ENERGY STORAGE IN TEXAS

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  – Renewable Energy
  – Energy Storage
  – Smart Energy
  – Alternative Transportation
TEXAS MARKET BACKGROUND
Texas PUC Commissioners and Legislators Handle Issues That Are Handled By FERC Nationally

- The ERCOT ISO, which serves 75% of TX, is intra-state and therefore is not under FERC jurisdiction
Texas Has a Partially De-regulated Electricity Market

• In “competitive” areas, utilities have been unbundled into generators, transmission/distribution utilities (TDUs), and retail electric providers (REPs)

• Austin, San Antonio, and other cities still have municipally-owned, vertically-integrated utilities

• Some areas are served by electric cooperatives or incumbent utilities
10,000 MW of Deployed Renewables
Over 18,000 MW Soon...
Opportunity for Storage?

**Deployed Wind Capacity in TX**

- **ERCOT Selected CREZ Zones**
  - The McCamey Area includes two CREZ areas.
  - Source: The Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

Thermal Storage as Peaking Resource

• Thermal storage offers excellent benefits in the way of peak shaving

• Option for Large Customers with the right rate or incentive structure (not just TOU)

• Retailers in competitive markets can’t choose this strategy (except in cooperation with customers)
Electric Storage: Basic Knowledge

• Energy storage is viable today and has been commercially deployed
• It is not just one technology
• It can provide multiple services
• Storage reacts quicker than generation
• All grid resources can benefit from storage
• Economics depend on applications and assumptions
Energy Storage is Not Just One Thing...

Source: GTM Research
All Grid Resources Can Benefit from Storage...

Electric Energy Storage
Locational Opportunities for Energy Storage in the Electric Enterprise

- Central Plant
- Regulation Storage
- Step-Up Transformer
- Bulk Energy Storage
- Residential Energy Storage
- Transportable Storage
- Distributed Energy Storage
- Distribution Substation
- Pad Mounted Transformer Storage
- Industrial Storage
- Commercial Storage
- Electric Vehicles

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Storage Can Play a Key Role in Ensuring Grid Reliability...

2013 HIGH WIND WEEK - GENERATION BY FUEL TYPE

Dan Woodlin, Director, System Planning and John Dumas, Manager, Operations Planning, ERCOT, Key Challenges to Reliability with Increased Wind Penetration, PUCT Project 37339 Workshop 8/20/09
Ancillary Services Provided by Storage Can React Quicker...

Advanced Storage provides “instantaneous” response to frequent and unpredictable changes in wind/solar
Storage Economics Depend on Applications and Assumptions...

Source: Duke Energy Presentation to DOE
Storage Can Provide Multiple Services...

- Ancillary Services such as frequency regulation
- Local reliability/power quality
- Transmission-level reliability
- Other renewable integration services
- Peak shaving or arbitrage (time-shifting)

And to be economic or most useful to the grid, a device may need to be able to provide multiple services...
TX Market Rules Were Designed By/For Traditional Technologies...

• ERCOT protocols reflect the capabilities and services that traditional generation resources are able to perform

• In ERCOT there is no way for a small generator or storage unit to get credited for reducing load on demand in ancillary services market unless they register as a Generation Resource
Quick Fix Adopted by Legislature…

Law Passed in 2009 Making Energy Storage that Participates in Wholesale Market Generation

Subsequent Rules adopted by the PUCT

- Allowed storage units to
  - Charge and discharge as a Wholesale Transaction
  - Avoid Charges associated with Loads

Allowed ERCOT to adopt pilot initiatives
The Road Ahead: Leadership Required

• Current market participants don’t have incentive to make the rule changes required to embrace new competitors

• PUCT, ERCOT, and others must provide vision and have the will to embrace new technologies that can benefit us all
TX Market Rules Were Not Designed for Assets That Can Be Load or Generation...or Replace Transmission of Distribution Assets

- Transmission assets can still recover costs through regulated rates
- Generation assets must recover costs in the competitive markets
- In the competitive markets in Texas, TDUs are prohibited from owning generation or taking possession of electricity
- Different registration for generation/loads can lead to dual registration
- ERCOT not ready for small distributed generation/storage resources in Ancillary Services
Storage for Ancillary Services

- Storage does not replace the need for capacity and energy
- Storage provides certain services better than other technologies, and at less cost
- Products like Regulation which were designed for gas turbines may have to be separated
- Storage can increase the capacity of an existing generator or generator fleet to provide Ancillary Services
Future Ancillary Services Proposal

Current

- Regulation
  - Fast-Responding Regulation
- Responsive
- Non-Spin

Proposed

- Regulation-Up/Regulation-Down
  - Mostly unchanged
- Fast Responding Reg-Up/Fast Responding Reg-Down
- Fast Frequency Response 1
  - 59.8 Hz, Limited duration
- Fast Frequency Response 2
  - 59.7 Hz, Longer duration
- Primary Frequency Response
  - SCED-dispatched
- Supplemental Reserves 1
  - SCED-dispatched
- Supplemental Reserves 2
  - Manually dispatched
- Synchronous Inertial Response
  - Ongoing development
Storage for Arbitrage, T&D Apps

• Must Capitalize on multiple benefits:
  – Arbitrage alone will not finance a larger storage capacity such as CAES
  – Must also offer Ancillary Services, Reliability

• Ownership issues in ERCOT
  – Prevent a wires utility from providing storage as a premium service
  – Prevents a third-party from capturing benefits of storage as an option to T&D investments