# Technology Advisory Seeking MultiSpeak® Case Studies

# What has changed?

Distribution optimization is a key role of America's Electric Cooperatives that relies on seamless, cyber secure, cost-effective, and reliable data interoperability. A critical challenge in achieving distribution optimization is de-risking technology integration in the electric distribution system.

## What is the impact on cooperatives?

### The Value of MultiSpeak®

MultiSpeak® subscribers experience first-hand how this world leading software interoperability standard facilitates data sharing between independent systems in a seamless, cyber secure, cost-effective, and standardized way. Not only does MultiSpeak help co-ops arrive at effective system integration and operability, the resulting savings are real – from several thousand dollars per month to some benefitting from upwards of a half million dollars a year!



# What do cooperatives need to know or do?

NRECA is producing a series of case studies to highlight the significant values and benefits that MultiSpeak<sup>®</sup> provides to both electric utilities and software vendors. These brief reports exemplify the initiative of cooperatives to improve data handling for the benefit of their companies and their consumer-members. For the entire series of case studies to date, please visit MultiSpeak.org.

## **Seeking Case Studies**

NRECA is looking for MultiSpeak subscribers to share with us your use case studies quantifying the benefits of MultiSpeak. The goal is to summarize:

- The system integration and operability challenge faced by the cooperative;
- How MultiSpeak solved the problem;
- How MultiSpeak was implemented (by the vendor or co-op);
- What the benefits were experienced by the co-op and/or vendor; and
- Lessons learned and recommendations for other utilities.



We will publish and highlight the use case studies in our <a href="www.multispeak.org">www.multispeak.org</a> home page and "What's New?" section, as well as NRECA's <a href="www.cooperative.com">www.cooperative.com</a> website and <a href="mailto:TechUpdate">TechUpdate</a> newsletter.

#### **For Those Interested**

Do you have any MultiSpeak applications that would be good candidates for a short case study? If so, please contact Aleeta Harrington at <u>Aleeta.Harrington@nreca.coop</u> or by phone at (703) 907-6303.

#### **Additional Resources**

- www.multispeak.org
- Series of Case Studies to Date
- Advisory: Meeting the Challenges of Today's Integrated Distribution Network with MultiSpeak®

## **Contacts for Questions**

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