# METERING **SOLUTIONS**

**Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)** 

**More than Just Meter Reading** 

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### 2007

Started building out the state's largest "Advanced Metering Infrastructure" (AMI) system to service our 1.5M customers

### 2019

Opened the APC network to water and gas utilities who want to realize the benefits of AMI for their system

# **Traditional Reading Options**



### **Manual**

Each meter is visually inspected, and that data is manually entered



### **Drive-By (AMR)**

A form of communication technology that water utilities use to collect water consumption and status data from water meters. AMR systems can be either walk-by or drive-by



### **Build Your Own Network (AMI)**

Utility builds and maintains their own infrastructure





8,760 Meter Reads
Annually



**Increased Employee Safety** 



Improved Operational Efficiency



Increased Billing Accuracy



Access to Real Time Data & Analytics



Resource Allocation Opportunity

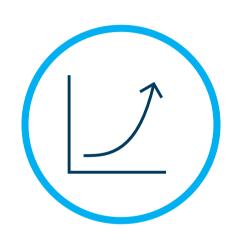


2-Way Capabilities



Increased Customer Service

# **APC Metering Solutions Customers**

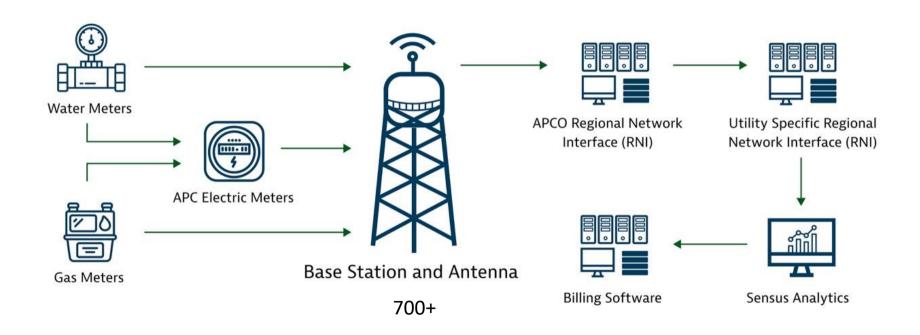


**34,000** Meters

(In addition to APC's 1.5M)



# **APC FlexNet Infrastructure**



**Partnership Benefits with APC** 

### **FINANCIAL**

- Known monthly expense
- Flexibility for phased-in approach
- Meter/transmitter lease option

### **INTANGIBLES**

- Eliminates infrastructure investment
- Allows utility to focus on other key parts of the business

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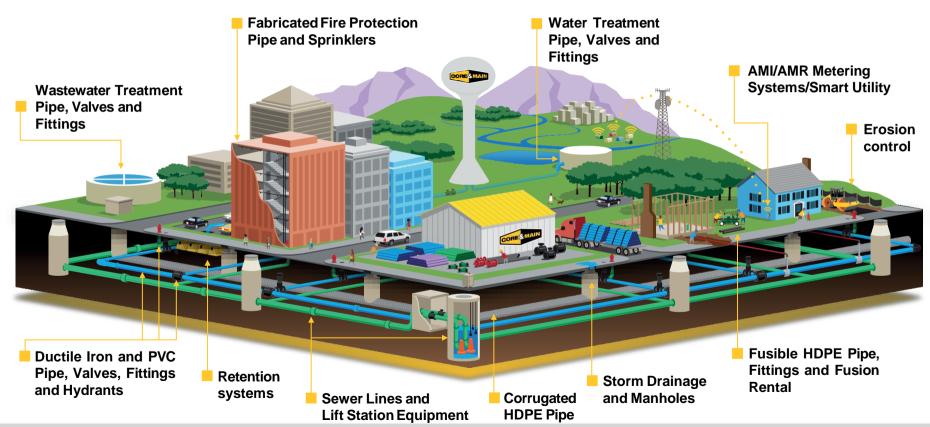
 Partnership with APC offers customer peace of mind

### **RESOURCES**

- Largest, most reliable & private
   AMI network in Alabama
- APC monitors and maintains AMI system
- 24/7 emergency response. 72-hour battery backup

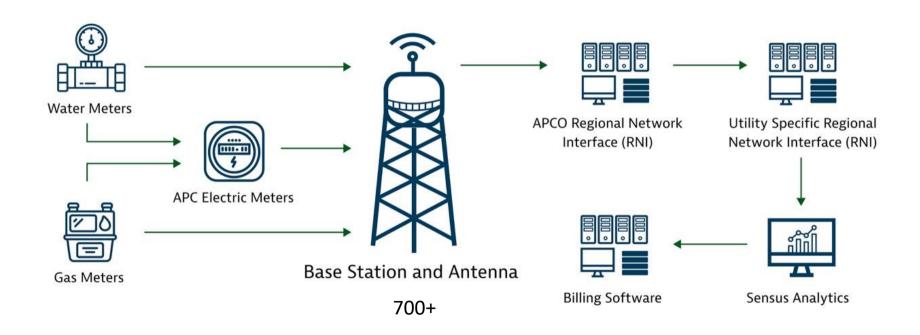


### PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR CITY INFRASTRUCTURE



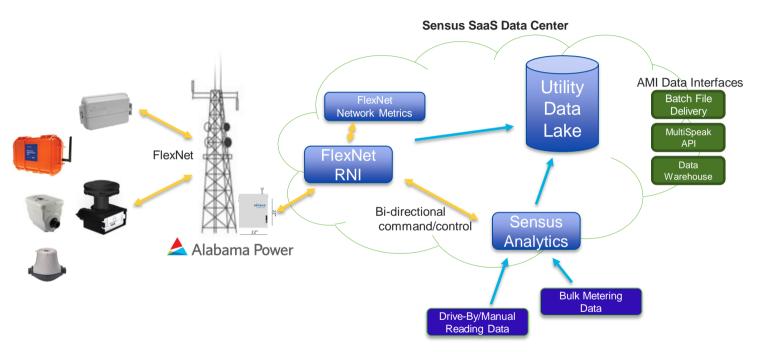
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# **APC FlexNet Infrastructure**



### Infrastructure and Integrations

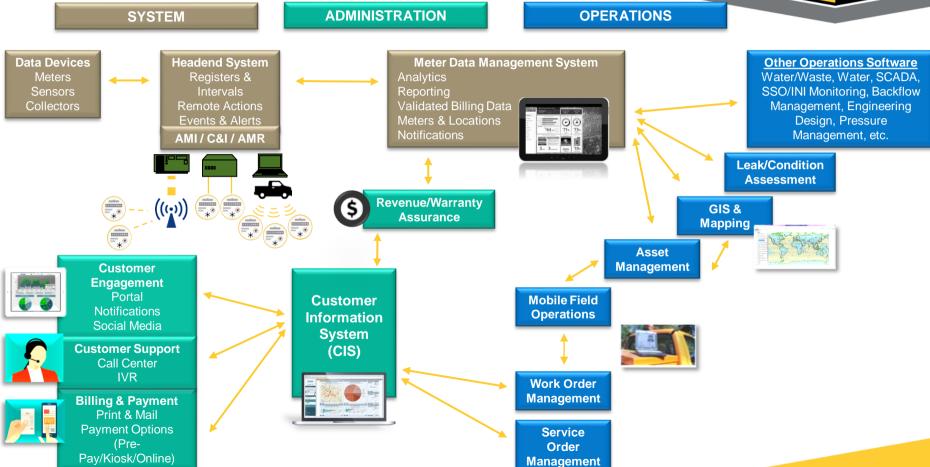




- All SaaS infrastructure hosted by APC/Sensus in Alabama
- Proven and flexible approach across customers with different deployment patterns
- Proven utility solution integrations

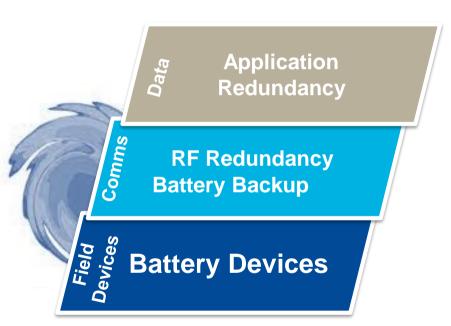
### Infrastructure and Integrations







# **Operation Infrastructure Beyond Meters**







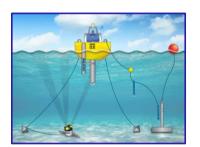












# Way Beyond the Meter



Pressure profiling

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Pressure Transient

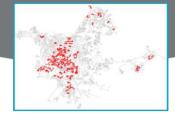






- · Leak detection
- DMA Prioritization
- · Water Balance







### Pipe Risk Assessment

- · Risk of failure
- · Consequence of failure
- CIP prioritization

Transmission and distribution



### **Distribution Level** Water Quality

- · Water quality prediction and optimization
- · Level of service optimization for boil water notices.



### Meter Data Analysis

- · Payment Risk Mitigation
- · Meter replacement plans



- · Water quality from raw supply

Source Water Quality and Energy Efficiency

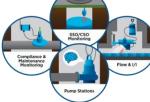
· Energy cost and consumption optimization



### Treatment Optimization

- · High-efficiency aeration management systems
- · Preventative management
- · Treatment plant optimization





### Wastewater Networks

- · SSO reduction
- · CIP prioritization

















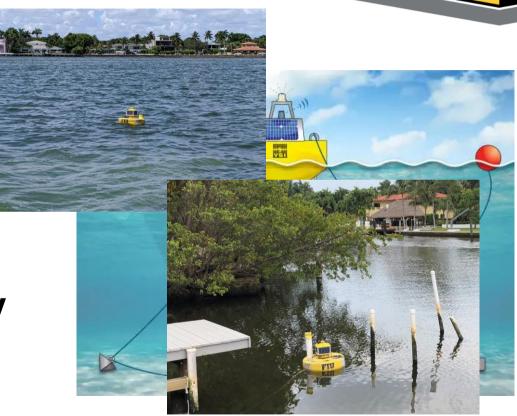
### Retro-fitting to an urban environment







# YSI Water Quality Monitoring



### **Utility Science, Systems & Software (US3)**







### WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Water quality parameters including pH, conductivity, temperature, turbidity and dissolved oxygen. Integration into the web, SCADA or handheld.



### STORMWATER MONITORING

Real-time Stormwater Monitoring using standard offthe-shelf Utility IoT products. Measure water level, flow, weather station results and water quality.



### FLOOD MONITORING

Monitor City and County Wide Flood Status, in Real-Time. Activate lighting for events or emergency conditions. Control via Web or Handheld.



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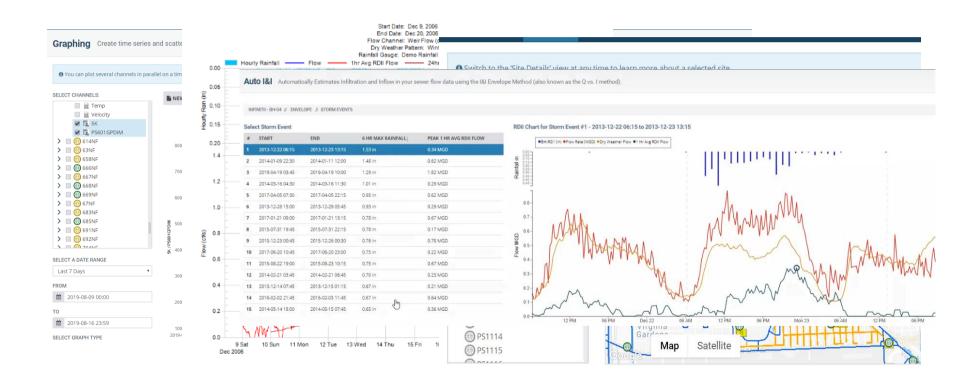


FlexNode



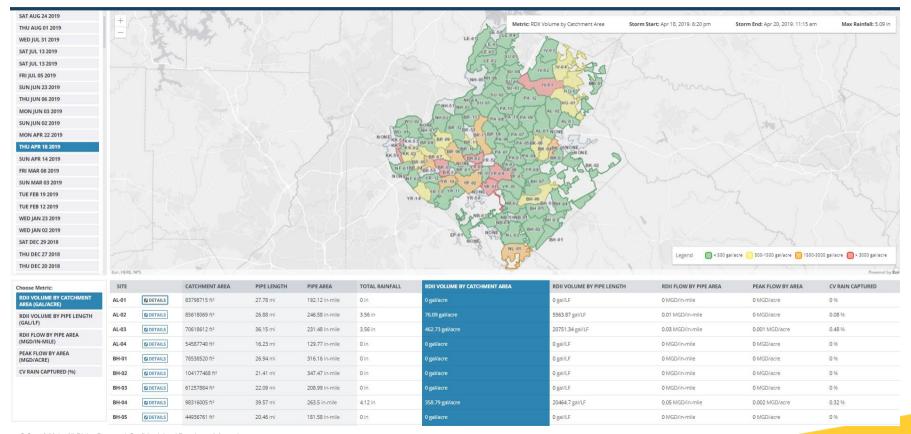


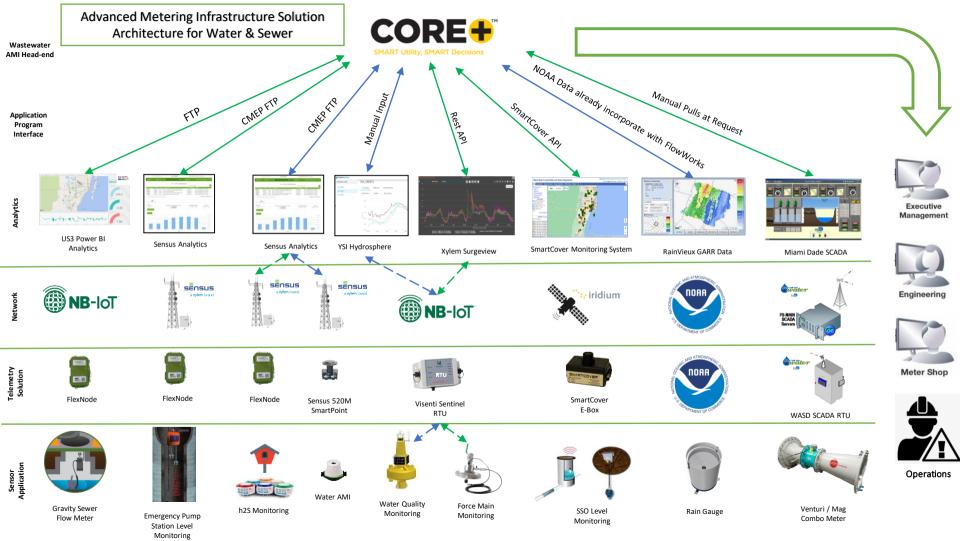
### How do we use this data?



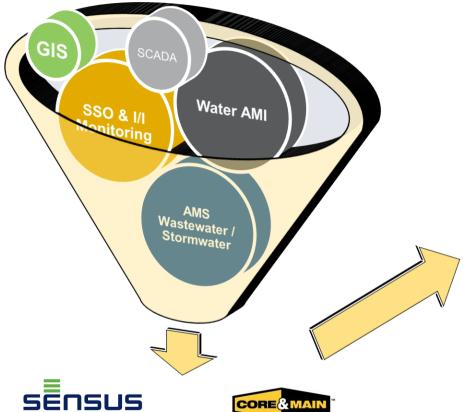
## **Smart Utility Monitoring**















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Hydraulic Model

Integrated Resiliency Solution

Operational **Deployments** 

> Regulatory Compliance

**Analysis** 



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# **Ownership Options**

With either option APC will work closely with the customer to ensure the meters selected are compatible with the APC transmitter

OPTION ONE  Meter Read Only	OPTION TWO  Meter Read & Lease
AMI Standard – Sensus RNI meter reading with analytics + Customer utilizes existing meters or purchases meters / transmitters	AMI Standard – Sensus RNI meter reading with analytics + Customer leases meters / transmitters from APC
5, 10 or 15-year term	15-year term

### **APC FlexNet Network**

### **Customer Base**

- 1.53 Million Devices on the Network
- 700+ Base Stations and Growing
- 99.90% Read Success Rate

### **Service Territory**

- Early Adopter
- Advanced Applications
  - Outage and Restoration
  - **Voltage Monitoring**
  - **Customer Phase Detection**
  - **Capacitor Bank Monitoring**
  - **Demand Response**



# **APC Metering Solutions**

An APC-managed service for utilities that will offer remote meter reading capabilities to water, gas and electric systems in a secure environment using the AMI network.

By leveraging our AMI infrastructure, we can increase speed to market and lower the overall network cost to our customers





# **Common Pitfalls with AMI Meter Reading**



### Significant capital investment

Capital required to upgrade meter and network infrastructure



### **System integration issues**

Billing errors from improper meter registration/installation



### Lack of industry-wide standards for AMI systems

Components from different manufacturers may be incompatible



# **Partnering with Industry Leaders**



Network infrastructure provider AMI Network maintenance Potential for capital provider







Distributor of product Expert product knowledge Billing integration support



Sensus certified installer Warranty assurance option Monitor of analytics



Utility billing software Work order management Back-office solutions

# **SENSUS Analytics**



### Long-term data storage (3+ years)

Consumption intervals, alarms and voltage
Data integration (GIS, Asset Management, Billing)
Ease of exporting

Robust reporting and visualization of data elements

Modular and flexible design

Data access, insight and analytics

Functionality can be used in lieu of MDM