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Panel: Aiming for Greatness Learning to Love the Smart Grid

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## **Consortium Overview**





### **Ongoing advocacy of Smart Grid / grid modernization**

- Identify and communicate aggregate needs of member organizations
- Maintain vision of future grid
- Advocate benefits for producers, suppliers, and consumers of power
- Support initiatives that demonstrate capabilities of the smart grid
- Educate public, regulators, and policy makers
- Priorities for 2014:
  - Real world projects
  - Utility of the Future
  - Strengthen research and international collaboration



## What is the "Smart Grid"?





#### **Key Drivers**

- Technology, climate change, and demands for resiliency and security
- Integration of distributed resources
- Changing consumer expectations and demands
- Days of "command and control" and "managing consumer expectations" are over



## The Future of the Distribution Utility

#### "Business as usual" is no longer acceptable

- Decentralized -> increase in security and flexibility
- Customers more engaged and integrated
- Future grid planning will be open and transparent
- Need to attract private sector innovation and capital



# Microgrids: Microcosm of Future Utility

#### Can demonstrate:

- New technologies
- New business and regulatory models
- New planning approaches
- Showcase the potential end state

#### Need to get real world projects up and running



# **Community Microgrids**

#### Influential efforts in Europe

- Czech Republic
- United Kingdom





## **Community Microgrids**

#### **New York Initiatives**

- Post Hurricane Sandy Demonstration Projects
- NY Rising
- NY Prize









#### Utility 2.0

- Develop performance-based rating mechanisms and metrics
- Improve cost benefit methodologies to consider indirect economic and social benefits
- Identify utility business models to leverage private sector expertise and capital
- Create screening criteria to identify priority microgrid opportunities
- Update DG interconnection standards, standby tariffs, and laws governing resale of power to ensure appropriate for microgrid and district energy applications



#### Utility 2.0

- Update existing utility systems by deploying new technologies and services
  - Examples: Distribution and Outage Management Systems, Smarter meters, Billing system enhancements
- Revamp pricing of power to consumers and design of utility cost recovery mechanisms
- Get real world demonstration projects up and operating



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