## Technology Council Meeting Agenda April 27, 2022 @ 3:00 PM ET

I.	Antitrust Guidelines	K. Malaika Walton, Membership and Programs Director			
II.	Welcome & Introduction	Aurora Edington, Policy Director			
		Kerrick Johnson, Chief Innovation and Communications Officer,			
		VELCO and GridWise Alliance Board Member			
III.	Grid Enhancing Technologies 101: Focus on	Pablo Ruiz, Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology			
	Resilience	Officer, NewGrid			
		Ted Bloch-Rubin, Director of Business Development, Americas,			
		Smart Wires Inc.			
		Hilary Pearson, Senior Director Governmental & Regulatory Affairs,			
		LineVision			
IV.	Discussion / Q&A	Moderated by Aurora Edington			





#### GridWise Alliance Antitrust Compliance Program Guidelines

It is the policy of the GridWise Alliance to comply fully with the antitrust laws. The Sherman Act and other applicable antitrust laws are intended to promote vigorous and fair competition and to combat various restraints of trade.

Each person who participates in GridWise Alliance activities has a responsibility to his/her employers and to the GridWise Alliance to avoid any improper conduct from an antitrust standpoint. The following guidelines will assist in meeting this responsibility:

1. GridWise Alliance meetings and discussions generally cover topics related to the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity. Should related discussions ever have any potential for competitive impact, all due care shall be taken to avoid such discussion between competitors.

2. In view of antitrust considerations and to avoid any possible restraints on competition, the following legally sensitive subjects must be avoided during any discussion between competitors:

(a) Future marketing plans of individual competitors should not be discussed between competitors;

(b) Any complaints or business plans relating to specific customers, specific suppliers, specific geographic markets or specific products, should not be discussed between competitors;

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3. Any question regarding the legality of a discussion topic or business practice should be brought to the attention of the GridWise Alliance legal counsel or a company's individual legal counsel for advice.





## Building the Future Grid Together

Flexible and efficient solutions for a reliable, affordable and clean power system

## 2022 | Ted Bloch-Rubin

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## Agenda

- 1. Smart Wires Overview
- 2. System Resilience Applications

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3. Questions

## A challenging time for utilities

### **Rapidly Changing Generation**

Need to integrate intermittent resources

### **Shifting Consumption Patterns**

Driven by customer-sited generation, electric vehicles, etc.



Limited system recovery flexibility

### **Global Policy & Action**

- GHG emission reduction targets
- Electrification of transportation, heating, industry
- Desire to avoid negative financial impact for consumers



## Political Shift has caught up to Renewable Economics

- Bipartisan support for jobs and economic recovery
- Savvy firms will utilize all available tools to make the most of this opportunity



Smart Wires develops and implements technologies that advance the delivery of electricity around the world









## Smart Wires impact – improving the value of the existing grid





- Reduced renewables curtailment
- Greater utilization of new transmission lines

- Reduced complexity and time for interconnection queues
- Greater line loading flexibility across challenging scenarios

# NGET Project Scale and Details nationalgrid





48 SmartValves< 18 months</th>Manufacturing to commissioning5 Circuits< 12 months</td>For delivery of expansion3 Sites£387+MSavings for UK consumers

In 2022, National Grid is scaling up SmartValve deployments at two sites

**Across 3 boundaries** 



## SmartValve

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Modular Static Synchronous Series Compensator (M-SSSC)

### Full Range of Power Flow Control

Injects controllable voltage (leading or lagging) in quadrature with the line current to **pull** power towards or **push** power away from transmission facility

Provides compensation without SSR/SSCI risk

### Flexible Deployment Options

Voltage agnostic up to 550 kV

Integrates with existing station communications equipment, SCADA, and EMS

Mobile deployment can be assembled in 4 hours and fully installed and commission within 1 day



## **Grid Resilience Overview**

Definition of resilience (or resiliency), per IEEE Technical Report PES-TR65 and FERC Docket No. AD18-7-000 (Jan. 8, 2018):

"The ability to withstand and reduce the magnitude and/or duration of disruptive events, which includes the capability to anticipate, absorb, adapt to, and/or rapidly recover from such an event."

#### FERC Resiliency Order 2018:

- Ensuring resiliency requires:
  - Determining which risks (events) to the grid to protect against
  - Identifying the steps, if any, needed to ensure those risks are addressed
- Examples of high-impact, low frequency disruptive events
  - Fuel supply interruptions
  - Extreme weather events





## SmartValve Grid Resilience Applications

SmartValve can be implemented as a preventative grid hardening measure, or as a corrective response measure before, during, or after a resilience challenge (ex. adverse weather causing a line outage)





#### **Grid hardening – preventative solution**

Deployment of SmartValve technology at multiple locations to resolve congestion and provide granular control of power flows across the grid to improve grid resilience and operational flexibility.

#### **Response – corrective solution**

Fleet of SmartValves can be rapidly installed with mobile deployment at pre-determined locations before a forecasted event, or during or shortly after an unexpected event to act as a short-term or bridge solution to enable optimal system recovery measures.



## **Extreme Event Timeline**



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## Integration with Event Recovery Timeline

#### **Before outage**

**Identify Critical Customers** 100% of the load for critical customers is critical load

#### Identify Vulnerable Assets and Conduct Mobile SmartValve Deployment Planning

- Transmission lines serving critical load
- Substations with rapid connection capability

### Immediately after outage

Prioritize Critical Customers and Prioritize Critical Load for Noncritical customers

- Dispatch existing SmartValve deployments to minimize load loss
- Confirm appropriate locations to deploy additional mobile SmartValve units

## During power restoration

#### Restore Power Based on the Load Priority

- Dispatch crews to prep relevant sites for mobile SmartValve units
- Deploy mobile SmartValve units to site and install/ commission (4-8 hours)



## Resolving congestion in South-Eastern Europe using mobile deployment





Collaborative project with IPTO (Greece) and ESO (Bulgaria) to enhance and accelerate the integration of renewables in South-Eastern Europe

- Flexible, re-deployable, voltage agnostic solution redeployed from 150 kV in Greece to 110 kV in Bulgaria.
- **Resolve short-term needs** deployed in Greece to maintain grid resiliency and provide network capacity while new line under construction
- **Quick to install** install completed in 5 days and required outage time of less than 24 hours
- **Renewable integration** reduces network congestion to unlock more capacity for renewables and improves cross border flows.
- Operational flexibility delivers faster, lower cost and better way to plan and operate power systems

## **Smart Wires Analytics for Grid Resiliency**

- Advanced software and modeling services to develop detailed grid resiliency programs and mitigation strategies.
- Identifying of vulnerable bulk electric system facilities including substations and protection systems.
- Quantitative and Qualitative assessment of the risks associated with substation vulnerability classifications
- Detailed modelling of gas-electric interdependencies and simulation of extreme events or scenarios.
- Probabilistic risk assessments to quantify the impact of aging infrastructure on system resiliency.
- Identifying potential mitigations of component risks and protection strategies through deployment of SmartValve technology



## Questions?

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## Transmission Topology Optimization

## Pablo A. Ruiz, PhD

Grid Enhancing Technologies 101: Focus on Resilience GridWise Alliance Technology Council April 27, 2022



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## **Topology Optimization**

Topology optimization software technology automatically finds reconfigurations to reroute flow around congested elements ("Waze for the transmission grid")



## **Reconfiguration Implementation**

Topology optimization is analogous to Waze: "Arrive to destination reliably, with minimum delay even when there are events on the road."

- Reconfigurations are implemented by switching circuit breakers open or close
  - Analogous to temporarily diverting traffic away from congested roads to make traffic smoother

### Reconfigurations are implementable today!

- Switching infrastructure is already in place:
  - Most breakers are controlled remotely over SCADA by the TO
  - Phone call between TO and RTO to coordinate operations
- Circuit breakers are capable of high duty cycles & extremely reliable
  - Two designs: 2k or 10k switching cycles per maintenance overhaul
  - Some breakers are switched very frequently today, e.g., those connecting generating units with daily start and stop
  - Failure occurs less than once in 20,000 switching cycles\*
- Low cost: usually \$10-\$100 per switching cycle\*\*





For single-pressure SF6 breakers. Based on a CIGRE survey of 281,090 breaker-years with responses from 82 utilities from 26 countries, source: A. Janssen, D. Makareinis and C.-E. Sölver, "International surveys on circuit-breaker reliability data for substation and system studies," *IEEE Transactions on Power Delivery*, v. 29, n. 2, April 2014, pp. 808-814

<sup>\*\*</sup> All-in cost of maintenance overhauls for single-pressure SF6 breakers rated 72.5-362 kV.

## **Reconfiguration Practice**

### **Traditional Practice**

- Reconfigurations identified based on staff experience
  - Time-consuming process
  - Depends on expert operators
- Already employed to a limited extent, on an ad-hoc basis
  - Operating Guides
  - Remedial Action Plans
- Solutions are blunt instruments, they are not developed for current system conditions
- Transmission grid flexibility underutilized

### With Topology Optimization

- Software finds reconfiguration solution options
  - Fast search time: 10 s 2 min
  - Enables all operators to optimize the grid
- Enables broad application of reconfigurations in different processes
- Know when to restore/close open assets
- Analyzes current system conditions, continue to optimize as conditions change
- Take full advantage of grid flexibility





## Applications

## Topology optimization can support business processes across many scales. It is particularly effective as an operations support tool.

	Real-time	-	Adapt to emergency system conditions, increasing grid resilience
		-	Relieve N-1 flow violations
		_	Minimize RUC and manual unit starts for constraint management
In Da	Intra-Dav	_	Unlock capacity from export-constrained areas
		_	Minimize congestion costs in the real-time market
		_	Reduce renewables curtailments
	Dav-ahead	_	Pre-position the system topology to match expected conditions
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W		_	Support outage scheduling and coordination (enable conflicting tickets)
	Weeks Abead	Wooks Aboad	Mitigate the expected congestion impacts of outages
	weeks Alleau	-	Develop Op. Guides for extreme events that minimize load shedding
		-	Adjust underlying system topology when new projects are energized
	Long-Term	-	Optimize transmission expansion portfolio
	-	_	Maximize the benefit-to-cost ratio of new projects

## Proven Real-World Results



## Case Study 1: MISO North Congestion Relief during Polar Vortex 2014

### During the Polar Vortex event of 2014, Brattle supported a utility in the upper Midwest to mitigate congestion and overloads under those critical conditions.

- Severe transmission congestion affected the upper Midwest:
  - Record-setting high loads in MISO North due to extreme cold weather
  - Substantial number of unplanned generation outages due to cold weather
  - Extended 230 kV planned transmission outages
- The cost of electricity to customers in the area increased by over \$15 million in the first 10 weeks of 2014 due to congestion.
  - Load energy prices in the affected areas at times more than doubled the corresponding generation energy prices.



Figure Source: <u>http://blogs.scientificamerican.com</u>

 Using topology optimization we identified reconfiguration solutions that relieved much of the congestion and overloads. The solutions were implemented after validation by MISO and the transmission owners in the area.

## Case Study 2: SPP Long-Term Planning Avoiding Non-Consequential Load Loss

- NERC allows load shedding as part of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for specified planning events that involve multiple transmission outages which would otherwise result in NERC TPL-001-4 violations.\*
- SPP identified three severe multiple-contingency events whose CAPs rely on load shedding (re-dispatch is ineffective):
  - *P6 Event*: multiple contingency two overlapping single contingencies.
  - *P7 Event*: multiple contingency loss of a common structure.
  - *Extreme Event*: loss of a transmission corridor, of an entire substation or power plant, or of multiple elements due to a regional event.

## Case Study 2: SPP Long-Term Planning Avoiding Non-Consequential Load Loss

### We found corrective reconfigurations that:

- Fully relieve the violations <u>without load shedding</u>, and
- Do not cause other violations.

Case Study	<b>Flow on Viol</b> Initial	<b>ated Branch</b> With Solution	Avoided Load Loss	No. of Actions	No. o	of New Const	traints	Radialized Load
Туре	[% of Rating]	[% of Rating]	[MW]		>95% flow	>100% flow	<0.9 pu volt	[MW]
P6 Event	129%	86%	243	2	1	0	0	65
P7 Event	107%	94%	55	2	0	0	0	0
Extreme Event	113%	97%	151	1	0	0	0	0

\* NERC Standard TPL-001-4 — Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements.

## Case Study 3: Ice Buildup Mitigation January 15-16 2017 Winter Storm Jupiter

## Jupiter caused "crippling" icing in the Dodge City area, leading to multiple transmission outages.

Icing Forecast, January 15, 2017, 2pm

Icing Forecast, January 12, 2017, 2pm



## Case Study 3: Ice Buildup Mitigation Reconfigurations to Prevent/Remove Ice

## Two reconfigurations significantly increase heating on critical lines specified by Sunflower Electric and SPP.



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### Illustrative Example 7-bus Example: All Lines Closed



## Illustrative Example 7-bus Example Results: Before and After

Case Hourly Cost 130 MW 80 🖣 MW 18186 \$/h 40 Mvar AGC ON 49 MV Bus 3 80 #MW **Bus** .00 pu 30 Mvar 1.05 pu 40 🖣 MW 20 Mvar 6 MW AGC ON 100% 58 MV 009 в 220 MW 130 MW AGC ON 40 Mvar MYA 200 MW 0 Mvar 1 MW (A) Bus 7 04 pu (A) 200 AMW 291 MW 188 🖣 MW 0 Mvar AGC ON AGC ON

#### Before: all lines Closed

Generation	All lines closed	Line 3-4 open
Bus 1	80 MW	0 MW
Bus 2	220 MW	296 MW
Bus 4	6 MW	0 MW
Bus 6	188 MW	220 MW
Bus 7	291 MW	270 MW
Total	785 MW	786 MW

#### \$40/MWh

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#### \$15/MWh



## **Reconfigurations Meet Reliability Criteria**

The reconfigurations are feasible under all specified contingencies (e.g., do not introduce new problems, and are consistent with mitigating the ongoing risks in operations) and do not radialize load beyond a user-specified value. They can be validated for transient and/or voltage stability performance as needed using existing software tools.



## A Path For Technology Implementation

### Incremental implementation stages provide increasing resilience benefits.

- I. Market Participants (MP) use technology to identify solutions, request evaluation and implementation to RTOs (RCs in non-RTO regions) and TOs
  - Simplest first step for ratepayers to capture the low-hanging fruit in congestion mitigation right away
  - The burden to find the solutions is on market participants
  - RTOs, RCs and TOs need not deploy topology optimization software, they already have the required software to evaluate requests (similar to outage requests)
  - Least effort required from RTO, RC and TO staff (reconfiguration request evaluation is similar to outage request evaluation)
- II. RTO, RC and TO staff uses the technology in **operations planning** applications
  - Off-line advisory tool deployed at RTOs to support outage coordination and Op. Guide development.
  - Minimal integration with EMS or other tools transfer data through power flow case files
- III. RTO and RC staff uses the technology for **real-time operations support** 
  - Software integrated with RTO and RC EMS
  - Online advisory tool, provides reconfiguration options to shift engineers for their consideration
- IV. RTO uses the technology as part of market clearing
  - Software integrated with RTO MMS for day-ahead and real-time market clearing
  - Software integrated with RTO FTR (or similar) market clearing engine
  - Pre-approved reconfigurations from the previous processes (I III) are provided as inputs to market clearing engines

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## Advanced Monitoring Addresses Numerous Challenges



#### **Grid Expansion 100% growth** in grid capacity required by 2035



### **Intensifying Climate Risk**

**\$90B+** in economic losses from Texas' 2021 storm



### Aging & Failing Infrastructure

**50%** of lines are at or near the end of useful life



### **Interconnection Backlog**

**1000 GW** of interconnection projects stuck in the queue

## LineVision V3 Technologies

#### Non-Contact LiDAR & EMF Sensors



#### Patented Technology:

> EMF Power Flow Monitoring
 > Non-Contact Conductor
 Position Monitoring



#### Scanning LiDAR:

 > Continuously measures conductor position
 > Secure cloud analytics power advanced insights

#### Removing Barriers to Adoption

#### Simplified Installations

- > No outages
- > No live-line work

#### Industry Best Accuracy & Analytics

- > Data on ALL conductor phases
- > Any tower, any voltage, any conductor
- > IEEE & CIGRE standards based

## One Platform - Multiple Value Solutions Various Resilience Applications

## LineAware

#### Situational Awareness

Inform operators with clearances and horizontal motion data, triggering alerts on exceedances.



## LineRate

#### **Advanced Line Ratings**

Increase capacity on lines with Dynamic Line Ratings (DLR) and Ambient Adjusted Ratings (AAR+).



## LineHealth

#### **Asset Health Monitoring**

Improve maintenance strategies by creating a digital twin to determine conductor health.



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## FERC Order No. 881 On Managing Transmission Line Ratings

#### Order No. 881 Requires:

> Transmission providers **implement ambient adjusted ratings** on the transmission lines over which they provide transmission service that are impacted by air temperatures.

> Transmission providers to use uniquely determined emergency ratings for contingency analysis in the operations horizon and in post-contingency simulations of constraints.



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#### **Compliance Timeline Obligations:**

> Transmission providers must submit compliance filings within 120 days of the effective date of the rule (March 14th)

> All requirements in this rule must be implemented no more than three years from the compliance filing due date.



#### Additional Considerations:

> This rule applies to all transmission providers under FERC regardless of the status of participation in an RTO/ISO market.

> RTOs and ISOs are required to implement the systems and procedures necessary to allow electronically updated transmission line ratings least hourly.

> FERC will continue to explore the implementation of Dynamic Line Ratings in a new docket AD22-5-000.

## LineAware – Situational Awareness

Real-time field verified line information and alerts on conductor motion allows operators and risk managers to protect asset health, system reliability and public safety.

#### LineAware Output:

- > Each phase conductor sag
- > Each phase conductor blowout
- > Line loading, current
- > Icing & galloping detection
- > Anomalous conductor motion alerts
- > Local ambient weather conditions



## LineAware – Safety in Operations

### Stay out of the headlines...

### Anomaly detection alerts...

#### wp Washington Post

C Reuters

2 days ago

California utility

High-voltage power line broke near origin of massive fire in California wine country



A fast-spreading wildfire, spurred by powerful winds, continued to rage in ... largest utility, told state regulators that a jumper on one of its transmission ... be closed on Friday "due to air-quality and safety concerns from the fires. In-Depth  $\cdot$  5 days ago

high-voltage transmission tower owned by which is California's ...



Continuously monitor the position of conductors to confirm they are within safe operating limits.

stock tumbles as wildfire spreads ... a damaged

stock tumbles as wildfire spreads

Prevent damage and fires caused by excessive conductor sag and blowout. Use verified monitor data in Risk Management Strategies for reporting when called upon.

## LineRate - Dynamic Line Ratings

### Increase the ratings on existing lines with up to 40% additional capacity.

#### LineRate Output:

- > Dynamic Line Rating
- > Conductor temperature
- > Forecasted line ratings, hourly, up to 240 hours (10 days) out
- Customizable short term and long term emergency ratings



#### Forecasted line ratings are:

- Customized for the monitored line segment
- > Tuned/trained by LineVision real-time monitoring data
- > Delivered with Exceedance Probabilities

Integrate real-time and forecasted DLR with system operations with automated data transfers.

## LineRate - AAR+

### FERC Order 881 Compliant Ambient Adjusted Ratings

#### LineRate AAR+ Output:

- > Ambient Adjusted Ratings
- > Forecasted +10 day ratings
- > Updated hourly



#### Reliability and safety ensured:

- > Field sensor verified
- > Statistically limiting section identified and monitored
- > Prevents overestimating capacity

Integrate real-time and forecasted AAR+ with system operations with automated data transfers.

## LineHealth – Conductor Asset Health

Create a conductor digital twin and prioritize the repair and replacement of lines that are most critical based on the module's estimation of remaining conductor life.

#### LineHealth Output:

- > Loss of strength from historical annealing analysis
- > Conductor end of life projection
- > Phase by phase observed sag distributions
- > Observed sag/temperature relationship curves
- > Conductor elongation analysis
- > Projected safe maximum operating temperature
- > Rated breaking strength evaluation & aeolian vibration risk
- > Average conductor temperature for the monitored stringing section

Inputs: Historical SCADA & weather data, engineering designs, V3 sensor measurements



## LineHealth – Anomalous Events & Conductor Analysis



#### Ice Detection

Based on a comparison of *observed* vs *expected* conductor temperature & clearance.

#### **Galloping Detection**

Based upon optically observed galloping phenomenon.

Shield / Ground Wire - motion is also able to detected.

Max Tension Calculated - for icing and galloping.

#### Conductor Performance Analysis

Expected vs observed sag/temperature behavior for lines can indicate loss of strength and damage.

#### Operating Limit Recharacterization

A new safe Max Operating Temperature is provided.

#### *Optimize Maintenance*

Data validating the need for reconductoring or replacement



## **Real Time: Icing Detection**

Continuously monitor the position of conductors while comparing to the expected position.

#### **Monitor Sag**

#### **Observe Conductor Displacement**

Build a digital twin to understand the expected conductor sag without ice buildup across different weather conditions

#### **Alert on Risk**

#### **Icing Watch**

Alert when conditions may lead to icing such as temperatures below freezing and a nonzero chance of precipitation

#### **Alert on Anomalies**

#### **Icing Warning**

Alert when observed sag exceeds expected sag, indicating that ice may be causing excess weight on the conductor



## **Our Approach: Wildfire Risk Mitigation**

Continuously monitor the position of conductors to confirm they are within safe operating limits.

Monitor Sag/Blowout **Observe Conductor Displacement** Assess the risk of conductor-slap or contact with nearby vegetation during high wind events



#### **Receive Event Alerts**

Conductor in unexpected position, galloping, asynchronous swing, phaseto-phase proximity

### Field Verified Information

#### **Documented Data**

Keep historical records of horizontal and vertical positions



#### **Customizable Alerts**



## Flexible Installation Configurations

#### MONOPOLE



### WOOD POLE



#### LATTICE



## Secure Data Portal & Data Feed





#### INTERFACE DETAILS:

- Secured via HTTPS
- Client Specific
- Multi-User Access
- Mapping & Statistical Tools
- Configurable Client
   Alerts
- .CSV Data Download
- API Integration

## **Advanced Line Ratings Integration**





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