



ISGF SMART UTILITY GROUP (SUG)

Smart grids are a new concept and utilities around the world have started gaining experience in smart grid technologies. They span multiple functionalities and options – each utility could be different based on legacy systems, consumer profile, priorities, business case, etc. There cannot be a Systems Requirement Specification Template like that of R- APDRP for Smart Grids. It needs flexibility and dedicated specialized manpower to handle the diverse, complex, and evolving needs of technology, standards, policy, regulations and innovation.

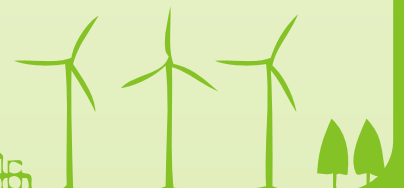
As India embarks on its smart grid journey, it is imperative that we do not make the same mistakes but learn from each other's experiences. Towards this objective, ISGF is pleased to announce the launch of the Smart Utility Group (SUG). SUG will be a platform exclusively for utilities to exchange ideas and learn from each other, facilitated by ISGF. The senior management officials of utilities dealing with technology implementation, network operation and customer care are encouraged to participate in the SUG.

Mission

To provide a unified voice to influence and enable the utilities community to leverage each other's experiences for successful nationwide smart grid technology roll outs.

Vision

SUG will be a strategic partnership of the Indian utilities community to help each other achieve business goals, by gaining the insights and influence to improve smart grid technologies, and close the gap between strategy and execution.



Objectives of SUG

- Provide an effective platform exclusively for utilities for knowledge sharing
- Regular interaction with peers from progressive utilities
- Exchange experience, project ideas, new technology implementation plans etc
- Discuss challenges and seek guidance from other utilities who have overcome such challenges
- Key focus on learning from each other and avoid the mistakes others have already done
- Some utilities can hand-hold others in select domains on a voluntary basis
- ISGF will provide technical support to utilities where they require assistance
- SUG will prepare white papers, technology selection guidelines, model RfPs, innovative business models and capture best practices and educational content to help facilitate these discussions.
- To build and maintain strong relationships with other industry groups, associations or societies with similar aims and objectives.
- To provide members education and training opportunities, including virtual and face-to-face informational sessions, forums, workshops and webinars. Also, to establish new and improved ways to deliver training and employee skills

Functioning of SUG

- SUG will meet quarterly and will have monthly teleconferences
- It is proposed that ISGF will facilitate half day teleconference on last Saturday of every month
- Once in a quarter one of the member utility will host the SUG Meeting which will be a full day session followed by site visits or technology demonstrations etc
- On select topics/issues select utilities can have one-2-one or one-2-many interactions at their mutual convenience
- ISGF will function as the secretariat of the SUG
- SUG Members will have access to all ISGF White Papers, Webinars and other Technical Papers
- Participation in SUG is free for all utilities

Launch of SUG

SUG will be officially launched on 05 March 2015 at a Special Luncheon Roundtable at the India Smart Grid Week (ISGW) 2015 (www.isgw.in) in Bengaluru

Joining SUG

No fee for joining as a member of the SUG. The expenses of travel and other logistics related to participation in SUG activities will be borne by respective members. Please write to: c.amritha@indiasmartgrid.org for becoming a member of SUG.