



Architecture Council

GridWise Architecture Council Smart Grid Tools for Regulators

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Federal Role in Smart Grid



The GridWise View

- The electricity challenges
 - Ensure reliable electricity
 - Integrate local generation
 - Accommodate energy storage
 - Adjust demand to meet available supply
- The GridWise solution
 - Overlay IT and sensors on the power grid
 - Include end-devices in the power grid
 - Incorporate high-tech and innovative products



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Creating a Smart Grid



Interoperable Smart Grid Domains



The GWAC Stack

GridWise Constitution

- Statement of principles & framework
- Promote consensus on interoperability
- Attributes of principles
 - Simplicity
 - Choice

- Physical reality
- Consistency

- Constitution principles
 - Business 5 principles
 - Usability 3 principles
 - Information Technology10 principles
 - Regulatory 6 principles
 - Policy 3 principles
 - Governance
 5 principles

Constitution Principles: Regulators

- Context: "Business interactions ... are monitored by regulatory bodies ... to ensure a viable electric system that supports our economy and balances issues of social equity."
- *R1*: Interoperability must be understandable
- Interoperability enables regulators to:
 - R2: Verify business rules; audit transactions
 - R3: Verify cost-effectiveness of transactions
 - R4: Provide consumer choices of services
 - R5: Offer reliable, safe service & privacy
 - R6: Define information & skills for consumers

The Context-Setting Framework

Interoperability Options

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Interoperability Checklist

- GWAC guidance for utility decision-makers
 - Energy equipment
 - Information technology
 - Investments and finance
- Does the project advance interoperability?
- 14-point checklist
 - Architecture & design
 - Interconnectivity & security
 - Evolutionary capability & service life
 - Collaborator independence

10-point supplemental checklist for utilities accenders 2011

Checklist Topics

- Architecture & design
 - Clear interfaces
 - Open architecture
 - Technology neutral
- Interconnectivity & security
 - Link capability
 - Standard protocols & models
 - Data accessibility
- Evolutionary capability & service life
 - Device updates
- Collaborator independence

- Multiple vendors
- Standards-based

- Manage devices & users
- Security & privacy
- Redundancy & fail safe

Integrate legacy devices

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Verifying Vendor Claims

- Cannot expect checklist users to verify claims
- Key verification elements
 - Dependence on national & international standards
 - Test conformance to standards
 - Test interoperability
 - Independent testing preferred over self-certification
- Decision Makers must challenge the answers
 - Are the checklist answers accurate?
 - Are the checklist answers verifiable?
 - Does the vendor actively support standards?
 - Are there multiple sources from competing vendors?

What are Standards?

A formal set of rules

- Who creates and owns the rules (specifications)?
 - Proprietary … Company owned; may be secret
 - Open ... Company owned; publicly disclosed
 - Standard ... Created by an authorized organization
 - IEC ... International Electrotechnical Commission
- ISO ... International Org. for Standardization
- ISO/IEC ... Information Technology standards
- ITU-T ... International Telecommunications Union (U.N.)
- ANSI ... American National Standards Institute
 - ASHRAE American Society of HVAC Engineers
 - CEA Consumer Electronics Association
 - NEMA National Electrical Manufacturers Association 2011

Key Steps to Interoperability

- **1. Standard** ... Well-written, easy to test
- **2. Profiles** ... Specification options are clearly delineated
- **3. Conformance** ... Solid testing regime established
- 4. Interoperability ... Solid testing regime established
- **5.** Life-cycle ... Installed product maintenance plan for years

GridWise Resources

- Visit www.gridwiseac.org; click on Publications
- GridWise Architecture Council products
 - Constitution
 - Context-Setting Framework
 - Decision-Maker's Interoperability Checklist

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- Proceedings of Grid-Interop and workshops
- Information, reports, and white papers
- Benefits of interoperability
 - Environmental
 - Financial
 - Reliability