

THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING VALUE TO THE CUSTOMER IN DOLLARS

**"Value To The Customer" of General Electric Services
"Value To The Customer" of General Electric Product "Qualities"**

So much is said to the customer by so many people of so many competing companies about "value to him", "extra value to him" and "extra values" to him that, as he accepts the water main as the "way of life" for bringing water to him, he accepts such phrases as the "way of life" for bringing his purchases of equipment to him.

Perhaps the words, through over-use and unmeaningful use, have lost their "moving ability" to him and no longer change his beliefs.

We believe that a vast untapped potential is at our fingertips, however, if we will but evaluate these "values" to him in dollars per year.

The word "values" as used with a customer has a meaning close to "functions."

What we are saying is...

"Our company performs certain functions which are of value to you".
"Our product performs certain functions which are of value to you."

Implicit also is the meaning that, at least in the long run, "the performance of these functions, by ourselves or our product, for you will increase your financial strength, your net worth, your dollar earnings."

It then becomes a next straight-forward step for us to tell the customer what each of these extra functions performed for him are, how much and when we expect he will benefit in dollars.

As it appears, the evaluation of two types of "values" or functions to the customer would bring most of the benefits:

company services
product "qualities"

VALUE TO THE CUSTOMER IN DOLLARS--SERVICES

Within the last month, through an opportunity to work for a few days with W. A. Sredenshek and his group, some significant progress was made. Although the second area was not excluded--because the first is of high importance in the Utility Sales area, it received first attention.

METHOD OF EVALUATING COMPANY SERVICES IN DOLLARS

The value of a General Electric service to a customer is the lowest cost alternative means by which the customer could achieve the same dollar benefits.

This is seen to have two parts...

1. What dollar benefits accrue to the customer ?
2. In the absence of General Electric, how much would he have to pay for these benefits ?

The evaluator studies such information as can be secured in answer to questions of this type.

1. What precisely is the function in this "value" which is useful to or desired by the customer ?
2. How much has it benefitted the customer in dollars per year ?
3. How much would it benefit the customer in dollars per year ?
4. How much could it benefit the customer in dollars per year ?
5. How much will it benefit the customer in dollars per year ?
6. Without it, how much worse off would he now be per year ?
7. Without it, how much worse off would he be in the future per year ?
8. By what other means could the customer secure these dollar benefits ?
What would each of these other means cost him per year ?

Some of these and similar questions which best bring each type of function into focus are used. Information which is unavailable is filled in by reasonable estimates.

It is worth noting that in no event does the cost to General Electric enter into the "value of the function to the customer in dollars." The evaluator's judgment should not be influenced by it.

Through this process can be developed a list of company services which can, by knowledgeable people in relation to each important customer, be supplied with an amount in dollars benefit to that customer per year.

The benefits will fall into three classes...

Benefits to the product--its efficiency, maintenance, operation, replacement.

Benefits to the customer personnel, procedures, products, organization, efficiency.

Benefits to the customer through services provided to the business environment in which he operates. Load building, etc.

The dollar benefits will vary from negative through zero into relatively high positive figures.

In the Sredenschek Plan, these definite functions to the customer which have positive dollars per year of value to him will be jelled up and will be discussed with the appropriate personnel in the customer company. Some of these valuable functions will be recognized by the executive head, some by men with load building responsibilities, some by engineering with technical responsibilities, some by public relations men with customer's image responsibilities, some by the operating superintendent with maintenance responsibilities, etc. Next, some suitable form of customer communication will be encouraged so that these functions which G. E. performs for various areas of the customer company take appropriate form on the Comparison Sheet which the purchasing agent or buyer uses in decision-making on individual orders.

The importance of this approach is emphasized by the valuable summary of W. R. Knoble of Cleveland dated March 5, 1962, page 3, paragraphs 4 and 5.

VALUE TO THE CUSTOMER IN DOLLARS--QUALITIES (Preliminary)

The customer buys products to accomplish the functions which he believes are important.

He will probably have these items on his comparison sheet and, using some predetermined frame of reference, adjust quoted prices plus or minus to, in his judgment, bring the lowest overall cost for those functions.

General Electric product departments, on the other hand, serving many customers, often include features or "qualities" that are not in a customer's values system.

The purpose of a study of value of "qualities" in dollars to the customer, is to bring these product "qualities" into his values system.

The sole cause for existence of any element, specification, or test, which adds cost, is to provide to the customer some function he needs or wants.

Accordingly, each General Electric product which is offered to the customer should be carefully studied from the following viewpoints.

What is the minimum function-producing unit which probably satisfies the customer's needs?

What is the minimum function-producing unit which probably satisfies the customer's belief of his need?

What is each individual "quality" which the product contains above this minimum?

Classify each "quality"-- Is it a "quality" which causes the product to perform a customer task ("use" function), or a "quality" which should bring to him satisfaction and pleasure, which should please the customer ("esteem" function)?

How much in \$ per year benefit do we believe accrues to the customer because of each "use" quality, and of each "esteem" quality?

How much does it save for the customer each year?

How much could it save for the customer each year?

How much does it earn for the customer each year?

How much could it earn for the customer each year?

What alternative means does the customer have of getting that \$/year benefit--and what would the alternatives cost him?

Which additional "qualities" does this customer want and want to pay for?

Who in the customer organization will recognize the value in dollars to the customer for each individual function or quality?

FUNCTIONS OF A SUPPLIER
Which have value to a customer

I. Oriented to the operation, maintenance, efficiency and improvement of products

1. Provide a product of appropriate ^{water} quality and competitive cost
Performance

2. Improve the product and)
Keep the product suitable)
it

Permallex insulation system
FORMIX-RECTANGULAR WIRE
40 X N
SEALED OT TANIC
Capacitor Isokraft paper

Production line impulse testing of distribution transformers

Electronic test unit for meters to improve quality and accuracy

Magne-valve LA lower protective levels - improved efficiency

Grain oriented cold rolled steel
Basic patents held by GE

Tank sealing improvements

PIRANOL

*Sample Testing of meters
one unit tested 600,000/yr
(smaller all utilities could be 70,000,000)*

VALUE OF THE FUNCTION

Estimate		Annual \$1000's	
Cost to GE (1)		GE Est. Value to Customer (2)	Probable Cust. Est. of Value to Customer
1st Rev.	2nd Rev.		

~~12065~~

~~300~~

2000

VALUE OF THE FUNCTION

3. Advance the art and develop future products

Estimate		Annual \$1000's		
Cost to GE (1)	1st Rev.	2nd Rev.	GE Est. Value to Customer (2)	Probable Cust. Est. of Value to Customer

300 2000

Pad mounted transformer with INTERNAL HV switch

Vacuum breaker

Air blast breaker

Repron cable

Gas load break cut out

Hi Bute 60 molded instrument transformers

65° C rise distribution transformer

Improved manufacturing techniques of burning silicone steel shaving copper conductor

Extra high voltage equipment

POLITRAIN
ENCAPSULATED TRANSF. (95 BIL)
UNIVERSAL TRANS.

VALUE OF THE FUNCTION

Estimate		Annual \$1000's	
Cost to GE (1)		GE Est. Value to Customer (2)	Probable Cust. Est. of Value to Customer
1st Rev.	2nd Rev.		
75	200		

4. Provide readily available source of product knowledge
Inform customer about product
Keep customer & self abreast of changes

5 Sales Engineers

2 Sales Managers

Handbooks, Bulletins, Instruction Books

Advertising & technical articles

Distribution Magazine

Presentations at technical meetings

Sample equipments

Display vans

Tran-Van

Voltage Van

Apparatus train

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4. Provide product Application Engineering assistance

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2 Application Engineers

1 Application Engineer - Manager

Factory product application engineers

Stability studies

Lightning arresters - line dropping evaluation

Grounding transformer characteristics study

Grounding reactor study for 220 KV application

Application of HV capacitors to sub transmission

Transfer trip relays - carrier application

Economic design of auxiliary systems

Analysis of system and generation outages

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- 5. Process customer's orders rapidly - Meet unusual delivery requirements - Provide readily accessible stock**

Compute directed ordering techniques

Large and diversified local warehouse stock

Automatic rapid stock replenishment

Direct teletype order equipment

Direct teletype communication with entire GE Co. all locations

Competent inside men always available

Leased trucks immediately available

Expert warehouse personnel

Greatly shortened manufacturing time cycles

Examples of recent prompt service

7. Handle complaints expeditiously and accept appropriate complaint costs

Replace with new distribution transformer all in warranty failures

1kSE personnel on 24-hour call

Negotiate out of warranty complaints

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1st Rev.	2nd Rev.	(2)	
		100	

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<u>Rev.</u>	<u>Rev.</u>		
50		250	

9. Develop knowledge of customer's facilities
 Know customer's needs
 Transmit to product departments, customer's needs
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Pad mounted transformer with HV switch

Re-design capacitor equipment to meet unique California requirements

Lightnig arrester - ground disconnect

Re-design recording instrument inking system

Extra high voltage program

Preferred KVA series distribution transformers

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<u>Cost to</u>		<u>GE Est.</u>	<u>Probable</u>
<u>GE (1)</u>		<u>Value to</u>	<u>Cust. Est.</u>
<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>of Value</u>
<u>Rev.</u>	<u>Rsv.</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>to Customer</u>

10. Provide climate for idea exchange

25

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EHV Project consultants

Switchgear design committee

Utility conference technique

Electric utility executive meetings

Support industry meetings

**Factory personnel visits for
idea exchange**

Transformer design seminar

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12. Provide product economic alternatives

10

400

No-tap transformers - capacitor equal tapped transformer

Oil C/B vs. air blast

Bids on attractive economic alternates

Modified distribution transformers vs. subway

Repcan vs. direct buried vs. cable in conduit

Primary vs. secondary capacitors

Metering - 8 terminal vs. 5 terminal polyphase V-3 V-62

Induction vs. step regulators

Forced cooling vs. self cooling transformers

Reduced BIL transformers with better lightning arresters

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13. Promote suitable product standards

25

1500

Universal register for WHM

Insulation levels

Noise levels

NOTE:

Analyze: How much has it benefited customer
 How much would it benefit customer
 How much could it benefit customer

Without - how much worse off

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**II. Oriented to the customer's
organisation. Improved
operation, efficiency, well-
being and profitability.**

**1. Generate economic system
improvements
Develop future plans for
customer's benefit**

200

1000

**Distribution system study of
C. Brown to utilize no-tap
transformers and capacitors**

Integration of Hydro & Steam

System relaying

Computer control systems

Application of lightning arresters

Load-Loss study

Distribution system computer study

**Automatic meter readings and
billing evaluation**

VALUE OF THE FUNCTION

2. Assist customer in developing and using more economic systems, procedures and management techniques

Estimate		Annual \$1000's	
Cost to GE (1)	1st Rev.	GE Est. Value to Customer (2)	Probable Cust. Est. of Value to Customer
	300	250	

Magninis Loss Formula Program

Value Analysis

**Management consultation
Messrs. Cordiner, Smiddy,
Boulware**

EHV Study for Edison by Phil Light

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25

4. Provide text books on subjects important to the customer

Economic System Operation
Kerchmayer - 2 books

Relaying - Mason

System stability - Edith Clark
2 books

Electric Utility Systems and
Practices - Bob Treat

5. (continued)

Distribution Data Book

EHV Participation - Fred Klumb

Sample Testing Seminars

Frank Redding

A. D. Irion

Electric Utility Executives Conference

POWER SYSTEMS ENGINEERING COURSE

J. H. Drake	1950
C. E. Stine	1955
D. W. Hodges	1958
E. C. Clark	1959
E. L. Keller	1961

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLANNING CONFERENCE

H. E. Jung	April 1955
F. M. McCann	May 1956
J. Lummis	Sept. 1957
M. R. Moschini	Oct. 1958
E. H. Clark	May 1959
J. E. Conner	Oct. 1959

PROTECTIVE RELAYING CONFERENCE

C. Lowerison	1955
F. V. Gillum	1958

5. (continued)

DIGITAL COMPUTER COURSE

H. Wood

Sept. 1956

A. Klopenstein

Sept. 1961

But look lighting
Institute

Sampling meter testing
Techniques Seminar -

3000 hour token meter
course -

Demand metering school

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8. Provide national industry information.

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NEAR system - J. Smith, J. Conner

Application Engineer visits

Marty Gangel, Regulators-Capacitors

Van Wormer, Distribution System

Lou Kennedy, Computer Control

Phil Light, Generation Systems

Norm Schultz, Economic system design

Sandy McClure, Energy Sources

Prominent authorities on many subjects

as speakers at AIEE and ASME Meetings.

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**10. Promote suitable industry and
system standardization**

100

250

Participate in industry committee work

NEMA

ASA

AIEE

EEI

ASME

PCEA

65° C Distribution transformer

Secondary voltages

Primary voltages - Edison 16340 standard

Preferred KVA series

Oppose capacitor standard

Oppose pad mounted transformer

III. Oriented to the environment functions which improve it - keep it healthy and beneficial to the customer's business

1. Promote customer

Advertising good customer practices

Encourage GE personnel to support Edison

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2. Stimulate new business for the customer

125

Provide tools to help sell customer's products

Sell lamps - better lighting

LIVE BETTER ELECTRICALLY

**Residential Market Development
Operation**

More Power to America

Television program advertising

Medallion Home Program

Private lighting program
Residential lighting program

Major Appliances

Promote Air conditioning load

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**3. Support the customer's industry
Help increase its stature**

125

Advertising space and television

**Regulatory body information
Sample testing for meters
in California**

Support technical societies

Local AIEE Activities

**AIEE CHAIRMEN - 1934-35
1956-57**

1961-62

1960-61

1959-60

Officers & Executive Committee

Moody
Kimball
Kashmar (TEMPO, Santa Barbara)

Moody

Management Division

Turpen

Scarfe

Professional Activities Committee

Kimball
Moody

Moody

Student Relations

Carson
Fletcher
Main

Carson

Carson

3. (continued)

Power Division

Gorzegno

Gorzegno

**Gorzegno
Turpen**

Arrangements Committee

Nix

Gorzegno

Membership

Nix

Morton

**Geidt
Morton**

Program

**Dorey
Turpen**

**Kimball
Dorey
Reed**

Kimball

Publicity

Barry

Barry

Graven

Reception & Attendance

McAllister

Savage

**Reed
Spafford**

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4. Promote better legislation

Encourage personnel to be active politically

Practical Politics Course

Anti-Communism School

Economic fundamentals

Take stand on important issues

Right to work

L. Boulware - Labor Legislation

Encourage personnel to write representatives

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**5. Provide community leadership
and support civic betterment
projects.**

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**Junior Achievement - GE man
President**

Jury Duty pay

**Encourage employees to serve
community**

School Boards

Council members

Company contributions to

AID

RED CROSS

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6. Take risks necessary to
preserve free enterprise system

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Atomic Power - Dresden plant

Vallecitos Laboratory

EHV project

Space Communication System proposal

Command Computer for the President

Resistance to consent decree

*promote interest of public utility
St. Lawrence Economy*

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**7. Help to promote free enterprise
system**

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Junior Achievement

HOBSO

Speech Bureau

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Rev.	Rev.	(2)	to Customer

8. Support advanced technical education

50

Alumni Matching Fund

Educational Grant Program

**Graduate Study Support Program
(Employee)**

**Provide laboratory equipment at
reduced prices**

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9. **Promote interests of young people
in science**

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High School Science Bulletin

Comic book program

Scientific booklets

Educational construction kits

House of Magic Show

High School student counselling