



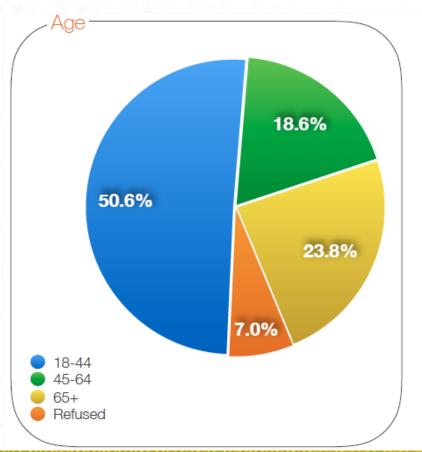
### New River Light & Power - AMI Integration

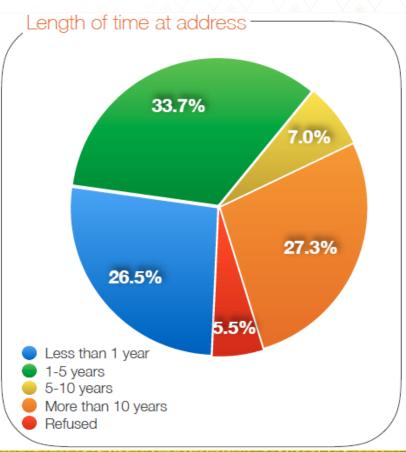
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### **System**

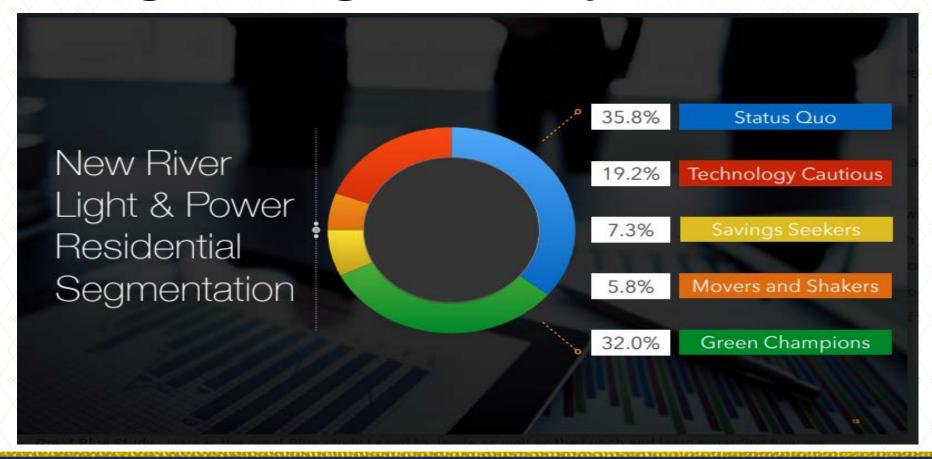
- Located in Boone
- Owned by Appalachian State University
- 8,500 customers
- 6,000 are residential
  - Over 2,500 residents turn over each year
  - Large percentage are in apartment complexes













#### **Challenges**

- Justification- 2.3 Million Investment (\$270/meter)
  - Cost: 2.3Million
  - Payback Tangible
    - + Meter Reader reductions (3)
    - + Meter reading accuracy/ +Reduction of rereads
    - (-) IT demands
      - Analytics resources
      - Customer access to Data
    - (-) Customer Service Representatives
      - Complex billing/payment options
      - Customer access to data reports





#### **Challenges**

- Payback Intangible
  - Program offerings
    - Prepay
    - Customer Convenience
    - Energy savings
    - Demand savings (Beat the Peak)
    - Analytics
  - System efficiencies
    - Voltage reduction
    - Damaged Meters
    - Failed customer equipment





## **Getting Started**





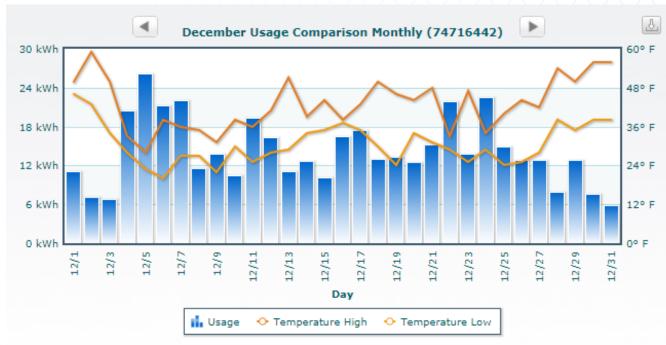
We wanted more than just a meter reading system...





### Improved Customer Service





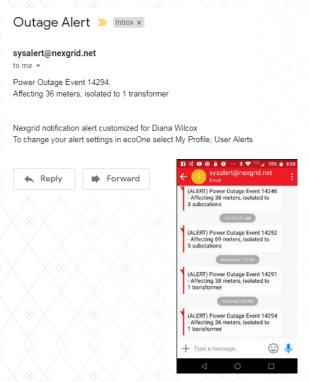
Monthly Usage: 439.658 kWh

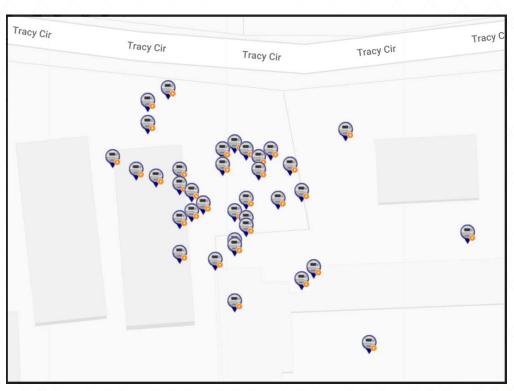
We want to help our customers understand their bills and consumption...

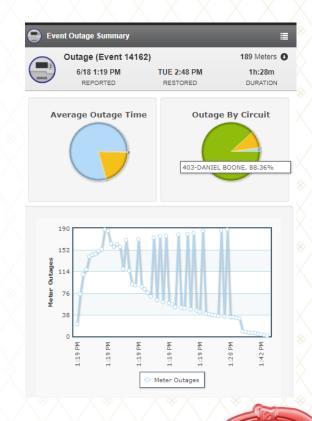




## Improved Outage Response





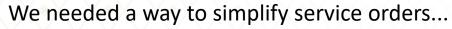


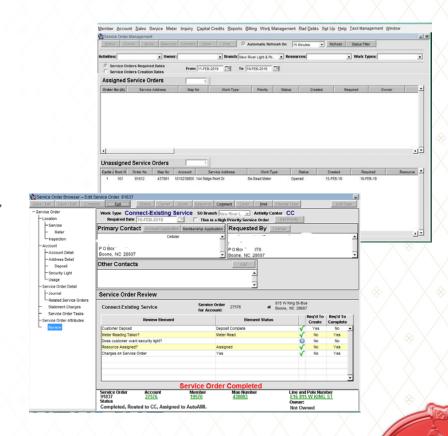
We want to know about outages...



## **Automating Service Orders**







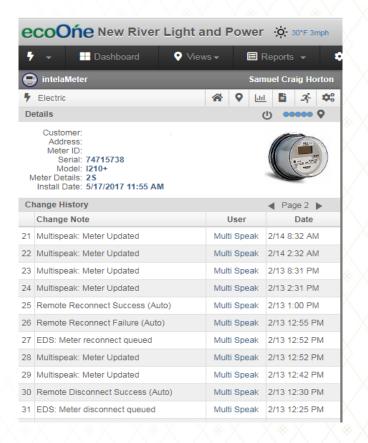


## **Automating Cut-Off for Non-Pay**

New River Light & Power Tel No - (828) 264-3671

Date 19 FEB 2019		COLLECTION VOUCHER			SO Numb	er 91885
		<u>A</u>	rrears			
Cutoff Amount	\$0.00					
Past Due	\$92.99	Cycle 1 Credit Rating C Last Payment \$100.	00	Meter Book Sequence Account Number	201 166 2015672701	
Subtotal	\$92.99	Last PayDate 18-FEE	-2019	Billing Type	Standard	
Current Amount	\$56.74	Collection Charges (TAXE) Field Collection Reconnection	S INCLUDED \$0.00	Name )	Boone, NC 28	607 <sup>°</sup>
Reconnect Charge		08:00:00 AM - 05:00:59 PM	\$26.75			
		05:01:00 PM - 07:59:59 AM	\$64.20	Phone	(828)964-3793	
Total	\$149.73	Weekends and Holidays	\$64.20	Map Number	436204	
		Current Deposit	\$135.00	Line and Pole Service Address	C17.	
ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT MAY BE REQUIRED UPON RECONNECT				Service Address	Boone, NC 28	607
Active Sec Lights	On Acet: 0					
Active Sec Lights At Active Surge Dev					Guarantor Branch	
Active Surge Dev At	Service: 0	Assigned To: AMI	- In Progre	ss	DIMICI	New River Light & Power
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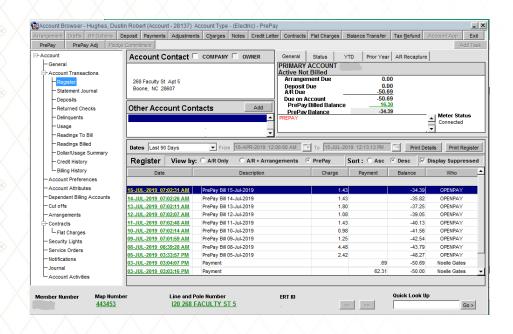
And Cut-Off for Non-Pay needed streamlining...

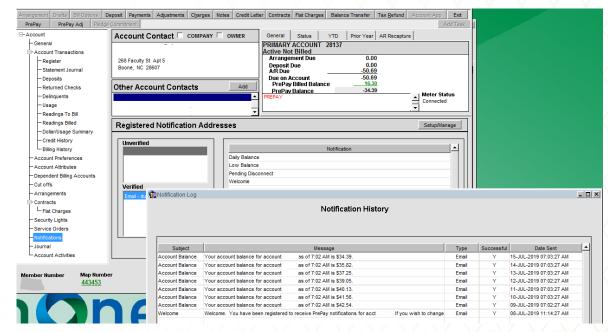






## **Prepaid Service**



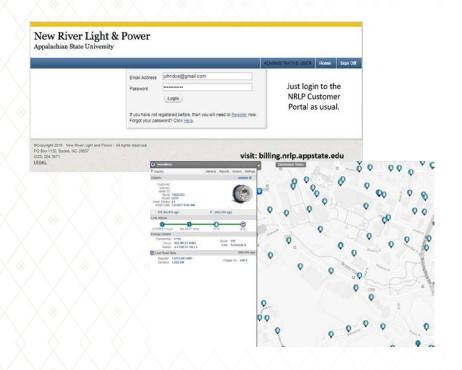


We want to allow our customers flexibility in paying for electricity...





## Joining NRLP Customer Portal with AMI Portal

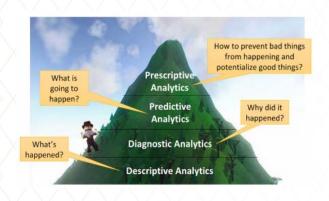




We wanted customers to see all their information easily...



## **Academic Integration**







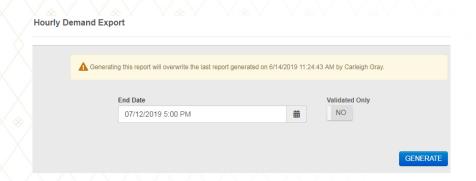


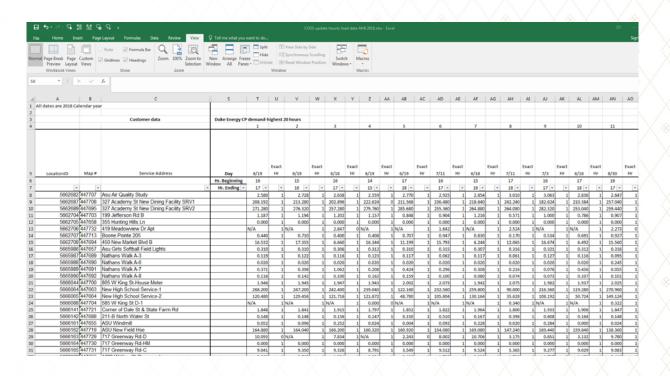
We want to help the students at Appalachian...





### **Cost of Service and Rate Data**





We want to make sure our rates are accurate and fair to all customers...





#### What's Next?

- Continued Academic Integration
- More accurate cost of service and rate case data through available AMI data.





## **Operations**

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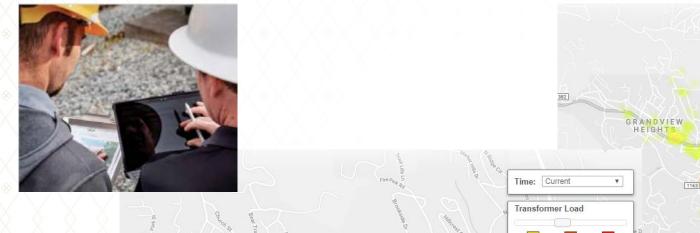
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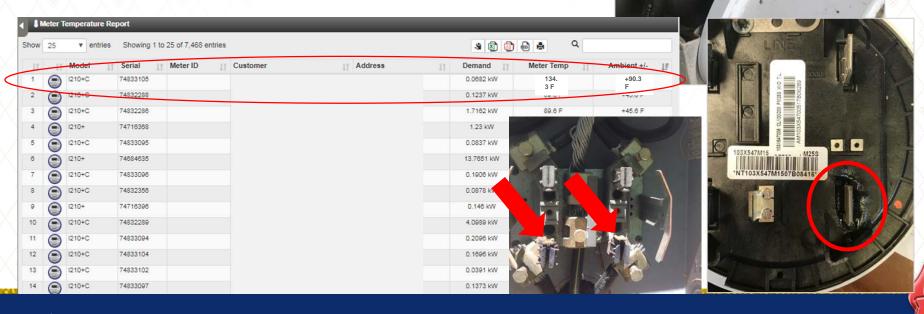


## **Meter Temperature**

Temps approaching +100F above ambient

Bad or loose lugs/connections upon inspection

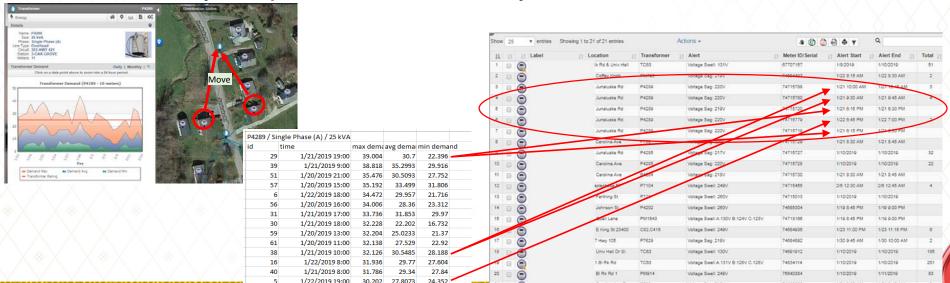
Customers informed that repairs necessary





### **Voltage Drop**

- Voltage Report identified sag to 219-220 volts on five 240 volt services connected to same transformer
- Transformer found to be at 120-156% load
- 2 secondary drops moved to nearby under-loaded transformer



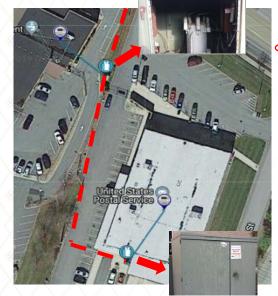


## **Transformer Right-Sizing**

Boone Post Office 300kVA to 75kVA

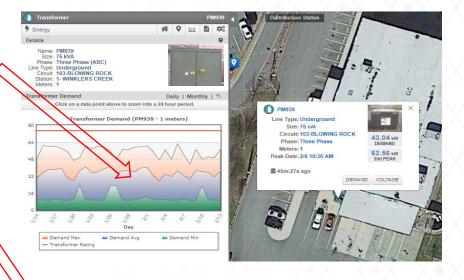
Transformer average load now at ~50%

225kVA winding loss eliminated = \$



1	PM1523/T	nree Phase (AB	C) / 75 kVA	1		
2	id	date	max dema	avg dema	min dema	nd
3	273	5/17/2018	89.52	42.7925	10.24	$\supset$
4	259	5/31/2018	87.2	45 8222	10	
5	257	6/2/2018	86.88	45.2467	8.56	
6	241	6/18/2018	84.56	62.6589	8.88	
7	253	6/6/2018	84.4	39.131	10	/
8	243	6/16/2018	83.76	51.8828	8.64	$^{\prime}$
9	245	6/14/2018	81.92	49.9331	8.56	
10	244	6/15/2018	81.36	50.8033	8.4	_/
11	246	6/13/2018	79.2	48.2286	9.92	
12	483	10/10/2017	78.8	54.8833	10.24	
13	258	6/1/2018	78.64	45.3258	10	
14	252	6/7/2018	78.16	46.6631	10.08	
15	248	6/11/2018	76.72	46.1438	10	
16	240	6/19/2018	76.4	45.8879	10.08	
17	230	6/29/2018	76.24	45.3692	7.28	
18	190	8/8/2018	76.16	42.0448	11.36	
19	195	8/3/2018	75.76	45.503	10.8	
20	167	8/31/2018	75.68	47.3617	11.12	
21	239	6/20/2018	75.6	48.0856	10	
22	218	7/11/2018	75.2	43.4011	10.8	
23	234	6/25/2018	75.04	41.32	9.6	
24	261	5/29/2018	75.04	43.3368	9.36	
25	182	8/16/2018	74.64	47.1565	10.72	
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Daily Demand Report 18 Month History



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PM1523/	Three Phase (	ABC) / 75 kVA	1			
id	time		max dema	avg dema	min dema	nd
6	1 5/	17/2018 9:00	89.52	78.8	68.08	$\overline{}$
6	0 5/1	7/2018 10:00	89.12	88.38	87.52	
5	9 5/1	7/2018 11:00	88.16	87.56	86.56	_
5	6 5/1	7/2018 14:00	71.36	60.38	53.52	
3	3 5/1	8/2018 15:00	68.8	61.96	55.12	
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Hourly Demand Report 2 Day History

#### **Lifespan No Load Loss Estimate:**

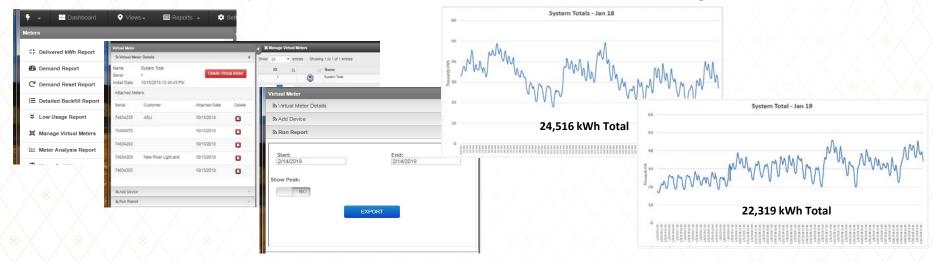
25yr lifespan 0.5% loss 225kva x .9pf = 202.5 kw \$0.06/kwh 8,766hr/year

\$13,313 PV \$24,682 FV



#### **Virtual Meters**

- Jan 2018 Used SCADA raw data & custom MSAccess database analysis
- Summer/Fall 2018 Installed AMI meters at all 5 substations
- Jan 2019 Used EcoOne virtual meter data
- Compare year over year and provide projected earning/cost based on MTD





#### Links

**NRLP** Website

Customer Portal Introduction Video

ASU C.A.R.E. Center

**E2e Project Article** 

**ASU Energy Center** 





### Summary

- There are Positives and Negatives to implementing and AMI system
  - Classic "Dealing with change"
  - Identifying customer wants, needs, and greeds today and the future...
- Meter reading alone is NOT justification for AMI
- Staffing needs change significantly with the new technology
  - Fill new needs while finding the right place for existing staff.....
- Gains in customer information and outage notifications are helpful
- Data availability increases
- System Management XFMRs, meters, voltage, etc.



### Questions?

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