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TECH TALK REMINDERS

Please keep your information up-to-date

• CORES, Generation Verification Forms, Entity Profile Questionnaires (quarterly)

Following an event, send EOP-004 or OE-417 forms to <u>disturbance@rfirst.org</u>

CIP-008-6 incident reports are sent to the <u>E-ISAC</u> and the <u>DHS CISA</u>

Check our <u>monthly CMEP update</u> and <u>quarterly newsletter</u>:

- 2023 ERO Periodic Data Submittal schedule
- Timing of Standard effectiveness

BES Cyber System Categorization (CIP-002-5.1a)

• Assess categorization (low, medium, or high) regularly and notify us of changes

CIP Evidence Request Tool V7.0 is online, see <u>website</u>



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2023-2024 WINTER RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT



2023–2024 Winter Reliability Assessment

2023 - 2024 Winter Reliability Assessment

NERC has released this year's winter reliability assessment examines potential risk factors across North America to better inform and prepare industry and policy makers to maintain grid reliability this winter. To read the full report click <u>here</u>







WINTER RELIABILITY RISK AREA



Seasonal Risk Assessment Summary				
High	Potential for insufficient operating reserves in normal peak conditions			
Elevated	Potential for insufficient operating reserves in above-normal conditions			
Low	Sufficient operating reserves expected			

WINTER ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS



Review seasonal operating plans and protocols for communicating and resolving potential supply shortfalls

Implement the mitigations identified in the NERC Level 3 Alert, Cold Weather Preparations for Extreme Weather Events

Be cognizant of the potential for short-term load forecasts and be prepared to implement protocols for managing reserve deficiencies

Survey and monitor the adequacy of fuel supply

State regulators can assist grid owners by supporting environmental and transportation waivers for electric load and natural gas conservation



ANNOUNCEMENT

RF'S DIANE HOLDER TESTIMONY

RF's Vice President of Entity Engagement and Corporate Services testified in a joint public hearing with **The Ohio Public Utilities Committee and Pennsylvania Environmental Resources & Energy Committee**. Watch it <u>here</u>

RF'S NEW WEBSITE AT RFIRST.ORG



About Us

ReliabilityFirst is one of six regional organizations responsible for ensuring the reliability and security of the North American Bulk Electric System. Under the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), we audit utility companies on mandated standards related to cybersecurity, vegetation management near vital power lines, preparation for extreme weather and more. We also promote the reliability and security of the electric grid through outreach, training and analysis. We are based out of Cleveland, Ohio, and our footprint includes the Great Lakes and Mid-Atlantic areas of the United States.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

December 14th Publication

- NERC Long-Term Reliability Assessment Annually assesses the adequacy of the Bulk Electric System over a 10-year period.
- Set up a meeting with RF to provide a debrief to you and your staff. Contact
 Michelle Cross at michelle.cross@rfirst.org

RF is an independent resource for reliability questions and discussions including the grid transformation, cyber and physical security, emerging technologies and extreme weather.

Upcoming testimony - December 11th

> West Virginia Senate/House Joint Energy Committee Hearing

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November 13 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Technical Talk with RF

Virtual (Webex)

We will be discussing NERC's Interregional Transfer Capability Study, the aspects of the clean energy transition and emerging technologies.



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AGENDA

STATE ENERGY POLICY EDITION NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORP -INTERREGIONAL TRANSFER CAPABILITY STUDY UPDATE

JOHN MOURA- DIRECTOR, RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT
 AND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS, NERC

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

SHANE WATTS- SR. LEAD TRAINER, PJM
 INTERCONNECTION

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A Grid in Transition and the Interregional Transfer Capability Study

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John Moura, Director, Reliability Assessment and Performance Analysis











Across an Interconnected System: Less Resources, More Reliance on Neighbors



NERC-Wide Summer Peak Demand Changes 2012 and 2022



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Hyper Complex Risk Environment



Rapidly Changing Resource Mix

- Retirements of traditional generation
- Natural gas interdependencies
- Inverter-Based Resource (IBR) integration
- DER performance and visibility



Energy & Environmental Policy

- Electrification
- Emissions
- Transmission



Extreme Weather Complexities

- Extreme not infrequent
- Broader deeper longer



Rapidly Evolving Threat Landscape

- S/W vulnerabilities
- Supply chain
- Ransomware
- Physical attacks



Hyper Complex Risk Environment Results in Increased BPS Reliability Risk



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Fuel assurance/uncertainties

- Natural gas
- Renewables
- •Correlated outages
- •Water and drought

Loss of key "essential reliability services" with retirements

Inertia/frequency response
Reactive Power/voltage support
Dispatchability

Appropriate level of investment in infrastructure for hardening & resilience

- •Extreme weather
- •Coordinated Physical attack
- Insufficient transfers

Expanding cyber attack surface, Physical Security

- •Industry Control Systems (ICSs)
- •IBRs/DERs/EV Charging

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Recent Examples Highlight Need for Wide-Area Energy Assessments

ERCOT, SPP, MISO: A "wind drought" caused 60 GW of installed wind capacity to generate 300 MW

30,000 25,000 20,000 15,000 10,000

Hourly Wind MW Forecast vs Actual 6/6/23 - 6/14/23

Net Scheduled Export Interchange* (MWh, Thousands)



PJM: Transmission system during extreme cold weather limited the ability to export to support southern neighbors



Hours Without Operator-Initiated Firm Load Shed (%/year)





Similarities to Past Extreme Cold Weather Events

	2011 Event	2014 Event	2018 Event	2021 Event	2022 Event
Significant levels of incremental unplanned electric generating unit losses with top causes found to be mechanical/electrical, freezing, and fuel issues.	~	1	1	1	1
Significant natural gas production decreases occurred, with some areas of the country more severely affected.	1			1	1
Short-range forecasts of peak electricity demands were less than actual demands for some BAs in event area	1		1	~	1



Long-Term Challenges Emerge

How are we going to integrate...



without more of this....



Peak Demand and Energy: Electrification Growth Across North America

- 10-year Peak Demand and Energy growth showed largest increases in years
 - Further increases from electrification and EV adoption are anticipated
- Peak demand growth is accelerating – Growth rate nearly doubled in last two years
- Growth in some areas is affecting adequacy of reserves and seasonal energy risks





Managing the Pace of Generator Retirements

- Known generator retirements totaling over 110 GW
- New and proposed U.S. EPA regulations are expected to further accelerate retirements
- Replacement capacity to meet growing demand urgently needed!
- 2023 Long-Term Reliability Assessment will consider updated retirement information and scenarios for assessing future resource adequacy and reliability risks





Fiscal Responsibility Act, Section 322

In consultation with the Regional Entities and transmitting utilities, NERC shall conduct a study containing three elements:

- **1. Current total transfer capability,** between each pair of neighboring transmission planning regions.
- 2. A recommendation of **prudent additions to total transfer capability** between each pair of neighboring transmission planning regions that would demonstrably strengthen reliability within and among such neighboring transmission planning regions.
- 3. Recommendations on **how to meet and maintain the identified total transfer capability**, together with the prudent recommended additions in #2.



A "Macro Grid" To Enable Continent-Wide Resource Sharing



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- Planning Study
- Replacement for Transmission Expansion Analysis and Interregional Planning Groups
- No recommendations for specific projections (generation, transmission, etc)
- Will focus on WHAT...not HOW
- A complete solution



ITCS Advisory Group Role

- Stakeholder membership advises and provides input to the ERO Project Team
- Collaborate with the ERO and stakeholders on the study scope, approach, results, and recommendations

Key Input Needed

- Study Scope
- Scenario Selection
- Major Assumptions Capacity/Transfer Expansion
- Criteria Development
- Results and Recommendations



Study Group and Project Management

- ERO Executive Leadership
 Group: Serves as the
 executive project sponsor
- ERO Project Team: ERO Staff Team (NERC and Regional Entity Staff) will oversee, coordinate, and conduct the required studies
- ITCS Advisory Group: Stakeholder advisory group provides advice and input on the study scope, approach, results, and recommendations.





ITCS Timeline Overview

The following is a timeline of upcoming key activities:



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- Engagement and Communications Plan includes:
 - Communication and Engagement Milestones: High-level tracking of key activities with a defined target audience
 - Tactical Communication Plan: Dynamic document drills down to key communication dates, audiences, activities and communication materials/methods.
 - Drafting Stakeholder Analysis and Engagement plan to be shared with ERO State Outreach Group and ERO Communications Group
- Communications initiatives include:
 - Updates at key project milestones
 - Website (NERC.com): launched on October 24th, 2023
 - Announcements / Updates
 - Media interviews
 - Videos/ Social Media



ITCS - Areas of Study



- Legislation identified "Transmission Planning Regions" as identified in FERC Order 1000
- Texas Interconnection <u>DC</u> <u>Ties</u> included
- Canadian transfer capability and possible increases also assessed

Frequency Excursion – Interconnection-wide Phenomena





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Onward!



- NERC's role as the independent voice for reliability
- Critical assignment supporting the ERO's Reliability Assessment mandate
- Strong transmission system is crucial to a reliable supply and the delivery of electricity
- Rapidly changing resource mix requires greater access and deliverability of resources
- On-going assessment critical to maintaining BPS reliability







Looking Forward to Your Questions





Emerging Technologies

PJM State & Member Training Dept.

Objectives



At the completion of this training, the learner will be able to:

- Identify the various emerging technology tools being developed and used to maintain reliable operation of the electric system

Agenda



- Fusion Reaction Recent Activity
- BtMG Wind Technologies
- Geothermal Technologies



Fusion Reaction

& Recent Advancements

- Fusion: the process of combining two light nuclei to form a single heavier nucleus which releases a large amount of energy
- Uncontrolled v Controlled Fusion
- Benefits & Disadvantages

DT (Deuterium Tritium) are a favored fuel because:

- They produce large amounts of energy
- This fuel reaches fusion conditions at lower temperatures compared to other fusion reactions
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Benefits

- No carbon emissions
- Abundant fuels
- Energy efficiency
- Fusion releases 4 million times the energy of coal, gas, or oil
- Fusion releases 4 times as nuclear fission
- No long-lived waste
- No meltdown risk

Disadvantages

- Neutron radiation damage to exposed materials, causing swelling, embrittlement and fatigue
- Very expensive in research stage
- For practical use, will Require scientific break-even, engineering break-even, commercial break-even

Laser Ignition v Magnetic Confinement



Inertial-Confinement Fusion (ICF)

How it works:

- Powerful pulsed laser(s) or ion beams compress a small fuel pellet to extremely high densities
- Produces a shock wave that compresses and heats the plasma before (plasma) dissipating
- Powerful enough shock waves enable fusion

Issues:

- Pressures on the fuel pellets contribute to laser-plasma instabilities causing the fuel to heat and scatter before it can fuse
- High cost and complexity of laser drivers



Magnetized Confinement Fusion (MCF)



How it works:

- Powerful electromagnetic fields confine and heat plasma inside a doughnut-shaped reactor
- Magnetic field prevents the particles from coming into contact with the reactor walls, which dissipates heat and slows down its movement
- Commonly referred to as a Tokamak

Issues:

• Difficulty in maintaining the integrity of the walls within the reactor

Magnetized Target Fusion (MTF)

How it works:

- Hybrid Approach
- Uses magnetic fields to confine a lower-density plasma
- Then, heated and compressed using an inertialconfinement method (lasers or ion beams)

Issues:

• So far, scientists have been unable to increase the plasma density to a suitable "working" level, or maintain its integrity long enough to fuse



Stellarator



How it works:

- The Spiraling ribbon shape produces high-density plasma that is symmetrical and more stable than a tokamak
- Advantages over Tokamak
 - Requires less injected power to sustain the plasma
 - Uses external coils to generate a twisting magnetic field instead of inducing electric currents inside the plasma like a tokamak

Issues:

• Challenging geometry makes it difficult to build and highly susceptible to imperfections

Field-Reversed Configuration (FRC)

How it works:

- Reactor contains plasma in its own magnetic field by inducing a doughnut-shaped electric current inside a cylindrical plasma
- Uses plasma guns to accelerate two plasmas into each other, then heats them with particle beams
- Less prone to instabilities



• So far, scientists have been unable to maintain/create sufficiently dense enough and stable plasma



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

- Energy Gain!
 - December 5, 2022 First Time Ever
 - 2nd Success July 30, 2023 (Higher Output)
 - Huge laser v thimble sized target
 - Lasted a few billionths of a second
 - More energy came out of the target than went in = "Energy Gain"
 - What does this experimental achievement mean for energy production?



The National Ignition Facility (NIF) - Primary function is to create miniature thermonuclear explosions and provide data to ensure the U.S. arsenal of nuclear weapons is safe and reliable. Images Source: https://lasers.llnl.gov/

The Details

What Did Happen?

- 1. Focused 2.05 mega joules of laser light onto a tiny capsule of fusion fuel, Sparking an explosion that produced 3.15 MJ of energy
 - Equivalent of about three sticks of dynamite
- 2. Explosion at the capsule was hotter than the sun
 - Hottest point in the entire solar system
- 3. Current capability
 - One shot per day
 - Energy Gain 3 for 2 (1 shot)
 - 1 perfect diamond shell per day
 - Laser efficiency (Indirect Drive) 1%

What Didn't Happen?

- 1. This artificial Energy Gain did not account for power needed to run the equipment used in the experiment
 - Total energy consumed ~ 300 v Total energy produced ~ 3
- 2. Yep, it was hot!
- 3. For Commercial power plant purposes,
 - 10 "shots" (explosions) per second
 - Energy Gain increases by a factor of 100
 - 900,000 perfect diamond shells per day
 - Laser efficiency (Direct Drive) 5%

International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, Retrieved from iter.org

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Fusion Energy – Practical Use

- For practical use, will Require scientific break-even, engineering break-even, commercial break-even
- Scientific break-even
 - Lawrence Livermore National Lab
- Engineering break-even
 - Inefficient lasers, perfectly symmetrical diamond pellets (900,000 / day), loading, extracting, calibrating, etc
- Commercial break-even
 - Huge project costs, supplies, etc = higher cost per kWh
 - Will need be competitive with other fuels to gain higher use



Emerging Wind Tech

Wind

- PJM ~ 3.9%, US 10%
- Currently, Wind produces about twice that of solar
- Issues: Efficiency, Sound, Height, Vibrations, Ascetics, Danger to wildlife
 - include Small Wind Turbines (SWTs) (back yard turbines)
- Current Wind Generation uses "air foils" (wings), more lift than drag increases lift and turns the turbine
 - The turbine rotates a shaft, that runs a generator.....





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Emerging Wind Tech

- Bernoulli along a streamline, the sum of static pressure, + dynamic Pressure + the hydrostatic remains the same (individual values can change)
 - Static Pressure = fluid pressure of wind
 - Dynamic Pressure = density and velocity of wind
 - Hydrostatic Pressure = pressure of wind due to gravity
- So, for horizontal flow, a decrease in pressure must be accompanied by an increase in velocity
- Streamline the path a single particle takes



Commercial Rooftop BtMG Wind

Commercial Rooftop Wind

- New Tech Aeromines
- Reimagining Energy For the DOD Appendix
- Performance Metrics Vs Solar
 - 50% More Energy @ 10% of the Space
 - Power Output for 1 Aeromine unit = 16 solar panels *
 - Each unit output 14.5 MWh/year, v 4.5 MWh/year
 - Installation: \$2400/kW v \$1655/kW
- Requires less wind to operate (5 mph)
- Enclosed parts (silent, Wx protected, less maintenance, no risk to humans or animals)
- Pilot program @ BASF Corporation manufacturing plant in Wyandotte, Michigan



Source: Aeromine Technologies
Aeromine Rooftop Wind – How it works



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Theoretical image of Aeromine Wind Turbines on a Warehouse



Ibis PowerNEST

IBIS PowerNEST

- Incorporates rooftop wind, funnels, and solar panels into "kinetic sculpture"
 - Designed specifically to blend in with the existing architecture of a city
 - Requires a flat roof on a building with a minimum of five floors
- Expands on the Bernoulli Principle using Venturi Effect which allows us to predict results within constricted spaces
 - Allows use of wind energy within metropolitan area
- Each PowerNEST:
 - Solar panels top level
 - VAWT wind turbines and funnels lower level



IBIS PowerNEST

Operational Data (2019 – Present)

- Venturi Effect accelerating wind speed up to 160%; creates "useable" wind @ 4.5 mph
- Wind induced cooling of solar roof cools; 10% 25% efficiency boost
- Nest slopes outward over rooftop, allowing use of entire roof for solar panels
- Bi-facial Solar Panel use
- Zero vibration
- Zero noise
- Meets 80-105% of buildings annual energy demand







Geothermal Tech



Geothermal Tech

- Geothermal energy is heat that flows continuously from the Earth's interior to the surface
- The temperature at the center of the Earth is about the same as the surface of the sun (nearly 6,000°C, or about 10,800°F)
- This heat is continually replenished by the decay of naturally occurring radioactive elements beneath the subsurface
 - Will remain available for billions of years
- In the US, primarily in the western states, Alaska, and Hawaii
 - Direct use and district heating systems
 - Geothermal power plants
 - Geothermal heat pumps
 - Enhanced geothermal systems (EGS), New + more locations



• Currently not included as part of Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)

Geo Thermal Plants



Dry Steam Power Plant

- Use hydrothermal fluids that are already mostly steam
- Steam is drawn directly to a turbine, driving a generator
- After the steam condenses, reinjected into the reservoir

Flash Steam Power Plant (Most Common Type)

- Fluids at temps > 182°C/360°F, pumped from deep underground,
- High pressures to a low-pressure tank change causes "flashing"
- Vapor then drives a turbine, which drives a generator
- Any liquid remains in the low-pressure tank can be "flashed" again

Binary-Cycle Power Plant

- Uses lower temperature geothermal resources
- Low-temperature (below 182°C/360°F) geothermal fluids pass through a heat exchanger with a secondary, or "binary," fluid
- This binary fluid has a much lower boiling point than water, causes it to flash to vapor, which then drives the turbines, spins the generators

Enhanced Geothermal Energy Plant

- Drill injection wells into hot rock with limited fluid permeability
- Inject water at sufficient pressure to create a fractures
- Drill a production well into the fracture network, intersecting the created flow paths
- Circulation loop allows water to flow through the enhanced reservoir, picking up heat
- Hot water is then pumped to the surface through the production well
- At the surface, the water flashes to steam
- Or, heats a working fluid that produces vapor, turns a turbine
- The original geothermal water is recycled into the reservoir through the injection well to complete the circulation loop 84





Questions?

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Appendix

Reimagining Energy for the DOD



- The Reimagining Energy for the DOD Challenge, seeking solutions to create the future of resilient energy production, transmission, use and storage
- The Department of Defense (DOD) is currently the largest energy consumer globally. By reducing demand and reliance on petroleum and modernizing the energy infrastructure, the Air Force can improve the way they consume energy, increase sustainability and remain adaptable to future impacts of climate change and reduction in fossil fuels
- An open crowdsourcing program that aims to reduce the U.S. military's reliance on fossil fuels and accelerate it's shift toward renewable and resilient energy sources



THANK YOU

Join us for our next Tech Talk -December 18th

Beth Rettig, RF - EOP-011 walk downs