

# WECC

2023 Study Program Changes to Grid Strength

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## **CIGS Scope**

- This proposed study will be using short-circuit ratio (SCR) as a metric to represent voltage stiffness of a grid.
- A bus that has low SCR may exhibit or contribute to unacceptable system performance characterized by degraded voltage and frequency response and increased likelihood of system instability.



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# **Key Reliability Questions**

- What are the impacts with an increase of IBR's in the system in regard to SCR?
- What are the potential consequences of low SCR in certain buses of the system?



## Approach

- Starting with four entities (Northwest, PAC, SCE, Tri-State) 2023
  Operating Short Circuit model
- Replacing 20% of the synchronous generation with IBRs in ASPEN OneLiner
- As time permits, replacing 40%, 60%, 80% of the synchronous generation with IBRs
- Review and analysis results



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### Generation

Area	Total amount of generation (MW)	Amount being replaced (MW)
SCE	3,057	611
Northwest	5,099	1,020
Tri-State	1,485	297
PAC	8,775	1,755



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## **Unanticipated Issues**

- Power flow to short-circuit model
- Impedance vs. MW/MVAR
- Calculating generation
- Retirements, what is in which case?
- Modeling IBRs



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### Process

Generator Data			
At bus 4868 CRAIG G1 22.KV			
Unit'1' On-Line Unit'2' On-Line	Edit		
Unit ' 3' On-Line	On/Off-Line		
Unit ' 4' On-Line Unit ' 5' On-Line	New		
	Delete		
Internal V-Source	Limits (A)		
p.u.= 1. Ref. angle= 0. A; 0.	B: 0.		
Power Flow Regulation			
Regulates voltage  C Fixed P-	+jQ output		
Hold V= 1. pu at CRAIG G1 22.kV	4868 (PV) 🔹		
Memo:			
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