



# PG&E SmartMeter™ Project (AMI)

The Intelligent Network  
Delivering the Power to Innovate  
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## Agenda

- Big Picture View of a SmartMeter™ Project
- PG&E Project Overview
- One Year In ... Lessons Learned



# Big Picture View of a SmartMeter™ Project

# Comprehensive SmartMeter™ Framework



# SmartMeter™ is by any measure a challenging project

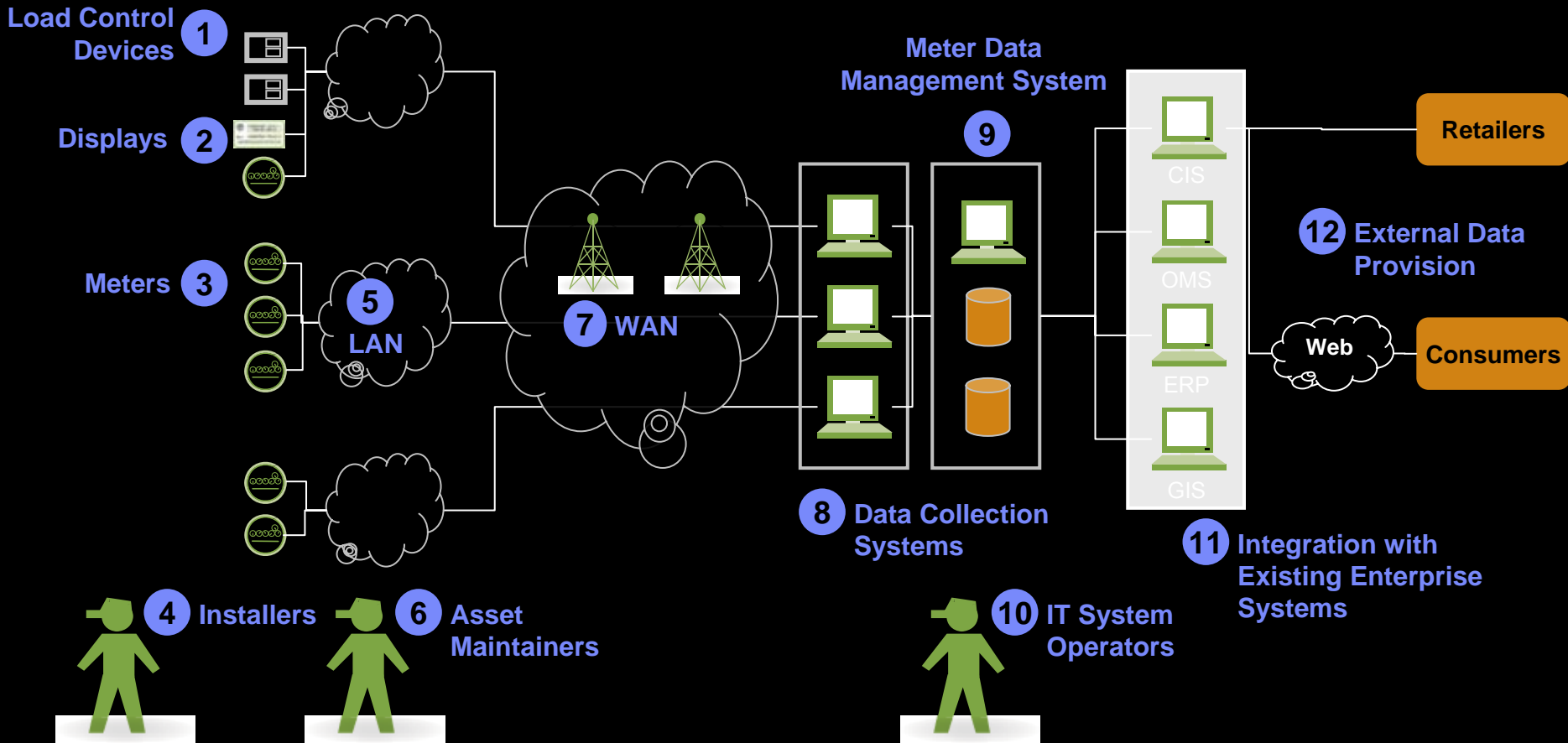
## The Challenges

- **Complexity**
  - ▶ Processes and people must be orchestrated, harmonized and integrated
  - ▶ The team must be talented, motivated and capable
- **Scale**
  - ▶ A large scale project over a short time
  - ▶ Significant logistics, supply chain and financial challenges
  - ▶ Broad challenge to assimilate the new system, and the changes it necessarily precipitates, into the enterprise.
- **Technology**
  - ▶ The technology to be deployed, integrated and operated is new and in many cases emerging
  - ▶ Multiple vendors must be integrated into a seamless real time information system

## Key Risks

- **Field Systems**
  - ▶ Technology
  - ▶ Supply chain
- **IT Systems**
  - ▶ Integration
  - ▶ Scale
- **Deployment**
  - ▶ Procedure Quality
  - ▶ Labor Management
- **Project Management**
  - ▶ Process
  - ▶ Accountability
  - ▶ Communication

# Understanding the Pervasiveness of the Challenge



## Architectural tenets on which a successful approach is built

- It is **unlikely** that a single **homogeneous** SmartMeter™ system technology will fulfill all requirements. Although there certainly should be a **bias** to **limit** the number of multiple vendor **components**, the architectural approach must assume such **integration** challenges.
- The primary **locus** of **integration** should be the “**SmartMeter™ Interface**” system. This system component is the most flexible and least expensive in which to both achieve and maintain integration. The **architecture** for the interface system should be **open** and standards based.
- **Backend systems** (CIS etc.) should be strategically segmented to mitigate risk. To the extent possible, **modifications** to these systems should be **limited** to changes necessary to realize the business and operational benefits of SmartMeter™ deployment and operations.



# PG&E SmartMeter™ Project Overview



# PG&E's SmartMeter™ Project Objectives

PG&E has the following objectives in deploying SmartMeter™:

1. Implement 10 flavors of price responsive tariffs (4 residential, 3 large C&I, 3 very large C&I)
2. Collect data at no less than an hourly interval level
3. Give customer access to their usage data
4. Compatible with applications that use read data: billing, energy management, education
5. Compatible with applications that promote operations efficiency: outage management, reducing theft, etc.
6. Capable of interfacing with load control technology

## PG&E's Position on SmartMeter™

- SmartMeter™ holds tremendous promise both as a vehicle to deliver customer demand response and as a means to improve operational performance
- Investment in infrastructure of \$1.6 billion. Electric and gas rates increase by about 1% in early years with rate decreases later due to operational benefits
- A voluntary demand response rate and marketing program has been designed for targeted customers to make the business case cost effective
- Supports the CPUC's price responsive tariff requirements
  - ▶ Electric meter data on an hourly basis
  - ▶ Gas meter data on a daily basis
- Supports customer access to personal energy usage data
- SmartMeter™ empowers customers to control their energy bill to the extent that they can change their energy usage in peak periods

# Benefits

## Customers

- Faster restoration times for outages
- Receive usage information to better understand and manage their bills, and ability to participate in energy efficiency and demand response programs
- Reduced inconvenience by no longer needing to unlock gates and tie up dogs for meter reads
- Improvements in timeliness and accuracy of billing, fewer estimated bills
- Remote service turn-on and shut-off
- Customer can call PG&E Customer Service for real-time meter read.
- Ability to participate in other tariff options

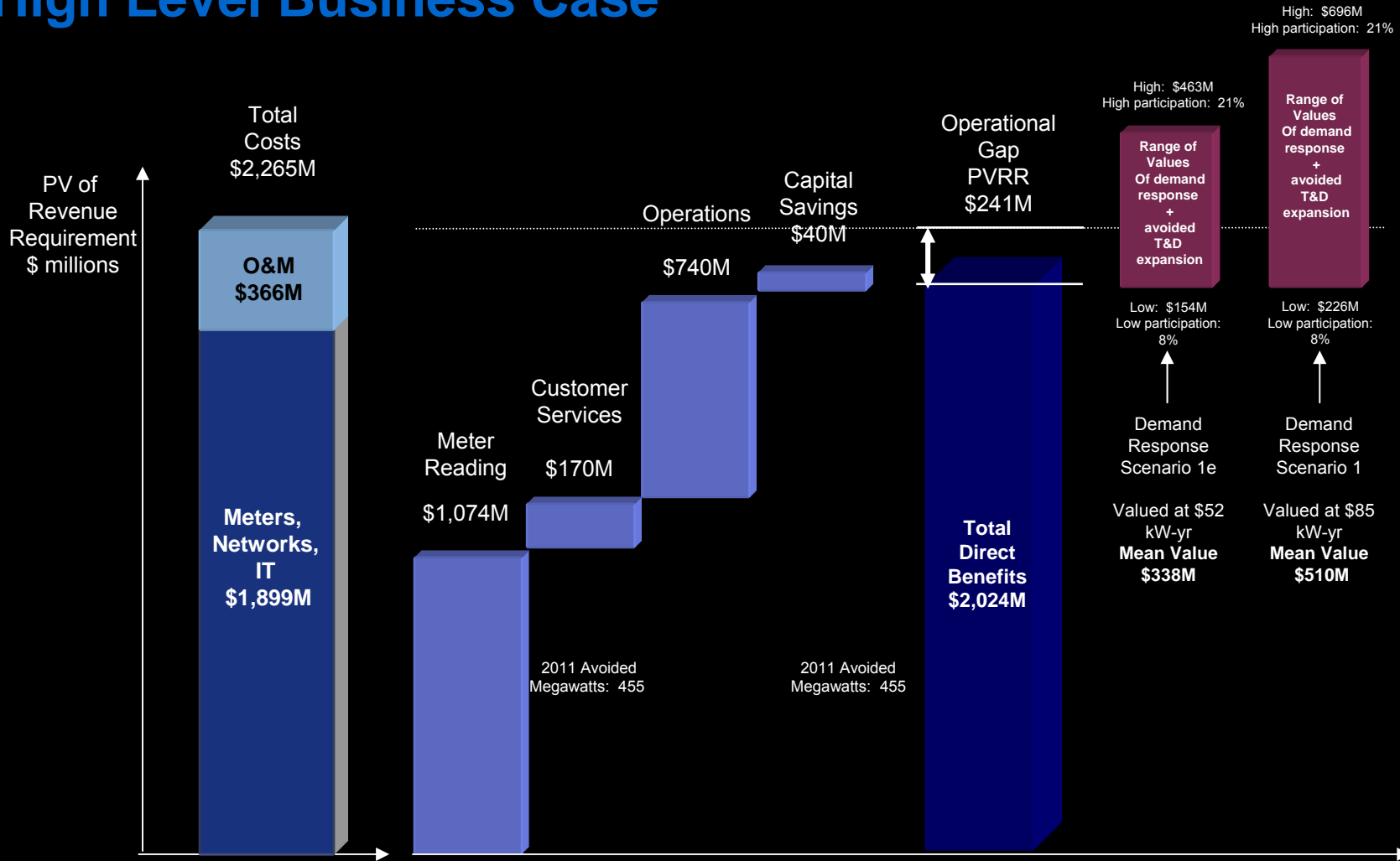
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- Reduced operating costs
- Improved outage management – ability to quickly determine if power is off or on
- Reduced number of delayed and estimated bills
- Reduced energy theft
- Lower procurement costs

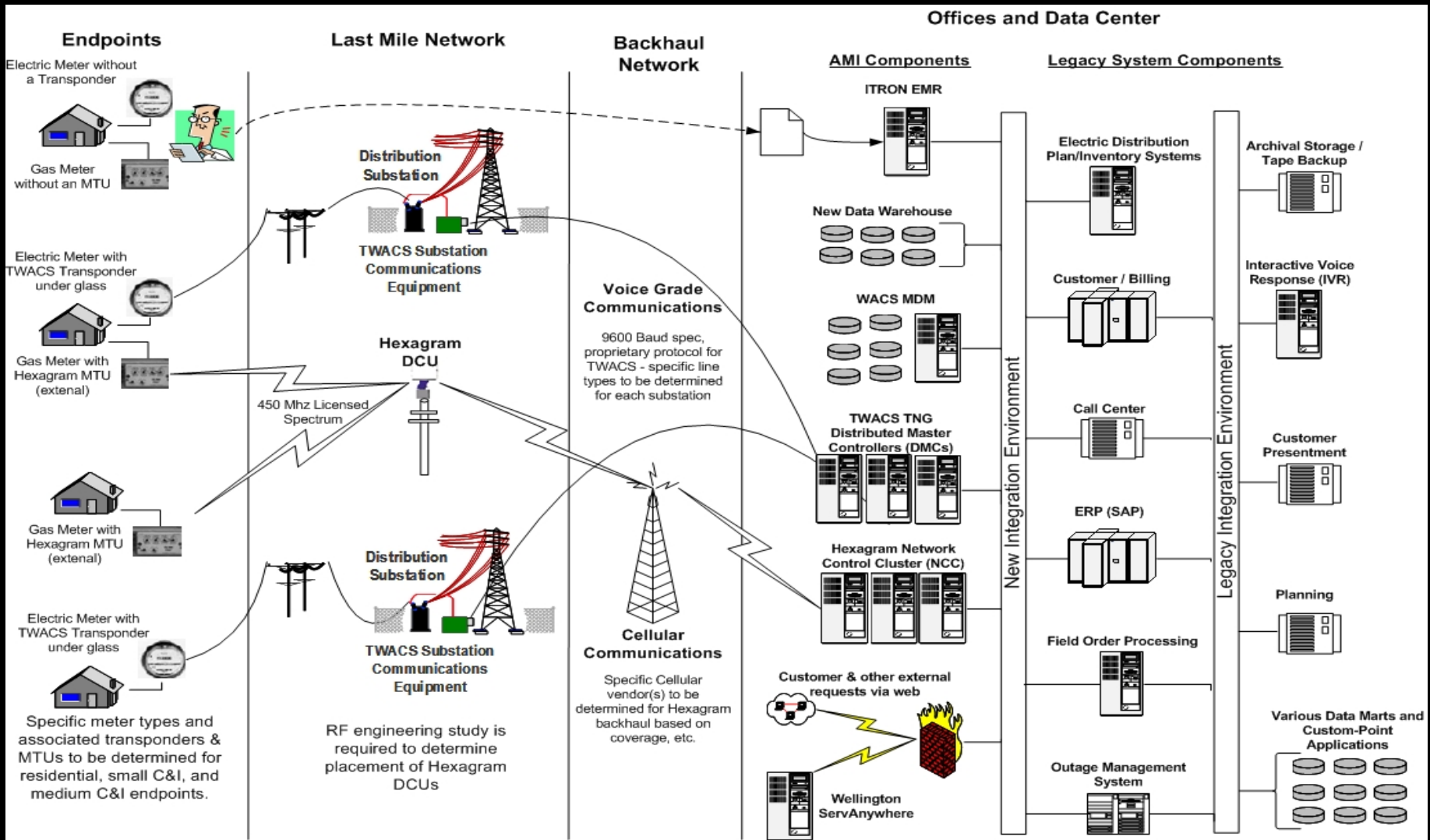
## CPUC/State

- Reduces need for additional generation and transmission capacity in California
- Supports the CPUC's price-responsive tariff requirements

# High Level Business Case



# PG&E's Context Architecture



# PG&E SmartMeter™ Releases

## SM 1.0

### Supply Chain

- Planning
  - Purchase order
  - Partial orders
  - Shipment
  - Shipper file
  - Goods received
  - Three-way match
  - Invoices
  - Payment
- (not IT equipment)

### Meter & Network Deployment

- Initiate + Design (Plan)
- Field install
- Field exchange / UTC
- Field order process
- Network start-up
- Retrofit shop
- Backhaul
- Excludables

### Asset Tracking (Financial)

- Meter and module
- End point devices
- Network
- Equipment – labor capitalization

### Metrics & Reporting

- Operational reporting & performance (non-critical for deployment or ops)
- Warranty mgt metrics

### MBC Data Warehouse

- Storage of usage data
- SQL & Brio internal queries only
- Customer Web Presentment Data

### Lifecycle Mgt: Equip

- Network & Meter Module
  - Inventory
  - Installation
  - Test results
  - Marriage
  - Validation
  - Meter exchange
  - Maintenance
  - Retirement

### Meter Read

- AMI data collection
- On demand data collection
- Data synchronization
  - Customer
  - Meter/Modules
  - Rates
  - Meter data
  - All end-point devices

### Operations

- Meter, Module & AMI Network
  - Alarms & flags
  - Exceptions
  - Statuses
  - Field Order Process

### Outage Mgmt

- Single meter ping
- On-demand trigger/Ping

### Customer Care

- Contact ctr support
- Cust. records maintenance
- CPP event notifications (source notify system TBD)
- Letters

### Meter Data Mgt

- V E E
- Receipt & storage MRE file
- Generate file to CIS
- Meter read file/usage data
- Meter read comparison
- Manual estimate override

### Bill Calculation

- Framing
- Rate calculation
- Bill print
- Re-bill
- Revenue reporting
- System estimation
- CPP operations

### Customer Web Presentment

- SmartMeter & CPP Marketing
- Energy usage graphs
- CPP enrollment
- Subscriptions to CPP Alerts
- MyProfile page enhancements

### CC&B Interfacing to other PG&E apps

- RSS
- ABS
- MADS
- ES3/UDR
- MDSS
- RDS
- Mass Transactions
- Rates DB
- CC-RAT
- PG&E Cust. Records Group

## SM 2.0

### Outage Mgmt

- Area outage scope verification
- Outage restoration validation
- Network outage information to OIS

### Customer Care

- Remote Connect/Disconnect Collar
  - Deployment
  - Supply Chain
  - Asset Tracking
  - Lifecycle Mgmt
  - Operations
  - Revisions to credit collection process

### Customer Care

- Letters
  - CPP letters for target audiences
  - E-bill notification e-mails
  - Automated support of Account Services letters

### Bill Calculation

- Additional functions for system determination of estimated bill
- Some ABS accounts switched to CC&B

### MBC DW

- Interval Data from MBCDW to MADS
- Additional functionality TBD (reporting)
- Archived usage data provided to CC&B for Cancel/Rebill beyond 14 months

### Operations

- Real Time Meter, Module & AMI Network alarms & flags (Hexagram)
- Direct Load Control

### Meter Data Mgt

- Weather data

### Meter Read

- Full TNG support of new endpoint metering products
- Net Metering and TNG support for Interval Data for ABS Billed SAs
- On-Demand Meter Read – CSR request and response
- Identification of Broken Lock usage
- Prioritization of electric interval data collection

### Customer Web Presentment

- Online Auditing
- Audit Trail tracking and archiving
- Employee proxy view
- Administrative tool to control privileges, access, views
- Simple rate analysis Tool
- Rate analysis request to CSRs
- Data download

### Ops Dashboard

- Display of high-level status of daily performance issues
- Automated dispatching capabilities
- Drill-down query capabilities
- Real-time data
- Interactive capability

### Hexagram Electric

- Deployment, Supply Chain, Asset Tracking, Lifecycle Mgmt, Meter Read, Operations, Outage Mgmt

## SM X.0

### Outage Mgmt

- Autonomous system pinging based on pre-configured strategy
- Real-time outage info to WACS
- Real-time switching info to TNG

### Lifecycle Mgt: Equip

- BT-driven transition
- SAP as source system

### Meter Read

- Other functionality associated with TNG 3.0

### Operations

- Real-time TWACS network alarms

### MBC DW

- Added functionality TBD

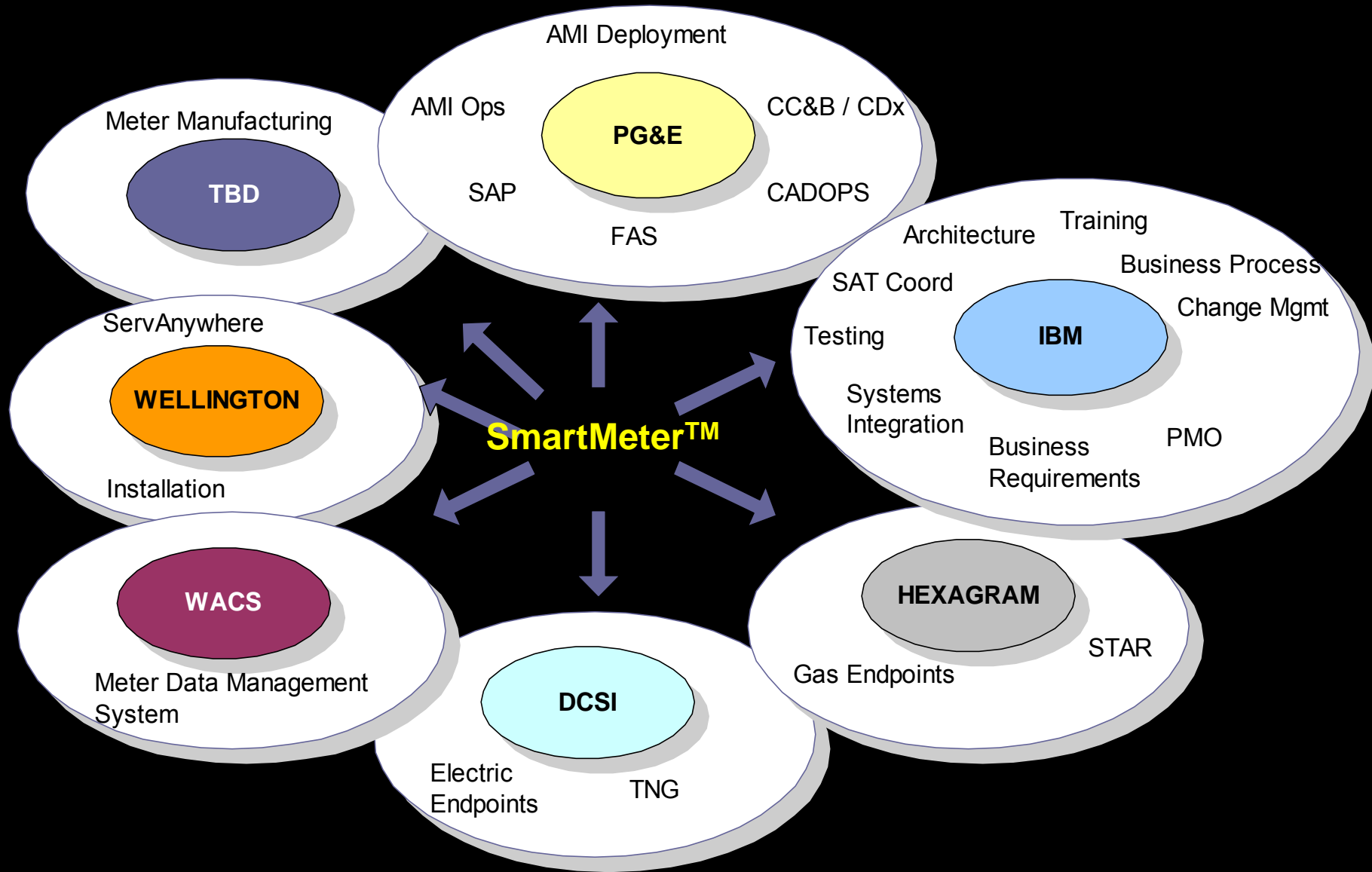
### Customer Web Presentment

- Prompt interest-customers to enroll in CPP when eligible
- Compare actual usage
- Overlay actual usage with TOU or CPP rate
- Display usage data in bill-cycle month
- Inform CPP customers that they are eligible at account level
- Display event information by customer
- CPP Calculator showing potential savings

### Other

- T&D Data Acquisition
- Assets for customer in-house display
- Real-time output
- Data aggregation for third parties
- End-use devices

# PG&E SmartMeter™ Partners



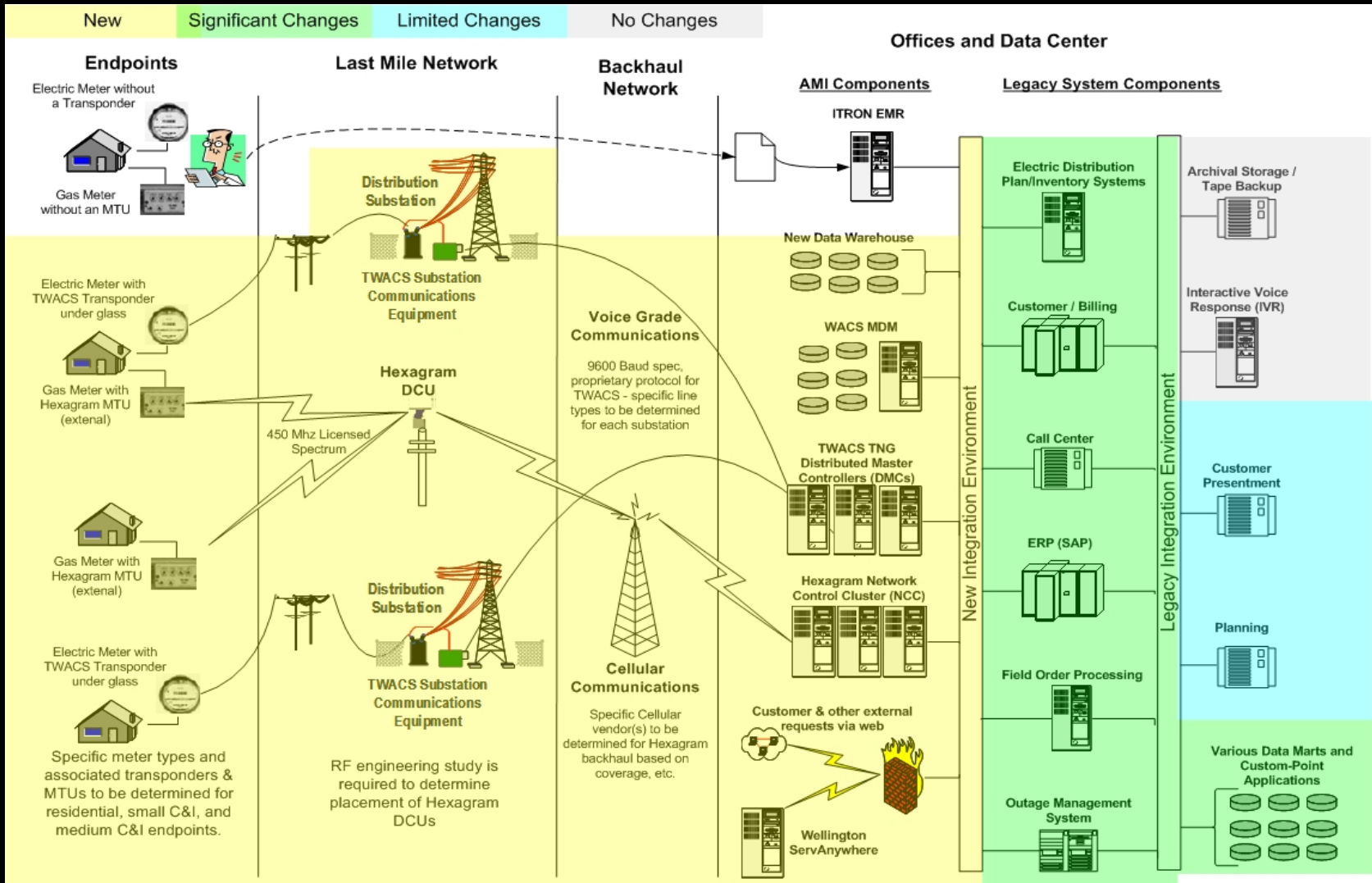




# One Year In ... Lessons Learned



# SmartMeter™ is pervasive – it changes nearly everything



## SmartMeter™ Architecture touches deep within the Enterprise

- A focused architecture governance process is critical to deciding and implementing key architectural elements of the system
- Significant architectural tradeoffs are required to integrate multiple in-production utility and new vendor systems each in different stages of their respective product lifecycles
- Key differences in the temporal characteristics of various component systems and business requirements present a significant challenge
- Data is a critical facet of the system technical architecture

## A Complex Project With Good Key Health Indicators

- Executive buy-in/interest. Good Steering Committee that is actively protecting the project when called upon.
- Corporate wide understanding of what our project is trying to achieve. Corporate wide interest. Excitement/buzz.
- Strong Issue management process. Issues are known and being worked.
- Cooperative workstreams.
- Active schedule management.
- Active Change Management
- Strong project team. Good mix of Subject Matter Experts as well as Execution focused people.
- Have a good target end insight.
- Enterprise level coordination/support

## Program Management is Complex and Challenging

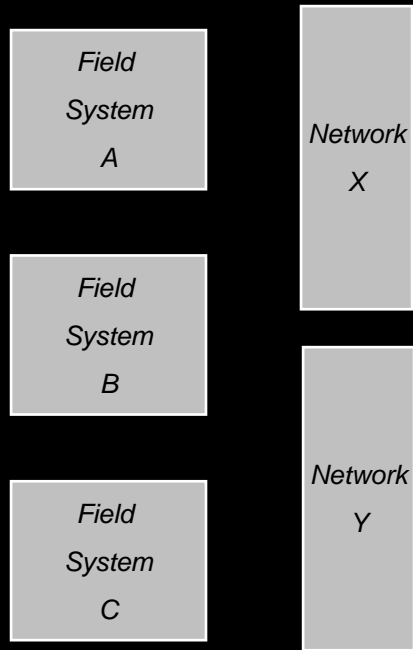
- Contention for limited and specialized subject matter expert resources present significant scheduling challenges
- Harmonizing, coordinating and integrating with other enterprise initiatives is difficult and critical
- Gaining final schedule commitment from all participating parties within the enterprise will take longer than you anticipate
- You can not over communicate with anyone

## Business Process Definition is Sticky

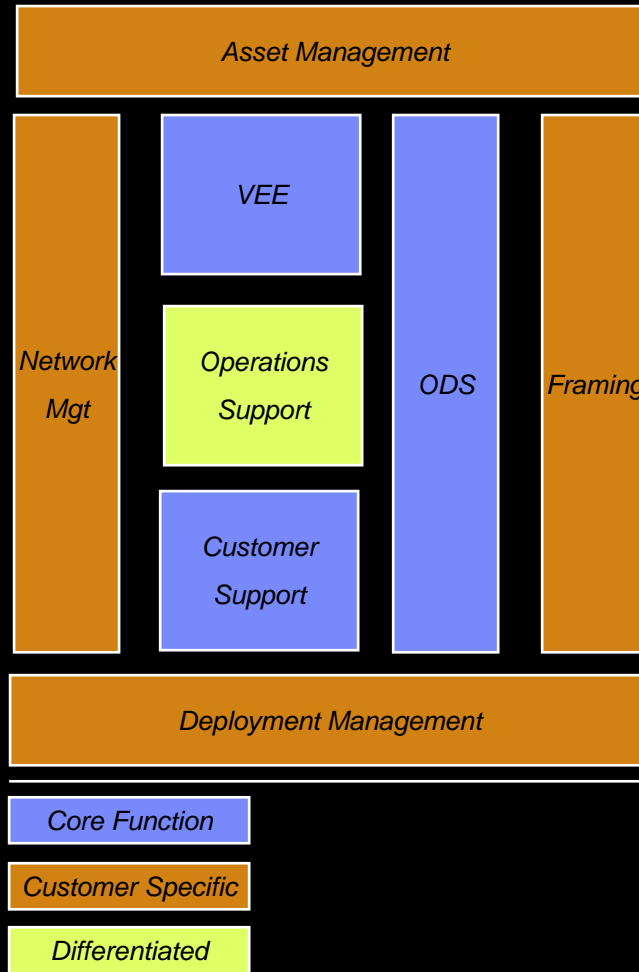
- The level of effort to define SmartMeter™ “To Be” processes can be easily underestimated
- Vendor product lifecycles will not neatly fit business process objectives or benefits realization
- Vendor involvement in developing business processes is critical
- New SmartMeter™ processes introduce the need for transformed business controls (eg remote disconnect)
- The business will always want more functions faster than the system or business case will support
- Robust requirements change control is a critical and painful project control point

# Meter Data Management Systems are Enigmatic

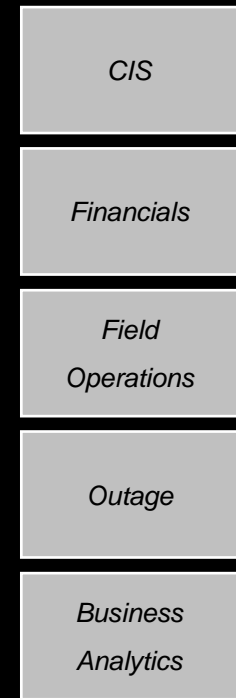
AMI Field Systems and Networks



MDM Basic Functional Context



Customer Enterprise systems



## Systems Integration is Broader Than Just Interfaces

- Conventional views of SOA aren't a perfect fit with SmartMeter™
- A singular development methodology across all systems development is unlikely
- The “do no harm” to current production systems doctrine of implementation can easily result in underestimation of the level of effort to implement
- Integrating across the enterprise will impact more collateral systems than you think

## Deployment is an Intricate Repeatable Process which must be flawless

- Field deployment schedules are substantially impacted by operational considerations which are only typically fully understood late in the planning process
- All the data required to successfully deploy meters may not exist and/or will not be in the form needed within the current systems of the utility enterprise.
- A robust view and management of the entire deployment supply chain is a critical success factor



## Testing Requires Meticulous Planning and Execution

- Ensuring rigorous and consistent testing execution at each phase of implementation is critical
- Realistic test environments are not a luxury
- Multiple testing skills and regimens are required (e.g. meter certification vs code unit test)

## SmartMeter™ Key Themes

- Pervasiveness of the program
  - ▶ SmartMeter™ will (eventually touch much of the business)
- SmartMeter™ isn't just an IT project
  - ▶ It's a regulatory project (Business Case)
  - ▶ It's a construction project (Deployment)
  - ▶ It's a software development project (Systems integration)
  - ▶ It's a product design project (Load control / demand response)
- The “devil” is in the details
  - ▶ As each layer of detail is uncovered, it causes changes to business processes, system interfaces, and schedules
- Key project issues and risks come from the legacy side of SmartMeter™ – not from the new systems
  - ▶ Constrained schedules
  - ▶ Contention for resources
  - ▶ Harmonizing the new system in the enterprise

## So What? What is Special About SmartMeter™?

- SmartMeter™ requires that you integrate business processes operating in different time domains (e.g. Meter Reading, Billing, Customer WEB Presentment, Outage Operations)
- SmartMeter™ requires that you harmonize business data across multiple business domains (e.g. Asset management, Customer, Operations)
- SmartMeter™ requires a revaluation of some basic business control processes (e.g. remote shut on/off)
- SmartMeter™ requires an enterprise view of data architecture and a view of the value in the data presently not leveraged