



## NRG Energy and Smart Energy Decisions Publish 2021 State of Distributed Energy Resources Study

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*--Research Shows Energy Savings and Sustainability Continue to Top Respondent Priorities--*

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 2, 2021-- Today, NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) in collaboration with Smart Energy Decisions published new research that shows cost savings and sustainability continue to top the list for customer needs when considering distributed energy resources (DERs). The goal of the 2021 [State of Distributed Energy Resources Study](#) was to better understand DER energy trends with the nation's largest electric power users.

In the study, when asked what the key driver was for considering DERs, nearly 85 percent of respondents said cost savings remain the priority for guiding decisions. In addition to reducing costs, nearly two-thirds of those surveyed cited improving energy efficiency and making progress toward emissions reductions as leading considerations. The study also demonstrated a continuing interest in DERs, notably for resources such as energy storage, that can deliver multiple benefits. A quarter of respondents had already deployed this technology, and 59 percent report actively considering storage in the future.

The study interviewed more than 100 large electric power users regarding their energy plans and how DERs fit into their overall strategy.

To read the entire version of the State of Distributed Energy Resources Study [click here](#).

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Smart Energy Decisions is the leading information and research platform serving large electric power users. We produce news, analysis, research and events designed to help our community make smart energy decisions. We are a catalyst for change in support of the energy transition taking place in electric power markets. Our mission is to help large electric power users improve their profitability and reduce their carbon emissions by adopting best practices in energy efficiency and renewable energy sourcing.

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