

# Integrated Distribution System Planning Status, Challenges, and Approaches

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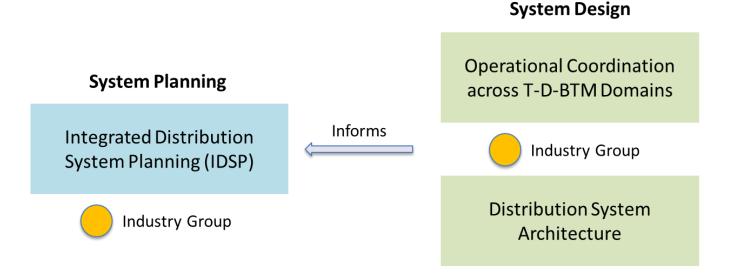
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#### **IDSP Program Strategy**

We need to address technological and institutional issues to formulate rational and forward-looking investment strategies

Advancing best practices for formulating grid investment strategies that serve communities, states, and their affected publics



Staged strategies for advancing grid structure and function to meet current drivers and uncertainties

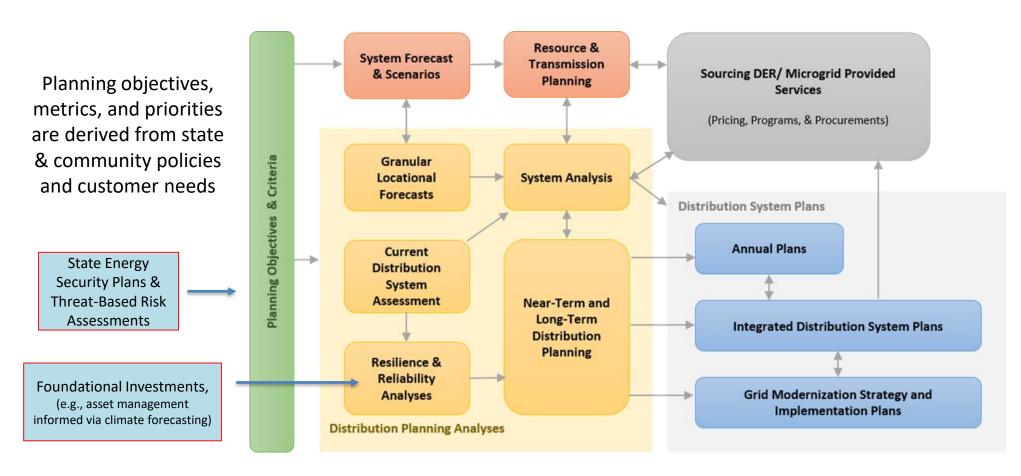
#### **Partners**:

Internal – Joint OE/EERE (e.g., Grid Solutions Program) for DER integration and GDO for resilience planning External – NARUC, NASEO, NGA, NCSL, NRECA, APPA, RAP, ESIG, EPRI, IEEE, EEI



#### **Objectives-Based Planning**

Creating a shared understanding among stakeholders of strategies for incorporating objectives and priorities into current planning practices is essential. Without clear objectives, it becomes difficult to assess whether resulting plans are responsive and if key stakeholders will accept them.



Regulators\* review and approve plan with input from stakeholders

\*The term "regulators" includes the approving boards of cooperative and municipal utilities



#### **Spectrum of Resilience Measures**

Utilities are beginning to apply forecasts of climate parameters to inform their asset management strategies. Plus, application of more advanced grid functions are required to apply technology and DERs, e.g., emergency response tools and microgrids, to improve reliability and resilience

Less sophisticated, yet foundational

More sophisticated, requires advanced grid capabilities

- Hardening infrastructure
- Ensuring

   adequate
   emergency
   management
   capabilities
- Back-up provisions (e.g., fuel)

Robust Asset Management:

- Asset monitoring
- Failure prediction
- Data analysis (GIS)

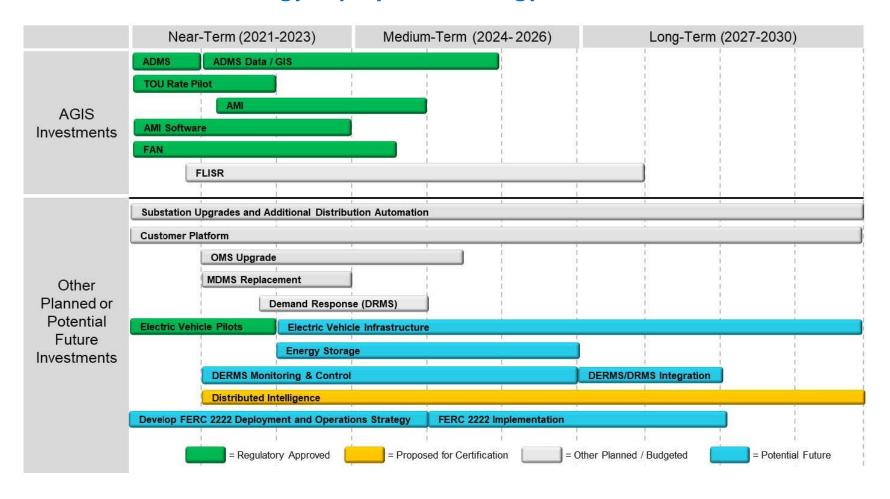
Monitoring and control of system state to enable adaptive response capabilities in realtime and for predictive analysis (modeling, simulation, and analytical platforms)

Real-time control and coordination of system assets, including inverter-based resources (DERs) and microgrids to adapt to emergency situations



#### **Xcel Energy 10-Year Grid Modernization Roadmap (2021)**

## Xcel Energy's roadmap reflects a staged and proportional technology deployment strategy based on need



Source: Integrated Distribution Plan 2022-2031, Northern States Power Company, Xcel Energy, November 1, 2021



### **Thank You**

