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# The Distribution Grid of the Future

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# Agenda

- Recognizing Future Needs
- Vision of a Smart Grid
- Distribution vision in the Smart Grid
- Distribution Smart Grid technologies / characteristics
- Example of dynamic islanding
- Seek real solutions to achieve benefits
- Impacts for suppliers and users



# Recognizing the Future Power Needs

- By 2010, the Consumer Electronics (CE) sector will represent the largest single usage category for domestic electricity
- By 2020, entertainment, computers and gadgets will account for 45% of electricity used in the home and need the equivalent of 14 average-sized power stations to power them.



**The average US household owns 26 consumer electronic products**

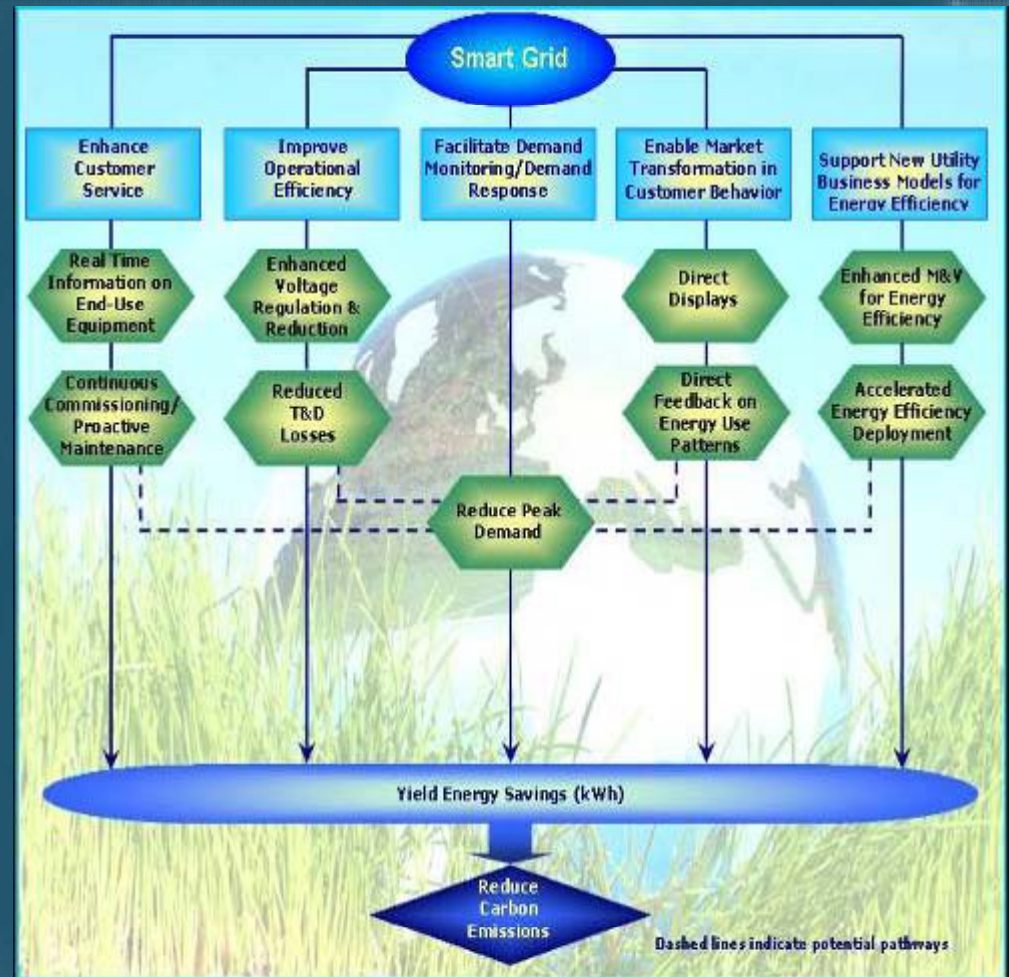


**Further increases in dependency on electronic devices drives demand for near-perfect power quality and uninterrupted power availability**



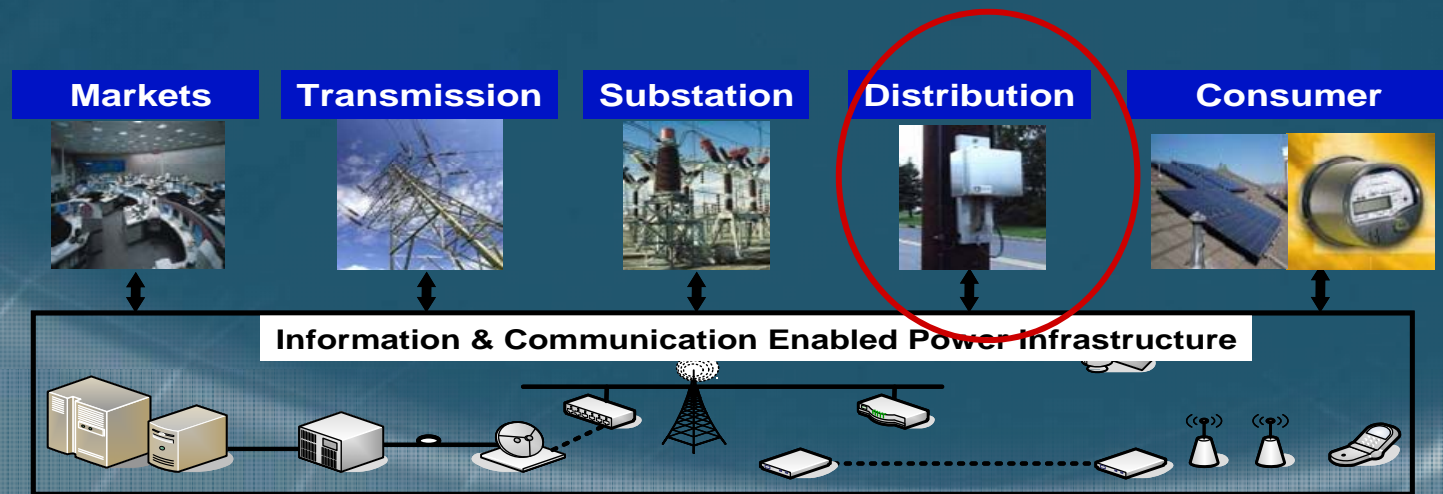
# Is a Smart Grid a Green Grid?

- Initial estimated annual energy savings are 37 – 194 billion kWh
  - equivalent to reducing 24 – 126 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>
  - equivalent to removing 4 to 20 million cars off the road



# Vision of a Smart Grid

- Enable active participation by consumers
- Accommodate all generation & storage
- Enable new products, services, markets
- Provide power quality for digital economy
- Optimize asset utilization, operate efficiently
- Anticipate & respond to system disturbances
- Operate resiliently against attack & natural disasters





# Distribution Vision in the Smart Grid

- Performs real-time simulation and contingency analysis
  - Automatically adjusts
  - Interacts between distribution devices, meters, home area networks, DG sources and substations
  - Readily accommodates renewables, distributed generation, storage, plug-in-vehicles
  - Supports islanding and re-established interconnection
  - Provides diagnostics / statistics
- phase balancing
  - self-healing
  - peak reduction
  - loss management
  - congestion management
  - curtailment / price signals

# Distribution Smart Grid Technologies

- Distribution Grid Management
  - distribution automation
  - advanced metering infrastructure
- Distributed Resources
  - energy storage
  - distributed generation
  - electric vehicles
  - wind generation
  - solar generation
- Integration with meters, home area networks and substations



Smart Meters



Intelligent  
Distribution Devices



Renewables



Energy Storage



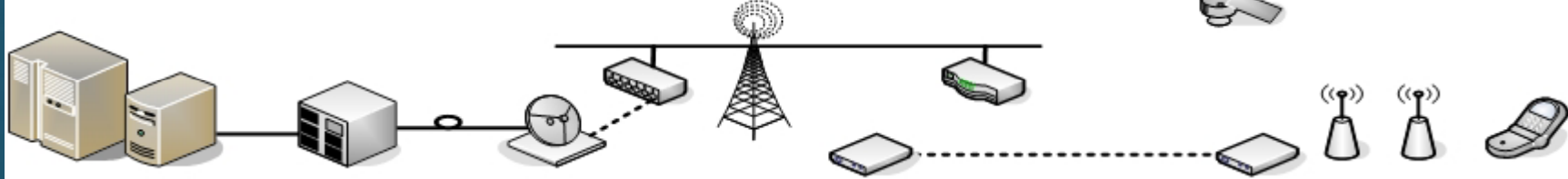
# Technology Characteristics

- Capable of being updated dynamically
- Supports present and future protocols, DNP compatible
- Uses the most secure technologies
- Deployable in stages, scaleable
- Utilizes integrated communications:
  - Adequate bandwidth – for AMI, DA,DG,PHEV
  - Capable of prioritizing traffic - minimal latency
  - Avoids interference and is redundant
  - Supports peer-to-peer and peer-to-master communications



# EPRI Smart Grid Demonstration

Communication Media: BPL, Wi-Max, Satellite, Fiber, DSL, Wi-Fi, RF Mesh, etc.

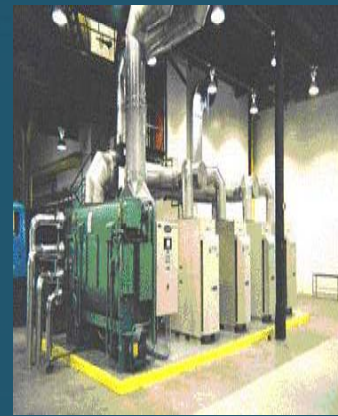
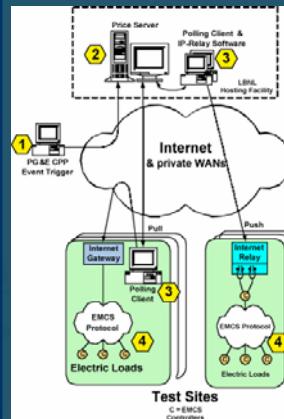


Smart Grid Infrastructure: Software/database, network communication and monitoring, and control architecture

## Substation/Feeder DER Integration



## C&I Customer Demand Response & DER Integration



## Residential Customer Demand Response & DER Integration



**Reduce Peak Demand, Enable Energy Efficiency, and Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Footprint Through Dynamic Pricing & DER Integration**

# Energy Storage

- Energy Storage Benefits
  - Cost deferral of new substations
  - Improved service reliability
  - Less stress on aging infrastructure
  - Integration of renewable energy
  - Energy market value
  - Frequency regulation
- Have installed several 1 MW -- 7.2 MWh NaS Batteries
  - Peak shaving for a station transformer
  - Dynamic islanding with distribution automation integration
  - Facilitating more dispatchable wind generation



Energy Storage



# 2008 NaS Storage Project Overviews

**AEP - Balls Gap, West Virginia**



**AEP - Churubusco, Indiana**



**AEP - Bluffton, Ohio**



**Xcel – Beaver Creek, Minnesota**



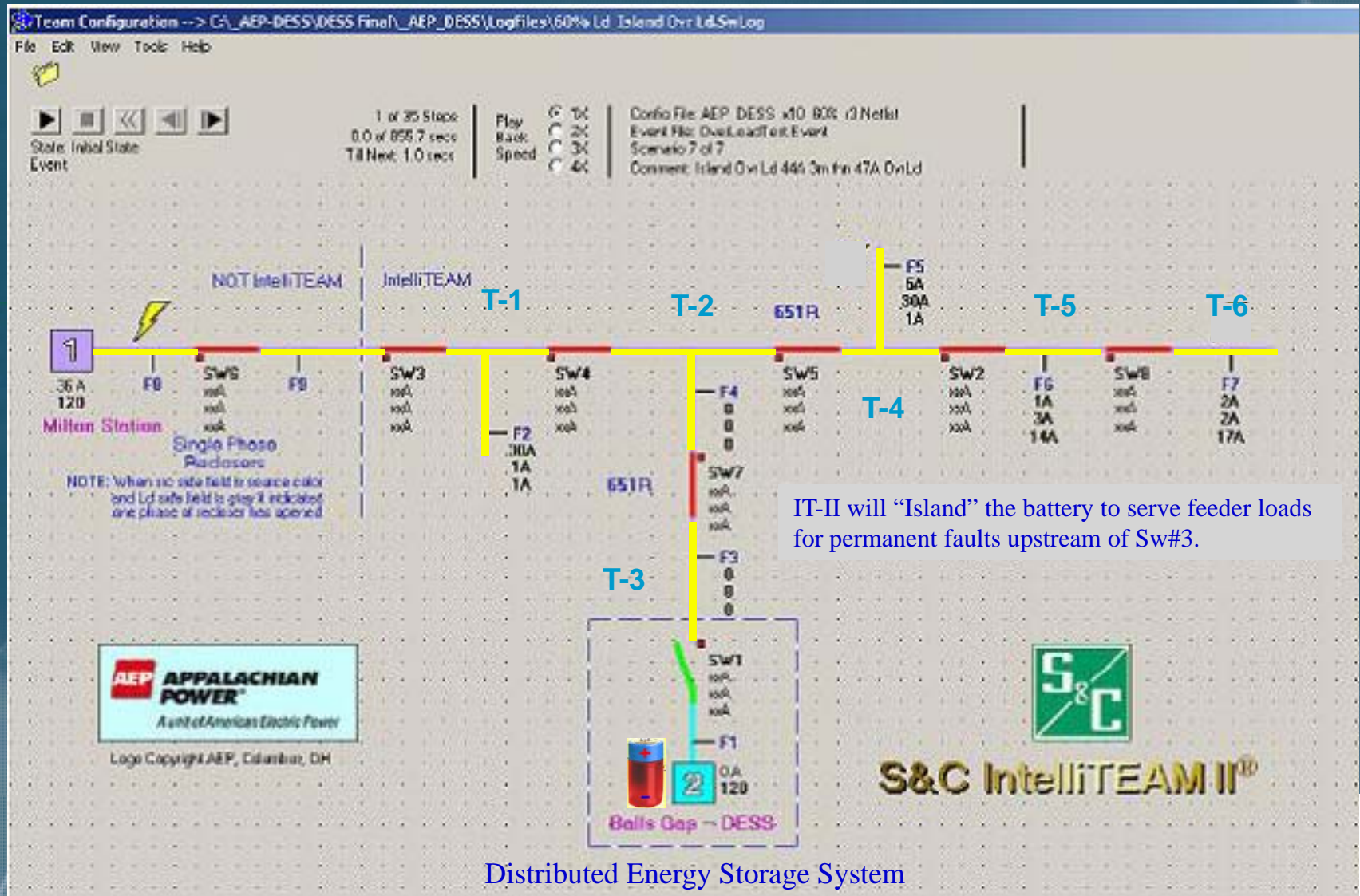
# Dynamic Islanding from Storage and DA

- Load information is captured by Intellitem II devices
- Dynamic islanding activated upon loss of power
- The maximum number of customers are restored serviced by the battery based upon:
  - Last load information
  - Energy in the battery
- The island can be minimized as the battery depletes
- Customer load served until battery is exhausted or power is restored



# Using a NaS Battery to Mitigate Outages

## A Fault Occurs Locking Out the Balls Gap Feeder

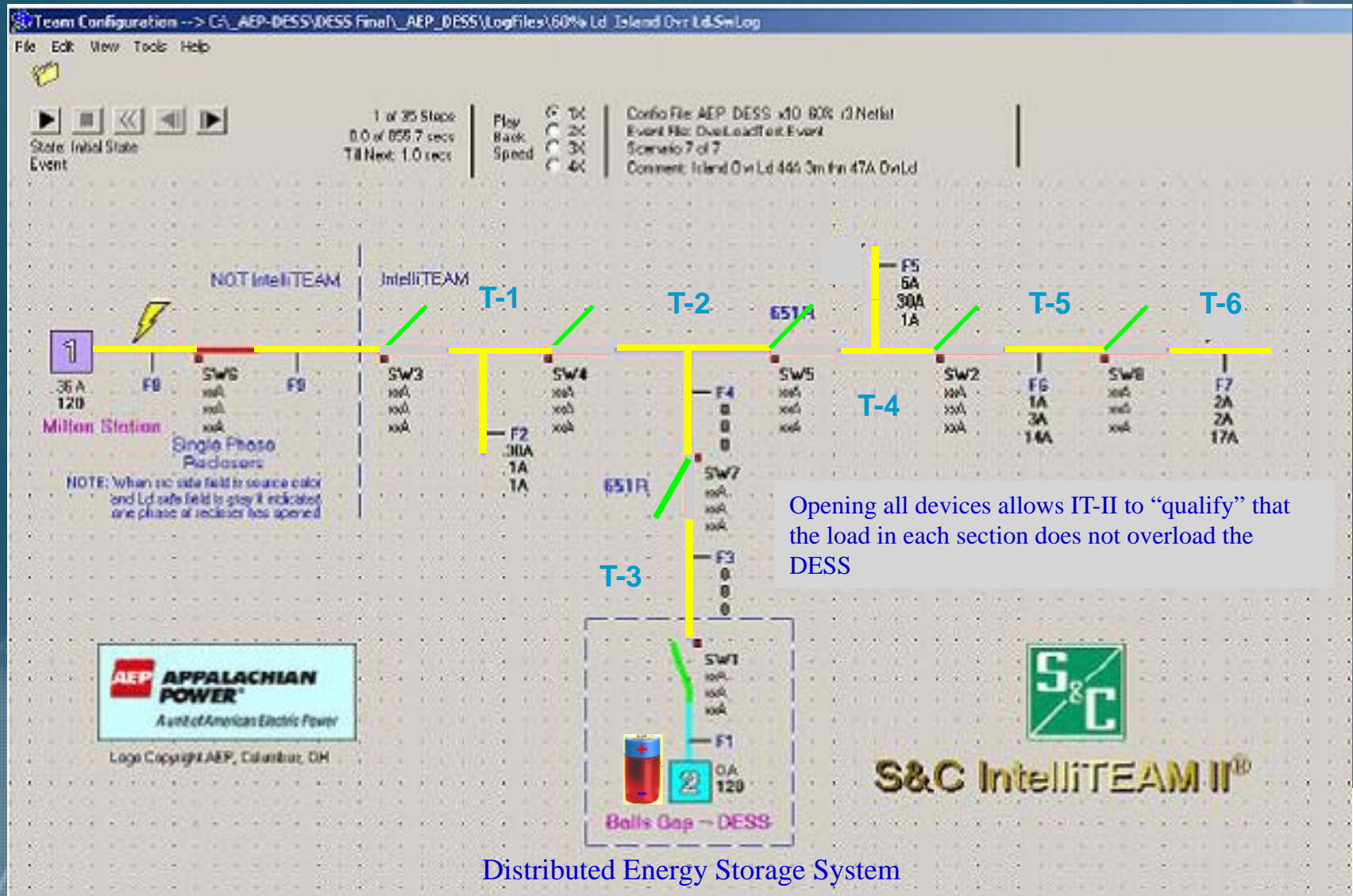


Distributed Energy Storage System



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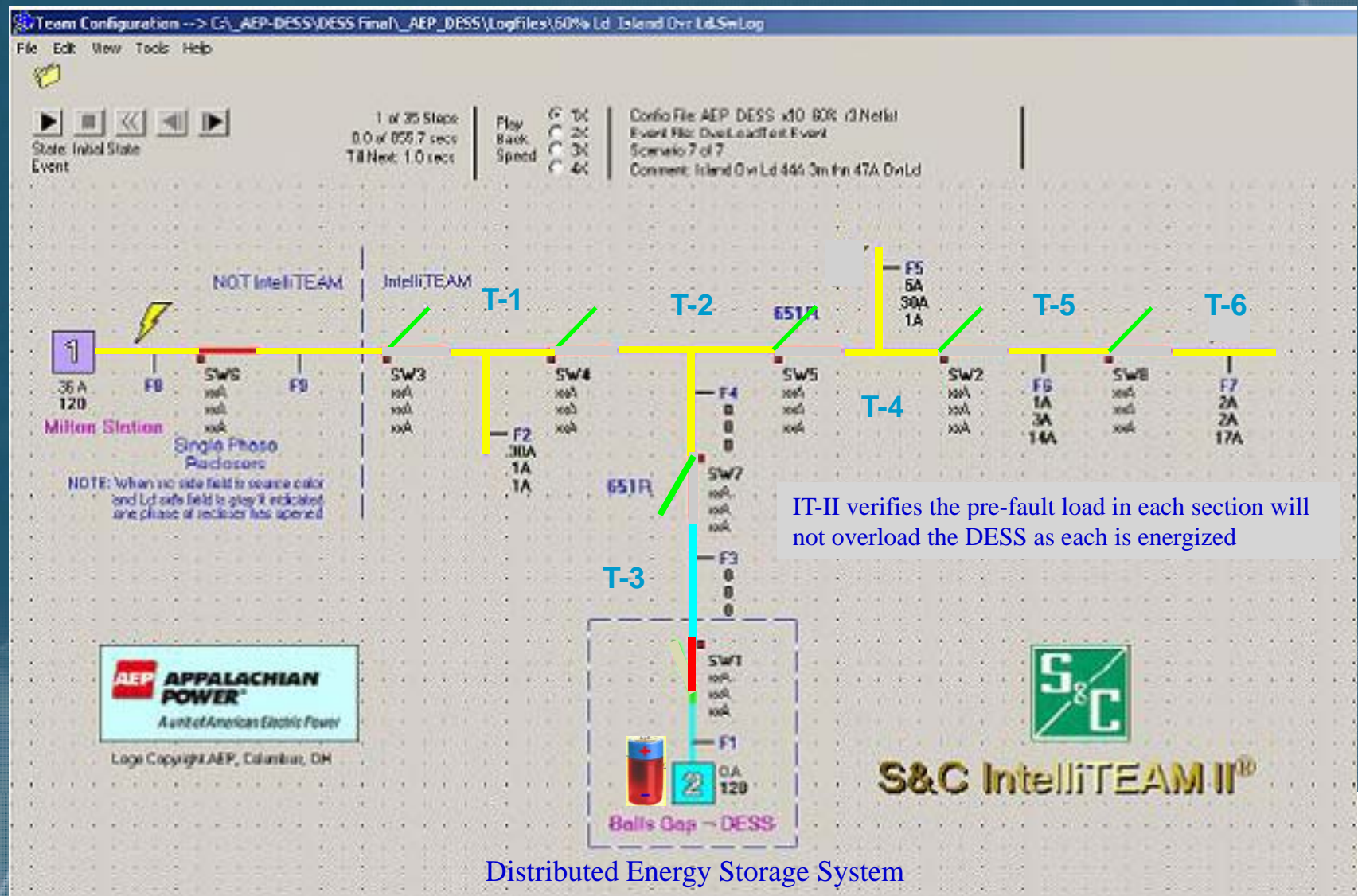
## All IT-II Devices Open (on Loss Of Voltage)





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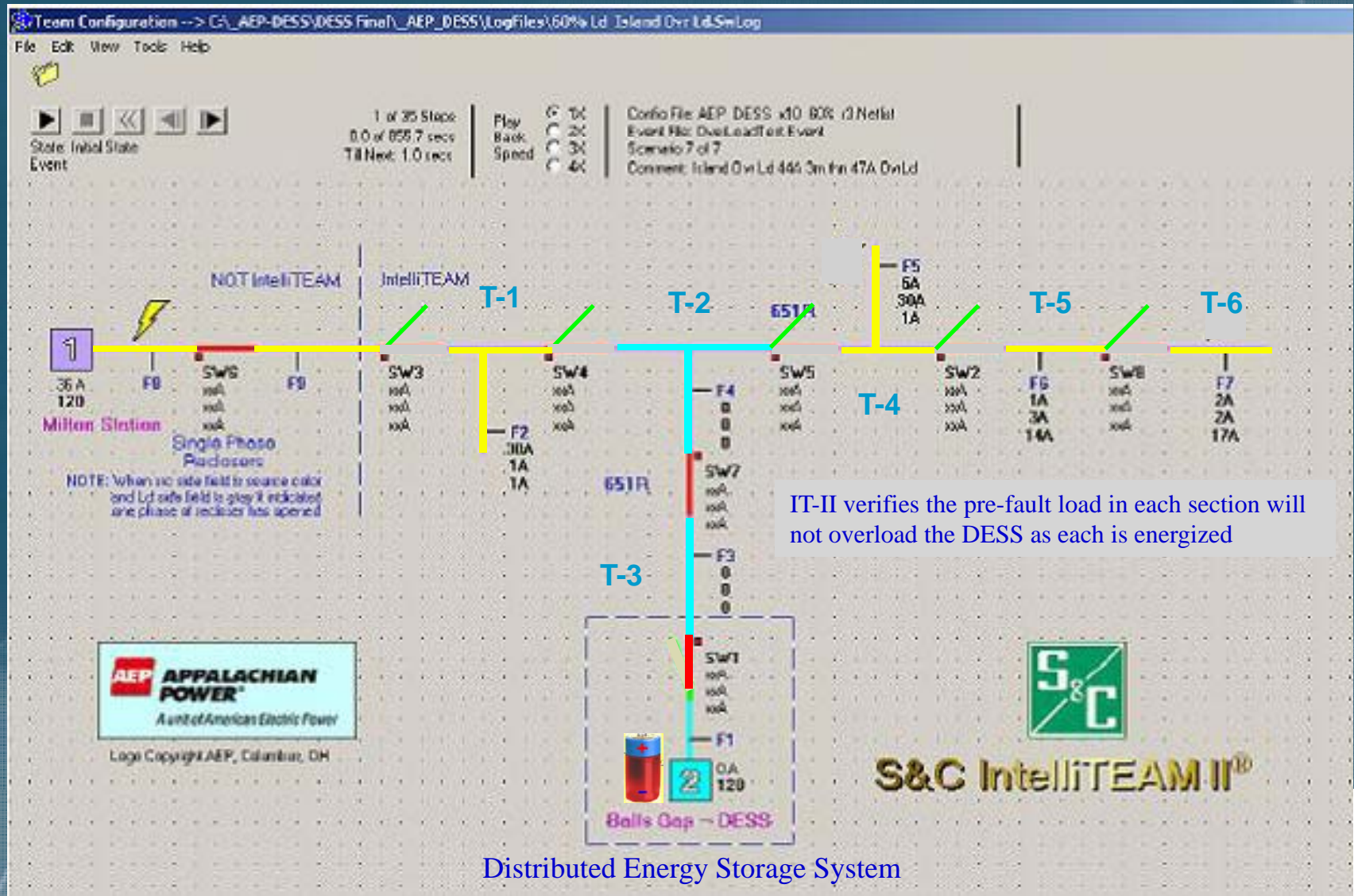
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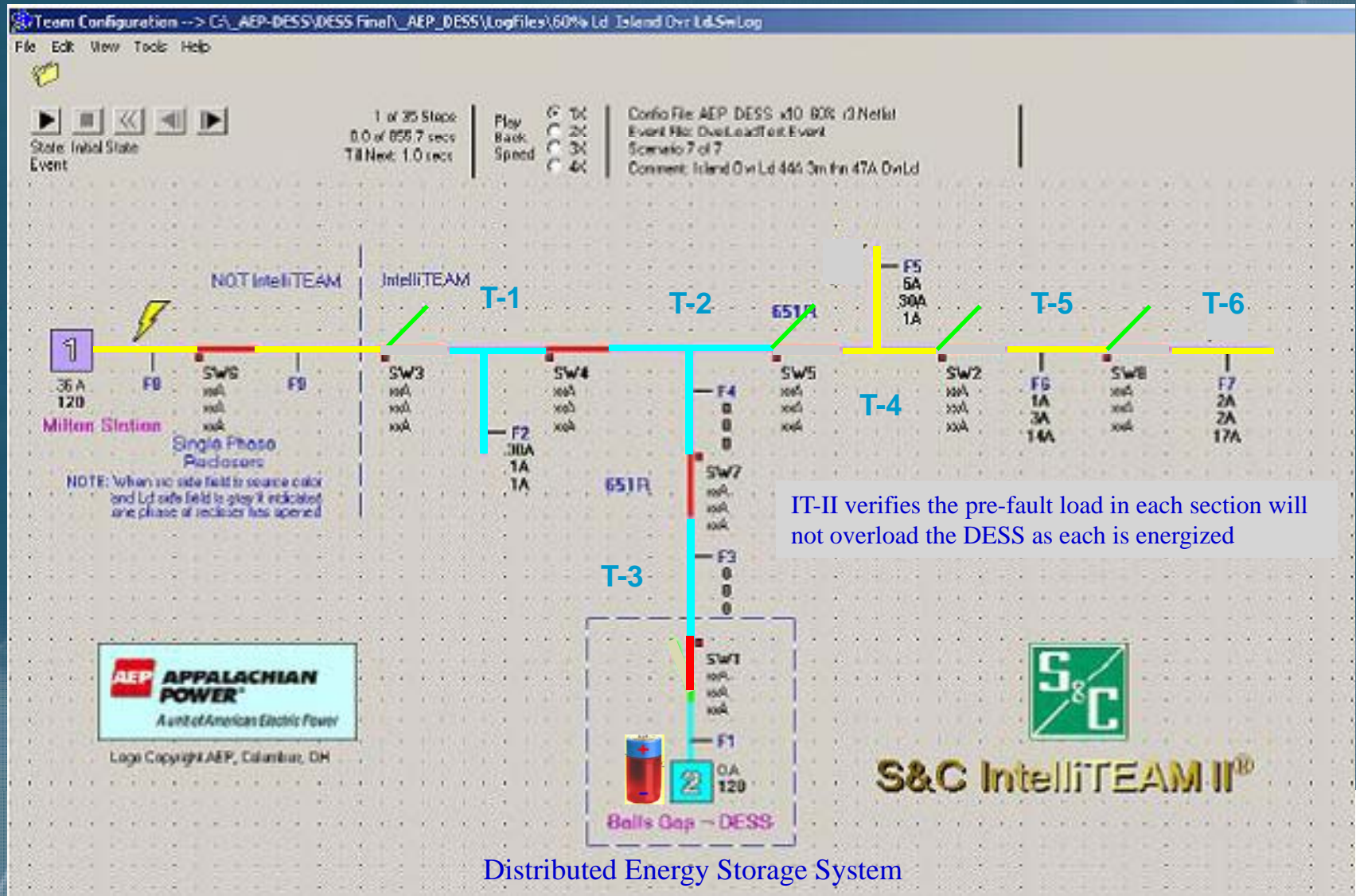
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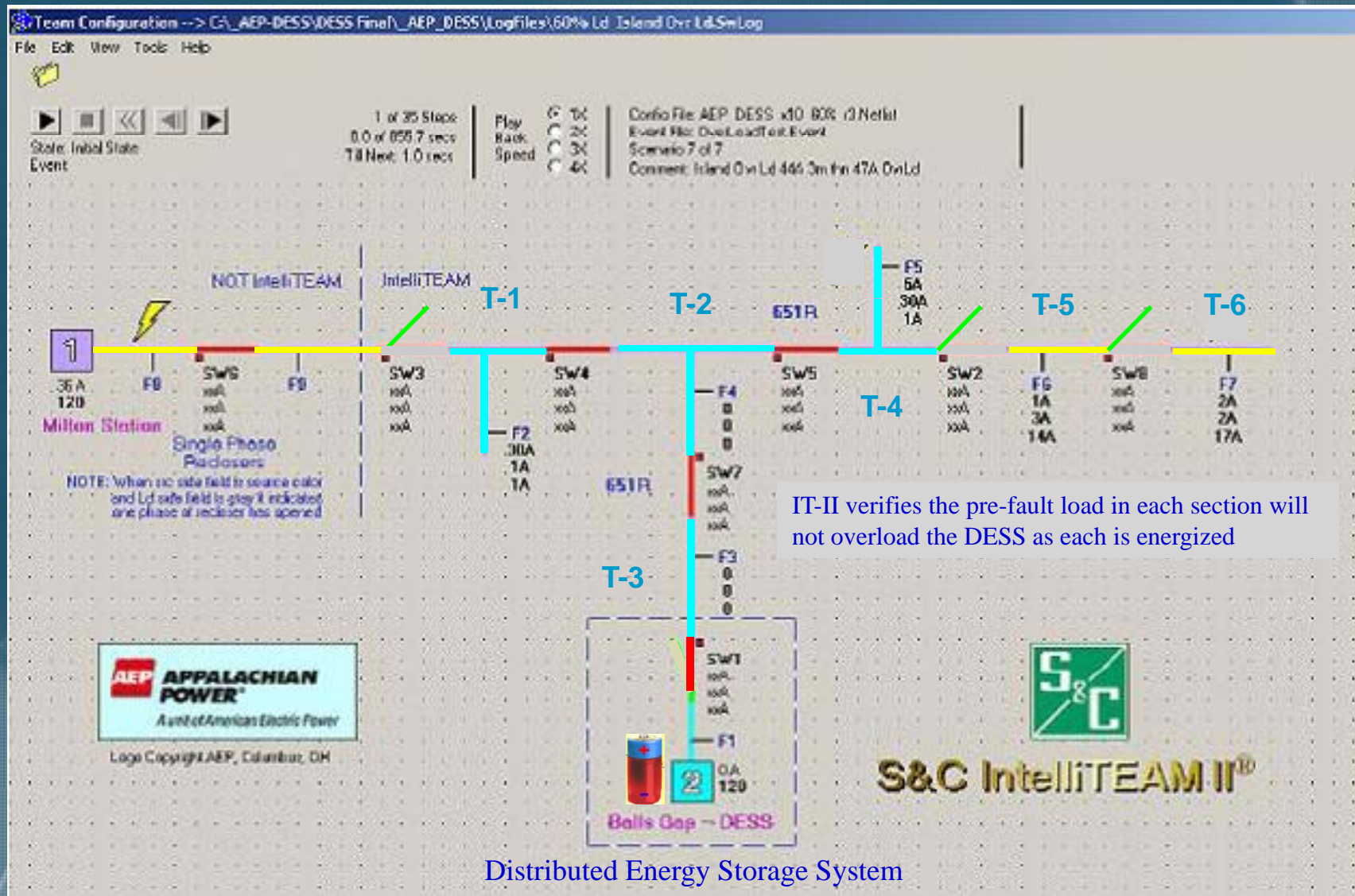
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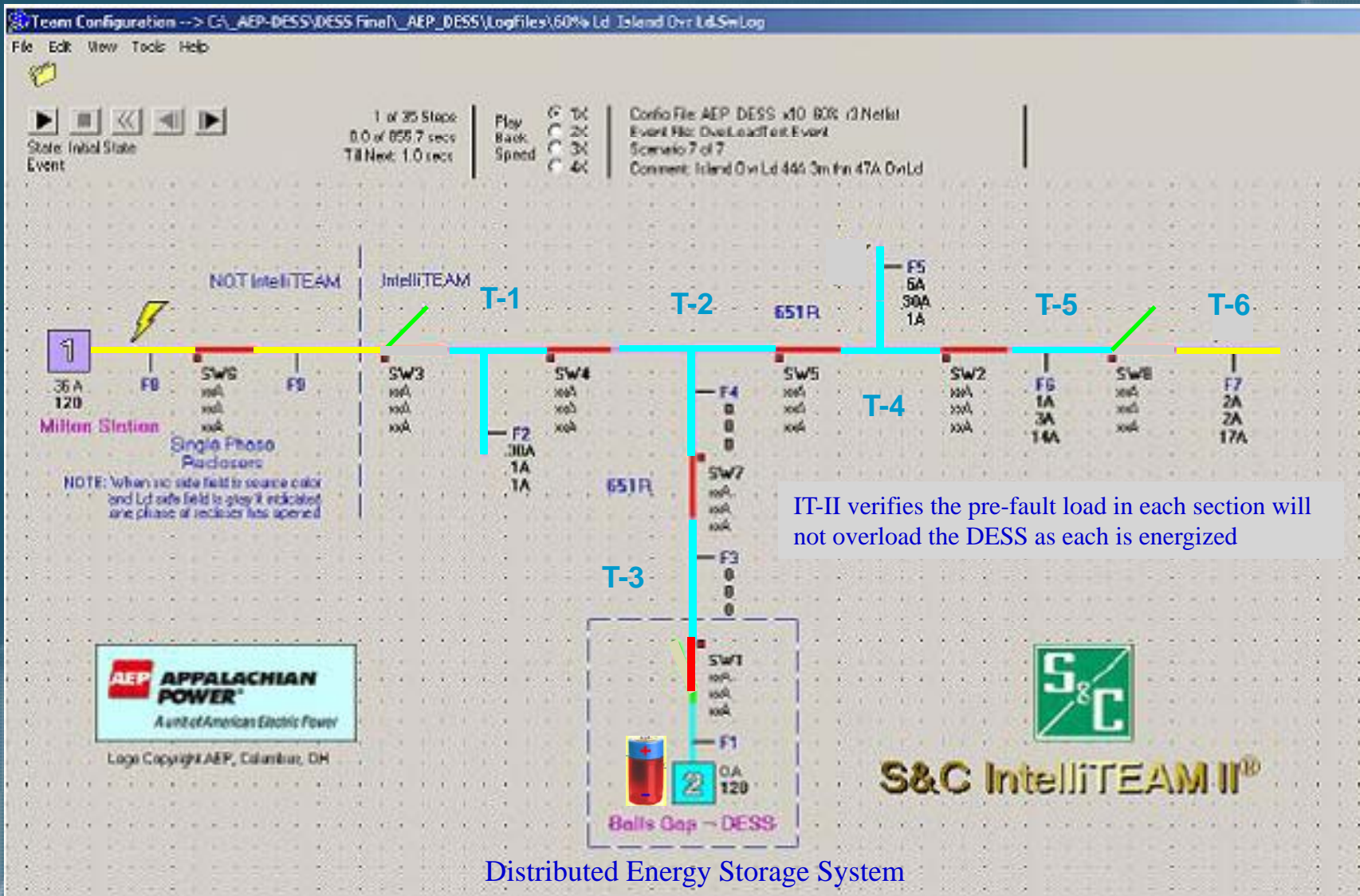
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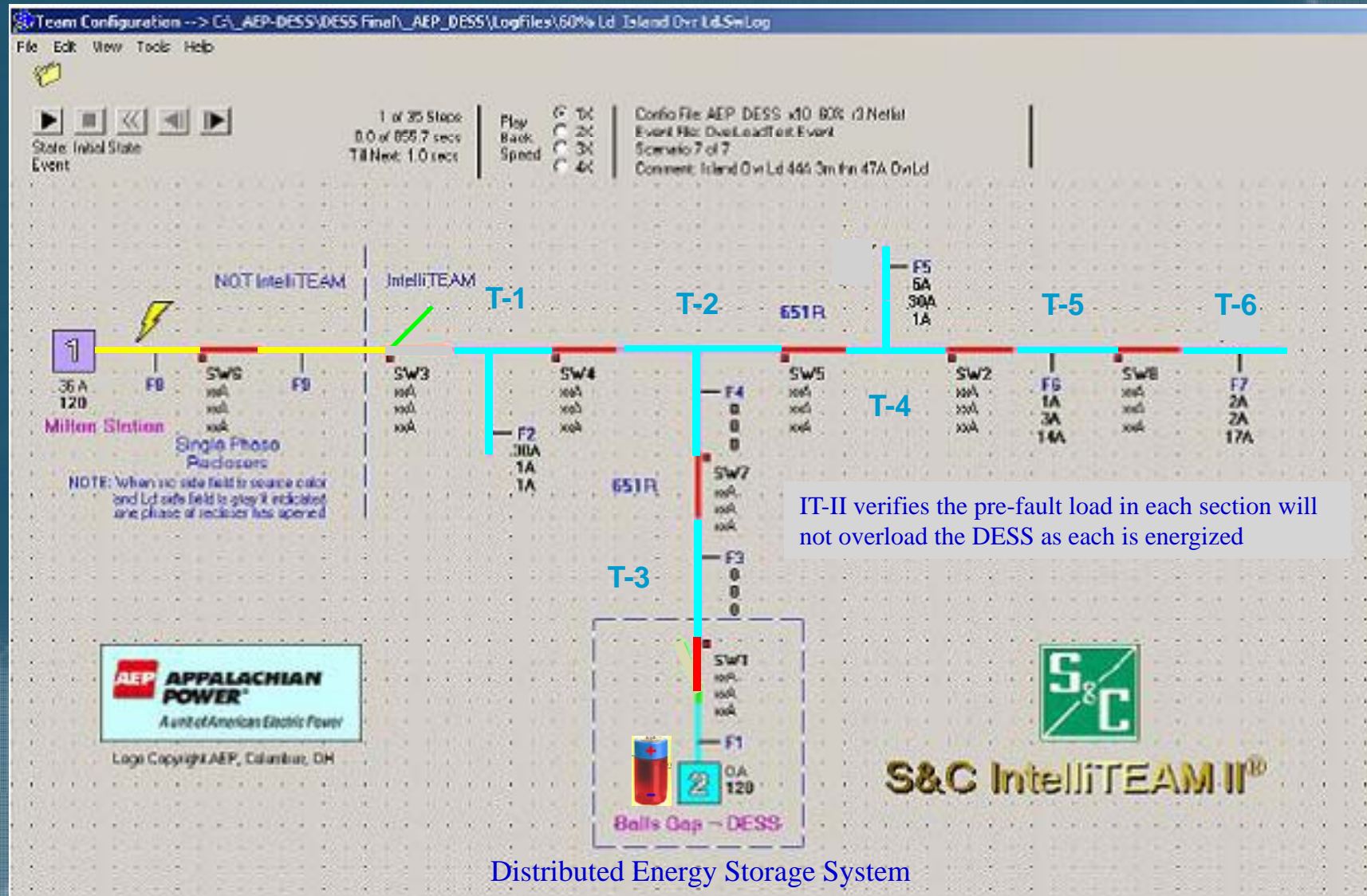
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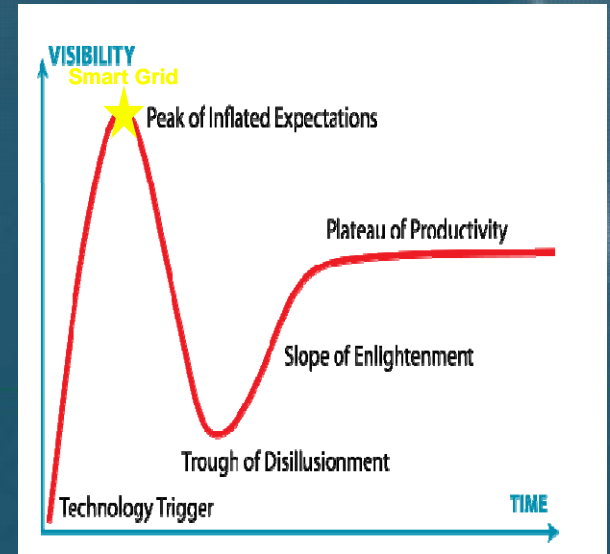
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# Real Solutions Achieve Benefits Today

- S&C innovates upon proven technology
  - Expanding existing automation functionality
  - Using Universal Interface Module for inter-operability
  - Installing IntelliRupter — NEW self powered, self contained, fault-interrupting switch
    - fast communication, priority messaging
    - remote control/communication
    - low-energy pulse senses fault and reduces energy pushed through circuit
    - mimics any fuse curve
    - can be fuse saving AND fuse blowing without intervention
    - selects the right speed based on the fault current



**IntelliRupter**



# Impacts for Suppliers

- Suppliers
  - need to collaborate with other suppliers
  - consider backward / forward compatibility
  - support interoperability standards
  - stay abreast of security requirements, policies and technologies
  - seek technologies from non-traditional sources





# Impact for Utilities

- Think through the macro smart grid roadmap
- Work with others for technology assessments
- Gain experience with large-scale integrated deployments
- Validate business case assumptions
- Get started!



# Conclusion

- Smart Grid is critical to maintaining reliability
- The industry is on the cusp of a wave of change presenting a growing opportunity for innovation and collaboration
- Requires:
  - Awareness of smart grid initiatives
  - Long range planning
  - Innovative technologies
  - Deployments: scaleable, interoperable, and secure
  - Willingness to explore new thinking, manage expectations