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A P O W E R F U L P A R T N E R



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# NARUC-FERC Transmission Roundtable

## Nashville, TN



- Nation's largest electric power holding company, serving more than 7.5 million customers in six states
- Approximately \$114 billion in assets
- Owns and operates 32,300 miles of transmission lines
- Interest in DATC is held by Duke Energy's Commercial Businesses
- Identified \$8 billion of transmission infrastructure projects, including one approved MISO Multi-Value Project
- Transmission-owning member of the MISO and PJM regional transmission organizations
- Founded in 1904 and headquartered in North Carolina with more than 29,000 employees
- Fortune 250 company listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DUK



- Formed in 2001 as the nation's first multi-state transmission-only utility
- \$3.8 billion in transmission assets
- Ownership group includes 22 municipalities and cooperatives
- Invested \$3.5 billion in building more than 2,400 miles of transmission lines over the past 14 years in four Midwestern states: Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois
- Projecting \$3.3 billion to \$3.9 billion in transmission infrastructure projects over the next decade in current service area, including three MISO Multi-Value Projects
- Owns and operates more than 9,500 miles of transmission lines and 530 substations
- Headquartered in Wisconsin with more than 650 employees
- Transmission-owning member of MISO

# Are We Building What We Need?

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It depends on the classification of projects and who you ask ...

- Reliability projects get built because there is a clear understanding of violations and NERC requirements
- Economic / Market Efficiency projects are moving more slowly through the process because only a subset of total benefits are considered
- The next wave of Public Policy projects may not realize their full potential if we wait for the perfect time to study/build

# How are needs identified and acted upon?

- Starts with the identification of constraints/violations by RTO/ISO
- RTO/ISO solicits solutions to the identified constraints/violations

## Regional Variations among RTOs re: Project Evaluation and Selection

Sponsorship	Hybrid	Solicitation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Developers provide solutions in form of project proposals</li><li>•RTO evaluates project submittals and selects developer based on who submitted winning proposal.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Developers provide project proposals</li><li>•Proposals are vetted to determine preferred solution</li><li>•RFP is issued to construct</li><li>•RTO evaluates bids and selects developer based on scoring criteria</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Stakeholders submit ideas</li><li>•Ideas are used to develop preferred solution</li><li>•RFP is issued to construct solution</li><li>•RTO evaluates bids and selects developer based on scoring criteria.</li></ul>

Process can take anywhere from 1 year to 2.5 years from the time the RTO commences its annual planning process until a developer is selected or assigned to construct the project.

# Observations from the early going...

- Current trends suggest competition is lowering costs to consumers
- “Two guys and a laptop” is not a legitimate concern
- Sponsorship model stresses RTO/ISO resources
- Solicitation model is an inefficient use of resources
- Arbitrary thresholds (voltage, cost, b/c) limit transmission projects available for competition
- Benefits to consumers from Economic and Public Policy projects are being delayed as sub-optimal projects chip away at broader, more beneficial solutions
- Projects to address CPP / generation retirements / fuel shifts, will challenge the existing process (scope, schedule)

# Opportunities for Improvement

- Study multiple future scenarios without bias for the status quo
- Shorten the timeframe from futures development to selection
- Increase transparency in the evaluation process
- Benchmark production cost models against actual market performance
- Recognize the broader range of benefits in transmission projects
- MISO MVP portfolio was a ground-breaking example of understanding the benefits and flexibility transmission provides
- Sponsorship model brings more innovation and efficiency
- Start now...or future projects will all be reliability projects!



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# What do we need to build? How to evaluate transmission needs

Mark Vannoy, Chairman

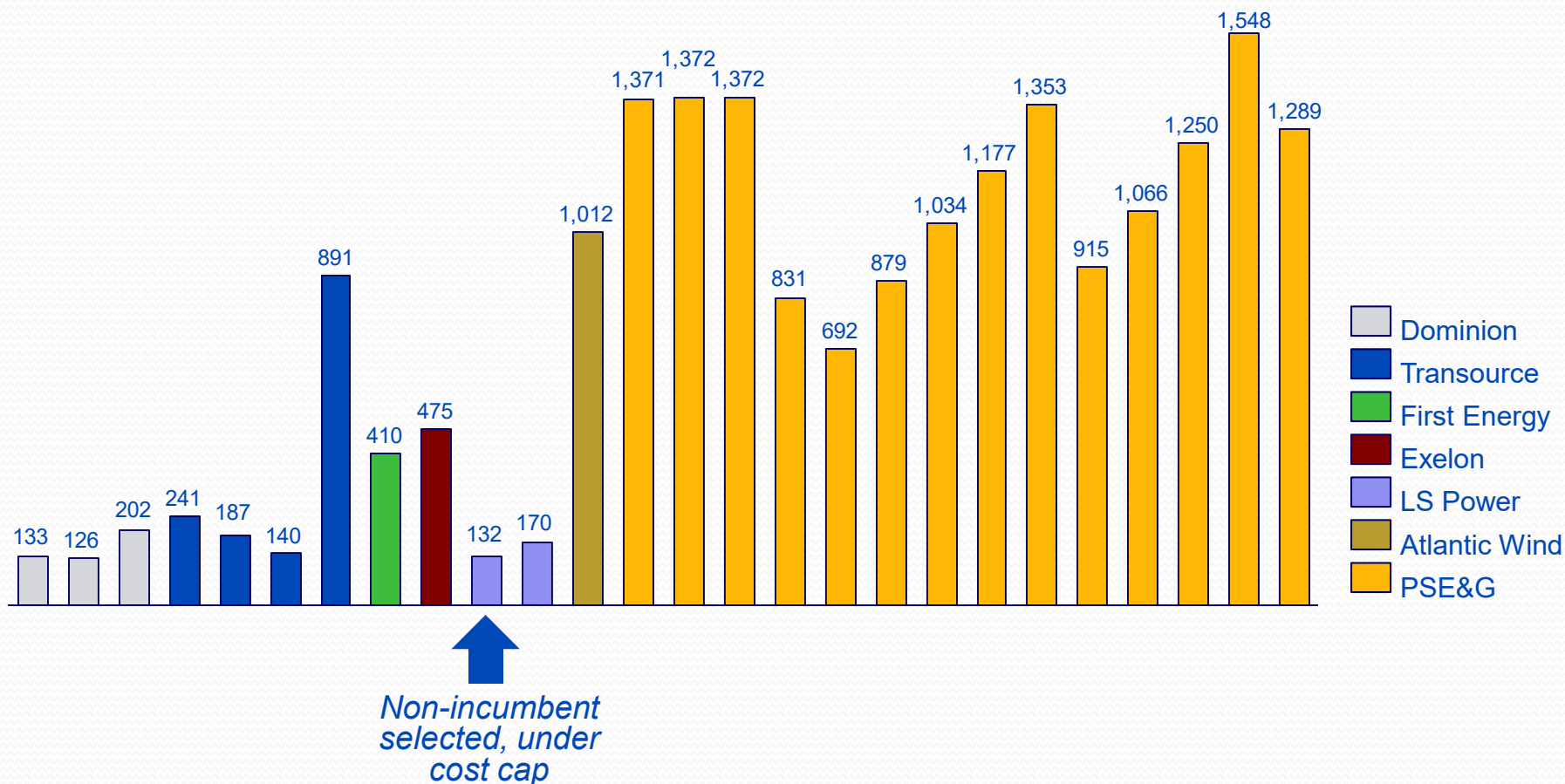
Maine Public Utilities Commission

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Vignette 1: PJM received a wide variety of proposals for Artificial Island...all addressing the same reliability need

## Artificial Island Project Proposals (PJM, 2014)



# Deterministic Needs Analysis

## N-1 Voltage Violations

Bus Name	Worst- Case Contingency	Worst- Case Voltage Violations (One Unit OOS)	Worst Case Voltage Violation (Two Units OOS)	Comments
<b>Biddeford – 115 kV</b>	Loss of XYZ Transformer	.92	.92	Violation not seen if local Jet in service
<b>Chestnut Hill – 115 kV</b>	Breaker Failure	.93	.93	Not seen with Jet on
<b>Rumney 115 kV</b>	Double Circuit failure	.92	.92	Not seen with Jet on

## N-1-1 Thermal Violations

Element ID	Overloading Element	Initial Element OOS	Worst Case Contingency	Highest Loading (One Unit OOS)	Highest Loading (Two Units OOS)	Comments
1333-2	Orrington - Surroweic	XYZ Autotransformer	Breaker failure	126%	133%	Highest loadings when local gen out of service
1333-3	Harpwell - Poland	Line 1756	Breaker Failure	133%	159%	Highest loadings when local gen out of service
1859	Chester – Bolt Hill	Line 1792	Double Circuit Tower	120%	135%	Highest loadings when local gen out of service
1150	Maxcies-Buxton	Local fast start	Three phase ground fault	119%	130%	

# Probabilistic Reliability Analysis

Expected Energy Not Served  
(MWh/year)

Year	EENS Do Nothing Option	Looping Option (a.1)	Tapping Option (a.2)	Station Option (a.3)
2010/11	4215	1567	1633	1623
2011/12	4635	1598	1660	1650
2012/13	4958	1625	1679	1668
2013/14	5463	1663	1708	1697
2014/15	5993	1702	1743	1730
2015/16	6532	1752	1777	1764
2016/17	7121	1787	1802	1788
2017/18	7972	1841	1842	1828
2018/19	8984	1906	1879	1863
2019/20	10062	1974	1919	1902
2020/21	11383	2044	1968	1950

BC Hydro Central Vancouver Island Transmission Project

[https://www.bchydro.com/content/dam/BCHydro/customer-portal/documents/corporate/suppliers/transmissionsystem/engineering\\_studies\\_data/studies/probabilistic\\_studies/selected\\_tech\\_reports/ProbabilisticReliabilityAssessmentforCVITpart1.pdf](https://www.bchydro.com/content/dam/BCHydro/customer-portal/documents/corporate/suppliers/transmissionsystem/engineering_studies_data/studies/probabilistic_studies/selected_tech_reports/ProbabilisticReliabilityAssessmentforCVITpart1.pdf)



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# Electricity network optimization technologies

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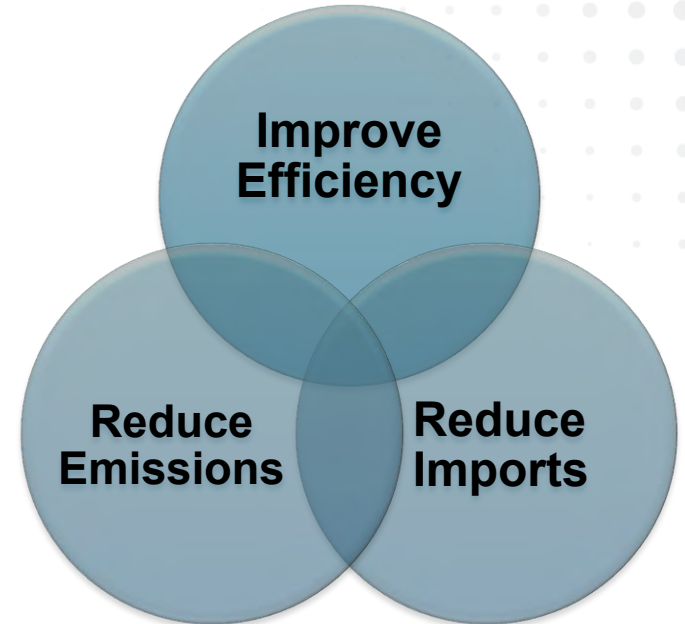
# ARPA-E catalyzes and supports development of transformational, disruptive energy technologies

## Goals: Ensure America's

- Economic security
- Energy security
- Technological lead in advanced energy

## Means:

- Identify and promote revolutionary advances in fundamental and applied sciences
- Translate scientific discoveries and cutting-edge inventions into technological innovations
- Accelerate transformational technological advances in areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake because of technical and financial uncertainty

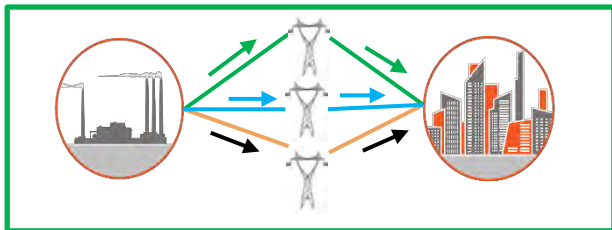


*If it works...  
will it matter?*



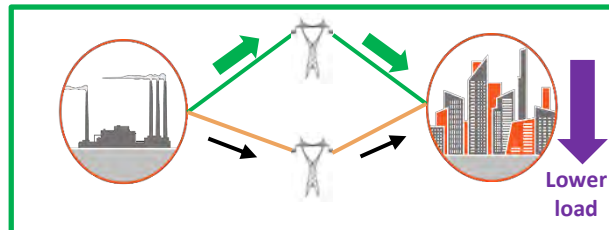
# Network optimization technologies are an attractive complement to traditional transmission investments

## Transmission capacity additions



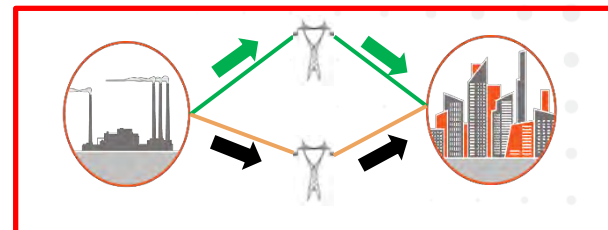
Solves overload by building new lines

## Non-transmission alternatives



Solves overload by modulating generation and load up/down

## Network optimization



Solves overload by moving power to underutilized line

- ARPA-E has funded development of a wide variety of network optimization technologies (both software and hardware) based on recent advances in power electronics, applied mathematics, optimization, and high performance computing
- The emerging network optimization technologies funded by ARPA-E have been successfully validated by ARPA-E and industry partners via field pilots and/or large-scale software simulations
- Network optimization technologies can increase the value of both existing and new facilities, thereby making transmission more cost effective on a \$/MW-mile basis. This may allow for additional transmission investments that reduce overall system-wide costs



# Cost effective, reliable power flow controllers

**Power flow controllers enable power to flows to be adjusted in real-time throughout transmission networks:**

- Impedance control
- Series voltage injection
- Reactive voltage support

**New generation of hardware promises lower cost and higher reliability:**

- Fractionally rated converters (limited power device ratings)
- Modular designs (increases manufacturability)
- Series connected equipment with fail normal designs (gradual degradation)

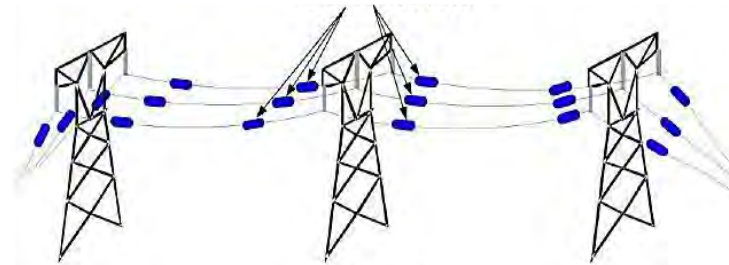
## Distributed Series Reactors

*(PI: Dr. Frank Kreikebaum, Smart Wires)*



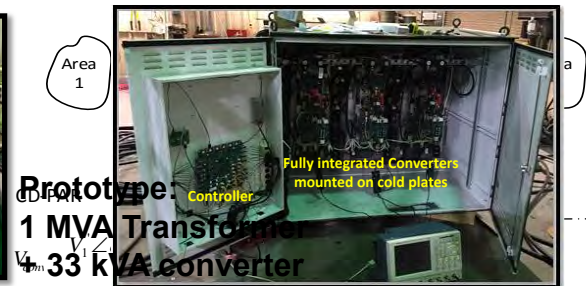
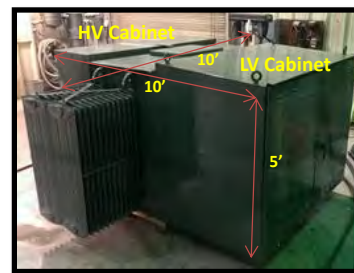
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## Compact Dynamic Phase Angle Regulator

*(PI: Dr. Deepak Divan, Georgia Tech & Varentec)*

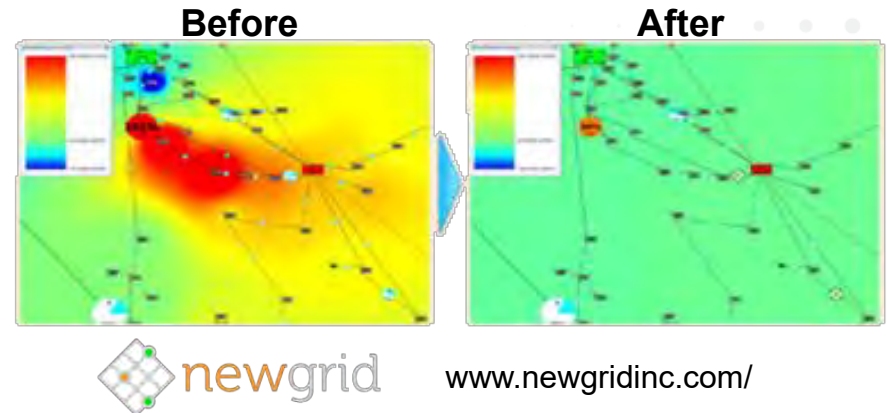


**Prototype:**  
1 MVA Transformer  
4 33 kVA converter

# Network optimization software tools

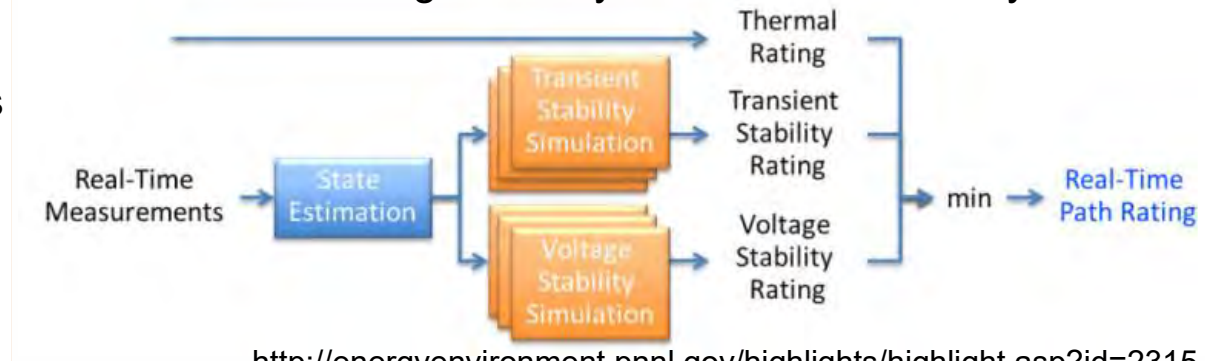
## Transmission topology control algorithms *(PI: Dr. Pablo Ruiz, Boston University & NewGrid)*

- Fast optimization algorithms allow grid operators to optimize transmission network topology in day ahead and real time
- > \$100M / year estimated production cost savings in PJM RT markets (50% cost of congestion) based on 2010 conditions<sup>a</sup>
- 40% reduction in renewable curtailments<sup>b</sup>



## Real-time dynamic transmission path ratings *(PI: Dr. Henry Huang, PNNL)*

- Software to calculate transmission path limits in real time (e.g. every 10 min)
- Considers voltage violations, thermal violations, voltage stability and transient stability limits
- Previous BPA/CAISO study using real-time EMS snapshots indicated 340 – 670 MW increase in the California-Oregon Intertie (COI) path rating under certain conditions

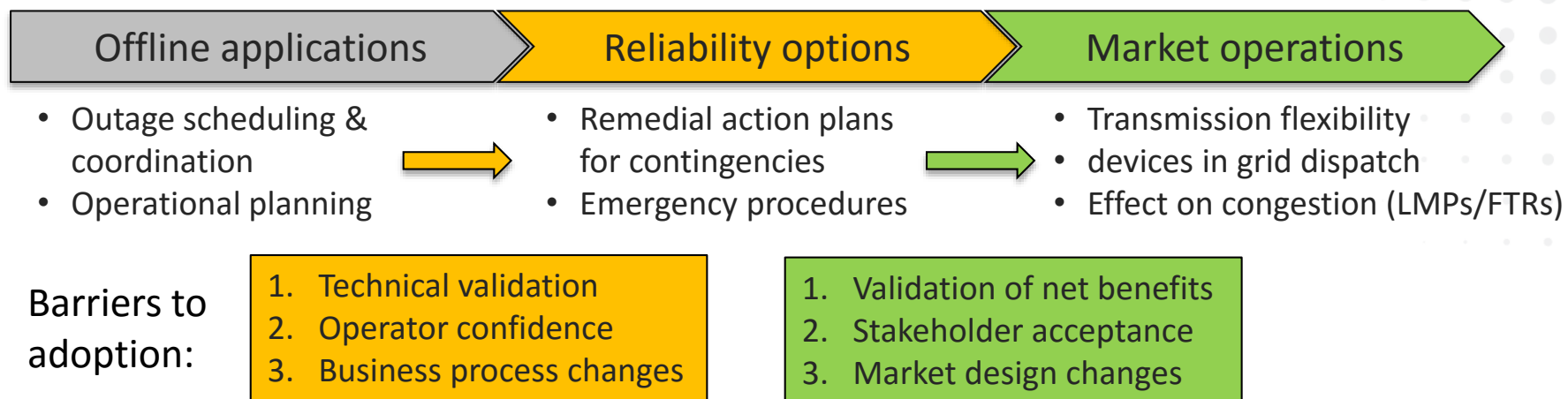


<http://energyenvironment.pnnl.gov/highlights/highlight.asp?id=2315>

<sup>a</sup> Based on simulation results for three historical weeks

<sup>b</sup> PJM Integration Study Scenario: 30% low off-shore best sites on-shore

# Classes of transmission congestion relief investments



- Network optimization technologies (hardware or software) could be an effective and low cost investment option in many circumstances
- Many industry, government, and regulatory decision makers have limited awareness of network optimization alternatives to transmission expansion
- Existing state and federal policies typically recognize only traditional (“wires”) solutions and non-transmission alternatives
- These and other yet to be understood factors appear to be slowing the adoption of cost-effective network optimization technologies



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# U.S. Department of Energy

Proposed Integrated Interagency Pre-Application Process for Transmission

Samuel Walsh, Deputy General Counsel for Energy Policy

# Overview

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- ▶ Section 216(h) of the Federal Power Act directs DOE to coordinate federal authorizations and related environmental reviews for electric transmission projects requiring multiple federal authorizations
- ▶ In February 2016, DOE published a proposal rule creating an integrated, interagency pre-application (IIP) process for transmission projects
- ▶ Purpose is to facilitate better coordination and information sharing among agencies, leading to better-informed applications and shorter permitting times



# Key Features of the IIP Proposal

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- ▶ Two pre-application meetings attended by all affected agencies
- ▶ Agencies provide feedback to applicant on environmental concerns, data gaps, and other issues to might slow processing of an application
- ▶ IIP process culminates in DOE preparing a Final IIP Resources Report, which is intended to enable more efficient preparation of environmental review documents
- ▶ Process is *voluntary*



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