

# PJM Emerging Technologies Forum

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#### Lindsey Manufacturing Company





Founded by L.E. Lindsey in 1947
Initial products were pole line hardware and labor-saving devices for use by SCE
Over the next 20 years, production expanded to cover a wide range of distribution hardware



## Expansion

The next decades saw Lindsey moving to address ongoing industry concerns, introducing:

- Innovative HV and EHV hardware solutions
  - Emergency Restoration System Structures to address tower collapse
  - Easy to install Line sensors to provide accurate measurements









## Lindsey Systems Today



Industry challenges have changed, and so has Lindsey Systems

Lindsey Systems' **Hybrid Solutions** combine advanced sensors and analytic software to address:

- Grid congestion
- Transmission Asset Monitoring
- Transmission Tower Security





DLR and Capacity Forecasting
System



# Summary



Line-mounted sensors directly measure critical parameters

Direct measurement methodology assures:

- Clearance-to-ground limits are not violated
- Thermal limits of the conductor are not violated

Provides real-time (instantaneous) DLR Provides forecasts of line capacity capability

Cloud-based software (SaaS) provides

- Web-portal viewer
- Connection to EMS system



# Quick, Easy Line Sensor Installation



Live Helicopter Installation

**Barehand Installation** 

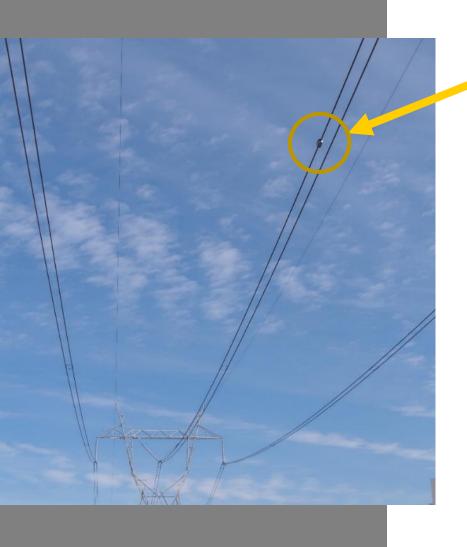
**Hotstick Installation** 







# **Cyber Security Aspects**



# Span mounted line sensors are not accessible for physical attack

 Compare to RTUs, ground-based sensors, tower mounted radios

Satellite radio has no on-board comm port, no SIM card, and is inherently secure

#### **SMARTLINE-TCF** web-server features:

- Regular penetration testing
- Two-factor authentication
- Full redundant backup
- Isolated databases



## Overview of SMARTLINE-TCF



Live weather data

Develop Learned
Conductor
Behavior Model

Weather forecast data

Line Power
Capacity Forecast

Compute Instantaneous DLR

#### Based on:

- Clearance
- Conductor temperature





## **Forecasting**



#### **Customizable Confidence factors**

• 98% default

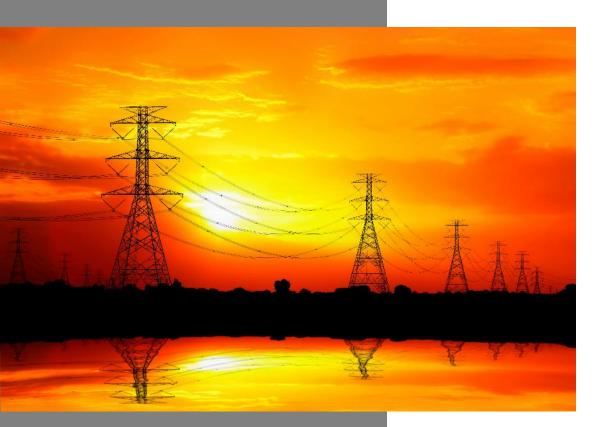
Forecasts available in hourly and daily increments to 1 week

Complex forecast "packages" can be prepared

Overlay display with normal line ratings



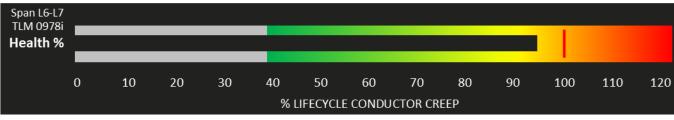
# Transmission Line Asset Monitoring



Conductors lose strength as they age from:

- Electrical load
- Wind events
- Fires
- Severe ice loading

SMARTLINE-TCF monitors loss of strength from these events
Provides conductor aging indicator







# Simple Implementation Line mounted sensors

- No need to de-energize lines
- Self-contained
- Self-powered
- Built in communications

No need for external weather stations
Definable forecast packages
90-day time from Decision to
Operation





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