





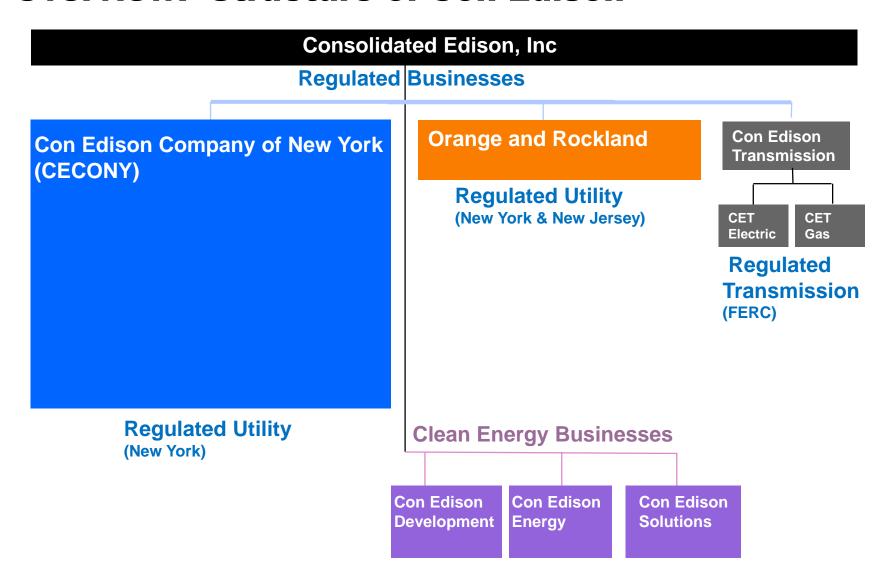
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**Practical lessons from New York REV** 

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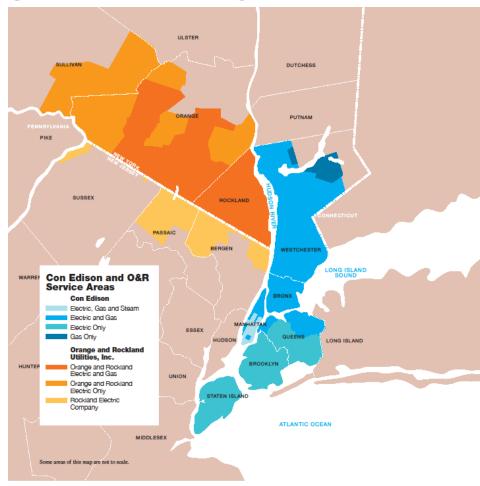
#### **Overview: Structure of Con Edison**





## **Overview: Our Regulated Utility Business**





#### **CECONY**

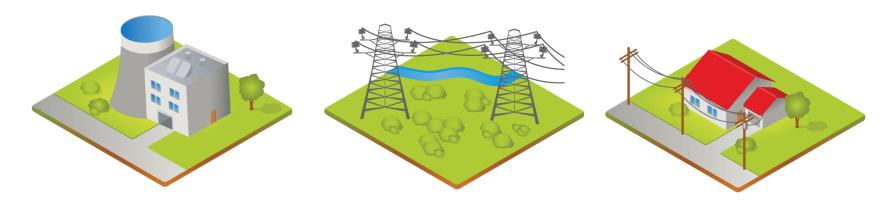
- 3.4 million electric customers
- 1.1 million gas customers
- 1,700 steam customers
- 724 MW of regulated generation

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- 0.3 million electric customers
- 0.1 million gas customers



## **Regulatory Overview**



**Generation** 

**Transmission** 

**Distribution & Retail Customers** 

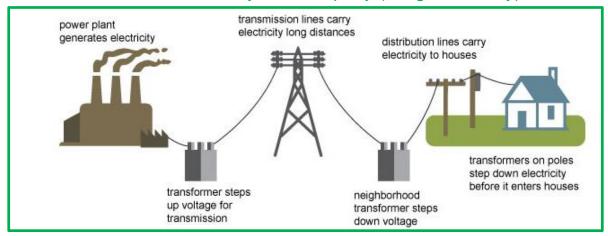
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (interstate, wholesale)

State Public Utility Commissions (in-state, retail)

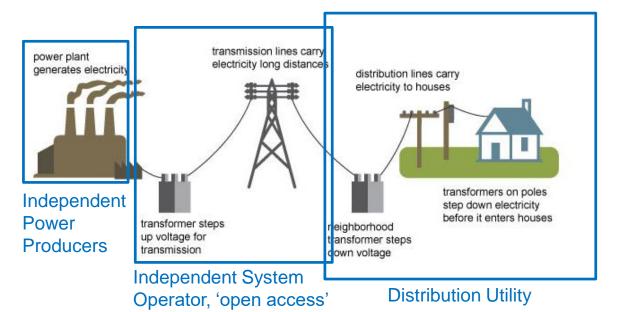


### Traditional vs. Restructured Industry

All assets owned by one company (integrated utility)



Vertical integration (1880s – 1990s)



Industry Restructuring (1990s – Today)



## **New York Utility Industry Characteristics**

- Restructured industry
  - Electric utilities are distribution companies and earn profit on distribution function
  - 'Exempt' wholesale generation; profits based on selling 'capacity', energy and ancillary services
  - Independent transmission operation with open access (NYISO)
  - Full retail access for supply, many 3<sup>rd</sup> party suppliers; utilities can provide supply, but at cost
- Regulatory compact for distribution utilities (monopoly service, regulated profit)
- Private ownership of distribution utilities (except LI, small munis) and most generation
- State ownership of some generation (hydro and conventional), some HV transmission
- Encouragement for distributed resources; net metering of customer renewables
- Transmission constraints and challenging to site electric or gas transmission
- Relatively clean conventional generation fleet
- Very active efforts to achieve state environmental goals
- Support for upstate nuclear plants; agreement to close Indian Point
- Growth in natural gas for heating, generation; natural gas the 'fuel on the margin' for generators



### **New York State Energy Plan for 2030**

#### **Headline Targets**

40% reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from 1990

50% of electricity generation from renewable resources

600 Trillion BTU increase in statewide energy efficiency

#### **Guiding Principles**

- Market transformation
- Community engagement
- Efficiency
- Private sector investment
- Innovation and technology
- Customer value and choice

#### **Regulatory Mechanisms**

- Reforming the Energy Vision (REV)
- Clean Energy Standard







## **REV Presents Opportunities as Industry Evolves**



#### Track One: Implementation Order issued February 2015

- Use of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) to defer traditional transmission and distribution system investments
- Establishes utility role to develop distribution-level markets and technical platforms, and integrate system planning & operation



#### Track Two: Regulatory & Ratemaking Order issued May 2016

 Includes Earnings Adjustment Mechanisms, sharing of net benefits when DER defers traditional investments, and ability to earn on customer incentives within utility ratemaking design



#### Track Three: Large Scale Renewables Order issued August 2016

- Promotes carbon reduction and establishes 50% renewable goal by 2030 within NY's Clean Energy Standard
- Expanded for ZECs to upstate nuclear units and 2,400 MW offshore wind target

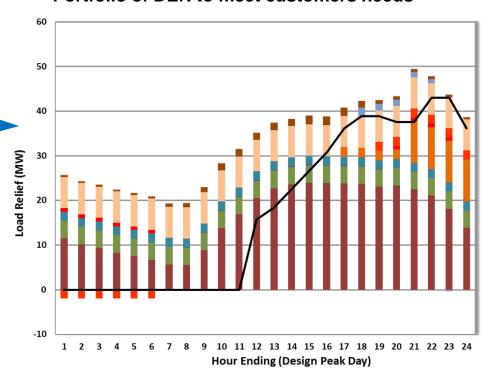


## **Non-wires Solutions**

#### **Defer \$1BN infrastructure with DER**



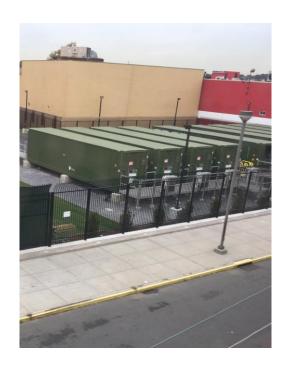
#### Portfolio of DER to meet customers needs



## **Non-wires Solutions**







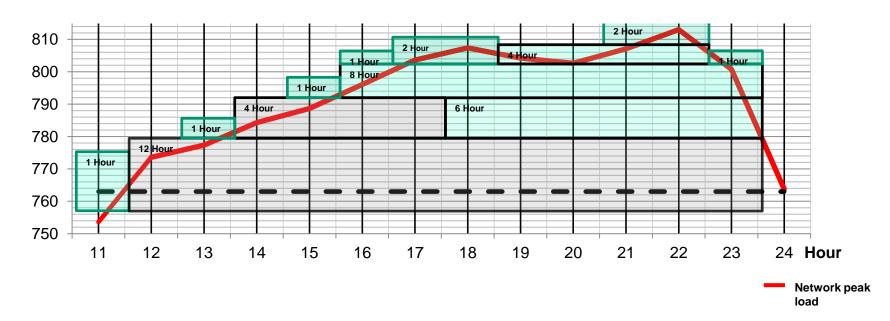




# As DSP, utility needs to strategically compose and dispatch non-wires alternative portfolio

Resource portfolio based on customer, technology, and load curve characteristics in target network

#### Sample network 2016 peak day curve



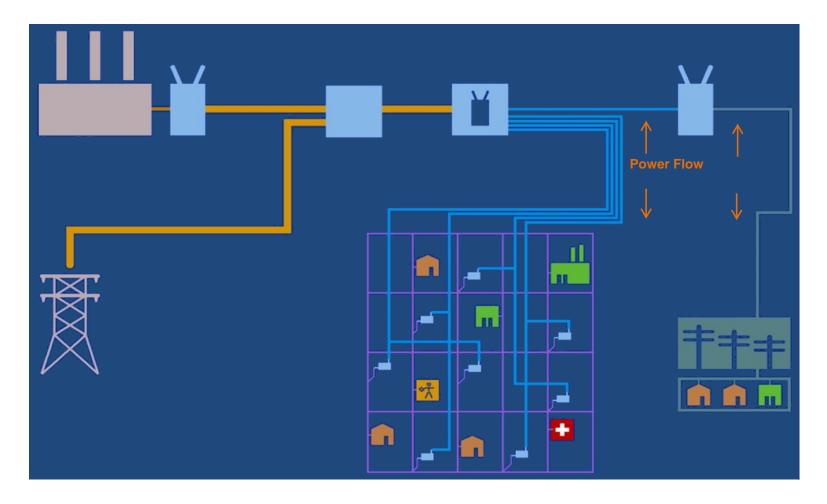


# What is Con Ed's product? What do we sell?

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# What is Con Ed's product? Access to a network....





# How does Con Ed make money in a REV world?

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### How do we make money in a REV world

Traditional Earnings opportunities Innovative

## Traditional rate base opportunities

- Pipes & wires
- Regulated return on hard assets

## New rate base opportunities

- Regulatory assets
- Distributed system platform and software
- Energy storage

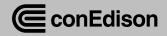
## Earnings adjustment mechanisms (EAMs)

- System efficiency
- Energy intensity
- Interconnection
- Carbon reduction

## Platform service revenues (PSRs)

- Marketplace transaction fees
- AMI network utilization
- Other

Non-wires alternatives and demonstration projects



#### How do we make money in a REV world

**Traditional Innovative Earnings opportunities** Traditional rate base New rate base Earnings adjustment Platform service revenues (PSRs) opportunities opportunities mechanisms (EAMs) Pipes & wires Regulatory assets System efficiency Marketplace transaction fees Regulated return on Distributed system **Energy intensity** hard assets platform and software AMI network utilization Interconnection Energy storage Other Carbon reduction Non-wires alternatives and demonstration projects Regulated electric earnings mix over time **Today** Mid term Long term Mix of EAMs Rate base **EAMs** and PSRs



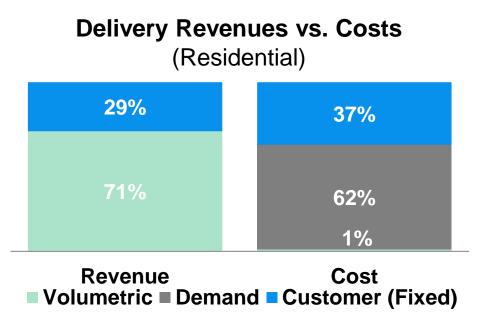
## How do we pay for this?

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# Current mass market rates do not work in DER future

Under current mass market rate structures, there is a misalignment between revenues and costs



#### Why Do We Care?

- Delivery costs are mainly fixed/demand related, but a significant portion of delivery costs are recovered through volumetric charges
- Critical to shift delivery rate design to a more cost-based rate structure to drive efficient customer behavior



## **But change is not easy.....**













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