

Smart Grid Research Consortium

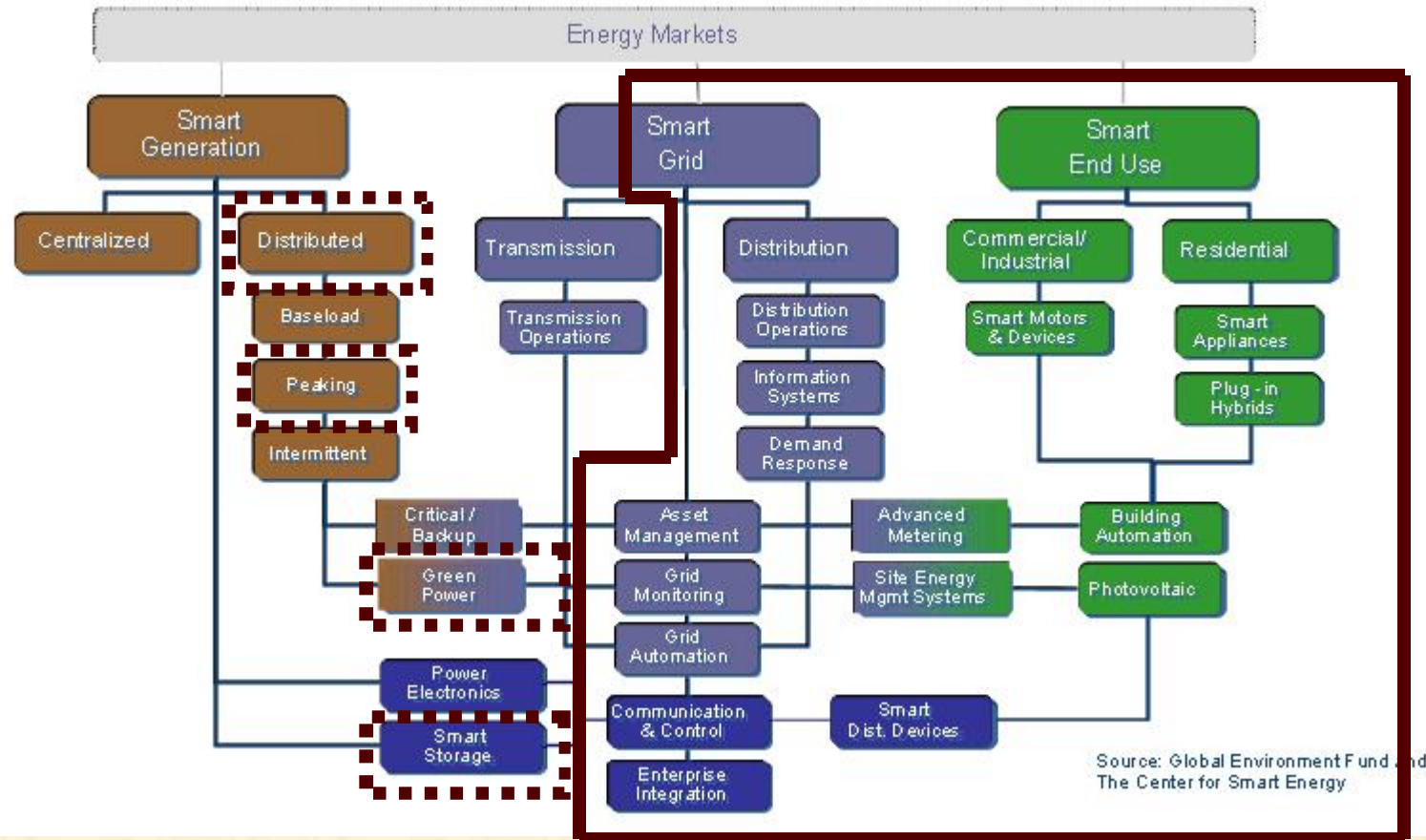
- Formed at Texas A&M University in early 2010
- Objective: Develop a utility-level quantitative smart grid business model tool
- Initially based on electric cooperative, municipal and public utility membership
- Established as an independent research organization in January 2011
- Completed Smart Grid Investment Model Development at the end of 2011
 - o 15 utility applications through 2011
- Supports electric, water and natural gas applications
- 2012: unbundled model software and support services
 - o Offer stand-alone Smart Grid Investment Model software provided with basic utility implementation
 - o Offer comprehensive smart grid business case analysis applying the Smart Grid Investment model

Smart Grid Investment ModelTM (SGIM)

- Comprehensive cost/benefit framework
 - o AMI/smart meters - Distribution automation and reliability valuations - Volt/VAR control and conservation voltage regulation - Direct load control, programmable communicating thermostats, pricing programs, other demand response - IT and communications
- Incorporates utility-specific information
 - o Infrastructure and customer information
 - o Hourly load impact models
 - Load impacts of customer engagement programs (DR, pricing, etc.), conservation voltage regulation, avoided power and capital investment costs
- Intuitive, user-friendly Excel platform
- Provided as a \$9,500 software package beginning 2012
 - o Implemented for each utility using monthly customer-class sales data and 8760 system hourly loads data
 - o Includes cost and benefit parameters, ranges and recommendations
 - o Online training session and telephone consultations
 - o Provides basic smart grid investment analysis from substations to customer programs

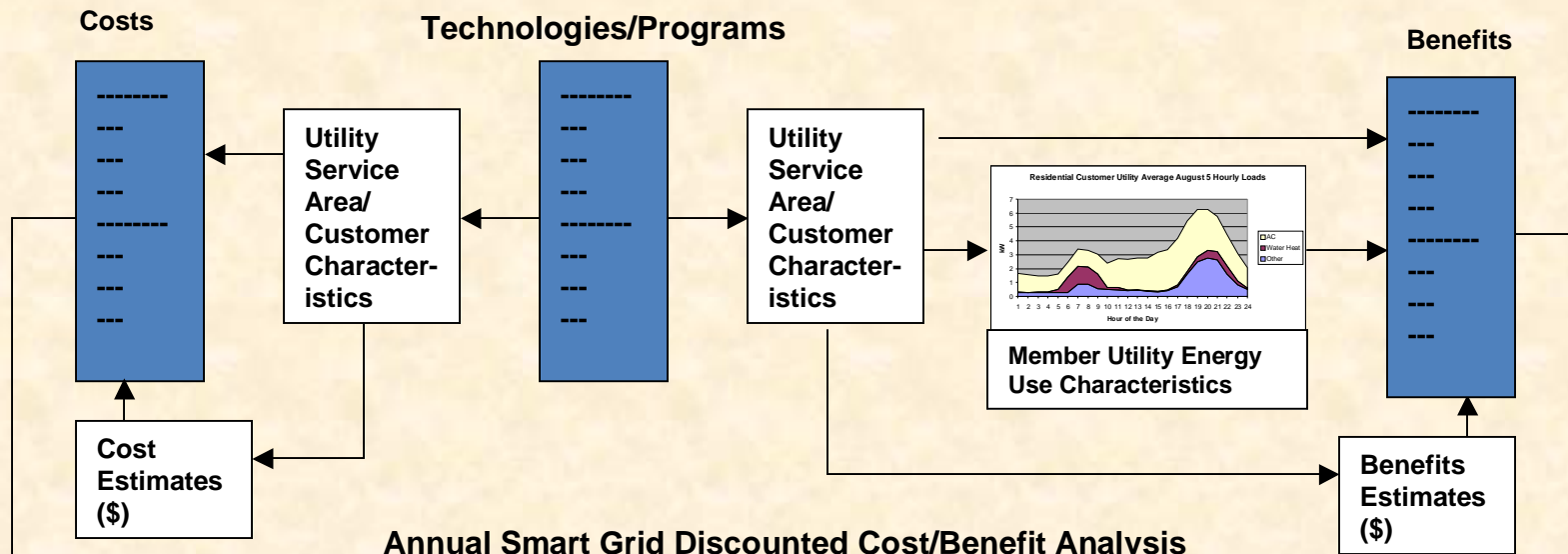
Smart Grid Investment Model Scope

Back office → Substations → Feeders → Meters → In-Premise Programs



Smart Grid Investment Model Focus
 Smart Grid Investment Model Impacts on Generation Functions

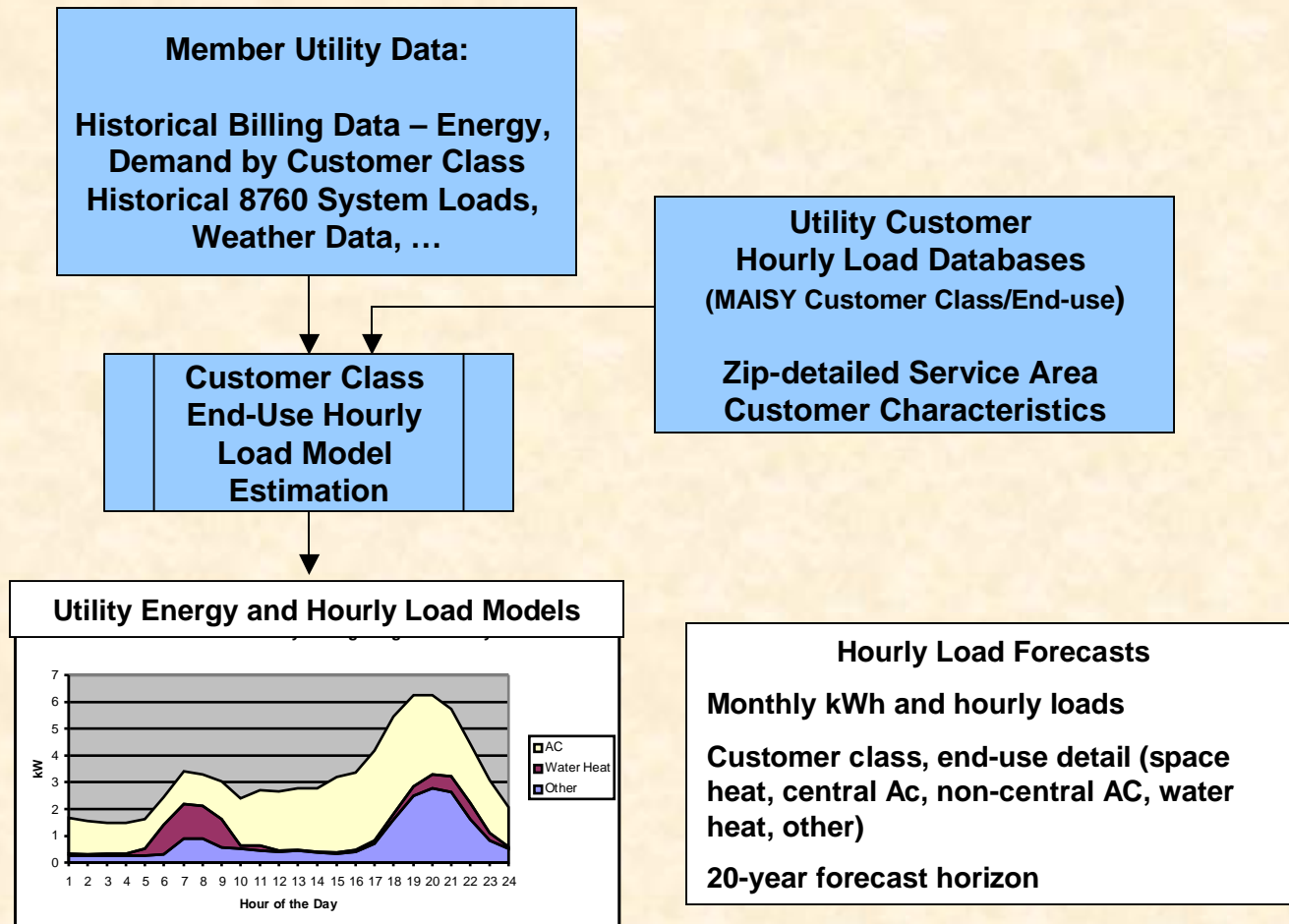
Model Applies Intuitive Utility-Perspective Smart Grid Investment Framework



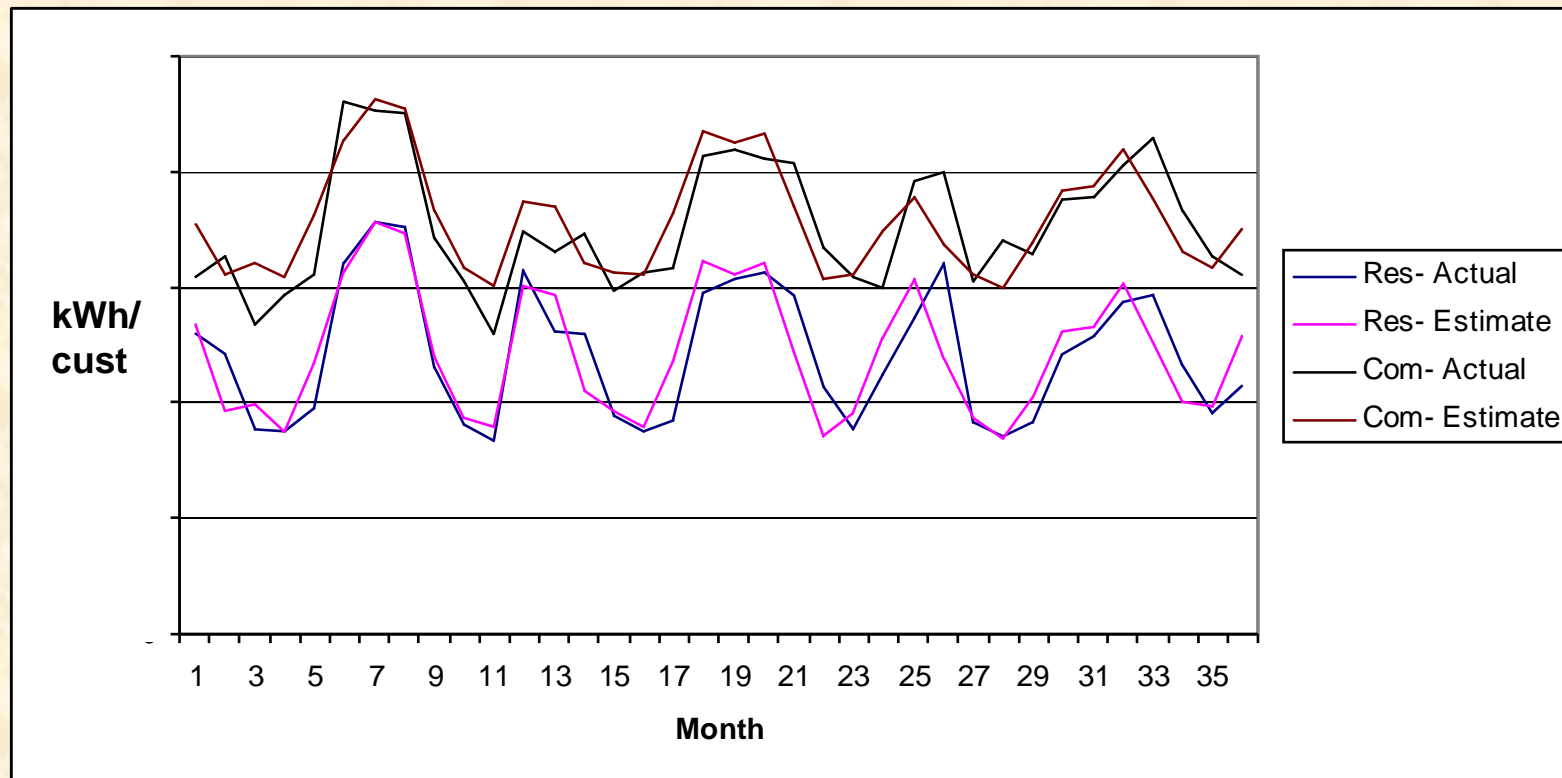
Annual Smart Grid Discounted Cost/Benefit Analysis

	Year 1 2007	Year 2 2008	Year 3 2009	Year 4 2010	Year 5 2011	Year 10 2016	Year 15 2021	Year 20 2026
Benefits	\$ 2,517.7	\$ 4,759.3	\$ 7,126.9	\$ 9,626.7	\$ 12,264.8	\$ 14,152.7	\$ 16,399.7	\$ 18,985.1
O&M Expense	1,149.3	1,179.0	1,209.6	1,241.1	1,273.5	1,490.9	1,656.5	1,894.8
Taxes Other than Income Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBITDA	\$ 1,368.4	\$ 3,580.3	\$ 5,917.3	\$ 8,385.6	\$ 10,991.3	\$ 12,701.9	\$ 14,713.3	\$ 17,090.3
Depreciation and Amortization	577.5	1,166.6	1,767.3	2,380.0	3,004.7	3,193.5	3,423.5	3,703.7
EBIT	\$ 790.9	\$ 2,413.7	\$ 4,150.0	\$ 6,005.6	\$ 7,986.6	\$ 9,508.4	\$ 11,289.8	\$ 13,386.6
Income Taxes	232.0	890.5	1,479.5	2,141.0	2,947.2	3,399.7	4,024.8	-
EBIT after Taxes	\$ 508.9	\$ 1,523.2	\$ 2,670.5	\$ 3,864.6	\$ 5,139.4	\$ 6,118.6	\$ 7,265.0	\$ 13,386.6
Depreciation	577.5	1,166.6	1,767.3	2,380.0	3,004.7	3,193.5	3,423.5	3,703.7
Capital Expenditures	20,044.6	18,971.6	18,977.5	18,961.1	18,920.4	(949.0)	(1,148.2)	(1,391.3)
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Income Taxes	1,015.9	2,859.4	3,877.3	4,397.7	4,927.9	(1,000.6)	(1,307.3)	-
Unlevered Free Cash Flow	\$ (17,942.3)	\$ (13,392.3)	\$ (10,662.3)	\$ (8,318.8)	\$ (5,848.5)	\$ 9,260.6	\$ 10,629.4	\$ 18,481.6
NPV	\$ 16,834.9							
IRR	11.7%							

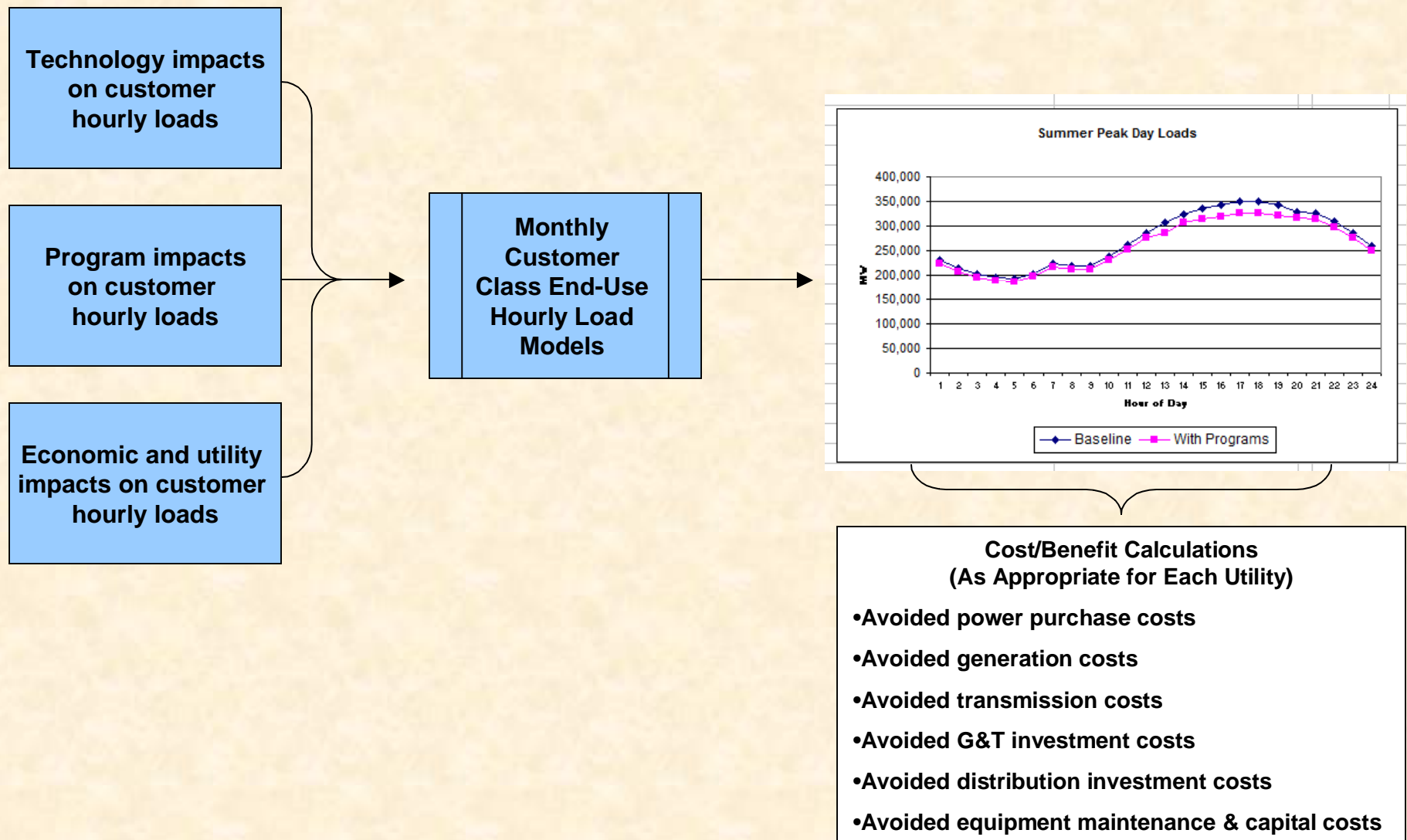
Utility-Specific Hourly Load Models



Monthly Models Separate Baseload From Weather-Sensitive kWh Use



Technology, Program and Other Impacts Are Represented in Hourly Load Model Results



Data Development, Implementation and Application Process

- Modest utility information requirements
 - o Electricity use & related information
 - Monthly customer class billing data (customers, kWh, etc.)
 - Hourly system load data
 - o Available utility infrastructure and customer information
- Utility Implementation
 - o Estimate monthly customer class, end-use hourly load models
 - o Implement/validate the SGIM model using utility and data
- Deliver the SGIM model
 - o Provide training & support for in-house analysis
 - o Optional turnkey Consortium application and analysis

"GATEWAY" Worksheet Provides Access to all SG Programs, Model Parameters and Results

GATEWAY - CONTROL AND RECALCULATION WORKSHEET

RECALCULATE C/B Press RECALCULATE where indicated after revising investment options. Intro - Helpful Hints Press these buttons for additional results Dashboard Detailed C/B Avoided Cost

SMART GRID RUN OPTIONS AND DATA ACCESS

NOTE: Check boxes below override all other program specifications.

Example Smart Grid Program

Provide Analysis Title to the Right: **Example Smart Grid Program**

Buttons to the right provide access to:

- Upgrade/Replace Meters**
 - Residential
 - General Service
 - Large General Service
 - Meter Detail
- Costs/Benefits**
 - Investing Costs
 - Other Revenue Benefits
 - Utility Inputs Detail
- Load Control Programs**
 - Other End Uses
 - Large General Service
 - Industrial
 - Other End Uses
 - RECALCULATE !! DLC Detail

Buttons below provide access to additional investment model input data.

Buttons provide "drill-down" to additional technology and program detail

Customer Data Dist System Data User Worksheet

Summary results are provided on this sheet for the current analysis scenario

Internal Rate of Return (%)	31.6%
Undiscounted Breakeven Period	4.5 Years
Discounted Breakeven Period	5.25 Years
Net Present Value (NPV, \$mill)	5.683

Cummulative Net Benefit

Include:

- Residential**
 - PC Thermostats
 - In-facility Monitors
 - Customer Engagement
 - Pricing
 - Other Programs
- General Service**
 - PC Thermostats
 - In-facility Monitors
 - Customer Engagement
 - Pricing
 - Other Programs
- Large General Service**
 - PC Thermostats
 - In-facility Monitors
 - Customer Engagement
 - Pricing
 - Other Programs
- Industrial**
 - All Programs

RECALCULATE !! IP Detail

Distribution System Programs

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- Distribution Automation**
 - Auto Reconfiguration
 - Fault Location
 - Asset Sizing and Mgmt
- Reliability Valuations**
 - Residential
 - General Service
 - Large General Service
 - Industrial

Distribution Detail

Include Avoided Costs

- Avoided Power Costs**
 - kWh Purchases
 - kW Charges
 - Trans Charges
 - Gen Fuel + O&M
- Avoided Capacity Costs**
 - Generation
 - Transmission
 - Distribution

Avoided Cost Detail

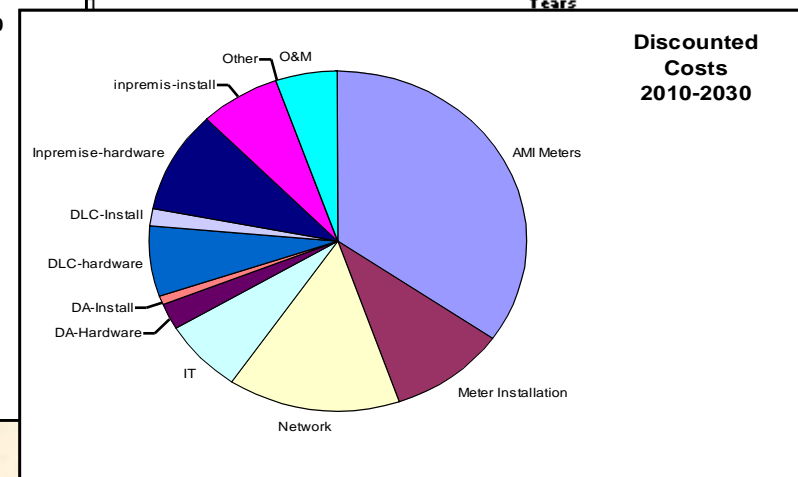
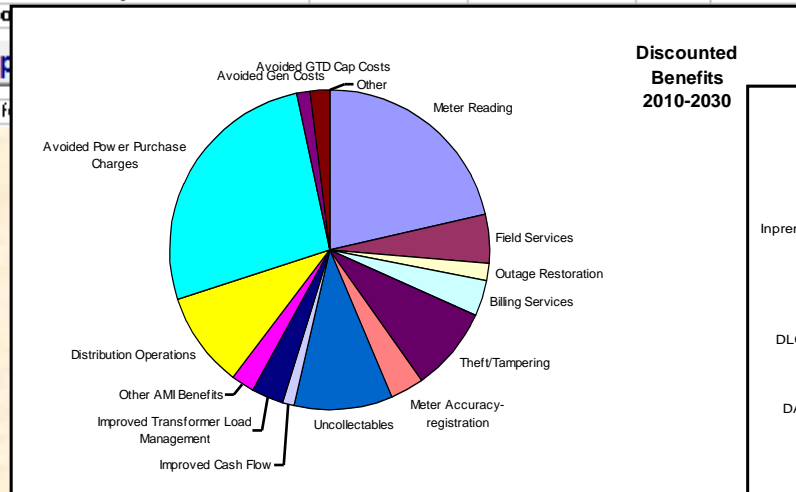
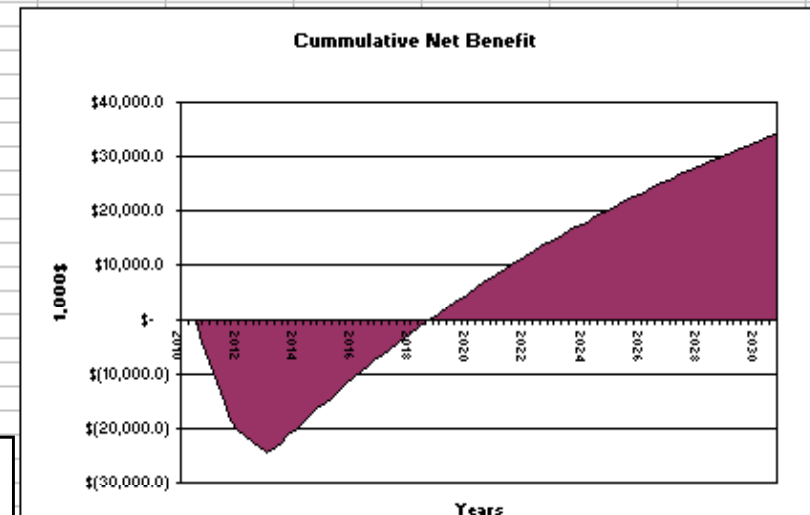
Note: Reliability valuations are provided only if one or more DA option is selected.

Recalculate button calls the hourly load forecasting model to determine monthly impacts of SG technologies and programs.

Model Provides Intuitive Summary Cost/Benefit Results for Technologies and Programs

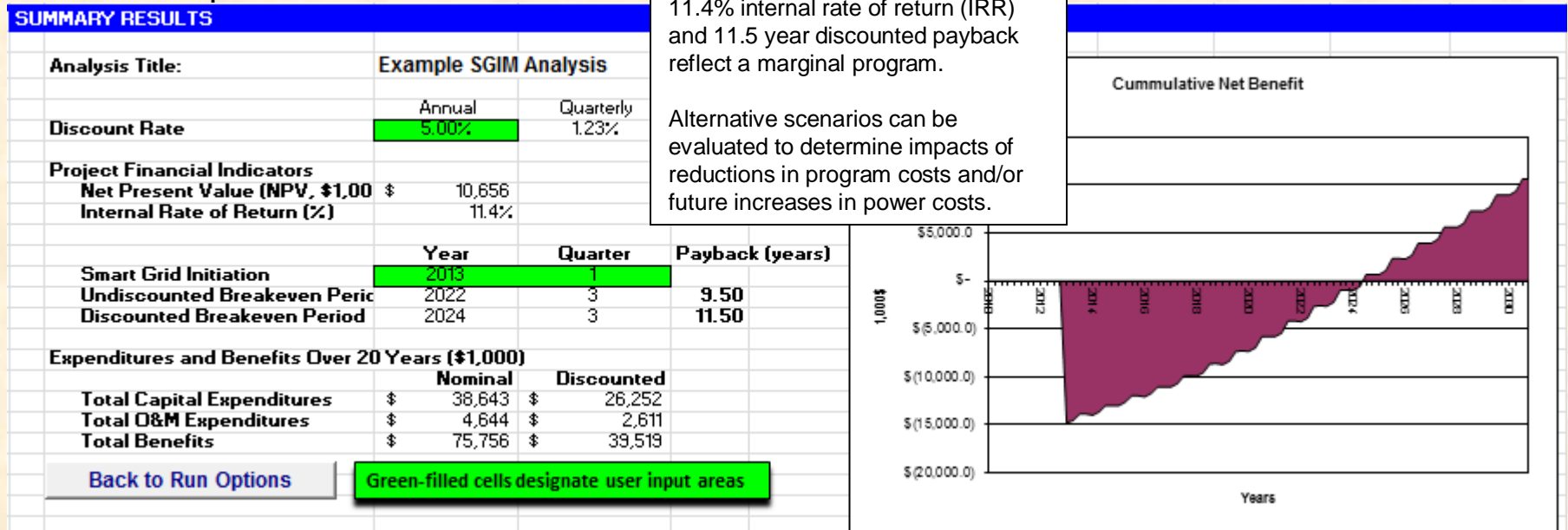
SUMMARY RESULTS

Analysis Title:	Smart Grid Investment Model Baseline Forecast		
Discount Rate	Annual 5.00%	Quarterly 1.23%	
Project Financial Indicators			
Net Present Value (NPV, \$1,000)	\$	34,081	
Internal Rate of Return (%)		17.1%	
	Year	Quarter	Payback (years)
Smart Grid Initiation	2010	4	
Undiscounted Breakeven Period	2017	4	7.00
Discounted Breakeven Period	2018	4	8.00
Expenditures and Benefits Over 20 Years (\$1,000)			
	Nominal	Discounted	
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 36,291	\$ 32,410	
Total O&M Expenditures	\$ 20,167	\$ 11,084	



Example Analysis Requested by a Consortium Member

- Residential programmable thermostat/water heater program
 - o Independent communications
 - o \$1,000 per customer (includes program costs)
- Specific results will vary by utility
 - o AC & water heating load profiles
 - o Avoided power cost parameters (\$/kWh, peak kW charges, etc.)
 - o Pricing program incentives
- Example results

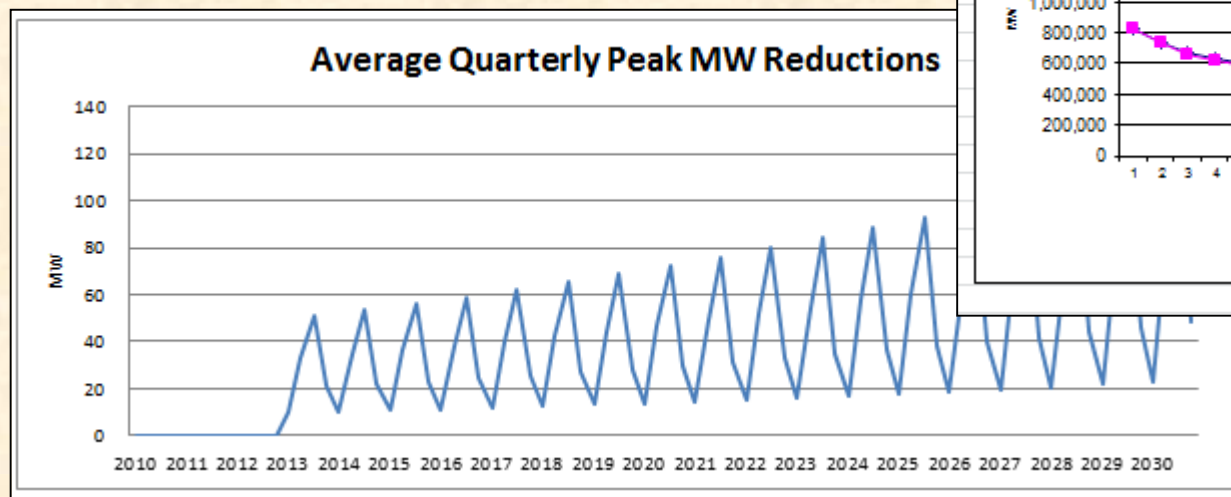
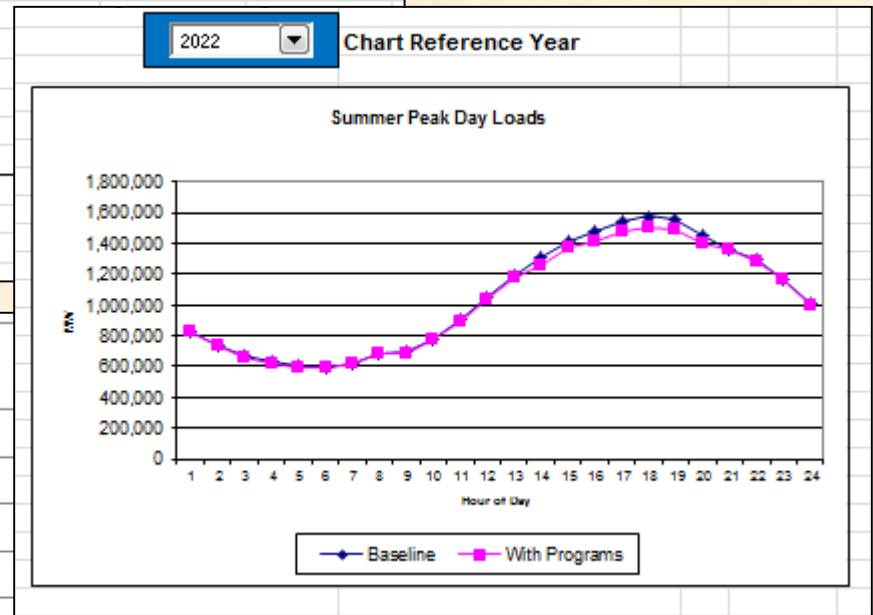


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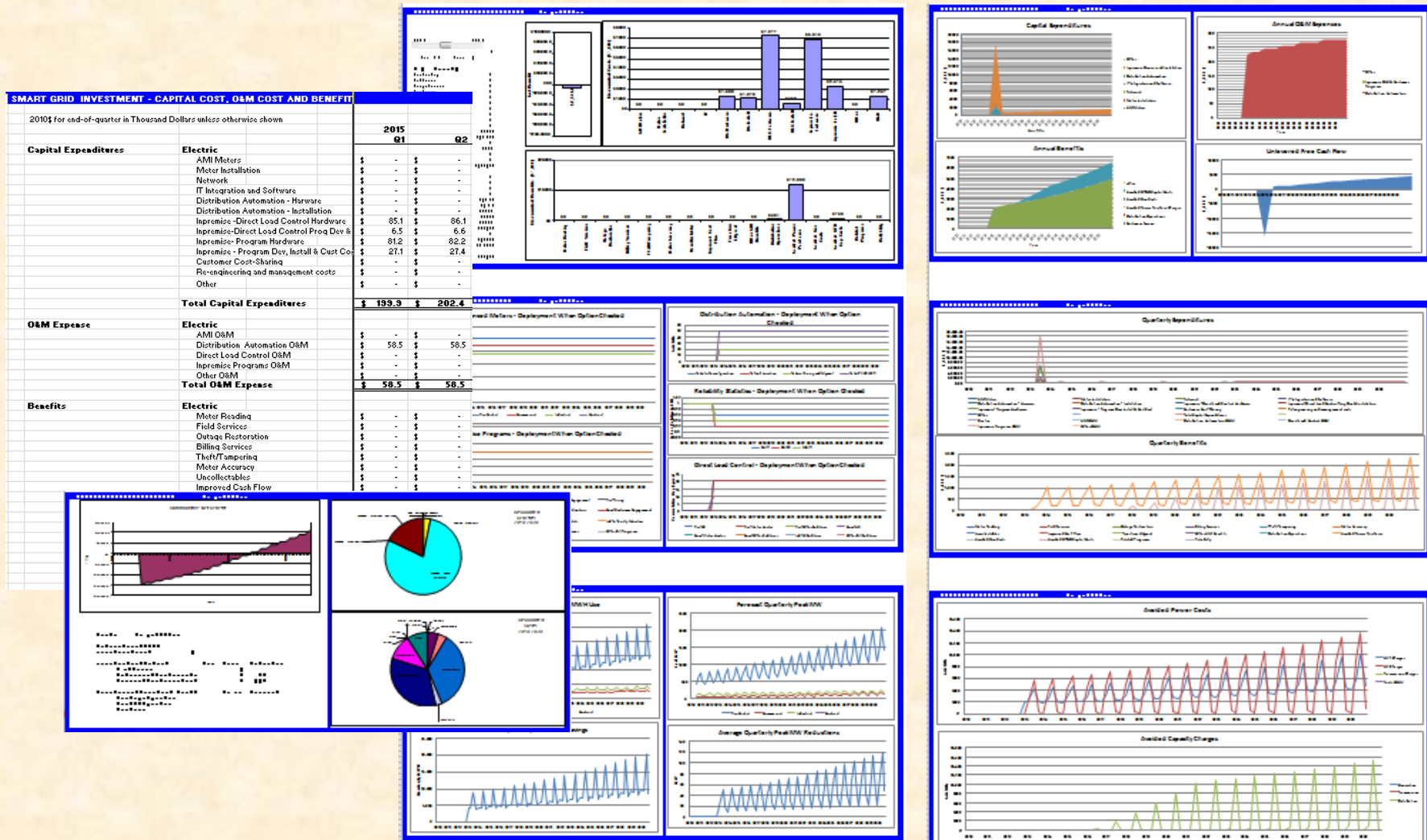
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Air Conditioning and Water Heating Hourly Load and Avoided Cost Impacts are Calculated and Presented With Charts and Tables

COST SAVINGS					
		2017			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Avoided Power Costs (1000\$)					
Avoided Purchases	kWh Charges	\$ 309	\$ 415	\$ 682	\$ 348
	kW Charges	\$ 7	\$ 491	\$ 736	\$ 44
	Transmission Charges	\$ -	\$ -		
Avoided Generation	Fuel + O&M	\$ -	\$ -		
		2017			
Avoided Capacity Investment Costs(1000\$)		Q1			
	Generation	\$ -	\$ -		
	Transmission	\$ -	\$ -		
	Distribution	\$ -	\$ -		



Detailed Analysis Results are Available in the "DASHBOARD" AND "CB-Results" Worksheets



SGIM Applications Areas

- AMI/Smart meters
- Distribution automation
 - o Auto Reconfiguration
 - o Fault Location
 - o Asset Sizing and Management
 - o Conservation Voltage Regulation
 - o Customer Reliability Valuations
- Customer engagement (by customer class)
 - o PC thermostats
 - o In-facility monitors
 - o Customer engagement
 - o Pricing
 - o Other programs
- Other technologies/programs

Smart Grid Research Consortium

Products and Services

- \$9,500 Smart Grid Investment Model implemented with your utility data
 - o Customer class detail and monthly hourly load forecasting models
 - o Cost/benefit parameters
 - o Training workshops
 - o Continuing telephone consultations to support in-house analysis
- Full-Service smart grid business case analysis applying the Smart Grid Investment Model
 - o In-house meeting to develop utility infrastructure characteristics and key financial parameters
 - o Full implementation of the Smart Grid Investment Model
 - Includes monthly customer class-end use hourly load impact models
 - Optionally includes substation, transformer, feeder detailed information to support least-cost distribution automation, Volt/VAR control and conservation voltage reduction strategy development
 - o Comprehensive analysis of smart grid technologies, programs and strategies
 - o Develop smart grid investment recommendations and present results
 - o Provide continuing support

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