



# Smart Grid @ RPU

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# Issues for Tonight's Discussion

- Recap Smart Grid overview-RPU status
- Results of analysis
  - Recommendations
- Path forward

*Open dialogue approach*  
*Ask questions as we go!*



# RPU already is on the Smart Grid path.



## CUSTOMER SERVICE



## CUSTOMER ACCESS TO INFORMATION & CHOICE



## LOAD MANAGEMENT



## DISTRIBUTION

How far (and how fast) do you go to Full Smart Grid?



## RELIABILITY



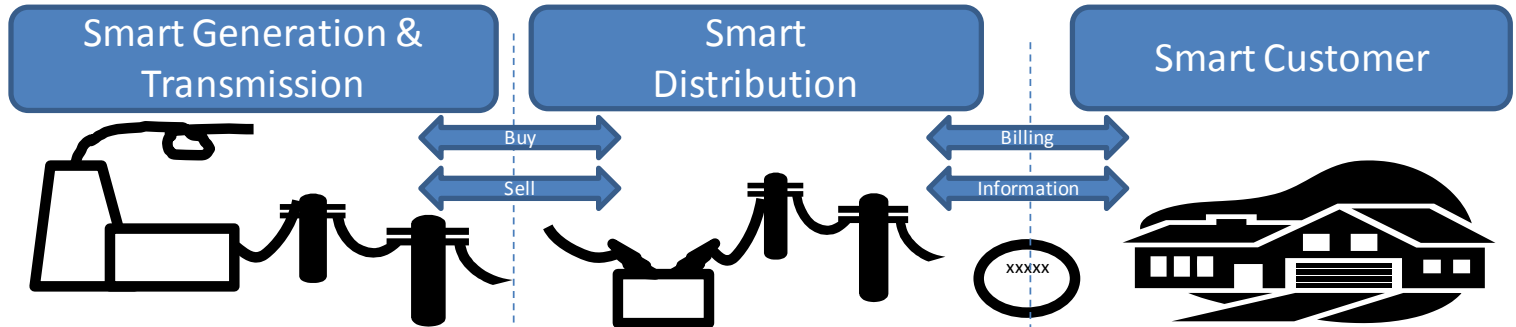
## ASSET MANAGEMENT



## ENTERPRISE



# RPU has "Areas of Control" in Smart Grid



RPU involved in SG here through SMMPA/MISO initiatives.

RPU controls this space entirely:

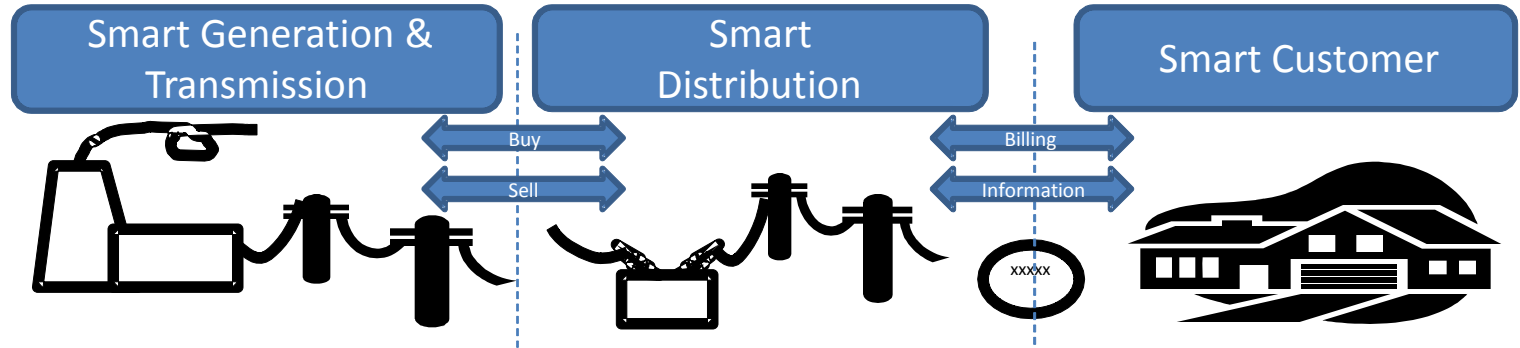
- Remote feeder switching
- Remote monitoring of substation equipment
- Feeder power quality
- Fault identification
- Outage monitoring
- System Loading
- Remote connect/disconnect

RPU works with customers for acceptance "beyond the meter":

- Variable pricing
- hourly consumption/bill updates
- Load management at appliance level
- Distributed Generation/Micro Grids



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- Control Center Energy Management Systems

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- Distribution Automation
- Outage Management Systems
- Asset Management
- Meter Data Management

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# RPU has a Relatively Advanced System

Existing System	Status
Fiber optic communications	4 out of 10 substations connected
Advanced SCADA system	21 RTUs and 53 PLCs SEL 2030 Gateways at substations
Capacitor bank controls	8 advanced capacitor banks 50% of distribution capacitor banks with controllers
Transmission relays	100% fault locating end of 2010
Distribution Relays	100% fault locating end of 2011
Telvent Outage Management System	Advanced system with many more capabilities and connectivity than RPU is currently using



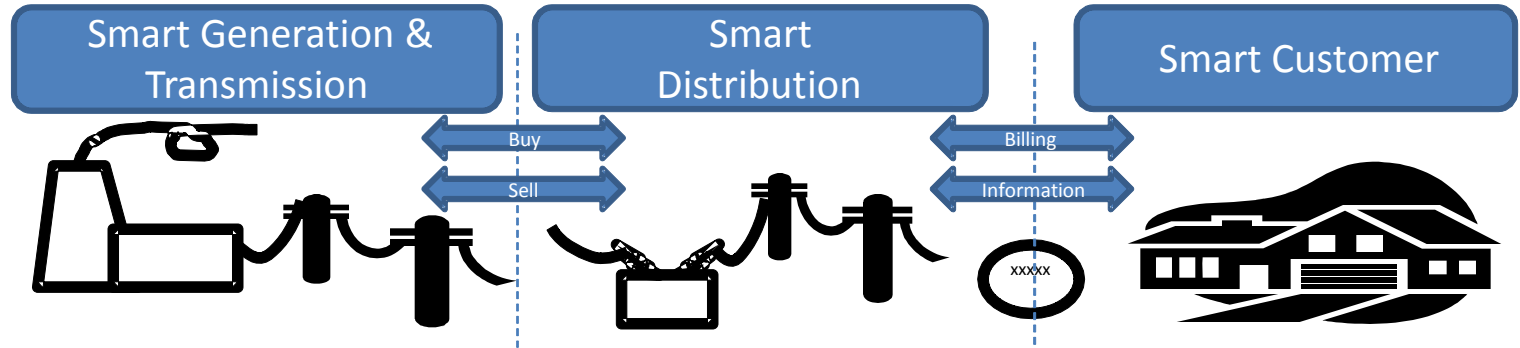


# RPU's Reliability is Already High...



Measurement	RPU	Industry Ave.
Ave # of outages	0.49/customer/yr	1.10 /customer/yr
Duration of outage	33.59 minutes	90 minutes
Ave Restoration time	69.01 minutes	81.6 minutes

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# New Products & Technologies Blur Smart Grid Utility/Customer Line



## Ultimate Smart Grid Customer Level Functionality

- 1) Real-time Information on Usage and Cost
- 2) Automated Control of Appliances
- 3) Customer Empowerment to affect consumption

CUSTOMER

CUSTOMER/UTILITY  
INTERFACE

UTILITY

Smart  
Appliances

Home  
Energy  
Displays

Smart  
Meters/AMI

Direct Load  
Control

Demand  
Response

Distribution  
Automation

Enterprise  
Data  
Systems  
(MDMS)

# RPU has Installed an Automatic Meter Reading System...

Smart Meter Capabilities	Current Meter Capability?	Add on Capability?
<b>Customer Features</b>		
Interval reads (hour or less)	Some Locations	Yes
Remote on-demand reads	No	Yes
Real-time information to the home (ZigBee)	No	No
On Line ePortal for customers	No	Yes
<b>Distribution Features</b>		
Power outage notification	No	Yes
Power quality monitoring	No	No
Remote connect/disconnect	No	Yes

Smart Meter Capabilities require two way communication system between RPU and meter.

# Two Approaches Essentially Same for Customer, not RPU...



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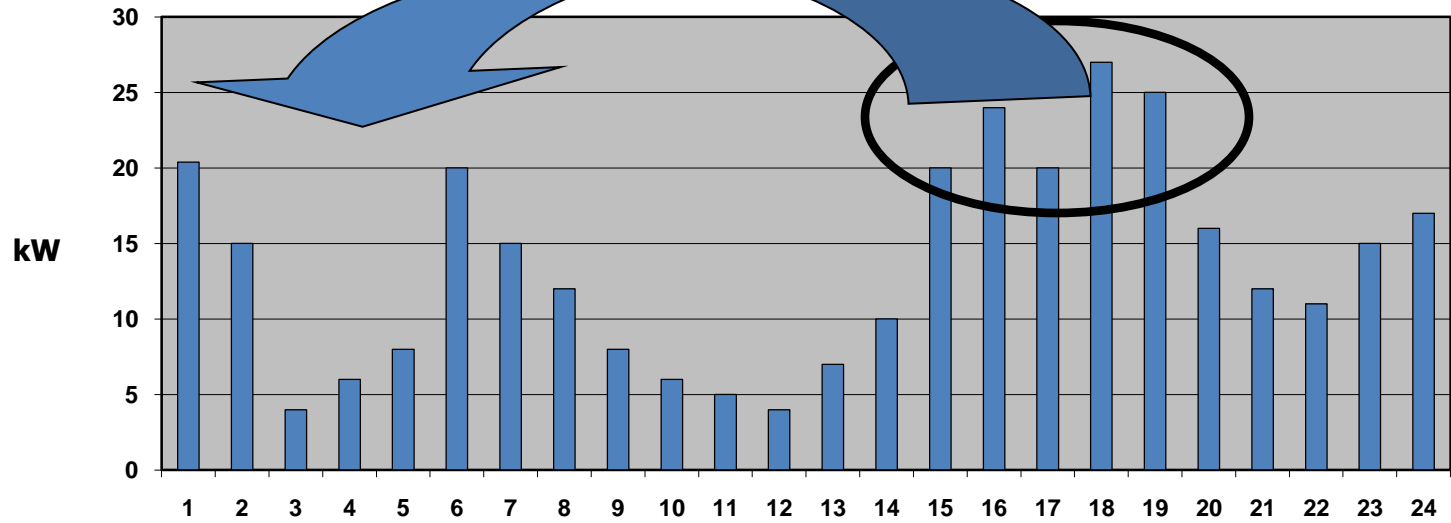
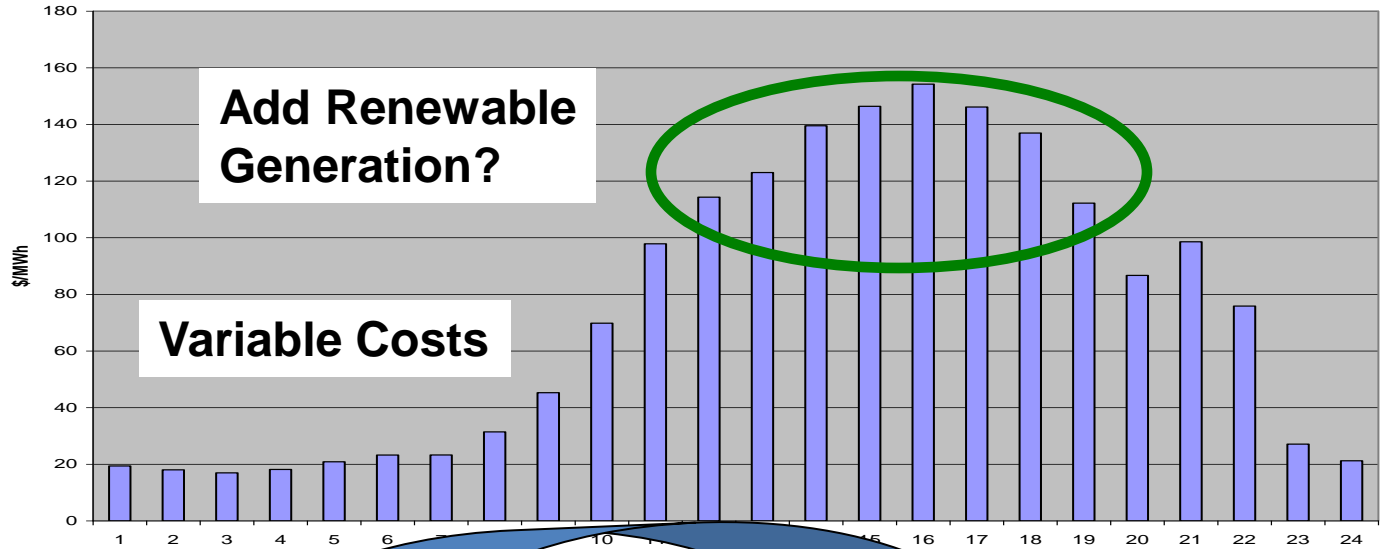
- Data shared with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties
- Internet Security
- More difficult for RPU to get interval usage
- More devices for same functions as Smart Meter
- Customer controlled, can be supported now by RPU
- Communications via internet
- Not as prone to tech obsolescence with "all eggs in one basket"
- No straightforward approach to sharing data across RPU
- FYI, No billing quality information



- Data controlled by customer and RPU
- RPU Security responsibility
- Easy to get interval data
- Use of AMR requires "add ons"
- RPU controlled so customer must coordinate with RPU
- RPU communications
- Meter technology by vendor
- Replacement with Smart Meters could be done over time, targeted points
- Easier approach to sharing data across RPU
- Provides billing data

# Dynamic Pricing-The Goal

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**Variable costs will affect usage...**

# So, There are a number of options, considerations and approaches to Smart Grid

*How do we get any focus on these issues?*

## **Customer Space**

- Time varying rates
- Real time usage
- Smart Building Controls
- Ancillary services

## **RPU Space**

- Remote connect/disc
- Power quality info
- Outage information
- Real time usage
- Ancillary services



**Key issue of Smart Grid for RPU is about use of Advanced Meter Infrastructure**





# Time of use rate issue is major factor in deployment of AMI

**-Mandatory**



**One fundamental question:  
Does RPU move to  
Mandatory Time of Use  
rates for all customers?**

**-Voluntary**

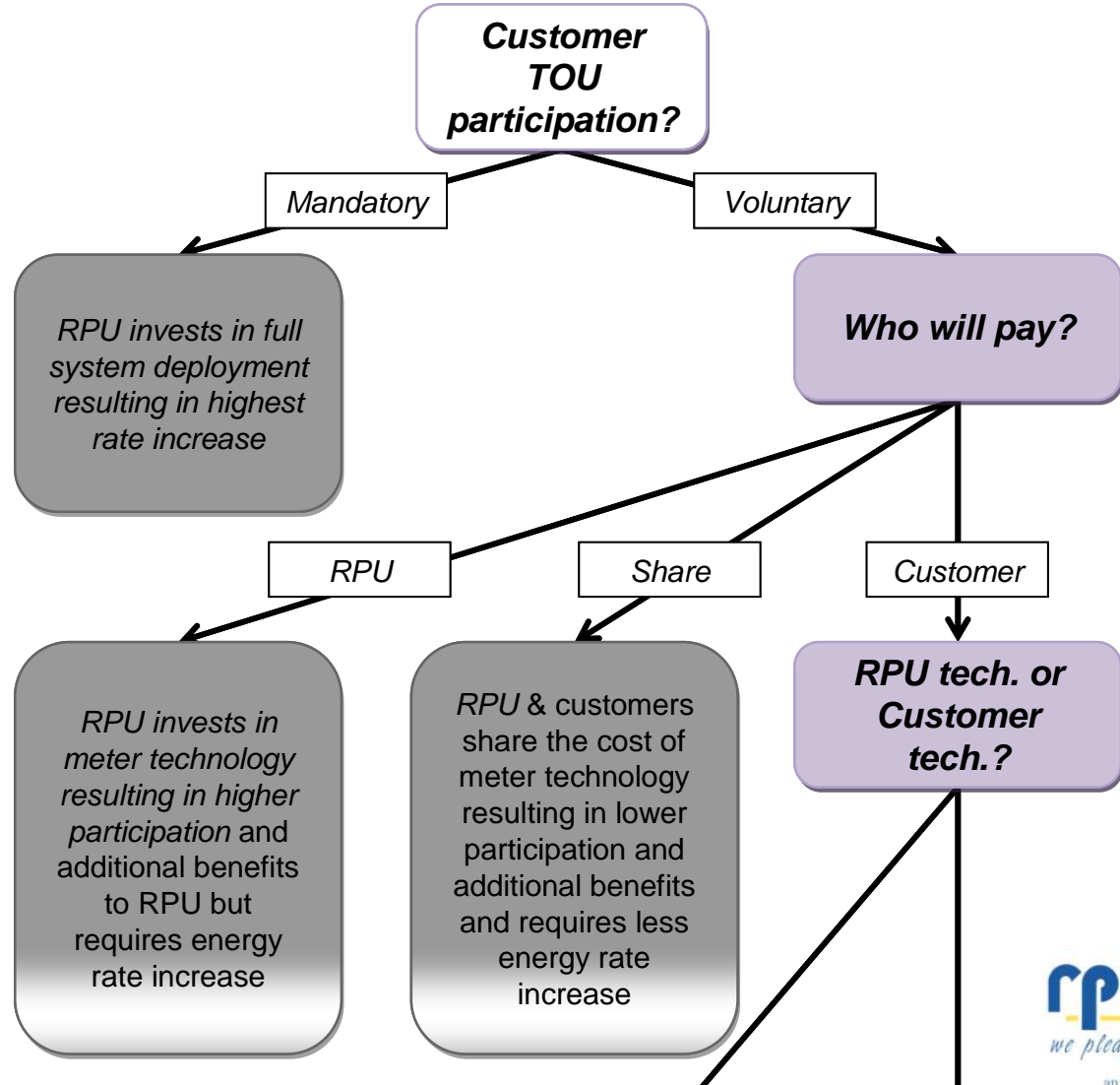


**This question drives..**

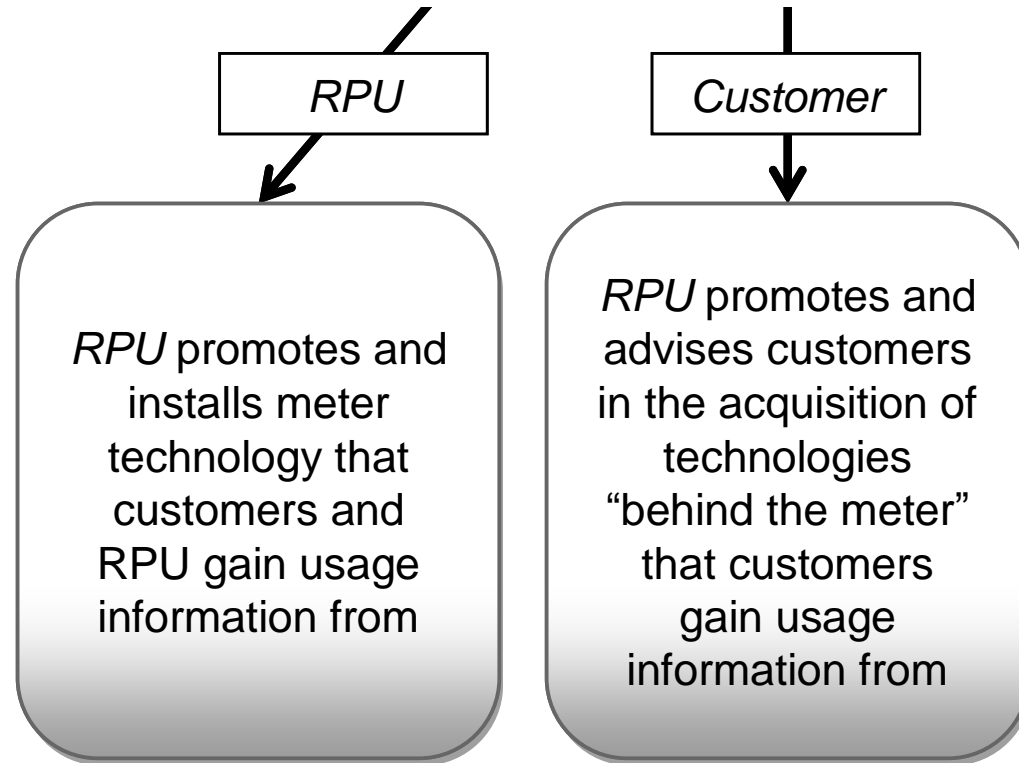
- 1. Whether to deploy technology across full system or for only customers who want TOU.**
- 2. How readily RPU can leverage technology in customer space for Smart Grid Dist Automation objectives**
- 3. How many rate structures RPU maintains**
- 4. How to recover costs (ratebase or per adopter)**



# Decisions on TOU and Tech issues



# Support in the voluntary approach



# Business Case developed using the following premises...

**First: Due to advantages it brings, AMI would be deployed.**

*-RPU space*

*-Customer space*

**Mandatory use of AMI removes question of whether to use Internet or customer based approach**



**Second: RPU will determine approach to mandatory versus voluntary TOU rates.**

*-Business Plan reviewed both*

*-Main difference is pace of AMI deployment*

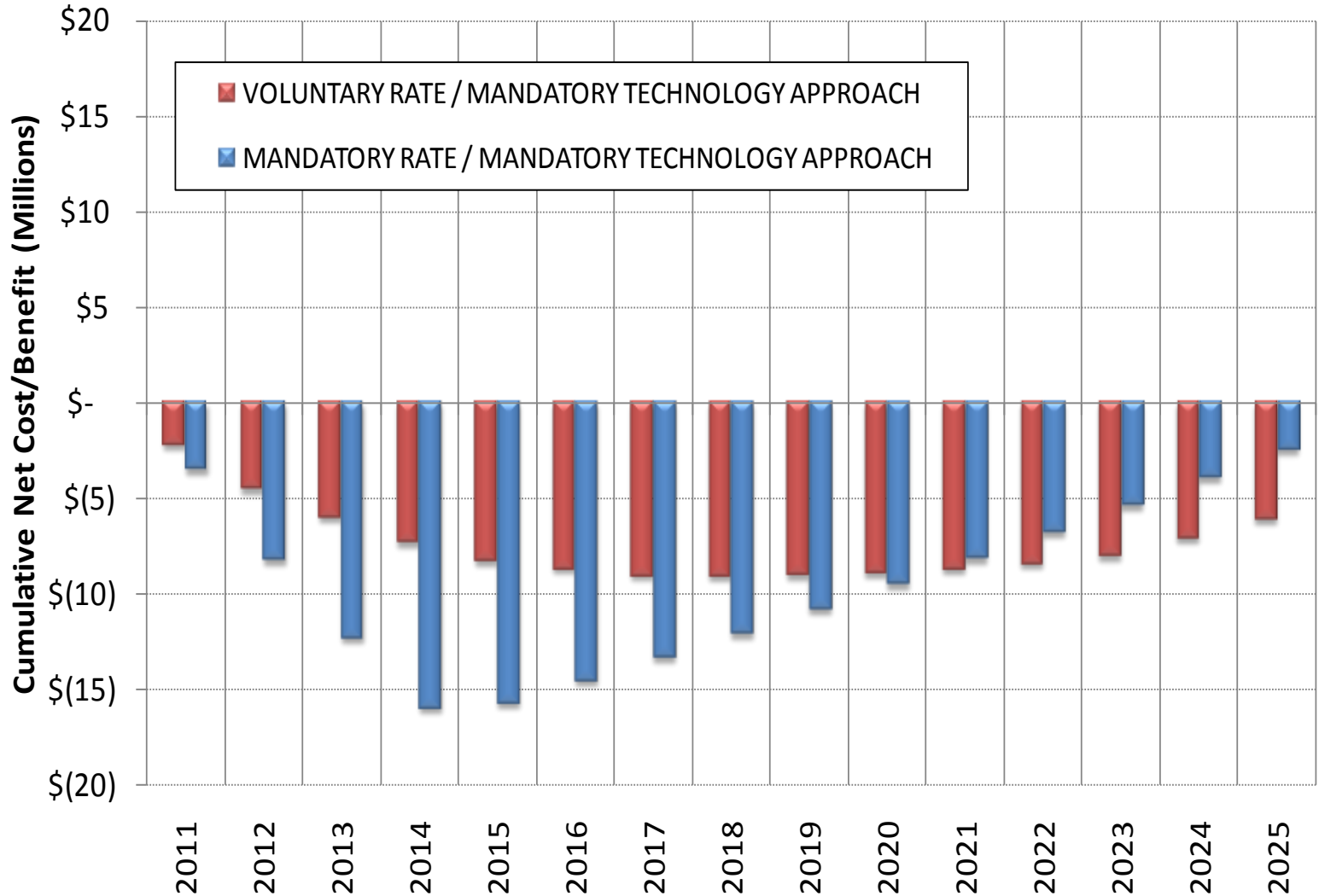


# Business Case Includes:

- Discussion of Smart Grid
  - Different perspectives of Customer, RPU and Regulators
- GAP analysis of what infrastructure is currently in place and what is needed
- Discussion of mandatory versus voluntary approaches
- Benefit cost analysis
  - Spreadsheet tool that allows RPU to refine assumptions and rerun assessment
- Recommendations and Implementation Plan



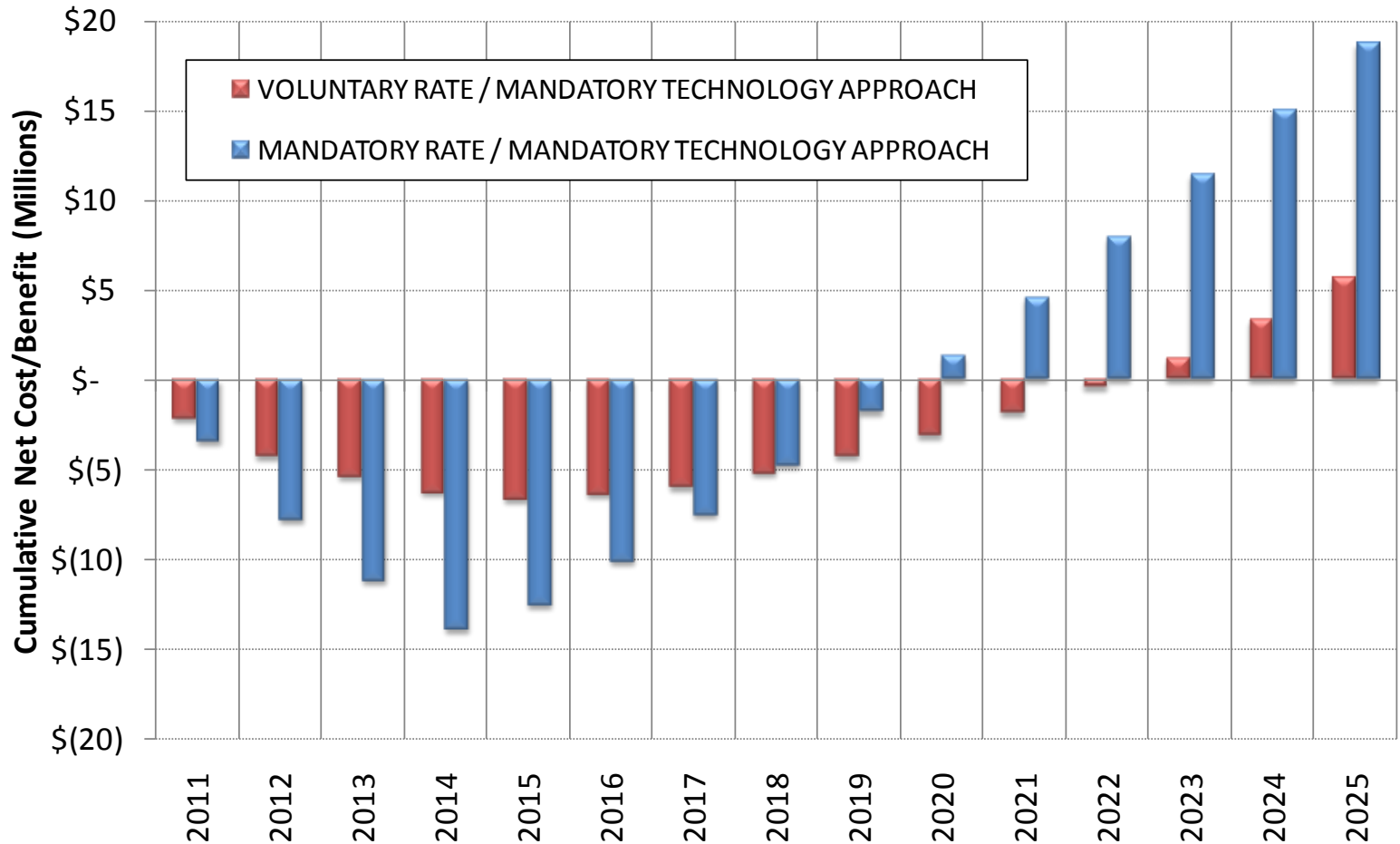
# RPU Direct Benefits



# Total Community Benefits



RPU Smart Grid: Cumulative RPU & Customer Net Cost/Benefit





# Recommendations for RPU Smart Grid Future

- Due to advantages in cost and features, RPU should plan migration to an AMI platform.
  - New customers
  - AMR attrition
  - Statistical dispersion
  - TOU deployment
- In order to maximize customer benefits with Smart Grid, significant consumer education is needed.
  - First major activity.
  - What to do with usage information
  - What are impacts and how to use dynamic cost information
  - Manage fears of “intrusion” and personal information
  - Align expectations with realities of Smart Grid
- Upgrade SCADA and outage management system with regards to Smart Grid goals.
- Plan for increased amounts of data to be processed. Upgrade the CIS with eye towards this data coming and TOU rates being more widely deployed.



# Possible Time Line



## Year 1

- Customer dialog and education about Smart Grid
- RPU decision on mandatory versus voluntary TOU
- Identify and prioritize poorest performing distribution system areas
- Designs for communication system
- Designs for Back office systems upgrades
- Design customer programs (rates, ancillary services, DSM)

## Year 2

- Continue consumer education, roll out of programs, devices
- Design TOU rates
- Initiate AMI deployment in strategic locations
- Initiate communication and computer systems upgrades
- Initiate distribution system upgrades at poorest areas

## Year 3

- Begin offering TOU rates and other customer programs
- Tie meter data management system to customer and outage systems
- Continue distribution and meter system upgrades

## Year 4+

- Evaluate, monitor and refine customer programs
- Continue distribution and meter system upgrades
- Evaluate, monitor, and refine internal RPU data sharing, organization, and processes



# What do you think?



# Where do we go from here?

# Vision for Consideration

*Prudently adopt Smart Grid technologies which provide customer value in reliability or service.*

