2030 Low Carbon, Extreme Weather Study Workshop

Western Power Pool

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Increasing Concerns for Extreme Conditions



Study Objective

Identify whether near-term transmission constraints exist under low carbon resource requirements and extreme weather conditions.

If constraints exist, identify solutions that can be implemented by 2030.

Study Process Highlights

Stakeholder Participation

- Actively engage stakeholders in scope development, assumptions, draft results and proposed solutions
- Workshops

Study Horizon and Low Carbon Assumptions

- Planning year 2030
- Washington CETA and Oregon HB 2021 milestones for 2030
- Load and resource forecasts based on expected public policy, customer preference and demand side management implementations

Data Sources

- WECC Anchor Data Set
- 2032-33 Power Flow Base Cases
- Production Cost Model for identifying stressed conditions

Study Process Highlights

Planned Projects

- Planned projects with in-service dates prior to 2030 will be evaluated for inclusion or exclusion by the project's respective utilities.
- Projects with in-service dates after 2030 will be initially offline and evaluated as potential mitigation.
- Known projects from neighboring utilities external to study footprint will be similarly evaluated.

Transmission Solutions

- Identify mitigations available by 2030
- Identify long-term solutions beyond 2030
- Ability to charge energy storage off-peak

Extreme Heat



- "Heat dome" event in Pacific NW
- Widespread peak summer condition Inland
- Imbalance of wind between Pacific NW and Inland
- Low Hydro availability
- Thermal limits on lines and transformers

Extreme Cold



- Extreme "cold snap" in Pacific NW
- Widespread peak winter condition Inland
- No wind in Pacific NW
- Availability of Natural Gas (generation and pipeline)
- Lessons Learned from Texas Planned maintenance, generation availability
- Ice Storms

Wildfire



- System integrity following PSPS
- Entire transmission corridor outages
 - Cross-Cascades transmission lines
- Cascading, islanding and uncontrolled separation
- Impacts to load and solar generation due to widespread smoke

Study Milestones – Extreme Heat and Cold Scenarios



Study Milestones – Wildfire



Study Participants

Avista
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Chelan PUD
Montana-Alberta Tie Line (MATL)
Idaho Power
NorthWestern Energy
Portland General Electric
Puget Sound Energy
Seattle City Light
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Open Discussion, Questions and Comments

Submit or Send Any Further Comments by September 29

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