

ELECTRICITY MARKETS & POLICY

Training on Integrated Resource Planning for South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff

Overview of the major components of an IRP and its development process

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- What are the major components of an IRP?
 - How are these components "integrated"?
- What are the major analytical steps in the IRP development process?
- What types of models are used?
 - What role does each model type play in IRP development?
 - What are the critical inputs/assumptions?
- How can energy efficiency and demand response be treated as resource options?
- How are alternative resource portfolio evaluated?
 - How are uncertainty and risk considered?





Key Components of IRPs















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Load Forecast for Energy and Capacity –

Typically provided as a range and *without* additional energy efficiency or demand response







Sidebar Comment on Load Forecasting Methods:

Econometric Load forecasting models generally fail to fully reflect the impact of recently adopted/updated codes and standards – this can lead to systematically over forecasting growth



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Accurately Accounting for Such Impacts Matters:

Potential Impact on Load Forecast of Known Codes and Federal Standards Seventh Northwest Power and Conservation Plan







Generating Resource Additions and Retirements







Forecast Changes in Existing Resources





Resource Adjustments for Reserves/Ancillary Services

(e.g., Balancing and Flexibility Reserves)

Reduction in 10-Hour Sustained-Peaking Capability for "INC" and "DEC"







Resource Needs Assessment - Energy

Annual Energy Loads and Firm Resources







Resource Needs Assessment - Capacity







More Sophisticated Needs Assessments Employ Probabilistic Resource Adequacy Analysis*



Loss of Load Probability (LOLP)

*Note: Resource Adequacy Assessments may be done independently of IRPs, but their results are used in an IRP, so data and assumptions used in both analysis should be internally consistent.



Natural Gas (and other fuel) Price Forecast Range





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Wholesale Electricity Price Forecast Range





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Generating Resource Cost Estimates – Energy Capability, Operating Characteristics and Cost







Generating Resource Cost Estimates – Peak Capacity, Operating Characteristics and Cost



Capital O&M + Property Taxes + Insurance Fuel + Transmission





Energy Efficiency Resource Assessment: Technical and Achievable Potential*



TRC Levelized Cost (2012\$/MWh)

*Economically achievable potential is best derived through modeling efficiency as a resource in capacity expansion models.





Energy Efficiency Resource Assessment: Load Shape and Deployment limits





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Demand Response Resource Assessment: Technical and Achievable Potential*



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Description of Major Issues Potentially Impacting Resource Planning Environment







Description of the Scenarios Tested



Example: Over Two Dozen Scenarios Were Tested As Part of the Development of the Council's Seventh Power Plan

- Existing Policy
- Social Cost of Carbon
- Retire Coal
- Retire Coal and Inefficient Gas
- Retire Coal & Impose Social Cost of Carbon
- Retire Coal & Impose Social Cost of Carbon & No New Gas
- Regional RPS @ 35%
- No Demand Response
- Increase Market Reliance
- Limit Energy Efficiency Acquisitions to Market Price



Description of Resource Analysis Methods and Assumptions







Publicly Available Analytical Findings



















Source: Seventh Northwest Power and Conservation Plan





Preferred Resource Strategies for Meeting Forecast Energy and Capacity Needs Over Planning Period







An Action Plan:



- Preferred Resource development/management actions
 - EE & DR goals
 - Generation, including ancillary services/reserves
 - Transmission and Distribution
 - Risk management
- Non-resource development actions
 - Analytical capability enhancement
 - Data development
 - Research on emerging technologies

