

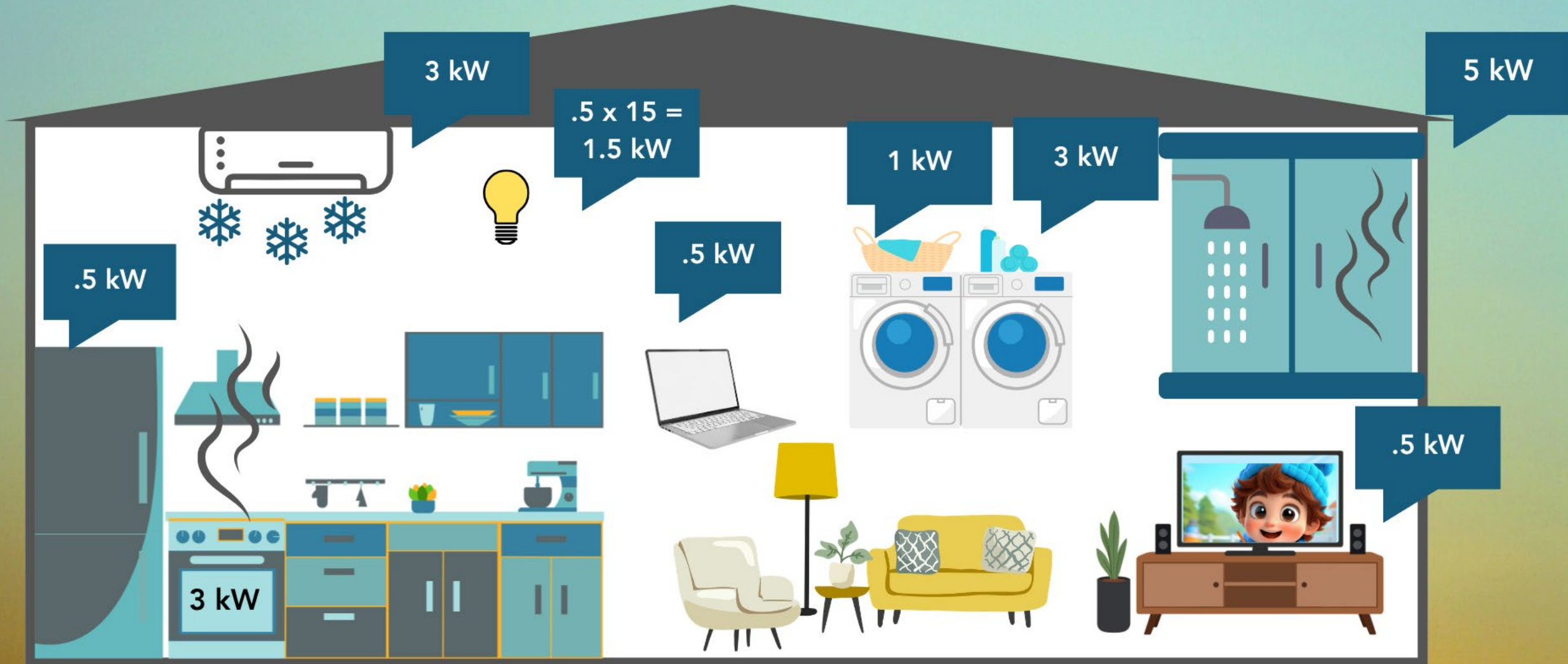


How Large-Load Data Centers Make Utilities More Efficient



Homes use 40% of their daily power between 5 and 8 PM.

18 kW in use for 3 hours x 30,000 homes = 1,620 MWh (MegaWatt hours)



Residential usage is low between 11 PM and 2 AM.
3.5 kW in use for 3 hours x 30,000 homes = 315 MWh (MegaWatt hours)





Some residential
power demand
9 AM - 2 PM

600

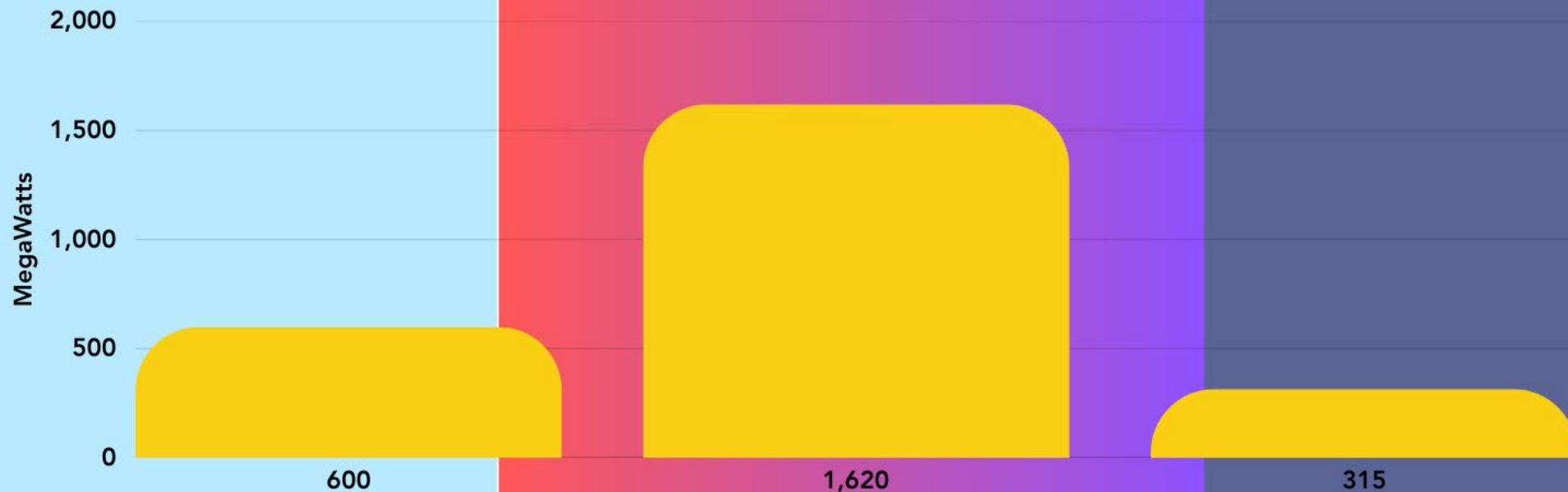
Peak residential
power demand
5 - 8 PM

1,620



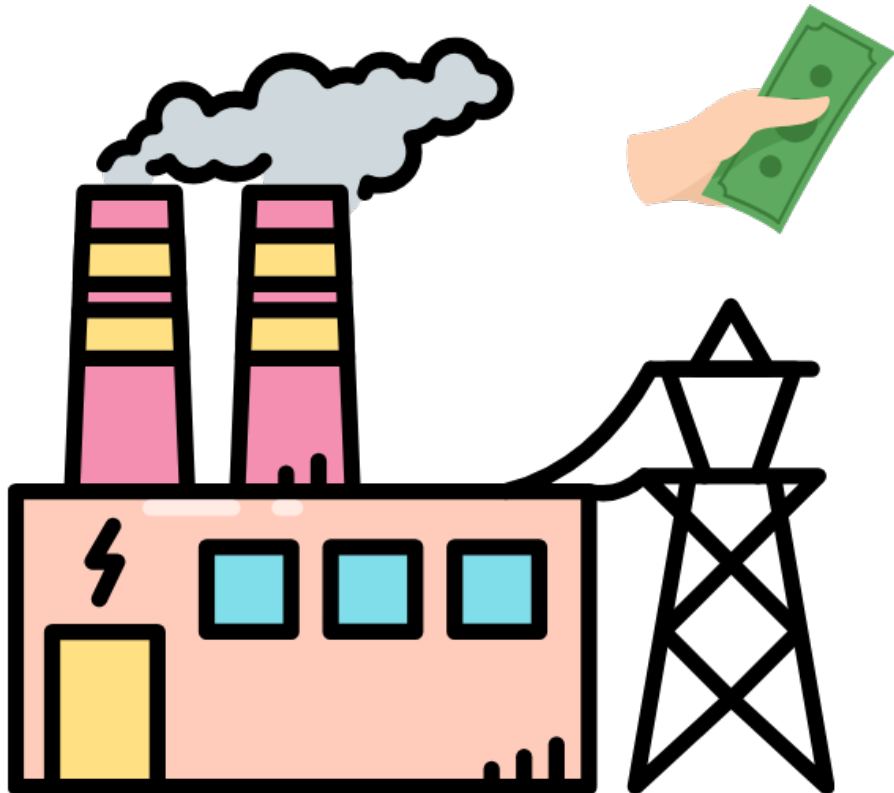
Very low residential
power demand
11 PM - 4 AM

315



Utilities must predict the amount of power that **could be used** by their service area at any given time.

They **buy 15-20% more** to cover unexpected peaks.



What happens when power isn't used? The grid can't store power.



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Running a utility is like running a buffet.

Food consumption is unpredictable.

Much is wasted.

But food must be available when
hungry customers arrive.



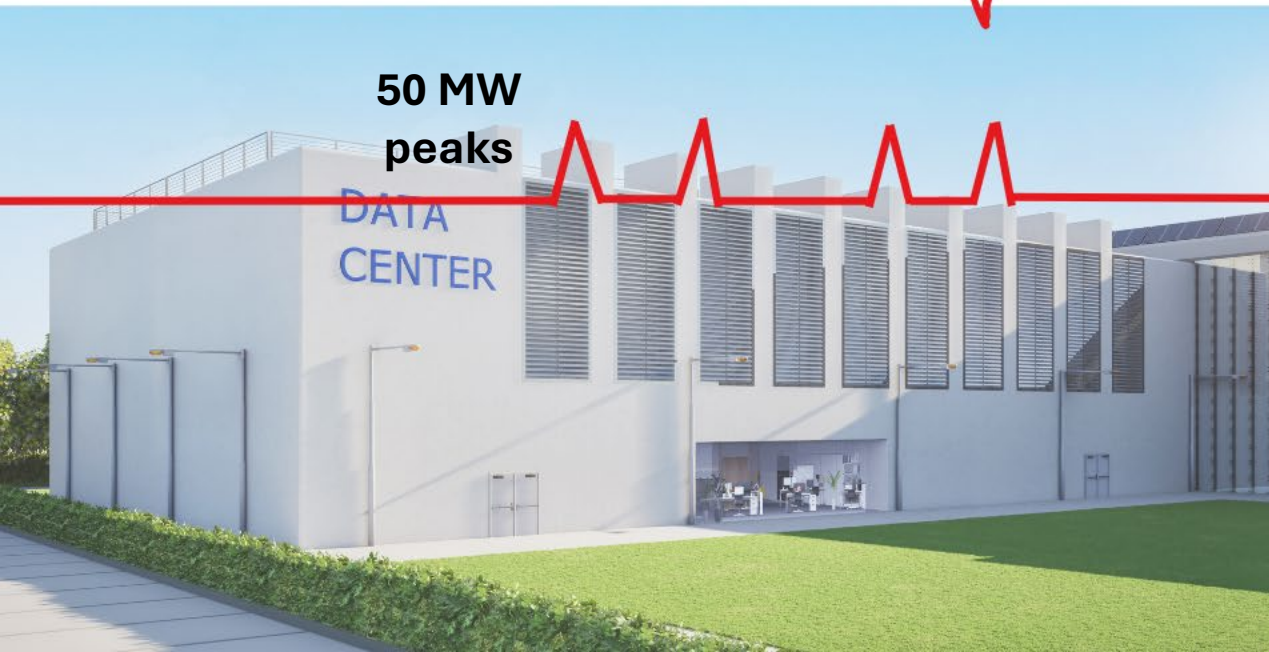
A church group of 40 at a buffet twice weekly = a data center for a utility.



- Predictable use at scale lowers prices and creates efficiency.
- If users need a lot and commit to using it, costs are lower.
- Reliable consumption = minimal waste.

Residential Power Use = ERRATIC

- 30,000 homes
- 30,000 bills
- 30,000 meters to read
- 100s of miles of power lines
- 100s of service calls



Data Center Power Use = stable

- 1 building
- 1 bill
- 1 customer on the phone
- < 1 mile of infrastructure

45 MW
most of the time