



# Transforming the Grid Through Community-Based Demonstrations

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# Agenda



- PGE at a Glance
- Market Drivers
- Grid Modernization Overview
- Integrated Grid Roadmap
- Priorities for Rapid Progress
- SALMON
- Building a New Business Function

# PGE at a Glance

## Quick Facts:

- Vertically integrated utility including generation, transmission and distribution. Serving 4,000 mi<sup>2</sup>
- PGE customers:
  - Residential 773,514
  - Commercial 110,028
  - Industrial 200
- Serves 46% of Oregonians, 51 incorporated cities
- Total number of employees ~3,000

## Service Territory



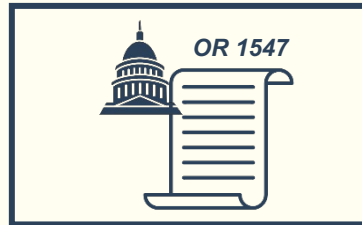
# PGE is operating in an increasingly complex & changing environment

We need to evolve our grid capabilities to best meet our customer and community needs

**Customer Expectations**



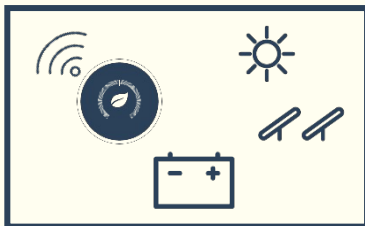
**Regulatory Environment**



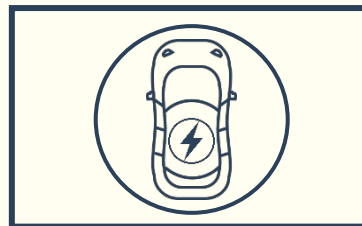
**Evolving Energy Markets**



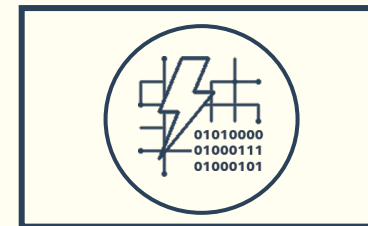
**Distributed Energy Resources**



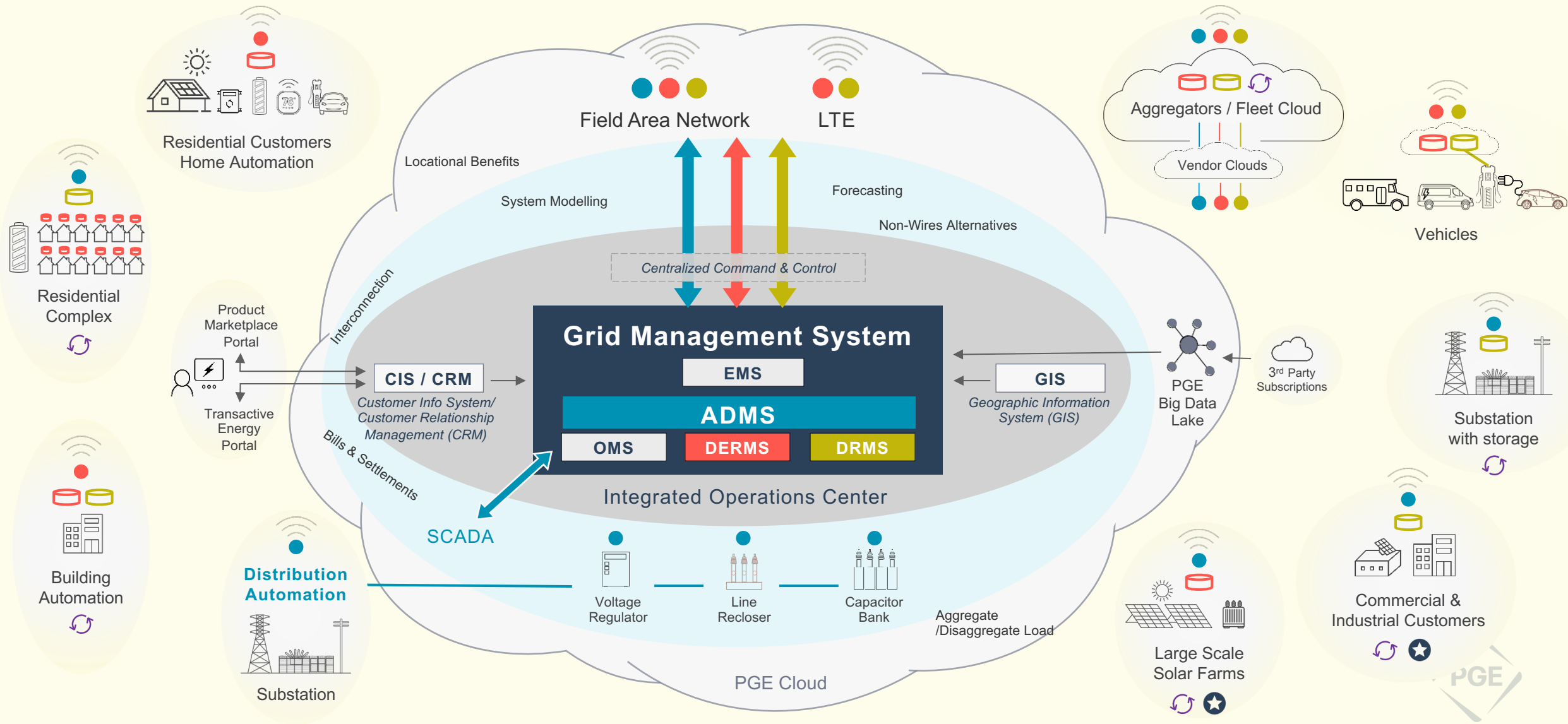
**New Dynamic Loads**



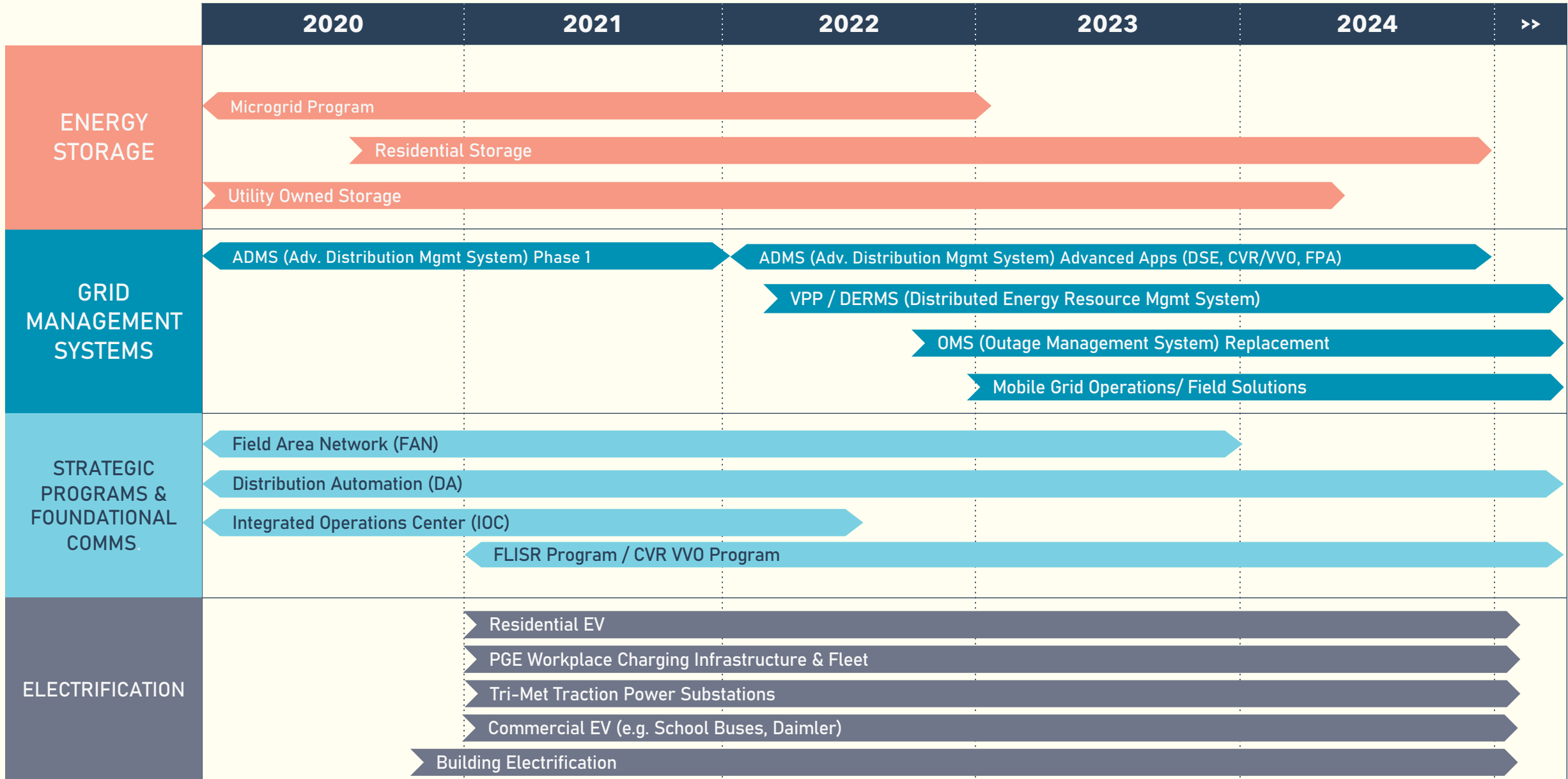
**Increased Network Complexity**



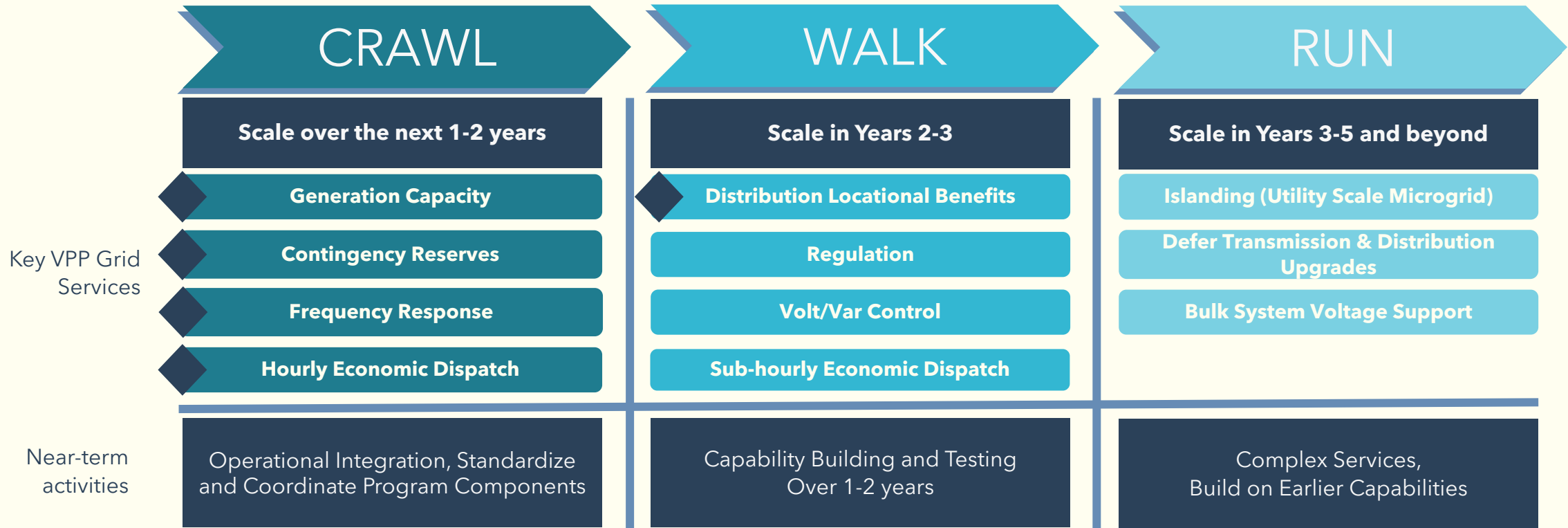
# PGE Grid Modernization – Conceptual Overview of the Grid



# Integrated Grid Roadmap – 5 Year View



# Strategic Priorities for Rapid Progress



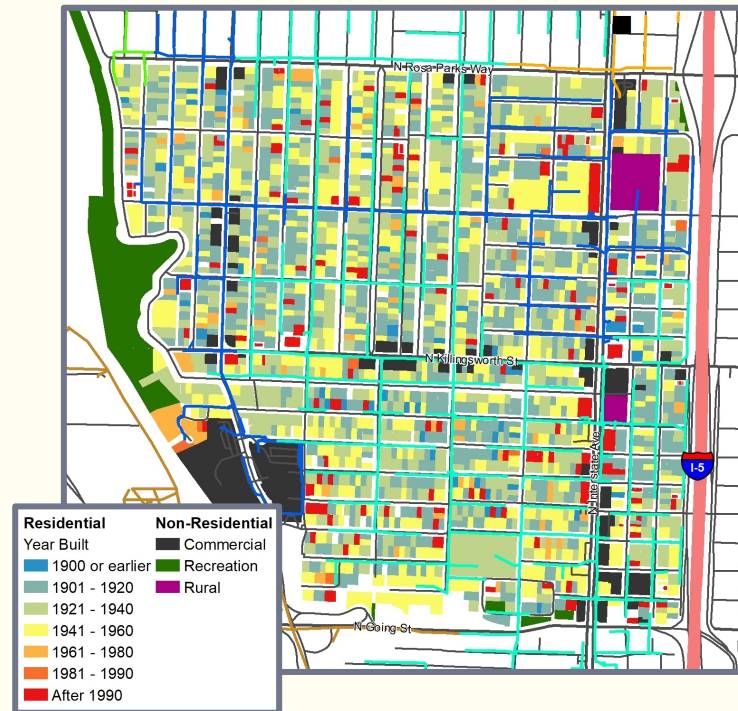
# SmartGrid Asset Load Management & Optimized Neighborhood - SALMON

## Project Team:

- Portland General Electric (PGE)
- Energy Trust of Oregon
- Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA)
- Community Energy Project (CEP)
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

## Building Retrofits:

The project will retrofit ~580 buildings, improving the energy efficiency by an average of 10%, while building 1.4 MW of flexible load.



## Goals:

- Build a flexible load resource consisting of EE, connected devices, solar, storage, and EV charging
- Demonstrate bulk services (energy, capacity and frequency response) and distribution services (capacity relief, power quality, and Volt/Var optimization)

## Project Learning:

- Program Design
- Customer Engagement Strategies, focus on Underserved Communities
- New Partnership Models
- ADMS/ DERMS Assessment
- DER/EE Valuation and Co-Benefits
- Building on Regional Sharing





# Building a new business function.

## STRATEGIC PILLARS

### DECARBONIZE:

Zero GHG Emission by 2040;  
80% reduction by 2030

### ELECTRIFY:

Leverage DERs and flexible load to meet customers' needs and keep the grid resilient as load growth increases

### PERFORM:

Continue to meet customer needs and expectations by keeping power affordable and reliable and leveraging human-centered design principles



## VPP OPERATING MODEL VISION

PGE enables and scales a **fully-integrated, system** (people, processes, tools) that can effectively plan, manage, and optimize a network of **dispatchable distributed energy resources (utility-owned or not)** to achieve a **safe, reliable, and resilient clean energy future** where all customers are enticed to participate and benefit.





# Thank you!

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