

# **ONCOR ENERGY STORAGE and MICROGRID**

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# TEXAS' CHALLENGE: POWERING OUR FUTURE GROWTH



26M  
PEOPLE  
2014



INCREASED INVESTMENTS



50M  
PEOPLE  
2050



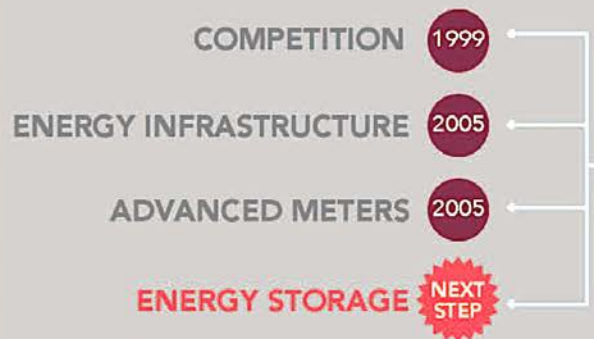
ECONOMIC GROWTH



- 1 AUSTIN
- 4 DFW
- 10 HOUSTON
- 20 SAN ANTONIO
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- 2 MIDLAND
- 3 ODESSA
- 6 LONGVIEW

FORBES FASTEST GROWING CITIES (FEB. 2014); FORBES FASTEST GROWING SMALL CITIES (SEPT. 2014)

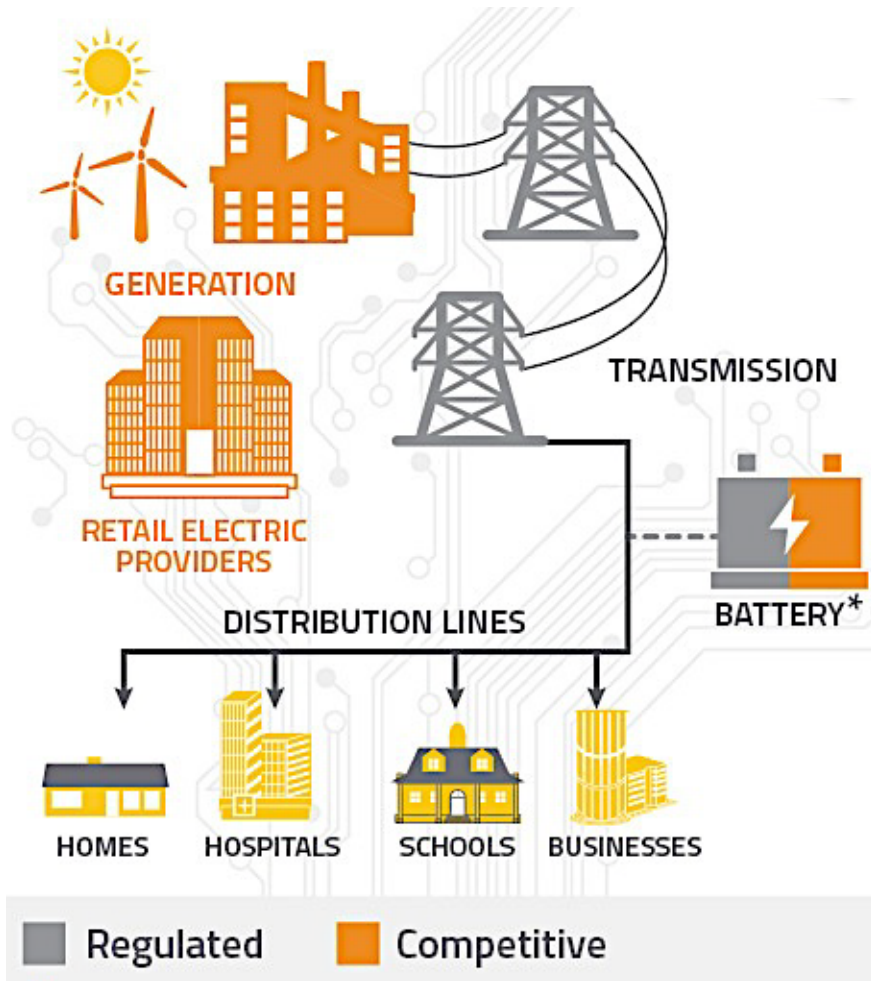
## TEXAS LEADS:



## ENERGY STORAGE WILL BRING

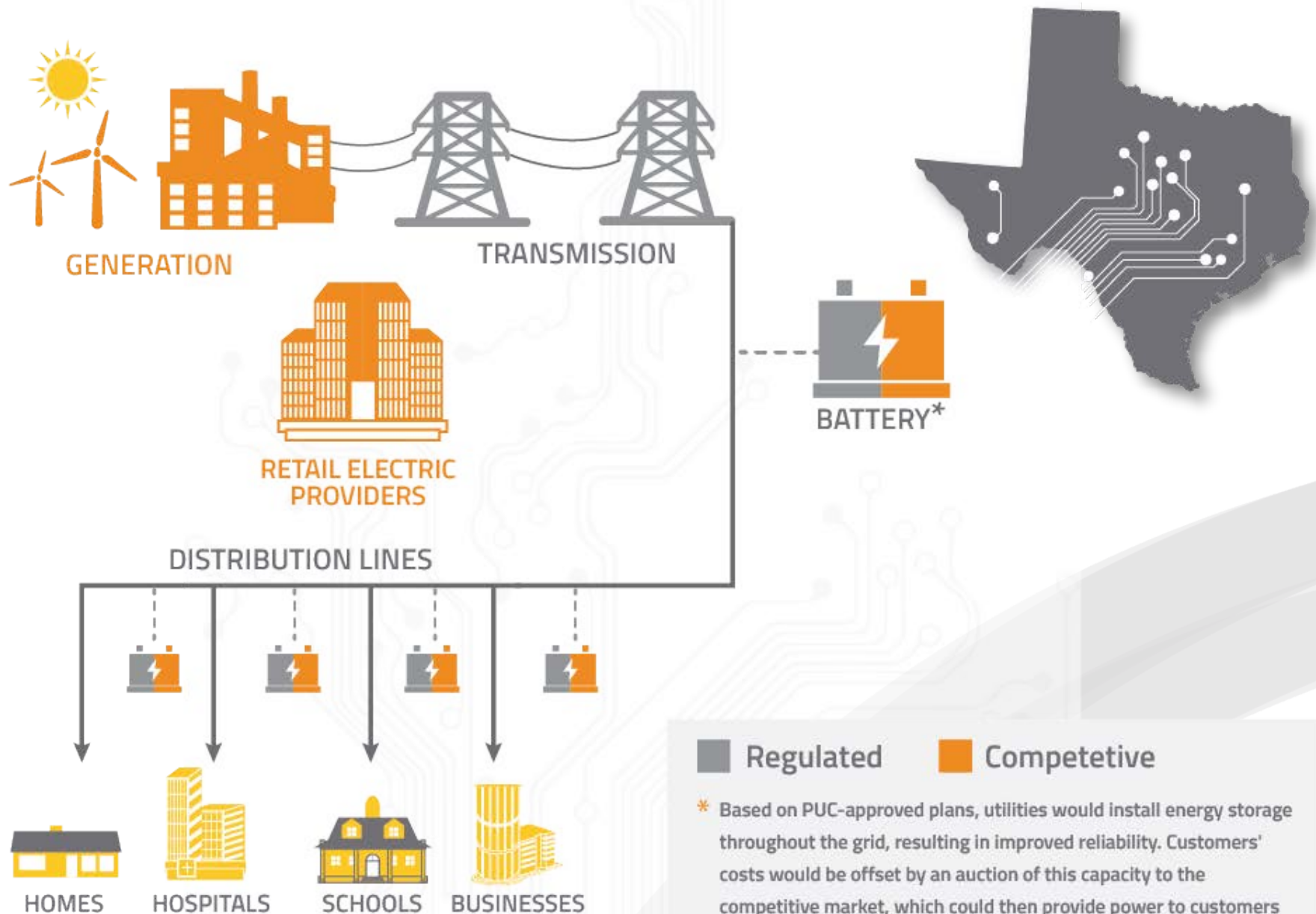
- \* RELIABILITY
- \* AFFORDABILITY
- \* FLEXIBILITY
- \* EFFICIENCY
- \* INDEPENDENCE
- \* SECURITY

# ENERGY STORAGE: CRITICAL COMPONENT



Grid integrated energy storage is the only technology that allows utilities to accomplish all of the following:

- Improve reliability by providing backup power during short-term outages
- Defer transmission and distribution investment through extending grid element life and optimization of system
- More efficiently and flexibly use existing power resources
- Improve voltage regulation
- Address renewable integration and grid stability



# INDIVIDUAL VALUE STREAMS CREATED BY STORAGE

## MARKET

Renewable generation smoothing and dispatch

Demand and time-of-use energy management

Electric supply reserve capacity

Peak shaving/load following

Fast response ancillary services

Capacity firming

Frequency regulation

Energy arbitrage

Phase balancing

Carbon reduction

## RELIABILITY

Support local grid during outages

Reduce SAIDI, MAIFI, SAIFI

Volt/VAR support – manage voltage & correct power factor to unity

Reduce cold-load pickup after grid outage

Transmission congestion relief

T&D asset investment deferral

Renewables grid integration

## CUSTOMER

Increased reliability

Increased grid efficiency and flexibility

Technologically advanced grid infrastructure

Lower customer bills

# UTILITY EXPERIENCE WITH ENERGY STORAGE

## ONCOR'S INITIAL INSTALLATION



## SAMPLE OF UTILITY PROJECTS

- Department of Energy
- Detroit Edison
- Duke Energy
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- San Diego Gas & Electric
- Southern Cal Edison
- United Kingdom
- Italy



# NEIGHBORHOOD STORAGE RELIABILITY INITIATIVE

## Our Goal

Oncor has a goal to implement technologies, facilities, and operating procedures that improve distribution reliability, safety, efficiency, and the customer experience.

## Purpose

The Neighborhood Storage Reliability Initiative will evaluate the effectiveness of deploying small-scale battery storage for the purpose of bridging short duration outages and improving local power quality.

## Project Details

Six 25 kW Lithium Ion batteries have been installed, tested and monitored.

## Capacity

These batteries are capable of bridging outages up to a few hours duration.

## Project Timeline

Installations occurred Q2, Q3 and Q4 2014.

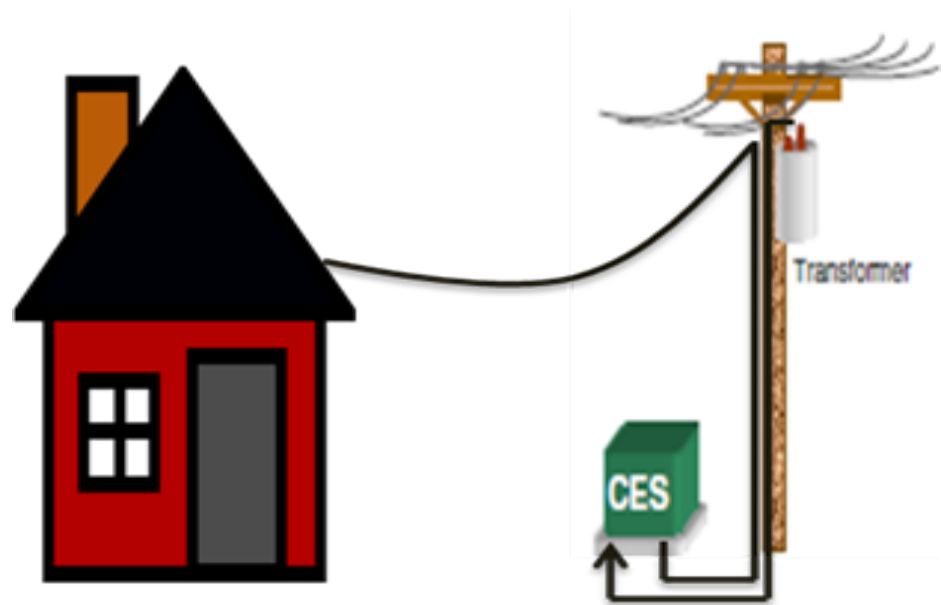


\*Source: [S&C Electric Company](#)

# BENEFITS OF NEIGHBORHOOD STORAGE RELIABILITY INITIATIVE

Neighborhood storage is a localized means of:

1. Keeping the lights on during short-term outages.
2. Closing the gaps and smoothing the variations between local household loads and renewable power sources.
3. Enhancing the quality of power delivered to customers.
4. No on-peak or EEA event recharging.



The Neighborhood Storage Initiative is one element of Oncor's efforts to improve distribution reliability.



# MICROGRID

- *A microgrid is a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid. If desired, a microgrid can connect and disconnect from the grid to enable it to operate in both grid-connected or island-mode.*
- **Microgrid Key Attributes (Defining Characteristics):**
  - Grouping of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources
  - Can operate in island mode or grid-connected if desired
  - Can connect and disconnect from the grid if desired
  - Acts as a single controllable entity to the grid

# ORIGINAL SITE – Early 2014



Existing Components:

- TOC (1)
- (Red square icon) 2 – 175 kW Diesel Backup Generators
- (Purple circle icon) 1 – 50 kVA UPS
- Transformer Shop (2)
- (Green battery icon) 1 – 25 kW/25kWh NSRI Battery
- Meter Services (3)
- (Blue square icon) 1 – 45 kW Propane Backup Generator

Functions at the Site:

- TOC (1)
- Transformer Shop (2)
- Inspect
- Refurbish
- Environmental Lab
- Meter Services (3)
- Planned New Environmental Lab (4)

# Legacy Grid Becomes Microgrid

## Legacy

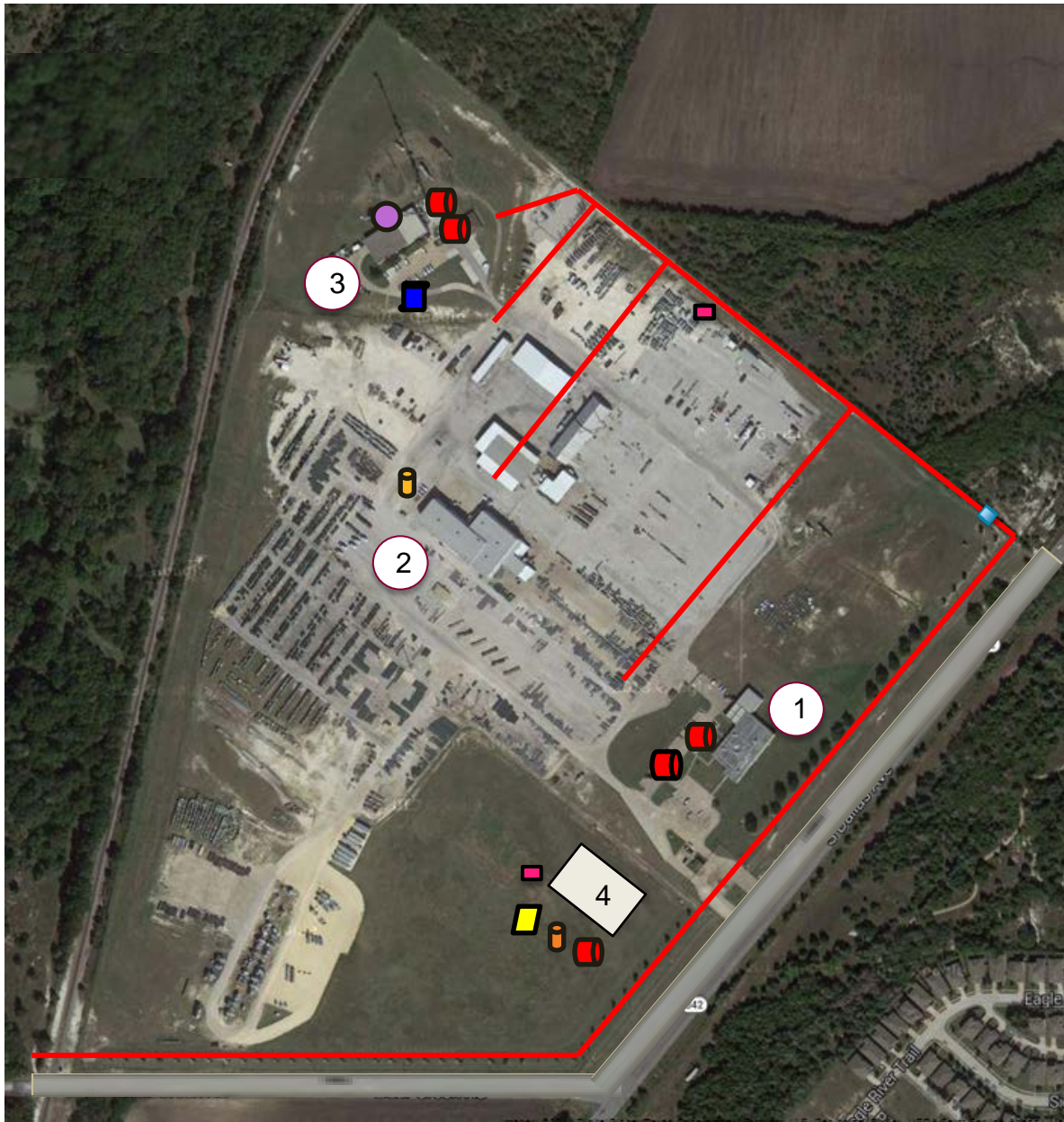
- **Utility service to each facility**
- **Only the most critical loads served with traditional UPS and emergency generator**

## Revised to Microgrid

- **Single point of service to the entire site**
- **Utility-grade distribution system on-site**
- **Can be split into 3 distinct microgrids**
- **Additional generation**
- **Prioritize critical functions for operation during grid outages**
- **Test the integration of solar PV, microturbine, and energy storage on a distribution system**



# TODAY



## Site:

- IntelliTeam on Grid Source Primary Meter Point
- 2 – Switchgear

## Meter Services (1):

- 1 – 45 kW Propane Backup Generator
- 1 – 200 kW Diesel Backup Generator

## Transformer Shop (2):

- 1 – 25 kW/25kWh Battery

## TOC (3):

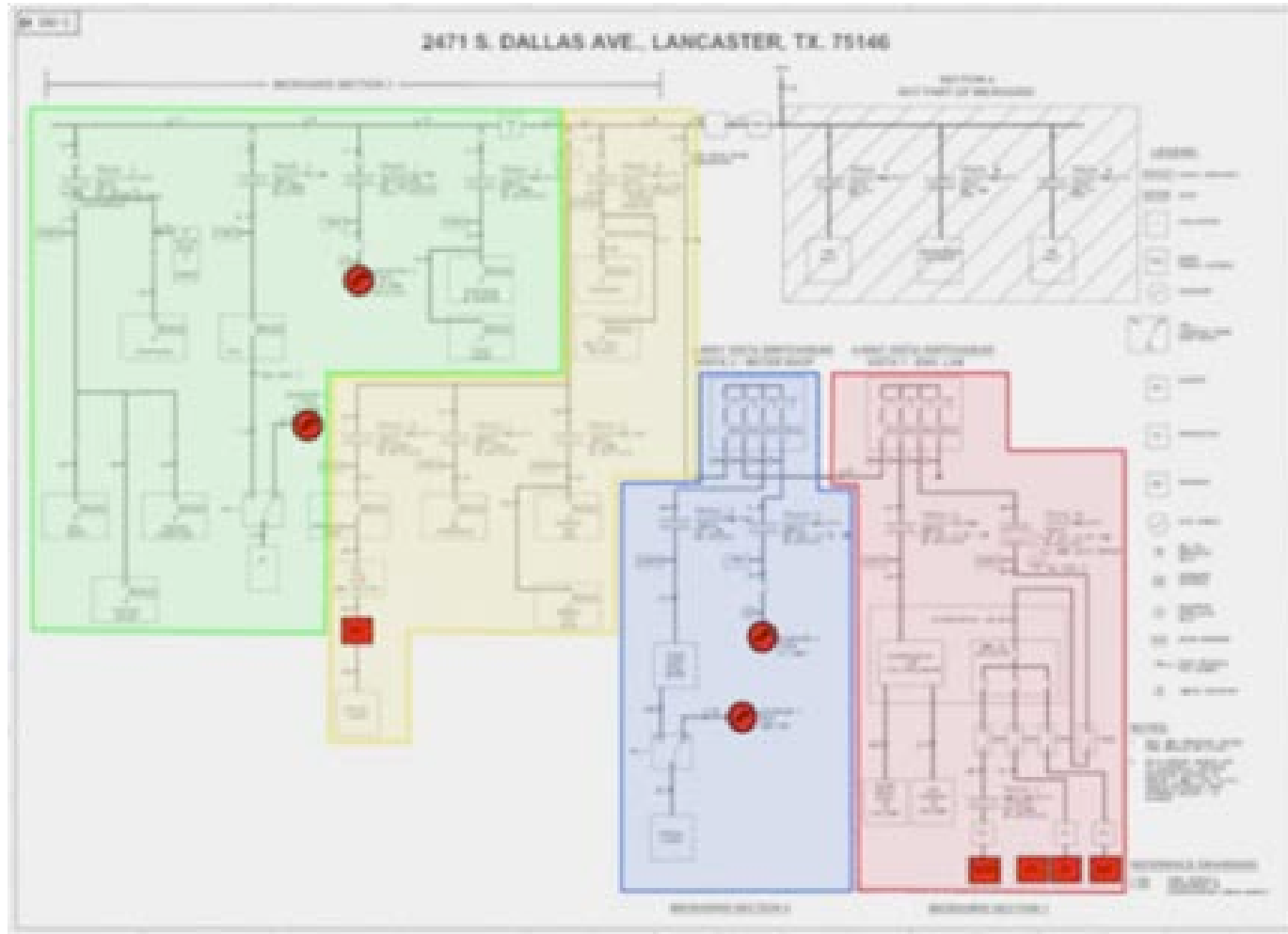
- 2 – 150 kW Diesel Backup Generators
- 1 – 50 kVA UPS
- Microgrid Control System

## Environmental Lab (4):

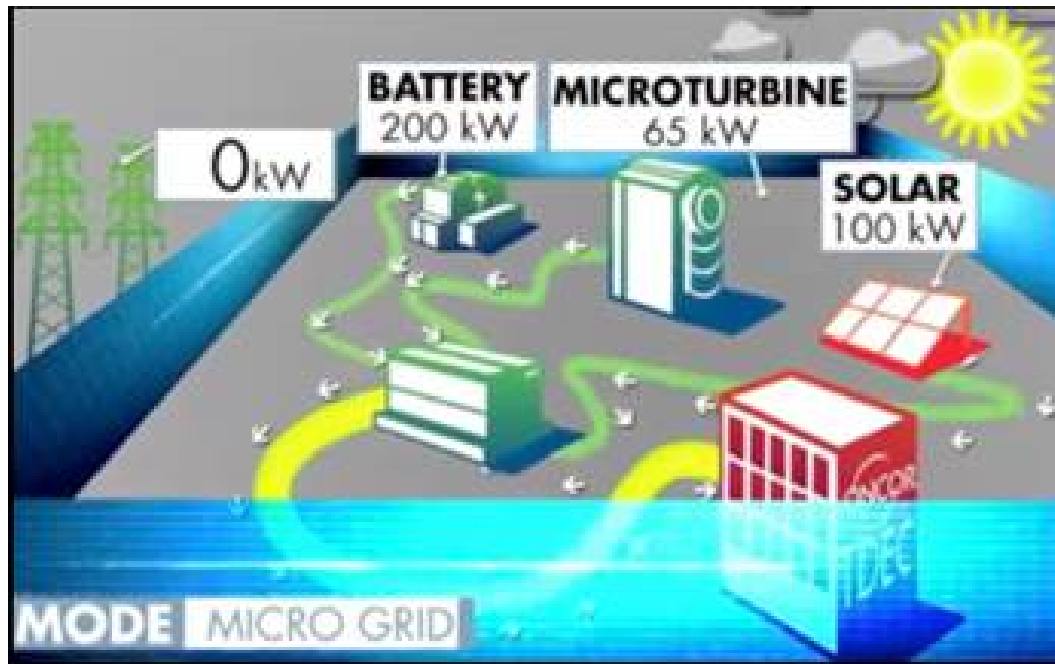
Microgrid Demonstration/Education Center

- Solar
- Battery
- Microturbine

# Oncor MicroGrids Within the MicroGrid



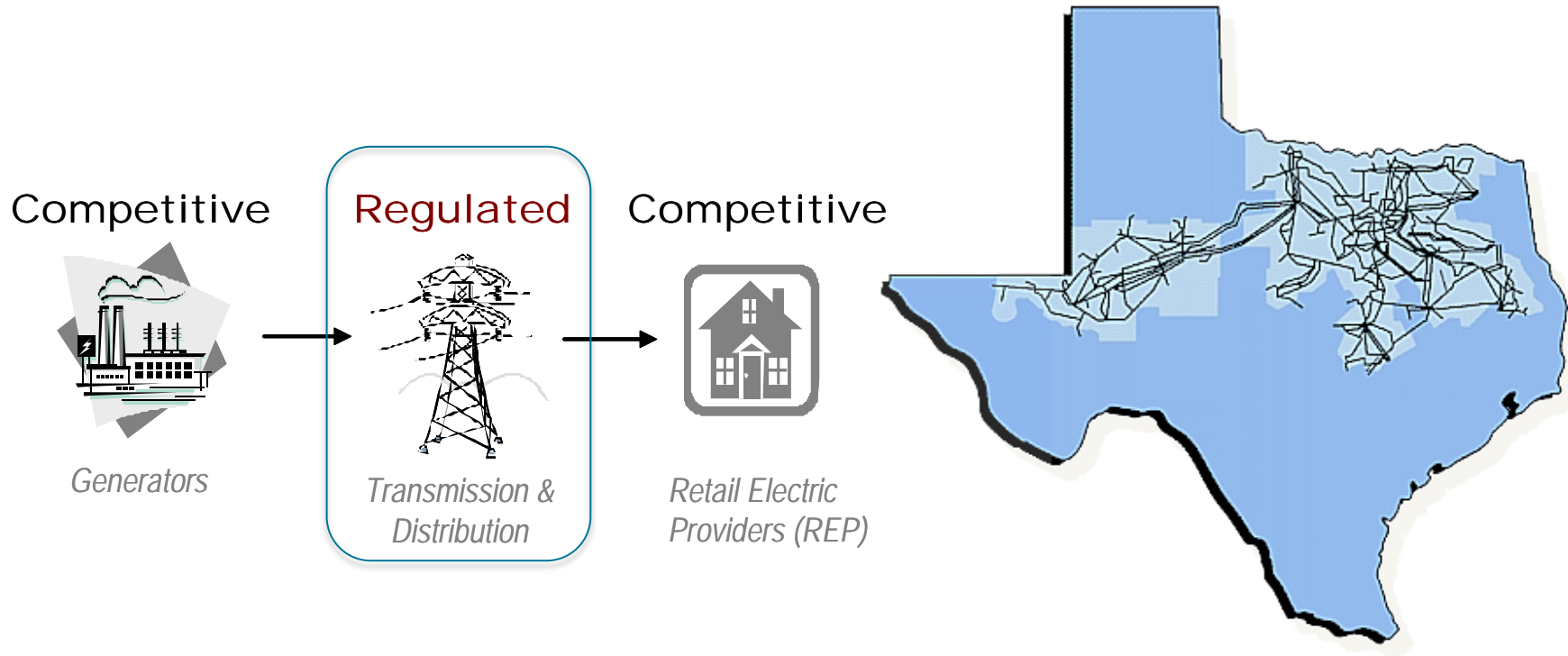
# Oncor MicroGrid Operations



The Demand Side Operations platform improves the economics of distributed energy resources by leveraging ERCOT market signals, weather and forecasting information, historical energy usage data and real-time building information.



# OUR ROLE IN THE MARKET

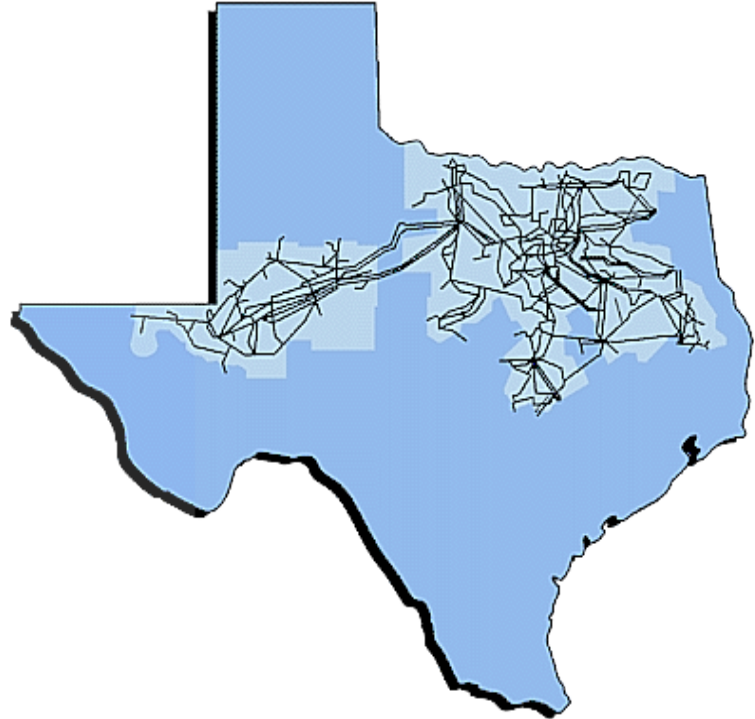


- Competitive ERCOT wholesale and retail electric energy market since 2002 for investor-owned players
- Regulated delivery utilities – do not generate, own, or sell electricity

*Reliable delivery through the application of technology*

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