Resource Adequacy in the Desert Southwest

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Study Motivation & Purpose





Planning for reliability is increasing in complexity – and importance

Transition towards renewables and storage introduces new sources of complexity in resource adequacy planning

- The concept of planning exclusively for "peak" demand is quickly becoming obsolete
- Frameworks for resource adequacy must be modernized to consider conditions across all hours of the year – as underscored by California's rotating outages during August 2020 "net peak" period

Reliable electricity supply is essential to our dayto-day lives at home and at work – and will become increasingly important

- Meeting cooling and heating demands under more frequent extreme weather events is may be a matter of life or death
- Economy-wide decarbonization goals will drive electrification of transportation and buildings, making the electric industry the keystone of future energy economy



Graph source: http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Final-Root-Cause-Analysis-Mid-August-2020-Extreme-Heat-Wave.pdf



Graph source: https://twitter.com/bcshaffer/status/1364635609214586882



Study purpose

 The project's sponsors retained E3 to conduct a study to characterize resource adequacy in the Southwest region over the coming decade

+ Purposes of this effort are threefold:

- Examine the current situation in the Desert Southwest in light of recent challenges in neighboring regions and identify any immediate risks to reliability in the region;
- Characterize best practices for resource adequacy planning that will provide a durable foundation for utilities' efforts to preserve reliability within the region; and
- 3. Demonstrate these techniques to evaluate the region's readiness to meet the resource adequacy challenges it faces in the next decade

Study Geographic Scope

Includes all balancing authorities in Arizona and New Mexico





What is resource adequacy?

- Resource adequacy is a measure of the ability of a portfolio of generation resources to meet load across a wide range of system conditions, accounting for variability of supply & demand
- Typically, electricity systems are planned to a standard where loss of load due to insufficient supply occurs very rarely
 - The most common standard used throughout North America is a "one-day-in-ten-year" standard





NERC Definition of Resource Adequacy:

"The ability of the electric system to supply the aggregate electrical demand and energy requirements of the end-use customers at all times, taking into account scheduled and reasonably expected unscheduled outages of system elements."

Source: NERC Glossary of Terms



Key trends in the Southwest region will reshape resource adequacy



Load growth

Expected 2+% load growth resulting from net migration, electrification, and new large customers



Climate change impacts on extreme weather

Increased frequency and intensity of extreme heat events results in more frequent extreme peak demand



Planned coal & gas retirements

Utilities' planned retirements total 1,400 MW by 2025 and over 5,000 MW by 2033



Increasing risk of sustained drought

Hydroelectric generation facilities susceptible to significant impacts under drought



Rapidly increasing reliance on renewables, storage, and DERs

Carbon-free resource additions driven by policy, customer preferences, voluntary commitments, and economics



Tightening Western markets

Changes & trends across the broader Western Interconnection reshaping market dynamics



Variable and energy-limited resources contribute to resource adequacy, but also add complexity



<u>"Variable"</u> resources shift reliability risks to different times of day



<u>"Energy-limited"</u> resources spread reliability risks across longer periods



A <u>portfolio</u> of resources exhibits complex interactive effects, where the whole may exceed the sum of its parts

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Combined Solar & Storage Impact on Net Load (MW)





- 1. Load growth & resource retirements are creating an urgent need for new resources in the Southwest
- 2. Utilities' current resource plans have identified sufficient capacity additions to maintain reliability
- **3.** A significant share of the region's long-term needs are expected to be met by solar and storage resources
- 4. Even as solar and storage grow, the region's remaining firm resources including nuclear and natural gas will be needed for reliability
- 5. Substantial reliability risks remain as the region's electricity resource portfolio transitions



Analytical Approach & Key Assumptions





Scope of technical analysis

Three questions addressed in this analysis:

- 1. How much capacity is needed to maintain reliability in the Southwest? (measured against a "one day in ten year" standard)
- 2. To what extent will utilities' existing & committed resources satisfy this requirement?
- 3. What additional resources are needed to ensure regional reliability?

+ This study builds upon the integrated resource plans of the Southwest utilities to address specific questions on how these plans will impact reliability within the region over the next decade



- + Loss of load probability analysis used to study level of reliability achieved across the Southwest region, including metrics such as:
 - Loss of load expectation (LOLE), expected unserved energy (EUE) and other statistical methods
 - A planning reserve margin (PRM) and effective load carrying capability (ELCC) values for different resources



Develop a representation of the loads and resources of an electric system in a loss of load probability model

LOLP modeling allows a utility to evaluate resource adequacy across all hours of the year under a broad range of weather conditions, producing statistical measures of the risk of loss of load



Identify the amount of perfect capacity needed to achieve the desired level of reliability

Factors that impact the amount of perfect capacity needed include load & weather variability, operating reserve needs

Loss of Load Expectation



Effective ("Perfect") Capacity (MW)



ELCC measures a resource's contribution to the system's needs relative to perfect capacity, accounting for its limitations and constraints

Marginal Effective Load Carrying Capability (%)





RECAP: E3's Renewable Energy Capacity Planning model

- RECAP uses a time-sequential simulation approach to assess the availability of supply to meet system needs on an hour-tohour basis
 - Simulation approach designed to focus on challenges resulting from increasing penetrations of variable & energy-limited resources
- + Each simulation analyzes conditions across hundreds or thousands of possible years using a Monte Carlo approach to capture year-to-year variations in:
 - Underlying weather, load, wind & solar profiles
 - Power plant outage patterns
 - Energy-limited resource dispatch
- + Primary results include an array of indicators of system resource adequacy:
 - Statistics of loss of load frequency, duration, and magnitude
 - Planning reserve margin requirement and ELCCs of different resources

Correlations between **load and variable** resources preserved

Energy-limited

dispatched time-

resources

sequentially



System Demand

simulated hourly demand (net of EE) across a range of weather conditions



Variable Resource

simulated with weather-matched hourly profiles (including BTM PV)



Firm Resources

simulated based on rated capacity and outage rates



Hydroelectric Resources

dispatched based on monthly capacity & energy limits



Storage Resources

dispatched according to limits on duration and round-trip losses



DR Programs dispatched subject to limits on number of calls & duration



Unserved Energy identified based on any unmet demand

- Regional load forecast derived from aggregation of individual utilities' forecasts and reflects:
 - Demographic shifts and net migration to growing urban areas
 - Increasing levels of transportation electrification
 - Addition of new large customers
 - Impacts of future energy efficiency programs
 - Projections of BTM PV adoptions
- In aggregate, regional peak demand is projected to grow at a rate of <u>2.5% per year</u>

Southwest Regional Coincident Peak Forecast (MW)



Scenarios and sensitivities

Four core scenarios examine regional adequacy of different portfolios:



Sensitivity analysis explores additional uncertainties:

- + Battery storage performance
- + Hydro availability
- + Load impacts of more extreme weather
- Natural gas generator performance
- Interregional market dynamics
- + Timing of additions
- + "Summer stress test"

Developing a rich library of hourly load & renewable profiles

Profile	Primary Source(s)	Weather Conditions Capt	ured	Notes			
Loads	WECC Data request	2	010 2019	 Neural network regression used to simulate hourly load patterns under broad range of weather conditions using recent historical load data (2010-2019) and long-term weather data (1950-2019) 			
	NOAA Historical Weather Data	1950	2019	Historical shape scaled to match future forecasts of regional energy demand Shapes for load modifiers (e.g. transportation electrification) layered on top of neural network results			
Wind	NREL WIND Toolkit	2007	2012	 Profiles for <u>existing wind resources</u> simulated based on plant locations, known characteristics (e.g. hub height & power curve) Profiles for <u>future wind resources</u> simulated based on generic locations chosen by E3 with input from sponsors 			
Solar	NREL System Advisor Model	<mark>1998</mark>	2019	 Profiles for <u>existing utility-scale solar resources</u> simulated based on plant locations, known characteristics (tracking vs. tilt, inverter loading ratio) Profiles for <u>future utility-scale solar resources</u> simulated based on generic locations and technology characteristics chosen by E3 with input from sponsors Profiles for <u>behind-the-meter/distributed solar</u> simulated for each utility service area 			

RECAP's endogenous day-matching algorithm extends shorter samples of wind and solar data to cover full historical period while preserving underlying correlations with load



Detrending historical weather data to account for impacts of climate change

- Historical weather data is frequently used to simulate loads under a broad range of conditions for LOLP models
 but the presence of a strong warming trend in historical data means that the past is not a predictor of the future
 - Warming trend is particularly notable in Phoenix the largest load center – where average and maximum temperatures have increased by 0.5F per decade since 1950
- + Load shapes for the Southwest region are simulated based on a "detrended" weather record, wherein the distribution of historical conditions is shifted upwards, resulting in:
 - More extreme peak temperatures
 - More frequent high temperature extremes

	Average Temperature Change, 1950-2019 (Δ°F/decade)									
Weather Station	Annual Maximum Daily High Temp	Annual Average Daily High Temp	Annual Average Daily Low Temp							
Albuquerque International Airport	+0.08	+0.08	+0.52							
El Paso International Airport	+0.43	+0.31	+0.58							
Phoenix Airport	+0.55	+0.49	+1.60							
Tucson International Airport	+0.57	+0.52	+0.58							







Additional detail on modeling assumptions available in final report

Module	Inputs Needed									
System Demand	+ Annual energy demand (including energy efficiency impacts)									
	 Annual 1-in-2 peak demand (including energy efficiency impacts) 									
	+ Hourly profiles corresponding to a wide range of weather conditions (20+ years)									
	+ Minimum operating reserve requirements									
Firm Resources	+ Monthly capacity rating by resource									
(e.g. nuclear, coal, gas,	+ Forced outage rate by resource									
biomass, geomerman	+ Maintenance profile by resource									
Variable Resources	+ Installed capacity by resource									
(e.g. wind, solar)	 Hourly profiles for multiple years, ideally including multiple years of overlap with hourly load profile data 									
Hydroelectric Resources	+ Installed capacity by resource									
	 Monthly/daily energy budgets across a range of plausible hydro conditions 									
	+ Minimum output levels by month/day									
	 Sustained peaking limitations by month/day 									
Storage Resources	+ Installed capacity by resource									
(e.g. batteries, pumped	+ Duration by resource									
Storage	+ Charging & discharging efficiency by resource									
	+ Paired variable resource (for hybrids)									
	 Interconnection configuration & rating (for hybrids) 									
Demand Response	+ Expected load impact by program									
Resources	+ Limits on number of program calls (per year or per month)									
	+ Duration of calls									

+ Key data sources:

- Utility IRPs
- ABB VelocitySuite
- WECC historical load data
- NREL SAM & Wind toolkit
- EIA Form 860
- EIA Electric Grid Monitor

Study Results



1. How much capacity is needed to maintain reliability in the Southwest?





Achieving reliability requires 13% of effective capacity above the median peak

- In 2025, achieving "one day in ten years" standard for the Southwest region requires 30,200 MW of <u>effective capacity</u>
 - Increases to 35,800 MW by 2033
 - Reflects a <u>+13%</u> reserve margin above the regional coincident peak demand in both years
- + Expected frequency of reliability events grows rapidly below these thresholds
 - Key implication: a rising capacity shortfall will rapidly lead to untenable frequency of load shedding events
- Measuring need in terms of effective capacity makes this requirement is entirely independent of the characteristics of resources that to meet it



2. To what extent will utilities' existing & committed resources satisfy this need?







Notes:

"Total Need" and "Total Supply" are both measured in terms of "effective capacity"

By 2025, the principal resource adequacy challenge in the Southwest is the evening "net peak"

- + With increasing penetration of solar resources, the highest "net peak" period occurs after sundown (i.e. the highest loss of load probability occurs when solar is not producing)
- + This shift has direct implications for the relative capacity value of different types of resources



2025 load & net load on representative summer peak days *(MW)*

2025 Loss of Load Probability Existing & Planned Resources

	Hou	Hour of the Day																						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Feb		Remaining need throughout summer afternoons and																						
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3. What additional resources are needed to ensure regional reliability?





The Southwest will rely on increasing levels of solar and storage to meet future reliability needs

Effective Capacity Contribution from Renewable and Storage Resources Incremental to 2025 Existing and Committed Portfolio (Effective GW)



The combination of solar and

IRP portfolio analysis results



Notes:

"Total Need" and "Total Supply" are both measured in terms of "effective capacity"

Renewables and storage provide valuable energy and capacity, but existing conventional resources provide remaining reliability



Key Findings





- + Existing & committed resources will be insufficient to meet the region's rapidly growing resource adequacy needs
- By 2025, approximately 4,000 MW of *effective capacity* will be needed beyond resources already in development
 - Load growth anticipated by utilities will increase regional peak by roughly 700 MW each year, resulting in a 2,700 MW increase by 2025
 - Retirements of existing coal and gas resources are expected to total 2,500 MW of nameplate capacity by 2025
- + By 2033, the continuation of these trends will require a total of 13,200 MW of *effective capacity* to maintain reliability

Changes in Southwest Regional Load-Resource Balance, 2021-2025 (Effective MW)



Notes

- "Effective capacity" measures a resource's contribution to resource adequacy relative and is typically less than its nameplate capacity; the amount of new nameplate capacity needed to ensure resource adequacy will exceed – likely by a multiple of three to four times – the amount of new effective capacity needed
- 2. Resources in development within the region include solar (3,281 MW), storage (1,040 MW), wind (455 MW), and gas (228 MW)



Key Finding #2: Utilities' current resource plans have identified sufficient capacity additions to maintain reliability

- Utilities' IRPs have identified total additions of roughly 14,000 MW of nameplate capacity by 2025 and 38,000 MW by 2033
- The quantities and types of new resource additions included in utility plans are sufficient to maintain regional reliability under most scenarios
 - If all resources included in utility IRPs come online during the timeframes identified, the region will maintain a small surplus of effective capacity over the next decade horizon under Base Case assumption
 - The amount of <u>nameplate</u> capacity needed to ensure reliability is much larger than the amount of <u>effective</u> capacity needed due to inherent limits on the capacity value of variable and energylimited resources





- A portfolio of variable renewables, storage, and other energy-limited resources can provide a significant contribution to regional resource adequacy needs
 - Capabilities of solar and storage are particularly wellsuited to matching high summer peak demands

- Non-firm resources will account for an increasing share of regional resource adequacy needs:
 - Roughly 25% of regional needs by 2025
 - Roughly 50% of regional needs by 2033





Key Finding #4: Even as solar and storage grow, the region's remaining firm resources will be needed for reliability

- + By 2025, the evening "net peak" hours will become more constraining than the historical late afternoon peaks due to saturation of daylight hours with solar energy
 - Additional solar added after this time will provide limited capacity value (<10%)
- As penetration of storage increases, risks to reliability extend deeper into the evening and nighttime, indicating a need for resources that can deliver energy to the system for extended periods overnight
 - As length of risk increases, the marginal capacity value of four-hour energy storage by 2033 will decrease to approximately 50%
- Because of their ability to produce energy on demand for sustained periods, existing firm resources – including nuclear and natural gas – will continue to play a key role in meeting regional needs



The changing composition of the portfolio impacts the timing of reliability risks:

- High levels of solar shift risk to the evening net peak
- Storage "flattens" the net peak, extending risk into nighttime



Key Finding #5: Substantial reliability risks remain as the region's electricity resource portfolio transitions



Climate Impacts

The possibility of significant changes to regional load patterns, e.g., due to climate warming, may increases the need for capacity to meet load during heat waves



Battery Performance

Battery storage has not yet been widely deployed at grid scale, and if it does not perform as idealized in this study, could be less effective as a capacity resource

Recent examples of extended plant outages at existing battery storage projects due to heat or fire provide warnings



Renewable Variability

As the region's supply becomes increasingly reliant on variable resources, weather variability introduces operating risks, including possible sudden, large drops in renewable energy output or extended renewable droughts



Fuel Supply

Reliance on just-in-time delivery of natural gas creates fuel security risks

The interstate natural gas pipeline system does not operate to the same reliability standards as the electricity system, and fuel deliveries have been interrupted during extreme cold weather events



Timing

Processes for new resource development typically span multiple years

Project delays or cancellations could result in temporary resource shortfalls



Maintaining reliability will require immediate and sustained action over the next decade

- The rate of new resource additions required in the next ten years is nearly unprecedented in the history of the Southwest
- With project development timelines measured in years and near-term supply chain risks looming, advance planning and prompt action by utilities are needed to avoid falling behind in the transition

New Installed Capacity Additions by Year (Southwest Region) (Nameplate MW)

- + Utilities, regulators, developers and stakeholders will share responsibility for working cooperatively to ensure new resources are in place as needed
 - Plans for new resource additions should account for reasonable risks of project delays and cancellations
 - Failure to develop new resources in a timely manner will either result in (1) a degradation of reliability or (2) the need to retain existing plants with scheduled retirements



Thank You

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Appendix





Desert Southwest loads & resources, 2025

	<u>Existi</u>	ng & Planned Reso	urces	IRP Portfolios					
	Installed Capacity (MW)	Effective Capacity (MW)	Effective Capacity (%)	Installed Capacity (MW)	Effective Capacity (MW)	Effective Capacity (%)			
Nuclear	2,858	2,783	97%	2,858	2,783	97%			
Coal	4,490	4,026	90%	4,490	4,026	90%			
Natural Gas	15,659	14,711	94%	94% 16,972		95%			
Other	84	83	98%	84	83	98%			
Geothermal	77	72	93%	77	72	93%			
Hydro	1,437	1,137	79%	1,437	1,124	78%			
Solar	5,778	1,531	27%	10,683	2,327	22%			
Wind	1,781	696	39%	2,684	996	37%			
Storage	1,299	1,167	90%	3,718	2,996	81%			
DR	238	184	77%	618	468	76%			
Total Supply	33,701	26,388		43,621	30,938				
Median Peak Demand		26,741			26,741				
Total Effective Capacity Need (+13% PRM)		30,178		30,178					
Net Capacity Surplus (Shortfall)		(3,789)		+760					



Desert Southwest loads & resources, 2033

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Other	84	83	98%	84	83	98%			
Geothermal	77	72	93%	577	537	93%			
Hydro	1,437	1,101	77%	1,437	1,050	73%			
Solar	5,758	1,416	25%	21,986	5,601	25%			
Wind	1,781	594	33%	5,234	1,693	32%			
Storage	1,299	1,174	90%	13,220	8,082	61%			
DR	163	128	79%	1,047	465	44%			
Total Supply	29,508	22,597		63,992	37,180				
Median Peak Demand		31,787			31,787				
Total Effective Capacity Need (+13% PRM)		35,824		35,824					
Net Capacity Surplus (Shortfall)		(13,227)		+1,356					