# **Smart Grid Update**



# Customer Engagement

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# SG Strategic Goals

### Member Relationship & Loyalty

 Expand strategies that strengthen relationship with members, communities and leaders

#### EFFICIENCY · With remote meter reading and reconnection, we can save time and money (and reduce air pollution). With more detailed data about demand and usage we can distribute power more efficiently. RELIABILITY AFFORDABILITY · New meters help us locate-and respond · Operating more efficiently can help minimize to-outages faster and more safely. cost increases. · New meters can help us improve power . We can use the new data to help our members New quality, reducing surges and blinking. address high bills. · New meters mean consistent billing periods. technology to help us serve you better

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#### **Member Concerns**

- Radio Frequency Interference
- Radio Frequency Exposure
- Data Privacy / Security
  - Utility monitoring
- Meter Accuracy and Billing
- Rate Impacts



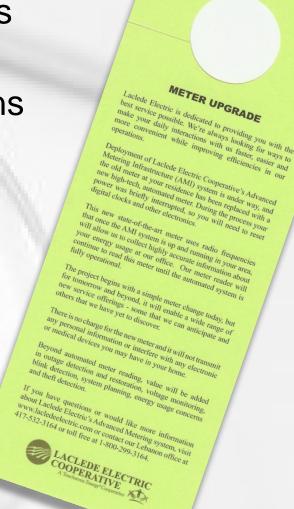
#### **SG Communications**

- Internal communications importance
  - Customer Service Representatives training
- Communicate early and often
  - Benefits to members
  - Non-technical terms
  - Variety of media
- Maintain trust
  - Other content on SG readily available
  - Focus on our message





- Rural Missouri Monthly Updates
- Radio Interviews
- Civic Organization Presentations
- Door Hangers
- Open House Demonstrations
  - AMI System
  - Outage Management
  - Distribution Automation
  - Energy Efficiency
- Website and Social Media



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### Summary

- Constant and consistent communications
- Benefits to members
  - Reliability
  - Efficiency
  - Affordability
- Internal personnel understanding of SG operation and member benefits
- Timely Response to issues / concerns
  - Perception is reality
- Next Steps Meter Data Portal
  - Benchmarking and analysis