

## Global Load Management Interest Group

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#### **GLM Overview**

#### Goal

Enlarge PLMA's scale by promoting the exchange of ideas among DR and DER practitioners around the world

#### **Chairs:**

- Scott Coe, GridOptimize
- Jon Hilowitz, Orange & Rockland Utilities
- Ros Malme, Skipping Stone

#### **Executive Sponsor:**

Michael Brown, NVEnergy



#### **GLM Activities**

- Handle requests from international organizations for PLMA membership, PLMA materials usage, PLMA conference speakers
- Track requests and report to board on international interest
- Provide venue for international topics both via webcasts and at conferences



#### **GLM Activities: Contemplated**

- On-site, overseas workshops to bring expertise to new countries
- "Utility Exchange" to pair US and international utilities with similar profiles
- Collaboration via on-line tools
- Support international training opportunities
- "Opportunity Clearing House" for international utilities to solicit solution from US providers
- Awareness training, focusing on educating policy makers on DR/DER facts



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#### How European generators can earn more by producing less

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## Evolution of European utility business



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	1990	2018	
Number of power plants in Germany	800	1,600,000	Decentralisation
Number of spot exchanges in Europe	0,00	12	Liberalisation
Number of LTE connections (global)	0,00	1,134,000,000	Digitisation
Energy sources	Fossil & nuclear energy sources	Renewable & fossil energy sources	Nuclear phase-out & decarbonisation



## What is a Virtual Power Plant?





# What does a Virtual Power Plant do?



Renewables live monitoring & forecasting Improving renewables trading



Asset Dispatch & Control Control decentral assets based on parameters

**Balancing Services:** Provide ancillary services to grid operators





## VPP case: Monitoring & curtailing renewables with Ecotricity (UK)







## Why monitoring & forecasting

The utilities' balancing challenge

Even balancing groups: The foundation for a stable grid





#### Live monitoring & forecasting

The recipe for a renewables forecast





#### Live monitoring & forecasting

Optimized trading through forecasting based on live data

#### Sample calculation of a PV forecast





## Ecotricity: curtailing wind power

Ecotricity is Great Britain's first green energy utility. They...

- supply green energy to C&I and residential customers
- produce & off-take renewable electricity
- partnered with Next Kraftwerke to develop a VPP business

Mark Meyrick, Head of Trading and Smart Grids at Ecotricity: "Ecotricity is, more than any other supplier, subject to intermittency (due to our renewable generation). So flexibility is something we absolutely need for our own portfolio, as well as for providing intelligent flexibility services to a wider pool of clients."





## Ecotricity: curtailing wind power

Optimizing imbalance costs in short-term trading of renewables

Example illustration of curtailment through the VPP system, e.g. during extreme wholesale prices





## VPP Case Study: dispatching power-to-gas with Greenpeace Energy (DE)



#### The city of Haßfurt





#### The distribution grid's components





## The gas grid





#### Optimization through the VPP

Generation from wind + Generation from PV – consumption of municipality = excess electricity





#### Power-to-gas system overview

VPP integration of the power-to-gas unit Windgas Haßfurt





## One of many: balancing services at scale

Example activation of DER for secondary (spinning) reserves (mFRR) in Germany





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#### The Next Box

Connect, collect & control

The Next Box connects the asset with the VPP

- Installed on site, connected to local SCADA
- Direct control via PLC possible
- Communication via closed user group (private APN)

#### Examples of exchanged data points

Designation	direction	Unit
Active power	receive	kW
Availability signal	receive	0/1
Grid connect	receive	0/1
Activation	send	kW
Set point	send	kW
SOC of battery/gas tank	receive	%
Frequency	receive	Hz



#### Overview

NEMOCS as platform for your VPP & DR use cases





#### **Our Virtual Power Plant**

"In 2009, we started with our vision of a Virtual Power Plant. Today, we operate one of the largest Virtual Power Plants in the world."

Jochen Schwill & Hendrik Sämisch (Founders & CEOs)

Aggregated Power: 6,000 MW

Aggregated Assets: 6,500

Providing services to:

**8** system operators









#### Milestones





#### What is a Virtual Power Plant?







## VPP infrastructure

High level draft of example layout





#### Dispatching of distributed generation

Controlling of decentral assets through price based schedules

Through the NEMOCS Control Center, or via an API, your connected assets can be dispatched and controlled in real-time

#### **Your Benefits**

Allowing for higher revenue by trading your dispatchable generation & flexible demand based on wholesale market prices





"With his biomethane CHP, Stefan Kienz produces power when it most valuable, based on dispatch signals from the VPP."

#### Demand side flexibility: pumps

Optimizing Energy Costs – Active Dispatch of Consumers

#### Overview - Water pumps

- Consume power when the demand at the power exchange is low and power costs less
- > Price forecasts in different time intervals available

#### **Benefits**

- ▶ Harmonizing power supply and demand for the entire system
- Saving up to 30% on energy costs

#### **Regulatory Barriers**



Grid charges for peak demand



Matthias Reimers shifts the power consumption of his pumps to times with lower power prices.



# 2nd life EV batteries - their role in the energy storage landscape

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#### Energy storage using 2nd life EV batteries





#### Who we are..... a leading innovator with global reach

- Connected Energy is an award winning UK company that provides world leading energy storage systems and services.
- Dedicated to the design, manufacture and operation of world class energy storage systems.
- A business underpinned by a management team with a diverse set of skills and experience from the automotive and energy sectors.
- Backed by strategic investors Macquarie, Engie and Sumitomo to achieve ambitious international growth







Hardware and software system integrators



Manufacturing supply chain developers



Sales, operation and customer service providers

## The E-STOR energy storage system

- Installed, operational and proven technology
- Modular, flexible design for low cost scalability.
- E-STOR uses (second life) EV batteries.
- Battery/OEM agnostic
- Integrates existing, reliable technologies.
- Operating system monitors performance and optimises system.
- Simple, low cost installation and maintenance.
- Includes variants for niche applications
- Adds sustainability to the EV and energy value chains





#### Integration & product development



#### Projects installed and in development







#### Extending the sable life of EV batteries

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Life EV battery - market opportunity

• The benefits of using 2nd life batteries and further harnessing their embedded natural resources is immense when compared with manufacturing new batteries



Note 1: Global Storage Demand – BNEF, Nov 2017: https://about.bnef.com/blog/global-storage-market-double-six-times-2030/ Note 2: EV battery Forecast – IEA, 2018: https://inkd.irv/IMaCYwa

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#### Using EV 2nd life batteries: an attractive solution

- High Safety level
- Technical performance
- Affordable: lower price than a new battery
- Better environmental impact of the EV
- Less use of resources
- Excellent sustainable and circular economy credentials





## Behind the Meter Battery Storage

- The 6 "C"s of Battery Storage
  - Consumption
  - Cost Avoidance
  - Cost of System
  - Choice of Flexibility Service
  - Capacity Market
  - Cycles
- Define the sweet spot capex v return
- Additional Benefits
  - Carbon
  - UPS
  - Security
  - Sustainability



• Future Proofing





#### Revenue certainty in UK

- Transmission Charge avoidance (TRIADs) National Grid has published tariffs until 2024, giving assets security until then
- Risk possibility of a reduced tariff after 2024
- **Distribution Charge avoidance (DUoS)** Tariff published up to April 2021.
- Risk Future tariffs will likely have a lower spread therefore reduced revenue potential
- **Capacity Market** Programme is just reinstated, this revenue stream has the longest guarantees.
- FFR Market price has stabilised
- Risk As National Grid no longer procures long term contract, revenues are dependent on securing capacity in monthly tenders
- **Constraint Management** Seasonal programme that is dependent on regional (post code) zones.
- BM trading This is stream providers no guarantees and is dependent on the asset getting dispatched at appropriate strike price levels
- Risk Asset needs to be aggregated with others to increase dispatch frequency



## Changing value in flexibility

- Eroding FFR Value
- Increasing value in real-time energy trades
- Increasing DSO Ancillary services market
- Reduction in Revenue security
- Volatility driven by intermittent generation set to increase
- A merchant approach is the way forward?
- Trans European Replacement Reserves Exchange (TERRE)



Source: Aurora Energy Research



#### Case study - EVEREST micro-grid at Lotus Cars, Hethel UK





- Includes E-STOR system, PV charging canopy, micro wind turbine, 1 x 50kW and 6 x 22kW EV chargers
- Functionality:
  - E-STOR provides energy cost benefits by charging and discharging according to an arbitrage schedule
  - E-STOR maximises the value of the renewable generation by storing when not being used on site.
  - When EV chargers are in operation E-STOR fills gap between available on site generation and EV charging load.
  - Active load management is employed when required – e.g. if the site has additional loads from R&D activity.
  - Reactive load management is used at other times.

#### Case study - Grid-Load management in Kircheim, Germany





- E-STOR in operation on motorway service station in Germany. A similar system is also operational in Belgium.
- The E-STOR actively manages the loads of 1 x 50kW EV rapid chargers.
- 1 50kW charger have been installed on a 40kVA connection.
- The E-STOR actively manages the loads so the chargers do not exceed the connection capacity – which is also subject to other site loads.

The green line indicates the load that would occur if the E-STOR unit was not in place and the blue line indicates the actual load that has been managed by the E-STOR system



## Case study - EV charging hub in Dundee, Scotland



- Dundee City Council has a fleet of Nissan Leaf vehicles and these chargers are amongst the most heavily used in the UK.
- The hub is a pilot to demonstrate how EV charging can be achieved from an integrated system using PV canopies and energy storage.
- The E-STOR system is controlled to maximise the value of the PV generation by using it to feed the chargers whilst also controlling the maximum grid load.
- As utilisation continues to increase the scale of the storage system will also be increased.

### Case study – industrial site in Brussels, Belgium





- Location: Brussels, BE
- Category: Industrial
- Global Battery recycler
- E-STOR 1200kW/720kWh
- Services:
  - European grid balancing
  - Dynamic frequency response
  - Power quality improvement and back-up



#### Large split system configuration

- Systems capitalise on the low cost of batteries and minimise logistics costs
- Power and energy modules are separated to enable energy/duration to be increased as required





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