

# A Tale of Two Utilities: A Case Study of MultiSpeak® Integrations for Utilities

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- Introduction to MultiSpeak
- Introducing College Station
- Map3D MultiSpeak Export at College Station
- Introducing Welland Hydro
- OMS Outage View
- Q&A



An aerial rendering of a city skyline featuring a large stadium, several skyscrapers, and a bridge crossing a river. A park area with trees and a blue pond is visible in the foreground. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image.

# Introduction to MultiSpeak



# What is MultiSpeak®?

“The MultiSpeak Specification is a key industry-wide standard for realizing the potential of enterprise application interoperability.”

<http://www.multispeak.org/about/Pages/default.aspx>

“Its purpose is to define standard data interfaces to help make available cost-effective, integrated software applications to serve the business needs of [electric utilities].”

MultiSpeak® Version 3.0 Specification



# What is MultiSpeak®?

- In Daily Use at 725 electric cooperatives, investor-owned utilities, municipalities and public power districts
- 70 Vendors actively contribute to the specification
- [www.multispeak.org](http://www.multispeak.org)

# MultiSpeak® Features?

- Standard interfaces – application independent
- Supports batch transfers and web services
- Interfaces between: Customer Information Systems (CIS), **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**, **Engineering Analysis (EA)**, Integrated Voice Response (IVR), Staking, Supervisory Control and Data Access (SCADA), Automated Meter Reading (AMR), Load Management, **Outage Management (OA)**, **Outage Detection (OD)**, ...

# MultiSpeak® Interfaces?

- Batch Interface
  - Map3D MultiSpeak Batch Application
  - College Station
  - GIS-EA
- Web Service
  - Welland Hydro OMS Viewer
  - OA-OD



# College Station



# College Station Overview

- College Station is a city in Brazos County, Texas situated in East Central Texas
- CSU services approximately 37,000 customers
- Service territory is just over 40 square miles
- CSU started using AutoCAD/AutoCAD Map in 1987
- CSU started using Milsoft WindMil v1.0 in 1993 for engineering analysis



# Benefits Realized

- MultiSpeak export from AutoCAD Map3D to create WindMil model
- WindMil model is used both for engineering analysis and for the outage management system
- Updates only in one place (AutoCAD Map3D)
- Accurate exports keep load projections and outage predictions correct





# Map3D MultiSpeak Batch Export

# Demo



# MultiSpeak® Batch Interface: Features

- Enterprise and File Based Industry Models
- Industry Model Independent
  - Configured “out of the box” for NA Electric Model
  - Configurable for any data model
- Supports “tight” integration with WindMil
- Batch transfer
- Configuration File Validation

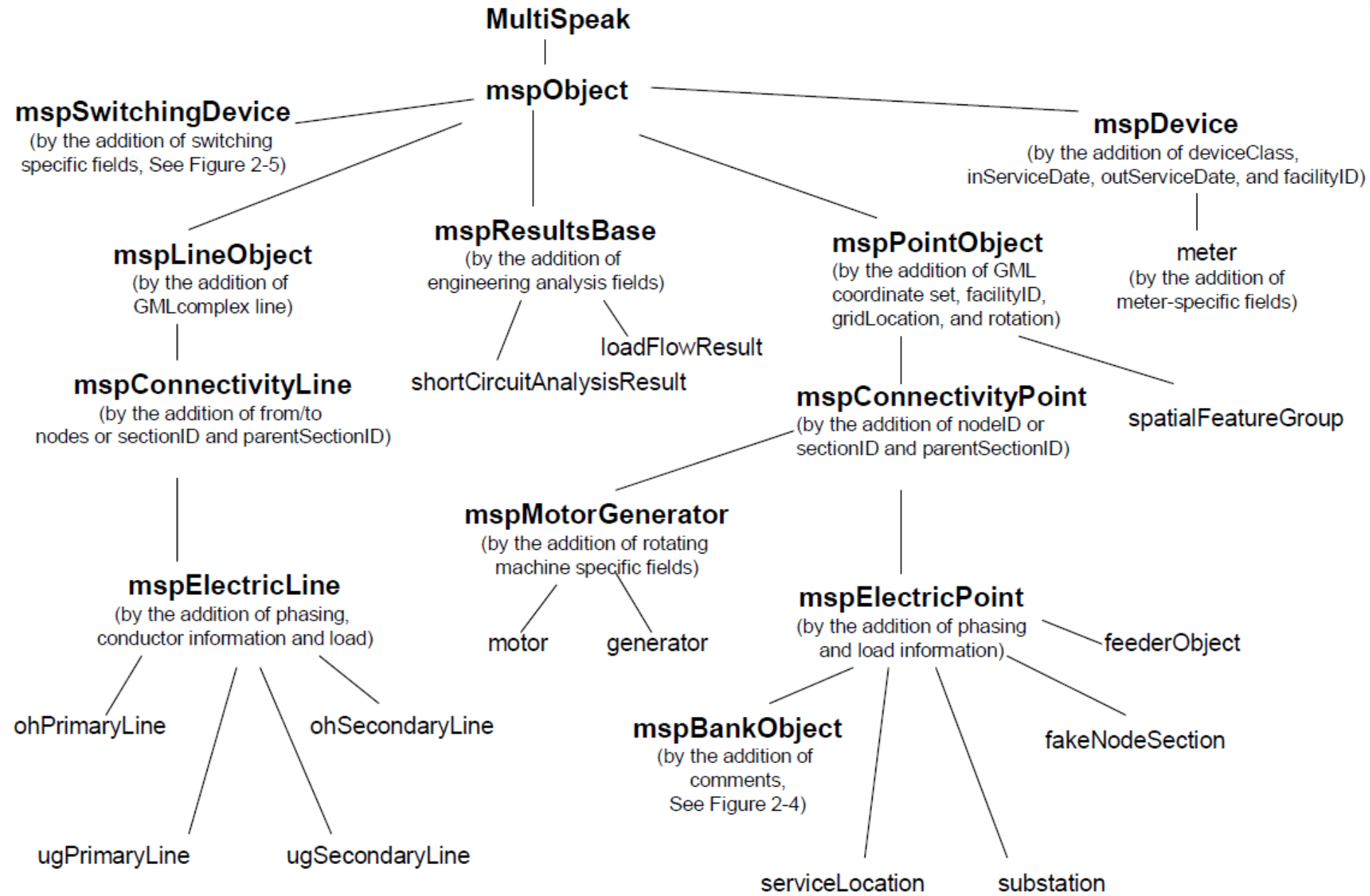


# Workflow - Configuring the Interface

- Define the Data Mappings
  - MultiSpeak Objects
  - Industry Model Feature Classes
  - Match Attributes
- Create Industry Model Views
- Create Configuration File

# MultiSpeak® Objects

**Figure 2-3**  
**MultiSpeak Object Inheritance Hierarchy**



Click on Sign  
text and place  
signature on a  
File.

# Define Data Mappings – Identify Classes

## WindMil Circuit Element Types

WindMil can import all MultiSpeak nouns which are derived from mspConnectivityPoint and mspConnectivityLine. The following list indicates which WindMil element types are created when these nouns are imported.



MultiSpeak Noun	WindMil Element Type
<i>ohPrimaryLine</i>	Overhead
<i>ohSecondaryLine</i>	Overhead
<i>ugPrimaryLine</i>	Underground
<i>ugSecondaryLine</i>	Underground
<i>fakeNodeSection</i>	Node
<i>capacitorBank</i>	Capacitor
<i>overcurrentDeviceBank</i>	Overcurrent Device
<i>switchDeviceBank</i>	Switch
<i>regulatorBank</i>	Regulator
<i>transformerBank</i>	Transformer
<i>serviceLocation</i>	Consumer
<i>substation</i>	Source
<i>generator</i>	Generator
<i>motor</i>	Motor

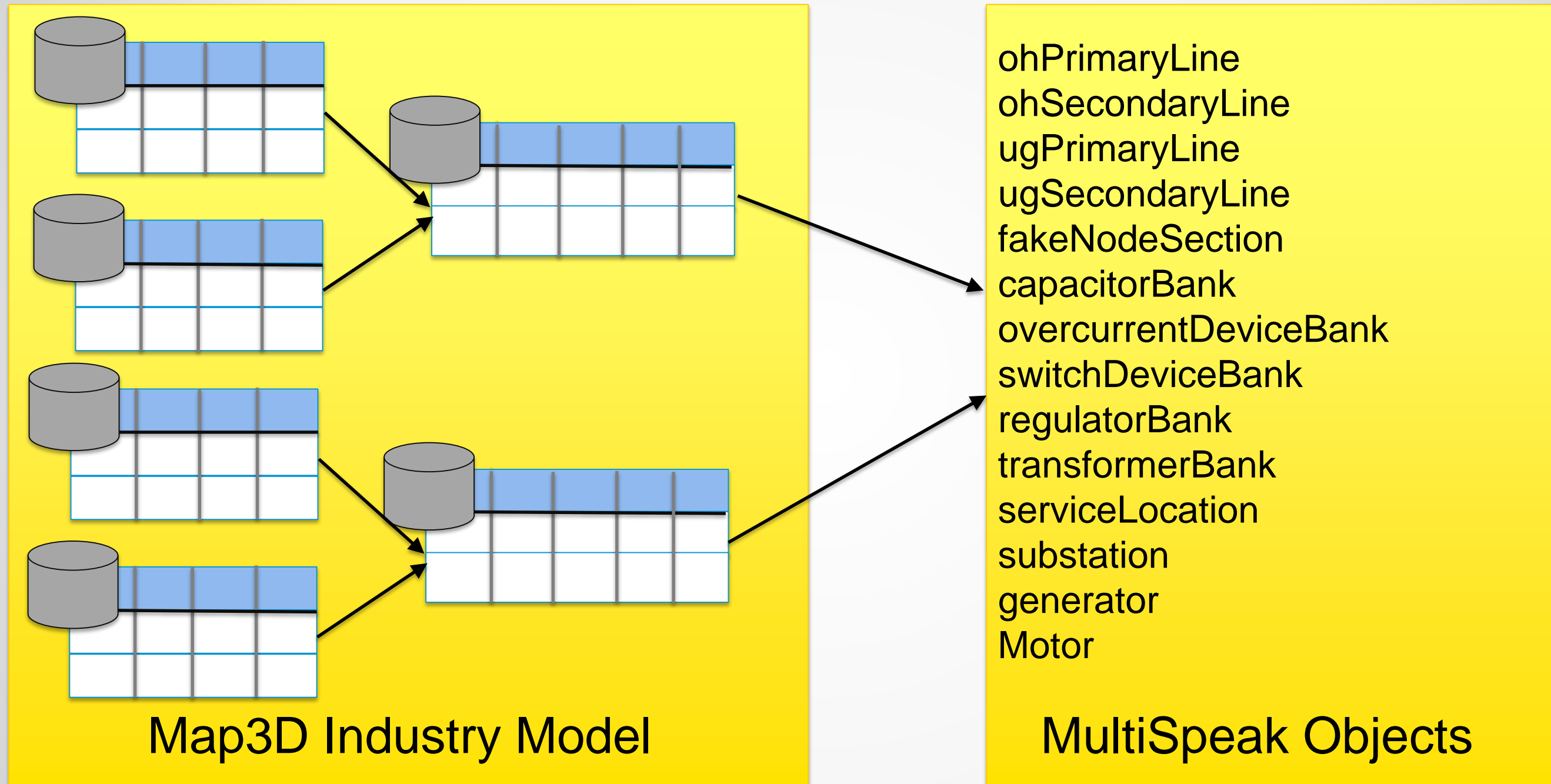


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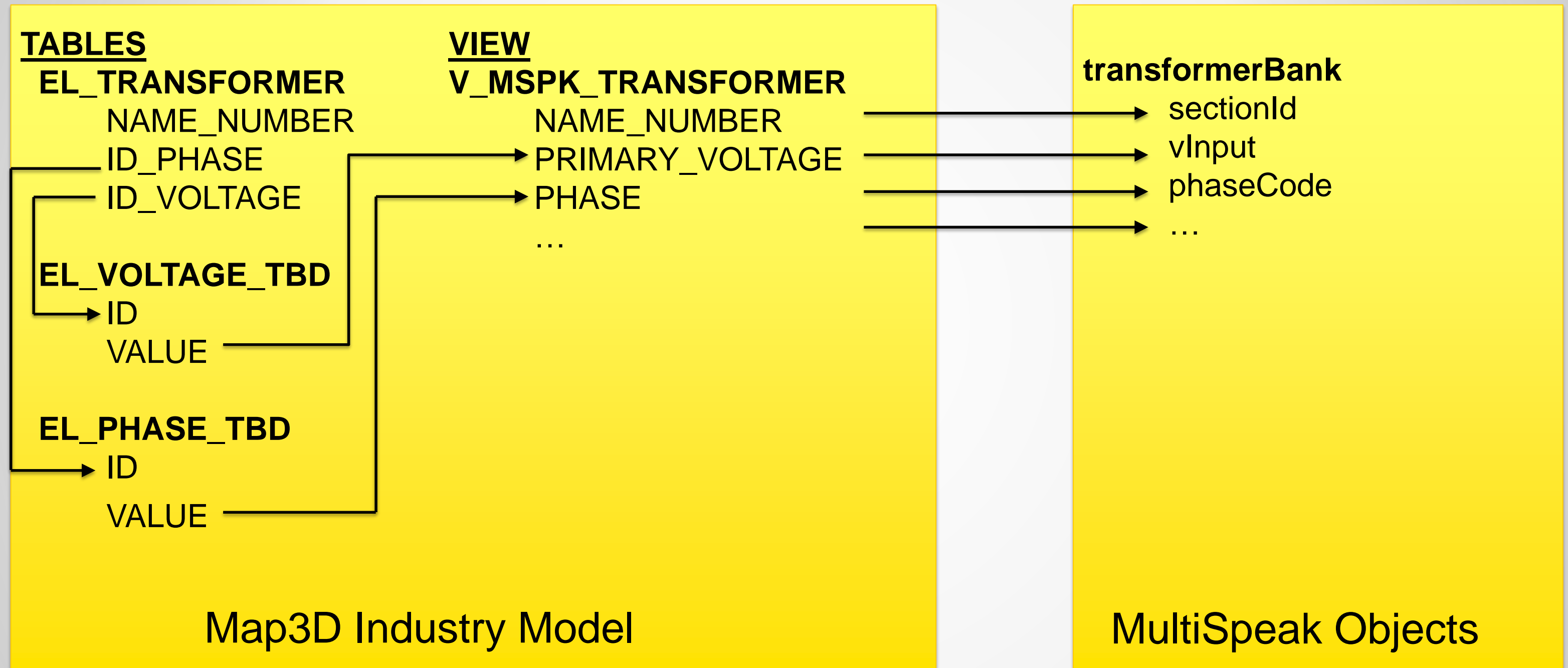




# Workflow – Define Mappings



# Workflow – Define Mappings Example



# Create the Config File

```
<msElement name="transformerBank" source="V_MSPK_TRANSFORMER" feeder="CIRCUIT" sectionId="NAME_NUMBER" >
  <msGeometryProperty name="mapLocation" source="GEOM"/>
  <msProperty name="rotation" source="ORIENTATION" />
  <msProperty name="phaseCode" source="PHASE" />
  <msProperty name="utility" value="Autodesk" />
  <msProperty name="vInput" source="PRIMARY_VOLTAGE" />
  <msProperty name="vOut" source="VOLTAGE_OUTPUT" />
  <msProperty name="transDescr" source="DESCRIPTION" />
  <msElementList name="transformerList">
    <msElement name="transformer" parseBy="PHASE">
      <msProperty name="phase" autoGenerate="true" />
      <msProperty name="eaEquipment" source="DESCRIPTION" />
      <msProperty name="kva" source="KVA" />
    </msElement>
  </msElementList>
</msElement>
```



# Requirements and Assumptions

- Table or Views must contain:
  - FID
  - Feeder/Circuit
- Logical connectivity model
- Column values must match MultiSpeak Specification:
  - phaseCode {A, B, C, AB, AC, BC, ABC, Unknown}
  - operVolt – in KiloVolts
  - Position {NO, NC, Unknown}

# Requirements and Assumptions

- Start Feeder Device (ie. breaker) needs to be related to its substation

# Configure the Interface - Skills/Tools Required

- Skills
  - Understand Data Models
  - Data Modelling Development if needed to create views
- Tools
  - Infrastructure Administrator
  - SQL Development Environment
    - SQL Sheet in Infrastructure Administrator
    - Oracle SQL Developer
    - SQL Server Management Studio



# Welland Hydro

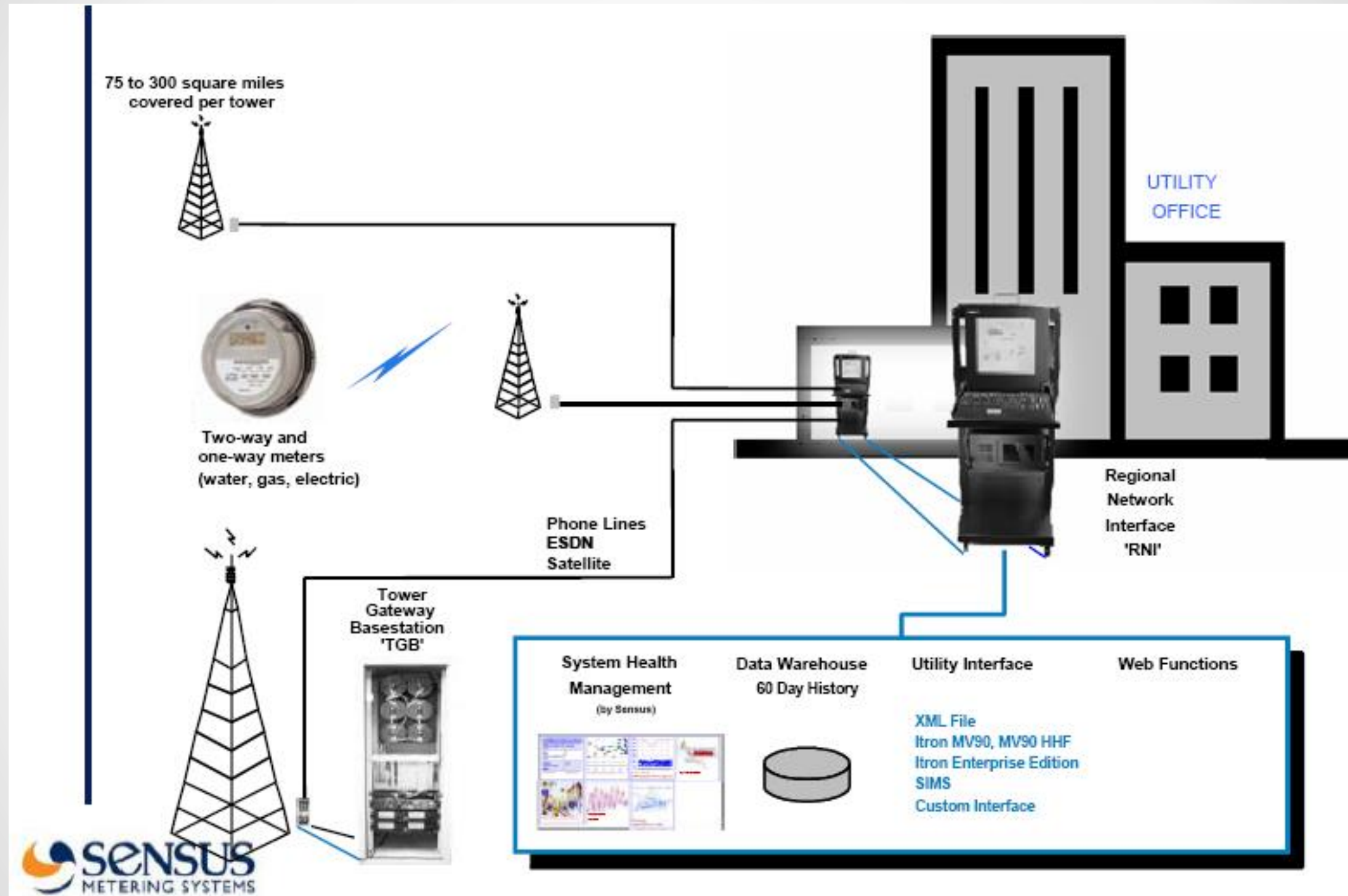
An aerial perspective rendering of a proposed infrastructure project. In the foreground, a multi-lane bridge with a rainbow-colored light strip along its edge spans a wide river. The bridge has a modern design with curved supports. On the riverbank, there are landscaped green areas with trees and a small landscaped island with purple flowers. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a clear blue sky. The skyline includes several tall skyscrapers and a large, circular stadium-like structure. The overall scene is a digital architectural visualization.

# Welland Hydro Overview

- Welland is centrally located in the Niagara Region between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario
- WH services approximately 22,000 customers in Welland
- 97% of customers are in an Urban Environment



# AMI/Outage Viewer Overview





# Benefits Realized Using the Outage Viewer

- Probable points of failure were predicted automatically
- Outage events were prioritized based on number of customers affected
- Crews were dispatched to an event based on
  - Outage event priority
  - Proximity to the outage location
  - Existing work load

# Outage Viewer Integration Challenges

- RNI located offsite and managed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party resources
- Duplicate Messages – Multiple outage alarms for a single meter – currently being resolved by Sensus
- Message Traffic – Due to message traffic, not all Outage/Restoration alarms come all the time
- Restoration of service verified by interrogation of the customer's smart meter

# Outage Viewer Expectations

- Real time customer outage reporting
- Increased accuracy in predicting a failed device
- Real time power restoration reporting
- Eliminate manual interrogation of the meter to determine restoration status





## ALARMS

Power Failed

2011-10-19 16:32:11

Power Restored

2011-10-19 17:27:18

Failure Duration

55 minutes, 7 seconds

Meter Tamper

No current or valid value.

Power Theft

No current or valid value.

Low AC Volts

No current or valid value.

# Alarm Messages

Event	outageEventType	priority	messageList/message/comment
Power failed	Outage	NeedsAttention	PowerFailedOutageEvent
Power failed (AC)	Outage	NeedsAttention	PowerFailedOutageEvent
Power restored	Restoration	NeedsAttention	PowerRestoredOutageEvent
Tamper	Outage	Urgent	TamperOutageEvent
No response (solicited)	Outage	NeedsAttention	NoResponseOutageEvent
Success response (solicited)	Restoration	Normal	SuccessEvent
Failed to send message	NoResponse	Normal	TransmissionFailedEvent

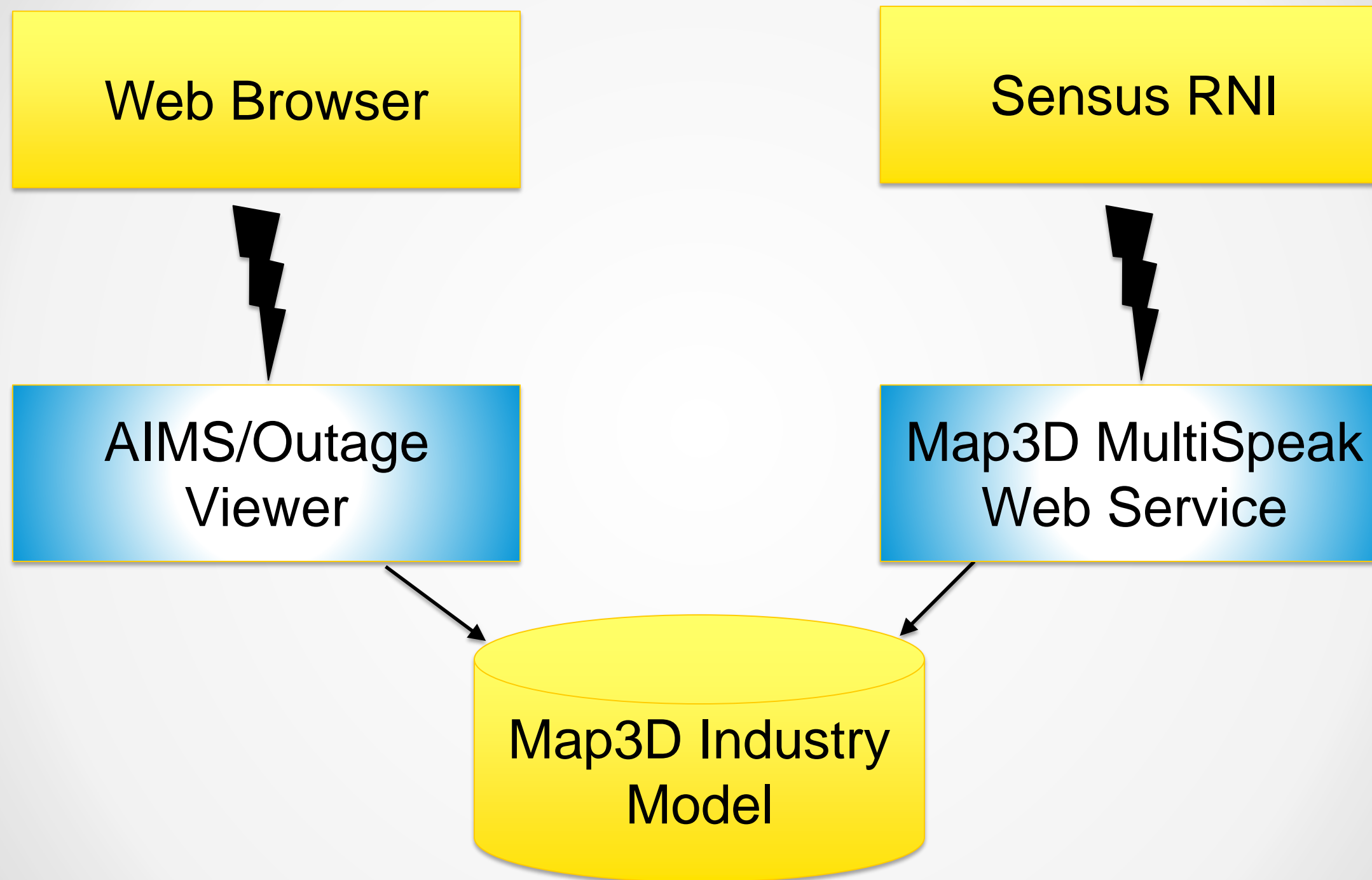


# Welland Hydro Outage Viewer





# Outage Viewer Overview



# Demo

# Sample Message

```
<ns2:outageDetectionEvent>
  <ns2:eventTime>2013-02-21T20:56:08.000-05:00</ns2:eventTime>
  <ns2:outageEventType>Outage</ns2:outageEventType>
  <ns2:outageDetectDeviceID>13081580</ns2:outageDetectDeviceID>
  <ns2:outageDetectDeviceType>Meter</ns2:outageDetectDeviceType>
  <ns2:outageLocation>
    <ns2:meterNo>912916</ns2:meterNo>
  </ns2:outageLocation>
  <ns2:messageList>
    <ns2:message>
      <ns2:comments>OutageEvent</ns2:comments>
    </ns2:message>
  </ns2:messageList>
  <ns2:priority>NeedsAttention</ns2:priority>
</ns2:outageDetectionEvent>
```



# Map3D MultiSpeak Web Service

- Outage
  - Create event (EL\_EVENT) for the related Meter
  - Create an Observation (EL\_OBSERVATION) at Meter location related to this event and meter
- Restoration
  - Create event (EL\_EVENT) for the related Meter
  - Delete existing Observation

# Outage Viewer

- Observation display layer displays current Outages
- View Outages widgets periodically checks for new outages/restorations and refreshes the map
- Tabular listing of current outages is available



An aerial rendering of a city skyline. In the foreground, a multi-lane bridge with a rainbow-colored light strip along its edge spans a river. A red car is driving on the bridge. To the right of the bridge is a park area with green grass, trees, and a blue oval-shaped pond. In the background, a dense city skyline with various skyscrapers is visible under a clear blue sky.

# Questions and Answers



