

What Is IDRP?

Integrated Distribution Resource Planning, or IDRP, is a holistic approach to utility planning that promises to make the grid more nimble, more resilient and more secure. It emphasizes collaboration and transparency between power producers, regulators and users to optimize the inclusion of all grid assets, including distributed generation, storage, monitoring tools, system data and controllable end-user devices. For distribution co-ops, IDRP could involve closer and more dynamic interaction with their G&Ts and new modeling tools that facilitate joint planning and coordinated grid operations that will have a broad impact on how co-ops conduct everything from load forecasting and infrastructure planning to purchasing and staffing.

