Meeting the Challenges and Seizing the Opportunities of a Changing Energy Landscape

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Welcome to Richmond!

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Safety Message







Safety Message

We often fail to consider the consequences of a ticket or an accident because...

- Everyone else is speeding.
- I am late for work/meeting/kids.





Dominion Energy Profile



- 24,100 MW of electric generation (includes ~1,920 MW of solar generation)
 6,700 miles of electric transmission
 2.6 million electric customers in VA and NC
 - Atlantic Coast Pipeline (subject to regulatory approval)

- 15,000 miles of natural gas transmission, gathering and storage pipeline
- 1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas storage operated
- Dominion Energy Cove Point LNG Facility
- 2.3 million natural gas customers in 5 states
- 1.4 million non-regulated retail customers in 17 states (not shown)



Dominion Energy – A Focus on Core Values





Characteristics of our "New Normal"

Challenges & Opportunities



EMERGING CHALLENGES & THREATS

Renewable, Intermittent Generation; Loss of Inertia; Changing Location of Generation



Need for Advanced, Integrated Modeling &



Natural Events; Extreme Weather



Man-made Events



HEMP & IEMI Mitigation Strategy

- Fundamental grounding is key for EMP mitigation
 - Bleed the energy into the ground at substations and along transmission lines
 - Use grounding fundamentals for day-to-day grid operations and events, and use as basis for EMP/IEMI mitigation
- Cost prohibitive to EMP harden <u>all</u> facilities, so went with a layered approach

Build in **layers** of EMP/IEMI protection that sequentially reduce the power and threat:

Fence \rightarrow Cable Shielding \rightarrow Control House \rightarrow Panels \rightarrow P&C Devices

Substation Ground Mat Transmission Line Tower Grounding



Earthquakes: Understand and Prepare Accordingly

- Worked with USGS to develop hazard potential map
- Based on results, modified designs to reduce potential for damage
 - Moved to using resin impregnated polymer (RIP) bushings
 - Seismic battery racks
 - Reviewed/updated control house building designs
 - Replaced certain electromechanical relays with digital relays





Hurricanes, Flooding, and Extreme Wind

- Use of NOAA *Slosh Model* to develop flood potential maps
- Elevate critical equipment during facility upgrades using this data
- Prepare with temporary measures such as temporary barriers
- Control house buildings designed to handle 120+ MPH winds
- Use of steel or concrete transmission structures with additional wind loading criteria
- Use of redundant insulation for critical crossings





Cold, Snow, and Ice



1.5 inches of ice



New and Improved Designs to Reduce Outages



Use of resistive glazed insulators or stepped shed designs



Gas insulated switchgear mounted indoors



Space Weather: GMD and GIC

GMD/GIC Modeling & Study



GIC mapping and power flow

Equipment Enhancement



Event analysis with real-time monitor records







Improved EHV transformer design and manufacturer testing



Improved capacitor bank protection scheme



Future: On-site test on DVP EHV transformers



Enhanced Substation Security

- Perimeter barriers
 - Anti-cut
 - Anti-climb
 - Anti-ram
- Ballistic protection
- Access control
- Improved lighting
- Increased electronic surveillance
- Installation of resin impregnated polymer bushing and low oil trip on transformers





HIGHLIGHTING KEY INITIATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Data Centers



Mobile Equipment



Solar



New System Operations Center



Electric School Buses



Synchrophasor Analytics



Energy Storage Pilots



Offshore Wind



Advanced Simulation



Data Centers

- Highlights
 - Dominion serves 49 data center companies
 - 2019 peak demand is 1.3GW
- Connection Activity
 - 24 connections in 2019
 - Expect 10-15 per year
- Market
 - 70% of world's internet traffic runs through Northern VA
 - Land at a premium
- Growth
 - 2017 115MW
 - 2018 270MW



Anytime you watch a video or download music and photos to your iPod or cell phone you are accessing a Data Center which hosts multiple "server farms" for YouTube, Facebook, Google

The typical Data Center uses the same amount of electricity of <u>6,250</u> homes





Solar

- North Carolina #2 solar state, features **690 MW** of connected solar gen. (445 MW on distribution)
- Over the last two years, Dominion Energy has grown solar fleet to ~1,350 MW in service, in construction or under development
- DEV is actively evaluating 447 queue requests totaling over 44,000 MW of potential new generation more than double DEV's current system load. Queue Includes:
 - 5,600 MW of offshore wind
 - One 1,200MW solar project
 - 1,500 MW batteries
- Spotsylvania (500MW) to become one of largest constructed solar farms in USA, currently in process of construction and interconnection.
- Interconnection costs in excess of \$300M are very common right now

Solar output on a partly cloudy day July 5, 2017





Electric School Buses

- One bus reduces CO₂ emissions by 54,000 pounds each year
- Air quality inside is 6x better than non-EV models
- New Vehicle to Grid Technology
- Increased Safety
- Lower Cost + Less Maintenance





https://www.dominionenergy.com/ourpromise/innovation/electric-school-buses

Five Battery Pilot Projects at Dominion Energy

30 MW of Energy Storage Pilots



- 1: Absorb PV Backfeeding
- 2: TX Capacity Investment Deferral
- **3:** Backup Generation for Reliability/Resiliency
- 4: EV Charging Support
- 5: Solar + Storage



Offshore Wind

- Coastal Virginia Off-Shore Wind Project
- Two 6 MW Wind Turbines 27 miles off the coast of VA
- Second in the nation, first owned by electric utility
- Important stepping stone to commercial scale offshore wind
- Commitment to 3,000 MW of operational solar + wind by 2022





Deploying New FACTS Technology

- Faster response, more flexibility
- Power electronic devices continue to grow in use across the grid, from the substation to the customer
- Installing new power electronic devices across our transmission grid for dynamic support
 - Transmission STATCOMs and SVCs
 - Inverters for solar and wind generation
 - Piloting Distribution STATCOMs
- A need for engineers with both Power Systems and Power Electronics expertise





Mobile STATCOMs

- Swiss army knife for project execution
- Greater outage flexibility
- Shortens project execution time supporting higher throughput of grid improvements







Mobile Substations & Other Mobile Equipment

- •Rapid restoration of service (equipment & design)
- •Unusual/emergency system conditions





Advanced Laboratories and Simulation Capabilities

- New challenges demand better analytic capabilities
- Hardware in the loop (HIL) RTDS resources
- Include of advanced control systems for STATCOMs, SVCs, and protection & control devices
- HIL Testing of power electronic devices, including inverters and in the future batteries





New Transmission System Operations Center

- Design and performance requirements for maintaining situational awareness, monitoring, and control of the grid
 - \circ LEED certified
 - Uptime Institute certified design
 - o Physical and cyber security
 - Hardened for earthquakes and tornadoes
 - o Hardened against EMP
- Improved monitoring by upgrading our Security Control Center





Synchrophasors Matter More Than Ever



Simply put, our ability to work with and analyze synchrophasor data (and other high resolution sensor data) become critical bottlenecks for modernizing the grid, integrating renewable resources, and ensuring safe, reliable, and affordable delivery of electricity



Dominion Energy's Synchrophasor Program

Robust deployment of sensors across transmission ~40K measured quantities

- Nearly full transmission system coverage
- Redundant in many places
- CIP and non-CIP

Active contributor in the community/industry

- NASPI
- DOE SGIG Demonstration Project 2013
- DOE FOA970 2017
- Open source technologies LSE
 - <u>https://github.com/kdjones/lse</u>
 - <u>https://github.com/kdjones/openlse</u>

Getting into big data

- Working with PingThings & the PredictiveGrid
- New Engineering Analytics & Modeling team



Getting into Big Data with Synchrophasor Use Cases

Currently exploring a wide variety of use cases for parameterizing the performance of the transmission grid.



Welcome to Richmond and Have a Great Conference!

