

# **Voice of the Customer**

Mike Lowe, SRP Executive (retired)



# **Smart Meters**

**Leaner, Greener, and More Customer-Centric** 

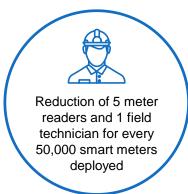
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## **Substantial Cost Savings from Automation of Meter Reading**



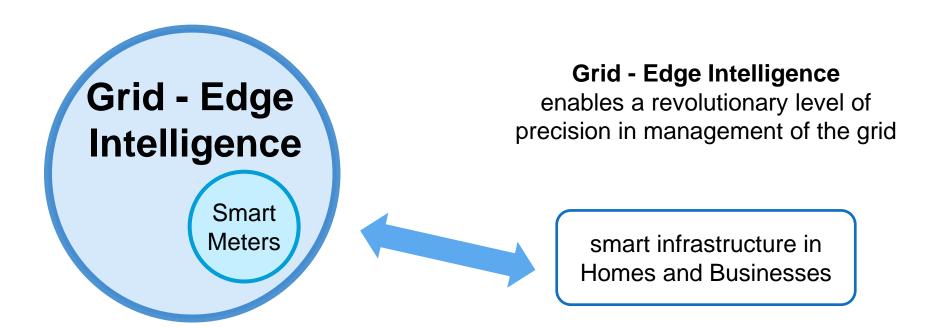
### Salt River Project (Tempe, Arizona, USA) Case Study:





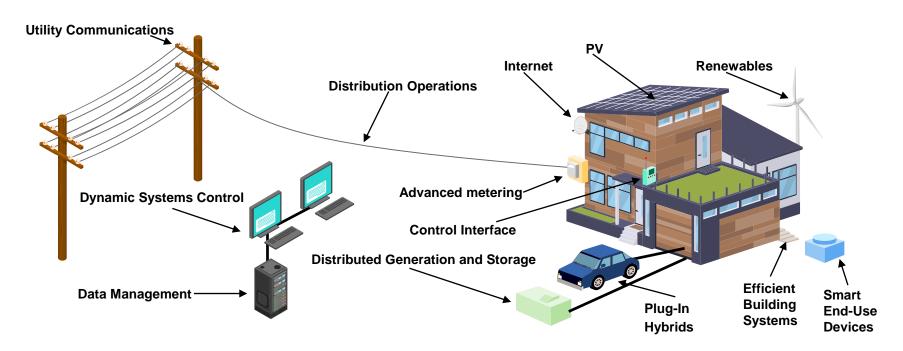


#### **Smart Meters Much More than Automated Reads**

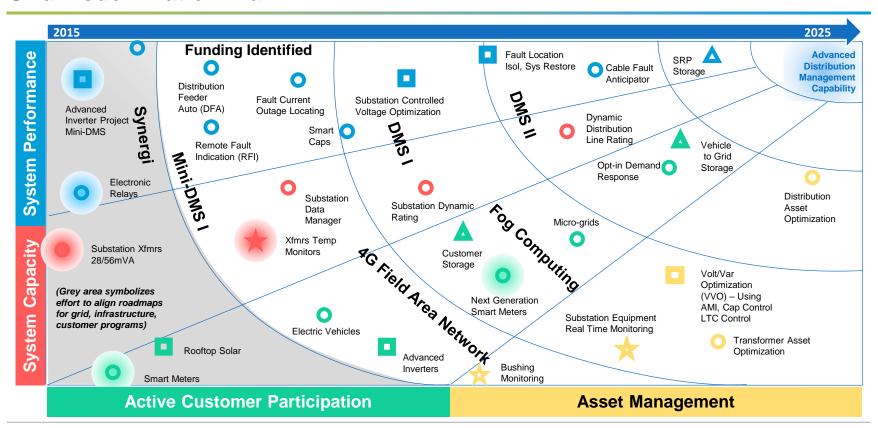


### The New Eco-System

#### **Smart Grid Electricity Infrastructure**



#### **Grid Modernization Plan**



### Many Benefits from AMI (1/2)

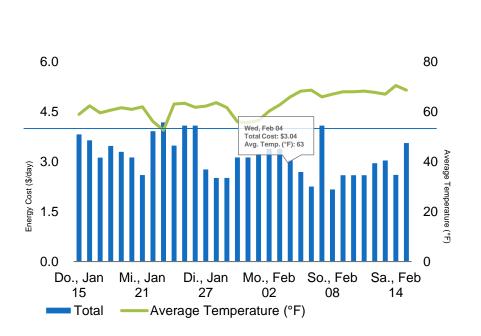
- · "Big data"
- Daily reading of each meter results in immediate labor savings
  - Interval AND scalar measurements
  - Measurement of usage AND customer-generation
    - Customers who choose their bill due date are among the most satisfied with a utility's overall billing and payment process
- Remote disconnect switch
- Avoids truck "rolls" for turn-ons / turn-offs / disconnections for non-payment
  - SRP avoids 300,000 truck rolls per year

### Many Benefits from AMI (2/2)

- Voltage measurement
- Tamper detection
- Outage identification
- Support for "load shaping" to reduce cost and carbon-intensity of energy supply

### **Customers Want Help To Manage Their Usage**

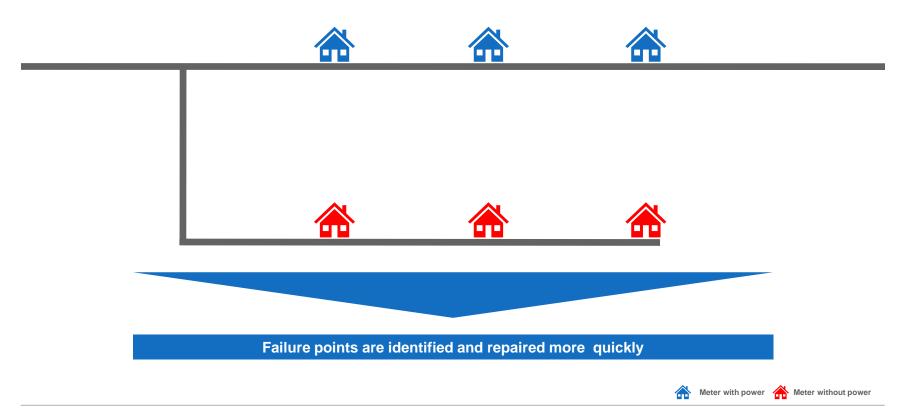
#### **Information Makes Electricity Tangible**







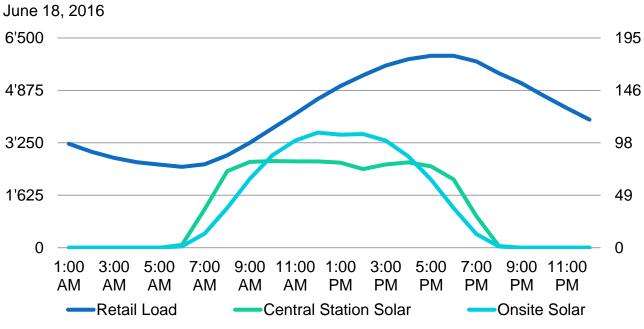
### **Utilities No Longer Dependent on Customers to Report Power Outages**



### **Need for Load Shaping in a Desert Territory**

 Solar output peaks before system load



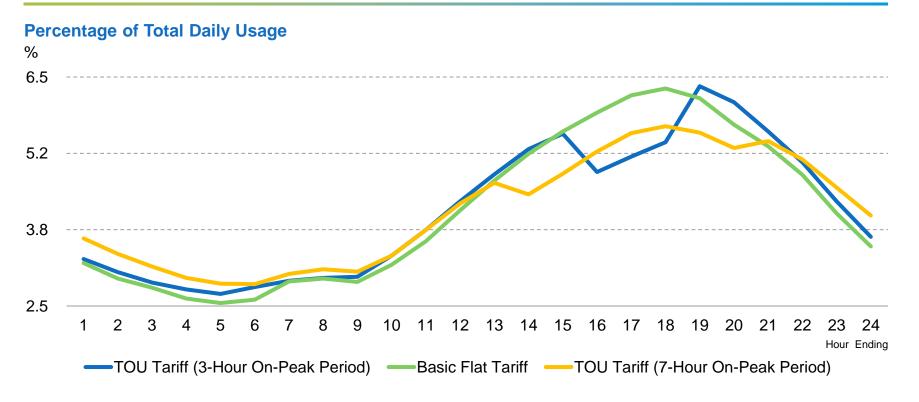


# **Load Shaping Delivered by Smart Meters**

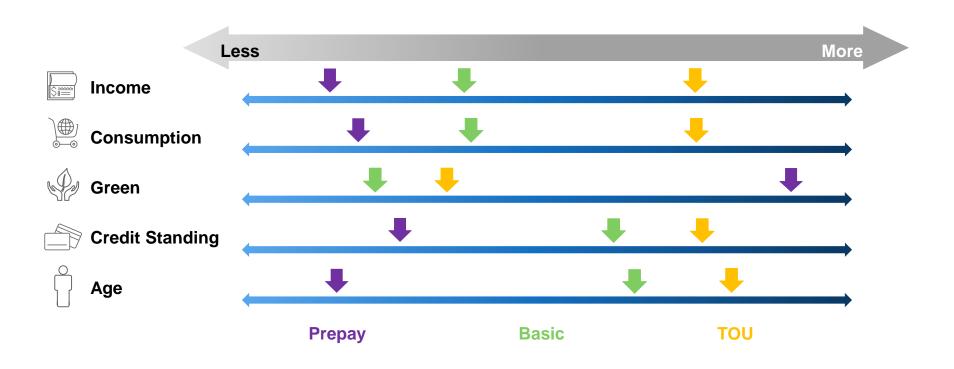




#### Multiple Tariff Options on a Single Smart Meter Platform Help to Shape Load



# **Tariff Options Appeal to the Unique Needs of Customers**



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A critical component in the evolution of grid edge intelligence

Interact with smart infrastructure in Homes and Businesses

Enable new services for customer convenience and bill control

Improve customer satisfaction