

Engaging Customers in Smart Grid Technology




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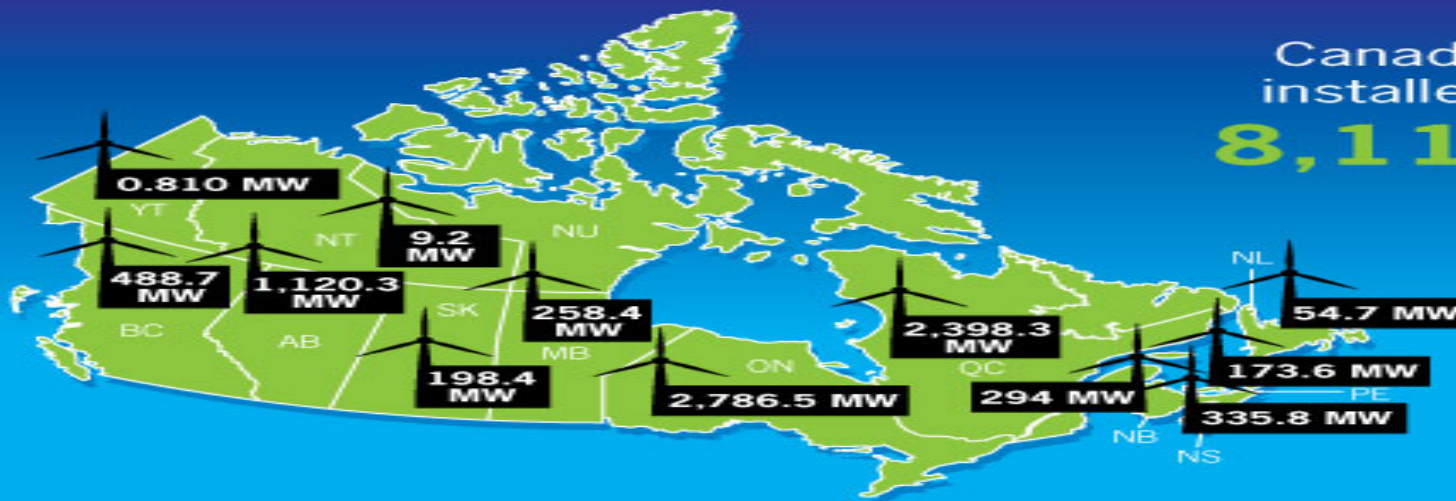
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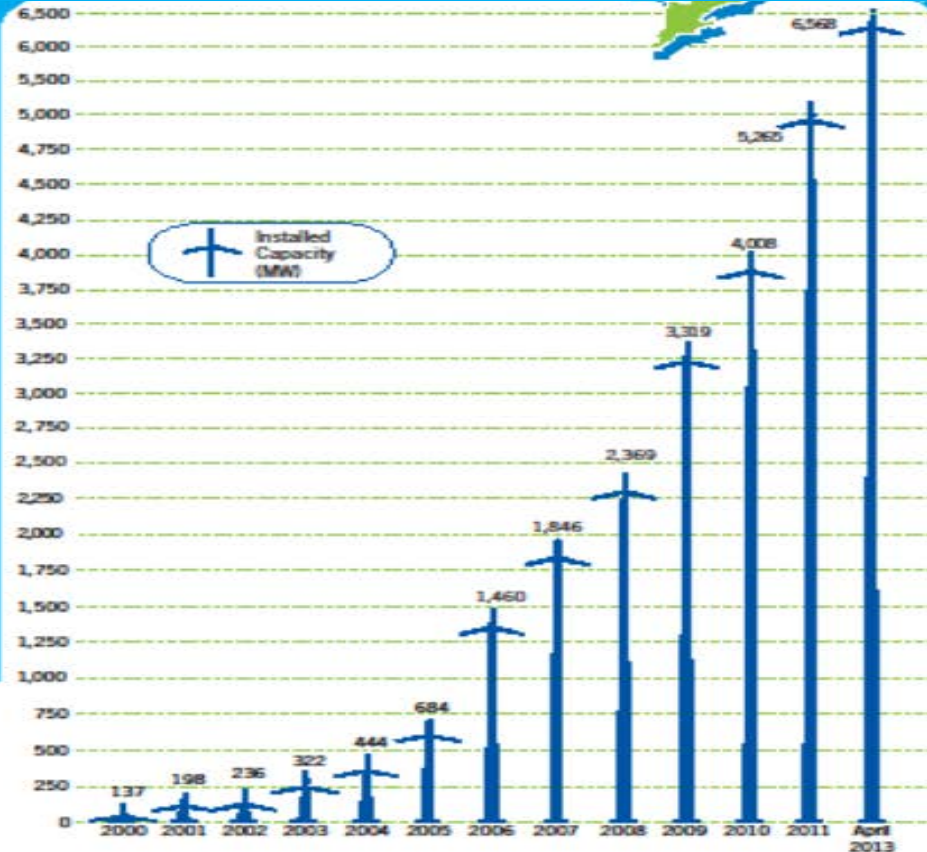
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Wind Integration via
Load Shifting

Canada's current
installed capacity:
8,119 MW



(as of May 2014)



Across Canada, electricity generated from wind is already powering over 1.5 million homes and businesses in a clean, reliable and efficient manner. With Canada's unparalleled wind resource, there are still opportunities to do more to maximize the economic, industrial development, and environmental benefits associated with wind energy for Canada.

- The wind energy industry installed 936 MW in 2012 with new projects commissioned in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, Quebec and Nova Scotia
- Canada will see an average of 1,500 MW of new projects commissioned annually over the next four years
- Creating 68,000 additional person-years of employment and attracting \$15 billion in new investment



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Project Vision and Goals

Determine if shifting patterns in energy consumption through load shifting can enable utilities to more effectively integrate renewable energy such as wind

- Is load shifting cost effective and reliable?
- How load shifting performs in sync with system balancing & forecasted wind power
- Understand the customer's role with new smart grid technology



PSA Participants

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CANADA

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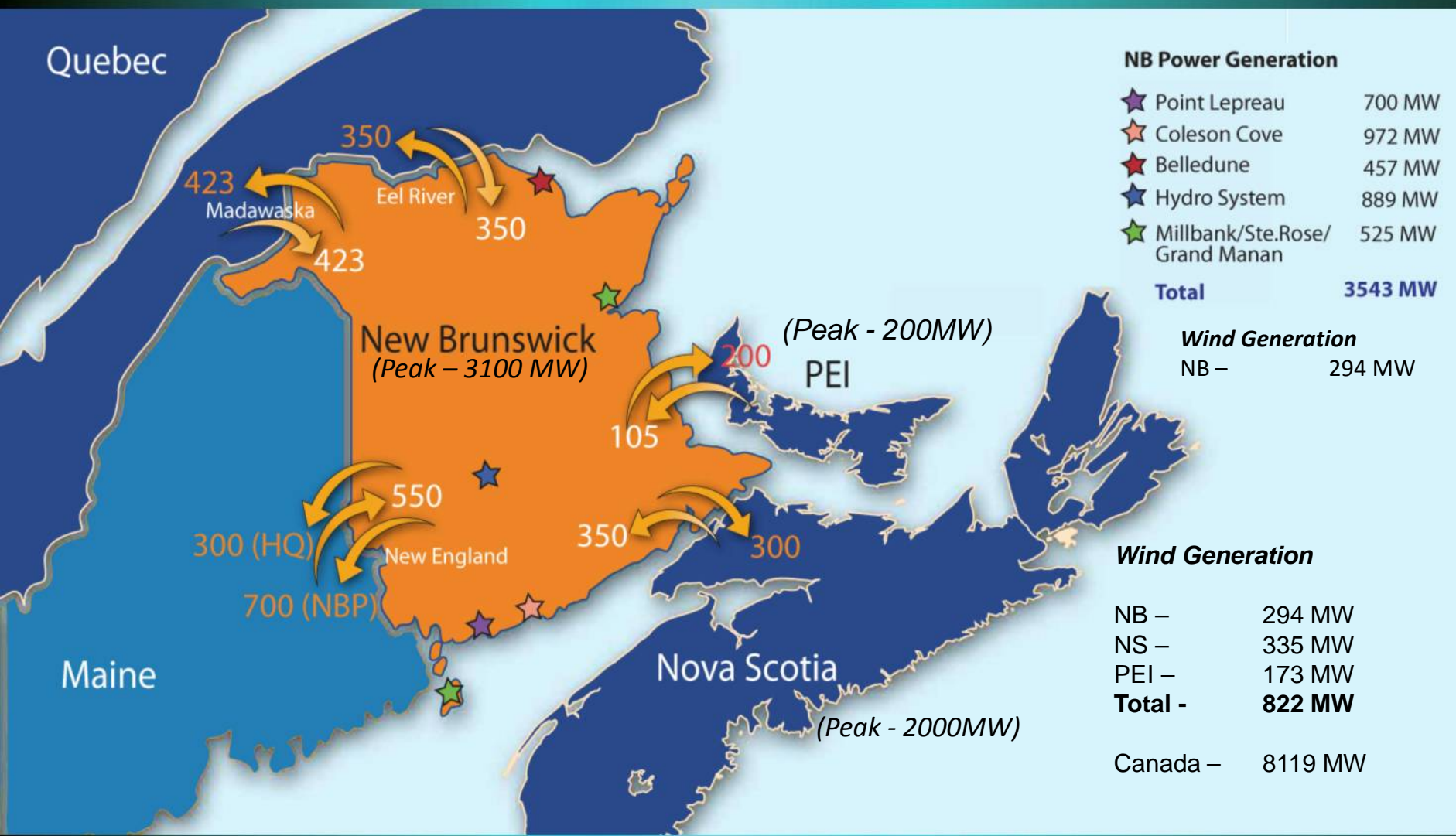
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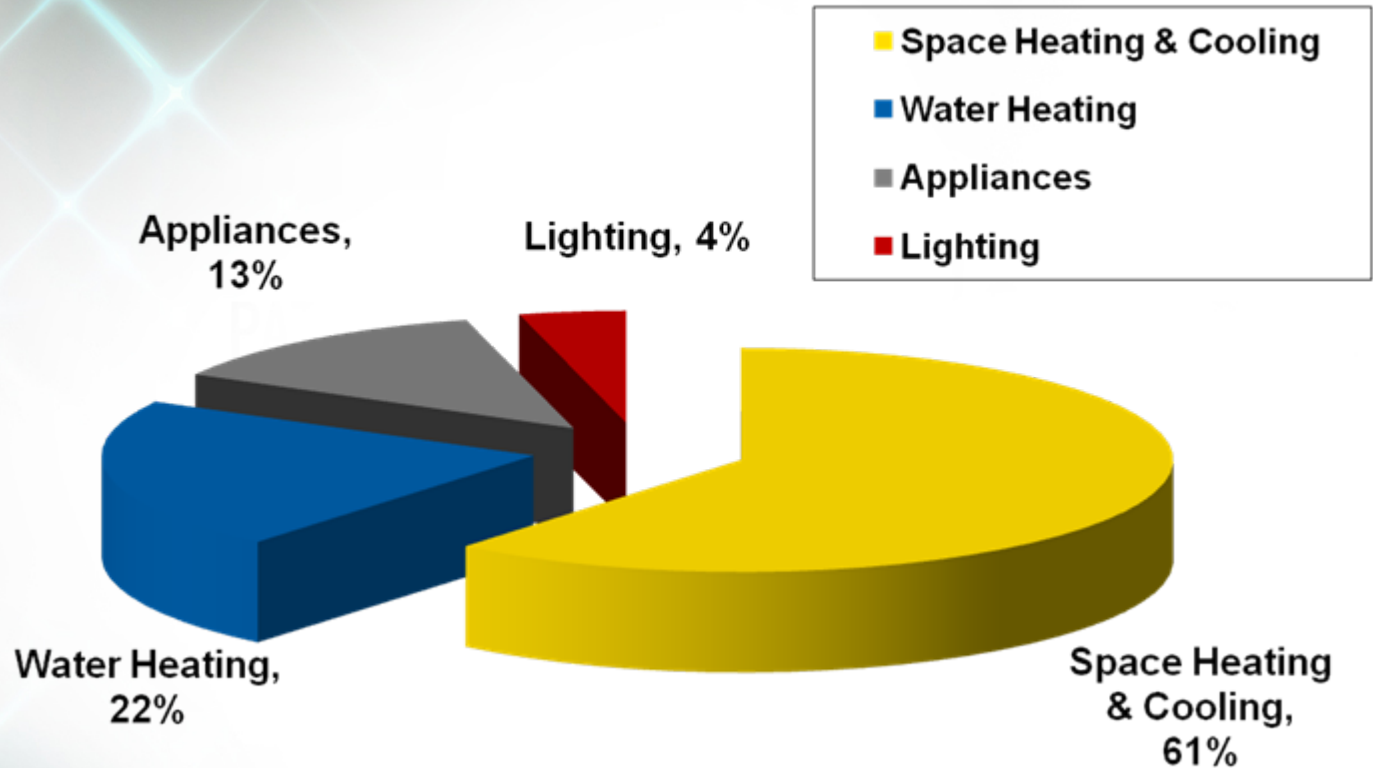
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NB Power and Atlantic Canada



Typical Household Energy Usage – New Brunswick



Virtual Power Plant – Intelligent Load Management

Original VPP Concept

Currently, generation controlled and managed to meet customer demand

Power Generated = Power Consumed (Customer Demand)

Integration of Wind Energy to Supply

Conventional Generation + Wind Generation = Customer Demand

Initial Concept:

- *Perform a “Wind Following” service using load shifting*

Research Outcomes:

- *This could cause additional system demand peaks, stressing the electrical grid further*

Implemented VPP Design Concept

Actual Requirement:

- Optimize to net system forecasted load minus net wind generation forecast

VPP will reduce strain on conventional generation and the grid as wind generation is integrated

Conventional Generation = Customer Load Demand - Wind Generation

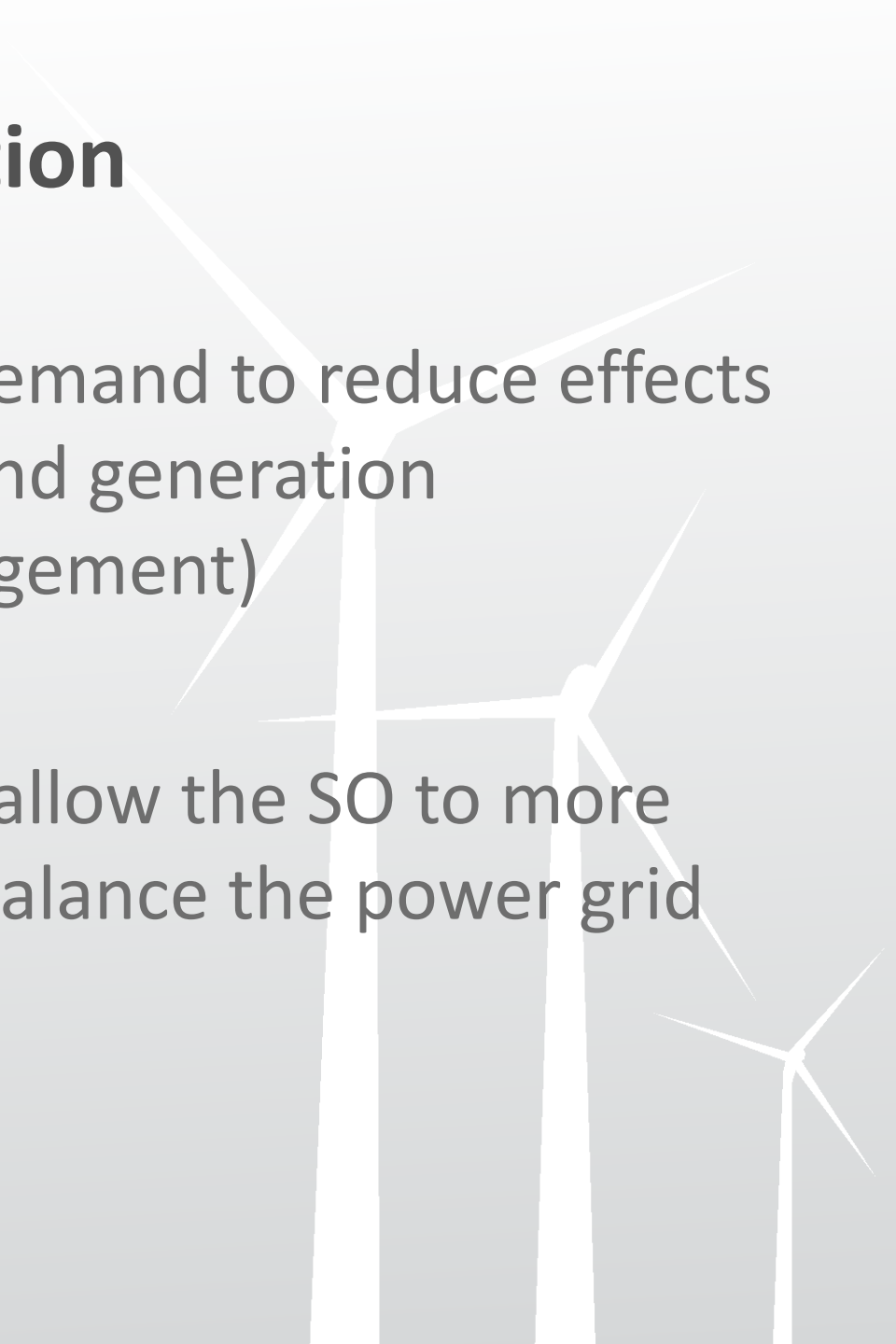
Controllable

*Partially
Controllable
using
Load shifting*

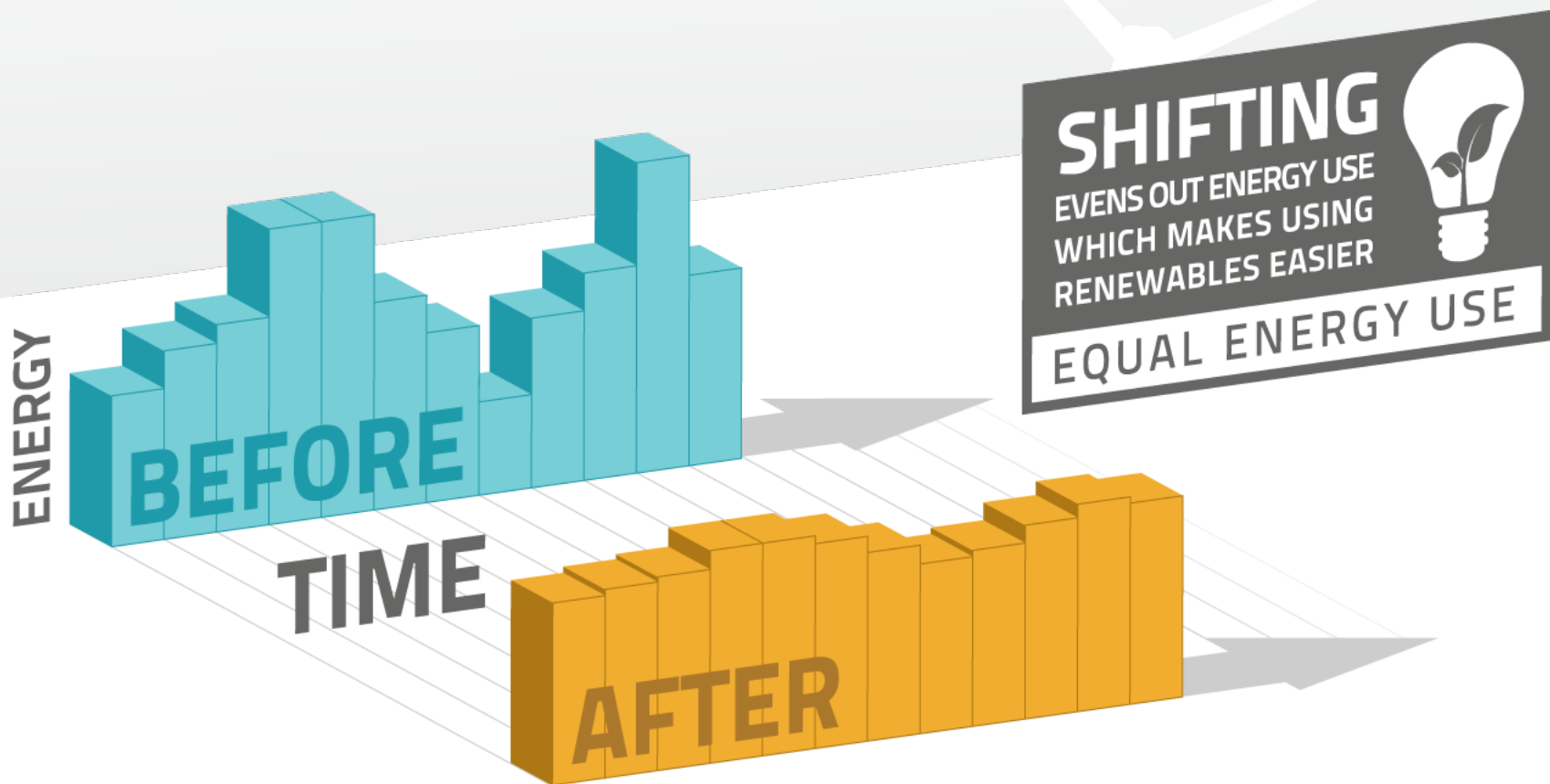
Weather dependent



The Proposed Solution

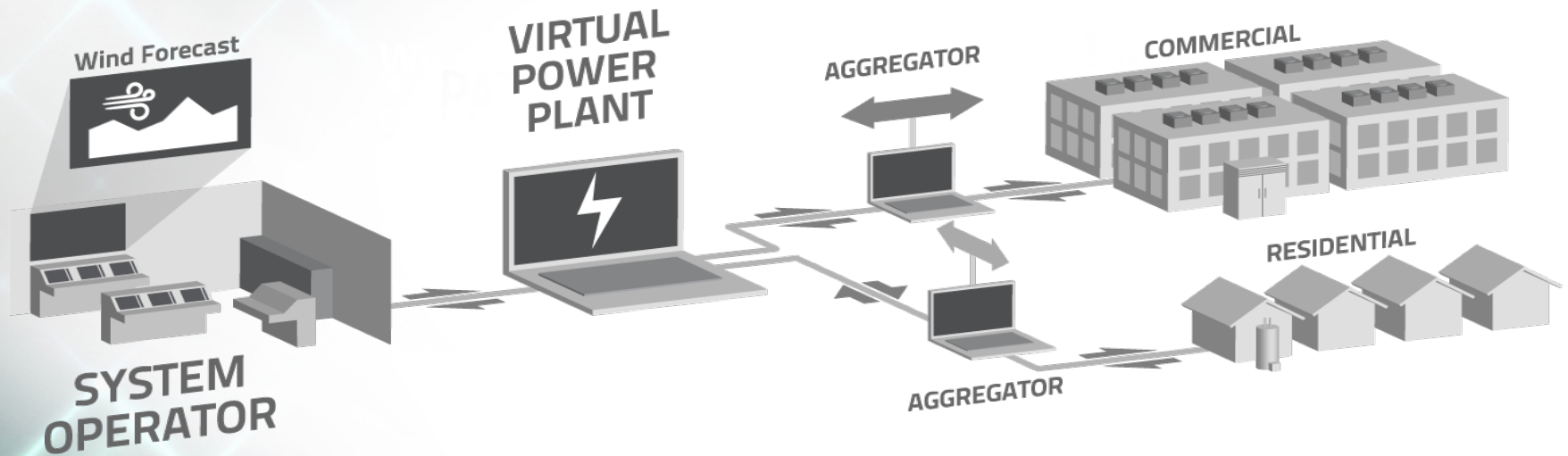
- Shift consumer load demand to reduce effects of the variability of wind generation (intelligent load management)
 - Provide a new tool to allow the SO to more easily and efficiently balance the power grid
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“SHIFTING” = INTELLIGENT LOAD MANAGEMENT

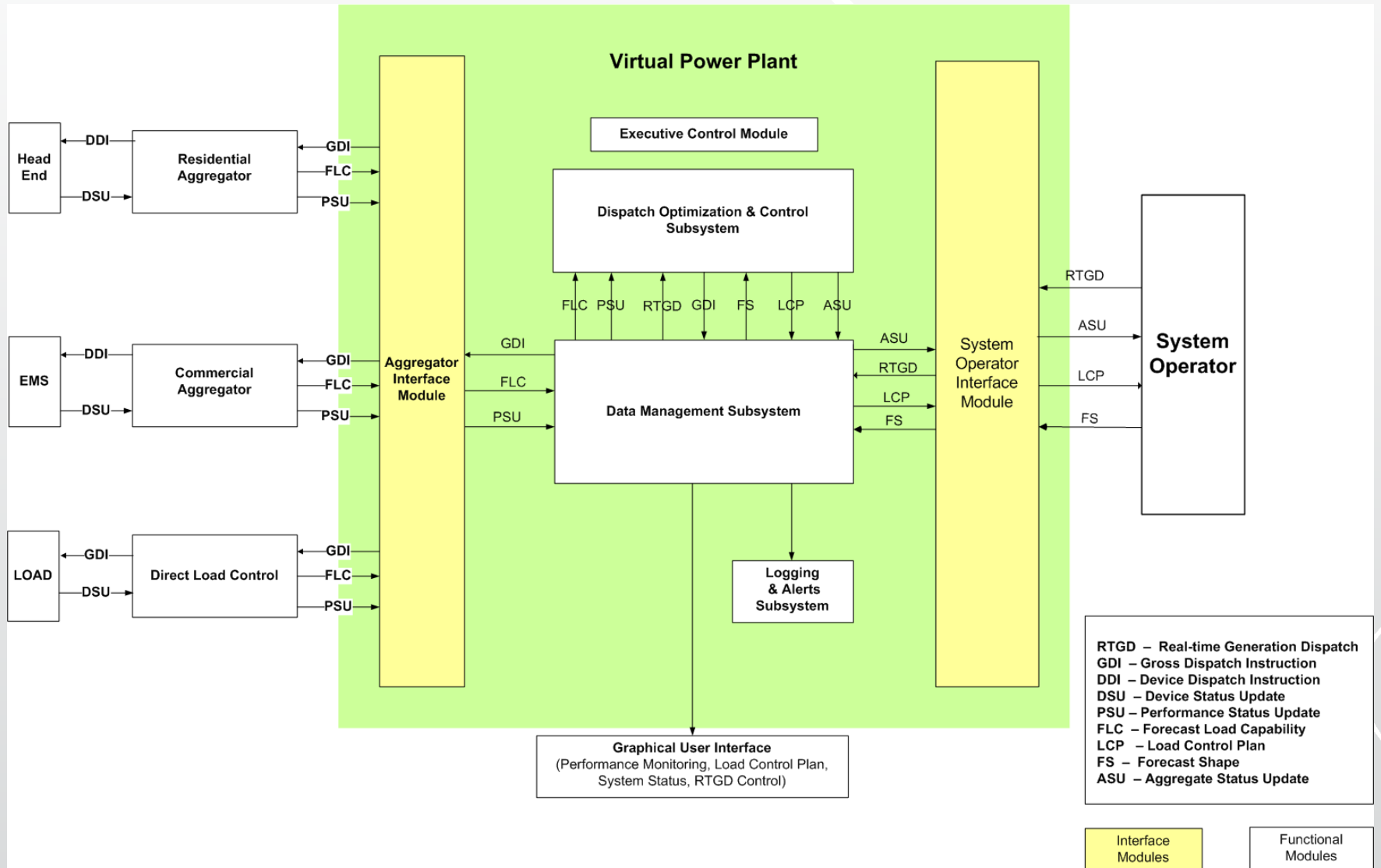


VIRTUAL POWER PLANT

Intelligent Load Management – engaged customers and new technology solutions



System Architecture

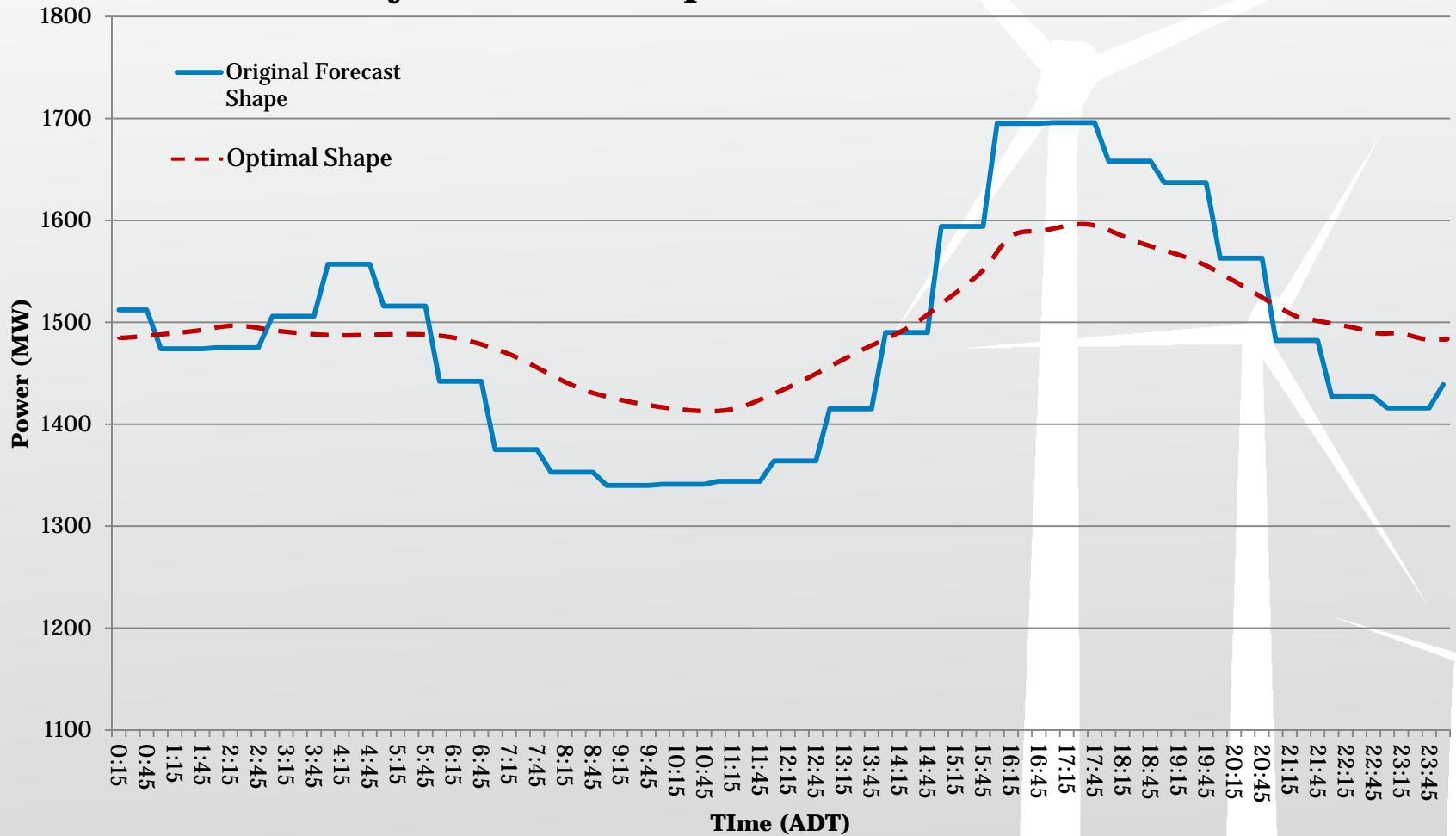


VPP Functions

- **Primary Function: Assist the system operator's job of balancing the grid (Load Shape Management)**
 - Reduce the effects of wind generation variability on the system
- **Secondary Function: Provide the equivalent of a 10 minute spinning reserve ancillary service (RTGD)**

Load Shape Management Effects (Simulated)

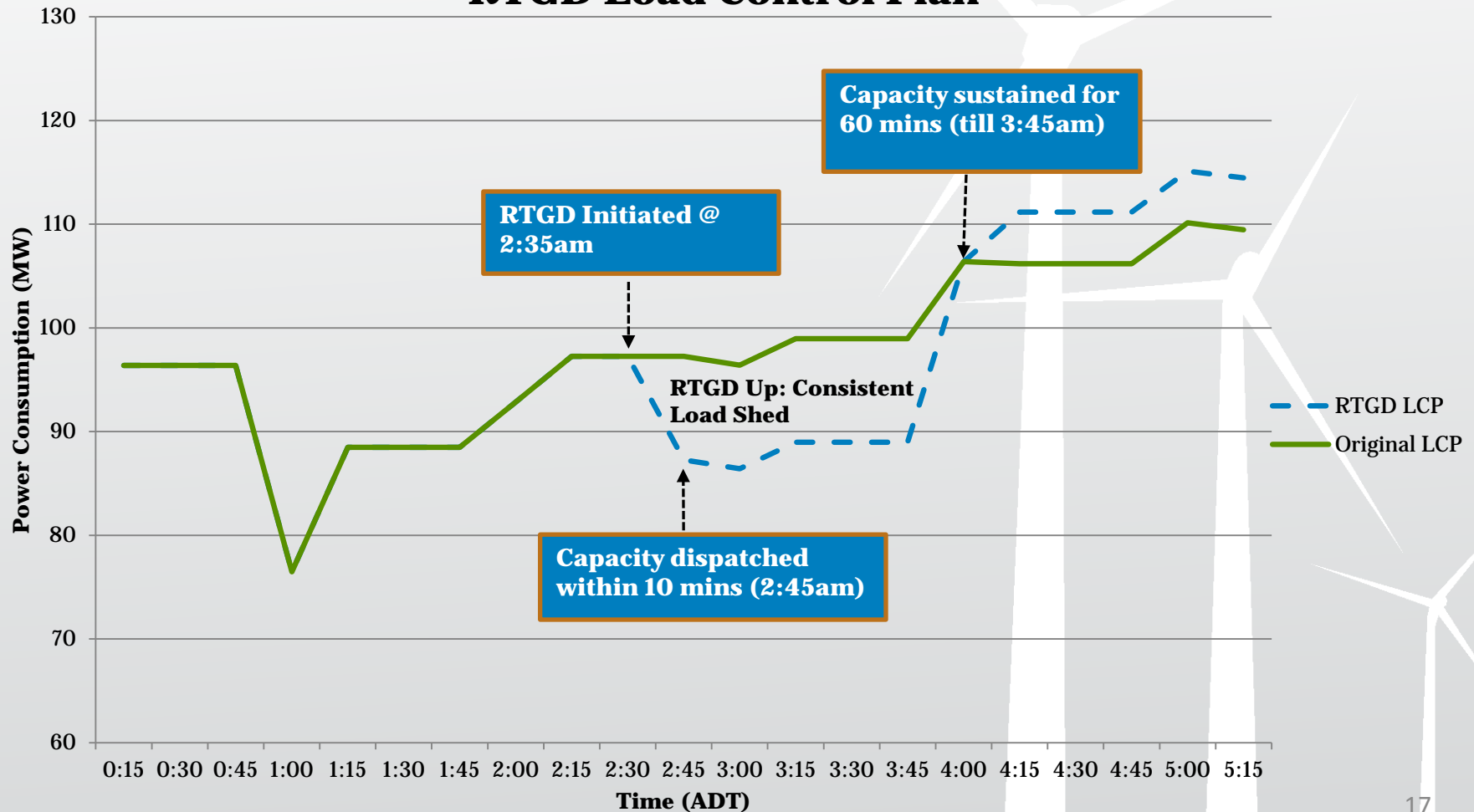
System Level Optimization Results



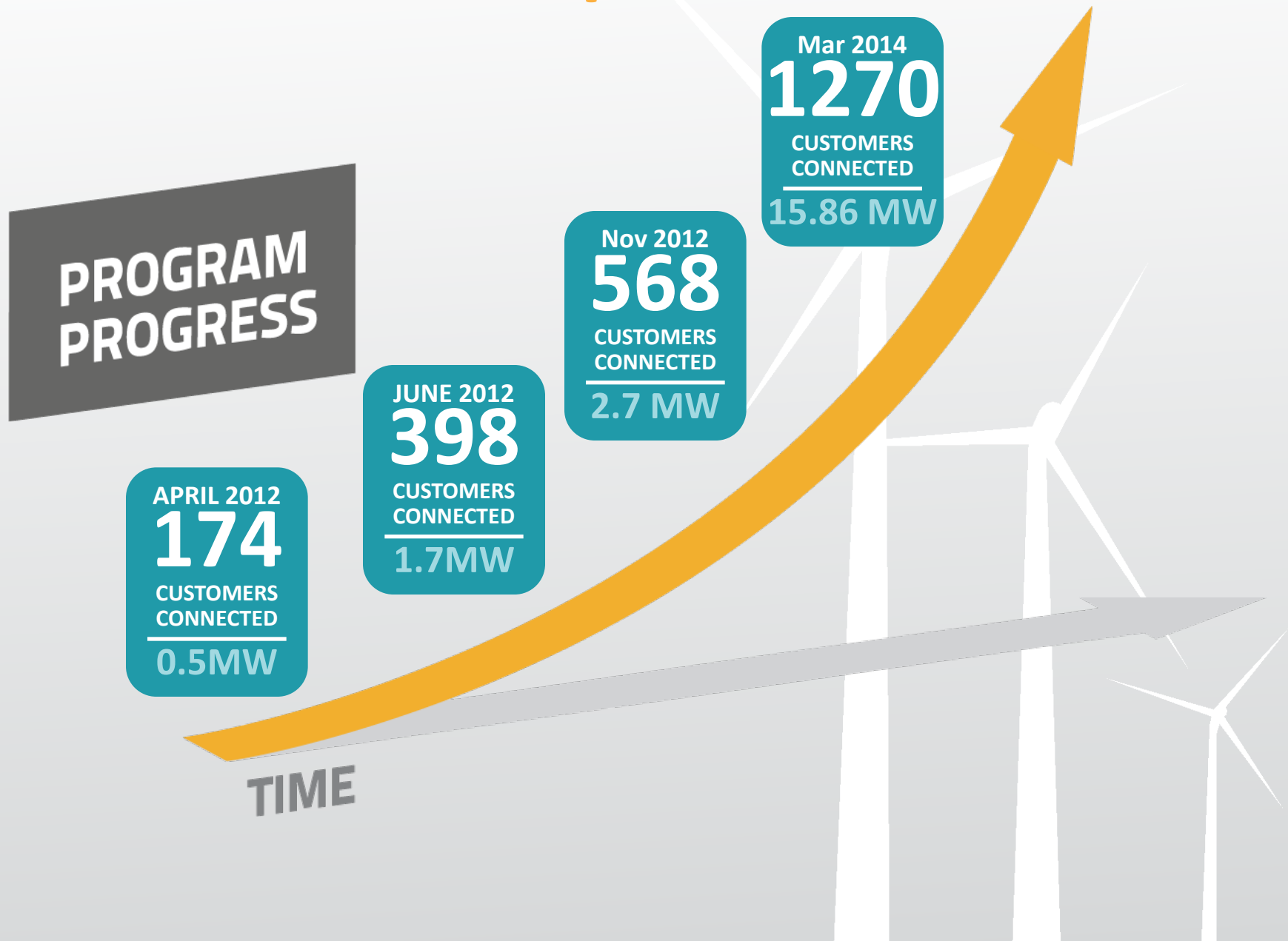
Real Time Generation Dispatch (Example)

- RTGD Up Operation shown below (Load Shed)
- Same operation in opposite direction for an RTGD Down (Load Restore)

RTGD Load Control Plan



Customer Participation



End-Uses Implemented



ETS Space Heater

Residential	Commercial	No. of Devices	MW Connected
94		147	1.0
	15	40	0.18



138		353	0.96
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Commercial ETS

	27	86	4.6
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End-Uses – Implemented Cont'd



HVAC, Refrigeration,
Pumping stations

Residential	Commercial	No. of Devices	MW Connected
	25	25	5.5



Instrumented DEWH
Un - Instrumented
DEWH

189		189	0.8
741		741	2.5



What did I just say?

- 1270 Customers across Maritimes 18MW (residential and commercial)
- Open architecture – common interface (interoperability)
- Variety of end-use providers
- Variety of Aggregators
- All year round and seasonal loads

Electric Thermal Storage In the home

Existing Baseboard

(60% of New Brunswick homes)



Electric Thermal Storage

(Potential solution for the future)



Electric Thermal Storage – In the Home



Hampton Middle School



**Electric
thermal
storage in
public
buildings**

NB Power's Woodstock Office



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Electric Thermal Storage

Storing Heat in Ceramic Bricks “off peak”



A Customer Project (with Technology)

A new Partnership with new solutions

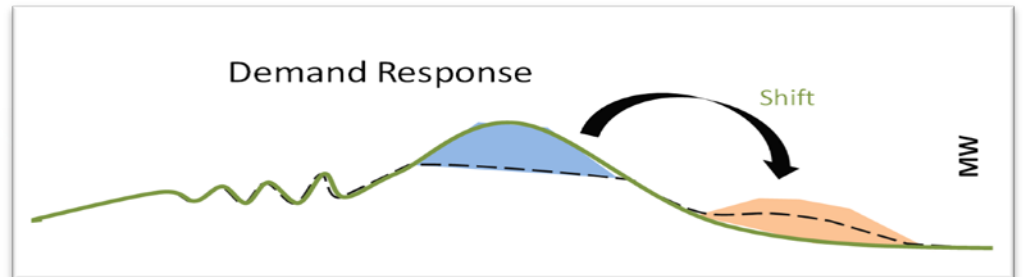


Energy Efficiency (Reduce) and Load Shifting (Shift)

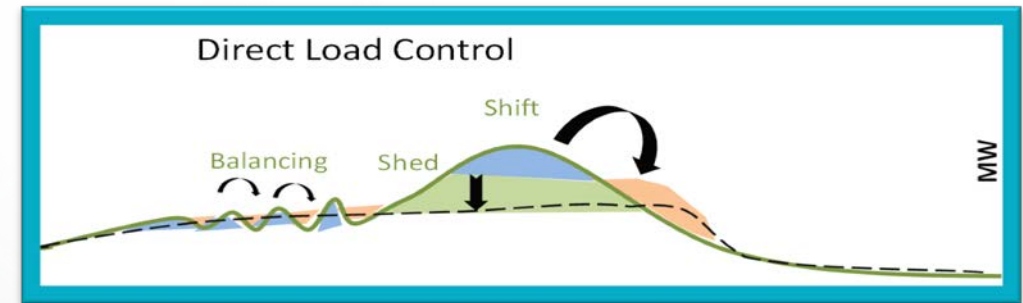
Customer Issue:
Investment
(Efficiency programs)



Customer Issue:
Behaviour



Customer Issue:
Trust



Co-branding and “Thank You” Program



Corporate Social Responsibility



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PowerShift Atlantic Recognized

“Recipient of Three major awards”

Canadian Electricity
Association - Sustainability
Award for Economic
Excellence for 2012

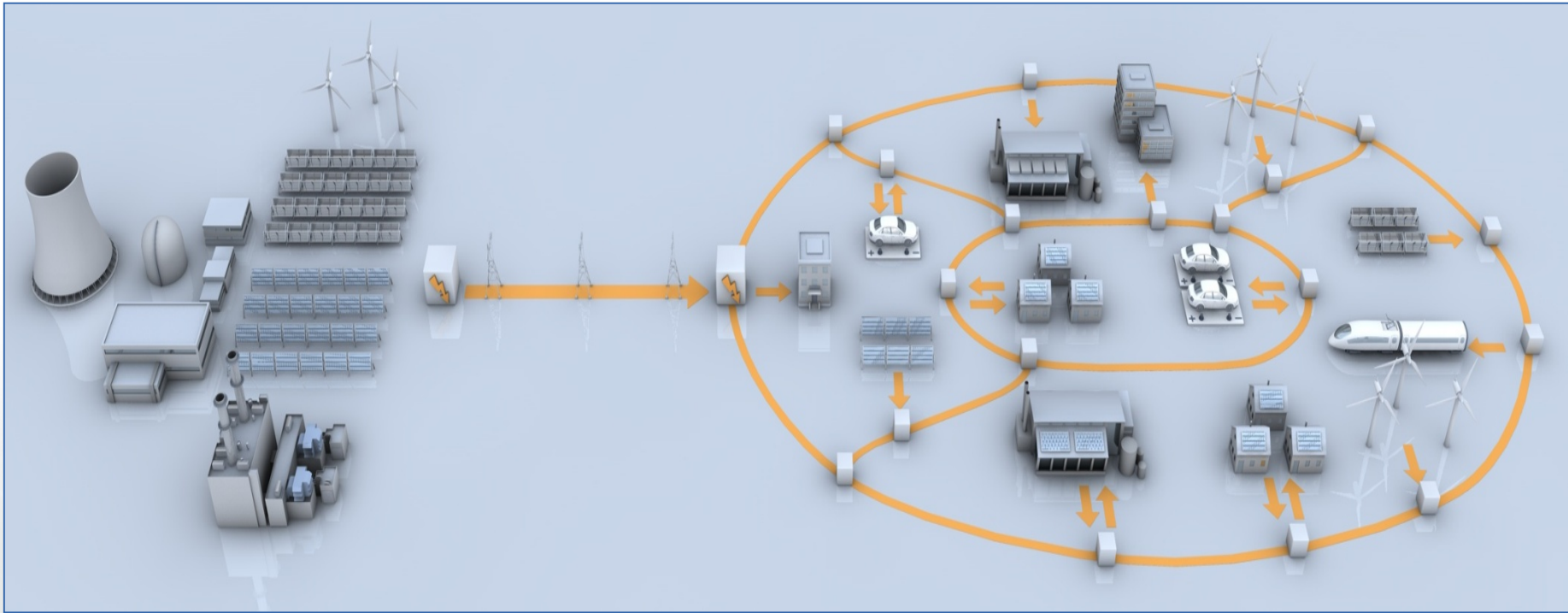


Canadian Wind Energy
Association – RJ Templin
Award for 2012

Peak Load Management Alliance
(U.S. based - Denver, Colorado)
2014 award for
“Innovation in Demand Response”

The Future

Bulk generation meets Distributed Energy Resources



Bulk Generation

Traditional Large Generation
Hydro, Nuclear, Fossil, Wind,

“meets”

Distributed Energy Resources

Engaged Customers with new technologies
EE, DR, DG, EV's, HAN, WAN

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