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Complementary Meeting Notes

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The following are **raw** notes from the Sustainability Track (#5). They are an aggregate of numerous panels and discussions. No attempt has been made to interpret these raw notes.

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1. Architecture Considerations
 - a. Energy cost verse transport cost?
 - b. Moving bits to energy is more efficient than moving energy to bits.
 - c. Large centralized data centers or distributed edge caches?
2. Drivers
 - a. Sustainability goals
 - b. Traffic Growth
 - c. Cost of electricity expected to double in 10 years
 - d. Technical limitations
3. China Mobile
 - a. 700 mill subs, 14% of OPEX is energy, 14.9B Kwh, Base stations 64%, Equipment rooms 25%. 830K 2G base stations, 1.1 million total, 250k 3G
4. Energy strategy hierarchy
 - a. Base: Power modeling and assessment - need accurate modeling
 - b. Equipment: Advanced components and designs
 - c. Site: Resources Sleeping
 - d. Network – network wide coordination
5. Trend to do more ‘stuff’ in software.
6. Multipath TCP
 - a. WiFi and 3G at the same time.
7. Need to develop a life cycle assessment of energy usage
8. GreenTouch.org
 - a. Targets
 - i. 1000% energy reduction in wireless
 - ii. 500% reduction
 1. Small cells in urban environments
 2. Access (FTTH. Bit interleaved PON)
 - iii. 100% in core optical network
 - b. EARTH
 - i. Reduced energy in LTE 60-70%...target was 50%
 - ii. Options: Antenna muting, Large scale antenna systems
 - iii. More antennas with better energy efficiency
 - iv. MIMO (multipoint to multipoint)
9. Tier One U.S.A. Carrier
 - a. Spends \$1 Billion on energy each year. Impacts share holder value.
 - b. Business Case and ROI mandatory
 - i. Goal to reduce OPEX
 - ii. Spending \$100 M on green project this year. (Not off-grid)
 - c. Key issues are the Cost, Availability and Reliability of **energy**

- d. Next step is how to drive technology innovation and vendors need to show telco's how to phase-in new solutions.
- e. Carrier does not do PPA (Power Purchase Agreements). Wants to own assets. Tax incentives help a lot.
- f. Traditional ROI is 12-24 months
 - i. Questions whether that is reasonable for "green" projects. 5 years?
- g. Test new technologies in 5 CO's (3 – Brooklyn, 2- Bronx)
 - i. Figure if they can "crack the code" in Brooklyn rest of country will be easy.
 - ii. Municipal regulations, requirements, statues, et al.
 - iii. Challenges; Demographics, variances, etc.
- h. Next focus is remote cell towers
 - i. Outside powering OK
- i. All next generation access equipment must reduce power by 25%
- j. Have Carbon Intensity Metric. (CIM)
 - i. Terabytes/energy to run network
 - ii. Goal: increase data by 50% and reduce CIM by 50%
- k. Have 38,000 vehicles
 - i. 2800 alternative fuels
 - ii. Looking at route optimization
- l. Issue with M2M is not the size of the data but the # of transactions.
 - i. Overhead per transaction
- m. Smart home integration on roadmap. Not sure when?
 - i. In-home device powering issues.
 - 1. Will consumers have to replace AA batteries?
 - ii. 2 Million homes have smart meters
 - 1. VZ partnering with utilities
- n. India has a lot of diesel powered rural base stations.
- o. Energy resiliency is key driver. Not green.
- p. VZ HQ uses ice (Frozen water). Create ice at night.



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