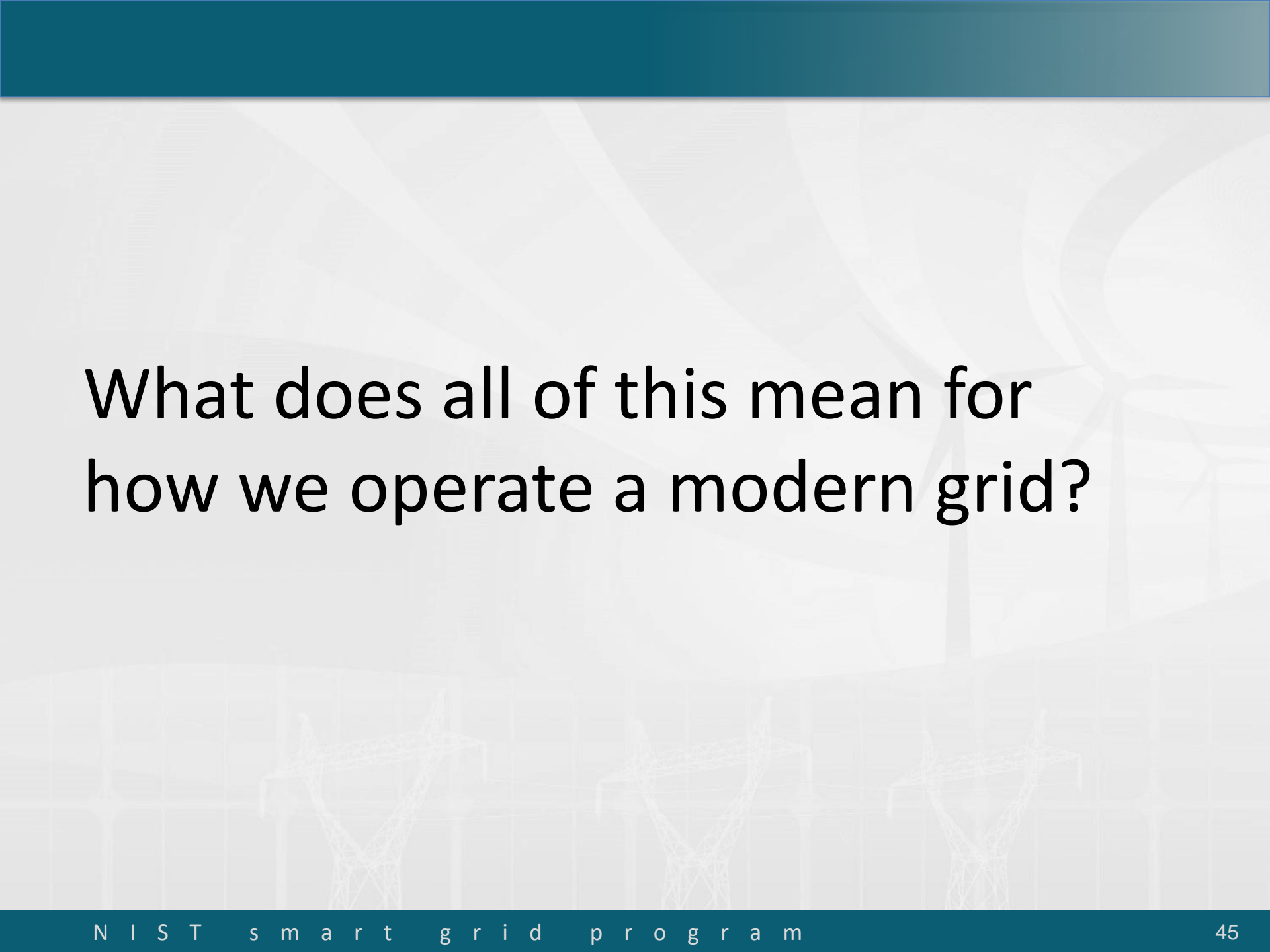


Microgrid Communications Pathway Scenario



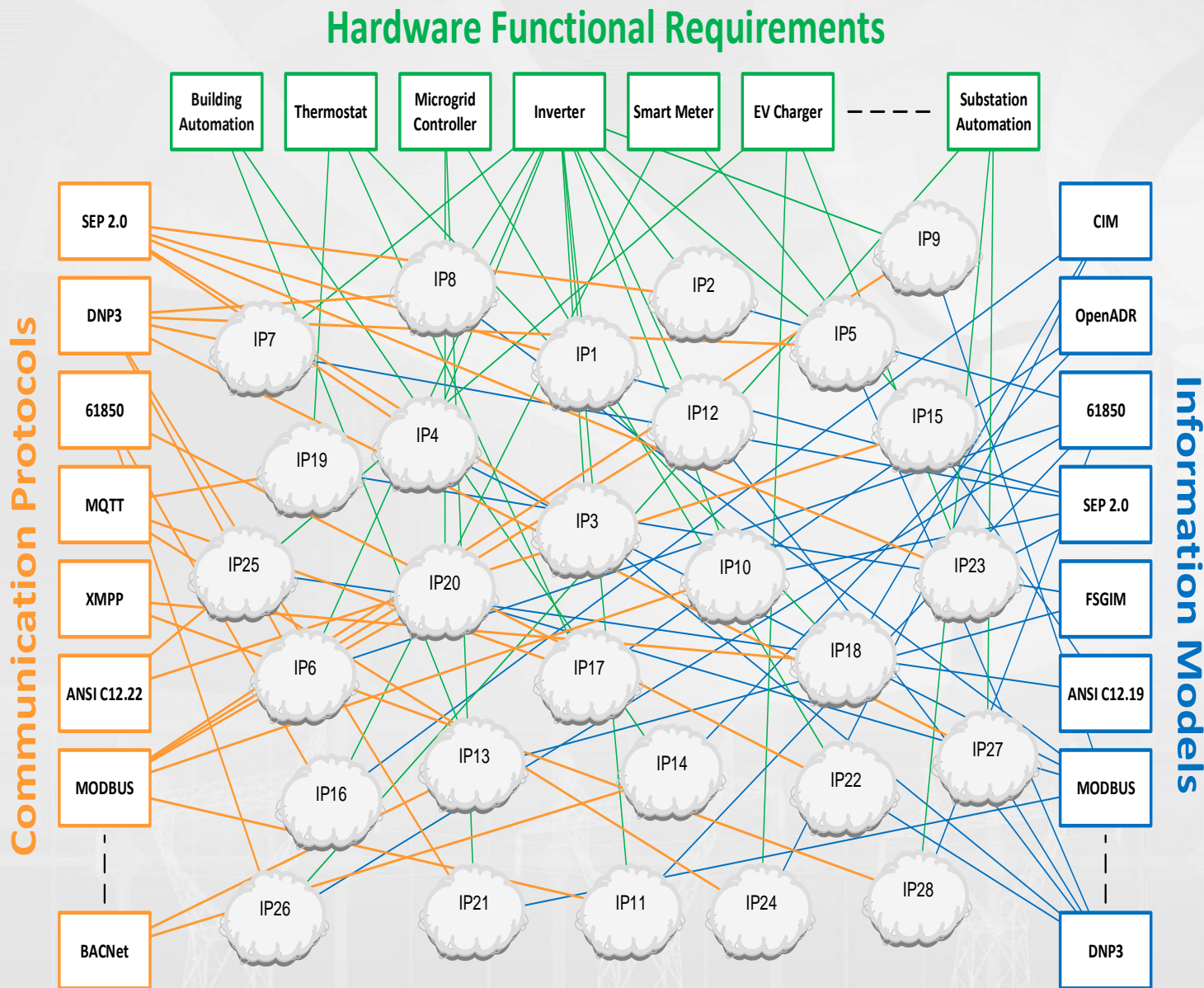
Hybrid Utility Communications Pathway Scenario





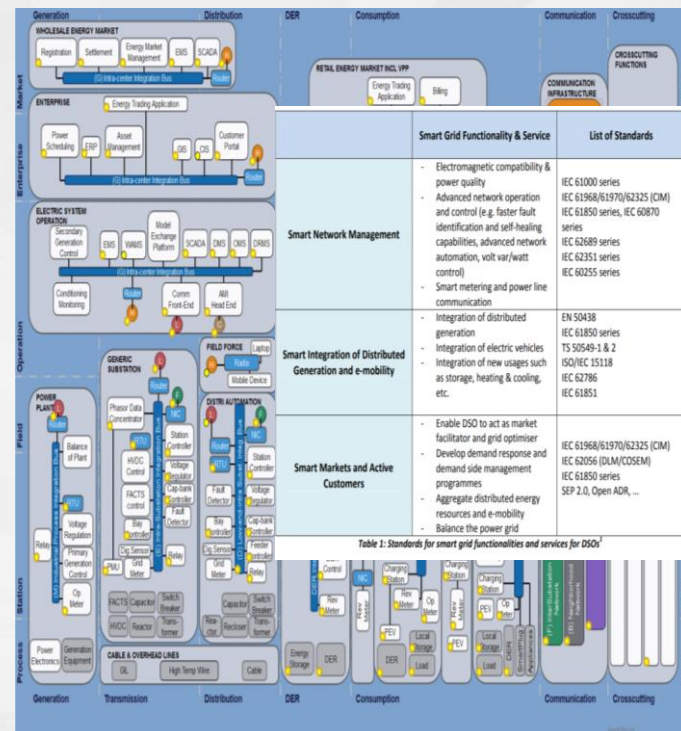
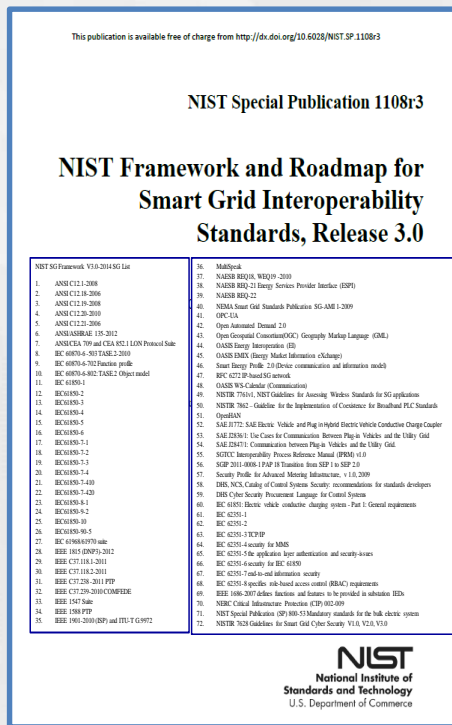
What does all of this mean for
how we operate a modern grid?

Interoperability Profile: Illustrative Landscape



SEPA/SGIP SG CoS List

DSO Priority List



<https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2014/10/nist-releases-final-version-smart-grid-framework-update-30>

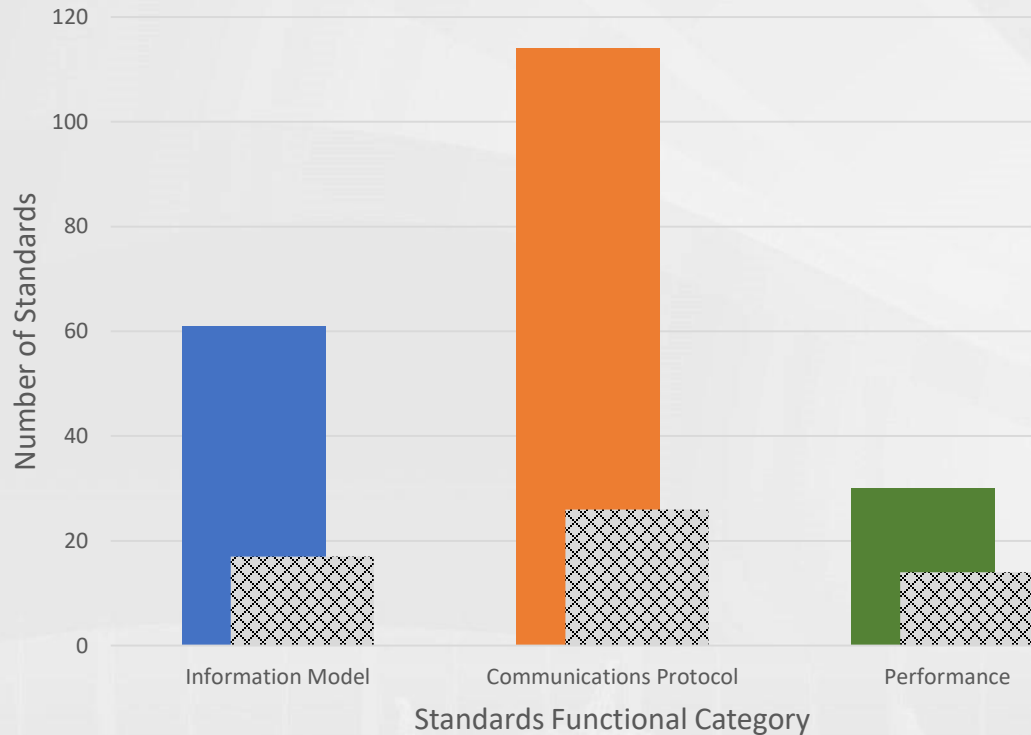
Source:
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- New Standards
- New versions of old standards

Smart Grid Standards for Evaluation (244 Standards)

Interoperability landscape assessment

Smart Grid Standards and Associated Testing & Certification

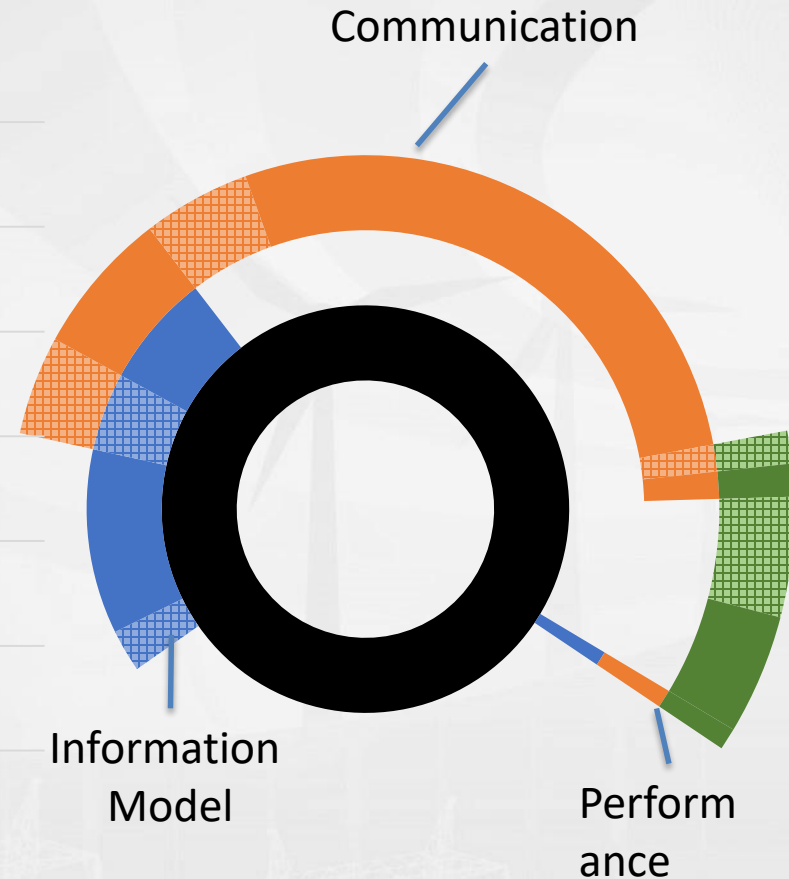


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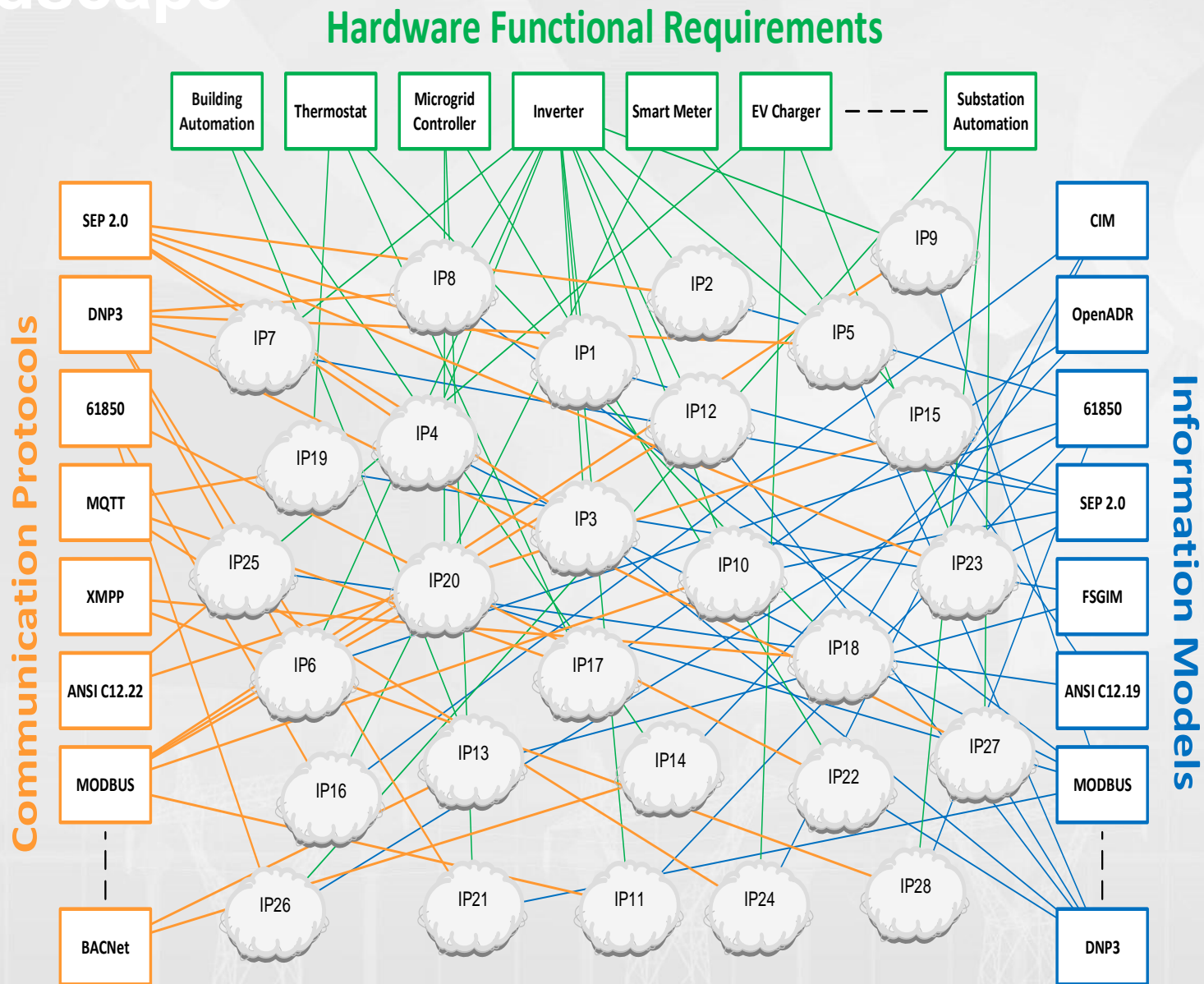
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■ Standards in Category ▨ Testing & Certification Programs

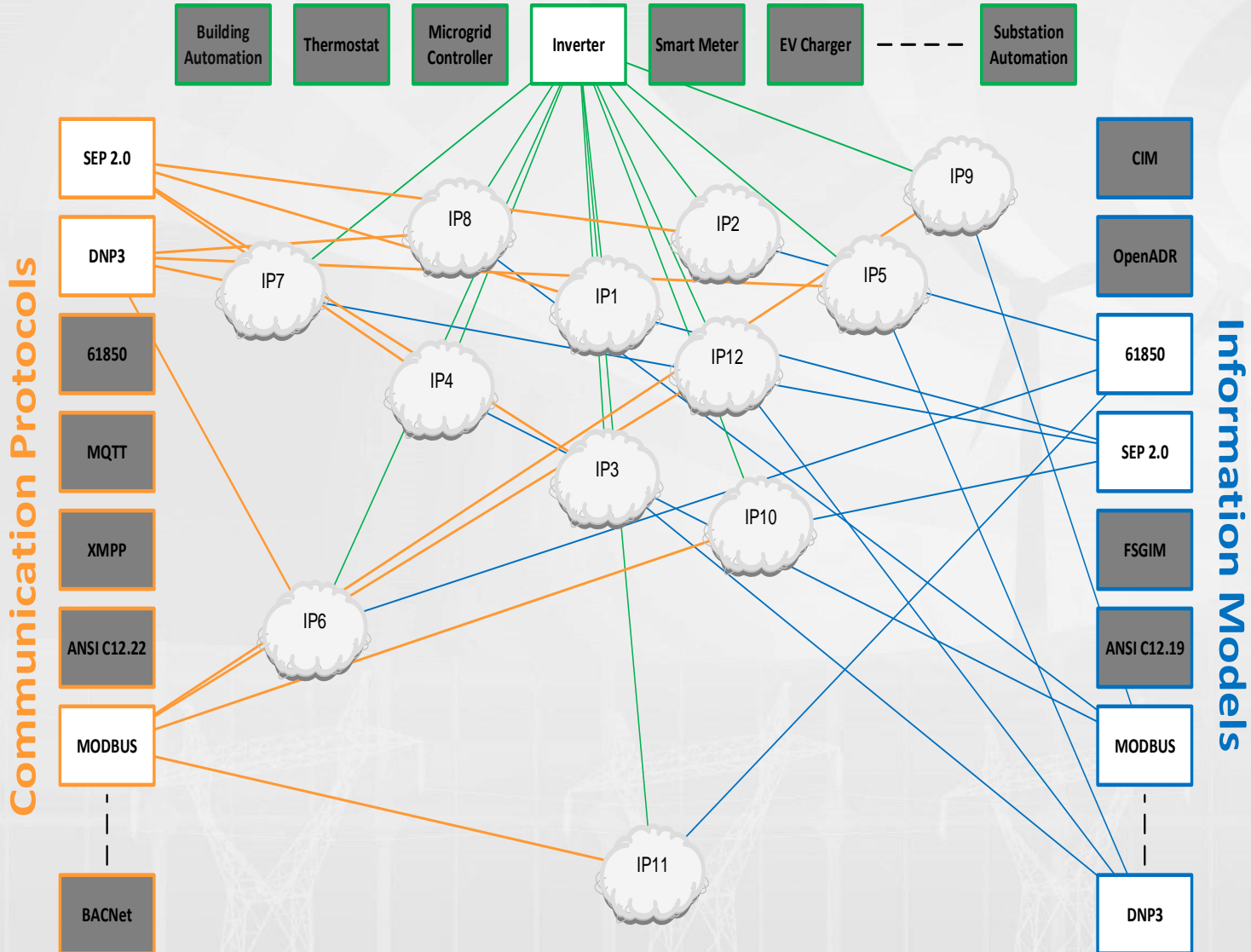


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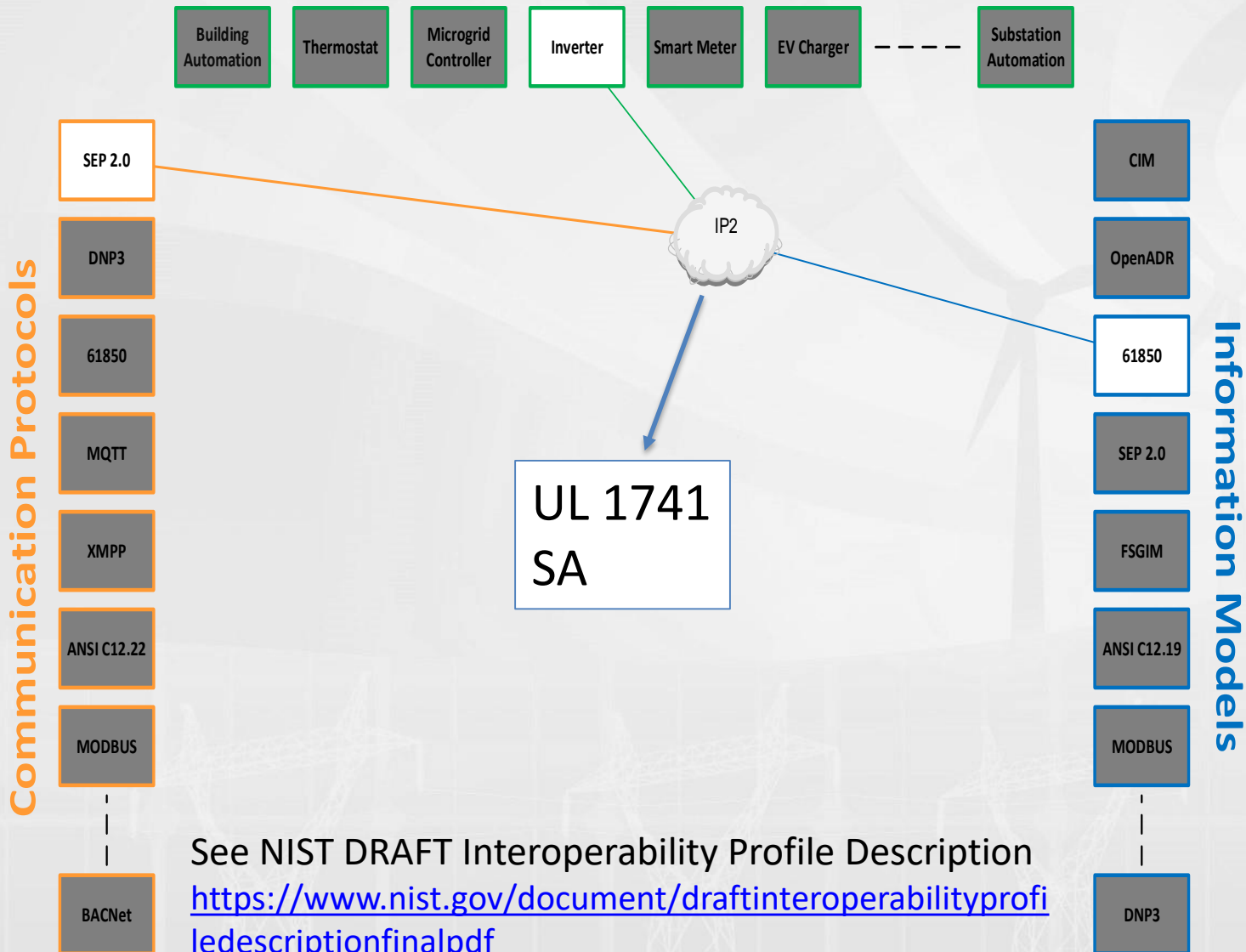
Interoperability Profile: IEEE 1547 Case Study

Hardware Functional Requirements



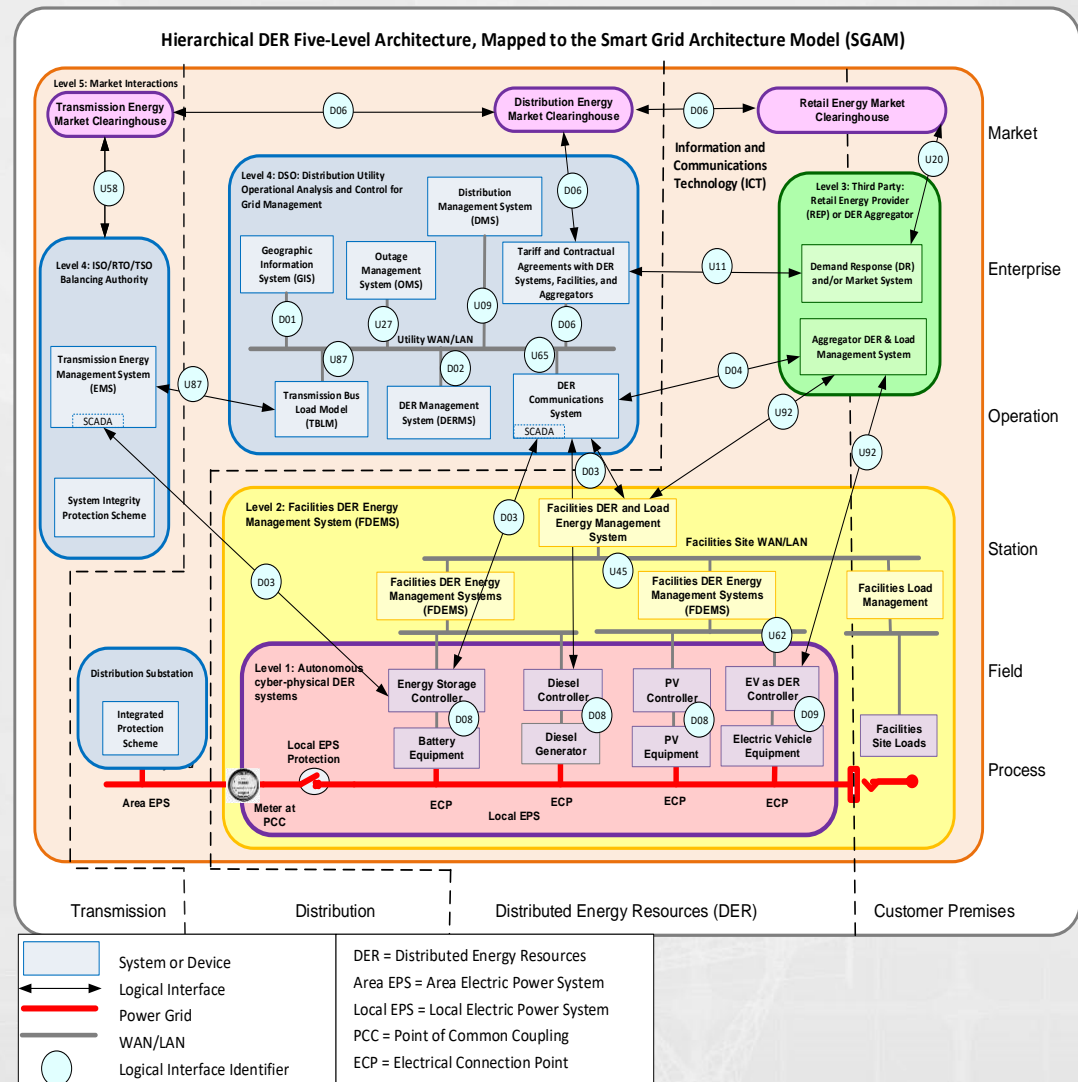
Interoperability Profile: California Rule 21 Case Study

Hardware Functional Requirements



Smart Grid – Increased benefits, increased cyber risks

- Communications risks
 - Known problem in IT
 - New application in Smart Grid
 - Logical Interface Categories (LIC)
 - Sheer volume of control paths
- Issues with Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
 - Device ownership
 - Trust
 - Data integrity



Regional Workshops

Date: August-October, 2018

Locations: California PUC
Georgia PSC
Indiana URC
Rhode Island PUC

Co-sponsor: NARUC

Objectives: To explore regionally specific issues affecting grid operations and economics. The workshops will be held at state Public Utility Commissions, allowing participants to learn about interoperability issues and concerns relevant to the respective commission and its stakeholders.

Key Questions:

- Locally specific questions will be developed in partnership with NARUC and the local Commission to explore relevant aspects of the communications pathways scenarios and associated economic and operational issues.

See Framework webpage for updates:

<https://www.nist.gov/engineering-laboratory/smart-grid/smart-grid-framework>

THANK YOU

<https://www.nist.gov/engineering-laboratory/smart-grid/smart-grid-framework>



NARUC Summer Meetings

How are State PUC's Addressing Cybersecurity?

Cameron Brooks, President

July 15, 2018

Cybersecurity: *A New PUC Challenge*

What has changed?

- Technology advances in distributed energy
- Consumer choice in devices and services
- Increasing interaction with communication infrastructure

Distribution grid evolving from closed to complex, highly interconnected system leading to new energy transactions and third-party participation...an expanded role for state regulators.



E9 Insight



Why 9? Newsletter: <http://e9radar.link/why9>

1. Commission Activity

monthly newsletter and online proceeding database

2. Tailored Research

curated updates and market segmentation

3. Engagement Support Tools

meeting monitoring and stakeholder comments



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Gridwise Alliance

Honeywell

Itron

Landis+Gyr

LBNL

Mission:data

Navigant

NEMA

Nest

NRG

Opus One Solutions

PNNL

Protect Our Winters

Sierra Club

Simple Energy

SGCC

SGIP

Tendril

Varentec

and more...



Policy Domains

Monthly “radar screen” of new activity across these topic areas:

1. **Resource Planning** (including Integrated Resources Plans)
2. **Demand Side Management** (including energy efficiency and demand response)
3. **Distributed Energy Resources** (including residential solar, net metering and storage)
4. **Smart Grid** (including smart meters and home area networks)
5. **Distribution Infrastructure** (incl. distribution automation & voltage management)
6. **Community Energy** (and microgrids)
7. **Utility Business Model** (including rate reform and adjustments)
8. **Market Design** (and competition)
9. **Electric Vehicles** (and transportation)





Periodic Table of State Policy

Revenue
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Large IOU's
(>\$250m)

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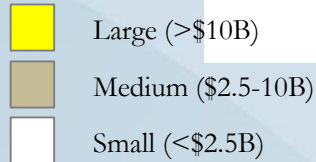
Commissioners

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Electricity Journal: <http://e9radar.link/table> (July 2015)

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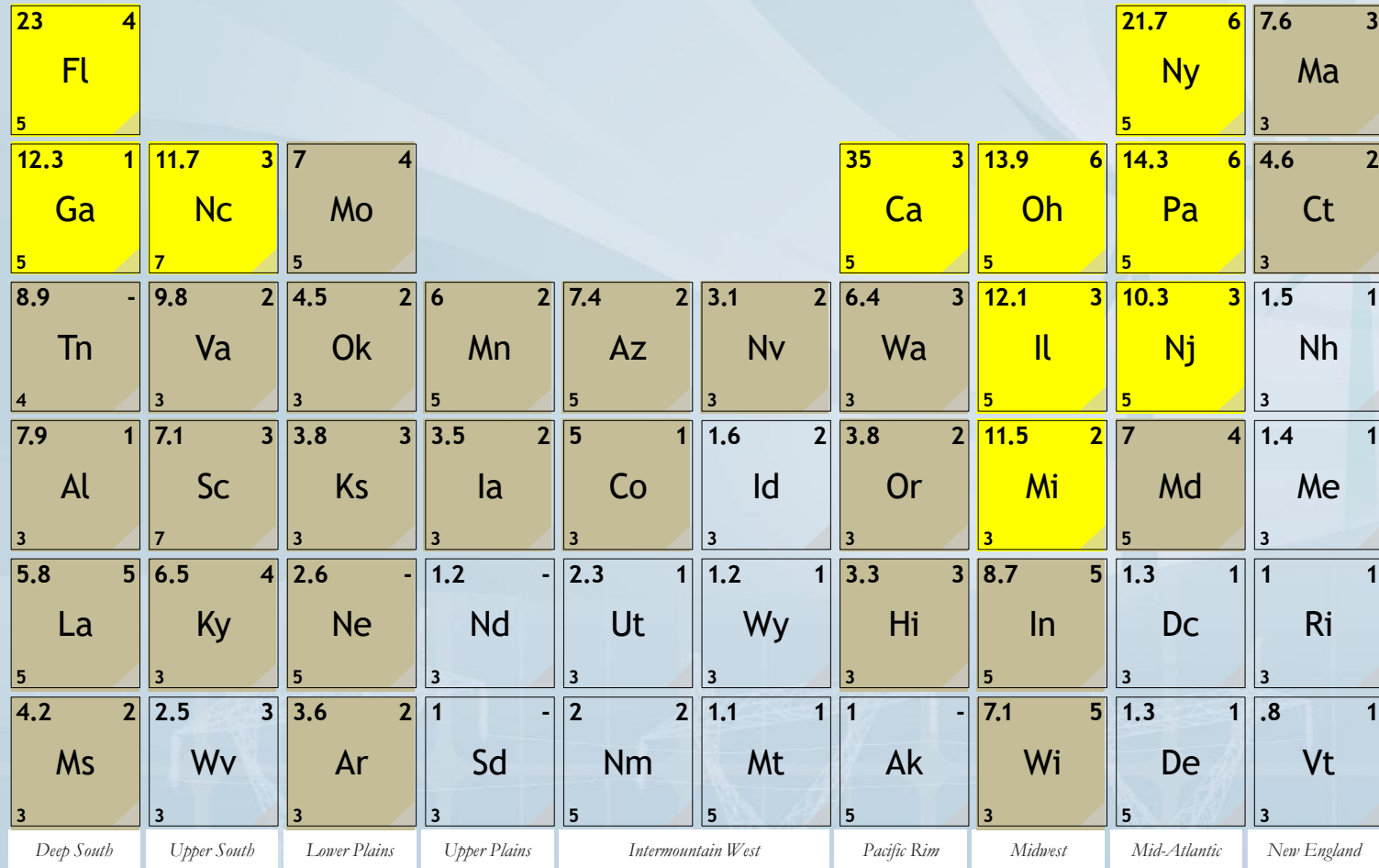


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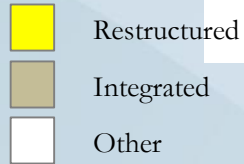
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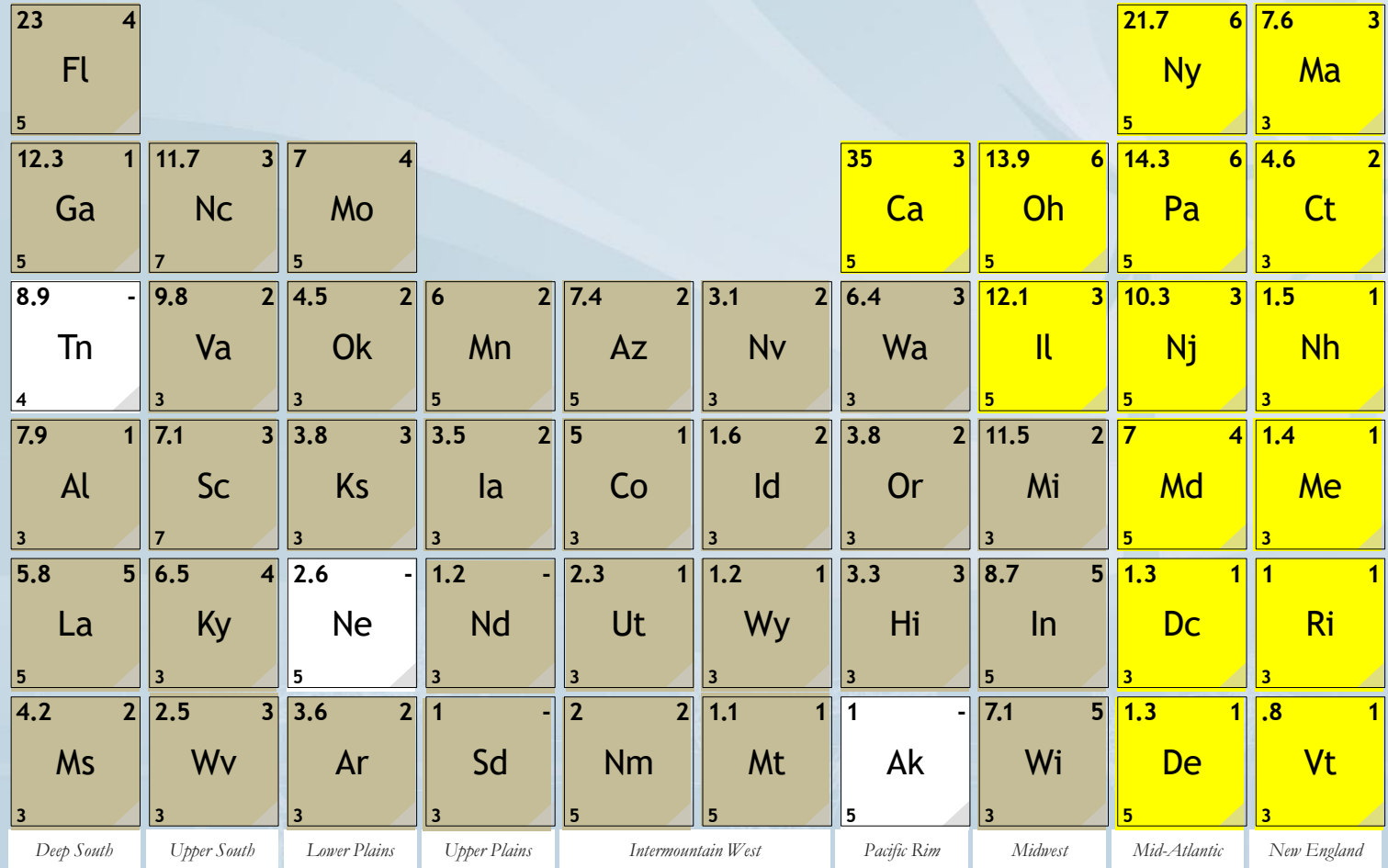
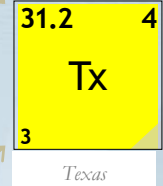
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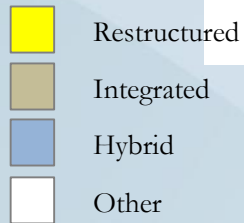
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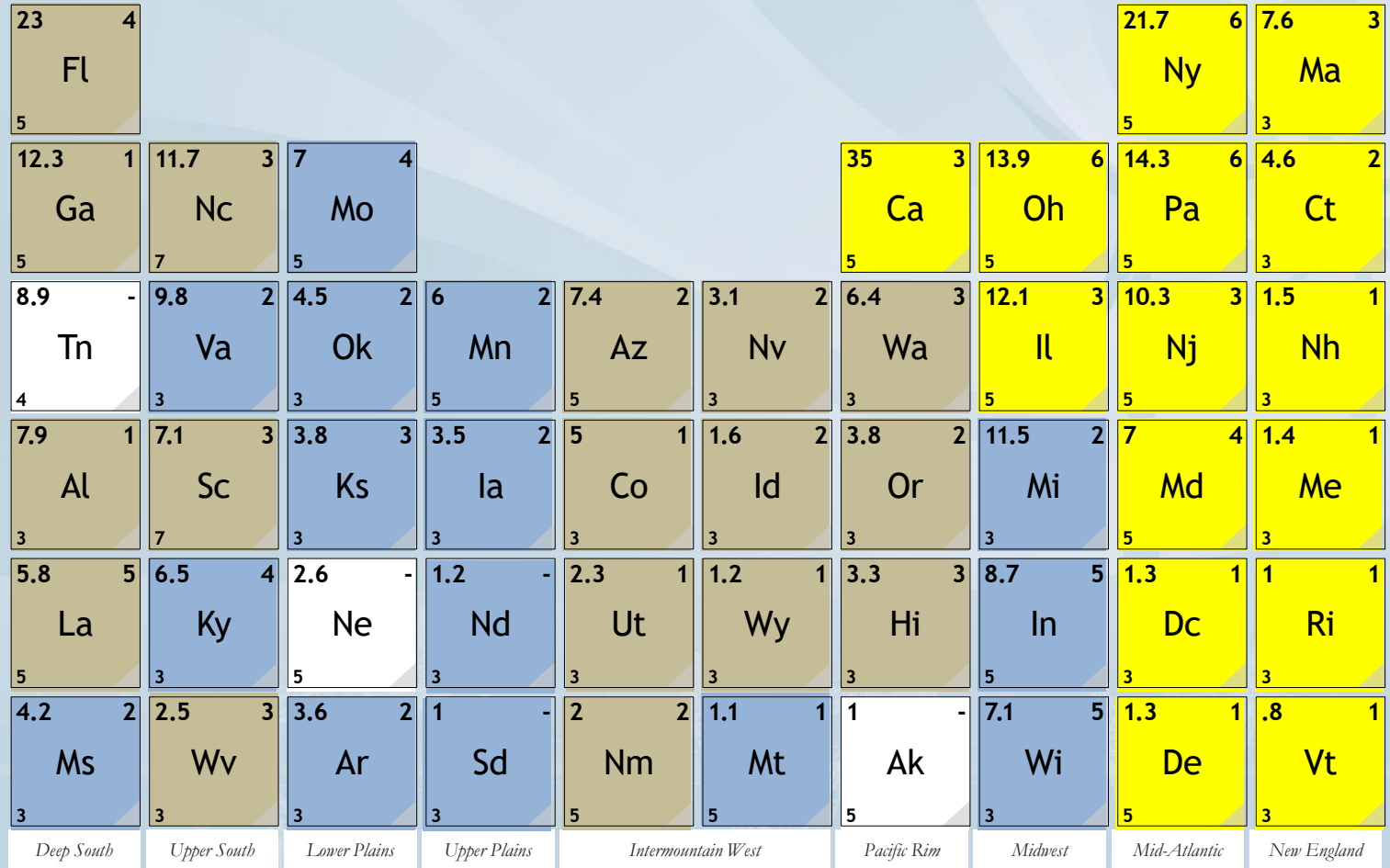
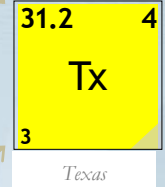
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Periodic Table of State Policy FAMILIES

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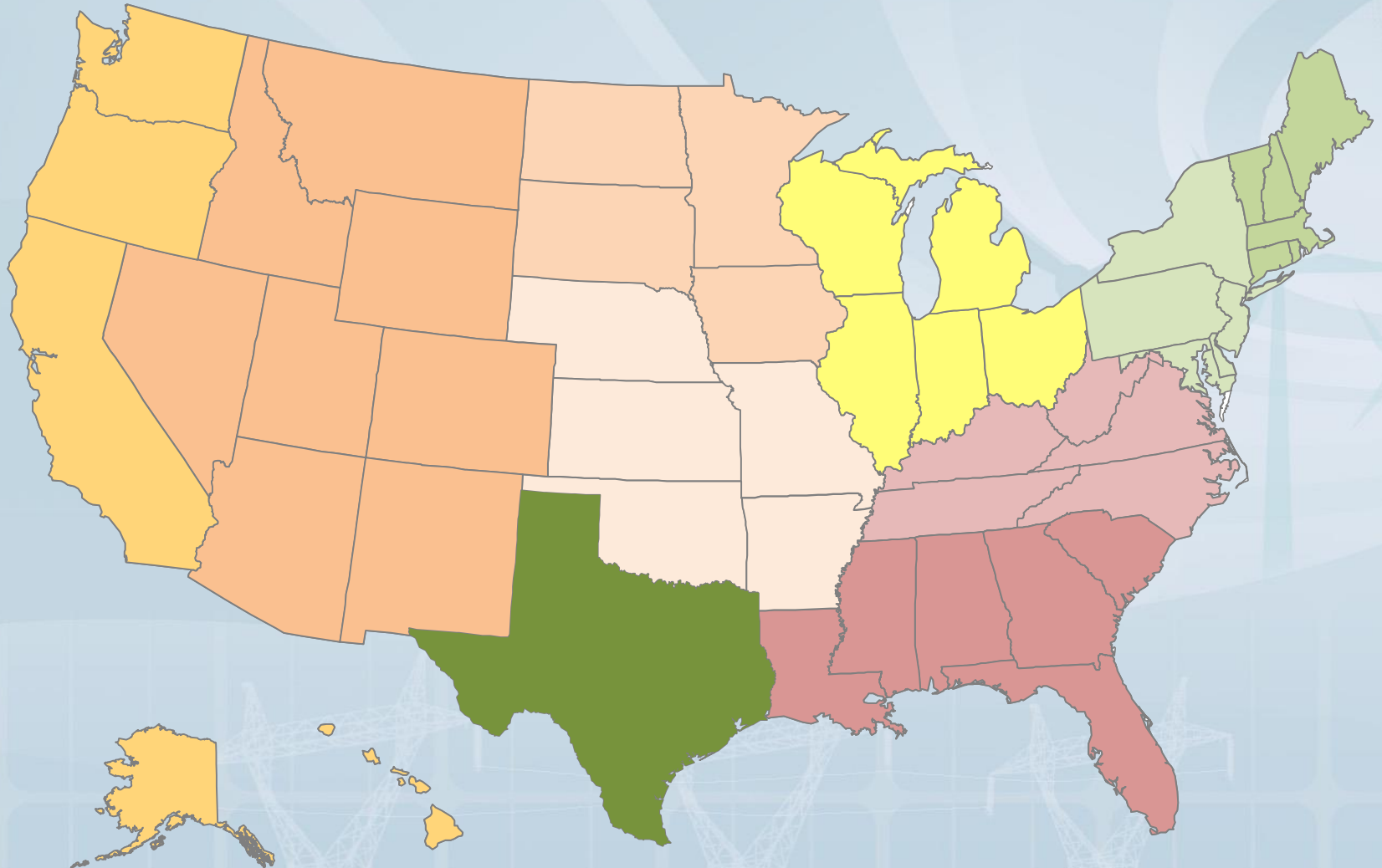
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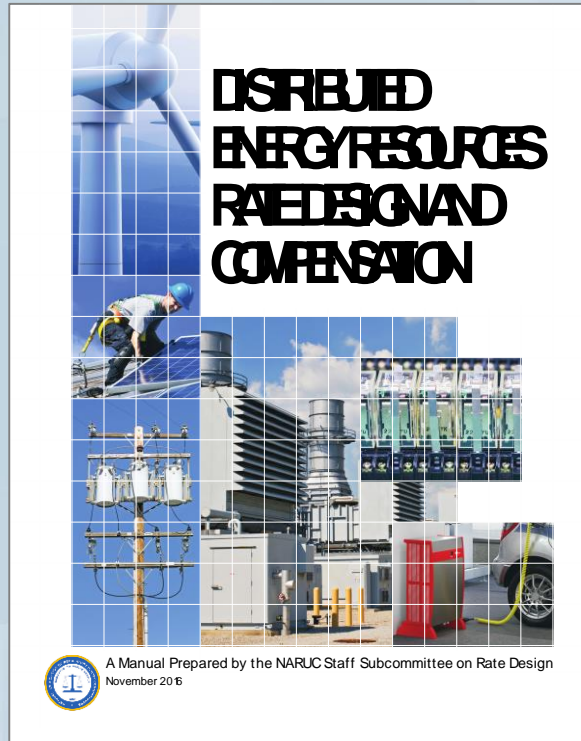
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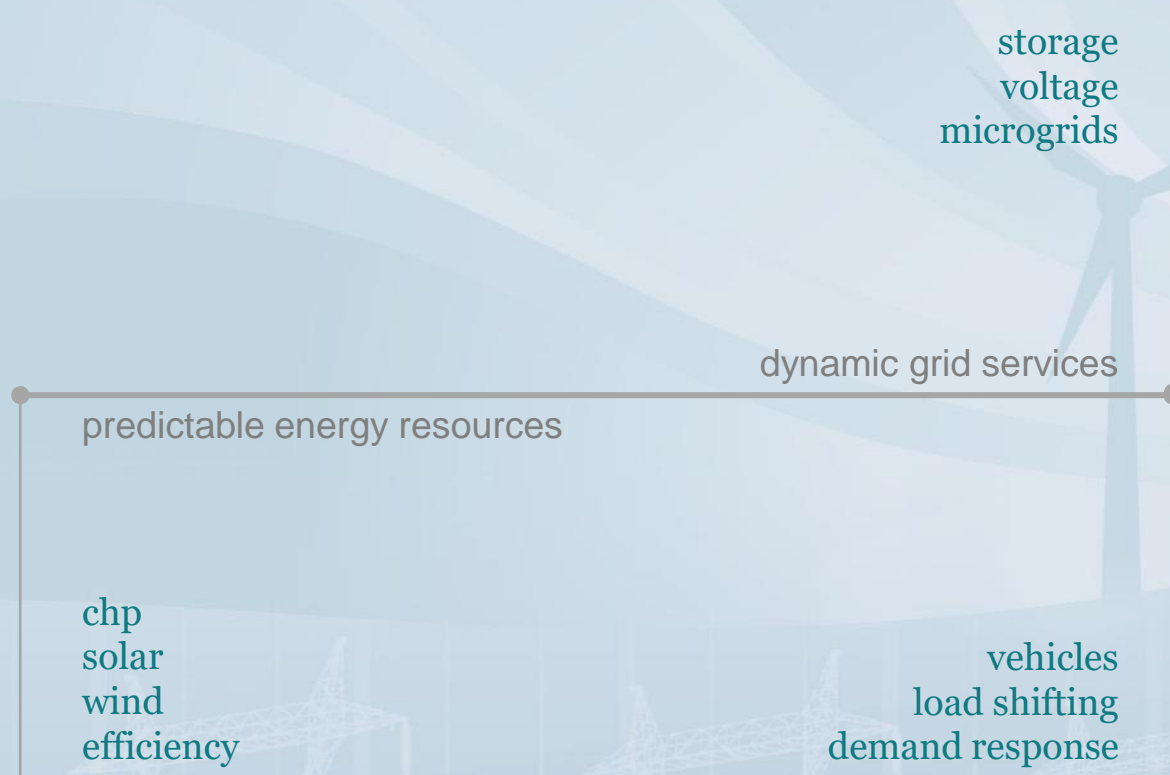
NARUC Rate Design Manual



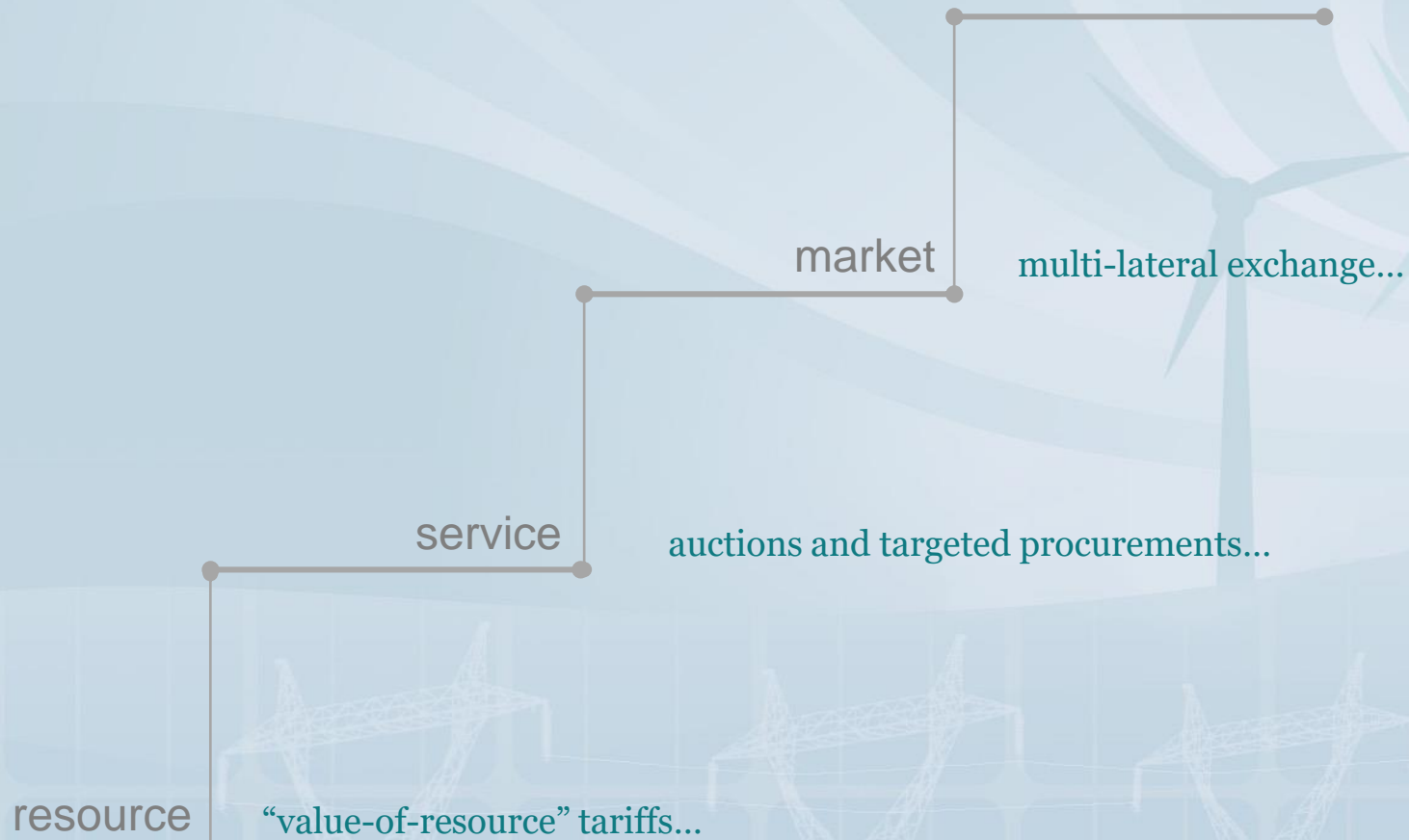
Source: National Association of Regulatory
Utility Commissioners
(<https://www.naruc.org/rate-design/>)

- *A DEFINITION OF RESOURCE?*
“Simply put, the term ‘resource’ has traditionally referred to a resource for electricity generation.... When compared with the traditional, central-generation model, it could be said that a distributed model is turning the traditional model upside down... by integrating new resources at and connected to the distribution grid.”

Energy Resource Framework



Market Structure Framework



NARUC Manual on DER Rate Design



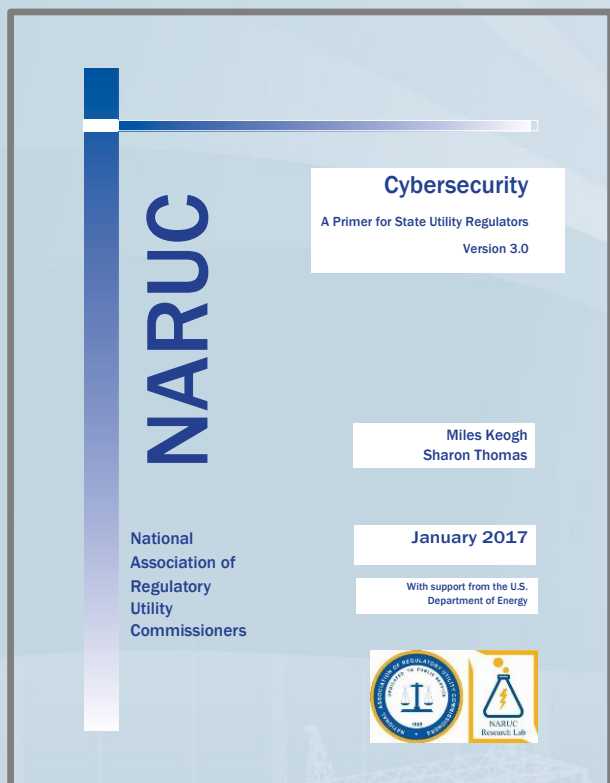
PUF Jan 2017: <http://e9radar.link/narucmanual>

- *OBSERVATION*

“These numbers suggest that the questions surrounding distributed energy are ones that regulators must grapple with today.

Over one million customers today are on net metering rates with roof-top solar...The revenue value of the distributed energy resources capacity as a proportion of total revenue is **nearly \$10B annually.**”

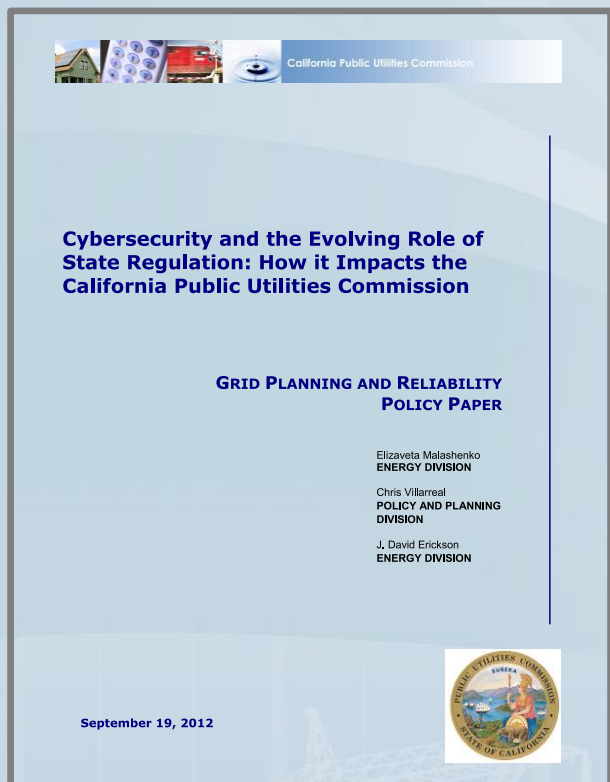
NARUC Cybersecurity



- JANUARY 2017
Primer for State Regulators
- Informal survey in 2016
- Update to 2012 Manual
- Currently preparing materials for release by early 2019

NARUC January 2017: <https://e9radar.link/cyberNARUC17>

California PUC



- SEPTEMBER 2011
Cybersecurity & the Evolving Role of State Regulation
- **Recommended Staff Cybersecurity Group**

CPUC September 2012: <https://e9radar.link/cyberCA12>

E9 Insight & EnergySec: Regulatory Review



- MARCH 2018
Review of state commission activity related to cyber security
- Developed in collaboration with EnergySec
- Identified notable activity across 50 states
- Organized by proceeding or initiative type
- Outlook for future activity



E9 INSIGHT
Research Brief
Public Utility Commissions & Cybersecurity

MARCH 2018

E9 Insight monitors regulatory activities of the nation's public utility commissions and provided tailored research services for industry clients and government agencies. This Research Brief, prepared in collaboration with EnergySec, summarizes the findings of an examination of notable and recent proceedings, legislation and other policy initiatives addressing cybersecurity and the electric distribution grid. Overall, we find that new technologies, grid modernization and distributed energy resources bring with them cybersecurity implications that are new to most state commissions. As a result, we highlight several methods by which energy regulators are responding and expanding the scope of their oversight of electric utilities.

Overview

Distribution edge technologies are evolving the grid from a relatively closed system to a complex, highly interconnected environment, enabling new types of energy transactions and third-party participation. The role of state regulators in developing cybersecurity standards is evolving as grid communication networks become more advanced and distributed.

State regulators have not traditionally had to focus on these issues, especially at the level of the distribution grid. In large part this is because cybersecurity threats were largely confined to the transmission grid and the bulk power electric system (BES) and were addressed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) standards. However, the growing sophistication of cyber threat actors and the increasing utilization of cyber systems at the edges of the grid are prompting states to look more closely at the implications for the distribution system and the consumer edge of the electric system.

The existing standards primarily address only generation and transmission assets, leaving rules related to the distribution grid up to the state agencies and commissions. Today, many states have embarked on broad reviews of grid modernization and consequently they must consider the increased participation of distributed energy resources and consumer technologies on the distribution grid and the associated implications on grid reliability, safety and customer privacy. By some estimates, up to 80-90% of grid assets are outside NERC-CIP's scope today¹.

E9 Insight, in partnership with EnergySec, has completed a review of state utility commission and state legislative activities that address the issue of cybersecurity. This review identified a wide range of proceeding types, some of which directly address security issues but many which include physical and cybersecurity within the scope of larger proceedings. This paper outlines the trends that we see developing as a means to identify emerging practices for regulators and inform other interested stakeholders of likely future directions.

¹ Testimony of Ernie Hayden, Managing Principal, Energy Security, Verizon Energy & Utility Practice, Inc.
http://www.e9radar.com/UploadedFiles/CRUC_Public_Website_Content/About_Us/Organization/Divisions/Policy_and_Planning/The_EvolvingRegulatoryEnvironment/Cybersecurity/20201229NAL.pdf

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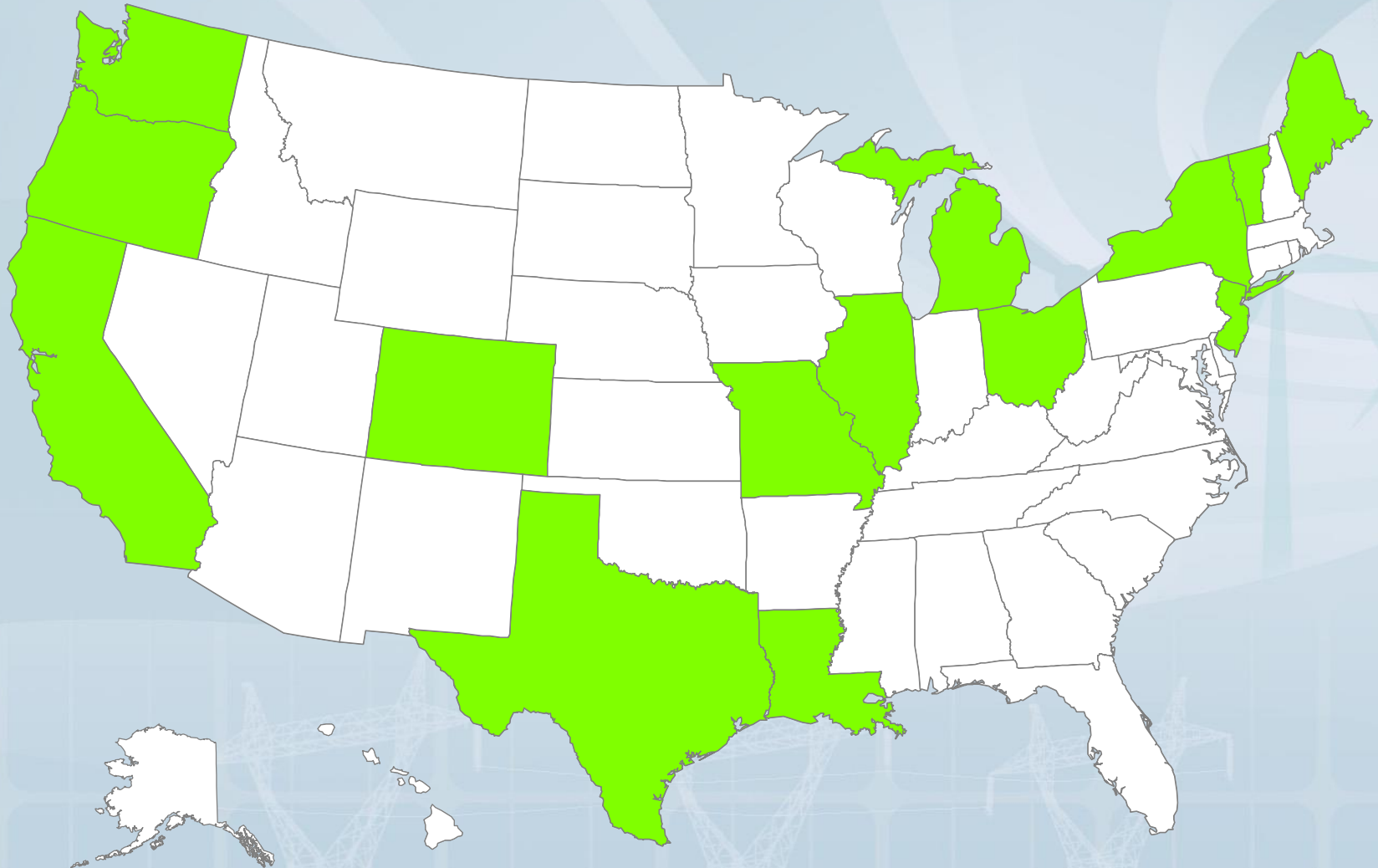
PUC Activities

In general, commission activities organized by:

- Cyber-specific proceedings
- Cyber within broad scope (e.g., 'grid modernization')
- Resiliency & emergency preparedness
- Data privacy & consumer access
- Legislative action

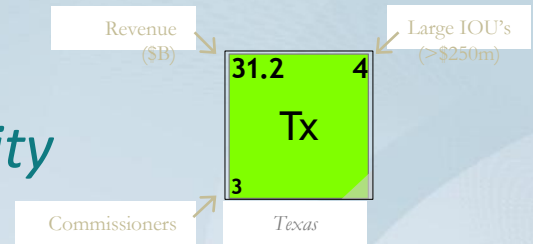


Cybersecurity: *Notable State Commission Activity*



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Notable State Commission Activity



Notable: *Louisiana*



Cybersecurity Review

Louisiana Public Service Commission (PSC) opened a docket to:

- Study and implement rules regarding utility generation and distribution assets
- Particular amount of attention to issues of Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP)
- Bifurcated review of EMP and Cybersecurity
- No docket activity since 2016



Notable: *Ohio*



PowerForward

PowerForward reviewing latest technological and regulatory innovation that could serve to enhance the consumer electricity experience, including:

- Planning
- Rate and Market Design
- Cybersecurity (Hearings March 19, 2018)





Notable: *Vermont*

Advanced Metering

Vermont regulators hosted workshop to discuss principles related to privacy and cybersecurity.

- Review of state & federal law
- Bifurcate issues of cybersecurity and privacy
- Concerns regarding reporting of the distribution utility's cybersecurity activities to avoid public record exposure



Notable: *New York*



Cybersecurity Review

New York Public Service Commission opened a docket, prompted by March 2018 data security event:

- To protect utility systems and confidential and sensitive customer information
- Includes both energy services entities and distributed energy resource suppliers
- Data Security Agreements filed in July 2018



Concluding Thoughts

Moving Forward?

Cybersecurity will be increasingly relevant to state commissions, driving activity and demand for:

- Expertise among staff
- Coordination across state agencies
- Transparency with regard to best practices
- Guidance to distribution companies

State activity likely will aligned with policy “orientation”



The Best of Grids; The Worst of Grids...

Tale of Two Grids

What a review of PUC cases tells us about the future of consumer technology and grid modernization.

BY CAMERON BROOKS

50 PUBLIC UTILITIES FORUM May 2016

- *OBSERVATION*

Technology innovation drives a strong divergence in state actions affecting the boundary of the “natural monopoly”, leading to either:

1. Markets with new entrants
2. Expanded monopoly offerings

PUF April 2016: <http://e9radar.link/twogrids>

Thank you

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