



GE Grid Expert: Smart Grid Technologies Assist in Storms; Reduce Number of Customers Affected by Outages

ATLANTA, GA.—October 28, 2010—Luke Clemente, general manager, metering and sensing systems—digital energy for GE Energy Services, issued this statement today on how smart grid technologies assist in storm situations:

“Managing the inconvenience and danger of power outages caused by storms like the ones we’re experiencing this week is a great challenge for the utility industry,” said Luke Clemente, general manager, metering and sensing systems—digital energy for GE Energy Services. “As Mother Nature turns out the lights across the country, we are reminded of the broader impact that a smarter grid can have on consumers. Today’s smart grid solutions can reduce the number of customers affected by power outages and minimize the impact of outages that do occur by getting power online quicker than ever before.”

Background for reporters

Historically—and in some cases still today—utilities were not aware of power outages until a customer called to report them. Smart grid technologies automatically notify utilities of outages and provide visibility into all grid assets allowing operators to isolate damaged portions of the grid and reroute power around damages—thus keeping more lights on. Mapping and field workforce solutions locate damaged assets and direct repair crews to expedite response time. Also, smarter designed tanks better protect transformers and contain potentially hazardous pressure in the event of a failure due to storm damage.

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