

SEE Action Webinar: Using Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) to Encourage Investment in Cost-Effective Energy Efficiency Measures

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The Guide explains:

- The purpose and use of IRP
- Recommendations for successful IRP to encourage use of energy efficiency as an energy resource
- Alternatives to IRP in states with competitive retail markets
- Examples of successful IRP efforts
- How IRP interacts with other energy efficiency policies and programs

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Purpose and Use of IRP

- Purpose: identify the mix of supply-side & demand-side resources that will minimize future energy system costs while ensuring safe & reliable system operation
- In most cases, an IRP is developed by a utility based on the needs of its service territory
 - Common for electric utilities
 - Much less common or gas utilities
- In some states, utilities are required to file IRPs with the public utility commission (PUC)
 - Serves as blueprint for future resource acquisitions
 - Filing may or may not be subject to PUC approval



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States with Integrated Resource Planning or Similar Processes

Source: Best Practices in Electric Utility Integrated Resource Planning, Synapse (2013)

Alternatives to IRP in Competitive Retail Markets

- In retail choice states, customer chooses electricity supplier
- Distribution utility is responsible for *delivery* of electricity to all customers, and (except in Texas) for "default" service
- Comprehensive IRP not appropriate for the more limited role of these utilities, but "integrated" approach can still add value to:
 - Portfolio Management for default service
 - T&D planning



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



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How IRP Can Promote Energy Efficiency (EE)



Data Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook, 2013



Prerequisites for Successful IRPs

- 1. Credible load forecasts
- 2. Credible information about costs and availability of resources
- Fair and equal consideration of resources





Best Practices in IRP

- Load: model a range of possible load forecasts, not just the "reference case"
- 2. Generation Resources: model a range of possible costs for each supply-side technology, considering uncertainties
- 3. T&D Resources: consider new transmission lines as a possible resource, but also consider distribution system improvements as a way to reduce line losses and reduce the need for generation











Best Practices in IRP (continued)

- 4. EE and other Demand-Side Resources: create levelized cost curves and allow the model to choose optimum investment level
- 5. Environmental Regulations: Consider the compliance costs associated with a range of possible future regulations





Source: Estimates for current operating cost and low-NOx burners are based on RAP 2011 estimates (RAP, 2011, p. 15). All other cost estimates are based on Synapse Energy Economics analysis of Sargent & Lundy



Best Practices in IRP (continued)

- 6. Modeling: evaluate cost *and risk* of multiple portfolios under a wide range of future scenarios; choose a "robust" portfolio
- 7. Stakeholder Participation: provide opportunities for consumer advocates and other stakeholders to review the modeling assumptions and the list of scenarios to be modeled and suggest changes or additions; also provide them the chance to review modeling results before the IRP is finalized
- 8. Scale: acknowledge the existence of regional electricity grid and model at a regional scale, if feasible





Available at http://www.raponline.org/document/download/id/6608

Examples of Best Practices

 From SEE Action Report:
➢ Northwest Power and Conservation Council for Bonneville Power Administration (4 states)
➢ PacifiCorp (6 states)
➢ Con Edison (NY)

Additional from Synapse Report for RAP:
Arizona Public Service (AZ)
Public Service Company of Colorado/Xcel (CO)





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Integrated Resource Planning & Targeted DSM

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Agenda

- Current Landscape & Evolution
- Integration of DSM into System Planning
- Targeted DSM Deep Dive





Con Edison – The Landscape

- 70,000 people/sq. mile
- 2000 MW/sq. mile



- 133,000 miles of T&D cable (over 96,000 miles are underground)
- 13,825 people/sq. mile
- 20 MW/sq. mile
- 3.3 million electric, 1.1 million gas, and 1,700 steam accounts; serve about
 9 million people
- Over 650,000,000 sq. ft. of office space
- 462,000 businesses
- 900,000 residential buildings
- 58 billion kWh of electric consumption



Capturing Value from Energy Efficiency







The Electric System - Restructured







Evolution...





Integration of DSM into System Planning





Evolution of DSM Integration





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Planning Process and Internal Stakeholders





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Long-Term Impact of DSM





Example: Ten Year Peak Load Forecast Substation "A"

(in MW)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Forecast	197	199	202	204	207	209	212	213	215	216
Less DSM	(1)	(3)	(5)	(7)	(9)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)
Net Demand	196	196	197	197	198	199	202	203	205	206
Capacity	200						250			

- Without DSM: demand is expected to exceed capacity by 2014
 - Capital investment needed to expand capacity.
 - Depending on the engineering solution, several years of lead time may be needed
 - Procurement/construction may start long before the impacts of EE are apparent.
- With DSM in forecast: project is deferred until 2018



Forecasting Approach: Overview

- Allocate expected energy savings to networks for each program
 - Con Edison has 91 networks/load areas, each with differing customer composition
 - Challenge is to estimate the geographic distribution of program participants by network (relative market penetration)
- Convert expected energy savings to coincident demand reductions
 - Program goals are expressed in energy—not demand—savings
 - Programs measures have differing load curves; networks peak at differing times
- Account for the variability of real outcomes (distribution uncertainty)
 - Grid reliability requires that the variance of the geographic distribution be estimated



Converting to Demand Reductions

- Generated 8760 load curves by program using Cadmus Portfolio Pro
 - Same tool used to design the programs
 - Sampled curves at each network's peaking hour to convert to demand





Impact & Results

- DSM has proven to be a viable load relief option for system planning
 - Contributed to capital investment deferrals and reductions
- Improvements in the accuracy of forecasts has enhanced the way engineers view DSM
- Increased DSM awareness and its importance in system planning





Targeted Demand Side Management (DSM) Program





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Targeted DSM: History & Background

- Con Edison's "Targeted DSM" program has used EE proactively to reduce demand on specific circuits since 2004
- Contracted demand reductions in targeted networks included in 10 year peak load forecast, but...
 - No geographic uncertainty (ESCOs credited only for projects in targeted networks)
 - No coincidence uncertainty (ESCOs only allowed to include measures that would reduce consumption during the relevant network peak)
 - Only risk is ESCO non-performance: mitigated contractually via liquidated damage provisions that offset the costs of handling last minute capacity shortfalls





The Targeted DSM program created significant benefits for our customers

- Phases 1-4 achieved 108 MW of demand reductions and 281 GWh of annual energy savings
- The program created \$531M in total customer benefits, including \$253M in avoided T&D capital, on \$162M in total costs. Achieved a 3.3 benefit-to-cost ratio.*





Targeted DSM: How It Works

- System planning identifies future network shortfalls (capacity forecast)
- EE Department issues RFP for required DSM delivery schedule
- Markets (ESCOs) respond with bids
 - Markets determine the optimal portfolio of measures (EE, DG, etc.)
- Economic bids selected and contracted
 - DSM bids compared to project costs on a Total Resource Cost (TRC) basis
 - Project planning stops if DSM solution is selected
- Firm contracts and strict M&V ensure load reductions
 - Rigorous M&V regime to be certain of load reductions (100% pre- and post-)
 - Liquidated damage clauses motivate ESCOs and protect utility and customers









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Targeted DSM: Example Project

Project: Install 3rd transformer and 138 kV supply feeder

Cost: \$29 million

Deferral: 2007 to 2010

Shortfall (MW)*	May 1 2006	May 1 2007	May 1 2008	May 1 2009	May 1 2010
Shortfall (Incremental)	0	3	4	4	3
Contracted (Cumulative)	0	3	7	11	14
Achieved (Cumulative)	2	4	8	12	14

RFP: Sept 2005

Contract: Nov 2005 – May 2010

Savings: \$44 million (\$13.5 T&D savings)

TRC: 2.6 (benefit/cost)

* Shortfalls, contracted, and achieved MW are as of May 1st each year (prior to the need each summer period)





Targeted DSM: Program Features

- Vendors fully responsible for all marketing and implementation
 - Con Edison did not initially lend its brand, but eventually did with success
- Rigorous M&V regime to assure real peak load reduction
 - 100% verification of existing and replacement equipment
- Security and Liquidated Damages
 - Upfront security & large financial penalties on ESCOs for missing goals
 - Proved important to driving ESCO performance
- Measures limited to those that reduced peak load
 - Fuel switching and DG allowed; residential and commercial peak differently
 - Mistake was to not applying coincidence factors in program design
- Physical Assurance for DG (but no projects actually done)



Targeted MW reductions came primarily from residential and commercial lighting



69,100 Total Customers Served, 16,000 Commercial (51% of MW), 53,100 Residential (49% of MW)

Other eligible measures: Distributed Generation (e.g. Solar, CoGen), electric-to-steam/gas conversion, thermal storage, alt. fuel/heat pump water heaters



Targeted DSM: Key Takeaways

- Formal coordination and communication with engineering and planning groups are essential
- Strong vendor management and contracts are key
- Need flexibility to review and adjust/modify/terminate contracts based on changing load relief needs
- Plan for coordination and communication with other DSM programs and company initiatives
- Utility branding and direct support makes a difference



Targeted DSM: Next Steps

- New \$100 million Targeted DSM Program
- Adjusting program model and strategy based on delayed load relief needs at substation level (5+ years out)
- Looking at opportunities to leverage other existing EE and DR programs for targeted purposes
- Reviewing opportunities and challenges of extending the targeted DSM model to primary and secondary distribution
- Reviewing new, innovative technologies for potential targeted projects (e.g. storage, DG)
- DSM / DR / DG Market Research Project



More Information

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