

# OT and IoT Security and Visibility for Substations & Power Grids & The Threat to the SME.

Ensuring high levels of security and privacy for remote supplier access to your IT and OT infrastructure

# **Securing the World's Largest Organizations**

**9** of Top 20 Oil & Gas 7 of Top 10 **Pharma 5** of Top 10 Mining **5** of Top 10 **Utilities** 



Airports

Water





# **Customer Spotlight**



# **National Electricity Utility**

Cybersecurity and anomaly monitoring of >13M smart meters at 10 OT SOCs for high resiliency and operational visibility.



# **National Electric Utility**

Centralized visibility and monitoring to protect critical infrastructure across **112 substations** through improved security monitoring.



#### UTILITY

## **National Electric Utility**

Modernized and enabled digital transformation of **298 substations** with a central management solution, helping meet compliance requirements.



#### UTILITY

## **Power and Telecommunications**

### Full visibility and monitoring across

across OT/IoT networks, meeting regulatory guidelines and providing deep understanding of anomalies and threats.

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# **Cyberattacks on Energy Infrastructure are Increasing**



SECURITY

#### The Global Risk Report 2020

#### January 2020

Cyberattacks on critical infrastructure— rated the fifth top risk in 2020...—have become the new normal across sectors such as energy.

#### **Ransomware Operators Demand \$14 Million from Power** Company

## **July 2020**

The threat actor behind the Sodinokibi (REvil) ransomware is demanding a \$14 million ransom from Brazilian-based electrical energy company Light S.A.

#### Key Part of Electricity Network Hit by Cyber Attack May 2020

The Telegraph Staff at key energy market player Elexon were locked out of its systems by the cyberattack.



#### LookBack Malware Attacked Energy Utilities Across 18 **States**

#### January 2020

The Wall Street Journal has identified facilities that were hit, a few located near dams, locks and other critical infrastructure.





# **Energy: #3 Most Targeted Industry in 2020**

#### Top 10 industries by attack volume, 2020 vs. 2019

	Sector	2020 rank	2019 rank	Change	
	Finance and insurance (23.0%)	1	1	-	
<	Manufacturing (17.7%)	2	8	6	
	Energy (11.1%)	3	9	6	>
	Retail (10.2%)	4	2	-2	
	Professional services (8.7%)	5	5	-	
	Government (7.9%)	6	6	-	
	Healthcare (6.6%)	7	10	3	
	Media (5.7%)	8	4	-4	
	Transportation (5.1%)	9	3	-6	
	Education <sup>(4.0%)</sup>	10	7	-3	

Source: IBM Security X-Force Threat Intelligence Index 2021

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At a virtual press briefing, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Senior VP Manny Cancel said that **the electricity sector has faced an "unprecedented" increase in cyber threats** over the past year and a half.

Cancel noted that nearly 25 percent of the 1,500 electric utilities that share information with NERC said they had downloaded the tainted SolarWinds software. A smaller subset of those said they used SolarWinds in their operational technology networks.

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# How can utilities improve cyber resilience ?

## **Common Operational & Cyber Challenges for Power & Electric Systems**



#### **Scalability**

The solution needs to be operational at up to thousands of substations, each of which has many assets. Asset tracking, including their real-time status, for very large volumes.



## Bandwidth

Continuous monitoring of substations is difficult. Need for a solid network infrastructure with Quality of Service (QoS) and an integrated and interoperating IEC 61850 process bus.



### Time Synchronization

Cyberattacks that affect IEEE 1588 / SNTP communication or the master clock/GPS can disrupt operations or be used for malicious purposes..



## Mitigating OT/IoT Cyber Incidents

Power grid networks are susceptible to the same cybersecurity risks as IT systems, only with the potential for more damaging consequences

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# Conclusions

## Improving OT and IoT Security for Substations and Power Grids

- OT/IoT Expertise is Essential
- Availability and safety are paramount
- Different sectors have different challenges but common threats
- Critical systems operations run 24/7/365 with significant safety risks
- Industrial networks contain heterogeneous and legacy systems, diverse assets and multiple connected architectures
- Industrial protocols are inherently insecure and often obscure to the IT world
- Deep experience with OT required in mixed OT/IoT/IT environments
- Unified visibility and security across OT, IoT and IT is essential
- Solutions must be easy to deploy, non intrusive and has multiple integrations



# **Considerations & Questions.**

## **OT Cyber Security & Your Supply Chain.**

- What effect would an extended power outage have on my business?
- Do we have an SLA with my power Utility?
- Do we have a contingency plan for Power outage?
- What can I do?





# **Thank You!**

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