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# Dispatching Grid Scale DER's in drive to Net Zero

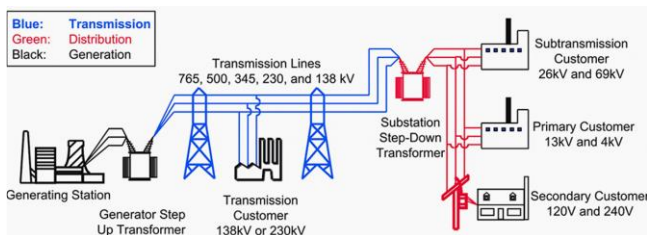
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## Power Delivery Mechanism is changing



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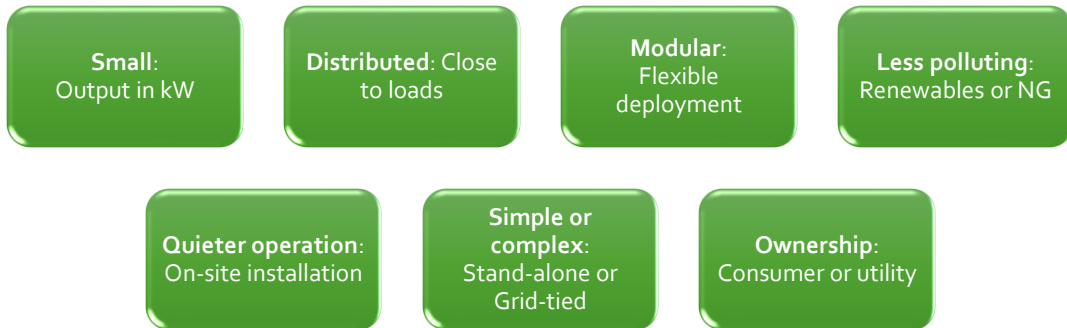
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## Distributed Generation's key characteristics

*Distributed Generation is the set of small-scale power generation technologies located close to the load being served, capable of lowering costs, improving reliability, reducing emissions and expanding energy options.*



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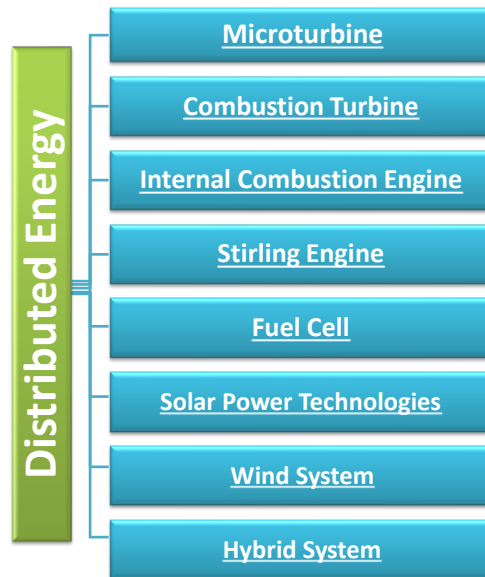
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## Distributed Generation technologies



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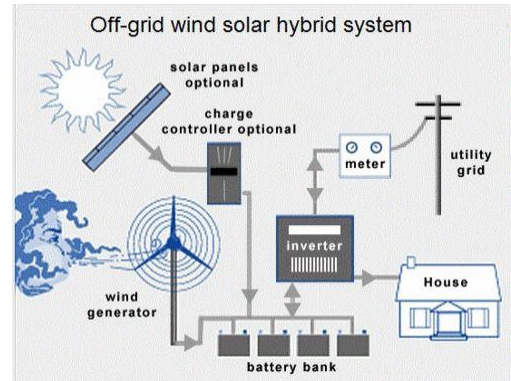


## DG technology: Hybrid system

- ❑ Developers and manufacturers of DER are looking for ways to combine technologies to improve performance and efficiency of distributed generation equipment.
- ❑ Several examples of hybrid systems include:
  - ❑ Wind and solar hybrid power system
  - ❑ Solid oxide fuel cell combined with a gas turbine or microturbine
  - ❑ Stirling engine combined with a solar dish
  - ❑ Wind turbines with battery storage and diesel backup generators
  - ❑ Engines (and other prime movers) combined with energy storage devices such as flywheels

### Characteristics:

Benefits	Drawbacks	Fuel Source	Size (kW)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can run directly on any available heat source (solar, geothermal, biological, etc.)</li> <li>• Can be very efficient when combined with heat recovery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require large temperature differentials for efficient operation</li> <li>• Cannot start instantly, needs warm-up time</li> </ul>	An inert gas such as helium or hydrogen	1-25



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## DG key benefits to utilities

		Benefit Categories							
		Energy Cost Savings	Savings in T&D Losses and Congestion Costs	Deferred Generation Capacity	Deferred T&D Capacity	System Reliability Benefits	Power Quality Benefits	Land Use Effects	Reduced Vulnerability to Terrorism
DG Services	Reduction in Peak Power Requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Provision of Ancillary Services – Operating Reserves – Regulation – Blackstart – Reactive Power	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Emergency Power Supply	✓	✓			✓	✓		

T&amp;D= transmission and distribution.

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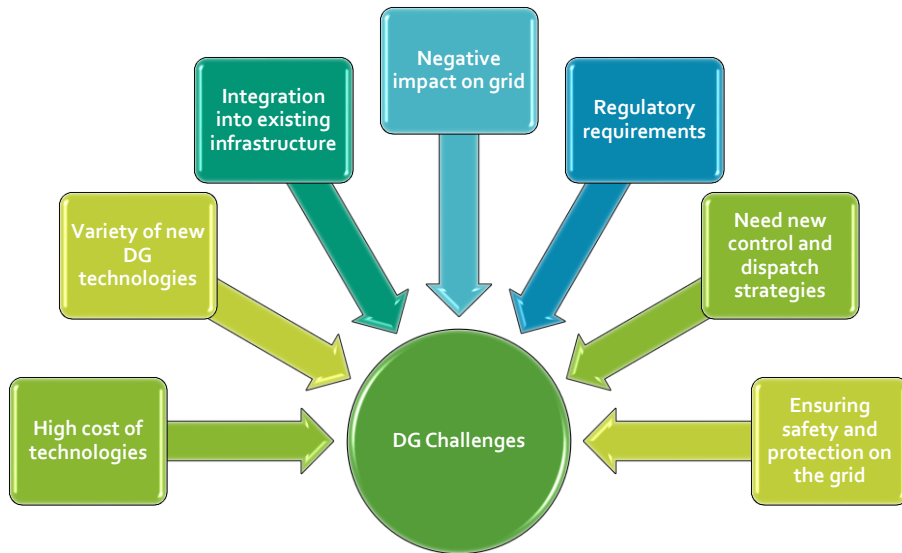
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## Distributed Generation challenges



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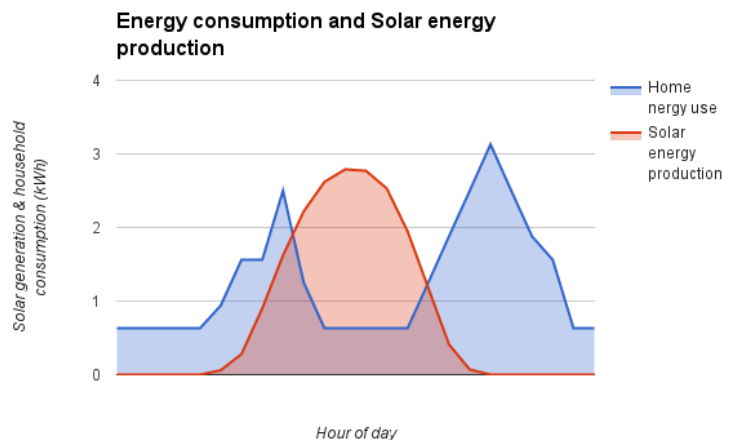
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## A Case for Dispatching DERs

- ☐ Dispatchable generation is needed to handle the energy needs of the population before and after solar generation – and to be balanced with wind.
- ☐ When solar ramps up, dispatchable generation is ramped down to the lowest level.
- ☐ Beyond that – solar/wind will need to be curtailed and/or dispatched (setpoint control) to ensure that there is enough standby generation ready for action after the sun goes down.



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## Model, Forecast, safely Dispatch and Settle

- ❑ New Opportunities & Needs Require New Solutions
- ❑ New Opportunities - Path to Net Zero
  - ❑ All DER investment does not need to be from the utility
  - ❑ Combination of solar, wind, solar/wind + storage, stand-alone storage
- ❑ New Needs
  - ❑ Balancing Authority with Supply Across Transmission & Distribution
  - ❑ Optimizing Renewables in Distribution to Deliver Multiple Objectives:
    - ❑ Congestion
    - ❑ Voltage Support
    - ❑ Planned and Unplanned Outages
    - ❑ Fault Location Isolation & Service Restoration

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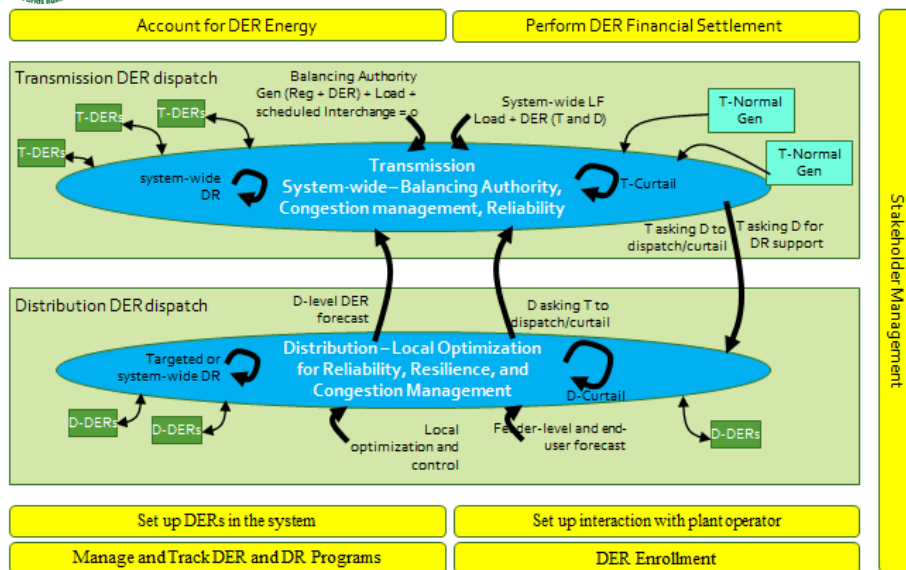
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## An operating model for how to dispatch DERs



*This is an enterprise operating model and is in sharp contrast with the existing operating model – where every business unit / department / jurisdiction has their own operating model*

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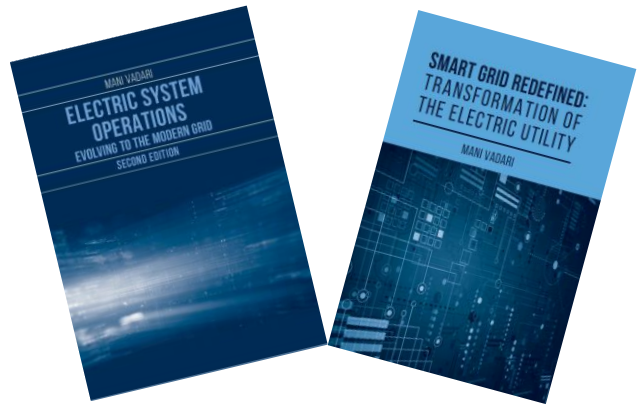
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