Evolving ISO Market Design:
TX, CA, NY & Mexico

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Outline

- Changing focus towards distributed resources.
- Implications due increasing generation and storage on the distribution system.
- What is needed?
Changing focus

- Independent System Operators (ISOs) were conceived in the traditional paradigm of generation following demand.

- Typically large-scale generation remote from demand-centers dispatched to meet a forecast demand:
  - Some demand response from, eg, industrials.

- Some erosion of that paradigm with large-scale intermittent renewables.
Changing focus

- But the demand-side is also changing.

- From passive consumers to:
  - Prosumers with on-site generation, including renewables,
  - Storage, and
  - Demand-response.

- No longer just a demand to be met, and generation no longer all dispatchable.

- Distributed energy resources (DERs) may require rethink of ISO functionality and reach.
Changing focus

- DERs are on the distribution system:
  - ISOs do not directly monitor.
- DERs may want to be integrated into wholesale markets:
  - Regulatory complexity since consumers mostly interact at retail rates.
- Or, they may prefer regulatory arbitrage:
  - Provide wholesale value, but get paid at retail rates.
Implications of distributed generation and storage.

- Regulatory (retail competition provisions),
- Reliability/markets (dispatch versus passive response)
- Technical (reverse power flow),
- Equity (wholesale-retail arbitrage and paying for the existing transmission and distribution network),
- Emissions (effect of storage on carbon dioxide production).
What is needed?

- Does the ISO need to operate the distribution system?
- Or just greater visibility of distributed resources?
- Do we need a distribution system operator (DSO)?
- Is a DSO necessary when there is retail open access?
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