# **DEFINING THE FUTURE OF ENERGY WITH MICROGRIDS**

## A solution to add more resiliency and profitability while decarbonizing US energy infrastructure

### WHY DO MICROGRIDS MATTER?

#### **Reliable and Flexible**

Microgrids are designed to provide uninterrupted, 24/7 power and to balance load demands for an organization with changing power needs.

#### Resilient

Enhances resiliency with seamless islanding and providing power even if there is a utility outage

#### **Reduced Carbon Footprint**

Comprehensive integration of renewable energy to meet climate protection targets that reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

#### **Cost Optimizations**

Utilizing the best mix of energy resources to ensure cost optimized solution especially by curtailing power from utility grid during peak hours and participating in energy market

#### More Secure

Since Microgrids are dependent on local assets to meet

## **MICROGRIDS APPLICATIONS**

Microgrids provide different goals for different customers some of which are:



**SHOPPING CENTER** 

Minimize CO<sub>2</sub> footprint

**CITY DISTRICT** 

**Cross Commodity Control** 







linimize Fuel Consumption





**Automatic Operation** 

## **MICROGRID CONTROLLER**

Microgrid controller is the heart of a Microgrid. It allows a quick and easy integration, combining various conventional and renewable generation and energy storage devices. Thus, intelligently controlled energy mix allows a robust, safe and economical operation of the microgrid.

It provides flexible communication, seamless continuity, maximum security, and no limitation during the migration.

Green Mode → Minimum Emissions	<ul> <li>Max renewable share</li> <li>Avoid rotating assets</li> <li>Optional BESS usage</li> </ul>
Economic Mode → Minimum Costs	<ul> <li>Energy Tariff (Grid)</li> <li>Costs of different assets</li> <li>Max. renewable share</li> </ul>
Reliable Mode → Minimum Reliability	<ul> <li>Max. SOC of BESS</li> <li>Rotating Assets</li> <li>CO2 reduction limited</li> </ul>

### **MICROGRID KEY ELEMENTS**

**Utility Point of Interconnection POI** 

POI serves as primary source of power. Microgrids can be "islanded" or disconnected from the traditional grid during a natural disaster or cyber threat.

#### **Energy Storage**

Batteries store excess energy and save it for later use thus keeping power always in hand.

#### **Controllable Generation**

Nonrenewable, fossil-fuel energy sources may include biogas, fuel cells, or gas turbine engines. They provide stable and necessary levels of voltage and frequency to the system.

#### **Non-Controllable Generation**

These intermittent fuel sources fluctuate based on factors such as the weather. Examples include solar or wind power generated by photovoltaic and wind turbine products.

#### Loads

Both electrical and thermal loads can be controlled via Microgrid Controller depending on customer requirements



## **MICROGRID KEY FUNCTIONS**

- Asset Monitoring
- Blackout Detection, Black Start, and **Automated-Grid Modes**
- Automatic Start/Shedding of Generators
- Generation Offsetting and Balancing
- Peak Shaving
- Integration with EV Infrastructure
- Load Shedding and Restoration
- Reserve Management
- State-of-Charge Management
- Load/Generation Forecasting
- Integration of Thermal Assets
- Energy and Ancillary Services Markets

## **Microgrid Lab in Princeton, NJ, USA**

**Resilient, Cost-effective and Carbon Neutral Microgrid Campus** 

Monetize **Excess Energy** Generate funding opportunities

by selling excess energy back to the grid. Optimize grid control and building energy management

#### EV 🥟 Integration

This microgrid also integrates multiple electric vehicle (EV) charging stations located in the adjacent parking lots and made vailable to building employees free of charge.

### Feasibility **Studies**

Before any products were ordered, numerous configuration options were simulated to best optimize the size of solar cells and storage batteries, based on current and future demands Siemens PSS (Portfolio Power System)

Energy

Savings

**Microgrid Manager** 

Eco & Reliable Mode

Improve resilience,

drive energy savingsSiemens SICAM

• Select from Green,

Peak-shaving

The energy storage system

has a capacity of approximately 1MWh. With the normal building

load ranging between 400 and

500 kilowatts (kW), the building

energy needs can rely solely on

the battery for a period between

**On-Site** 

Storage

two to three hours.

#### **VALUE PROPOSITIONS**



**Economic & Energy efficiency** Capex vs Opex Distributed generator control Load/storage control



#### **Reliability, resilience** Black start

Network synchronization Online Control via HMI/Grid Monitoring and Control **Enhanced SCADA functionality** 



#### **Sustainability**

Generation/load forecast Dynamic grid constraint consideration using state estimator function

#### **PRINCETON ENERGY ANALYTICS DASHBOARD**





**Solar Energy** 1 Day 1 Week <u>1 Month</u> 1 Year

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5,532 kwh **Actual Generated** 

## **Living Microgrid Lab**

The Siemens Princeton Island Grid project, created a "living lab", designed to address the challenges of resiliency, carbon neutrality and cost-effectiveness.

Through storms and outages, power remained stable and secure.

#### **Building** Efficiency

Building management systems are rarely, if ever integrated into microgrids. Here, the Princeton living lab sets a new precedent. Digital twin simulation is used to optimize the energy consumption of the building.

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## Purpose **PV** Panels

Dual purpose photovoltaic (PV panels) - Solar Dual panels generate the main source of energy for the facility and also act as a roof that shields parked automobiles from outdoor weather elements • Solar panels currently supply 60% of the facility's energy



The Princeton Island Grid Dashboard uses simple visual language to visualize the energy flow between renewable energy sources, the power grid energy storage and energy consumers of a campus microgrid.





