### **The Energy Cloud Transformation**

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- **I.** Electric Grid Transformation
- **II. Distributed Energy Resources**
- **III.** New Energy as a Service Business Models

# **Energy Transformation at a tipping point**

#### Disruption is a prevailing and uncompromising threat to our industry.



#### Multiple megatrends underpin utility industry transformation:

- Greater customer choice and demand for more (sustainable) energy options
- 2. Increased policies and regulations to reduce carbon emissions
- 3. Shifting power-generating sources
- 4. Search for shareholder value: new ventures and increased M&A
- 5. Regionalization of energy
- 6. Merging of mega industries around growth opportunities
- 7. Replacement of old infrastructure and transition toward an increasingly clean, decentralized and intelligent grid architecture: *the Energy Cloud*

### The energy cloud

Toward a clean, decentralized, intelligent & mobile grid

**PAST: Traditional Power Grid** Central, One-Way Power System **TODAY: The Energy Cloud** Distributed, Cleaner, Two-Way Power Flows



#### **Impacts on utilities**

#### Understanding the impacts of new dimensions

The Energy Cloud Beyond safe, reliable and affordable

#### Impact Dimensions



# **Competition at the edge of the grid**

**Utilities face competition from non-utilities for customer engagement** 



# Value shifts to T&D, EAAS and EC Platforms

but...Large and at scale disruptors competing for the last mile



Disruptors are cash heavy, thriving in-house R&D engines, own the customers relationships...

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#### **Distributed Energy Resources change the way we produce and use power**



Resources can be utility, customer, or 3<sup>rd</sup> party owned on the grid in front of the meter or customer owned behind the meter.

## **DER will be disruptive to the industry**

- Global DER deployments are expected to reach 158 GW this year
- Over 300 GW of distributed generation capacity expected to be installed in 2028





NAESCO National Association of Energy Service Companies

Source: Navigant Research

## **DER vs. Centralized Generation**

New global DER generation capacity deployments will outpace the deployment of new centralized generation capacity

> Distributed and Central Generation by Capacity Installation, World Markets: 2019-2028

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#### A recent survey reveals the most prevalent and useful DER for utility operations

Which will be the most **prevalent** DER **in terms of capacity** by 2025? Which DER will be the **most useful to utility operations** by 2025?

Solar PV	Solar PV
Generator sets (e.g., diesel or natural gas-fueled)	Generator sets (e.g., diesel or natural gas-fueled)
Energy storage	Energy storage
Microgrids	Microgrids
Vehicle electrification & charging services	Vehicle electrification & charging services
Demand response	Demand response
Energy efficiency	Energy efficiency
0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%	0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%
Source: Navigant Consulting/Pu	blic Utilities Fortnightly 2017 Survey

# **Energy Cloud platforms**

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### **Integrated Distributed Energy Resources (IDER)**

A program design type that delivers the benefits of *multiple DERs* to both *customers and the grid* using similar technology intervention and/or a linked incentive while leveraging complementary program delivery resources and infrastructure.

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## **The Rise of Virtual Power Plants (VPP)**

Energy storage-enabled VPPs may emerge as a significant class of DER that lead the power grid toward more distributed generation.

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Source: Fitzgerald, Garret et al. October 2015. The Economics of Battery Energy Storage, Rocky Mountain Institute. https://rmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/RMI-TheEconomicsOfBatteryEnergyStorage-FullReport-FINAL.pdf.

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#### **Evolving C&I utility customer needs**

C&I customers seek cost-effective, customized, and comprehensive energy solutions that can guarantee energy use reduction and savings without capital expenditures or impact to their day-to-day operations.

DELIVER COST REDUCTIONS	IMPROVE SUPPLY QUALITY	IMPROVE SUSTAINABILITY	DRIVE SCALABLE SOLUTIONS	SIMPLIFY OPERATIONS
C&I customers under pressure to reduce total energy expenditures with minimal capital expenditures (i.e. financing flexibility)	An increased focus on resiliency and redundancy of supply requires dependable solutions	An increased focus on sustainability and regulatory compliance (e.g. renewables, GHG) requires a comprehensive energy strategy	Large customers seek scalable enterprise-wide solutions to monitor, benchmark, and optimize energy costs	Corporate energy management functions have become complex and customers seek to simplify operations and refocus on core business
nerging Trends for large C&I customers: - Move to lower carbon energy and DER			Many evolutions are taking place in the current C&I energy service market on both the supply side	

and the demand side.

- Onsite distributed generation, solar PV
- · Demand response, energy storage, microgrids

# Flexible financing options create business model value

The deployment of these new portfolio-wide solutions across a broad set of financing transaction options to complement fee for service options enables new business models.

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# New business models will require new vendor capabilities

Vendors will need to develop new in-house or partnership capabilities across the full spectrum of portfolio-wide solution delivery options.

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## **Evolution of DER Business Models**

Business Model	PRODUCT- ORIENTED	SUBSCRIPTION- BASED	SOLUTIONS PROVIDER	NETWORK	
Examples	HVAC Lighting	BEMS SaaS offerings	Software plus IoT, bundled services	Building-to-grid, integrated DER	
Approach	Point	System	Platform	Ecosystem	
Business Impact	Efficiency and operational improvements in siloes	Cohesive management strategies for buildingwide optimization	Facilities become flexible business assets that meet core business challenges of specific customers	Two-way, leveraged value across and between the network platforms	
Technology Foundation	Automation and controls	Analytics	Integrated management and services	Network communications	
	Pre-2005	2005- 2012	2012- 2018+		

# A move towards Orchestrated DER creates vendor value

Delivery of business model options can drive improved customer retention and improved margins due to long term, higher margin recurring revenue service contracts towards more digitalized platform solutions.

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