A managed approach to the successful deployment of a cost effective residential and small commercial AMI, Demand Response, and Automatic Load Control

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# **Return on Investment**

AMI can provide a significant Return on Investment if:

- ; The cost is low.
- ; The system provides many functions & multiple pay back cost centers
- ; Allows the generation of new revenue streams through non-core opportunities

# The "Right Economics"

The "Right Economics" will require:

- Support bi-directional communications between the customer and utility
- ; Include an in-home customer interface to:
  - & Automatic real-time transfer of current rate information from utility to customer
  - **& Provide real-time consumption feedback**
  - & Provide accumulated cost from start of bill cycle
  - & Customer presentation of end of month bill
  - & Provide means for consumer to set and monitor a budget

# The "Right Economics" (cont'd)

The in-home customer interface will also need to:

- ; Allow load reduction through communications with thermostats and appliance modules
- Support prepayment option in conjunction with all advanced tariffs over network or customer inserted Smart Card
- ; Allow delivery of messaging and media content from utility to customer
- ; Allow downloading of data to customer inserted Smart Card

### **Advanced Metering Functionality**

### Provide advanced metering functionality to support:

- ; Peak demand rates
- ; Time interval rates
- ; CPP rates
- ; Real time pricing
- ; Prepayment of service with all complex tariffs
- Subscriber side billing capability to support all complex tariffs for reduction of network communications traffic and congestion
- ; Theft of service remote reporting
- ; Low cost optional remote service connect/disconnect
- ; Local power factor monitoring
- ; Service outage and service restoration reporting
- ; Forty-five day archival of billing determinants for complex tariffs
- **;** Serve as a communications hub between utility, gas, water, and other meters & devices for monitoring and control.
- ; End point termination of wide area network data telemetry communications

### **Realistic Feasibility**

Technology wise, the functional and cost goals are very realistic.

- **;** A single vendor "off the shelf" solution offering the above does not exist as of Q1 2005
- ; The meter company's have not invested in this solution because of a lack of market demand
- ; Application wise, technology must be refined and integrated to reduce cost
- Froduction wise, Enel Electric in Italy has shown the feasibility of producing and installing over 500,000 meters per month on a sustainable basis

## A Low Risk Managed Approach

- SCE is working with Los Angeles County and USCL for deployment of 350 USCL EMS-2020 units
- ; EMS-2020 units and associated ANSI compliant revenue kWh meters offer:
  - **& Download of current rate information from utility to customer**
  - **& Provide real-time consumption feedback**
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## A Low Risk Managed Approach (cont'd)

- ; Expand project to include form 12S poly phase meters
- Expand project to include a cross section of customers beyond those of the LA County low income housing
- Gather design, operational, and mtbf feedback
- Fartner with USCL to incrementally reduce device cost through further engineering and development of proprietary ASCI (application specific integrated circuit) technology
- Manage quantifiable development, test and product rollout plan based on cost objectives performance criteria
- Froduct line to include basic low cost consumer display with limited functionality and B&W display as baseline product
- ; Offer more functionality and enhanced display and performance product to customers on a purchase basis
- Commercialize product for sales to other utilities; SCE to participate in revenue stream from royalty or business partnership

**;** Work with "Flex Your Power" group for advertising co-op © USCL Corporation FUIN deserved

#### Low Cost Pricing and Monitoring, all in Real-Time!



#### **EMS-2020 & AMR Topology USCL Integrated Solutions**

## **Additional Benefits to be Modeled**

- **;** Cost savings associated with wholesale power acquisition at peak demand times
- **;** Lower costs in maintaining Transmission and Distribution system at peak demand times
- **;** Cost reduction in service connection and disconnection in selected accounts
- ; Cost reduction associated with reduction of customer service inquiries
- ; Reassignment of traditional meter reading resources
- **;** Cost reduction associated with accurate service outage and restoration reporting

#### **Revenue Stream Examples to be Modeled**

- ; Sales of product upgrade (EMS-2020) to customers
- ; Retail messaging transaction fees
- ; Retail electronic in-service coupon fees
- ; In-home wiring insurance and preventive maintenance service based on local power factor monitoring & signature analysis
- ; Increase in sales velocities of SCE retail product offerings
- ; Contract meter data collection services for gas & water utilities; emergency remote gas shut-off (earthquake event as an example)