# Al-Driven Storage: Engaging Customers in System Peak Solutions March 28, 2018

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# **Stem Overview**



Stem operates the world's smartest and largest digital energy storage network

Founded:20Headquarters:MilEmployees:14Operations In:CAPipeline & Installed:80Installed:358 utility contracts:35Project Finance:\$5

2009 Millbrae, CA 140+ CA, HI, NY, TX, MA, Japan, ONT 800+ sites, 200+ MWh 350 sites, 3.5M+ device hours 350 MWh \$500 MM

### **High Caliber Global Investors**



**Distinguished Honors & Awards** 

**SEPA Power Player 2017: Innovative Partner of the Year** 



# **Stem's Solution Components**



### Athena<sup>™</sup> Artificial Intelligence

Automatically controls when energy storage charges and discharges to optimize timing, maximize savings, and create virtual power plants.



and locations. Batteries from leading global manufacturers.



**Medium indoor** 

132 kW modules

# **Al-Driven Optimization of Customer & Grid Benefits**



- Stem is currently monetizing 7 of the 13 energy storage value streams as identified by the Rocky Mountain Institute in their report "The Economics of Battery Energy Storage"
- In the future, Stem intends to co-• optimize and stack these revenue streams as well as expand the scope of available offerings and services
- Only behind-the-meter solutions can ٠ address all 13 value streams

# **Customer Demand Reductions, Grid Benefits**

Athena AI continuously optimizes demand reductions for customers while minimizing use of stored energy



### Net outcome: >80% of VPP aggregate energy is available for grid services



Diversity in customer load shapes, locations and storage equipment stem Serving both Customers and the Grid

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# VPPs – Leveraging Vast Networks of Storage Systems



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- Stem's network of storage systems can be dispatched as a single, "Virtual Power Plant" for additional utility or grid services
- Cloud-based AI software automatically optimizes each system to preserve customer benefits while providing support to the grid
- Software decides which systems can respond and for what duration, without intervention
- Machine learning and vast amounts of data allow software to learn from each event and re-optimize for future event responses, enhancing value



# In 2017 CA Grid Needed Flexibility, Fast Response





Current Active Notice

The California ISO hereby issuer effective 12/08/2017 00:00 throu based on conditions as of 12/10/

Reason: Local transmission emergency in



14 VPPs (over 100 systems)

On August 28, 2017 Stem simultaneously dispatched

## Reliability and Resilience Needs

- > Unprecedented heat waves
- > Ongoing wildfires disrupting transmission
- > Southern CA gas supplies

### Stem's VPPs are working

- > Wholesale market since 2014
- > 700+ dispatches over 3 years
- > Hundreds of real-time market calls no manual intervention

### "That's awesome. Wish all "DR" would respond like this!" – CAISO Staff

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# **Partnering for Greater Customer & Grid Benefits**



### **Customer Benefits**

- Site peak reduction = lower customer demand charges
- Coincident peak contribution reduction = lower cap tag (or PLC) charge

### **Grid Benefits**

- Private sector equipped and engaged to help NY realize 2030 50% Clean Energy Standard and GHG reduction goals
- Customer sited energy storage is a platform on which NY can build addition grid supporting programs

# **Benefits for New York**

Engaging Consumers in Grid Mod, Higher RE, GHG Goals

### Empower Energy Consumers

Distributed storage activates energy consumers and is the fastest and cheapest way to solve distribution-level challenges.

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### **Enable Renewable Energy**

Keeping the grid stable at high penetration levels of wind and solar enables widespread reliance on renewables.

### **Increase Grid Efficiency**

Relieving the strain on the grid during peak times reduces the need for "peaker" plants and increases utilization rates.

# **Policy Recommendations**

- Fully compensate storage for peak demand reduction value
  - Rates, tariffs, customer programs
    - Local DR programs include BTM storage
    - Cap tag/PLC



- VDER should credit non-exported value and should improve value if charged from onsite solar
- Encourage BTM storage in more utility NWA procurement (e.g. BQDM)
- Set robust MW and BTM expectations in REV Earnings Adjustment Mechanisms (EAM)
  - Could be achieved through either tariffs or procurements
- Set short-term bridge incentive to help fulfill 1.5 GW landmark storage target

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