


DCSI – NISC MultiSpeak Integration at Pioneer Electric Cooperative

MultiSpeak User's Conference 2007

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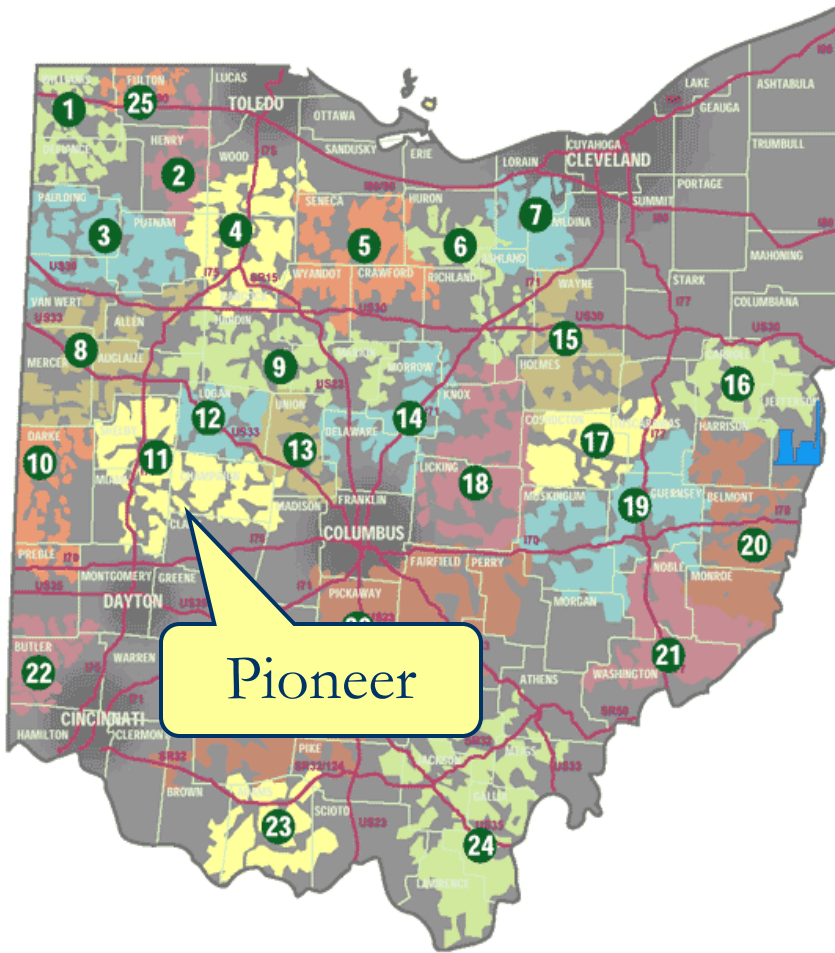
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About Pioneer

- 2,580 miles of line
- 16,200 meters
- 107 MW Demand





Pioneer as a Beta Site

- Started testing the MultiSpeak integration efforts between DCSI and NISC in July 2006
- Work was done on both the CIS and the OMS interfaces
- Served the role of working between the two vendors
 - Troubleshooting
 - Educating the programmers on the other system



AMR at Pioneer

- Started installing a DCSI's TWACS system August 2005
- New AMR system is an extension of Pioneer's Distribution Automation out to the meter
- Used NISC's Mobile Data Solution for paperless meter exchange



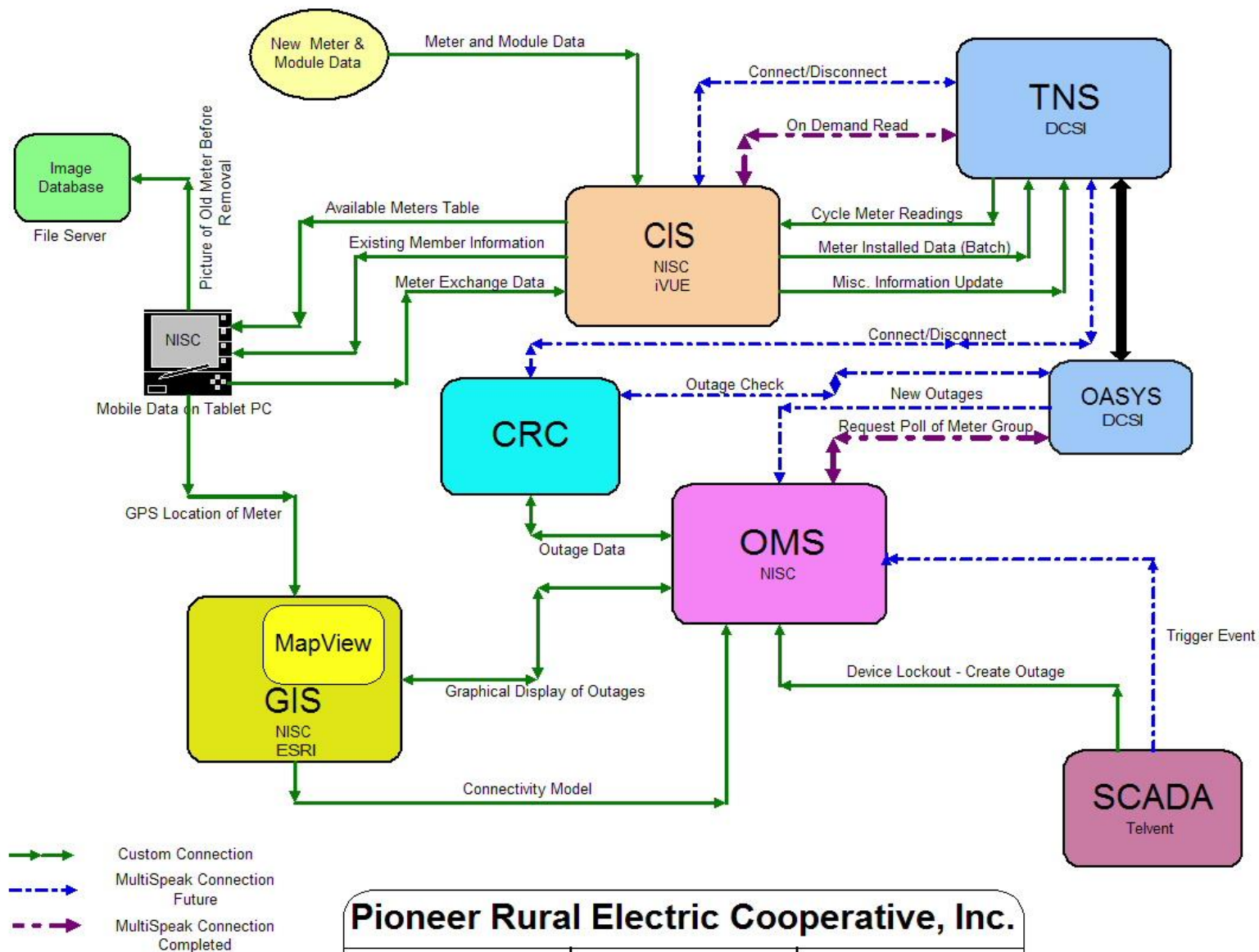
Integration of AMR into Pioneer's Business Systems

- Single entry of data
- Paperless system
- NISC's Mobile Data solution
- AMR meter exchange process has been a non-event for office staff
- Estimated 2 man-years of labor savings (\$84,000)





Proposed AMR Data Flow



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CIS Integration

- On demand meter reading
- Meter add in AMR system real time from iVUE (Work in progress)
- Updating of Substation, Feeder and Phase information from AMR system to CIS

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Readings : JOHNSON JAMES, Cust#: 43575 Customer Level Set Aside Retrieve (0)

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Readings Meter Service Posted History AMR/Interval History

Transaction History Equipment Management Location Management Work Management Administration Reports Processes

AMR Type: DCSI Meter ID: 9164175 Port Number: Read Now

Interval	Reading Date/Time	Pres Rdg Dt	Reg Set	Reading	Demand Rdg	KVAR Reading	AMR Rdg	Blink Count	Post Process Date/Time	Usage/Day	Billable Rdg	Meter #	Rdg #	Rdg Activity
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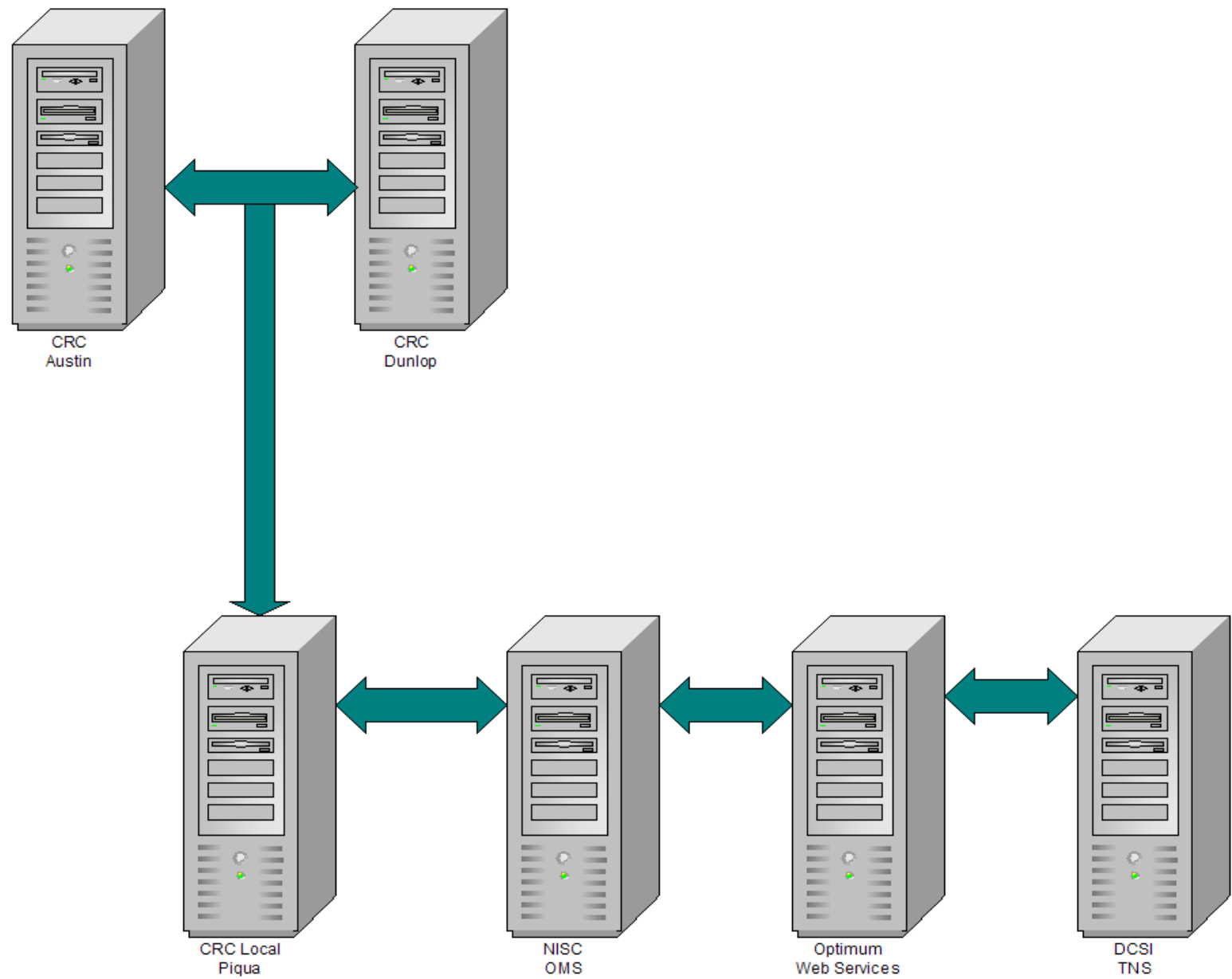
Data Mapping

- About 20 data fields are shared between the CIS and the AMR system
- Each utility maps their data differently in TWACS AMR database
- About half of the data fields are coming across with the 3.0 integration
- Rest of the fields are being updated with a custom batch process



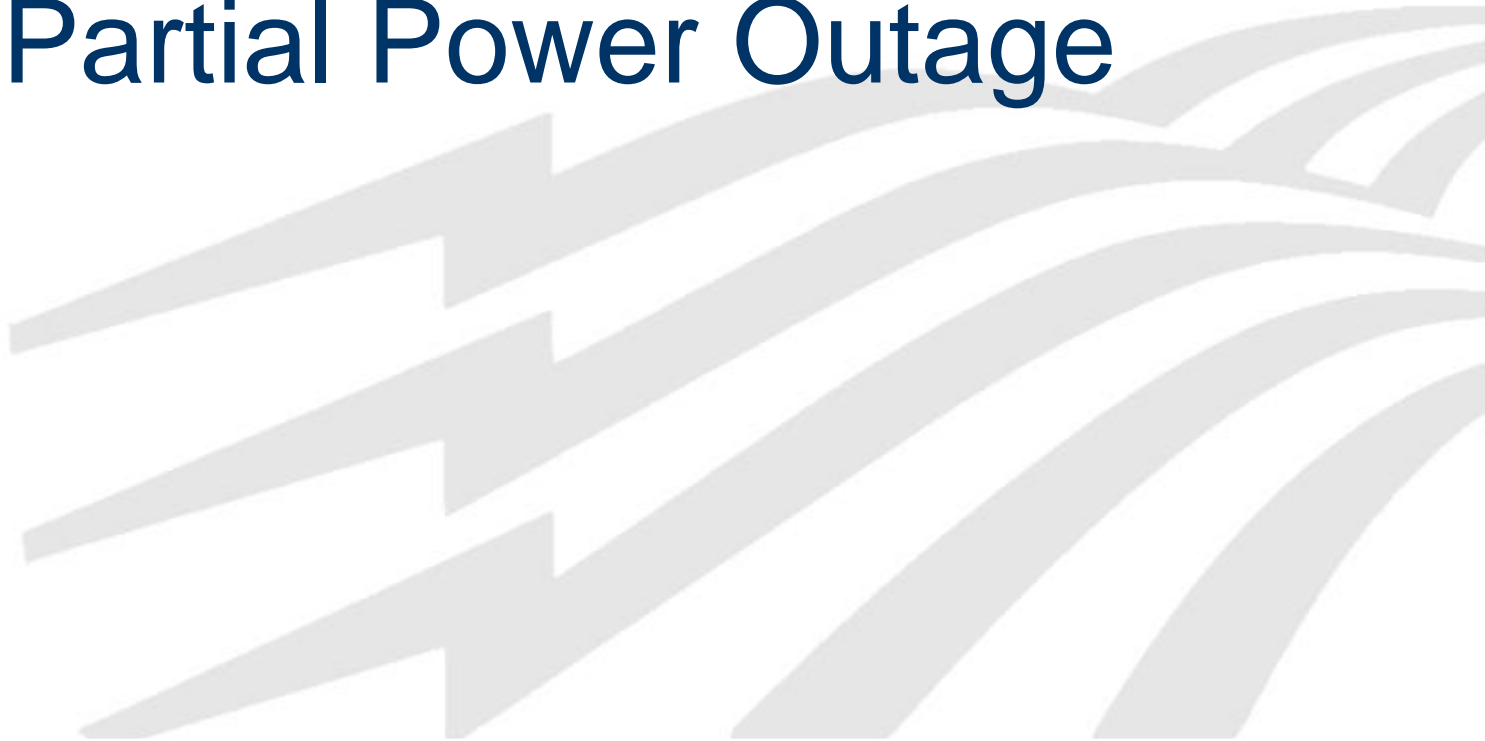
OMS Integration

- Verify meter outage once call has been received
- Check other meters upstream to determine the extent of the outage
- Check all meters that has been a part of an outage once this outage has been restored
- Uses DCSI's Oasys software for fast pings





Partial Power Outage





Filter by Substation: Feeder: District Code: Custom Filter: Edit

Category:	# Outages:	# Calls:	# Out:	Filter Outag...	Filter Calls:	Filter Out:
Restored	4	3	469	4	3	469
Crew Not Assigned	2	1	468	2	1	468
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0
All	4	3	469	4	3	469
Crew Assigned	2	2	1	2	2	1

* Outage:	Status:	Type:	Time Off:	Line Sect.:	Location:	Phs:	Sub:	Fdr:	# Out:	# Calls:	Comments	Crew:	Medical Alert:	Priority:	Gener...	Disp Not...	Dist...	Pro Dvc:
43182	Restored	Meter	4:59:09 AM 11/2/2006	2049	092-75-011	B	20	3	1	1								VSA-5203
43181	Restored	Meter	1:26:00 PM 11/1/2006	2448	067-96-003	C	24	3	1	1		(23)						RECLOSER-2448
43180	Restored	Linesection	10:50:40 AM 11/1/2006	5122		ABC	12	2	467	0								5120
43179	Restored	No Outage	10:18:00 AM 11/1/2006	2245	2245	A	32	2	0	1		(23)						SECTZR-2245

☒ Include Blinks

New Edit Delete Save Cancel

Weather Report Merge Split





Outage#:

43182

Number Out:

1

Status:

Restored

Type:

Meter

Phase:

B

Location:

092-75-011

Connectivity:

Phase:	Sub Cd:	Fdr Cd:	Pro Dvc:
B	20	3	VSA-5203

Date/Time Off:

11/02/2006

04:59 AM

Date/Time On:

11/02/2006

06:29 AM

Cause:

ACCIDENTS, OTHER

Equipment:

ANCHOR OR GUY

Section Name:

2049

Tap:

0

Actual Nbr Out:

Set Device

Connectivity Type:

OH

Account #:

920703

Meter #:

46208990

Transformer #:

811053621

Trf Bank Id:

0

District Cd:

Weather:

Temperature:

Windy:

☐

Major Storm:

☐

Dispatch Comments

Time:	Comments:	User:

Add

Delete

Crew Info

Crew:	Outage:	Time Assigned:	Time On-Site:	Time Off-Site:	User:

Add

Delete

*	*	First Name:	Last Name:	Time Called:	User:	Line Sect:	Phs:	Trf:	Meter:	Service Map Lo...	Comments:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	COLUMBUS	JACKSON	4:59:09 AM 11/2/2006	CRC	2049	B	811053621	46208990	092-75-011	SAME ACCT HAS NO POWER TO LIGHT IN GARAGE, HEAT -- OTHER AREA

- 1
Phone Calls

0
Medical Alert

0
Priority

1
All Consumers

0
Call Back



Select Outage Event



User	▼ Started	Completed	Outage Event Name	Status	Detection	▲
NISC	2-Nov-2006 6:29:48 AM	2-Nov-2006 6:30:06 AM	OD_OA-ping	Complete	Ping	
NISC	2-Nov-2006 5:02:36 AM	2-Nov-2006 5:02:51 AM	OD_OA-ping	Complete	Ping	
NISC	2-Nov-2006 5:02:36 AM	2-Nov-2006 5:06:12 AM	OD_OA-ping	Complete	Ping	
Pioneer	2-Nov-2006 3:30:04 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:36:30 AM	East Sidney Feeder 4	Complete	Blink Coun	
Pioneer	2-Nov-2006 3:00:22 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:12:09 AM	East Casstown Feeder 4	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 3:00:21 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:24:27 AM	McCaryvilleFd3Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 3:00:21 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:19:38 AM	McCaryvilleFd2Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 3:00:20 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:22:33 AM	EagleFdr3Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 3:00:19 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:21:42 AM	EagleFdr2Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 3:00:19 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:12:44 AM	EagleFdr4Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 3:00:18 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:14:40 AM	East Sidney Frd3 Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 3:00:18 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:05:04 AM	McCaryvilleFd1Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 3:00:17 AM	2-Nov-2006 3:09:18 AM	HaltermanFdr3Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 2:30:12 AM	2-Nov-2006 2:37:00 AM	East Sidney Fdr 2 Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	
jhickman	2-Nov-2006 2:30:12 AM	2-Nov-2006 2:39:37 AM	HaltermanFdr2Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun	▼

Show only Events beginning with:

OK

Refresh

Cancel Job

Delete Job

Cancel



Job Status: Complete

Time Job Started: 2-Nov-2006 5:02:36 AM

Time Job Finished: 2-Nov-2006 5:06:12 AM

☒ Outage Display ☒ Current Status

☐ Blink Display ☐ Previous Status

☐ Voltage Display ☐ Original Status

[Refresh](#)

☐ Auto Refresh

Refresh Now

Every ☐ Seconds

☒ Minutes

Cancel Job

Hierarchy **List**

Substation	Bus	Feeder	Phase	⚠ Sta...	Meter Number	Customer Acct.	Premises ID	Protective Device	Transformer Grid	User1
GIVENS (20)	BUS	FDR3	B	✖ Offline	46208990	920703	092-75-011	VSA-5203	811053621	COLUMBUS





Job Status: Complete

Time Job Started: 2-Nov-2006 5:02:36 AM

Time Job Finished: 2-Nov-2006 5:02:51 AM

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Cancel Job

Hierarchy List

Substation	Bus	Feeder	Phase	 Status	Meter Number	Customer Acct.	Premises ID	Protective Device	Transformer Grid	User1	User2
GIVENS (20)	BUS	FDR3	B	 Online	46208991	947900	092-75-012	VSA-5203	811053621	JOHN E LONG	154 E C





Outage#: 43182
Number Out: 1
Status: Restored
Type: Meter
Phase: B
Location: 092-75-011

Connectivity:

Phase:	Sub Cd:	Fdr Cd:	Pro Dvc:
B	20	3	VSA-5203

Date/Time Off: 11/02/2006 04:59 AM
Date/Time On: 11/02/2006 06:29 AM
Cause: ACCIDENTS, OTHER
Equipment: ANCHOR OR GUY
Section Name: 2049
Tap: 0
Actual Nbr Out:

Set Device

Connectivity Type: OH
Account #: 920703
Meter #: 46208990
Transformer #: 811053621
Trf Bank Id: 0
District Cd:
Weather:
Temperature:
Windy: ☐
Major Storm: ☐

Dispatch Comments

Time:	Comments:	User:
	BAD SECONDARY URD	CRC

Add Delete

Crew Info

Crew:	Outage:	Time Assigned:	Time On-Site:	Time Off-Site:	User:
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Add Delete

* *	First Name:	Last Name:	Time Called:	User:	Line Sect:	Phs:	Trf:	Meter:	Service Map Lo...	Comments:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	COLUMBUS	JACKSON	4:59:09 AM 11/2/2006	CRC	2049	B	811053621	46208990	092-75-011	SAME ACCT HAS NO POWER TO LIGHT IN GARAGE, HEAT -- OTHER AREA

- 1 Phone Calls
- 0 Medical Alert
- 0 Priority
- 1 All Consumers
- 0 Call Back



Job Status: Complete

Time Job Started: 2-Nov-2006 6:29:48 AM

Time Job Finished: 2-Nov-2006 6:30:06 AM

- ☒ Outage Display
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 ☐ Voltage Display
- ☒ Current Status
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Refresh

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Refresh Now

Every



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Cancel Job

Hierarchy List

Substation	Bus	Feeder	Phase	 Status	Meter Number	Customer Acct.	Premises ID	Protective Device	Transformer Grid	User1
GIVENS (20)	BUS	FDR3	B	 Online	46208990	920703	092-75-011	VSA-5203	811053621	COLUMBUS JACK





Another Partial Power Outage





Outage#: 43179
Number Out: 0
Status: Restored
Type: No Outage
Phase: A
Location: 2245

Connectivity

Phase:	Sub Cd:	Fdr Cd:	Pro Dvc:
A	32	2	SECTZR-2245

Date/Time Off: 11/01/2006 10:18 AM
Date/Time On: 11/01/2006 10:37 AM
Cause: NO CAUSE CODE
Equipment: NO EQUIP CODE
Section Name: 2245
Tap: 0
Actual Nbr Out:

Set Device

Connectivity Type: OH
Account #: 1585301
Meter #: 45754337
Transformer #: 294867
Trf Bank Id: 0
District Cd:
Weather:
Temperature:
Windy: ☐
Major Storm: ☐

Dispatch Comments

Time:	Comments:	User:
10:37:25 AM 11/1/2006		kjohnsona
10:20:35 AM 11/1/2006		kjohnsona
10:19:06 AM 11/1/2006	MEMBER SAID SHE HAS PARTIAL POWER	dwebb

Add Delete

Crew Info

Crew:	Outage:	Time Assigned:	Time On-Site:	Time Off-Site:	User:
23	43179	10:19:57 AM 11/1/2...	10:20:00 AM 11/1/2...	10:37:29 AM 11/1/2...	kjohnsona

Add Delete

Save Close Report Outage Ticker

*	*	First Name:	Last Name:	Time Called:	User:	Line Sect.:	Phs:	Trf:	Meter:	Service Map Lo...	Comments:
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- 1 Phone Calls
- 0 Medical Alert
- 0 Priority
- 0 All Consumers
- 0 Call Back



Select Outage Event



User	Started	Completed	Outage Event Name	Status	Detection
jhickman	1-Nov-2006 10:30:13 AM		Route 66 FDR2 Blinks	Running	Blink Coun
jhickman	1-Nov-2006 10:30:12 AM		HaltermanFdr2Blinks	Running	Blink Coun
jhickman	1-Nov-2006 10:30:11 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:36:45 AM	EastCassF2Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun
jhickman	1-Nov-2006 10:30:11 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:36:54 AM	East Sidney Fdr 2 Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun
NISC	1-Nov-2006 10:18:52 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:19:10 AM	OD_OA-ping	Complete	Ping
NISC	1-Nov-2006 10:18:49 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:19:04 AM	OD_OA-ping	Complete	Ping
NISC	1-Nov-2006 10:16:43 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:17:07 AM	OD_OA-ping	Complete	Ping
NISC	1-Nov-2006 10:16:43 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:17:01 AM	OD_OA-ping	Complete	Ping
jhickman	1-Nov-2006 10:00:15 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:10:34 AM	Route 66 FDR1 Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun
Pioneer	1-Nov-2006 10:00:15 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:06:23 AM	East Sidney Fdr 1Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun
jhickman	1-Nov-2006 10:00:14 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:15:48 AM	Halterman Fdr 1 Blinks	Complete	Blink Coun
jhickman	1-Nov-2006 10:00:13 AM	1-Nov-2006 10:07:14 AM	ECassFdr1Per	Complete	Blink Coun
NISC	1-Nov-2006 8:52:16 AM	1-Nov-2006 8:59:01 AM	OD_OA-ping	Complete	Ping
Pioneer	1-Nov-2006 3:30:22 AM	1-Nov-2006 3:34:26 AM	East Sidney Feeder 4	Complete	Blink Coun
Pioneer	1-Nov-2006 3:00:23 AM	1-Nov-2006 3:12:36 AM	East Casstown Feeder 4	Complete	Blink Coun

Show only Events beginning with:

OK

Refresh

Cancel Job

Delete Job

Cancel

Job Status: Complete

Time Job Started: 1-Nov-2006 10:18:52 AM

Time Job Finished: 1-Nov-2006 10:19:10 AM

☒ Outage Display ☒ Current Status

☐ Blink Display ☐ Previous Status

☐ Voltage Display ☐ Original Status

[Refresh](#)

☐ Auto Refresh

Every

☐ Seconds





☒ Minutes

Refresh Now

Cancel Job

Hierarchy

List

Substation	Bus	Feeder	Phase	 Status	Meter Number	Customer Acct.	Premises
EAGLE (32)	BUS	FDR2	A	 Online	45754407	190001	081-79-00
EAGLE (32)	BUS	FDR2	A	 Online	45754409	190102	082-50-00
EAGLE (32)	BUS	FDR2	A	 Online	45754412	190202	082-50-00

Job Status: Complete

Time Job Started: 1-Nov-2006 10:18:49 AM

Time Job Finished: 1-Nov-2006 10:19:04 AM

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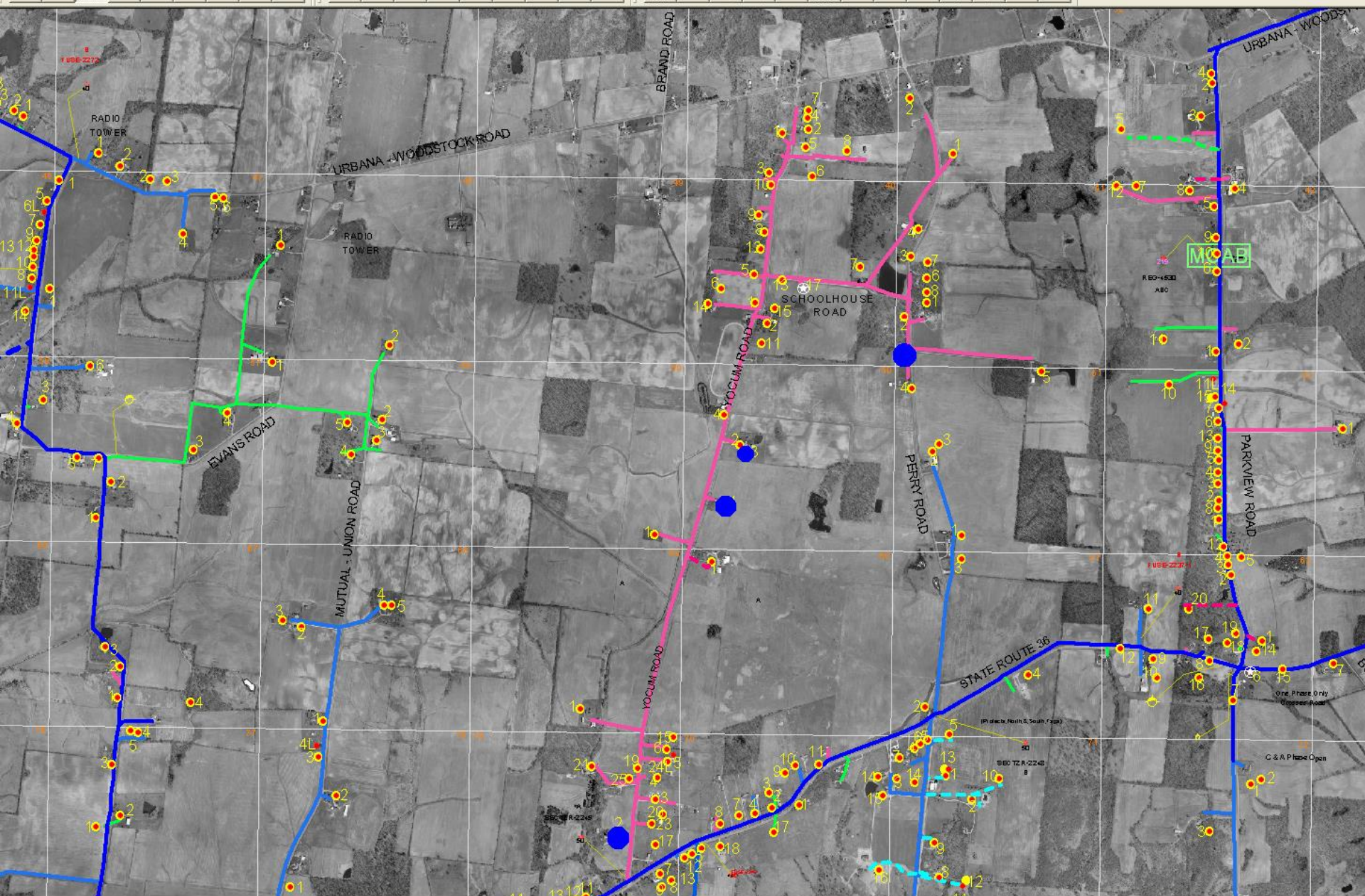
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Cancel Job

Hierarchy

List

Substation	Bus	Feeder	Phase	 Status	Meter Number	Customer Acct.	Premises
EAGLE (32)	BUS	FDR2	A	 Online	45754337	1585301	082-41-00





Cost Savings on the Outage Management Side

- Crew call out after hours - \$350 per occurrence
- After an outage has been restored all meters are immediately checked – crew does not have to return to the area later
- With AMR integration the scope of the outage is more quickly determined



In Summary

- During early stages of development only some of the data fields are being sent across by MultiSpeak
- Business processes need to become more real time in the utility
- Databases need to compare occasionally to make sure that they are synchronized
- Utilities must play an active role as vendors do their development work



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