

Simplify your path to a smart energy grid.

Solution brief

Verizon Grid Wide solutions:
Grid Wide Electric

It's no secret. Whether it's from growing demand or extreme weather due to climate change, your aging utility infrastructure is vulnerable. You need to modernize, but building an energy grid with the visibility and intelligence you require is an enormous and complex undertaking. Are you ready? You don't want the disruptions that could come from such a major overhaul. It doesn't help that your already lean staff doesn't have the capacity or expertise needed to support an intelligent energy grid.

That might have been the story yesterday, but not today. Verizon Grid Wide Electric simplifies the path to a smart grid. Grid Wide Electric helps you modernize your grid at your own pace. The solution makes it easy to use Internet of Things (IoT) technology and services to connect your operations with near real-time data. As a result, you can more easily and remotely monitor, manage and control your energy systems. And it helps put you in a better position to successfully implement demand response.

As Grid Wide Electric helps you modernize your grid, it can also help you get better at doing all of the following:

- Improve efficiency and cost controls
- Balance grid loads while enhancing customer experience and quality of service
- Reduce service downtime with near real-time demand monitoring
- Promote conservation efforts with more efficient operations and resource distribution

Simplify grid modernization with control.

To give you a scalable smart-grid modernization solution that is easy to put in play, we've combined a best-in-class application suite with our world-class network and offered it within a platform-as-a-service model. Modernizing no longer means having to swap out all your outdated elements at once. You can target areas of biggest concern first and address the rest at your own pace.

Verizon Grid Wide Electric relieves you of the management and investment required to modernize and maintain your grid.

Since we deliver Grid Wide Electric through the Verizon network, you don't need a large upfront capital investment in network equipment. And our service-based model allows for flexible pricing options, such as bill in advance and deploy when ready. All of this makes it easy to replace outdated meters with smart meters gradually as part of a long-term swap-out plan. Or you can choose to ramp up as fast as your budget allows.

Our Grid Wide IoT platform gives you dashboards, integrated reporting, data analytics, and event alerts and notifications, all in near real time. These increased insights into your systems can help you:

- Create smarter, more efficient operations
- Improve asset management
- Reduce downtime with predictive maintenance
- Increase conservation efforts
- Simplify deployment

Grid Wide Electric is made up of multiple technologies and service options that work together to simplify and enhance your grid transformation. And if that weren't enough, our solution team can save you the complexities of building your own solution as we help you plan, implement and scale according to your business needs. Your connectivity is powered by our proven IoT platform and protected via our secure core IP network. Since we manage the solution for you, you don't have to hire or train an information or operational technology (IT/OT) team. Communications management is no longer a worry either. We take care of all of that for you.

Gain greater grid insights.

Grid Wide Electric gives you a smart grid environment with the visibility and control you need to obtain the utility outcomes you desire. It constantly collects and sends you actionable grid data to give you insight into what's happening across your entire grid. Our analytics dashboards make the data actionable and easy to understand. Since the data is all generated in near real time, you can make faster and better business decisions and be more proactive. It helps you manage usage anomalies, detect outages, identify tampering and reduce energy waste. You can also better plan for future growth, as well as develop energy management programs that can help lower your costs and improve your service.

Roll out your intelligent grid and programs at your own pace.

The insights, reporting and alerts that Grid Wide Electric provides can make you aware of issues sooner. Grid Wide Electric also gives you the ability to accurately visualize and pinpoint issues. That makes it easier to quickly dispatch crews to resolve potential problems before they become critical. As a result, you can increase your ability to keep your services up and running, as well as better conserve your energy resources. Also, when certain events or conditions occur, it can automatically send SMS and email alerts to affected customers. All of these combine to help you better inform and serve your customers.

Better manage your grid systems, operations and workforce.

The platform brings together the following service offerings:

- An end-to-end smart metering solution
- Remote meter provisioning, configuration, monitoring, control and management
- Outage notifications with alerts and triggers
- Multilayered security from device to network to application
- Power quality monitoring
- Roles- and rules-based user profiles
- Support for multiple protocols

Get visibility and intelligent insight across your entire grid.

Simplify smart metering and gain more control.

Connecting smart meter networks in the past relied on private communication technology networks that were expensive and inefficient. You had to deal with fragmented solutions made up of proprietary products and services. Our offering simplifies smart metering by integrating all the essential hardware and software with 4G LTE components into a single turnkey solution.

Our Smart Metering offering gives you a secure communications network and advanced metering platform that puts you in command and in control. You get a comprehensive suite of smart metering capabilities that include remote meter provisioning, configuration, monitoring, control and management. To help your meter reading efforts and give you more control, our smart metering gives you easy access to billing and operational data. It helps you better manage service connects and disconnects. You can also perform over-the-air meter programming.

Enjoy better visibility across your grid.

To help you gain a clearer view into your grid operations, Grid Wide Electric can provide meter monitoring, dashboards and data visualization, as well as device and connectivity management. This gives you near real-time voltage information along with other key quality-of-supply data that helps you quickly respond to changing loads, generation issues and equipment failures. It gives you access to invaluable information that you can tie into your automated control systems, such as switches, cap banks and voltage regulators. Its monitoring capabilities also help your asset management efforts.

Improve service reliability:

- Move up to proactive maintenance instead of reactive repair
- Quickly identify issues and decrease outage time and customer impact with fault location, isolation and service restoration (FLISR)
- Improve operations and extend lifespan of equipment and assets
- Upgrade assets based on performance rather than time

Why Verizon

The Verizon Grid Wide Electric solution takes the complexity and cost out of creating a smart energy grid. It gives you a fully managed solution that brings together key smart metering technologies, best-in-class Verizon network services and IoT technology into a single, united platform. And it's backed by the nation's most reliable 4G LTE network to keep you securely connected to your smart grid data and devices. Since we manage the intelligent energy network from end to end, you can stay focused on running your business and improving customer satisfaction.

Learn more:

To learn more about how Grid Wide Electric from Verizon can simplify your grid modernization efforts, contact your Verizon Business Account Manager or visit verizonenterprise.com/gridwide