

# Demand Flexibility Report Findings

The State of Demand Flexibility 2023

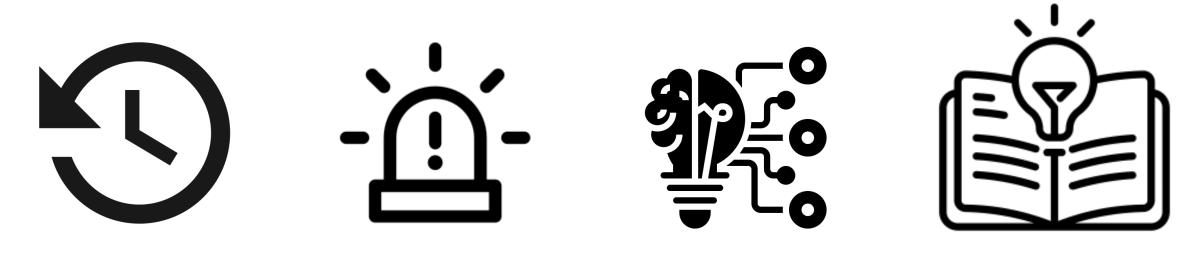
## Key Stakeholders

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# Our Goal for this Report



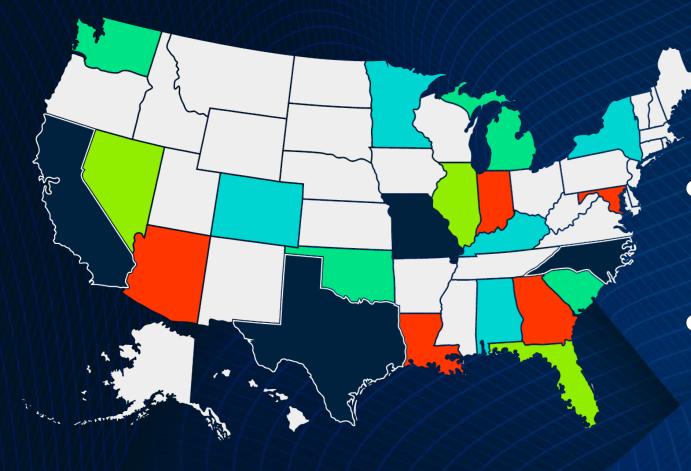
**Brief History** 

Importance/Urgency

Benefits/Challenges

**Overall Education** 

## Summer 2023 Research Survey

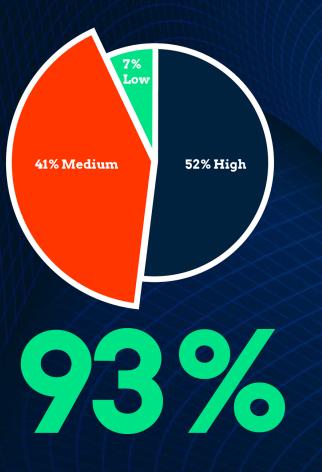


 Over 60 utility executives and thought leaders were interviewed across the U.S.
 International literature review



The importance of demand flexibility for the grid. Perceived benefits of demand flexibility. Not just grid resiliency, business resiliency. A varied state of the value chain. An opportunity to educate.

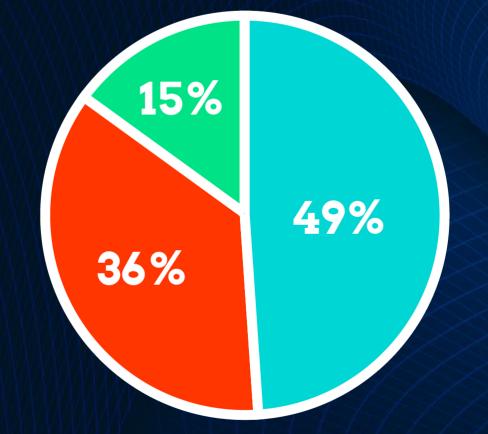




93% of utilities consider demand flexibility to be a medium to high priority for their organization for the next three years



Utilities that plan on implenting demand flexibility programs within 3 years
 Utilities that have implement demand flexibility programs within the last 3 years
 Utilities that have no plan to implement demand flexibility programs

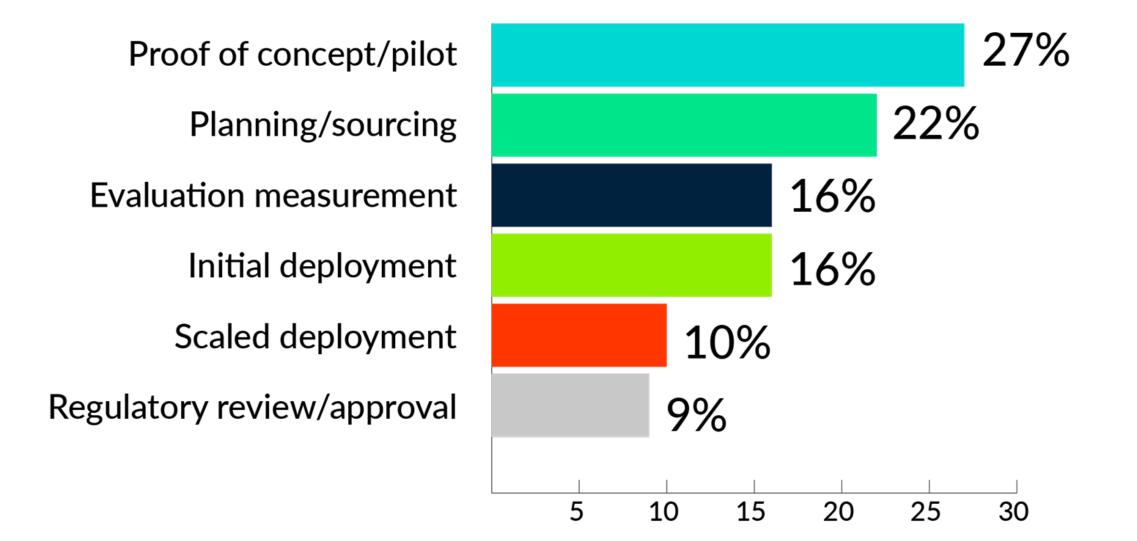




#### **Pilots + Process**

65% are actively engaging in deploying pilots
35% are evaluating the opportunity and approach
11% of respondents said they are not actively pursuing pilots at all



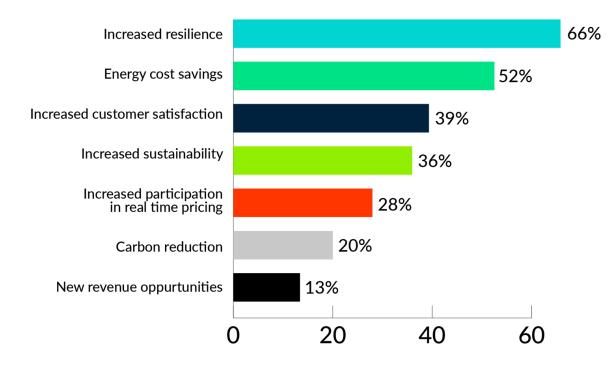


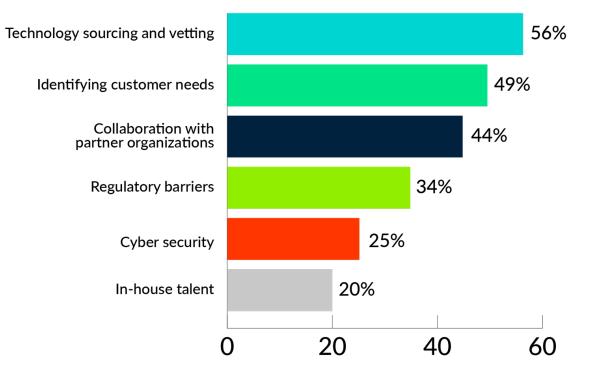
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#### Challenges





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#### So what do we need to solve for?

Technology Regulatory Human Understanding



What does it mean to be in a productive, 2-way <u>relationship</u> with our customers.



#### Not an existential threat, an opportunity.

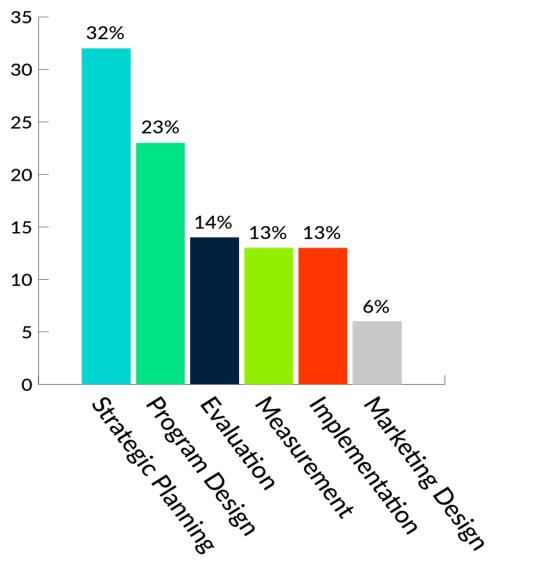
Historically, the one shining example of a positive customer/utility relationship has been with electric vehicles, as compared to the relationships utilities and customers experienced with the advent of energy efficiency and solar.

Demand flexibility is our opportunity to redefine a relationship.



### **Areas of Focus on Demand Flexibility Programs**

Most utilities are currently focused on planning, program design, and program implementation components



But if human relationships are the biggest challenge, why are we spending the least amount of time there?



## Not just successful for some. Successful for all.

36%

We are Not Currently Pursuing DEI Initiatives Within Our Demand Flexibility Program



Community Engagement (surveys, interviews, etc.)



Engagement with Community Stakeholders and Organizations

23%

Internal Steering Committee(s)



Appointed Internal DEI Specialist to Assist with Program Design and Implementation



External Consultant to Assist with Program Design and Implementation



# What is the solution, if not demand flexibility?



Keep an eye out for the full State of Demand Flexibility Report launching February 2024

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