

# **REVENUE PROTECTION IN A SMART GRID ENVIRONMENT**

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# REVENUE PROTECTION DEFINED



## SARPA

Protecting revenue and assets accruing to or owned by utilities against loss, misappropriation and pilfering or willful malicious damage.

## IURPA

Reducing revenue loss in the utility industry

## UKRPA

The prevention, detection and recovery of losses caused by interference with electricity supplies

# SMART GRID DEFINED

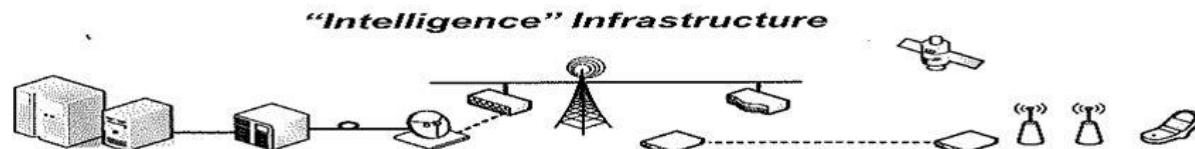
Merging of the traditional electricity grid with the latest communication, computing, monitoring and power electronic technologies to create a system that is;

- Self healing
- Adaptive
- Interactive
- Optimized
- Distributed
- Integrated
- Secure

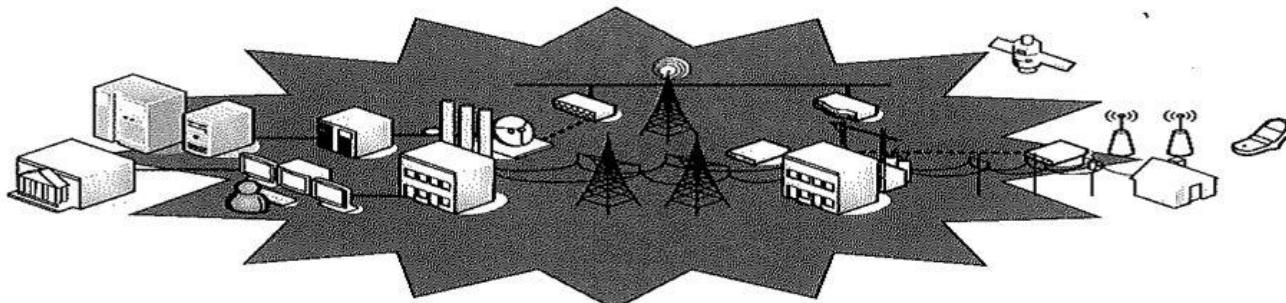
# SMART GRID MERGER



## Merging Two Infrastructures



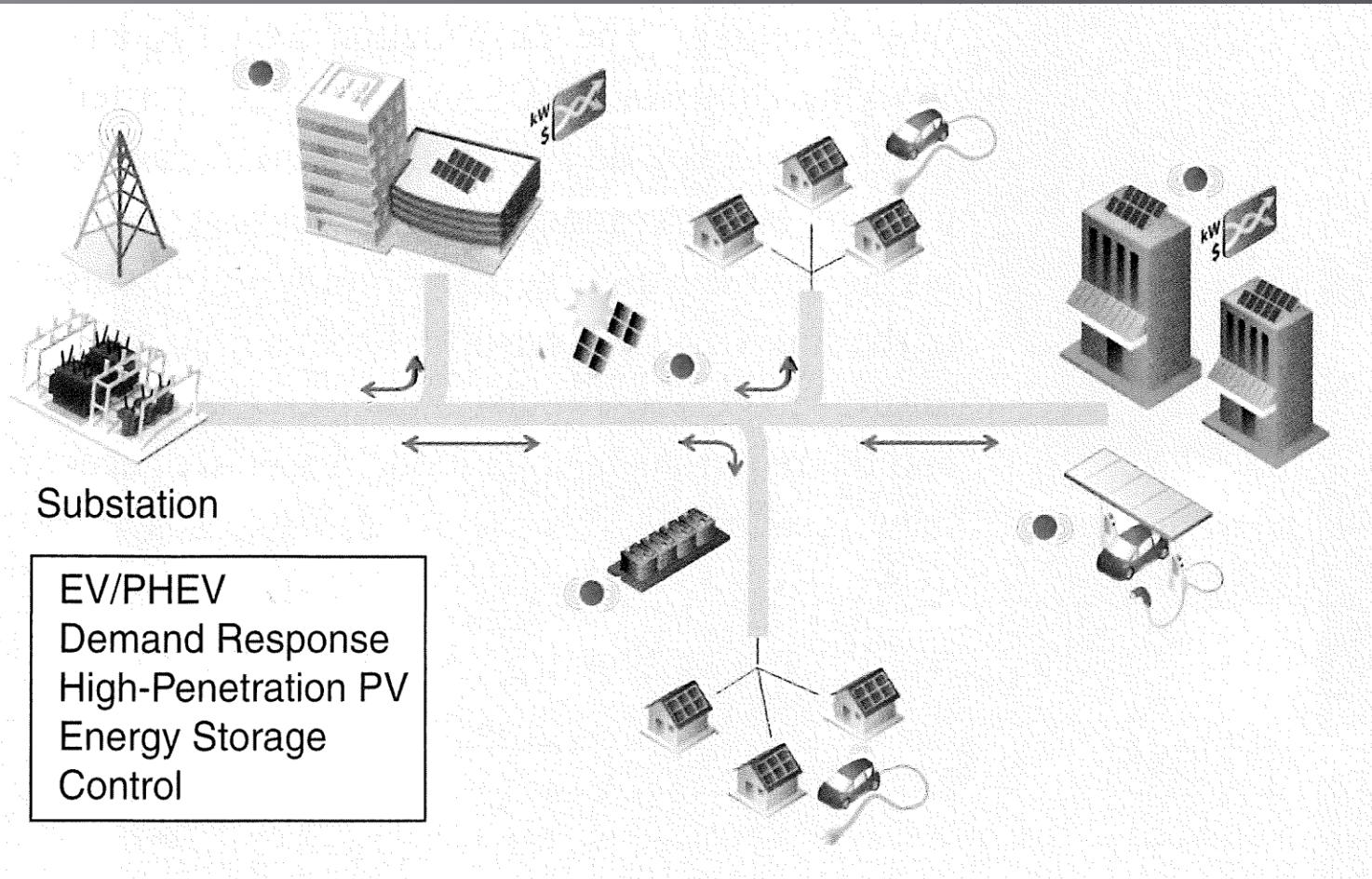
## The Smart Grid



# SMART GRID



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# HISTORY OF RP STRATEGIES

## ....IN THE BEGINNING

- RP actions for conventional meters
  - Calibrate it,
  - Seal it,
  - Visit it (meter readers)
- In house initially
- Later to kiosk (outside)

1985

...CHAMPS!



Don & Rudi

# HISTORY OF RP STRATEGIES

....A LITTLE LATER

- RP actions for prepayment meters

- Calibrate it,
- Seal it,
- Forget it!



- Back into house



# HISTORY OF RP STRATEGIES

....MUCH LATER



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• Rather not!

- Calibrate it,
- Seal it,
- Box it,
- Forget it!



• Back to kiosk



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# HISTORY OF RP STRATEGIES

## ....OTHER STRATEGIES

- Low consumption reports
- Meter auditing/inspections
- Energy balancing
- Info POD
- On-line- / Super vending

# HISTORY OF RP STRATEGIES

....MUCH LATER



- RP actions for Automated Meter Reading (AMR)

- Calibrate it,
- Configure it,
- Seal it,
- Box it,
- Ping it!

- For regular and accurate billing
- Mostly commercial & Industrial
- One way communication

# THE LAW

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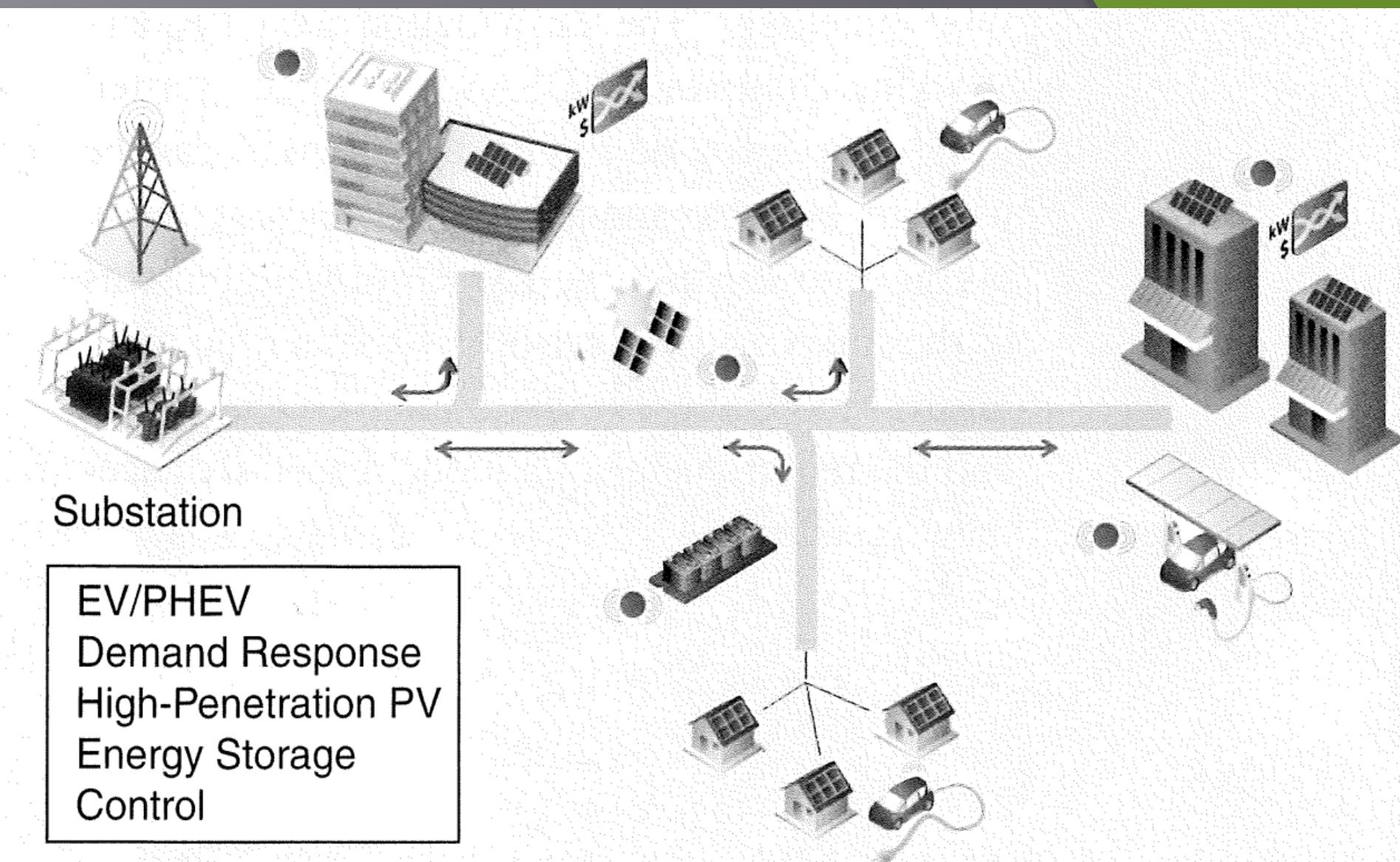
- Regulation published under ERA
- Customers using > 1000 units/month
  - TOU
  - Remote disconnect
  - Appliance control
  - Two way comms
- South African Smart Grid Initiative (SASGI)
  - To ensure a consistent, reliable and sustainable

# LESSONS LEARNED

- Meter to be properly secured outside of residence
  - Easy municipal access
  - Out of vulnerable zone
- Meter to be read remotely
  - Regular and accurate reading
- Energy balancing meters to be employed
- Meter Data Management Systems to be employed
- Regular meter audits / inspections necessary
- Two way comms needed
  - Remote disconnect
  - Tamper reporting

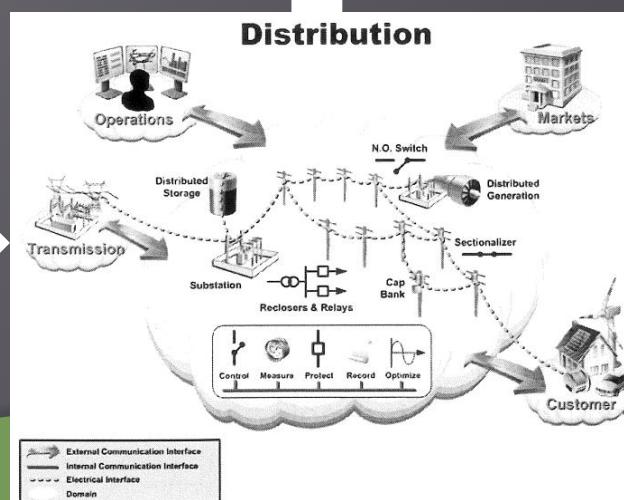
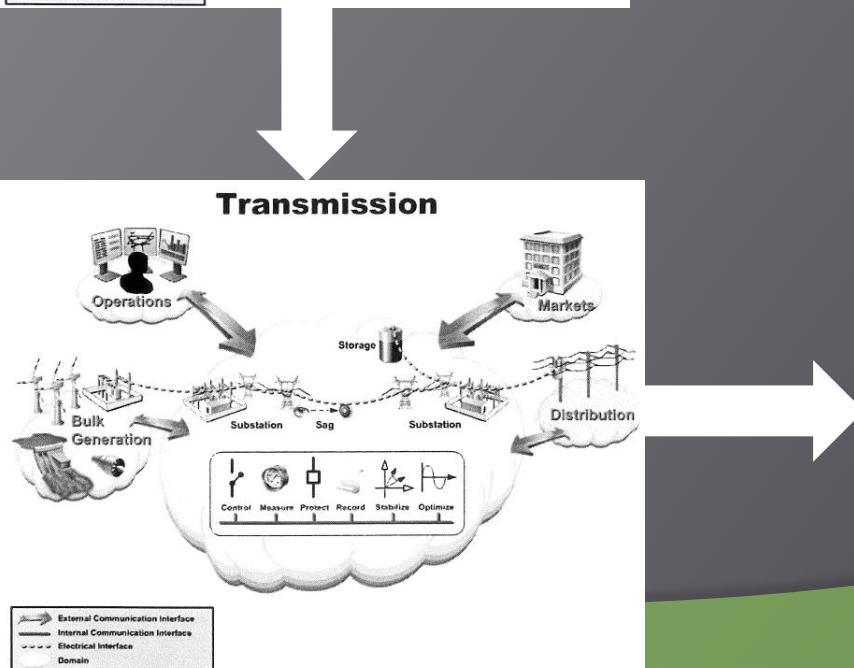
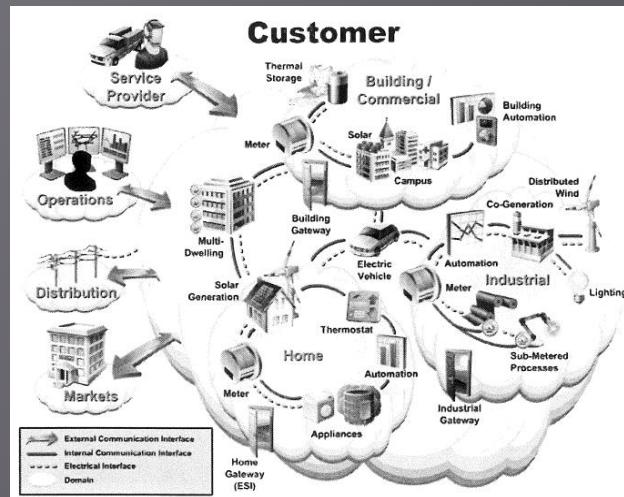
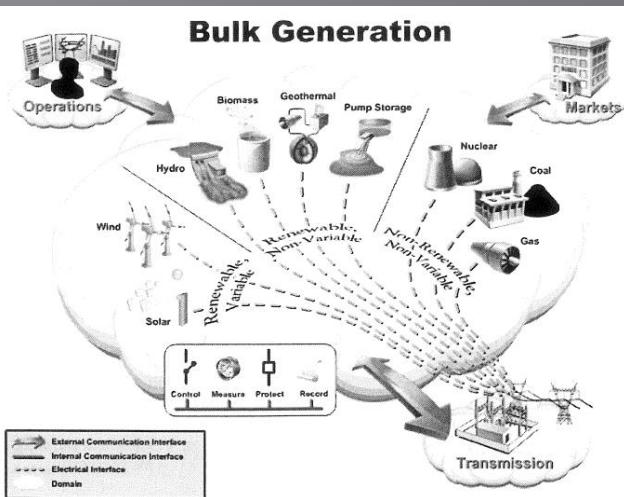
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## ....SMART GRID EMPLOYING AMI



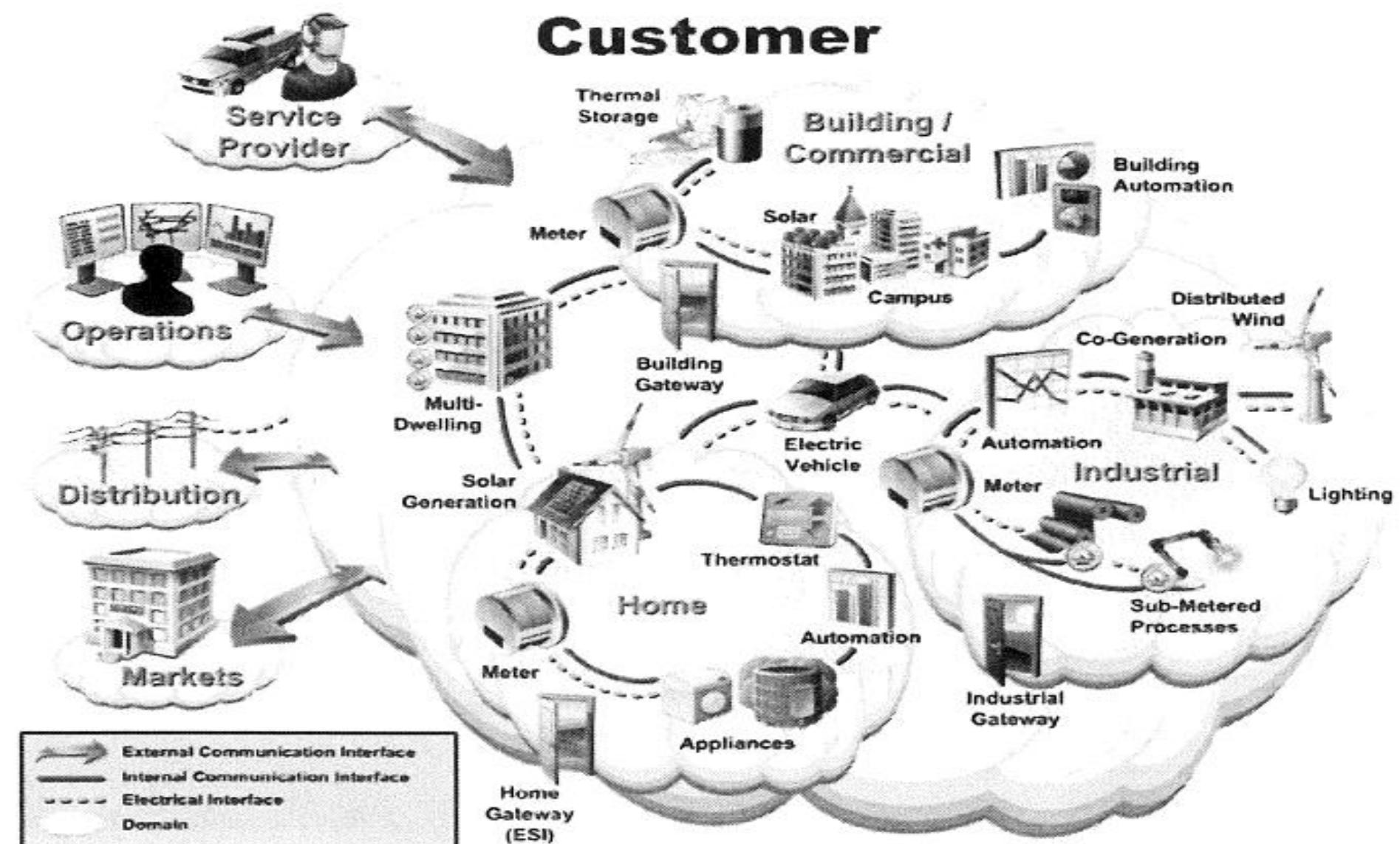
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## ....SMART GRID (INTERFACE MODEL)

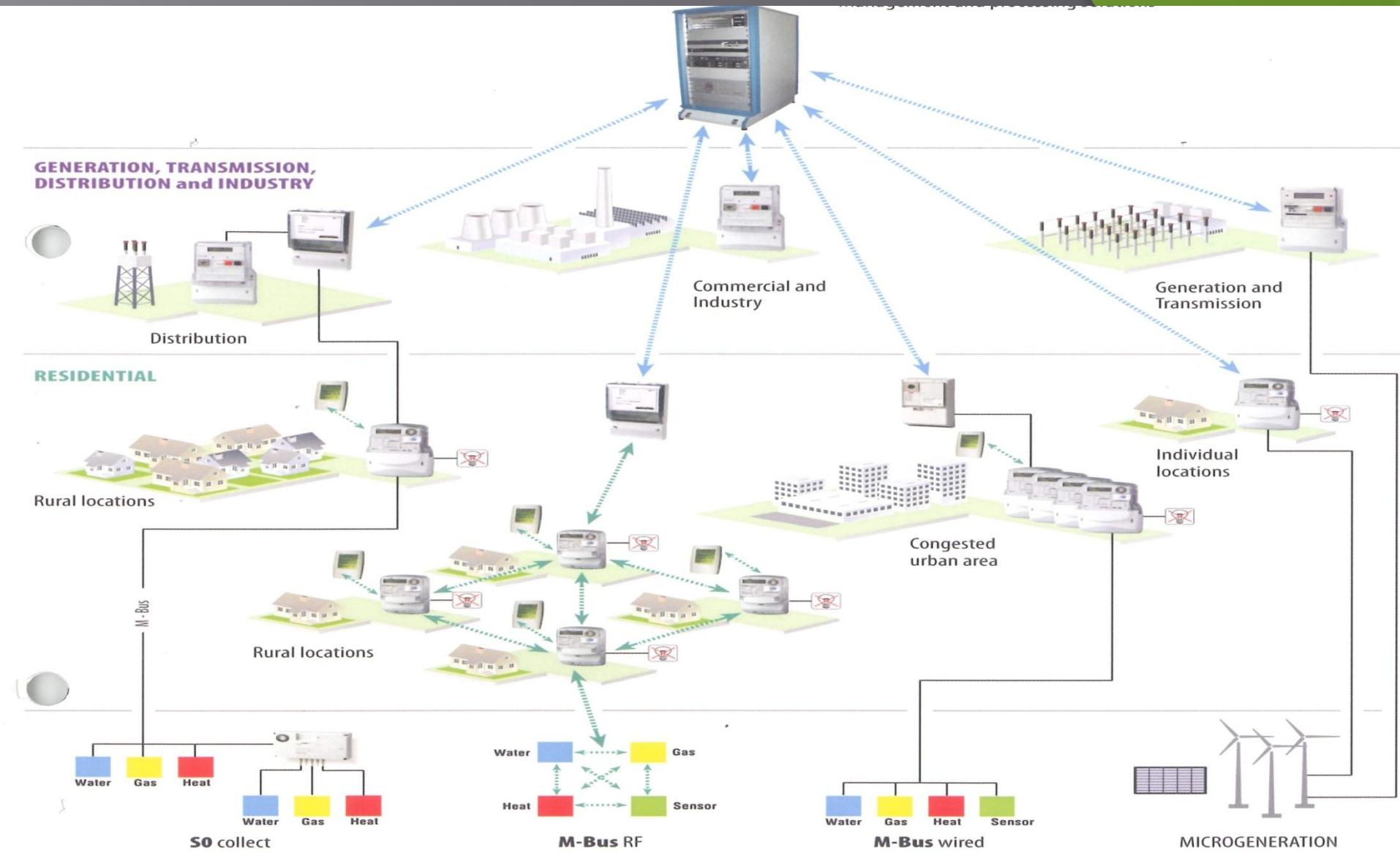


# THE NEXT FRONTIER

## ....SMART GRID (CUSTOMER INTERFACE)



# ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE



# RP STRATEGY

## ....FOR SMART METERS

- RP actions for Smart Meters

- Calibrate it,
- Configure it,
- Seal it,
- Box it,
- Talk to it!

*Two way comms brought the necessary relief!*

# LETS UNPACK THE ACTIONS

- Calibrate it,
  - Manufacturers certificates!
- Configure it,
  - Fraud?
- Seal it,
  - Still a need?
- Box it,
  - Back into house?
- Talk to it!

# IS THERE OTHER ISSUES?

- The introduction of wide scale embedded generation on the municipality's income?
- Wide scale introduction of TOU will have an impact on revenue,
- Cyber security was flagged as an issue in the US, CSWG formed
- False data injection is an issue,
- Internal controls

## South African Smart Grid Initiative (SASGI)

- To ensure a consistent and sustainable roll out of Smart Grid and related infrastructure
- Representation from all stakeholders in the industry

# CONCLUSIONS

- Many of the strategies employed previously is still relevant in a smart grid environment,
- Two way comms would cut down and perhaps focus the efforts of audit teams,
- Embedded generation and TOU tariffs will also reduce the purchases of municipalities,
- We need to jack up internal controls!



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