Scaling and Forecasting Reliable Demand Side Load Flexibility

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Current State





Increasing customer and investor demand for clean energy



Retirement of coal plants



Supply chain constraints



Unprecedented growth



Rapidly changing technology



Customers as Part of the Solution

Resource Mix (MW)





Approaches to Drive Customer Load Flexibility



Awareness/Behavior

Manual voluntary customer actions encouraged by messages of clean/reliable/affordable



A connected customer-sited technology responds to a utility dispatch signal Customer manually responds to a dispatch call





Automated rate optimized technologies and/or manual customer actions



APS Has One of the Largest Aggregated DER Device Programs in the Nation

- Cool Rewards Smart T-Stat DR
 - Nearly 80K thermostats enrolled
 - Forecasting over 120 MWs in 2023
- Residential Battery Pilot
 - ~4 MWs currently online in pilot
- Peak Solutions C&I DR
 - Forecasting up to 50 MWs in 2023
- Connected Water Heating Control Pilot
 - Water heating timed around TOU rates
 - Daily load shifting with MF households

Rapid Cool Rewards Growth Continues

30% YoY enrollment growth in 2022





DER Savings Profiles: 8760 Hourly Load Shapes

Forecasted impacts for each DSM technology in APS's portfolio are supported by extensive data collection, research and analysis

- AMI Data
 - Hourly/15 min interval
- End-Use Metering
 - Egauge sub-metering study
 - Residential Hot Water, HVAC, Appliances, Pools
 - Commercial Lighting, VFDs, EMS

Device Telemetry Data

- Smart Thermostats
- Connected Water Heating
- Residential Batteries
- EVs

Energy Modeling

– Thermal Energy Storage





Datasets, Tools, and Metrics

APS has several resources to model DSM programs to optimize future design and customer value

- Hourly DSM Load Impacts by Technologies
- APS dispatch/load forecast
- Emission Factors
- Avoided energy/capacity costs
- Customer Retail Rates
- Tech/Program Costs

Datasets

- Load shape Viewer
- Program Planning and Potential model
- Customer Surveys



Tools

- Hourly energy impacts and peak reductions
- Cost Effectiveness
- Emissions Reductions
- Customer Satisfaction



Metrics







'Load Shed Funnel' from theoretical maximum to actual impact





Using DR to Address Regional Net Peak Supply Challenges (August 2020)





Cool Rewards Reliable Load Reductions



• The reductions presented here reflect actual impacts observed at the generator from four events held over five days in August 2020.



Event Date	Average per Device Reductions Over the Event Period	Total Average Event Period Reductions	Total Peak Hour Reductions	
14-Aug-20	1.25 kW	29.9 MW	37.9 MW	
15-Aug-20	1.61 kW	38.6 MW	48.4 MW	
17-Aug-20	Aug-20 1.19 kW		35.8 MW	
18-Aug-20	1.17 kW	28.2 MW	34.9 MW	



Future Improved flexibility forecasting for better resource planning





Demand Response Potential Assessment Approach





DR Options and Sub-Options

DR Options	Sub-Options	Eligible Customer Classes	Targeted/Controlled End Uses
Direct Load Control (DLC)	 CAC/Heat Pump control via thermostats Window AC control Ductless Minisplit AC/HP control Water Heating Control UVAC (manual and Auto DB apphlod) 	Residential	HVAC, Water Heating, Pool Pump
C&I Curtailment	 HVAC (manual and Auto-DK enabled) Lighting (standard and advanced controls) Water Heating Control Refrigeration control "Other" end-use curtailment Total Eacility (for segments that do not have 	Small C&I, Medium C&I, Large C&I, XL – Excluding Mines C&I, XL – Mines C&I, XLHF C&I	HVAC, Lighting, Water Heating, Refrigeration, Total Facility, Other
C&I Load Shift to BUGs	 Iotal Facility (for segments that do not have end-use disaggregation) Load shift to Back Up Generators (BUGs) Dunamic Driving with enabling tech 	All C&I with BUGs Res_Standard, Res_TOU, Res_Demand XS C&I, Small C&I, Medium C&I, Large C&I, XL – Excluding Mines C&I, XL – Mines C&I, XLHF C&I	Total Facility Total Facility
Dynamic Pricing	 Dynamic Pricing with enabling tech Dynamic Pricing without enabling tech 		
BTM Battery Dispatch	 Res BTM Battery Dispatch Com BTM Battery Dispatch	Res Battery, Com Battery	Batteries
EV Managed Charging EV Behavioral EV V2G	 EV Managed Charging EV Behavioral EV V2G	EV EV EV	EVs EVs EVs
Behavioral DR	Behavioral DR	Res_Standard, Res_TOU, Res_Demand	Total Facility

Participation hierarchy ensures that impacts are not double counted among overlapping options offered to the same customer class



Peak Solutions Characterization (C&I Curtailment)

Participation Assumptions

- Participation is defined as the percent of total segment peak demand enrolled in the program
 - e.g., 2022 Participation (C) = $B \div A$
- The **Steady State Participation Rate** represents the maximum proportion of peak demand that could participate in the program
 - The Steady State rate is informed by existing participation, survey results, and benchmarking with other jurisdictions
 - A Participation Ramp Factor defines the trajectory of growth from current (2022 and 2023) participation up to the Steady State rate

Building Type	A. 2022 Baseline Peak Demand (MW)	B. 2022 Participants Estimated Peak Demand (MW)	C. 2022 Existing Participation Rate (% of Peak Demand)	D. Steady State Participation Rate (% of Peak Demand)
Agriculture	0.6	-	0%	30%
Communications	17.1	-	0%	5%
Data Centers	39.8	-	0%	5%
Education	114.8	28.9	25%	Up to 53% (varies by class)
Entertainment/Recreation	6.5	2.5	38%	Up to 55% (varies by class)
Food Service	111.5	0.1	0%	5%
Government	160.5	16.6	10%	25%
Grocery	67.5	0.8	1%	40%
Healthcare	117.1	-	0%	5%
Lodging	71.7	1.0	1%	10%
Manufacturing/Industrial	333.3	16.0	5%	25%
Miscellaneous/Other	622.4	80.9	13%	25%
Office	363.4	3.0	1%	30%
Retail	302.3	61.4	20%	Up to 80% (varies by class)
Warehouse	27.1	0.2	1%	5%
Wholesale Trade	5.3	0.0	1%	5%
Total	2,360	211.5	9%	



Preliminary DRAFT DR Projections: All Options (MW)*

APS's overall DR portfolio could potentially grow to 250 MW in 2025, 600 MW in 2030 and to 1145 MW in 2040





Current/On the Horizon

- Closer coordination with EIM on load adjustments
- Stronger contract SLAs with aggregation partners
- Better predictive forecasting in the aggregation platform
- Better orchestration across DER types
- Lower latency/quicker data transfer from device OEMs
- Approaches for addressing changing distributed resource flexibility needs



Thank You!

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