Electric System Resiliency Jason Heuser Public Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Director Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB)

EWEB System Summary

Type Customers Services (Electric) Services (Water) Employees

Consumption Consumption Consumption (Peak)

Service Territory

Power Lines Distribution Lines Substations Generators Public 200,000 90,000 65,000 487

2.4B kWh/Year 275 MWa 600 MWa

236 Sq. Miles

1,300 Miles 1,132 Miles 38 7 + one customer owned (~175MW capacity)







EWEB Resiliency

• Why? Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake





Focus











Rule of 3's

Restoration Order

3 days Emergency Water Distribution Sites

3 weeks Power Critical Facilities

3 months System Repair and Restoration







Neighborhood Emergency Water Sites

Goal: 5 sites in 5 years

Community

Focusing on schools and sites already integrated

Infrastructure

Working with local entities with common interest and facilities





Grid Edge Demonstration Project Howard Elementary - Partners

EWEB Sandia National Laboratories Oregon Department of Energy Clean Energy States Alliance Worley Parsons NEC Energy Solutions Eugene School District 4J US Department of Energy



Grid Edge Potential Use Cases Include:

- Peak Demand Reduction / T&D Deferral
- Energy Resiliency / Back-up Power
- Voltage/VAR Support
- Frequency Regulation
- Renewable energy ramping, firming

- Energy Arbitrage
- Outage Mitigation
- Reduction of Transmission Charges (reduction of utility co-incident peak)
- Reduction of Transmission Charges (generation imbalance)



Renewable Hydrogen Potential

- Mother Nature dispatches wind, solar and hydropower
 - Times of Abundance clean cheap power zero/negative pricing and curtailment in region.
 - Time of Scarcity more expensive dirtier power, including imports resource adequacy ?
 - Cold Dark Short Days in Winter and Potential for Wind to stop for days.
- Storage is Needed
 - Batteries have limited duration hours.
 - Hydrogen could provide days, weeks, even months and seasons of clean energy storage.
 - Potential to decarbonize electricity & gas systems, heavy duty vehicles including marine and aviation.
- Resiliency Benefits
 - Emergency Loads running off fuel cells with hydrogen for extended periods.
 - Local transportation fuel alternative to relying on imported gasoline.
 - Blackstart Capability for local energy sources like EWEB's McKenzie Dams or Seneca Biomass Plant.



Questions?

