

# Transactive Control in the Pacific Northwest Smart Grid Demonstration Project

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# Pacific Northwest Demonstration Project



#### What:

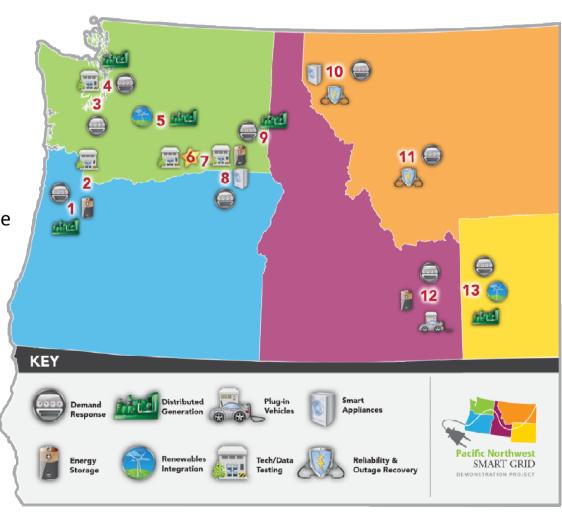
- \$178M, ARRA-funded, 5-year demonstration
- 60,000 metered customers in 5 states

#### Why:

- Develop communications and control infrastructure using incentive signals to engage responsive assets
- Quantify costs and benefits
- Contribute to standards development
- Facilitate integration of wind and other renewables

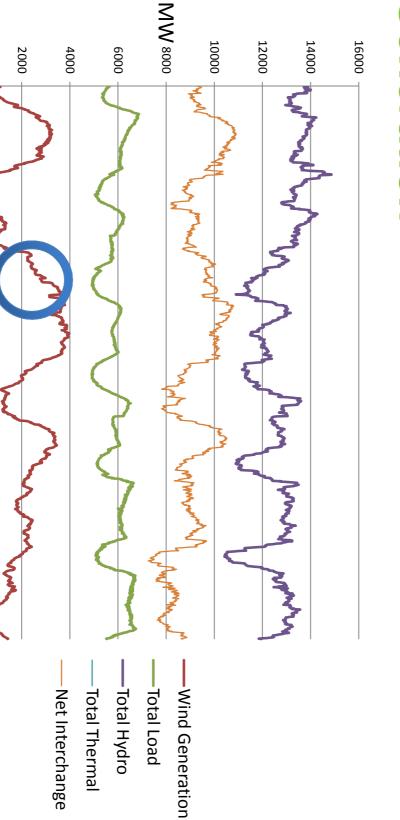
#### Who:

Led by Battelle and partners including BPA, 11 utilities, 2 universities, and 5 vendors



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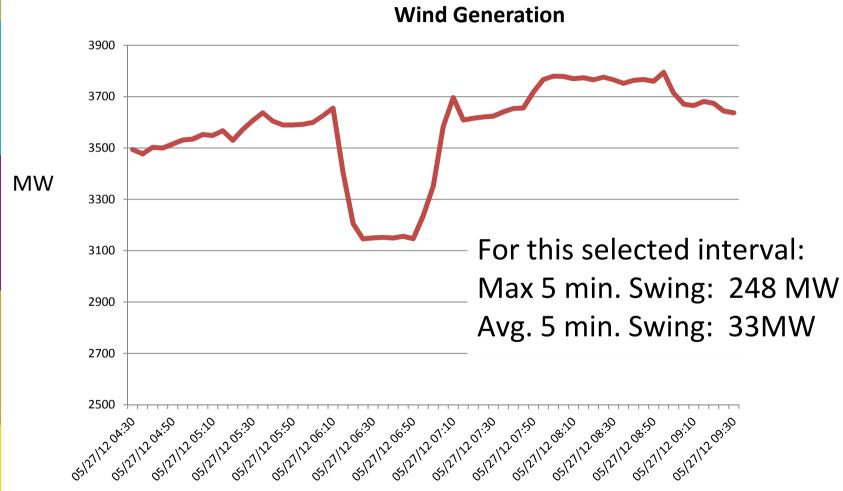
Source: BPA

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### **Zoom in on Wind**

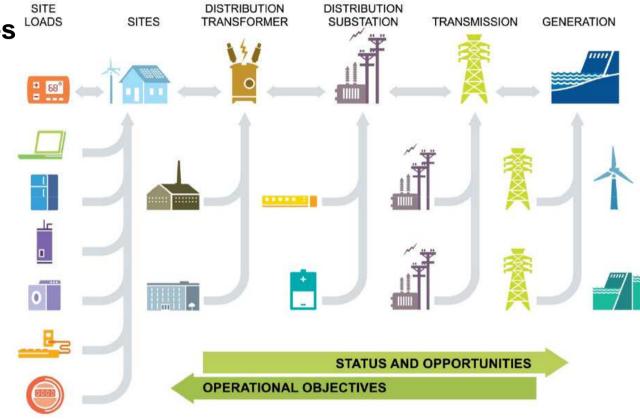




### **Project Basics**

#### **Operational objectives**

- ■Manage peak demand
- Facilitate renewable resources
- Address constrained resources
- Improve system reliability and efficiency
- Select economical resources (optimize the system)



Aggregation of Power and Signals Occurs
Through a Hierarchy of Interfaces

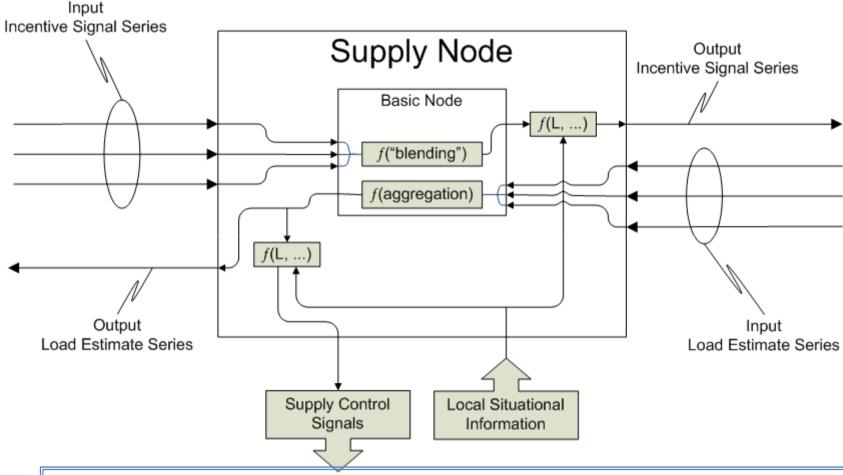


### **Transactive Nodes**

- A transactive node includes an agent of sorts (i.e., a computer and its software applications) that orchestrates each transactive node's responsibilities to
- economically balance energy
- incentivize energy consumption or generation
- activate its own responsive generation and/or load resources
- exchange both transactive incentive signals (TIS) and transactive feedback signals (TFS) with each of its neighboring transactive nodes.

# Transactive Node Inputs & Outputs





The system is distributed, predictive, scalable, and its signals track the energy that it represents.



# An Incentive Signal

Predict and share a dynamic, price-like signal—the unit cost of energy needed to supply demand at this node using the least costly local generation resources and imported energy. May include

- Fuel cost (consider wind vs. fossil vs. hydropower generation)
- Amortized infrastructure cost
- Cost impacts of capacity constraints
- Existing costs from rates, markets, demand charges, etc.
- Green preferences?
- Profit?
- Etc.

<u>Example "Resource Functions"</u>: Wind farm, fossil generation, hydropower, demand charges, transmission constraint, infrastructure, transactive energy, imported energy



# A Feedback Signal

Predict and send dynamic feedback signal—power predicted between this node and a neighbor node based on local price-like signal and other local conditions. May include

- Inelastic and elastic load components
- Weather impacts (e.g., ambient temperature, wind, insolation)
- Occupancy impacts
- Energy storage control
- Local practices, policies, and preferences
- Effects of demand response actions
- Customer preferences
- Predicted behavioral responses (e.g., to portals or in-home displays)
- Real-time, time-of-use, or event-driven demand responses alike
- Distributed generation

Example "Load Functions":
Battery storage, bulk
inelastic load, building
thermostats, water heaters,
dynamic voltage control,
portals / in-home displays



# Transactive Control – Electric Vehicle Charging Example

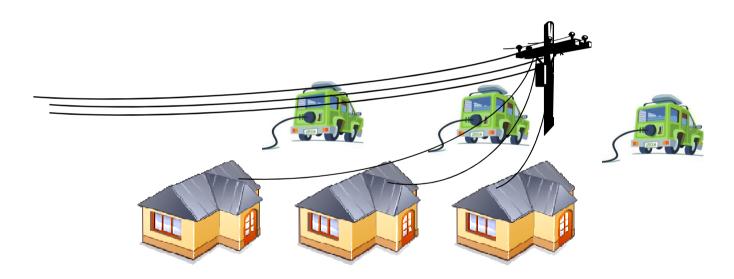
# Simple Example – Local Electric Vehicle Charging



- Imagine the following situation:
  - Three neighbors with electric vehicles and different charging strategies
  - All three fed by same distribution transformer
  - All three come home and want to do a fast charge at the same time!
- Problem transformer is overloaded if all three fast charge at the same time
- Transactive control solution
  - Transformer sees in feedback signal that all three plan to fast charge
  - Transformer raises value of incentive signal during planned charging time to reflect decreased transformer life
  - Smart chargers and transformer "negotiate" through TIS and TFS until an acceptable solution is found







House 1: I'm flexible

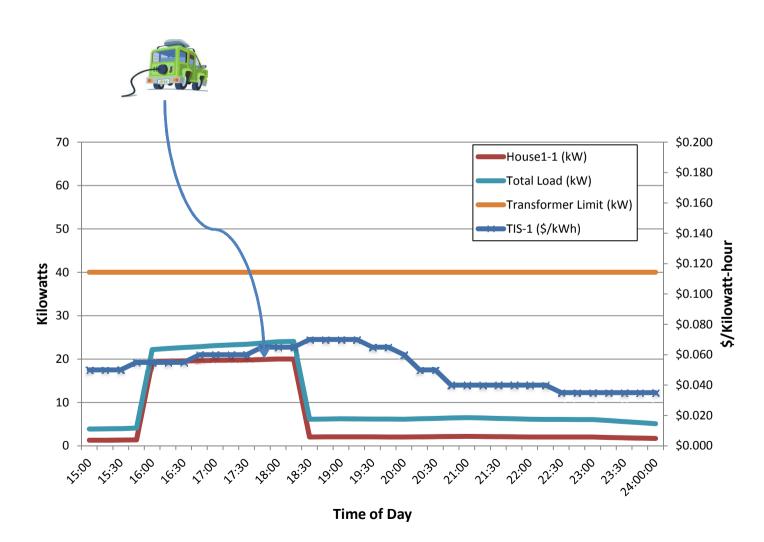
House 2: I want it now!

House 3: I'm a bargain hunter

#### Start – house loads **Pacific Northwest SMART GRID** 70 \$0.200 Total Load (kW) \$0.180 Transformer Limit (kW) 60 TIS (\$/kWh) \$0.160 50 \$0.140 \$0.140 \$0.120 \$0.100 \$0.080 \$0.060 Kilowatts 30 \$0.060 20 \$0.040 10 \$0.020 \$0.000 \$1.30 \$1.00 \$1.30 \$1.30 \$8.00 \$8.30 \$1.00 \$1.30 \$1.00 \$1.30 \$1.00 \$1.30 \$1.00 \$1.30 Time of Day

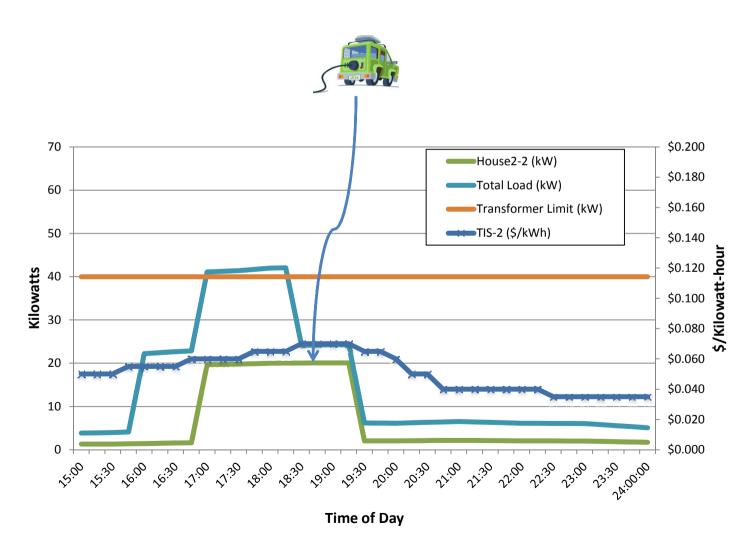






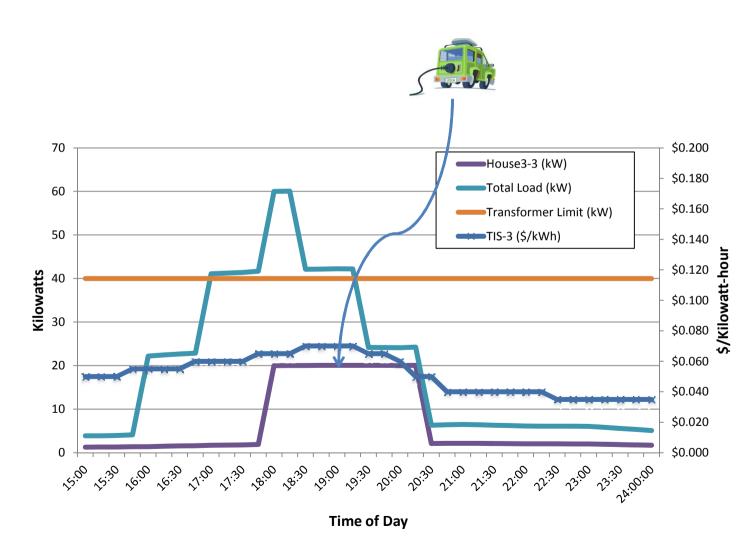






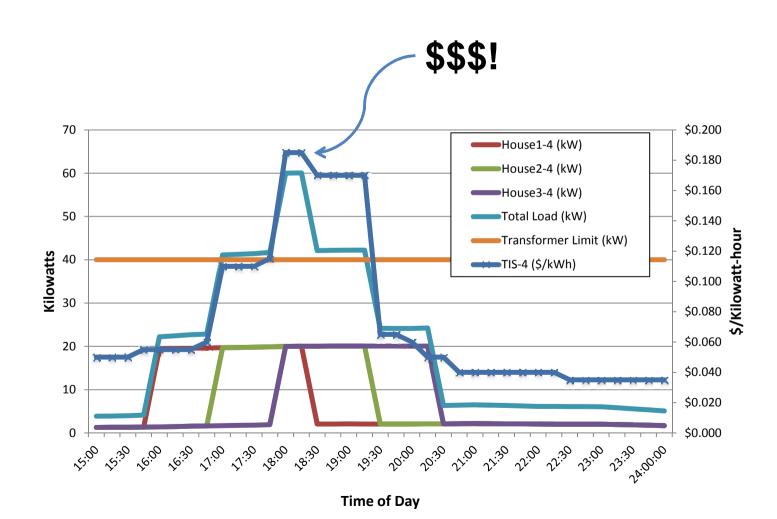






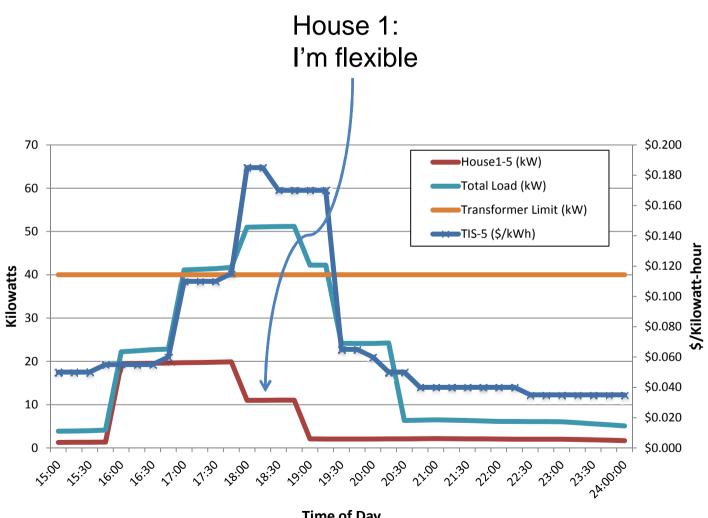
# TIS changed in response to charging plans







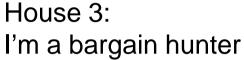
# House 1 responds to TIS change

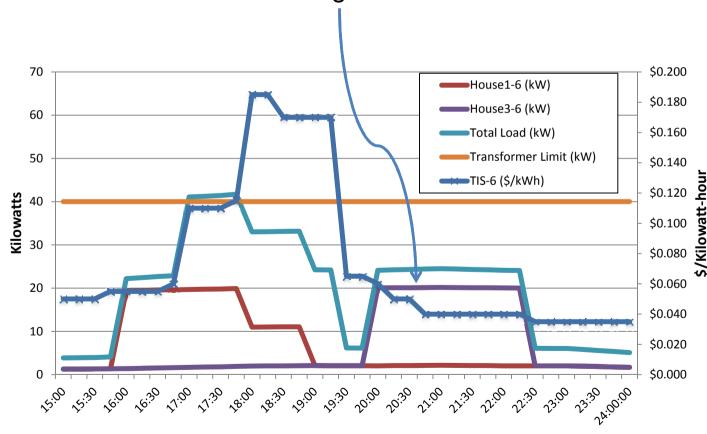


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# House 3 responds to TIS change - shift





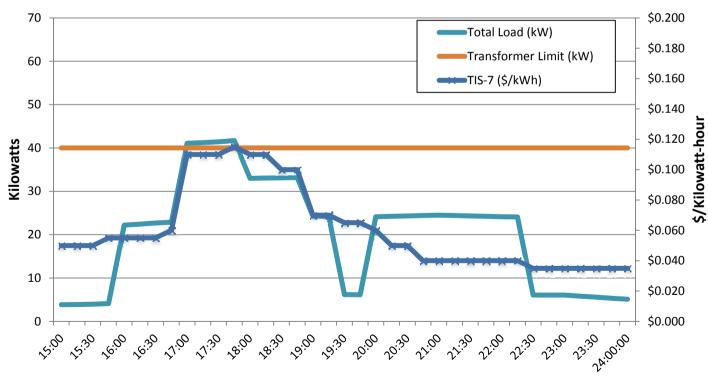


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# TIS responds to new plans – agreement

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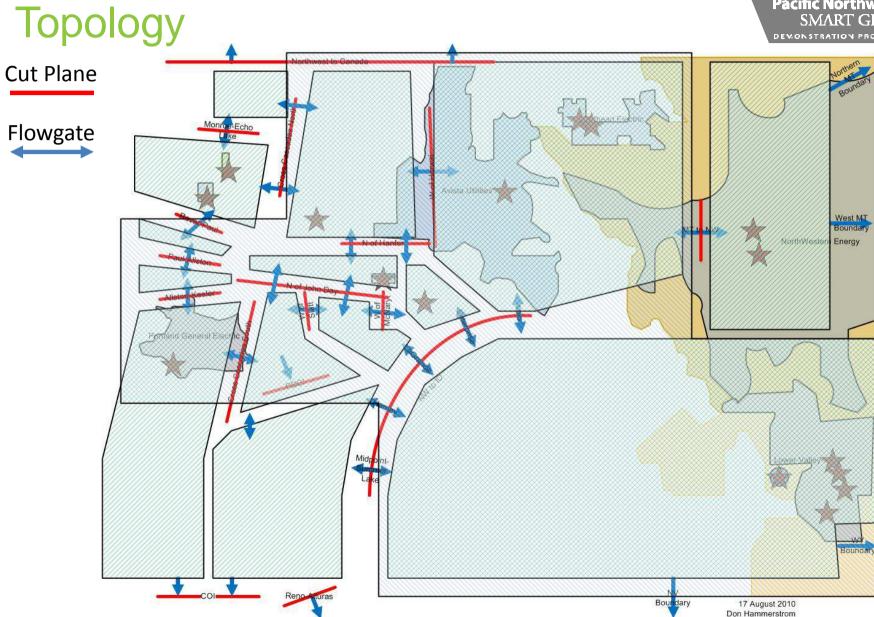
House 2: I want it now! I didn't make any change. I will pay the higher price.



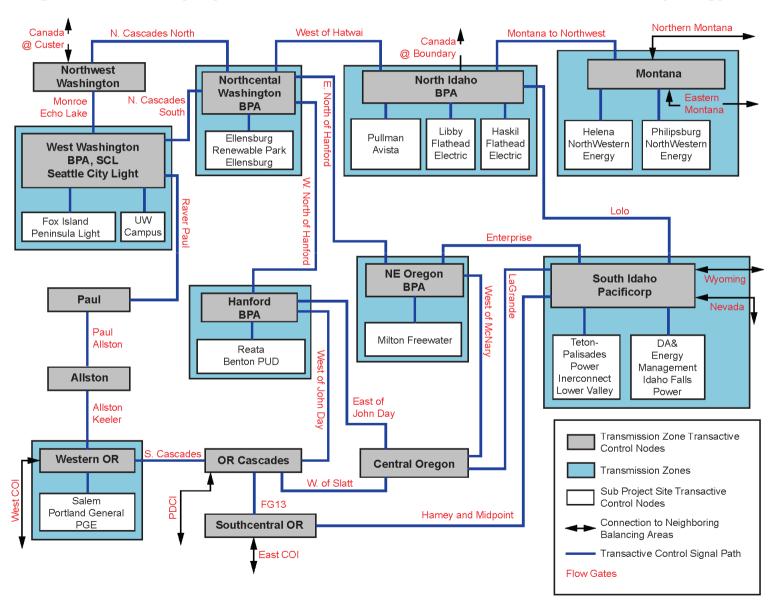
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NW Region "Influence Map"-Topology



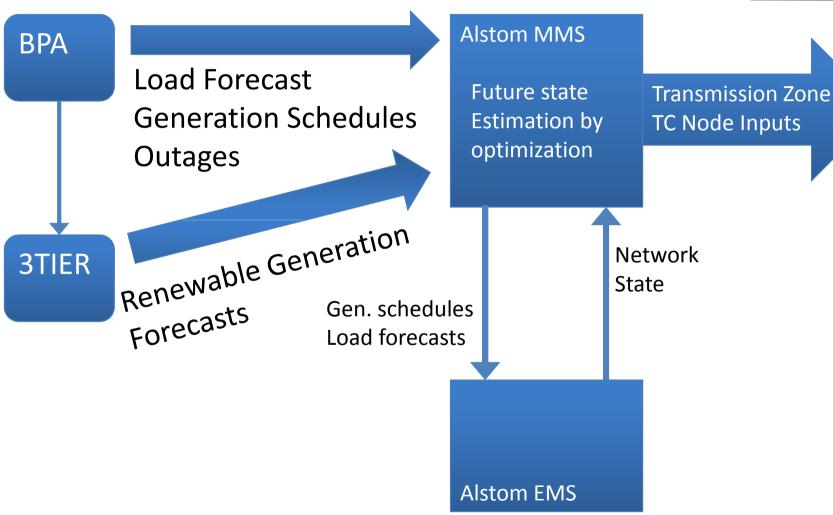


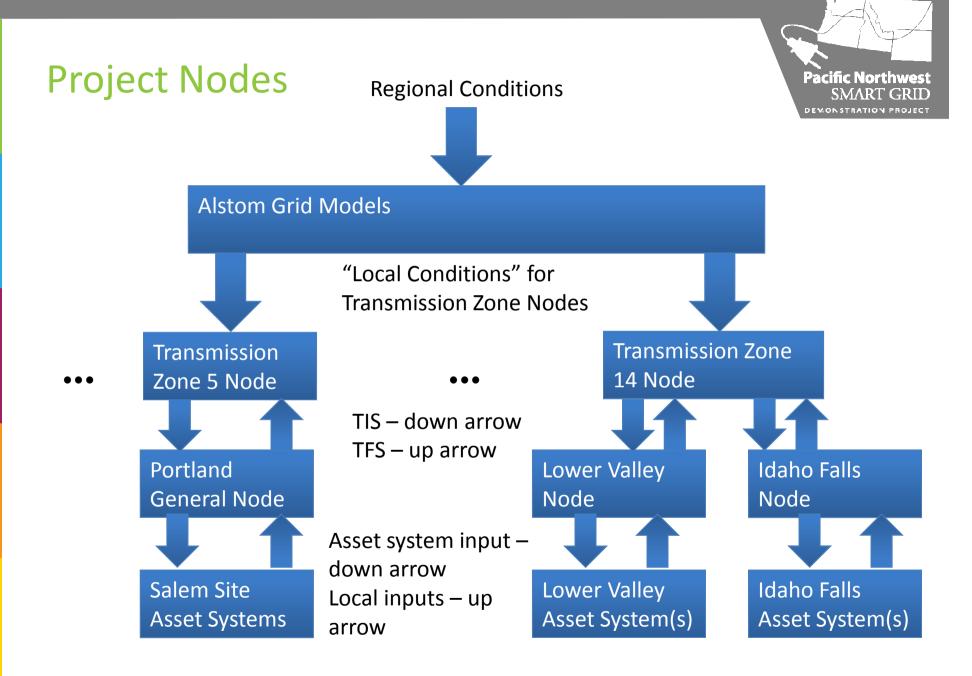
#### Regional and Subproject Transactive Control Nodes and Network Topology





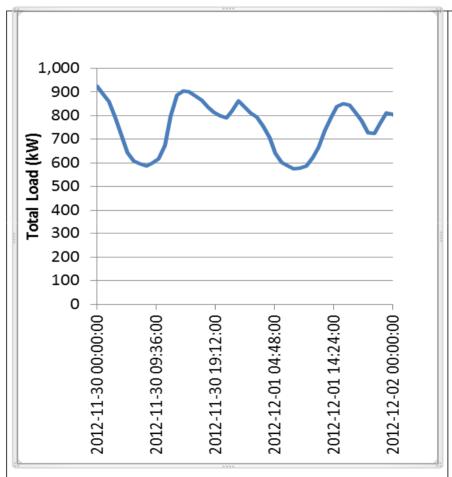








### Example of "Good" Comparison



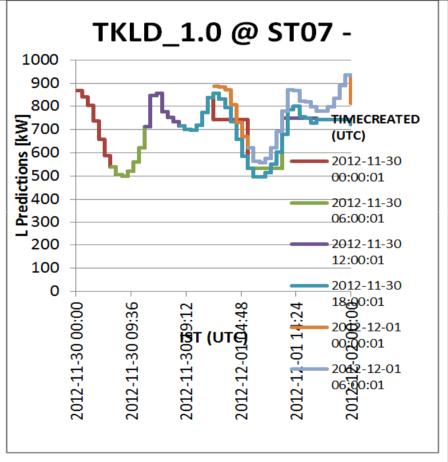
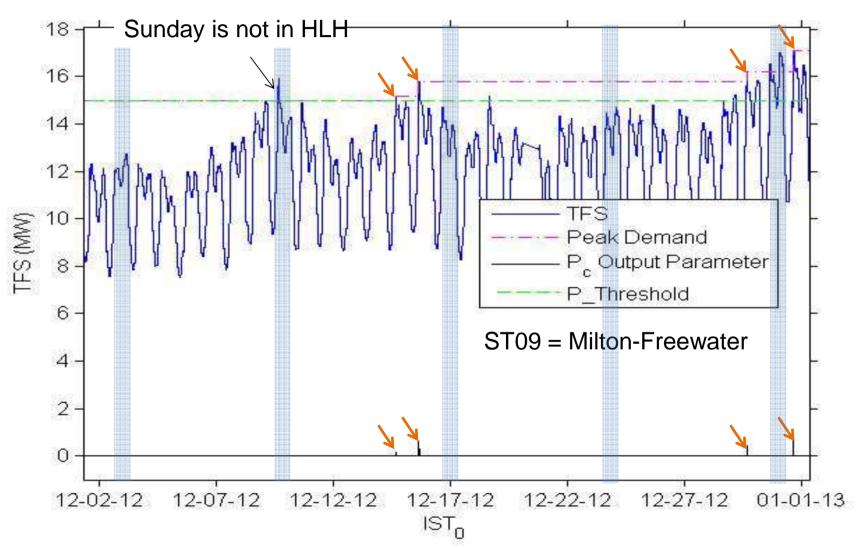


Figure 5. Side-by-side comparison of load at ST07 (Libby) from non-transactive data (FH-IM-41-1, on left) and <a href="https://www.mc.en.org/libby"><u>TKLD\_1.X output for ST07 (Libby)</u>. Plotted values exhibit similar magnitudes and patterns and therefore pass E2E test TKLD\_1.0-2.</a>

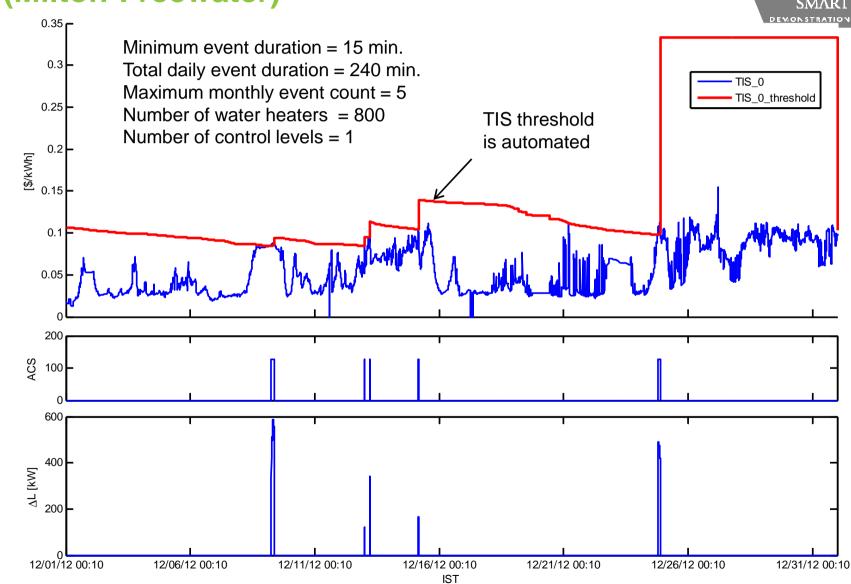
# TKRS\_7.1.1 Recommended Algorithm for BPA Demand Charges





# TKLD\_2.4: Simulation Results for ST09 (Milton-Freewater)







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- "Annual Report"
- Quarterly newsletters
- Participant summaries
- Background on technology





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