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California Grid Modernization: Problem Scenario

Read the problem scenario below. Use the information to guide your preparation for the stakeholder conference.

A group of researchers have proposed that California significantly increase expenditures for grid modernization technologies in the state. Researchers made this proposal as part of a plan to reduce the likelihood of blackouts in the state. You are one of the stakeholders invited to participate in a conference on integrating grid modernization technologies into California's energy grid. As a participant in this conference, you are expected to present a brief summary of the blackout problem from your perspective. You are also asked to bring five questions about grid modernization technologies that you need to have answered in order to be informed enough to vote on the issue. You will share your problem summary and questions at the conference and then work with other stakeholders to create a priority list for research into the benefits and drawbacks of integrating grid modernization technologies into the California energy grid.

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