"A Revolutionary Blockchain Approach to Transforming Energy Infrastructure" ~ Hingham Municipal Light Plant

Problem: Traditional data management in energy utilities lacks the security, reliability, and transparency required for modern infrastructure. Centralized systems are vulnerable to cyber threats, inefficiencies, and regulatory pressures.

Solution: A private, permissioned HyperLedger Fabric blockchain integrated with SCADA and DNP3 systems for secure, real-time, and tamper-proof data logging. This pilot provides a pathway for future operational transparency and compliance in the energy sector.

Key Innovations:

- Smart Contracts: Automates responses to critical grid events, enabling future capabilities for public safety alerts.
- Optimized Blockchain: Tailored HyperLedger Fabric blockchain network for secure, scalable, permissioned operations.
- Data Security: PKI-based access control ensures only authorized devices can log data.
- Real-Time Monitoring: Pilot achieved secure, real-time data capture, supporting future predictive maintenance.
- Compliance Ready: Aligns with NERC CIP standards, providing a transparent audit trail.

Future Potential:

- Expanding Smart Contracts: Predictive grid management, DER integration, and settlement.
- Scalable Adoption: NREL ADMS Test Bed partnership for testing validation, aiming for industry-wide deployment.



