Detroit Edison
Advanced Implementation of Energy Storage Technologies

Project Description
Detroit Edison will complete installation and begin an aggregated 1 MW Community Energy Storage (CES) System in their service territory at the Trinity Circuit in Michigan to demonstrate the potential of CES systems to strengthen grid reliability. The performance data of the CES devices and control systems under in-service operating conditions will be analyzed and used to identify gaps and facilitate how the devices can be standardized for use across the U.S. The project will also integrate the utility-owned 500 kW solar system to the energy storage device; provide proof of concept testing for an integrated, centralized communication system; and test the use of secondary-use Electric Vehicle (EV) batteries as CES devices.

Goals/Objectives
- Demonstrate peak shaving, demand response voltage, and emergency load relief of the CES devices when integrated to the utility grid
- Explore remote and automatic monitory and control responses
- Develop and verify advanced modeling and simulation methods for system planning and operations based on existing utility practice and expanded to include photovoltaic systems integration
- Demonstrate intentional islanding of CES devices with a utility distribution circuit and how they can aid in frequency regulation

Key Milestones
- Final Design of CES units (new batteries) complete (August 2012)
- All units operating (September 2013)
- Integration of secondary use battery system (May 2014)
- Project Final Report Completed (June 2015)

Benefits
- Job creation
- Lithium storage manufacturing established in the U.S.
- Power quality increased
- Security of the emergency response infrastructure strengthened
- Renewable resource integration
- Greenhouse gas emission reduction
- Market penetration of electric vehicles increased