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Incorporating Embedded Generation Into Municipal Networks to be presented at the AMEU Convention 2019

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Presentation Outline

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Globally the energy system is moving towards a world of prosumers



Traditional Model: centralized generation, passive consumption

Generation



Transmission



Distribution



Consumer



The world becoming more...

Electrical: +50%

electricity consumption in next 25 years

Decarbonized: 50%

of new electricity capacity in 2016-30 will be Solar & Wind

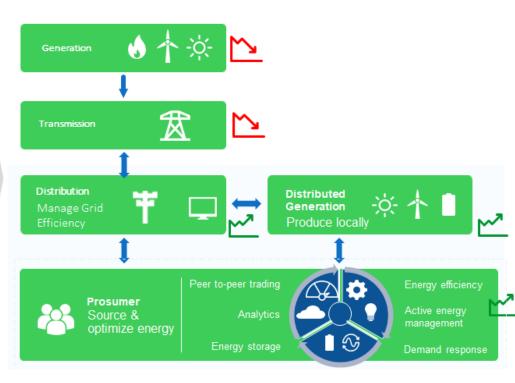
Decentralized: 20%

of new electricity capacity in 2016-30 will come from prosumers

Digital:

connected distributed energy assets, energy trading enabled by blockchain

New Model: World of Prosumers



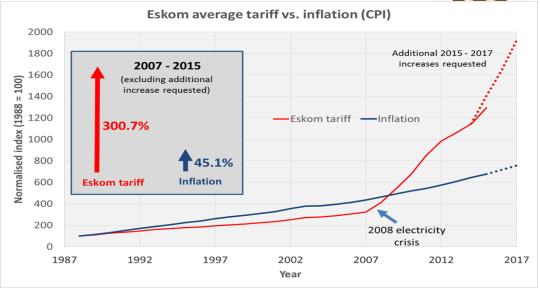




South African Context







Sources: Eskom Annual Reports, Eskom Weekly System Reports

M Longano, South Africa's Power Conundrum – A Debt Managers View, https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2019-07-25-south-africas-power-conundrum-a-debt-managers-view/

Eskom R21 billion financial loss, there were reports of them challenging NERSA for a 80% increase for **2020**. - Speculation.

S Moolman, *Infographic: Eskom Tariff increases vs Inflation since 1988* (with projections to 2017),. https://www.poweroptimal.com/infographic-eskom-tariff-increases-vs-inflation-since-1988-projections-2017/,

2020 – 12.8% (9.41 and 4.4% clawback)

2021 – 8.1%

2022 – 5.1%



Embedded Generation in South Africa



Time Line of Events

Load shedding

Utility

Solar PV Installation

Industry and Private Sector

Legislation: Accommodate Embedded Gx



2007/2008

 First Spells of load shedding in Nov-Jan to increased energy demand.

2014-2019

- March 2014
- 2015 Jan to Sep
- 2016 More bouts of load shedding
- 2018 June, Nov, Dec
- 2019 Feb, March

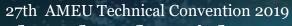
2016/2017

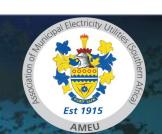
- 90 260 verified installed PV roof top systems
- Represents 180MWp
- R 2.7 billion
- (PQRS info) PV Performer Platform, quality assurance platform. Comfort – End users and Investors

Current

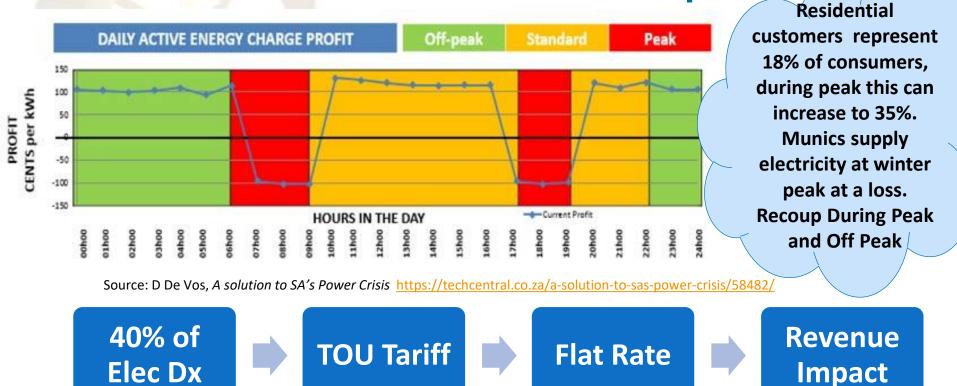
- IRP (draft) 200MW Embedded Generation
- 2 May 19 1MW to 10MW, with a limit of 500MW annually applicable for own use generation
- Feb 19 DBSA received \$100m by the Green Climate Fund for embedded Generation investment Programme.
- Develop model to fund embedded generation projects

Opportunity for Transformation – Microgrids seen as the mobile phone in the Electricity Industry





Demand Profile and Revenue Impact



Studies show that 97% of PV is generated b/w 9am – 6pm. Standard time, when munics recoup losses. Represents up to 60% of profit loss.



What does this Mean?

Cycle

Repeats



EPRI: Average customer pays

\$51 per month for grid.
Off-grid costs \$275-\$430. By
2024 costs \$165 - \$262.

Technology

Energy Efficiency Sale of electricity is used to cross subsidise other services

Customers Look for Alternatives

Free Rider Effect

Do not fully pay their share of the system's fixed costs. Death Spiral

Munics sell less power

Same Fixed Costs

Increase Prices

Behaviour Change Energy Efficiency



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Opportunity - New Roles for Municipalities

Municipal Leaders acknowledge and see the need for change.

2018 study done by SA TIED (Towards Inclusive Economic Development)

- Main Driver Climate change, and Going Green, then Costs.
- Leaders understand that the current model is not sustainable.

Stakeholder Engagement

Private Public Partnership

Autonomous

Own Generation

TOU Tariff





Recommendations



TOU

- Mitigate against losses during peak
- Surcharge outside sunlight hours
- TOU or Smart Meters

Inc Fixed Charges

- Eliminate Free Rider Effect
- Rate determined by power consumed.

Grid Availability

- Like insurance policy
- Customers with embedded generation pay a monthly rate for grid availability

Feed in Tariffs

- Purchase Power cheaper from developers who sell excess power to the grid
- Change in legislation

Construct own PV Plants

Finance may be an obstacle

Purchase Power From IPPs

- Eliminate Single Buyer
 Model
- Guarantees Required

Legislation to Prevent Embedded Generation

Not Feasible



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Considerations

Government,
Manufactures, Private
Developers, End Customer

Changes Grid Planning Grid is becoming more complex and Dynamic

Stakeholder Engagement

Agility

Speed is key to ensure resiliency and efficiency

Future is DER Integration

Intelligent Devices

Increased need for Analytics

Enhanced
Communication – faster
response times

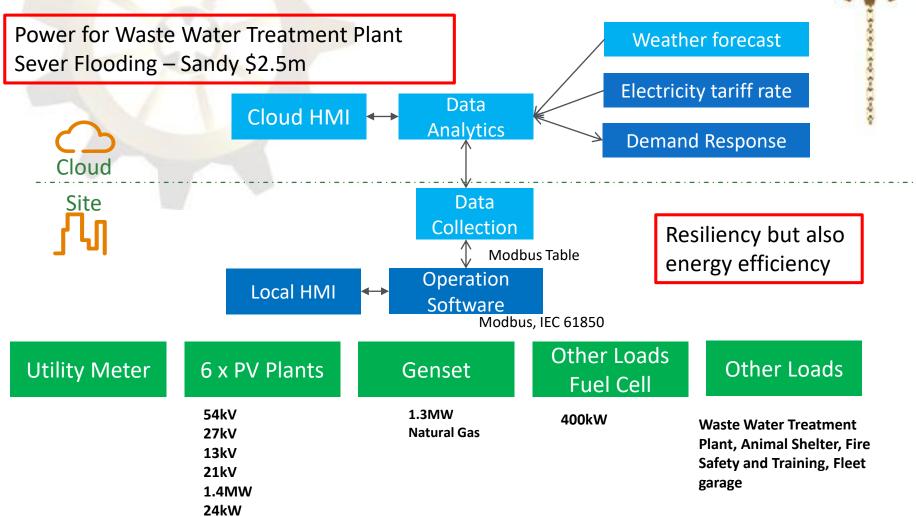
Technology Advancements in IT and IOT Increased Data Analysis provides additional value for planning and operational activities



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Case Study – US Fairfield Town Government





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Forecasting and economic dispatch of Distributed

Energy Resources





Predictive and automatic energy management of DER (hours, days)

Remote monitoring & forecasting	Monitoring Power / Energy and other KPI for each DER using a web access
Tariff Management	Control DER (consume/produce/store energy) according to variable electricity tariff rate
Demand Charge reduction	Control DER (consume/produce/store energy) for reducing site consumption peak
Self consumption	Control energy storage and PV system for maximizing the energy consumption from PV system
Demand Response	Control DER for participating in DR mechanisms
Off grid mode preparation	Control DER for anticipating on future off grid events



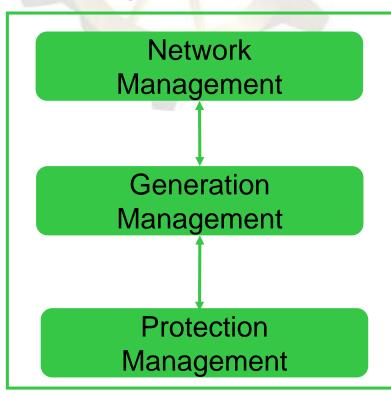
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Manage island mode and optimize DER in real

time (ms)

DER Agnostic



Use cases / DER	
Sharing strategy	Aim to maximize renewables consumption within the microgrid
ATO Automatic Transfer Operation	Automatically manages connection / disconnection from the grid
Load sharing	Assure the stability for the tension and frequency by balancing the production and consumption in real time
Load shedding	Cut-off non-priority loads when the production can not reach the consumption
Relay Settings	Manage the protection relays and if needed the global system protection when islanded
Connectivity	Modbus and Modbus TCP IP, IEC 61850





Closing Remarks

- In order to take advantage of the opportunities emerging from the energy transition and mitigate risks and challenges, carefully planning and coordination is required.
- Municipalities can stay relevant and ensure a sustainable source of income by altering their business model to include embedded generation solutions and hence provide value to their end customers.

This Requires a carefully coordinated and integrated portfolio of new and existing solutions that must encompass technology, infrastructure, regulation, policy and business aspects; one without the other will inevitably lead to unfeasible or unsustainable scenarios.



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