Split Prepaid Metering and Medium Voltage Distribution for High Density Low Income Areas

Liberia Electricity Corporation 2012 Electrification Schemes

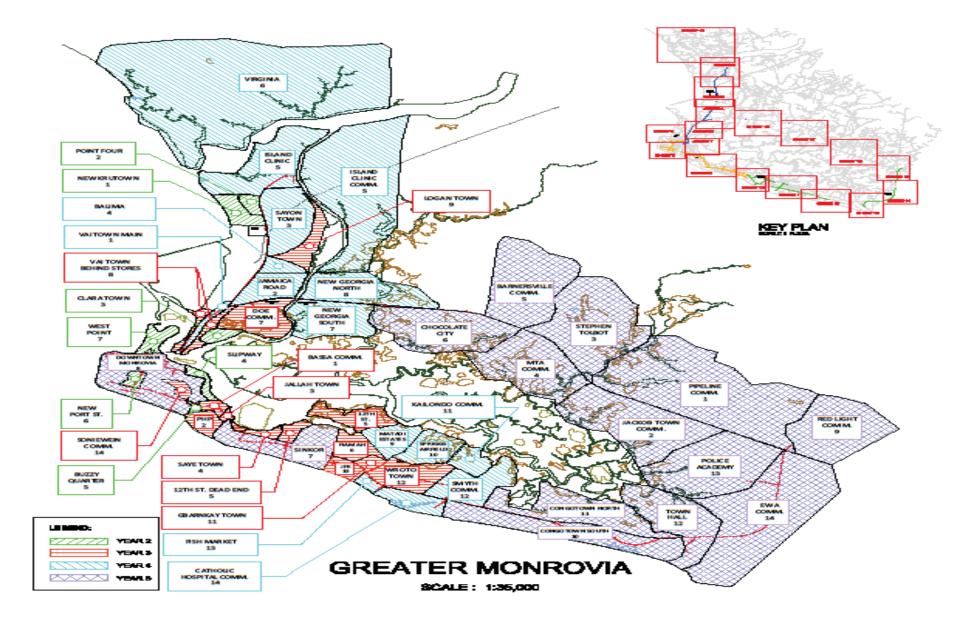
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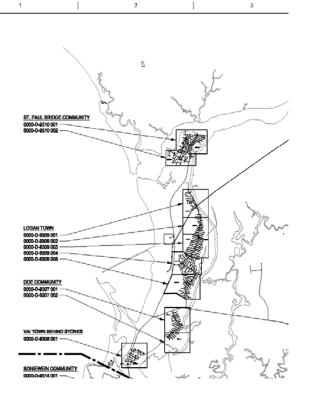
- MHI/KPLC Five Year Management Contract
- Rebuild/Expand Monrovia Electricity System
- GPOBA Largest Grant Ever US\$ 10 m
- 16,800 Poor/Low Income Connections
- \$950 per Connection 65% Reimbursement
- 7 Very Poor Areas Year 1
- 14 Low Income Areas Year 2
- Mapping and Design

Benefits

• LEC

- Reduced Losses
- Increased Collections
- Reduced fixed costs
- Improved cash flow
- Customers
 - Access without traditional barriers
 - Better energy use management
 - Energy conservation marked reduction in use

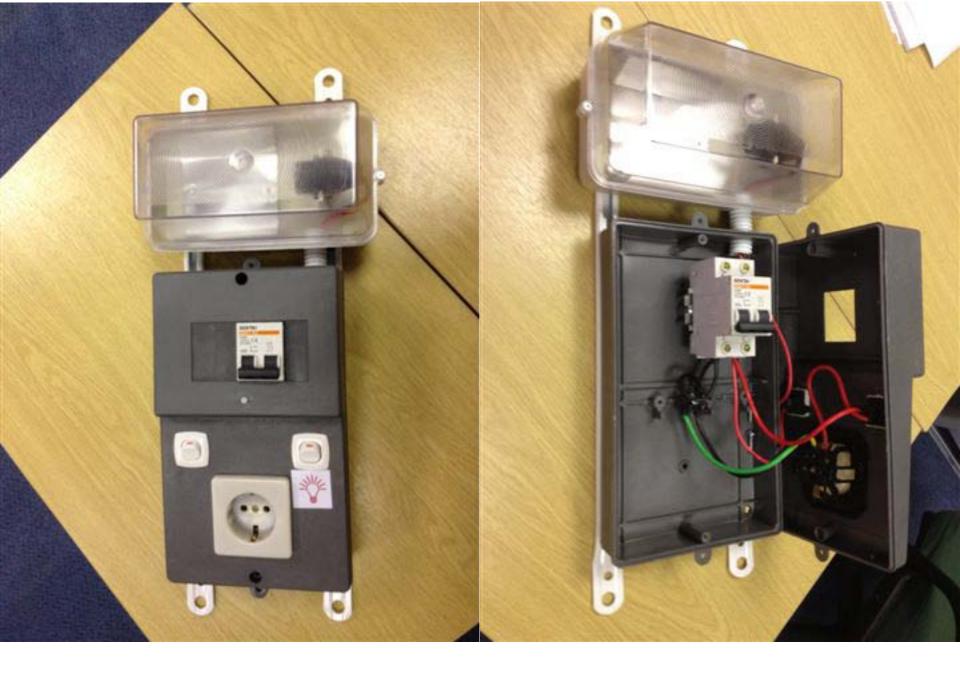




Installation Challenges

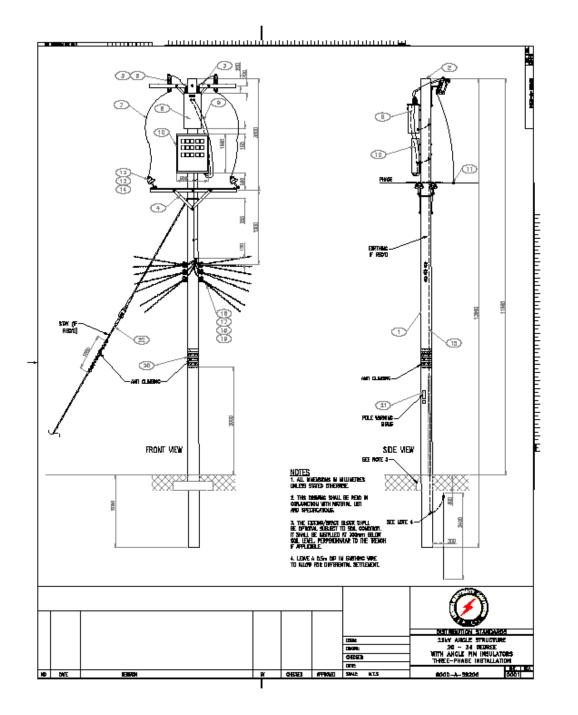
Informal Settlements

- Connection Fees
- No legal surveys
- No ROW's
- No building standards or internal wiring
- Manual siting of poles to best fit
- Construction access very difficult



Itron Split PPM





Medium Voltage Distribution Only











Success Factors

- Strong Government Support
- Strong Donor Support

Barriers

- Scale up is totally dependent on donor funds to put infrastructure in place
- Customers cannot afford the connection costs
- Current tariff is very high US 0.54/kWh
- High Speed Diesel Generation

Solutions

- Customer Financial Assistance Amortize a low connection fee.
- HFO Next Two Years
- 70 MW hydropower in four years
- Reduce Losses