



GRID TRANSFORMATION

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NAVIGATING THE UNCERTAINTY AND COMPLEXITY IN A GRID BEING DOMINATED BY IBR

- ❑ Integration of Inverter-Based Resources (IBR)
- ❑ Decarbonization Pressures
- ❑ Natural Gas Reliance
- ❑ Planning Under Uncertainty
- ❑ Insights for Addressing These Challenges



INTEGRATION OF INVERTER-BASED RESOURCES (IBR)

❑ Key IBR Challenges

- ✓ IBR reduces grid inertia
- ✓ Grid strength and stability
- ✓ Different output (Balancing supply and demand in real-time becomes more complex as the share of IBR increases.)



DECARBONIZATION PRESSURES

- ❑ Federal and state clean energy mandates continue to prioritize IBRs due to:
 - ✓ Pressures to retire fossil generation
 - ✓ Reliance on IBR resources to achieve sustainability goals
 - ✓ Goals to achieve decarbonization

All while balancing aggressive IBR goals with overall system reliability considerations to ensure a sustainable path forward.



DYNAMIC RELIANCE ON NATURAL GAS

- ❑ Gas remains a critical firm capacity and ramping resource but has long-term considerations:
 - ✓ Gas system constraints:
 - Supply
 - Pipeline availability
 - Weather events
 - ✓ Rising costs
 - ✓ Risk of over-reliance as other thermal resources retire



PLANNING UNDER UNCERTAINTY

- ❑ Variability of renewable generation
 - ✓ Keeping pace with the IBR adoption while other resource types may phase out
 - ✓ Need to plan for intermittent resources and allow for flexibility planning tools
 - ✓ The need to maintain a resilient and diverse grid to ensure reliable operations



INSIGHTS FOR ADDRESSING THESE CHALLENGES

- ❑ Advanced forecasting and modeling tools:
 - ✓ Data analysis
 - ✓ Machine learning
 - ✓ AI-driving tools for an accurate forecast
 - ✓ Digital twins and EMT simulators
- ❑ Develop Grid Flexibility:
 - ✓ Deploy BESS with PV/Wind
- ❑ Grid-forming inverter technology
 - ✓ Mimic synchronous generators
 - ✓ Providing inertia and voltage support
 - ✓ The overall benefit is to improve grid stability



THANK YOU!
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