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# Impacts of DERs on the Distribution System

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#### PPL Electric Utilities



We are an electric delivery company

- 10,000-square-mile service area
- Approximately 1.4 million customers
- Tremendous increase in DER



## Electric Power Industry is Transforming



**Distributed Energy Resources:** Economically competitive smaller, distributed power systems and storage are being installed in increasing numbers.

**Energy Efficiency:** Consumption of energy is being reshaped by technologies that drive efficiency and change demand patterns.

**Decarbonization:** Low-carbon technologies such as wind and solar are exceeding growth expectations.

**Digitization:** Asset, facility and fleet level, internetenabled applications are proliferating.



## **Electric Power Industry Transformation**

- Distributed power technologies have created the need for two-way power flows.
- New technologies such as batteries are providing opportunities throughout the transmission and distribution network.
- It is imperative that PPL begins testing the management of DER systems



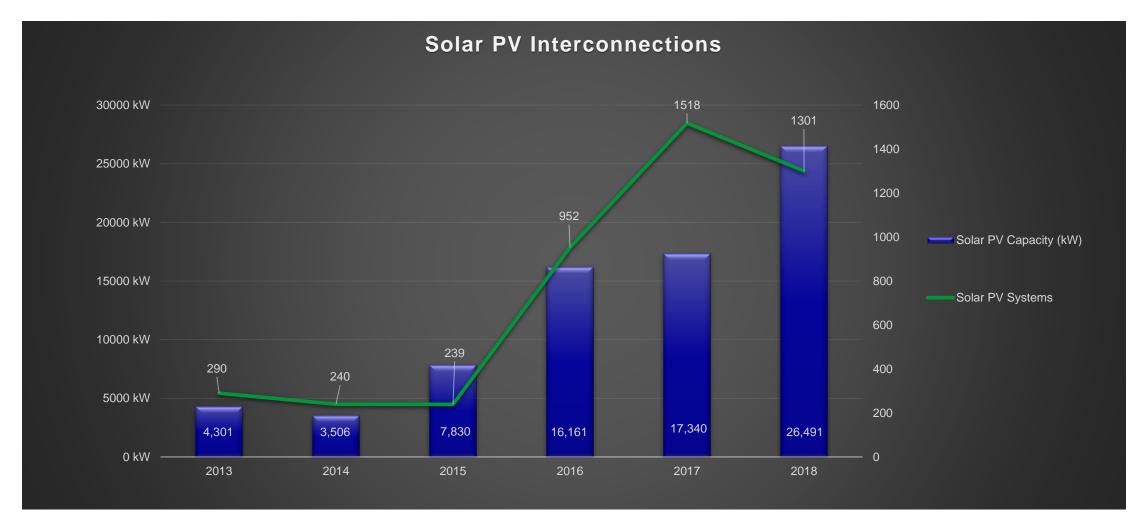








#### Growth of Customer DER





### Changes Require Investments

### Challenges

- Masked (Hidden) Load
  - Fault Location
  - Load Transfers
- Traditional Protection Methods
  - 69kv Substation Blown Fuse Detection
  - Inverter Fault Currents
- Cyber Security
  - Connected Systems
  - Aggregated Systems

#### Solutions

- Advanced Metering Infrastructure
  - Inverter Communication
- DERMS
- Microprocessor Relays
- 69kV Reclosers and Breakers
- DER Forecasting Tools

# Opportunitie s

- Non-Wire Alternatives
- More discretely controllable
  Grid
  - Voltage
  - VARs
- Market Enablement



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# Keystone Solar Future Project



An innovative pilot that will allow PPL system operators to have remote monitoring and management capabilities of the DER systems:

- Interconnection Web Portal: Renewable Energy Connection
- **DERMS:** Central platform with Distributed Energy Resource-aware algorithms for management and optimization.
- Proof of Scalability: Customer enrollment, DERMS pilot, technology demonstration, Drexel simulation.

