



**TATA POWER-DDL**

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# Behavioral Demand Response of Consumers

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# About Tata Power-DDL

*Journey started  
1st July'02 onwards*



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**JV of The Tata Power  
Company Limited  
and Government of  
Delhi**

**25  
years**

**License Period**

**510  
Sq.KM**

**License Area of  
North and  
Northwest Delhi**

**21.5  
Lakhs**

**Customer base**

TATA Power-DDL is an ISO 9001 (Quality Management Systems), ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Systems), ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety), ISO 22301 (Security and Resilience), ISO 27001 (Information Security Management), ISO 31000 (Risk Management), ISO 50001 (Energy Management Systems), SA 8000 (Social Accountability), ISO 10002 (Customer Satisfaction - Guidelines for Complaints Handling), ISO 20400 (Sustainable Procurement) certified organisation.

# Performance Improvement since 2002

Parameter	Unit	July 2002	March 2025
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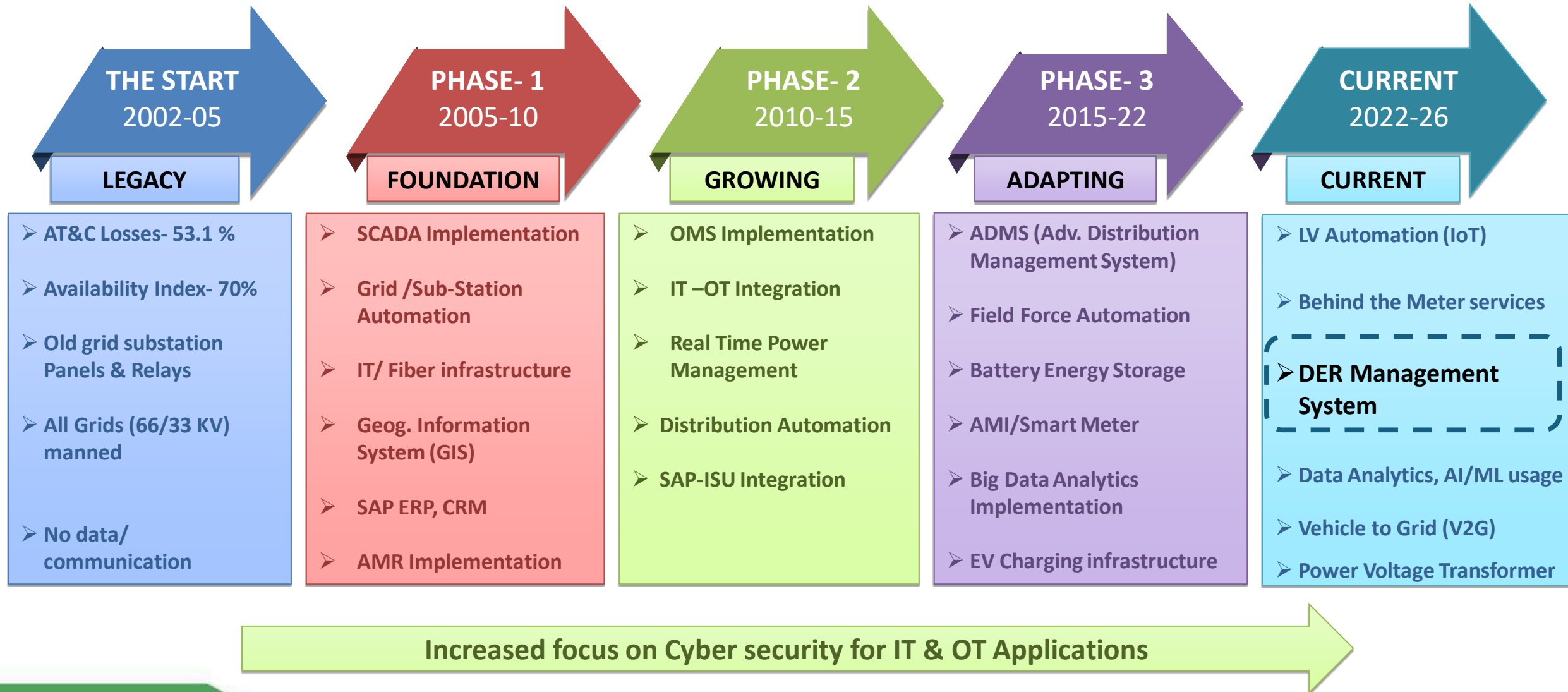
PROFILE:			
Consumer count	Lakh	7	21
Length of Network	Ckt. km	6750	14486
Peak Load served	MW	930	2481 (Jun 2024)
PERFORMANCE:			
Consumer Satisfaction Index (Top Box)	%	-	93.9
AT&C Losses	%	53.1	5.54
System Reliability – ASAI -Availability Index	%	70	99.8
Transformer Failure Rate	%	11	0.68
Smart Meters Installed	Lakh	0	5.75
New Connection Energization Time	Days	51.8	5.5
Provisional Billing	%	15	0.28



**'Roshni'** – our Brand Mascot

# Technology Journey

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# ***Demand Response***



# Demand Response

Demand Response is an **electric load management program** which seeks to manage electricity demand at consumer end by encouraging them to increase or decrease their consumption **using incentives or penalties**.

Helps to bring in -

- Demand side flexibility
- Optimization of power procurement



# Types of Demand Response (DR)

**Automated DR:** Load controlled by Utility through connectivity with customers systems

**Benefits :**

- Utility is in control of switching off loads during its requirement
- More suitable & cost-effective for C&I loads

**Downsides :**

- Requires segregation of essential & non-essential loads at consumer's end
- Requires high level of technological intervention in terms of switching equipment, smart meters & IT communication platforms
- Not preferred by customers due to external switching off & control

**Behavioral DR:** Load curtailment is done by customer based on requirement by Utility

**Benefits :**

- Most preferred mode of DR by customers as they feel "in control"
- Requires limited technological support - Only pre & post event meter data is used
- No load segregation at customer's end mandated
- Suitable & cost-effective for all types of customers

**Downsides :**

- Extremely high dependency on customer for participation & quantum of load shed



## Critical Peak Pricing (CPP)

- **Higher tariff during peak hours.** Peak tariff may vary according to season
- **On critical days (6 – 10 days a year) - Very high tariff during peak hours. Informed a day in advance**
- Consumer stands to benefit, lower bills, if he/she conserves energy during peak.

## Critical Peak Rebate (CPR)

- Consumer stays on normal tariff
- **On critical days consumer asked to curtail load during peak. Informed a day in advance.**
- **Consumer rewarded handsomely with incentives for curtailing load. (Used cases from US show 20X incentives)**

*Suitable Tariff Support helps in increasing customer participation in Demand Response Programs*

- **Customers are empowered** to control their consumption in response to time-varying electricity rates or incentive-based programs & reduce bill amount to earn incentive payments.
- Averts the need to use the most costly-to-run power plants during periods of high demand, **driving down Power Purchase Cost**.
- Over the longer term, sustained demand response **lowers aggregate system capacity requirements**, allowing load-serving entities (utilities and other retail suppliers) to purchase or build less new capacity.
- **Lowers** likelihood and consequences of **forced outages**.
- Helps in grid stabilization & **better integration with renewable sources of generation** & Distributed Energy Resources.

## Sample Energy Reduction Strategies



### College campus

- > Reduce HVAC to minimum levels
- > Reduce lighting to minimum levels
- > Shut down select buildings
- > Transfer load to back-up generator



### Manufacturing facility

- > Shut down production lines or certain operations temporarily
- > Cycle off energy-intensive equipment
- > Reduce use of air conditioning
- > Eliminate unnecessary lighting



### Commercial real estate building

- > Reduce lighting in common areas (e.g. corridors, lobbies)
- > Raise set points on chillers a few degrees
- > Shut down laundry washers and dryers
- > Shut down one elevator per building



### Cold storage facility

- > Adjust room temperature set points
- > Reduce cooling load (chillers)
- > Cycle off energy-intensive equipment (pumps, ice-makers, etc.)
- > Adjust operating pressures

# ***Indian Context : Imperatives, Scenarios & Potential***

# Imperatives, Scenarios & Benefits in India

## Imperatives

CEA Guidelines for  
Resource Adequacy

Escalating Renewable  
generation

Market Price Cap -  
Pressure on Supply  
Side

Rising Pollution

## Scenarios

Highest Peak Demand experienced less  
than 10% of time

DR as a flexible resource

Shift network load to high PV hours

## Benefits

More Demand Shift &  
Less Shed

Portfolio Optimization

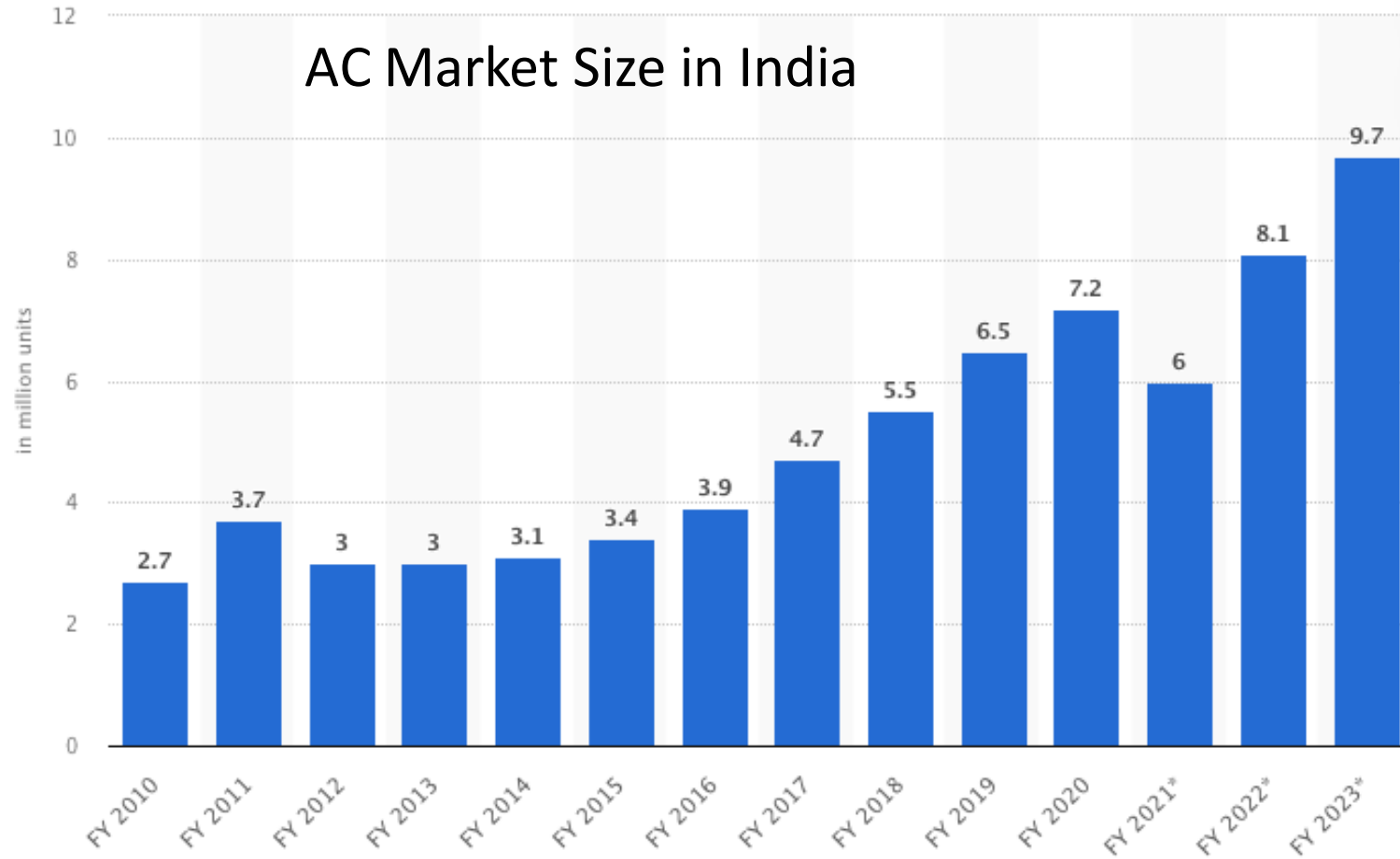
Potential Savings in  
DSM penalties

Emission Optimization



# Potential for Demand Response on the rise

AC Market Size in India



**Expected:**  
Avg annual AC sales 8 million



**Potential for DR Added every  
year > 3GW**



**Aggregated:**  
30GW Flexible capacity in  
next 10 years

# ***Our Demand Response Experience***



# Need for Demand Response at Tata Power-DDL : 2020

## Exploding Demand requiring DER integration

- **Delhi's EV Policy** - Additional EV Load projection in Network - 100 MW
- **Solar policy expansion** – Net metering addition
- Retail consumer **load growth** @5% per annum
- **Grid stabilisation** requirement in face of DER integration

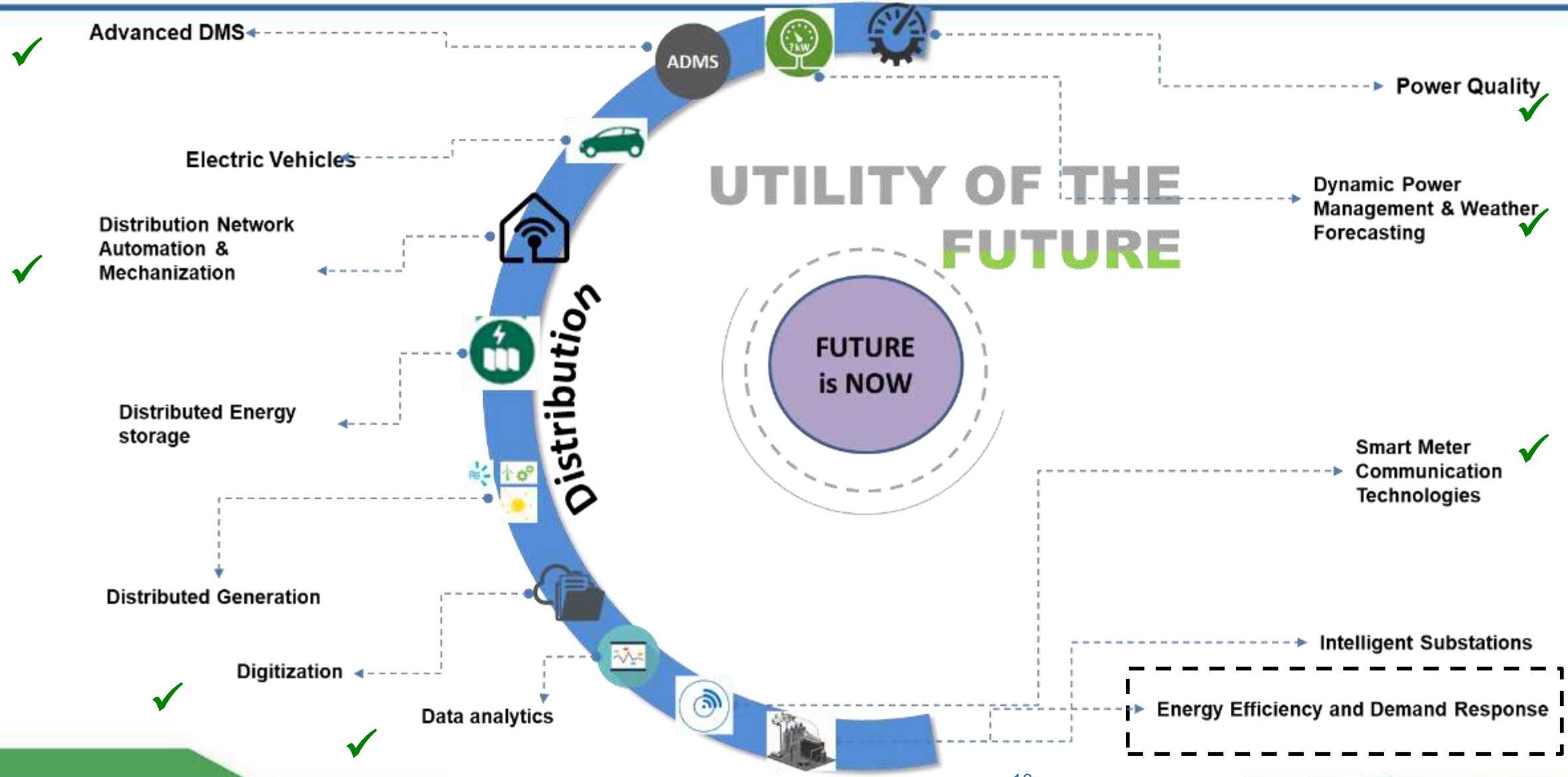
## Technological Advancements

- **Matured AMI & Smart Meter** technologies for real time monitoring
- Better IT-OT landscape helping in **stronger back-end integration**
- Availability of internationally proven **M&V** (Measurement & Verification) **technologies**

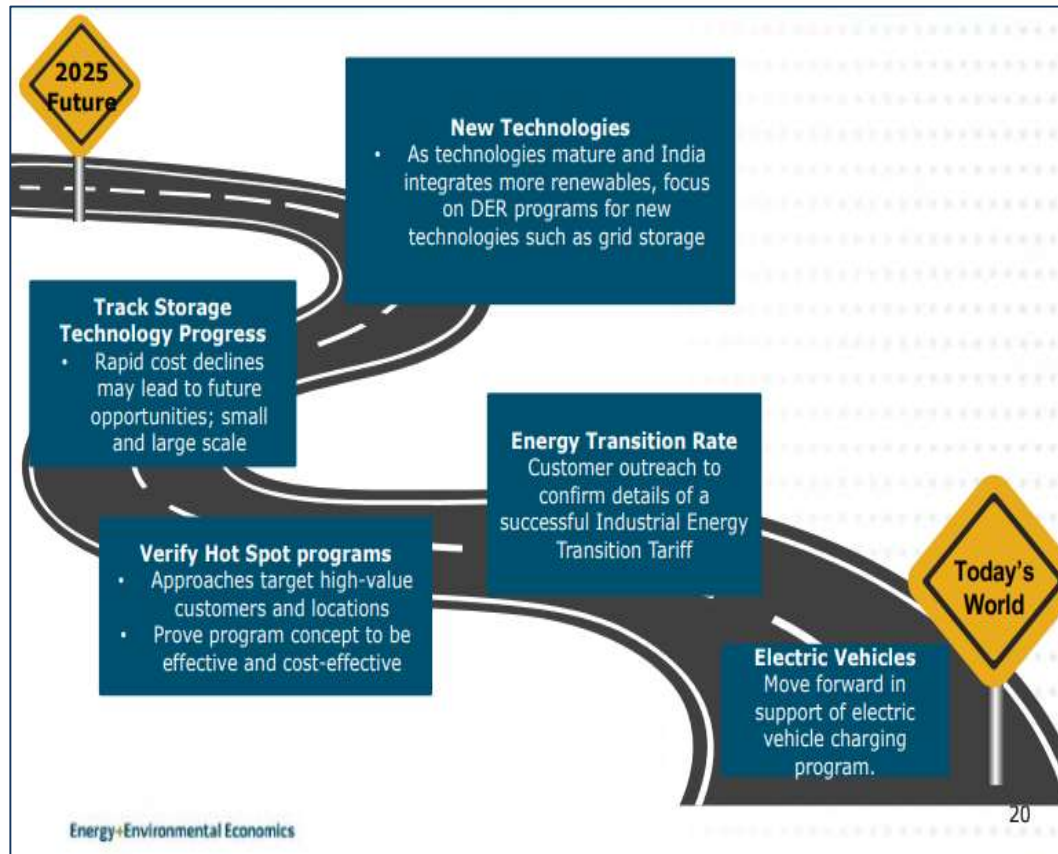
## Customer Voices

- Large establishments are facing cash flow issues & are looking for **avenues to save cost**
- **Interested in Behavioral DR programs** - Voluntarily participate in programs where internal systems do not require modifications

# Tata Power-DDL's Roadmap



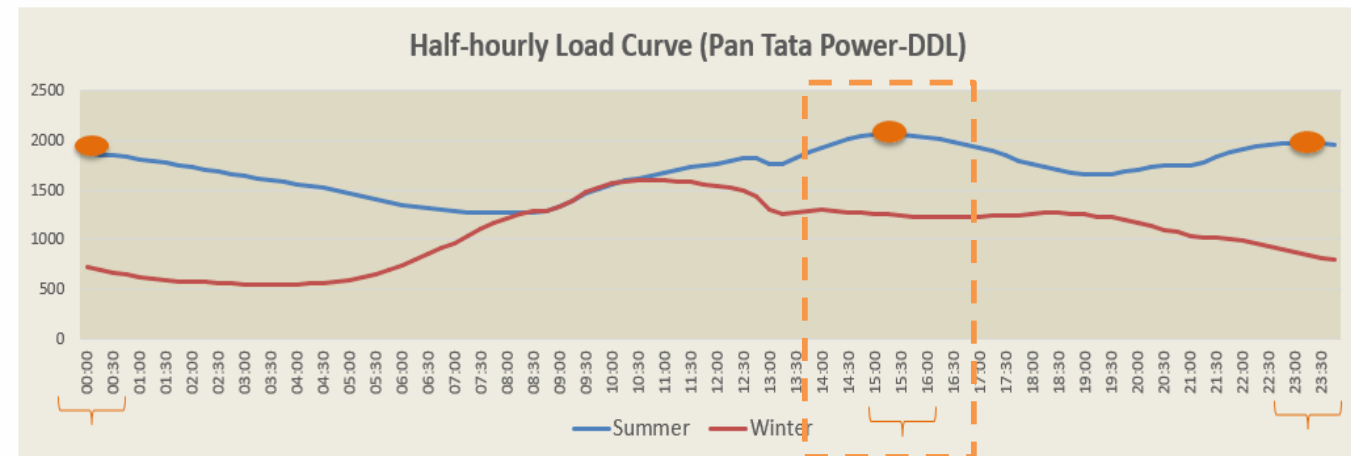
# DER Program Roadmap through E3 (USTDA)



Distribution peak management through Demand Response



Pilot targeted distribution peak load programs through targeted DR program with Critical Peak Rebate\*



Targeted Day Peak

\* Critical Peak Pricing method not adopted as ToD was already available for C&I customers

# Launch of pilot in 2021

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## Goals

- Test effectiveness of Manual DR as an alternative to Auto DR
- Assess the acceptability of DR programs among consumers.
- Assess response of consumers to different variants of programs
- Create a Tariff structure which stimulates consumers to change their load pattern.
- Measure response of consumers to incentives/additional pricing

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## Program Highlights

- Offer customers incentives on reduction in consumption from normal levels during critical events as called by utility (CPR)
- Only for Residential customers (**First in India**) using smart meters
- **Availability Period :**  
15<sup>th</sup> Jul to 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 21 (**16 Events**) - Residential
- **Response Timing :** Day Peaks
- **Technology used :** Smart meters, Big data platform, Measurement & Verification through **DERMS platform** of AutoGrid (Current acquired by Schneider)
- **Funding partner :** Shakti Sustainability Foundation
- Implemented with intimation to DERC

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## Methodology

- **Notification to customers :** 24 hrs in advance thru sms, email & calls
- **Measurement :** Drop in consumption compared to last 10 days during same slot
- **Calculation :** Porting of customer profile data, last 10 day's 30-minute interval data & consumption data of day of event
- **Customer Compensation Structure :** Cash rewards (Rs. 250/- participation/ event) & Lucky Draw Schemes for top participants

# Implementation Strategy

- Nos. = Participation  $\geq$  10% of Baseline
- LS = Load Shed

- No. of Customers Targeted: **4,417**
- No. of Customers Enrolled: **2,044**
- No. of Event Executed: **16**
- Total Load Shed: **7.69 MW**
- 11** Day Events & **5** Night Events
- Avg. Per Meter Shed: **0.4 KW**

**Program validation through Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi**

## Customer Engagement



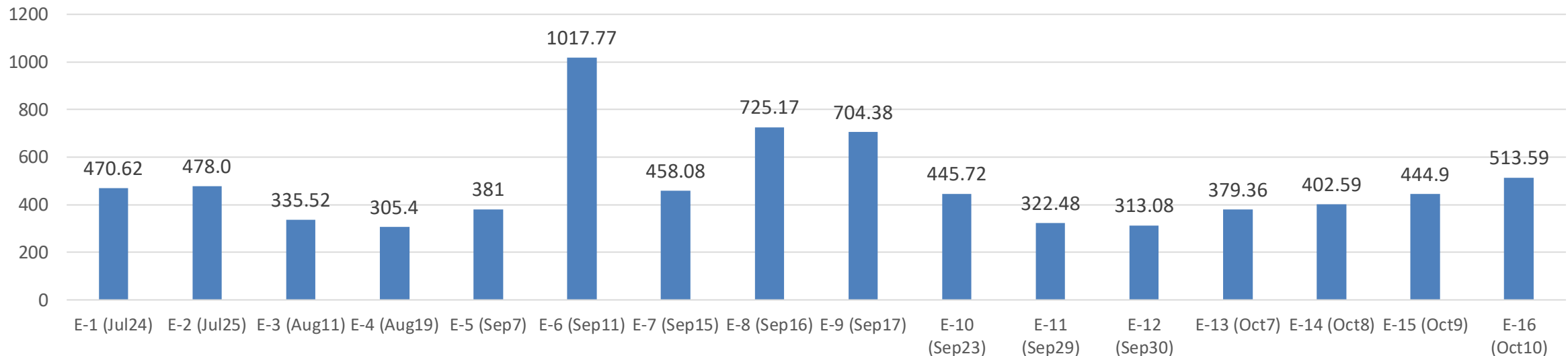
**SMS: 88.4K**  
**E-Mailers: 72.4K**

**1 to 1 Phone Calls: 22.8K**  
**Letters: 2.04K**



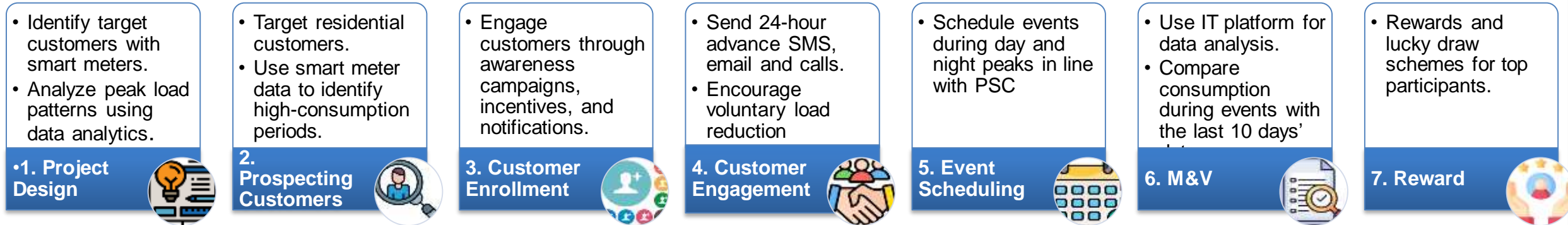
**Customer Incentives of Rs 45 lacs disbursed**  
(INR 200 for enrollment;  
INR 250 per event for  
successful participation)

Event Wise Load Shed (KW)

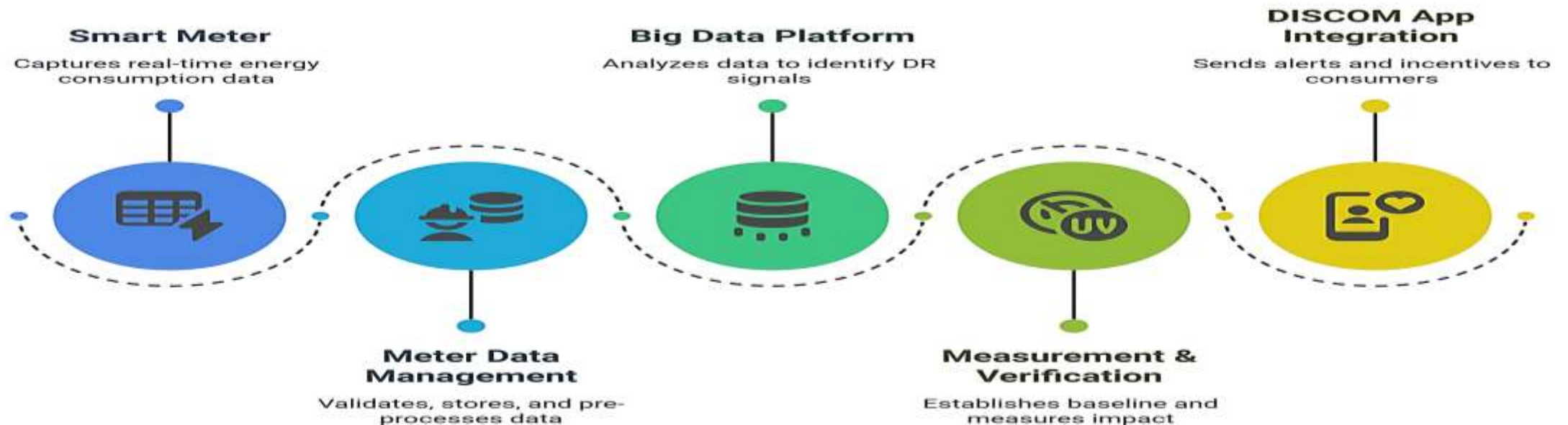




# Process for Implementing DR



## Technological Capability driving the program

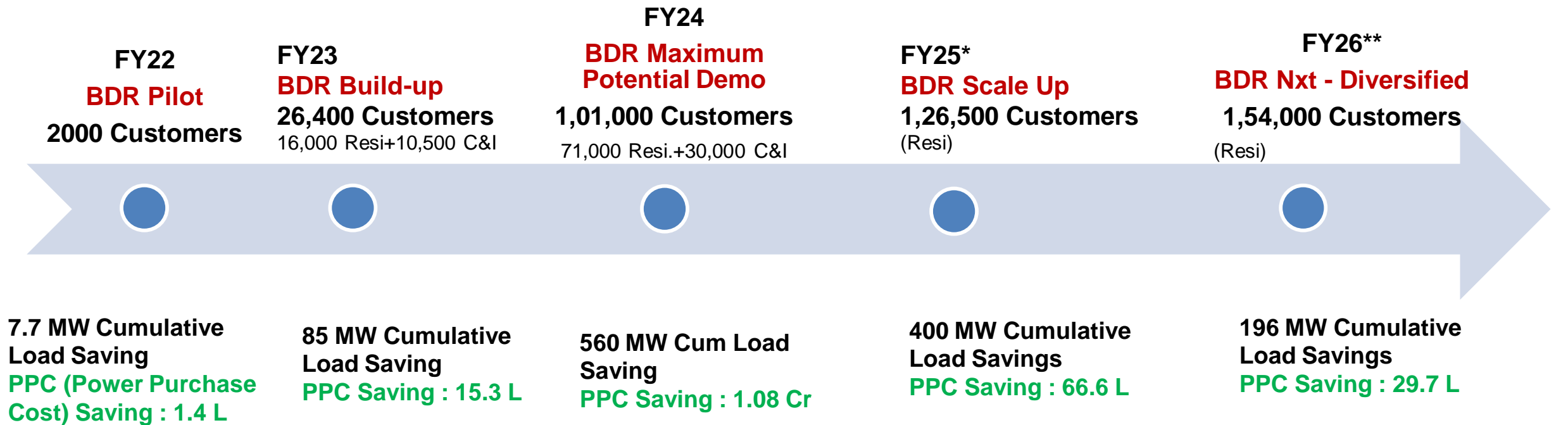




# BDR Journey Over the Years

Tata Power-DDL is “first” in India to initiate BDR on a Mass Scale with smart meters

- Extensively engaged with customers to manage peak demand through voluntary contribution
- Developed **in-house Measurement & Verification (M&V)** platform for accurate tracking of BDR Program FY25 onwards



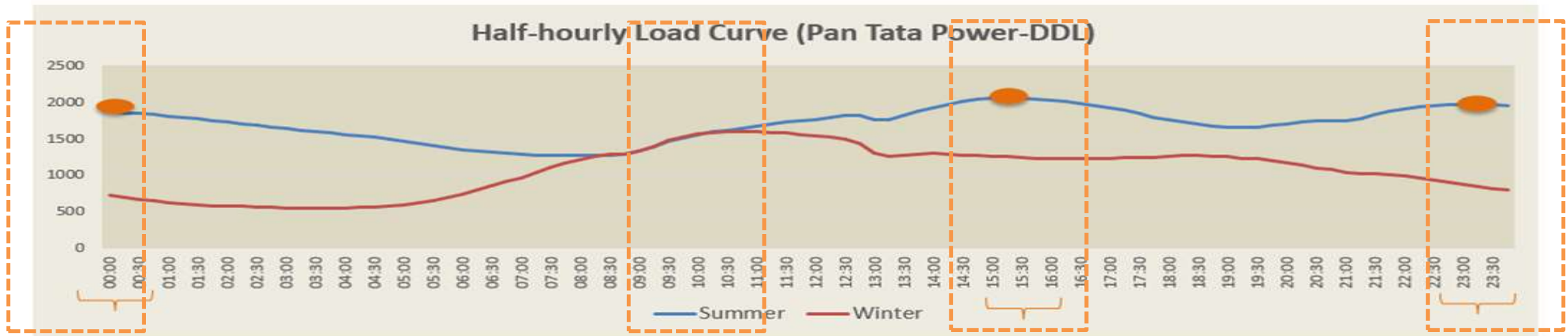
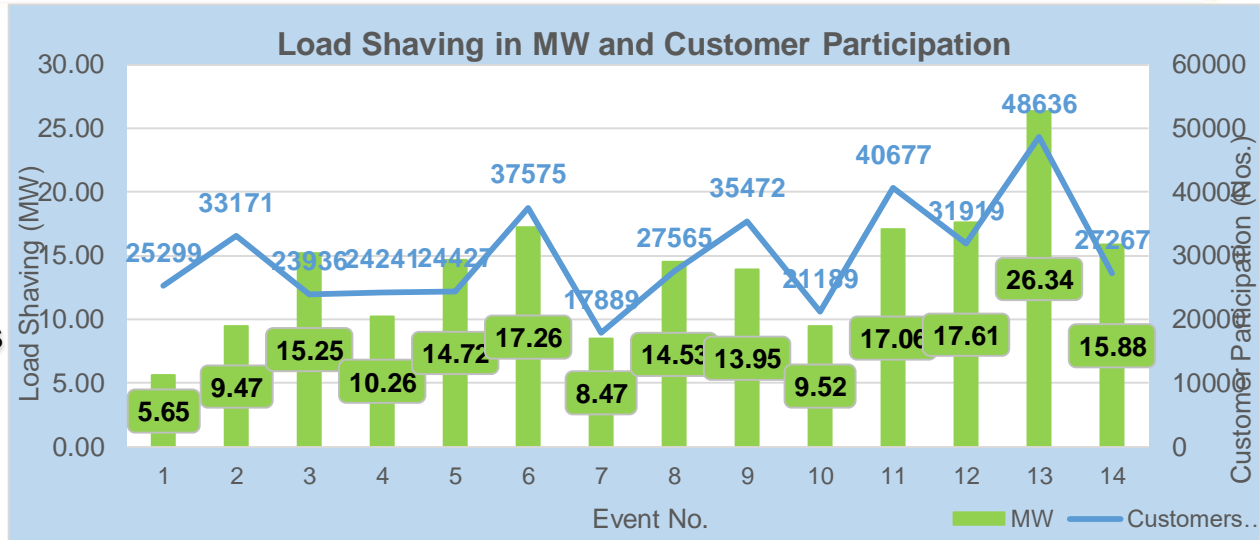
\* Emphasis on Residential customers

\*\* In progress

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# BDR Nxt : FY26 Program

- Introduced events to cater to multiple (day/night/ seasonal) peaks
- when PPC (Power Purchase Cost) is higher
- Flexible time slots events to align customer behaviour to peak time needs (1/2/4 Hours)
- Events are triggered on **real time peak** & power shortage requirements
- Moving towards community involvement through DT-level events



Targeting Multiple Peaks

# Learnings from the Programs

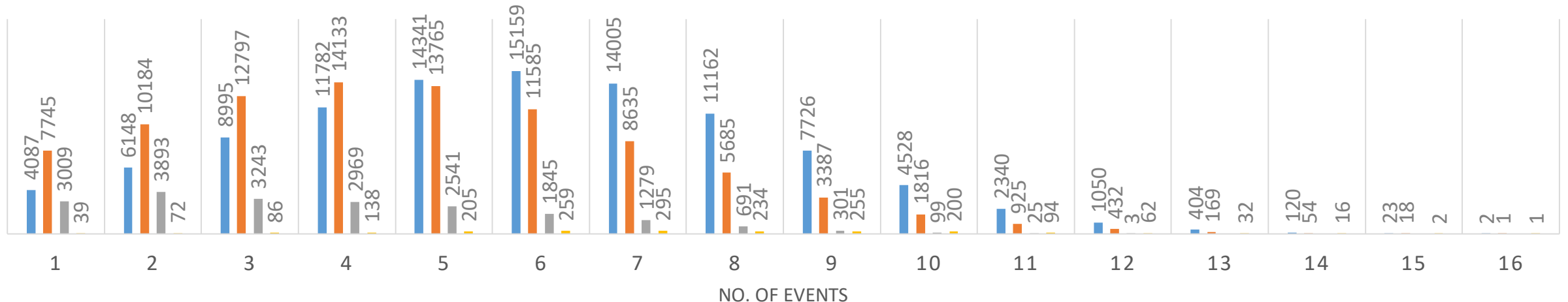
- **Constant customer engagement (calls, sms, whatsapp)** on sustainability premise gives better participation
- Per capita residential customers give lower shed & is steady over the years
- C&I customers are interested to participate based on incentives
- M&V Platform along with smart meter backbone helps in data analysis & instant feedback to customers



CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION IN NO. OF EVENTS

NO. OF CUSTOMERS

FY25 FY24 FY23 FY22



## Policy Advocacy for mainstreaming Demand Response

- Interactions & sharing of results with **CEA (Resource Adequacy Program)**, FoR, ISGF, CEEW
- State DISCOMS (Goa, Gujarat, Punjab)
- Showcased program to Mr Shashank Misra, JS Power ; DR has been **included in Smart Meter Technical Committee** as a successful use case of smart meter deployment
- **Petition filed in DERC** in May 25 for incentivizing customers & Discom for generating savings from BDR ; Matter admitted & appreciated & hearing is under progress due to persistent efforts (rejected earlier by Regulator in 2021)
- Research paper in collaboration with IIT-Roorkee under publication

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g) **Demand Response:** Potential for demand side management such as shifting of load or demand response can be considered while undertaking the IRP. Constraints such as periods when load shifting can occur, the maximum quantum in an hour and the maximum quantum of load which can be shifted would need to be included.

## Global Recognition- International Smart Grid Action Network (ISGAN) Award in 2024





# Voice of Customer

The Behavioral Demand Response Program is a great initiative by Tata Power Delhi Distribution under which we can save energy through optimum utilization. The energy saved can be used for essential requirements.



**Vishal Vadhera**  
Pitampura

We received SMS from Tata Power-DDL regarding the Behavioral Demand Response Program which involved energy saving during the peak demand periods. My family used to switch off all extra lights, fans, ACs and sit in one room using single AC during the event.



**Dr. Veeta**  
Malkaganj, New Delhi

We were excited to be a part of Tata Power-DDL's Behavioral Demand Response Program as this was a first-of-its-kind initiative that was being carried out. I used to switch off the television, and listen to music on my mobile phone during the designated events.



**Shreya**  
Pitampura

The Demand Response Program helped us save energy through minimum use of power during the designated slots. This is a great way towards building a brighter future for our country. After the completion of each of the events, we got confirmation about our successful participation.



**Sumesh**  
Pitampura

# ***Global Scenarios & Regulatory Support in Indian context***



- **North America & Europe**

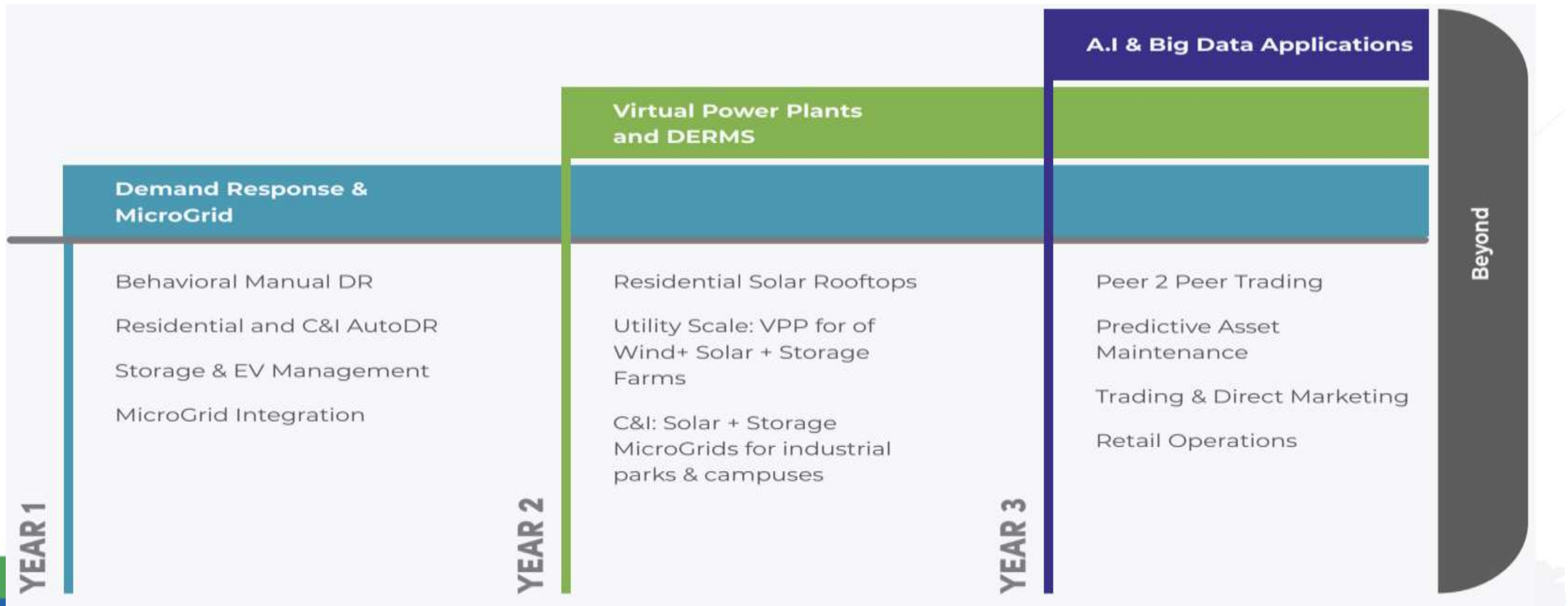
- Laws/policy that require grid access to all entities (traditional regulated utilities, as well as small DER owners)
- Transmission Operators have adapted their market rules to allow both FTM and BTM DERs to participate in grid services.
- Telemetry requirements in place
- Smart devices such as smart residential thermostats are contributing significantly
- Batteries and EVs are expected to grow dramatically over the next 2-3 years.

- **Australia**

- Quickly becoming a leader in regulatory environments supportive of BTM DERs
- Market rules changed for ancillary services to make it easier for DERs to participate in all grid services (fast, slow, and delayed).

# India : Regulatory Requirements for Flexible Resourcing Model

- **Tariff support for Critical Peak Rebate across all segments of customers**
- **Framework for Time Of Use metering**
- **Open Standard for DERs connectivity**







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# Thank You