

**CERTS Microgrid**

# Santa Rita Jail CERTS Microgrid

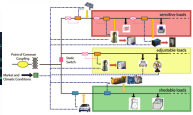
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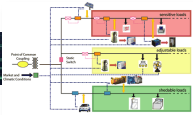
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## CERTS Microgrid

# Microgrid Development @ UW

- DOE 1999- 2002: Early concepts/proof-of-principle UW Lab
- CEC PIER 2001-2006: Design and construction of CERTS/AEP test facilities
- DOE RDSI 2006-2009: Phase-one testing at AEP (invert based DER)
- Six UW Patents: 2006-2011
- Tecogen markets InVerde 100kW autonomous CHP system
- DOE HQ 2010- present: Phase-two testing (NG gen-set, battery storage)
- 2012 Santa Rita Jail CERTS Microgrid Commissioned (S&C 4-MWhr battery)
- 2012 Tecogen CHP Greenwich Village Co-op operates through Hurricane Sandy.



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# Microgrid Significance and Impact

Microgrids can enhance the values that DER offers:

- *Customer benefits include:* bill savings, price certainty, reliability (including power quality), energy independence.
- *Grid benefits includes:* a well-behaved electrical “citizen” and a ancillary resource to the grid.
- *Societal benefits include:* more resilient local energy infrastructure and increased environmental benefits.

“The CERTS microgrid control technology is the most radical of all options-as well as the lowest cost-as it is embedded into a 100-kW CHP system offered by Tecogen”

Peter Asmus, “Distributed Generation,” September/October 2011

# Santa Rita Jail: Smart Grid





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# Alameda County, Santa Rita Jail

## Objective

- Demonstrate the commercial implementation of the CERTS concept
- Reduce peak electricity demand & demonstrate demand response
- Improve the security and reliability of the power supply
- Improve the fuel cell's performance

## Equipment

- 4 MW-hr Lithium Ion battery (new)
- Two 1 MW diesel generators (modify)
- Smart switch (new)
- 1 MW fuel cell with CHP
- 1.2 MW solar on rooftops
- 12 kV feeder



# Santa Rita Jail: SmartGrid (2011)



1.2 MW Solar PV (Existing)



12 KW Small Wind Turbines (New)



1.0 MW Fuel Cell (Existing)

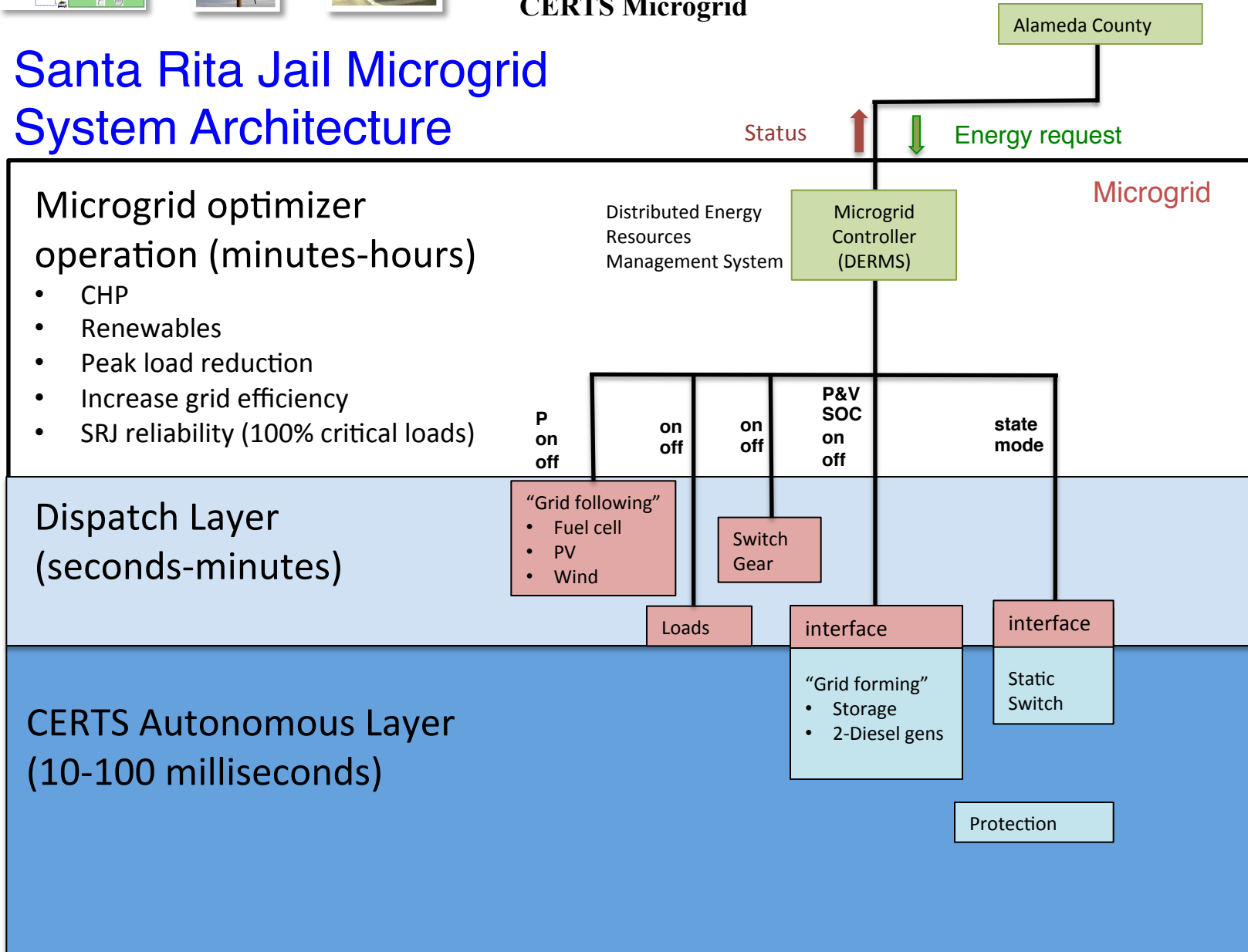


2.0 MW Advanced Energy Storage (New)



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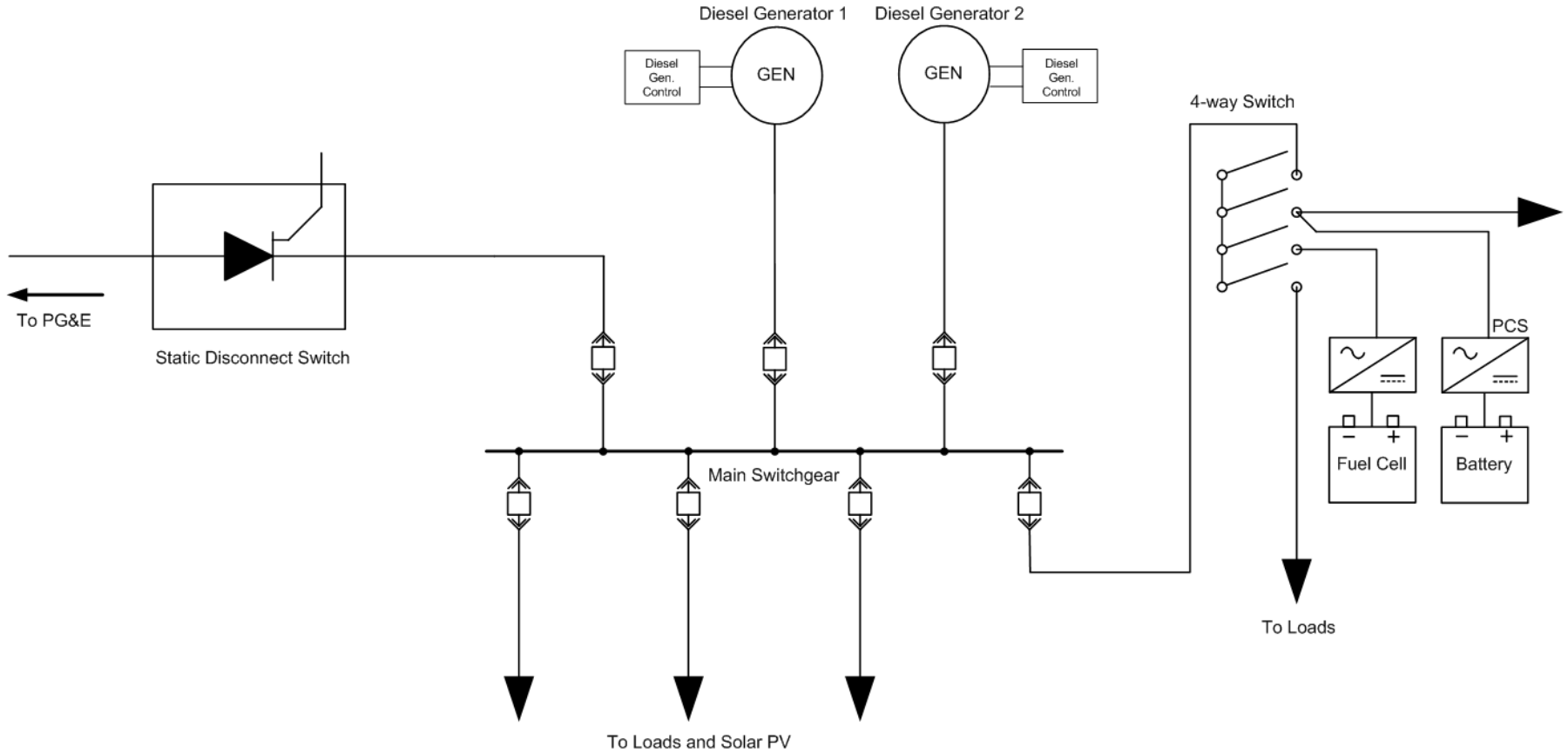
# Santa Rita Jail Microgrid System Architecture





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# Santa Rita Jail Simplified SLD







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# Energy Storage System



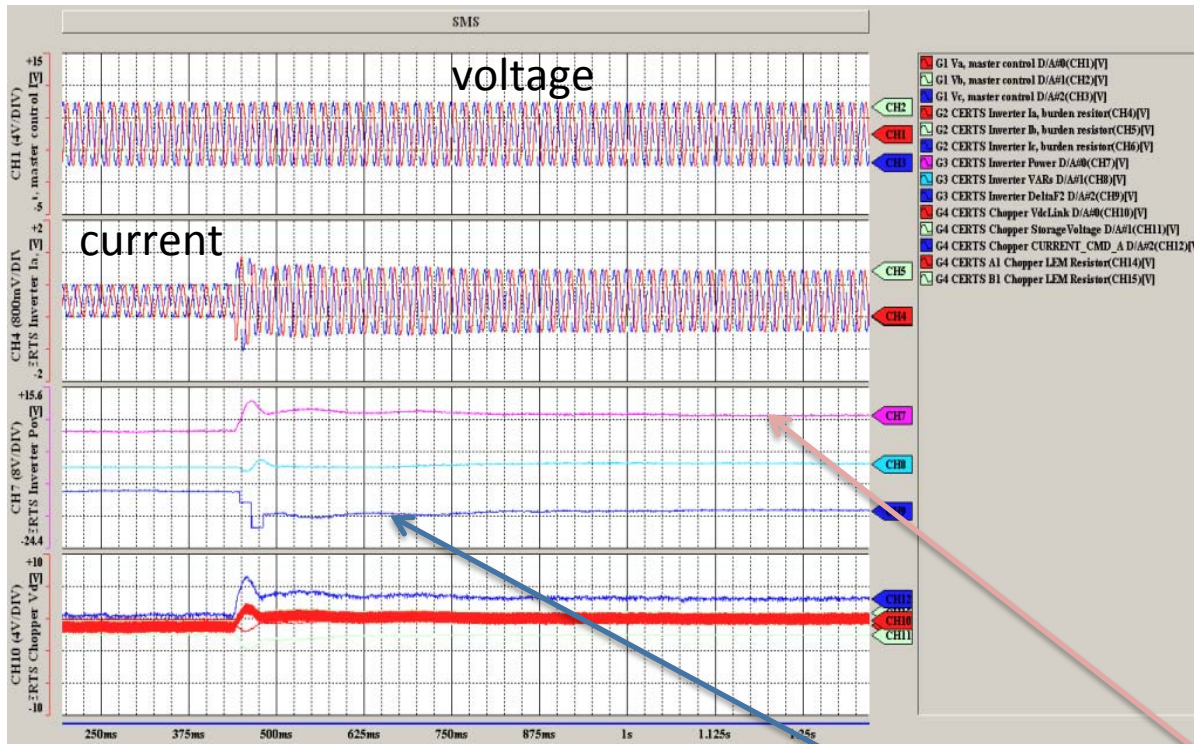
- Four 500 kW, 1MW-hr Lithium Iron Phosphate BYD battery enclosures
- BYD battery management system
- Two 1.25 MVA, 480 V S&C Electric Power Conversion System



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# S & C inverter Factory test 300kW step load

In islanded mode add 300kW of resistive load while connected to the Generator



Factory test performed on 1 MW storage system. The battery was emulated using a second 1 MW inverter. There is also a rented 500kW diesel generator operating at 1% droop.

frequency

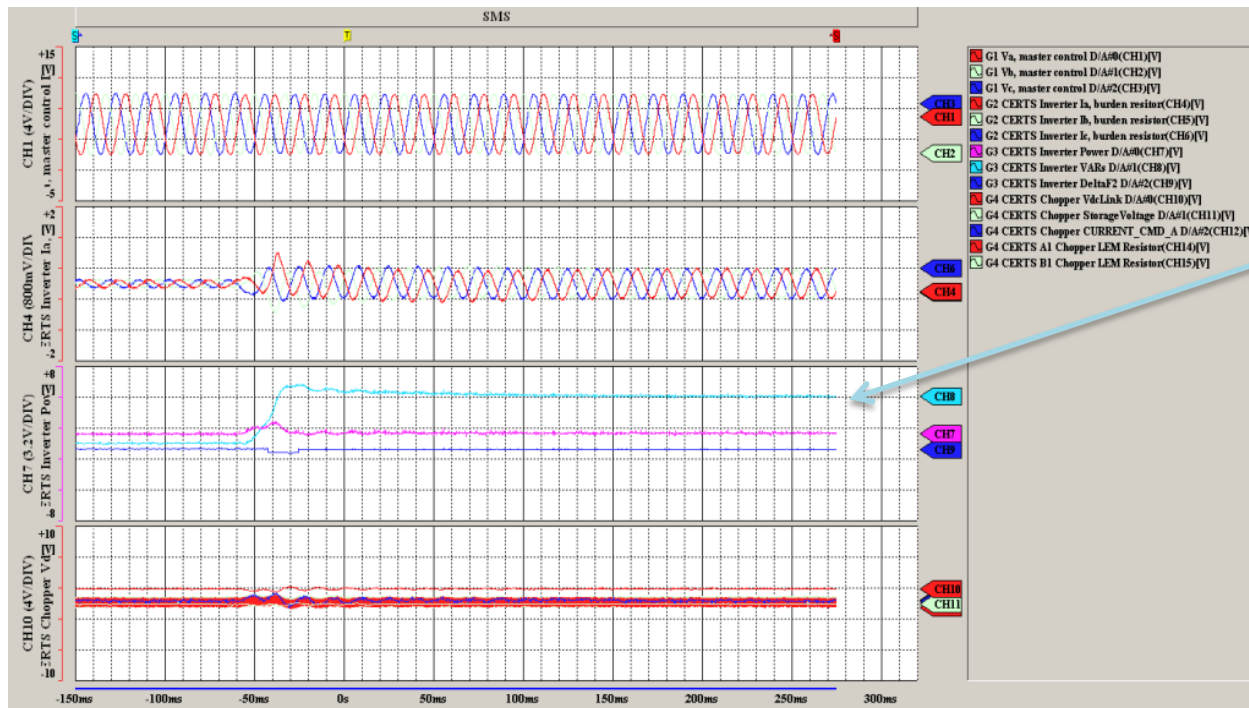
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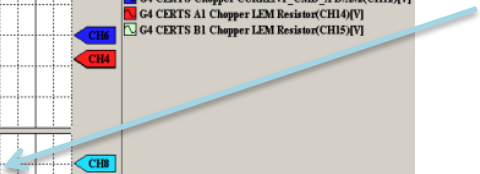
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# S & C inverter Factory test 300kVAR step load

Add 300kVAR of inductive load while disconnected from the Utility with a 50kW resistive load



VARs





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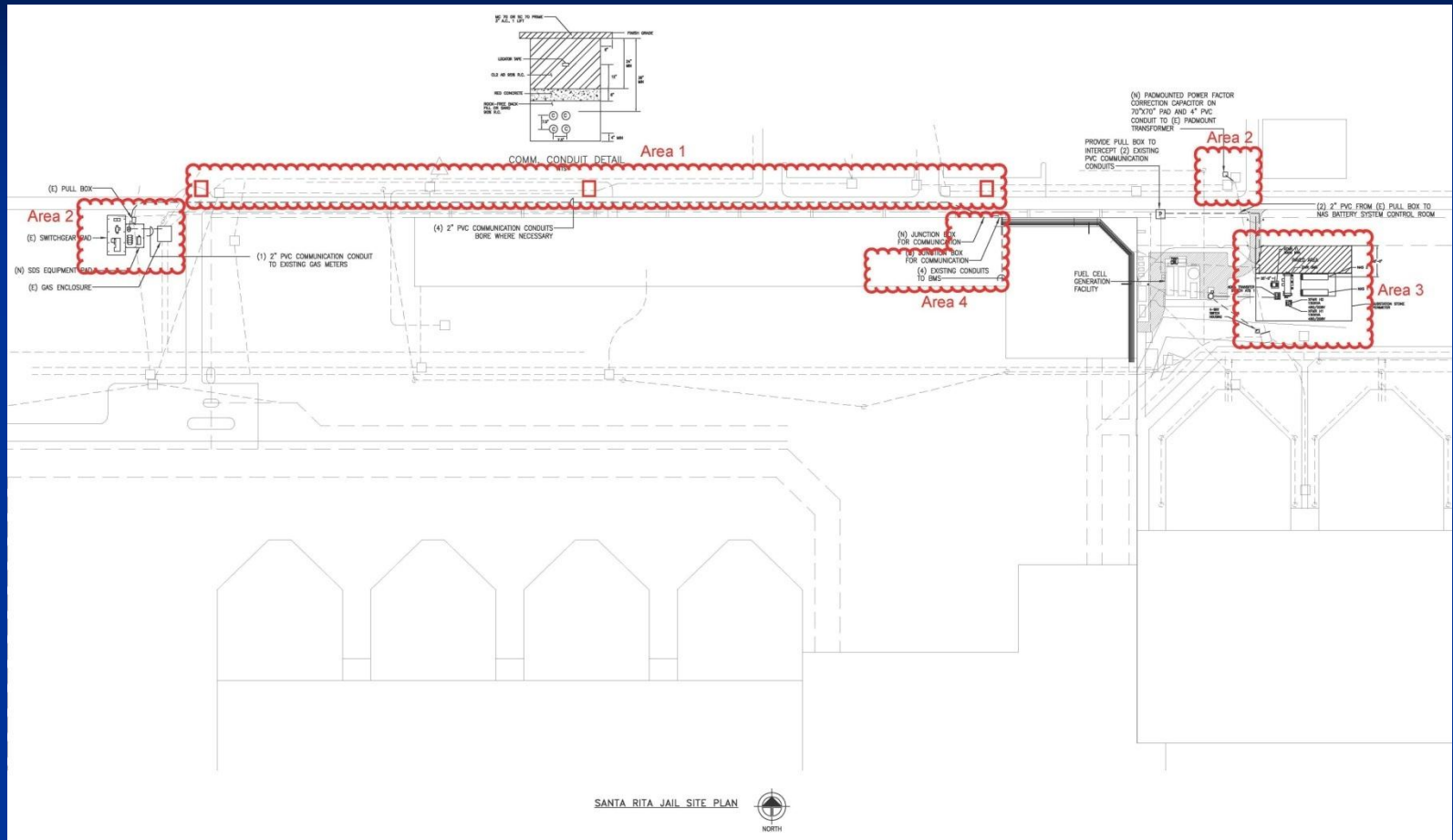
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Area 1: Underground Communications Conduit  
Area 2: Static Disconnect Switch

Area 3: Advanced Energy Storage & Power Conditioning System  
Area 4: Generator Upgrade / Smart Grid Control System

# Santa Rita Jail: SmartGrid Construction Underway



**Directional Boring of Underground Conduits**

*automatic disconnect switch*

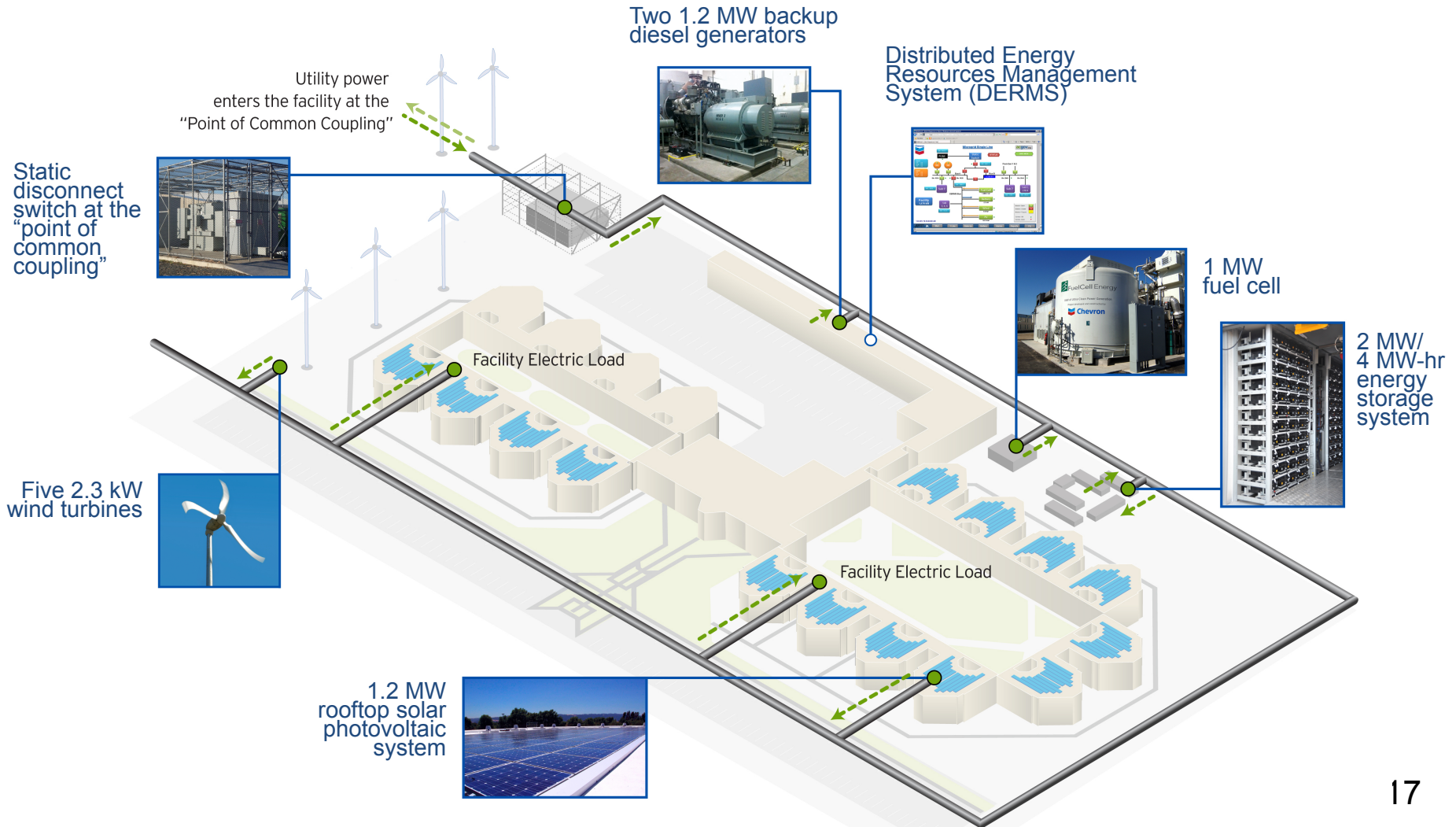


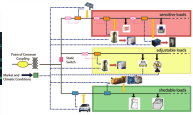


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When a disturbance to the utility grid occurs, the automatic disconnect switch enables the facility to “island” itself from the main utility grid.

# Santa Rita Jail Microgrid – in operation today

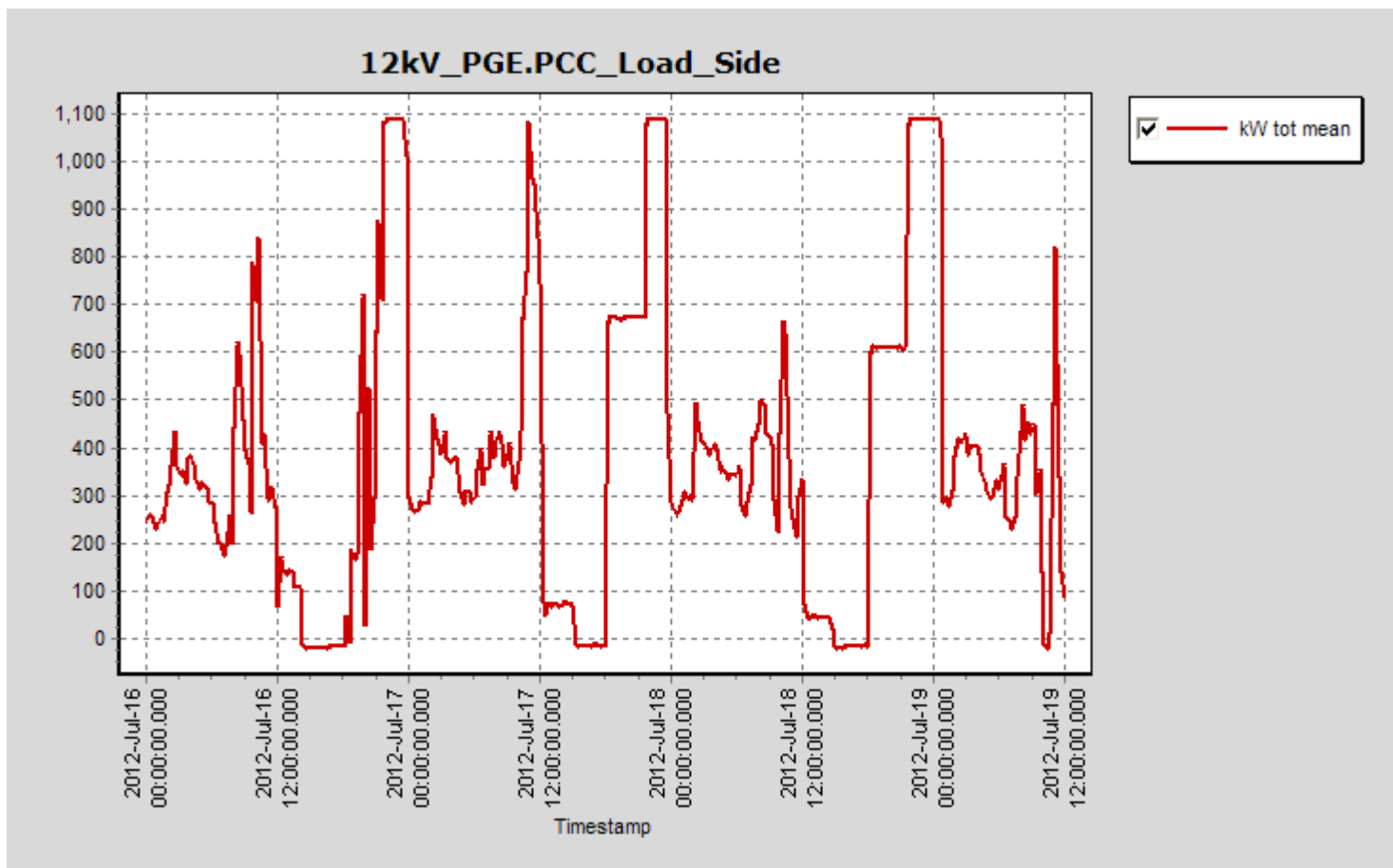




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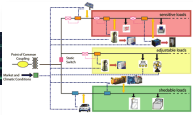


# Utility PCC Power Flow (peak load 3.5 MW)



# Smart Grid: Major Equipment

- **Static Disconnect Switch:** Enables Grid Islanding
- **Onsite Generation:** Including Photovoltaics, Wind, Fuel Cell, and Back-up Diesel Generators
- **Advanced Energy Storage/ Power Conditioning System:** Enables electrical load following and peak power shaving / demand response
- **CERTS Compatible Control and Monitoring System:** Enables Integration.



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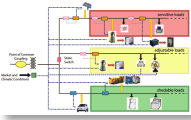
# Conclusions

- The CERTS Protocol is a powerful tool for integrating distributed generation resources
- Battery trickle charge less accurate in CERTS mode than in current-source mode
- Utilities are more comfortable with static disconnect switches if used with conventional equipment
- Charge balance of Battery cells, strings and enclosures should be carefully managed
- Load and generation shedding scheme needed to balance microgrid generation and load

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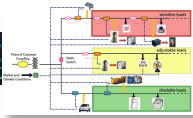
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July 30, 2012



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Questions?



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# Simulation of Islanding with ES, PV & Fuel Cell

