



# Celebrating Excellence and Forecasting the Future

# Agenda



Takeaways from PowerUp 2023



Successes, Challenges and New Initiatives



Future Trends for Outage Communications

## Successes

- Journey Mapped Future State
- Completing Auto-Enrollment June '23
- Completing Data Append Pilot June '23
- Launched 16 additional languages for PSPS
- Implemented contact verification on sce.com
- Deactivated Opt Out from Emergency Notifications

## Challenges

- TLM Inaccuracies
- Timely outage updates prior to start, missed ERT, and cancel/reschedule
- Multiple Comm Platforms – disparate experiences
- Data governance – customer data integrity & data capture

## New Initiatives

- Working on Singular Communication Platform RFP
- ADMS (GE) Implementation in 2024
- Developing additional notification templates
- Classification of Emergency/Essential Notifications (Seeking ISP)
- Centralized Outage Process Governance



## Success Stories

- Leveraging AMI data to improve quality of restoration message (outage is not on company's equipment)
- New Emergency Shutoffs/Planned Outage messaging program
- Business Case for an 'Outage Communications Department'



## Challenges

- Long periods of 'development freeze' while large systems go through upgrades
- Breaking communications silos without an enterprise CRM
- Customer data quality



## New Initiatives

- 'Two-way' reminders for service repair appointments allowing customers to confirm or request to reschedule
- Extension of Outage Communications program to sister company Orange & Rockland
- OMS system upgrade to Oracle NMS 2.6

# Successes

Ameren's **Outage Communication Hub** is essentially a data communications layer that works in tandem with ADMS, providing centralized management, configuration, and processing of Electric Outage-related messaging.

- Updates Ameren's current messaging foundation by creating one source of truth for outage messaging
- Improves overall customer satisfaction
- Reduces contact center call volume

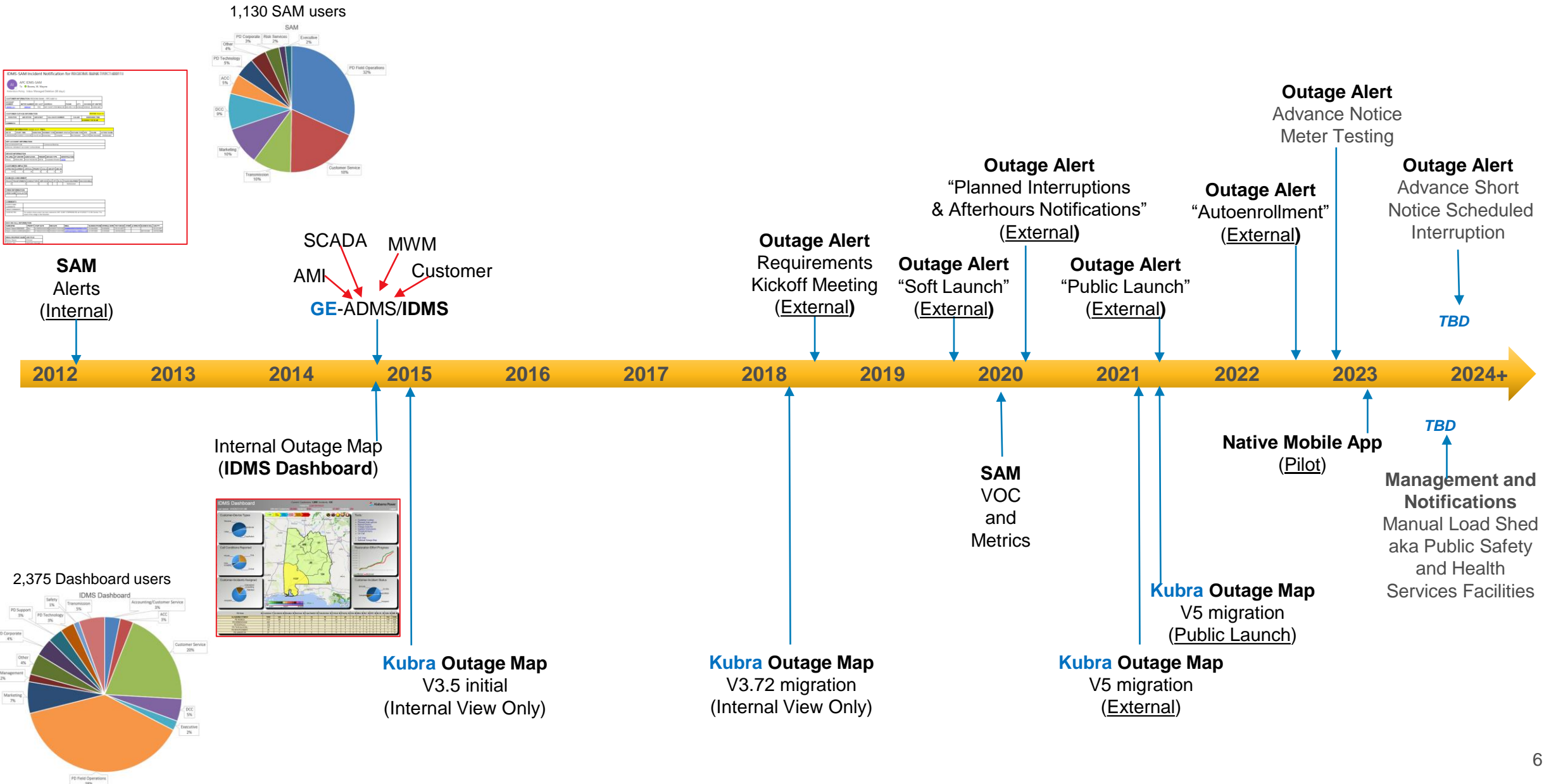
## Empathy Alerts

- Blue Sky Days - set to be issued every 2 hours from a previous alert until restoration is complete.
- Gray Sky/Storm Days - set to be issued every 6 hours from a previous alert until restoration is complete.

## Empathy Message 2 - Cause Determined but No ERT

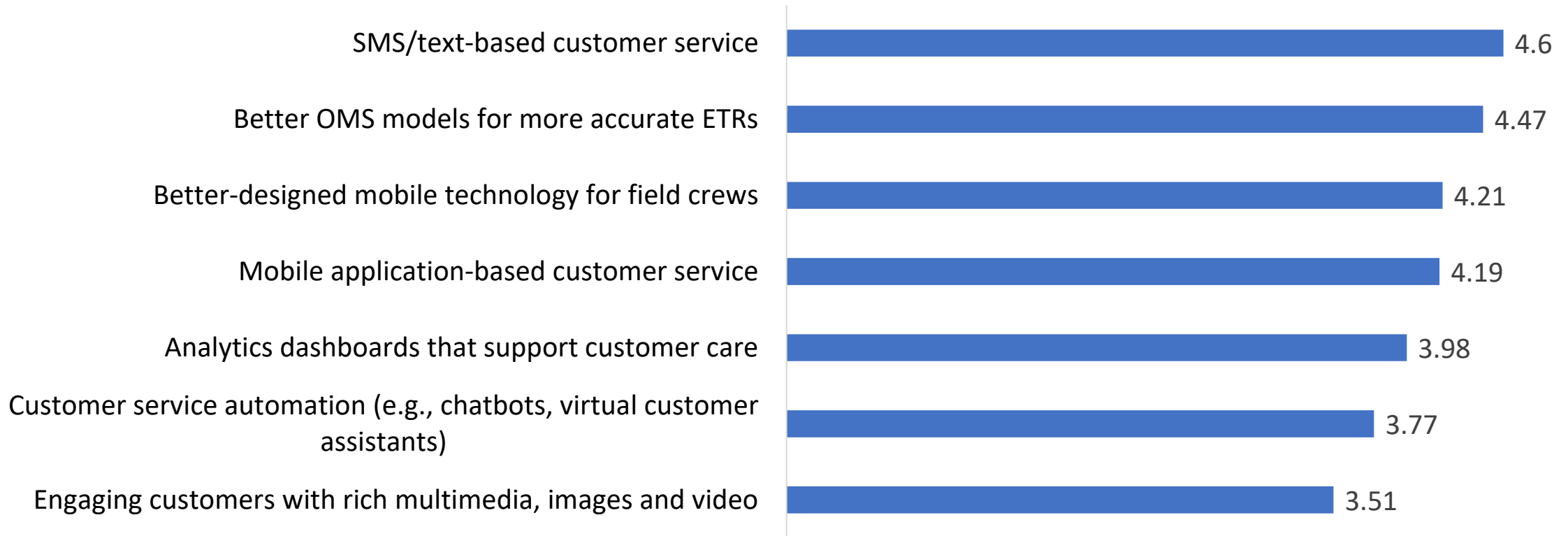
- Hello, this is Ameren {state} calling from {toll.free.number}. We are experiencing (#) outages affecting a total of (# out) customers. We determined the cause of the outage in the area of {address} is {cause}. We know you are relying on us to restore your power quickly. Crews and materials are being coordinated to make the necessary repairs. The repair crew will update the estimated restoration time after they arrive.

# Timeline – Outage Communications (A Decade of Evolution)



# Tech Trends in Outage Communications

On a scale of 1-5, please rate the importance you believe the following technology-related trends will have for outage communications over the next five years.



Source: 2022 Outage Communications Industry Benchmark Survey, n=43

# Future Trends

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- AMI 2.0 may transform outage customer experience
- AI & Chat is transforming outage interactions with customers







**Thank you for attending PowerUp 2023!**

**Safe Travels!**

