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- State Energy Letter Roundtable Series: Customer Affordability and Accessibility**
- Participation in Decision Making: Energy Justice Metrics** (Feb 2023)
- Mini Guide on PUCs and the Investment Community** (Feb 2023)
- Energy Resilience Reference Guide: Chapters 1 & 2** (Jan & Feb 2023)
- Potential State Regulatory Pathways to Facilitate Low-Carbon Fuels** (Dec 2022)
- Dissemination in Electric Power, Systems and Regulation: A Primer** (Dec 2022)
- Inconspicuous for Electric Vehicle Charging: A Case Study** (Dec 2022)
- Electric Vehicle Interoperability: Considerations for Utility Regulations** (Nov 2022)
- Models for Integrating Equity in Transportation Electrification** (Nov 2022)
- Mini Guide on Transportation Electrification** (Nov 2022)
- Grid Data Sharing: Brief Summary of Current State Practices** (Nov 2022)
- Regulator's Financial Toolbox Brief: Community State for 100 Customers: Electrification** (Nov 2022)
- Defense Energy Resilience Resources Guide & FAQ for Commissioners** (Oct 2022)
- Workforce Development Toolbox: Recruitment Templates and Social Media Engagement Materials** (Sept 2022)

Upcoming Virtual Learning Opportunities

- Modern DER Capabilities and Deployment: March 8** Next in the virtual interconnection workshop series, NREL will address PUC questions on DER technical capabilities, deployment concerns, and benefits. *Contact: Jeff*
- Resilience for Regulators Webinar Series: March 9** Climate Informed Mitigation Strategies. *Register | past recordings*
- on critical infrastructure resilience, climate resilience, defense energy resilience, and more. Contact: William**
- Monthly Innovation Webinars: March 16** Advances in Resource Adequacy. *Register | past recordings*. *Contact: Jessica*
- On-Demand: Video-Based Learning Modules**. Dozens of training videos in English and Spanish on *electricity systems planning*, *distribution systems and planning*, *smart grid and IT interoperability*. *Contact: Danielle*

Upcoming In Person Events Travel stipends available

- Cybersecurity Training, Indianapolis, IN: March 22-24** Experts will provide content on cybersecurity topics through the lens of utility regulators with presentations, engaging activities, and more. (Commissioners and staff) *Contact: Lynn*
- Nuclear Energy Partnership Pacific Northwest National Lab Site Visit: April 25-26** Tour PNL and NREL nuclear sites. Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative kickoff workshop will also take place. (Commissioners and staff) *Contact: Kara*
- Natural Gas Partnership Site Visit, Savannah, GA: May 2023** Tour the Elba Island liquefied natural gas export facility, Port of Savannah compressed natural gas fueling station, and more. (Commissioners only) *Contact: Kara*
- More Info Available Soon: Energy Justice Midwest Regional Workshop (early May)**; Grid Data Sharing Collaborative Demonstration Workshop (mid-May)
- Workforce Development Toolbox: Recruitment Templates and Social Media Engagement Materials** (Sept 2022)

Join a Member Working Group! For Commissioners and Commission Staff

- Integrated Distribution System Planning**. Register for presentations by subject matter experts and commissions. Informal discussions and facilitated discussions among members. Six sessions: **Feb 27 – Jun 12**. *Contact: Jeff*
- NARUC/NARUC Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative**. Exchange questions, needs, and challenges relating to the planning and deployment of new advanced nuclear generation. *Contact: Kara*
- NARUC/NARUC Microgrids State Working Group**. Explore capabilities, costs, benefits, and development strategies for microgrids with PUCs and State Energy Offices. *Contact: Kara*
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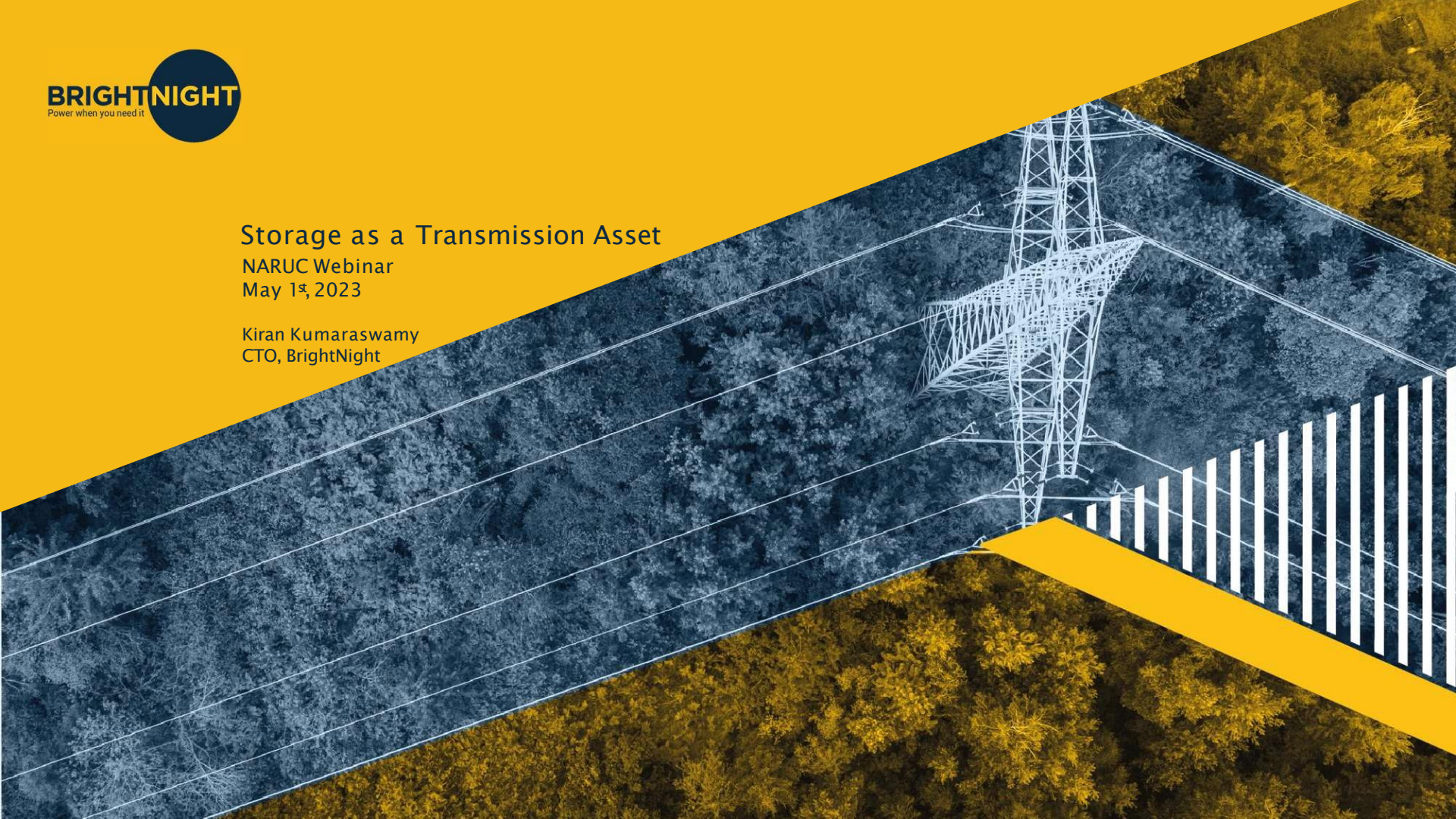


Storage as a Transmission Asset

NARUC Webinar

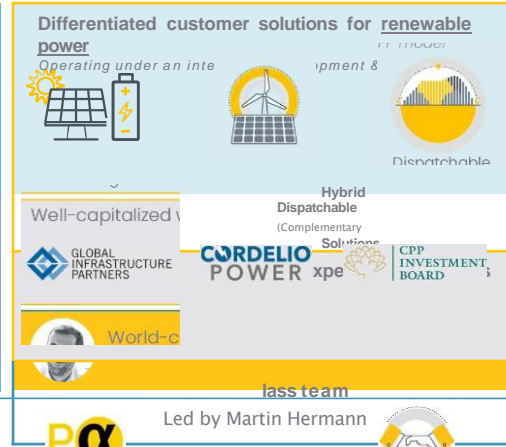
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project
portfolio



2 GW
project
portfolio


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Both on generation and transmission we have the same problem to solve – low utilization, high capital cost assets that can be recovered only on capacity basis



Storage as Peaking Capacity

Battery energy storage as a much better alternative to traditional gas-fired peaking plants – solves capacity issue in gen side more effectively.



Source: Wartsila, S&P



Storage as Transmission Enhancement

Suboptimal utilization of high capital cost transmission cost can be remedied by use of battery energy storage. Helps “right size” transmission and utilize more effectively.

A. Limited Utilization of Existing Transmission System



B. Enhanced Utilization of Transmission using Energy Storage.



Source: Fluence

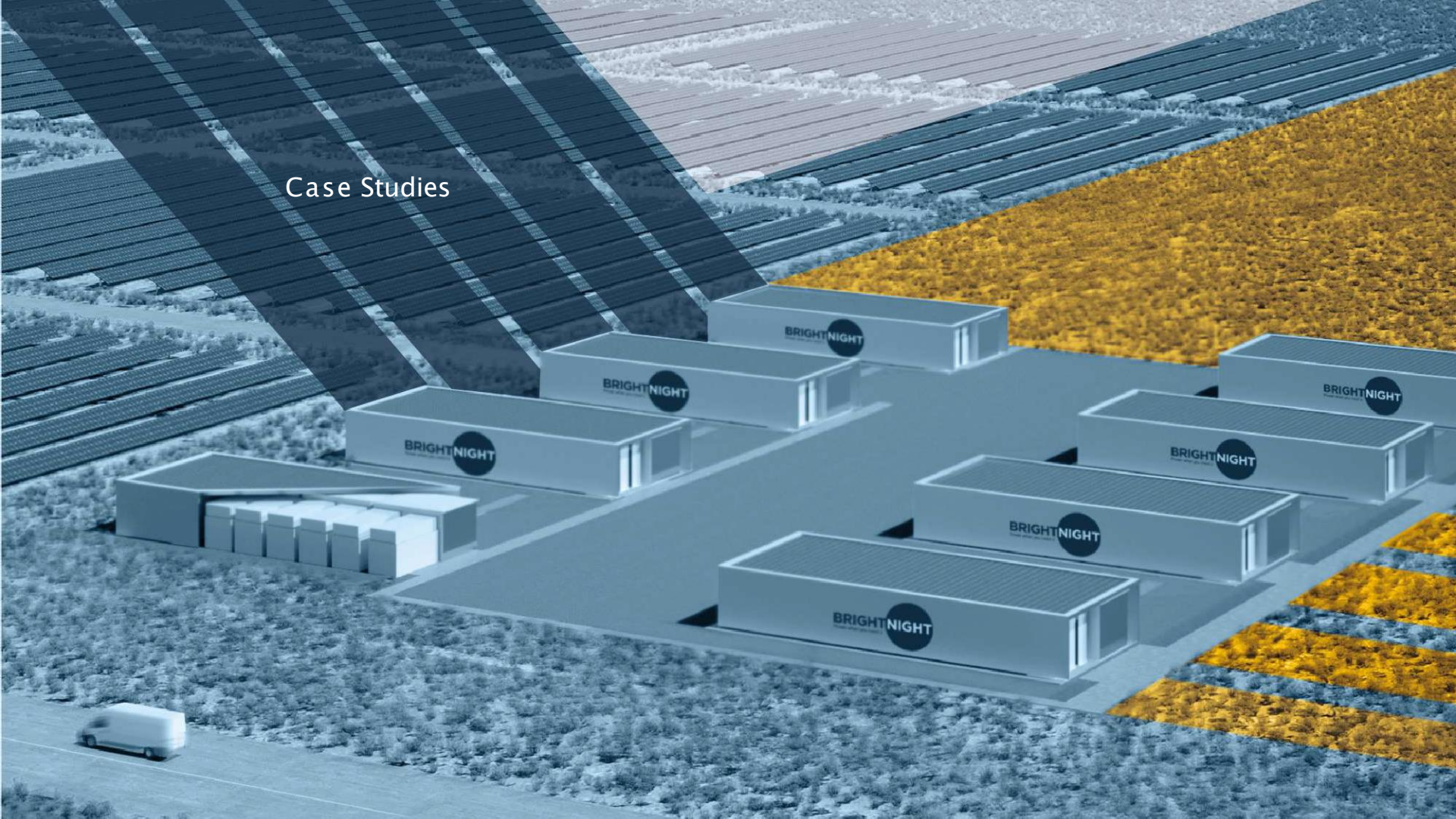
Trivia # 1- How do we measure utilization on gen side?

Hint - CF (Capacity F_____)

Trivia # 2- How do we measure utilization on transmission side?

Hint - ??? (AC system, “Oh, its complicated”)

Case Studies



Global Case Study #1: Germany's GridBooster program leads the way

Redispatch costs in Germany can be **reduced by about 60% with 4GW of SATA capacity**

- North-South transmission congestion in Germany causes curtailment of renewables in the North and re-dispatch of expensive generation near the load centers in the South.
- In 2021, total redispatch costs in Germany amounted to about **EUR2.3bn** with **5.8TWh** of renewables curtailed.

How GridBooster helps?

- **Reactive System Operation** – Utilizing storage to improve the utilization of North-South transmission corridors during normal operation while still meeting (n-1) system security criterion for contingencies

Key Benefits

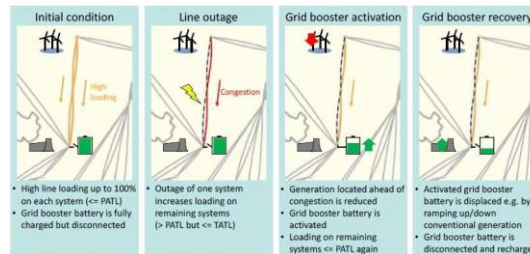
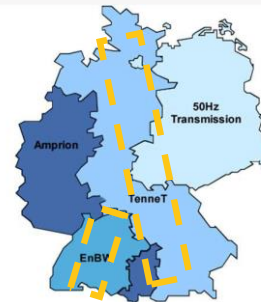
- Increasing infrastructure utilization while ensuring reliable operation
- Fast response and ability to inject or absorb load from the grid instantaneously
- Deployment within short time frames close to existing transmission substations with manageable footprint
- Substantial reduction of congestion management costs

TRANSNET BW

- Size: 1x250MW / 1Hr
- COD: Q2 2025

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- Size: 2 x 100MW / 1Hr
- COD: Q3 2025



Reactive system operation and the role of batteries

Source: [Consentec](#), [Fluence](#)

Global Case Study #2: In New York, SATA deployment at 3 locations has enabled more than \$150M savings compared with best alternative wires solution

- At the Shore Rd 345kV substation, SATA enabled **congestion reduction** and increased transmission capacity while keeping cable loading under applicable ratings

Transfer limit (MW)	Summer (MW)	Winter (MW)
Zone I & J to Zone K	965	1077
Zone I & J to Zone Kw/ 200MW storage at Shore Rd	1167	1280

- At the Edic 345kV substation, as an **automatic voltage regulation equipment (AVCE)** to maintain a consistent Central East interface transfer capability.

- ~300MW curtailment avoided

- At the Mott Haven 345 kV substation, SATA is deployed to improve New York City Zone J system **reliability and reduce reserve capacity requirement**

- Improvement in Transmission Security Limit (TSL) of 329.5MW and thus reduce Local Capacity Requirement (LCR)

Location	Battery Size	Estimated SATA Cost [\$M]	Estimated Wire Solution Cost [\$M]	Local Area Annual Cost Saving [\$M]	NYCA-wide Congestion Annual Cost Saving [\$M]
1	200MW/200MWh	120	700	9.9*	13.1
2	50MW/50MWh + 1,500 MVar reactive power capacity	250	615	51.0**	55.0
	200MW/200MWh	120	533	30.4***	17.8

* Congestion cost saving for Zone K

** Congestion cost saving for central east interface

*** Zone J LCR saving and Congestion cost saving

Source: Storage as Transmission Asset Market Study – Quanta Technology, NY BEST

Key Benefits of New York SATA deployments:

- Cost-effective compared to convention wire solutions
- Shorter development, permitting and construction timeline
- Capacity can be added incrementally with demand growth



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Energy Storage as a Transmission and Dual-Use Asset

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NARUC Innovation Webinar: Storage as a Transmission Asset



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Storage as Transmission – Policy Background

► Energy Policy Act of 2005

- Defines energy storage as an “advanced transmission technology,” which “increases the capacity, efficiency, or reliability of an existing or new transmission facility”

► FERC Order 890 (2007)

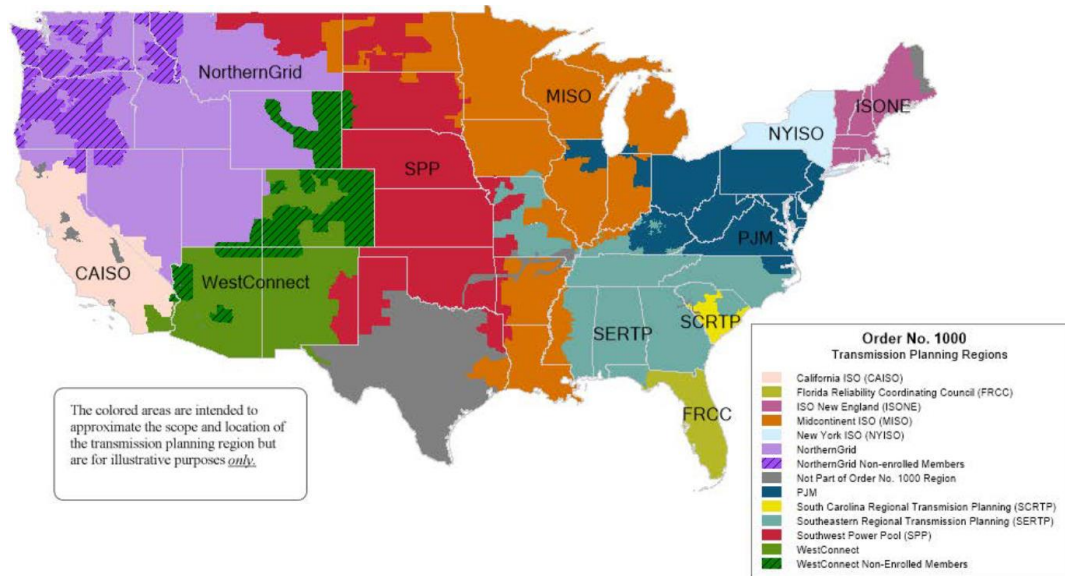
- Transmission owners must conduct transparent transmission planning processes

► FERC Order 1000 (2011)

- Requires coordinated, regional transmission planning
- Non-transmission alternatives must be considered

► FERC Order 784 (2013)

- Created Account 351: Energy Storage Equipment—

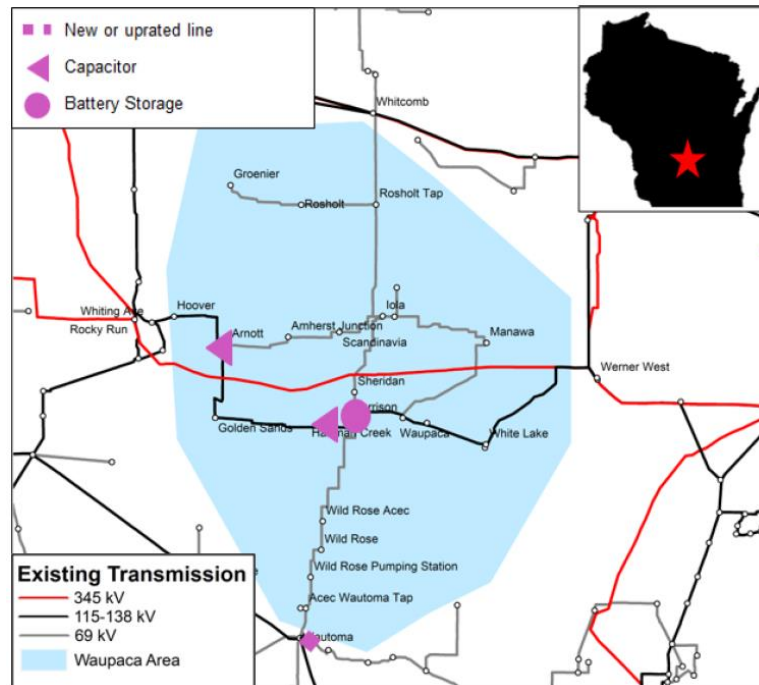


Key Principle: Thermal Limits

- ▶ **Because the metals used in transmission lines are not perfect conductors, they heat up as electrical current moves through them**
 - ▶ This is what causes line losses
 - ▶ As lines heat up, they expand and begin to sag
 - ▶ Because of this phenomenon, the operational limits of transmission lines are set as a function of heat
- ▶ **Energy storage is a potential alternative for alleviating thermal overloading on transmission lines**
 - ▶ By siting storage or generation resources within load centers, less energy needs to be delivered over the transmission system during peak periods when the system is constrained
 - ▶ Storage can also be used to protect and support transmission infrastructure by maintaining voltage, managing power flows, and absorbing excess power
 - ▶ Where feasible, this approach can extend the life of existing assets and defer or displace the need for new transmission infrastructure
 - ▶ Storage may be deployed as a regulated transmission asset or in place of transmission as a competitive generation asset

Storage as Transmission: MISO

- ▶ **The 2019 MISO Transmission Expansion Plan (MTEP) selected energy storage as a transmission asset**
- ▶ **Storage as Transmission: Waupaca, WI**
 - ▶ Under certain N-1 contingency scenarios (line outages), the Waupaca area would be cut off
 - ▶ At \$12.2 million over 40 years, a 2.5 MW/5 MWh energy storage system, coupled with line sectionalizing, was selected over a \$13.1 million project to install an additional circuit
- ▶ **As a transmission asset, the storage system's costs will be recovered through MISO's FERC-approved transmission system rates, and it will not participate in energy markets**



Storage in Place of Transmission: Oakland Clean Energy Initiative

- ▶ The Jack London Power Plant was a 165 MW, jet fuel-powered combustion turbine

- ▶ Identified for retirement in 2017, but local transmission system would exceed thermal limits under N-1 scenarios without it

- ▶ Alternatives: transmission system upgrades, new local generation (up to 45 MW), energy storage

- ▶ **CAISO identified a joint proposal from transmission system owner Pacific Gas & Electric and local community choice aggregator East Bay Community Energy to procure energy storage and distributed generation as the least-cost option**

- ▶ PG&E will procure 43.25 MW/173 MWH utility scale storage; EBCE will work with customers to deploy DG and storage
 - ▶ \$102 million project; next-best alternative was \$367 million
 - ▶ None of this storage would be a regulated transmission asset; all dispatch and recovery would happen through energy markets and utility programs (net metering and other incentives)

Storage IN PLACE OF Transmission

NORMAL OPERATIONS



PEAKER RETIREMENT OPERATIONS



CORRECTIVE ACTION OPERATIONS



FERC Policy Statement on Dual-Use Storage (2017)

- ▶ Policy Statement: Once deployed as a transmission asset, energy storage may also provide market services and generate offsetting revenue that can be shared with customers to reduce system costs.
- ▶ A policy statement is a nonbinding document
 - ▶ The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) are the only entities to voluntarily respond to the policy statement, though neither has yet identified a solution

Generic Example of Revenue Sharing Impacts

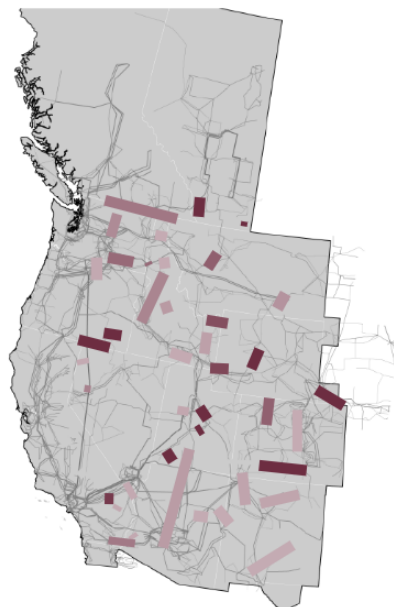
Year	Transmission Revenue Requirement	Market Revenue Credit	Net Transmission Revenue Requirement
1	(\$1,250,000)	\$50,000	(\$1,200,000)
2	(\$1,225,000)	\$50,000	(\$1,175,000)
3	(\$1,200,000)	\$50,000	(\$1,150,000)
...			
38	(\$325,000)	\$50,000	(\$275,000)
39	(\$300,000)	\$50,000	(\$250,000)
40	(\$275,000)	\$50,000	(\$225,000)
Total	(\$30,500,000)	\$2,000,000	(\$28,500,000)
		0	
Net Present Value	\$10,000,000		\$9,511,047

Key Principle: Transmission Utilization

- ▶ **Key principle: Even on fully contracted, heavily utilized transmission lines, there is unused capacity *most of the time*.**

- ▶ These numbers mean that regionwide, for 93.8 percent of the time in 2018, less than 75 percent of the average transmission line's firm capacity was being used.
- ▶ Conversely, the average line exceeded 90 percent of its rated capacity just 1.3 percent of the time.
- ▶ Implication: If deployed as transmission, energy storage would likely have significant opportunities to provide other grid services outside of peak periods.

2018 Path Utilization



Season

- All
- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

2018 Path Utilization Statistics

Path	U75	U90
Path 1	19.5%	4.1%
Path 3	5.5%	0.7%
Path 4	3.4%	0.3%
Path 5	0.3%	0.0%
Path 6	0.0%	0.0%
Path 8	8.0%	1.2%
Path 14	4.1%	1.6%
Path 16	0.1%	0.1%
Path 17	1.2%	0.1%
Path 18	9.8%	0.0%
Path 19	20.7%	4.0%
Total	6.2%	1.3%

Facilitating Storage's Inclusion in the Transmission Planning Processes

Identifying cost-effective opportunities to use energy storage as a transmission asset consists of two principles:

- ▶ Establish clear, transparent processes for the proposal and study of energy storage
 - ▶ CAISO: Preferred resources policy creates an informal expectation for planning staff to proactively identify storage alternatives and consider stakeholder proposals
 - ▶ MISO: Transmission planning rules describe a clear, formal structure for analyzing storage alternatives
- ▶ Prepare a reasonable forecast of future market revenues to quantify the true cost of the asset to transmission customers
 - ▶ Over time, market revenue sharing reduces the cost of the asset to customers; forecasting and accounting for those revenues on an upfront basis ensures that the true cost of the asset is reflected in the decision and increases the accuracy of planning outcomes
- ▶ State regulators can be influential stakeholders in transmission planning processes
 - ▶ While state regulators do not oversee transmission planning in the same manner as other grid functions, they can encourage analysis of transmission alternatives

Market Barriers to Dual-Use Storage

To overcome the barriers between regulated transmission operations and competitive market operations, a dual-use participation process must answer three basic questions:

▶ **When** will the asset participate in the market?

- ▶ Objective: Allow asset owner to make informed bids into day-ahead markets

▶ **How** will the asset participate in the market?

- ▶ Objective: Allow for instant, no-fault dispatch and redispatch of dual-use assets

▶ **Where** will the asset recover its costs?

- ▶ Objective: Create appropriate signals for market participation that balance competing objectives of transmission and market uses

Thank you

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PNNL Report (participation framework):
<https://www.osti.gov/servlets/purl/1846604>

ANL Report (techno-economic analysis):
<https://publications.anl.gov/anlpubs/2022/09/177099.pdf>





California ISO

Storage as a Transmission Asset

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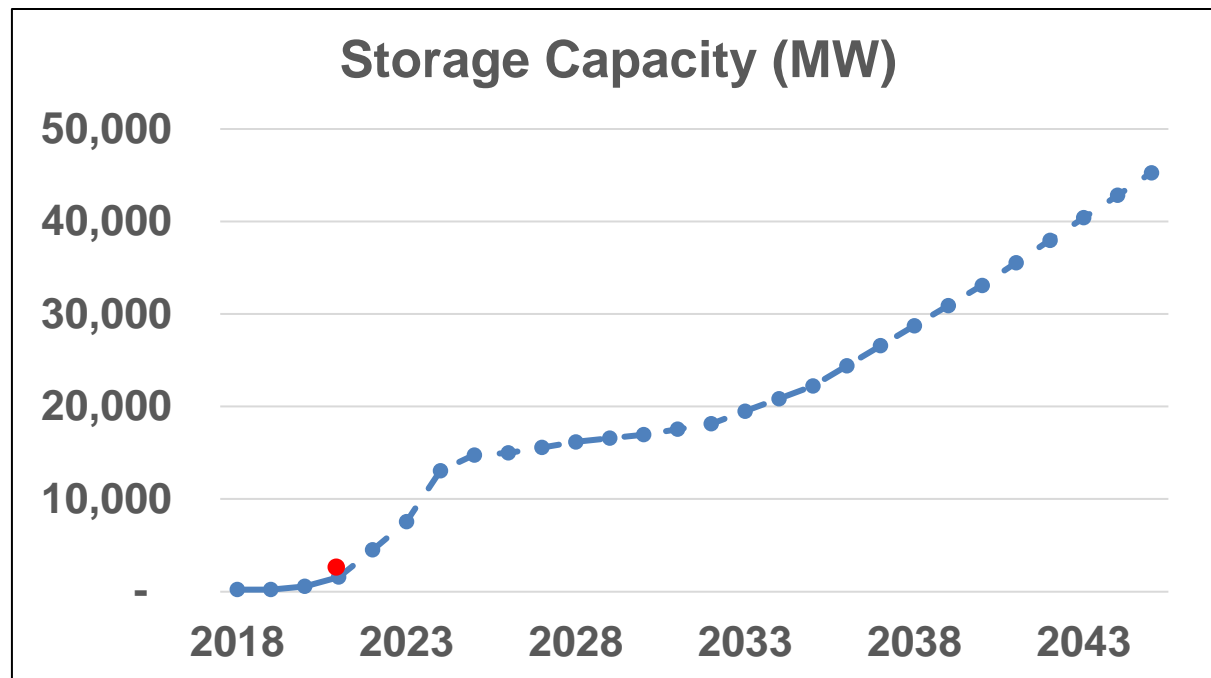
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Storage is critical to evolving to a carbon free grid

- Plans for carbon free energy generation come from renewable resources
 - In California, solar will be a predominant energy source
 - Storage can help store energy from times when it is produced (sun is shining or wind is blowing) to times when the energy is consumed
- Storage is critical for 100% greenhouse gas neutral grid
 - Storage models have evolved considerably in the last 4 years
 - Storage can also play a role in avoiding new buildout of transmission assets



California expects a very large buildout of storage to meet net-zero GHG emissions target for the state



Storage resources have already provided value for alternatives to wire solutions in local areas

- California already has 2 projects that were developed in local areas to avoid transmission projects
 - Load growth and electrification drive need for more electric service
 - In local areas batteries can utilize existing transmission infrastructure earlier in the day to charge, when lines are not congested
- There is a significant value proposition for storage resource participation in the energy markets, as well as providing ‘transmission alternatives’
 - Cost allocation will continue to be an area for discussion





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