

SDG&E's EPIC Program

Overview and Status

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Overview



- IOU EPIC Planning Framework
- SDG&E's Approved First Triennial Plan
 - Two Example Projects
- SDG&E's Proposed Second Triennial Plan

IOUs EPIC Funding Limited to “Pre-Commercial Demonstration” Projects



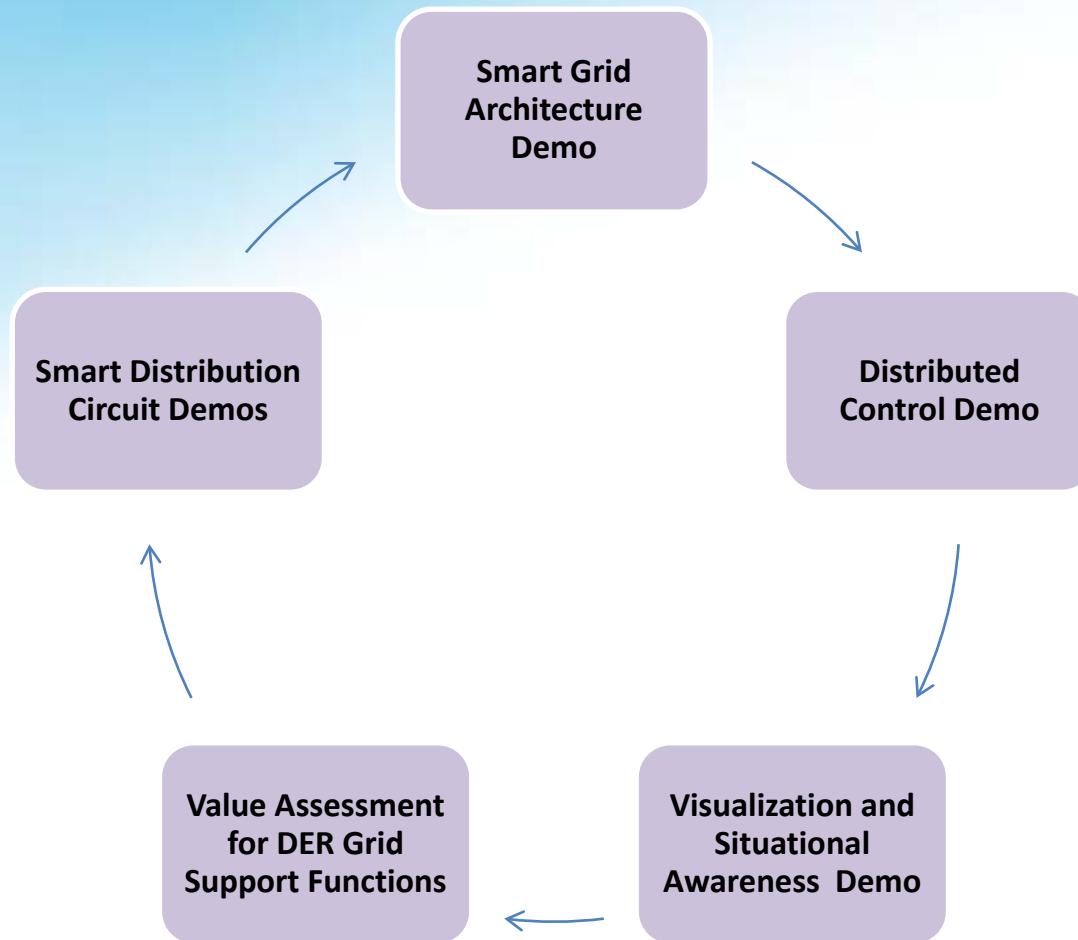
“The installation and operation of pre-commercial technologies or strategies at a scale sufficiently large and in conditions sufficiently reflective of anticipated actual operating environments to enable appraisal of the operational and performance characteristics and the financial risks”

Investor Owned Utility EPIC Framework



	Safety	Affordability	Reliability	Key Drivers & Policies
Cross Cutting/Foundational Strategies & Technologies Smart Grid Architecture, CyberSecurity, Telecommunications, Standards	Renewables and Distributed Energy Resources Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate Strategies & Technologies to Increase Renewable Resources on the Grid Adaptive Protection Strategies Demonstrate Grid-Scale Storage Strategies & Technologies 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33% RPS CSI Gov's 12,000 MW DG Plan OTC retirements AB32 Storage OIR
	Grid Modernization and Optimization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate Strategies and Technologies to Optimize Existing Assets Prepare for Emerging Technologies Design and Demonstrate Grid Operations of the Future 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB17 Aging Infrastructure Workforce Development CA Economic Resiliency
	Customer Focused Products and Services Enablement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage the SmartMeter Platform to Drive Customer Service Excellence Provide Greater Billing Flexibility & Visibility Integrate Demand Side Management for Grid Optimization 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZNE CSI Net Energy Metering Peak Reduction Electric Transportation

SDG&E's First Triennial Plan: Five Advanced Distribution System Automation Projects



Example Project: Value Assessment of DER Grid Support Functions



Objectives

- To assess the viability of specific DER functions (such as volt/VAR regulation, providing fast response emergency power, peak shaving, and system monitoring) and to determine in which situations there may be sufficient value to warrant commercial adoption
- To aid in developing standards for future DER integration systems

Approach

- Test pilot grid support DER functions to evaluate the cost-benefit relationship in specific application situations
- Determine grid support functions' interconnection and interoperability system and standards requirements and gaps
- Establish capabilities for control and dispatch of specific grid support functions in viable application situations
- Focus work in SDG&E's Integrated Test Facility for cost efficiency

Example Project: “Smart” Distribution Circuit Demonstrations



Objective

- To identify best practices for adopting new distribution technologies, integration strategies, communication protocols, and software in more fully automated future distribution circuits by performing a series of “pre-commercial demonstrations” of alternative solutions

Approach

- Perform demonstrations of alternative new distribution circuit features and associated simulation work
- Example features to be considered are fault location and anticipation, communication protocols, power electronic components, CVR practices, voltage regulation equipment, and strategic use of DER
- Analyze test results and identify best practices for robust distribution circuit design and networked automation to maximize the benefits derived from the emerging technology, software, and integration strategies
- Focus work in SDG&E’s Integrated Test Facility for cost efficiency

SDG&E's Filed Second Triennial Plan



Renewables and Distributed Energy Resources Integration

- *Modernization of Distribution System and Integration of Distributed Generation and Storage*

Grid Modernization and Optimization

- *Data Analytics in Support of Advanced Planning and System Operations*
- *Monitoring, Communication, and Control Infrastructure for Power System Modernization*
- *System Operations Development and Advancement*

Customer Focused Products and Services

- *Integration of Customer Systems into Electric Utility Infrastructure*

Cross-Cutting / Foundational Strategies & Technologies

- *Collaborative Institute RD&D Programs*

Questions/Discussion

