# POTENTIAL ISSUES IN THE FUTURE

PRELIMINARY

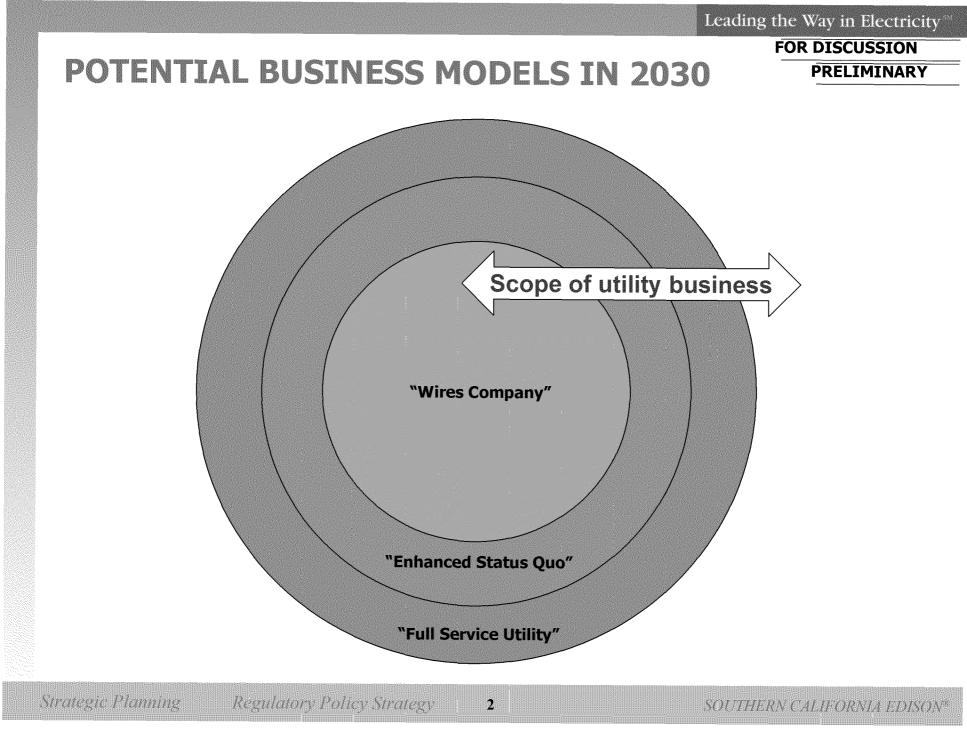
FOR DISCUSSION

- **Infrastructure Investments:** How will infrastructure investments occur in the future and be paid for?
- Generation: How will electricity be produced and delivered in an increasingly decarbonized system? Central station or distributed generation?
- Energy Markets: What will the wholesale energy markets of the future look like?
- **T&D:** Who will coordinate, plan, design, and build the transmission and distribution system network in the future?
- Reliability: Who will ultimately be responsible for reliability?
- Customer: How will changes in the utility business model impact the consumer?
- **Utility Business Model:** How quickly will the transition from traditional utility business model to something different occur?
  - Will the transition be incremental or sudden?
  - Given the regulatory uncertainty regarding recovery and rates, how can the regulatory environment evolve to allow the utility to make investments and be more innovative?
  - What is the future vehicle to achieving policy objectives if the utility business model changes?

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## **POTENTIAL BUSINESS MODELS IN 2030**

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<b>"Wires &amp;</b>	Meters
<b>Operator</b> "	

- Focus on ownership and operation of distribution networks
- Provider of reliability, standby, and power quality services
- Limited energy procurement for customers – provider of last resort
- Open, standards-based architecture supporting integration of distributed resources and micro-grid operations
- Will not depend on the volumetric sales of energy

### "Enhanced Status Quo"

- Similar to today's world
- Continue procurement functions
- Primary focus on wires, including transmission – with structural changes as defined in "Wires Company" scenario
- Selected customer focused services under regulated rates and standards, primarily offered for large commercial and industrial customers
- Current rate structure issues are resolved

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### "Energy Service Utility"

- Utilities provide a wide range of services, including behind the customer's side of the meter
- Utilities directly compete with unregulated market players
- New performance based incentive mechanisms that is aligned with customers' changing needs and values and reflects the changed utility risk profile

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