



## Austin Energy's Strategic Plan and Monthly Performance Dashboard: Grid Modernization

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# Austin Energy's Strategic Goals



**Financial Health:** Long-term financial resiliency that ensures cost recovery, provides market competitiveness, delivers operational excellence and creates value for customers and the Austin community

**Customer Collaboration:** New heights in customer satisfaction through increased collaboration, varied and high quality services, programs, and delivery methods and competitive pricing that strengthen customer loyalty

**Environment:** Minimize environmental footprint throughout Austin Energy's value chain

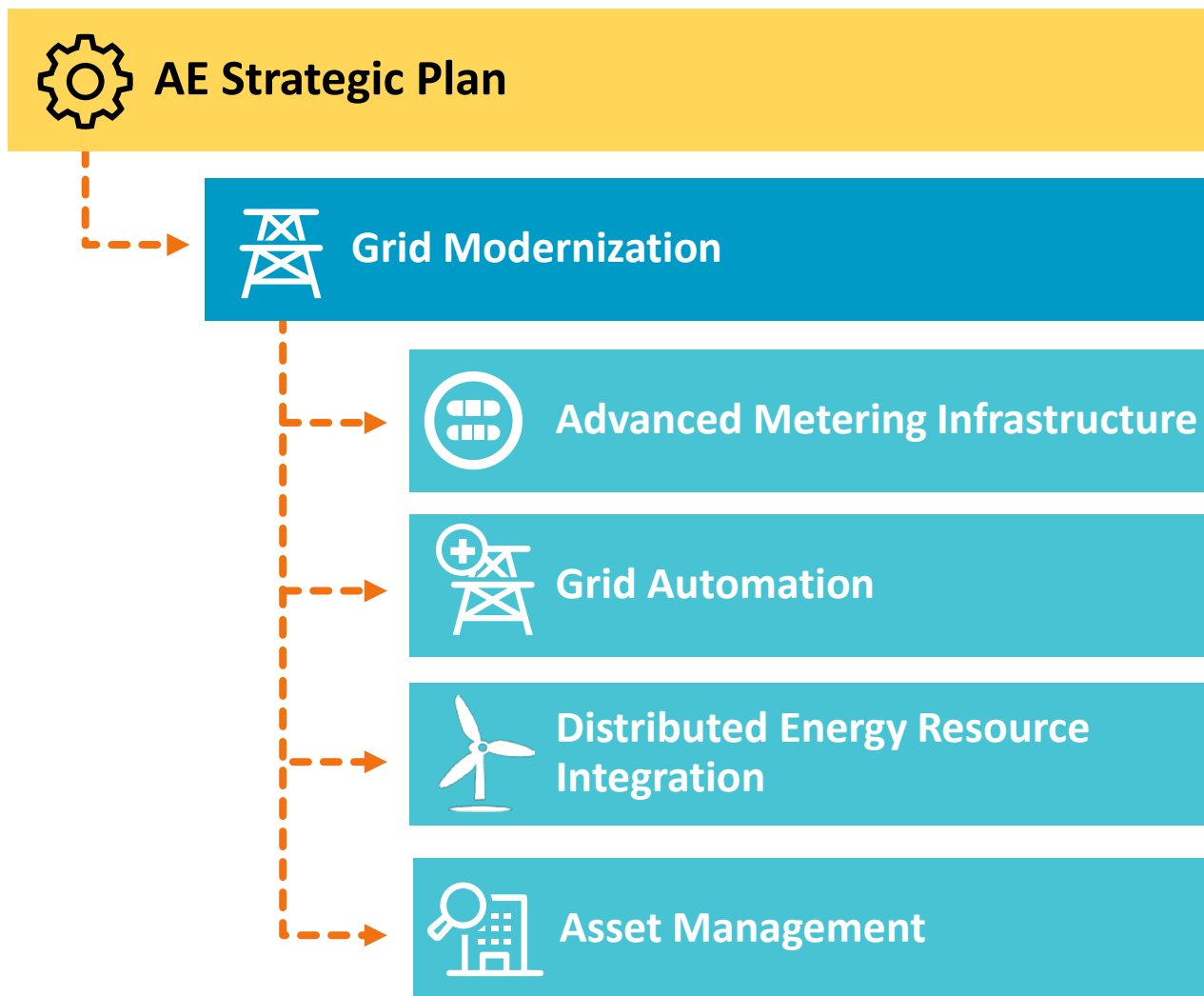
**Employee Engagement:** Employees are safe, healthy and engaged, and equipped with tools and training to effectively perform their work

**Business Excellence:** Best Managed Utility culture where customer needs are thoroughly and efficiently achieved through optimal use of resources

**Grid Modernization:** Innovative two-way grid utilizing customer and company infrastructure to deliver superior reliability and customer experience at the lowest reasonable cost



# Strategic Plan and Grid Modernization



# Grid Modernization

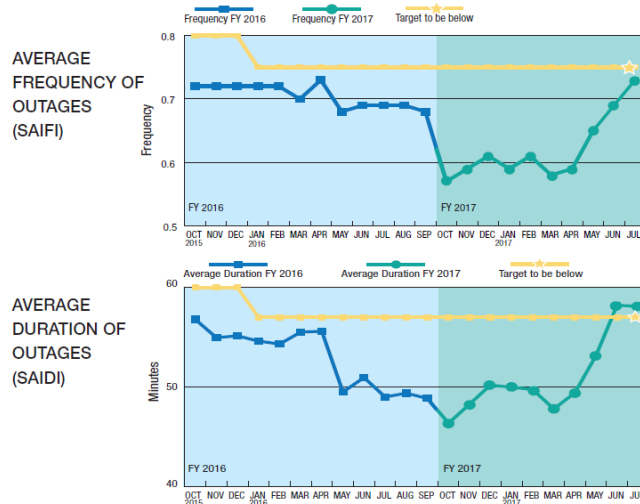


- **Goal Statement:** Innovative two-way grid utilizing customer and company infrastructure to deliver superior reliability and customer experience at the lowest reasonable cost
- **Goal Measure:** Achieve top decile transmission and distribution (T&D) reliability indices (SATLPI, SAIDI, SAIFI, CAIDI) and above average JD Power customer satisfaction index for residential and commercial customers
- **Current State:** Top quartile reliability indices; Bottom quartile customer satisfaction index
- **Opportunities/Challenges:** Resources (personnel/knowledge/funding), Analytics, Solution Selection

# Monthly Performance Dashboard: Grid Modernization



## Reliability Performance

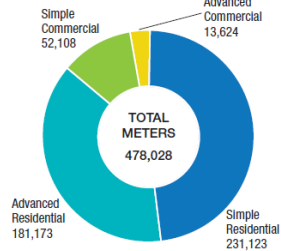


**Frequency of Outages: 0.73**  
Target: 0.75

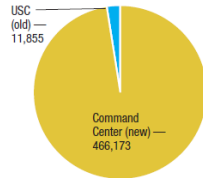
**Duration of Outages: 58.15 minutes**  
Target: 57.22

## Advanced Metering Infrastructure

NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL METERS BY TYPE



NETWORK MODERNIZATION

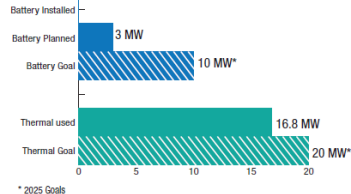


## AMI

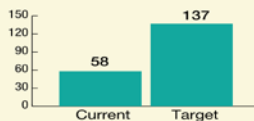
**% Advanced Smart Meters: 41%**  
**% Migrated to Upgraded Network: 98%**  
Target: 100%

## Storage

As of Jul 2017



FEEDERS WITH CONSERVATION VOLTAGE REDUCTION



FEEDERS WITH FAULT LOCATION, ISOLATION AND SERVICE RESTORATION



## Storage

**Electrical: 3MWe (planned) Target: 10MWe**

**Thermal: 16.8MWt Target: 20MWt**

**Feeder Automation (# of Feeders)**

**Conservation Voltage Reduction: 58 (42%) Target: 137**

**Fault Location (Phase 1): 130 (67%) Target: 194**

# Customer Collaboration Alignment



## Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

- Flexible rate options
- Customer access to their energy usage and usage alerts
- Identification of product opportunities and more tools at the hands of CSRs



## Grid Automation

- Two way outage communication/notification
- Reduced outage durations and increased resiliency
- Customer information and history in the hands of field personnel



## Distributed Energy Resource Integration

- Customer choice and flexibility
- Customer participation opportunities (e.g. community solar)
- Environmental and Social benefits of reduced carbon emission



## Asset Management

- Improved reliability and better identification of customer problems
- Cost savings through operational efficiencies impacting affordability
- More granular customer outage history



# Technology Driving Safety



Remote communication and control of T&D assets



Reduced truck rolls

Reduced exposure

# The Benefits of AMI

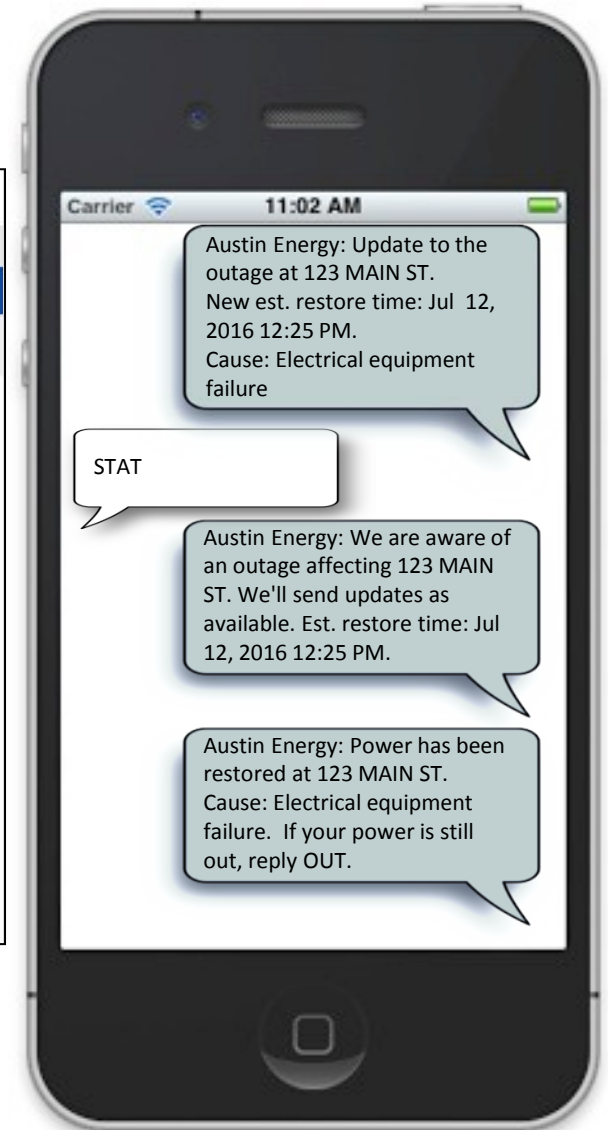
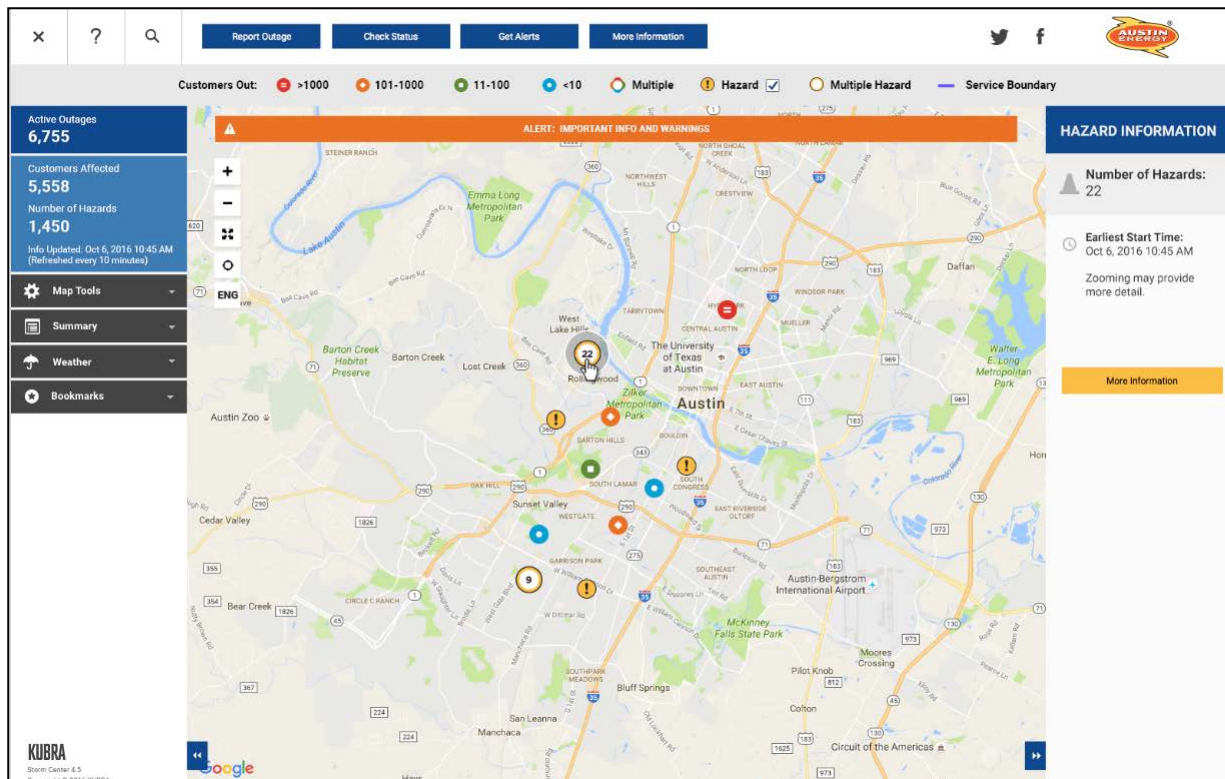


- **Customer Collaboration**
  - Enhanced Outage Communication
  - Increased Availability of Energy Usage Information
  - Alternative Rate Offerings
- **Financial Health and Business Excellence**
  - Enhanced revenue detection and protection
  - Remote monitoring and alarming
  - Over the air programming and remote service operations results in less field activities
  - Increased revenue modeling
  - Streamlining Complex Metering Operations
  - Operational efficiencies and cost savings
- **Grid Modernization**
  - Expanded system monitoring for Conservation Voltage Reduction, Fault Location Isolation & Service Restoration, micro grid, and other grid optimization applications
- **Environment**
  - Reduced Truck Rolls decreasing carbon footprint
- **Employee Engagement**
  - Increased personnel and public safety through alarming and monitoring and reduced truck rolls



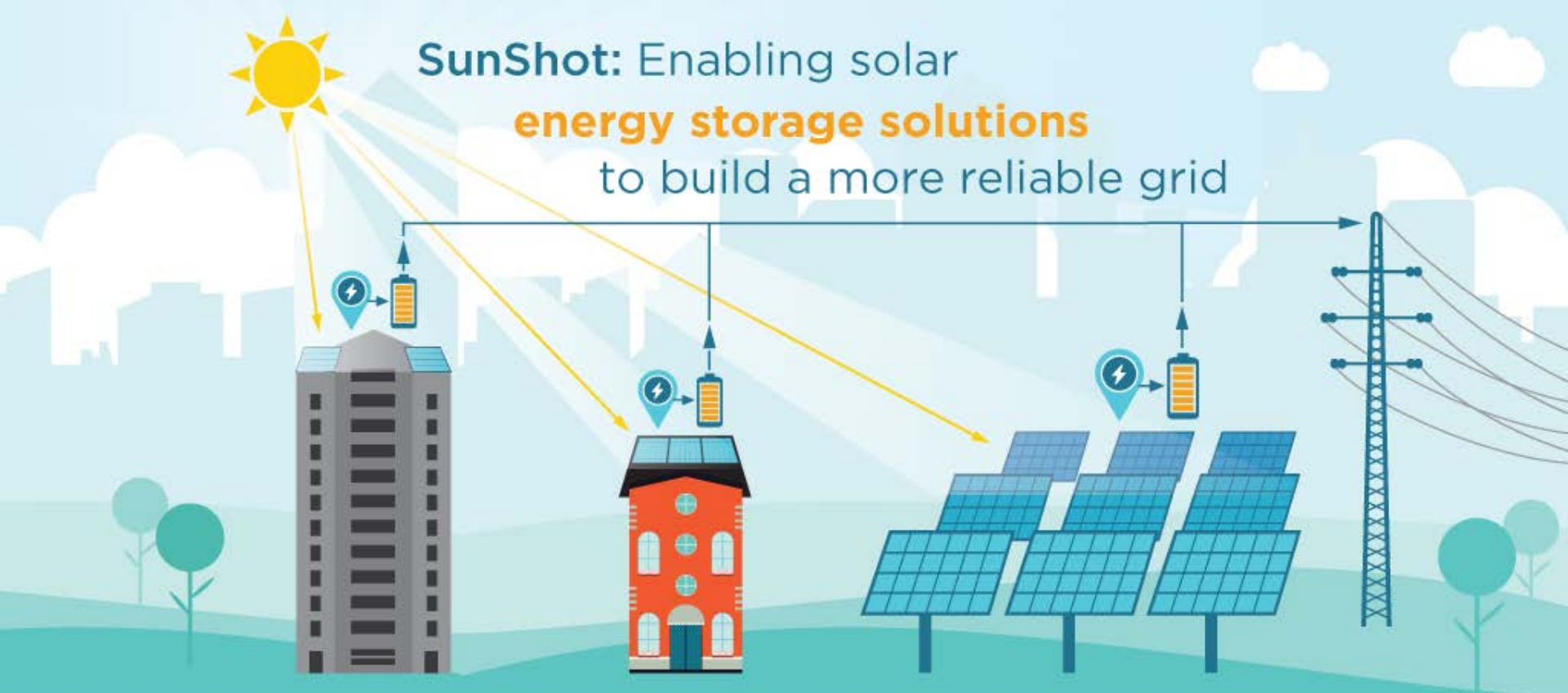


# Customer Communication



**Sign Up Outage Alerts Quickly and Easily**  
Text **REGISTER** (or **REG**) to 287846

# DOE SunShot & SHINES Vision



[energy.gov/sunshot](http://energy.gov/sunshot)



The projects will work to dramatically **increase solar-generated electricity** that can be dispatched at any time – day or night – to meet **consumer electricity needs** while ensuring the **reliability** of the nation's electricity grid

# Future of Inspections





# Questions?



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