NIST Smart Grid Program

Communication Pathway Scenarios and Interfaces

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Conceptual Model

- Generation including DER
 - Technology diversity
 - Physical proximity to transmission, distribution + customer domains
- Intelligent distribution system
 - Increasing importance (location + size)
 - Improved controllability + intelligence
 - Connected to service provider domain (e.g., congestion mitigation)
- Empowered consumers
 - Operations & intelligence enters customer domain
 - Customer diversity incorporated

Smart Grid Conceptual Model



Legacy Communications Pathway Scenario



High-DER Communications Pathway Scenario



Microgrid Communications Pathway Scenario



Hybrid Utility Communications Pathway Scenario

