Powering the Future New Partners for Smart Growth 2018

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GRID 1.0

- Centralized generation
- Mostly carbon based
- Long distances
- Unidirectional
- No local control
- Socialized costs

GRID 2.0

- Distributed resources
- Low carbon / renewable
- Customer-based
- Dispatchable load
- Local control
- Owner pays / possible revenue streams



gaps to fill, questions to answer

- Finance
- Location
- Equity
- Infrastructure
- Organizational
- Professional
- Regulatory
- Governance





microgrids are test-beds of technologies and ideas



Con-Ed Low Income Microgrid (New York)

- \$200M in non-wire alternatives vs. \$1.2B in grid upgrades
- 625 low-income units
- 400 kW of solar
- 400 kW fuel cell
- 300 kW/1,200 kWh batteries
- 1.1 MW to leverage for 1.5 MW demand

Power (and money) to the People

- Neighbor-to-neighbor energy transactions
- Enabled by blockchain technology
- Utilizes smart meters
- Energy sold by automated auction



B R O O K L Y N MICROGRID





City Yards Multiuser Microgrid (Santa Monica)

- City public works facility anchors microgrid
- Non-city entities on adjacent parcels to be interconnected
- Enable vehicle electrification
- Supports resilience of essential operations
- Optimizes use of renewables

The Grid of the Future will...

- Challenge the utilities' status quo and role of local governments
- Engage public agencies, business and residents in ways we never have before
- Require an increasing level of sophistication in technology, finance, workforce skills and governance
- Not automatically result in equitable outcomes unless the community is involved and the public interest is maintained in goal setting

Thank you

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