# Perspectives on the State of the Industry



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# **Current Industry Dynamics**

## A Time of Major Change

- Changing energy mix
  - Renewables
  - natural gas up 1
  - 🛚 Coal 👢
  - Nuclear
  - Distributed generation 1
- Challenges to expand electric transmission
- Demand destruction / energy efficiency
- Increasing concerns about carbon
- Impact of integrated / regional markets
- Cyber & physical security
- Economics 101 Supply vs. Demand

# **Three Simple Questions**

How can we provide electricity that is....



### **Changes in U.S. Capacity and Generation Mix Over Time**



The grid was, on average, more diverse in 2016 than in 2002 in terms of both capacity and generation.

# **Central Regional Profile**





Data Sources: U.S. EIA, SNL Energy, ABB Energy Velocity Suite, NERC

#### Source: DOE Reliability Study

## National Energy Mix in 2030 Under Obama Clean Power Plan



## **2018 U.S. Fuel Sources for Electricity**





## **2018 Electricity Fuel Mix**



\*Qualifying Local Generation (QLG) includes renewable energy facilities installed by our wholesale customers and in NPPD retail communities.

2018 Southwest Power Pool **Energy Generation Resources** 



#### **Diversity is our Strength!**

# **Drivers of Decarbonization**



## **Federal Carbon Policy Timeline**

#### • 2007 Massachusetts v. EPA

- 5-4 Supreme Court decision
- Greenhouse gases are air pollutants
- 2008 Waxman Markey (Cap & Trade)
  - Approved in House 219-212; never taken up in Senate
- 2014 Obama Clean Power Plan Proposed
- 2015 Paris Agreement
- 2016 Obama Clean Power Plan Stayed by Supreme Court
- 2018 Trump Affordable Clean Energy Rule Proposed / Published July 2019
- 2019 Democratic Controlled House of Representatives
  - Numerous hearings on climate but action in 2019 unlikely
- 2019 Republicans in House & Senate beginning to acknowledge Carbon Policy Significance
- 2020+
  - New administration?
  - Democratic Congress?
  - Carbon restrictions? (tax, fee, or other regulation)

#### Comparison of Carbon Pricing Proposals in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress Figure 1: Tax rate for carbon tax proposals (\$/metric ton)



https://www.c2es.org/site/assets/uploads/2019/07/carbon-pricing-proposals-in-the-116th-congress.pdf [c2es.org]

#### Comparison of Carbon Pricing Proposals in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress Figure 2: Emission reduction target for carbon pricing proposals



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## **Climate is Increasingly the Subject of Energy Policy Actions**

#### Governors

- Promoting policies to support principles of Paris Agreement
  - Grew from 3 states to 25 states in two years

### State Legislatures

- 24 states have carbon reduction targets
  - Several are tied to Paris Agreement
  - Some states are more aggressive with 80-100% carbon reduction by 2050
- Carbon reduction / elimination legislation in multiple states
  - California, Washington, New Mexico, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine and New York
- Common theme is  $80 \Rightarrow 100\%$  carbon reduction by 2050
- Cities
  - More than 350 mayors have adopted goals of Paris Agreement

## **Climate is Increasingly the Subject of Energy Policy Actions**

### Big Business

 Numerous companies have carbon reduction goals and similar expectations of their suppliers including electricity suppliers

#### Investors

 There are growing demands by certain investors for companies to disclose / reduce carbon emissions

#### Utilities

- Many electric utilities have established carbon reduction goals

## **Energy-related Carbon Dioxide Emissions Mirror the Trends in Energy Consumption Across Cases**



# **Decarbonization Summary**

- Decarbonization of electricity production is a priority topic among electricity generators.
- Decarbonization is driving corporate decisions throughout the business world.
  - Financial Institutions
  - Technology Companies
  - Manufacturers
  - Retailers
- Decarbonization of the electric industry
  - has public support.
  - is getting significant attention in Washington DC, State Capitols and Local Governments.

# **NPPD's Efforts to Reduce Carbon**

- NPPD has been positioning itself for less carbon intensive generation for more than 10 years.
  - ✓ Cooper Nuclear Station.
    - 500 MW recapture
    - 20-year license extension to 2034
  - ✓ Construction of Beatrice Power Station.
  - $\checkmark$  Brought eight of first dozen wind farms to the state.
  - ✓ New wholesale power contracts encourage local renewables.
  - ✓ 10% new renewable goal for NPPD's Nebraska customers by 2020, is nearly met.
  - $\checkmark$  Energy efficiency at power plants and with end-use customers.
- Nebraska's access to renewable energy will further decarbonize.
- Planned use of hydrogen at Sheldon Station.

#### World consumption

Million tonnes oil equivalent



World primary energy consumption grew by 2.2% in 2017, up from 1.2% in 2016 and the highest since 2013. Growth was below average in Asia Pacific, the Middle East and S. & Cent. America but above average in other regions. All fuels except coal and hydroelectricity grew at above-average rates. Natural gas provided the largest increment to energy consumption at 83 million tonnes of oil equivalent (mtoe), followed by renewable power (69 mtoe) and oil (65 mtoe).

https://www.bp.com/content/dam/bp/business-sites/en/global/corporate/pdfs/energy-economics/statistical-review/bp-stats-review-2018-full-report.pdf

# **The Southwest Power Pool**





#### Current and Projected Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Energy Generation Portfolio



Southwest Power Pool

SPP Data Graph created by Corp. Communications Dept

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## SPP EVOLVING ENERGY MIX

Trend By Year



•**SPF** 21

## WIND IN SPP'S SYSTEM

#### 21,578 MW: Wind installed today

- 11,029 turbines at 207 wind resources (most are 80m hub height)
- Largest wind resource: 478 MW (Hale Wind Farm in Hale County, TX)
- 9,065 MW: Unbuilt wind w/signed interconnection agreements
- 50,210 MW: Wind in all stages of study and development
- ~23 GW: Forecast wind installation by 2020 (more than SPP's current minimum load)



#### WIND PENETRATION IN THE SPP SYSTEM

- Maximum wind output: 16,972 MW (9/11/2019)
- Minimum wind output (last 12 mos.): 146 MW (8/9/18 @ 10:47)
- Maximum wind penetration: 67.3% (4/27/19)
- Average wind penetration (2018): 23.5%
- Max wind swing in one day: >13 GW on March 14-15, 2019 (14.8 GW to 1.8 GW in 18 hours)
- Max 1-hour ramp: 3,700 MW



## THE DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

 On Dec. 20, 2018 at 07:40, a record output of 16,283 MW of wind power served 48 percent of our load. A day later, wind shrank to 17 percent of our generation mix, and other sources like coal and gas ramped up to serve load. This illustrates the value of a diverse fuel mix able to accommodate a wide variety of operational circumstances!



#### WHY FUEL DIVERSITY MATTERS: SPP'S RECORD WIND SWING (13.3 GW IN 22 HOURS)



Time



#### MIN/MAX % OF GENERATION MIX BY FUEL TYPE



June 2018 – June 2019

**SPP** 26

# **Questions?**

