# Grid Modernization

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## Who Is INTREN?

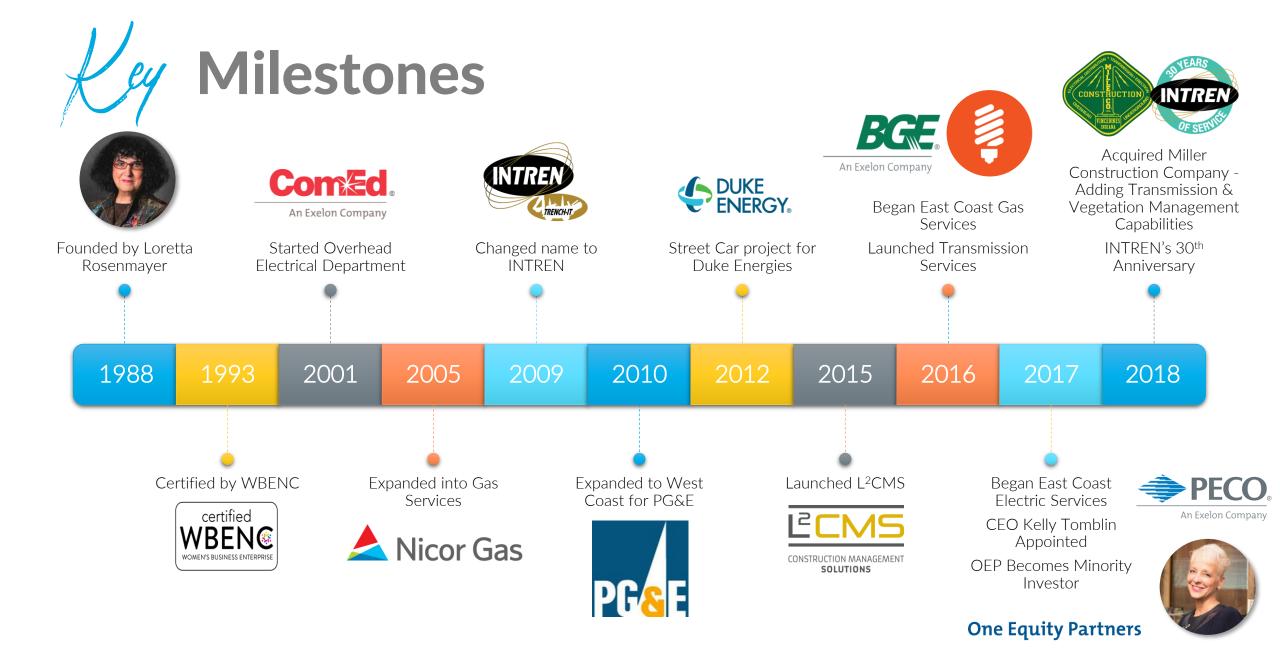
### **EARE** one of the largest

owned and operated WBEs that offers a full suite of services from overhead distribution and transmission to underground electric and vegetation management.

#### **WEARE** a 30-year old national company that is dedicated to building and maintaining the infrastructure of the electric and gas industry. We've had major participation in modernization efforts, such as EIMA.

**DEARE** a \$500+ million company and partner with premier U.S. utilities, such as ComEd and the Exelon family, Duke Energy, Ameren, Nicor Gas, Mid-American Energy, and PGE.







"Kelly has the same passion for culture, diversity and stewardship that we have cultivated since INTREN's inception. Her accomplishments, dynamic leadership and wealth of experience will allow her to take INTREN to the next level." – Loretta Rosenmayer, Founder & Chairwoman of the Board



Platts Global Energy Awards: International CEO of the Year 2016 INTREN, LLC Chief Executive Office, 2017- present

Jamaica Public Service Company Limited President & Chief Executive Officer, 2012–2017

### **GDF** Suez/International Power

(Now known as ENGIE) Regional Vice President of PJM and Mid-Atlantic, 2011-2012 Vice President – Corporate Strategy, Development and Services, 2006-2011

#### Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority Executive Director, 2004-2006

First Energy/CPU Energy President and Regional President, Penelec/ JCP&L, 1997–2002



#### Previous & Current Grid Modernization Investments

- o Reliability is high, energy prices are low and customers already have abundant data
- Illinois has already invested heavily in modernization. How do 0 you get alignment on funding when there is not a problem to fix?
- Smart meters/AMI, Smart Switches Ο
- Smart Substations  $\bigcirc$
- DA Devices 0
- Microgrids 0

#### **Demand for Smart Buildings** ٠

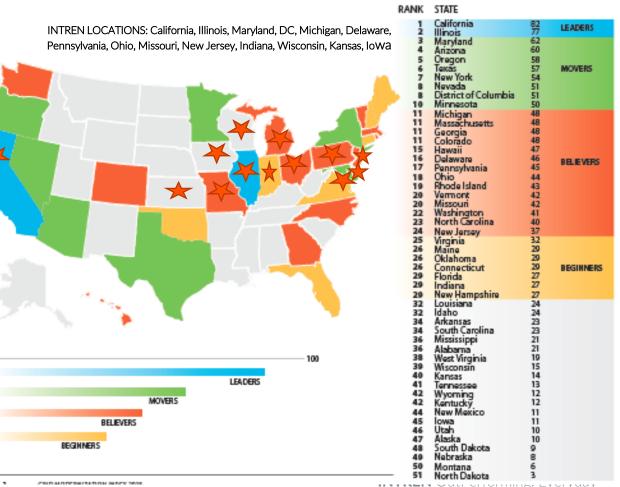
- o Real estate is on the upswing. Do developers want to invest in the additional cost when demand for smart technology is low or non-existent?
- Bandwidth availability in many areas is not adequate to 0 support smart technology

#### Confusion in the Marketplace •

- o Ambiguity over what is considered a smart building
- Political divide over the efficiency and effectiveness of smart 0 buildings
- o Customer's health concerns with 5G/6G, along with personal security

"Dramatic changes are occurring in our nation's energy mix, many of which demand a more technologically advanced electric grid." -- Dr. Michael Knotek, Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Energy

### Current State of Grid Modernization



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A critical problem related to Smart Buildings & Grid Modernization that needs a collaborative, near - term solution is:

The funding and alignment around further investment in the communication backbone to optimize previous modernization.

# Thank you!





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