

Long Term Reliability Challenges and **Considerations: A Bulk Power System Perspective**

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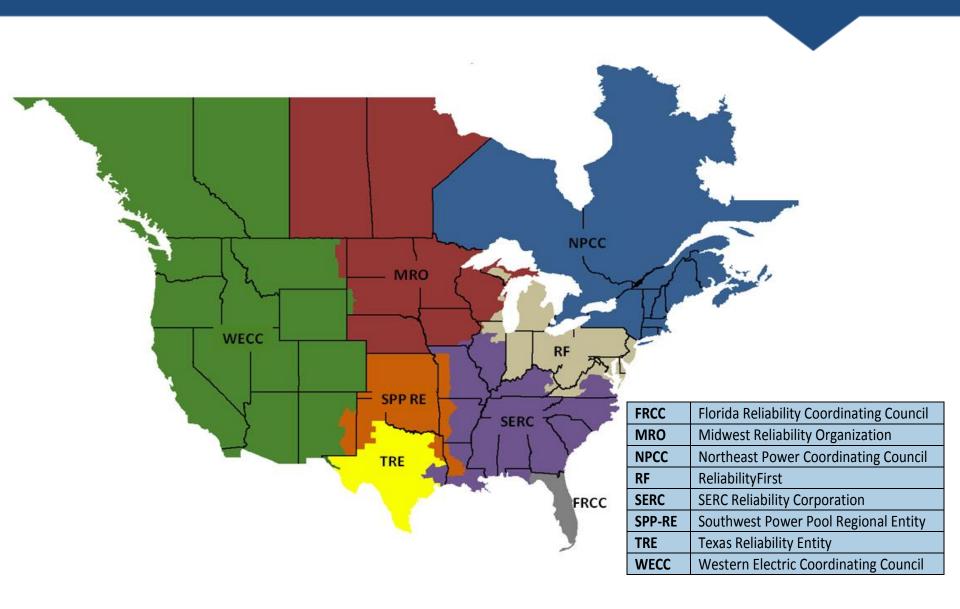








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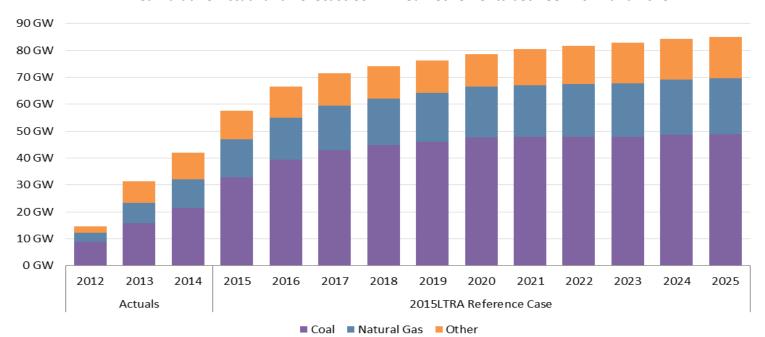




Reliability Trends and Emerging Issues

- Reliability Finding: A changing resource mix requires additional measures and approaches for assessing future reliability
- 21 GW of coal-fired units were retired between 2012 and 2014
- An additional 27 GW are scheduled to retire by 2025
- (excludes impacts of EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan)

Cumulative Actual and Forecast Confirmed Retirements between 2012 and 2025





Increased Dependence on Natural Gas

An increased dependence on natural gas for generating electricity can amplify the bulk power system's exposure to interruptions in fuel supply, transportation, and delivery.

- Gas pipeline reliability impacts electric generation
- Electric system reliability impacts gas pipeline operations
- Pipeline planning and expansion are different from the electric equivalent
- Communications between pipeline operators and electric
 Reliability Coordinators are generally weak—though improving!



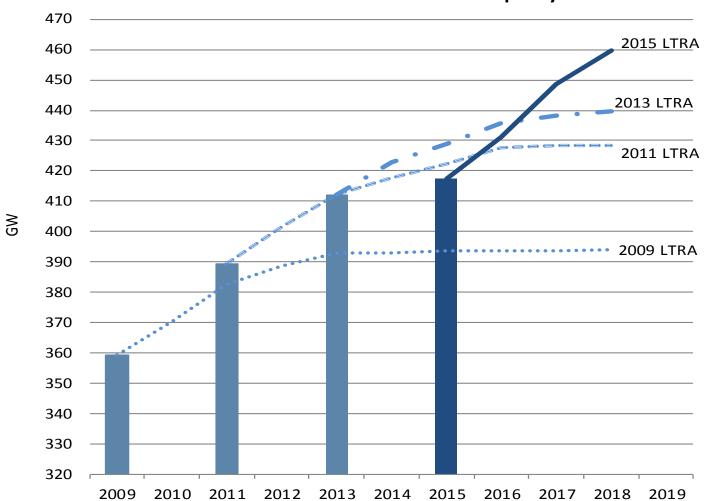
Gas and Electric Interdependency

- Results of NERC study show that with a 90/10 operational risk assessment reserve margins are still attained
- However, a single point of disruption such as Aliso Canyon can have significant effects
- Aliso Canyon directly affects 9800 MWs of gas fired capacity
- Lack of firm transportation and adequate storage provide additional concerns



NERC's Annual Long-Term Projection







Growing Reliance on Gas-Fired Capacity

Gas-Fired Capacity as a Percent of Total Capacity (Eastern)			
MISO	New York (NYISO)	New England (ISO-NE)	РЈМ
39%	55%	54%	43%



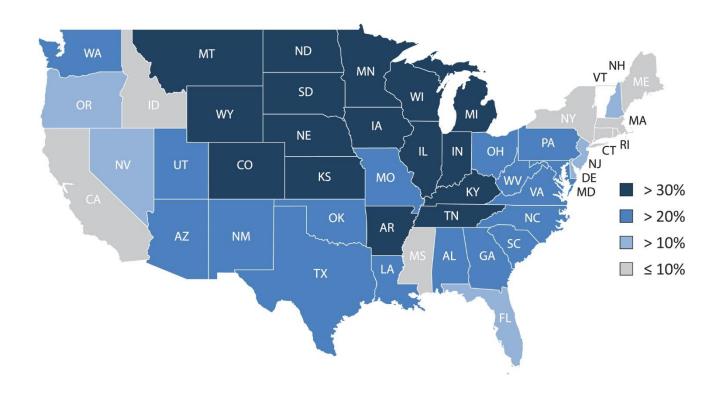
CPP overview



- The final rule extended compliance to
- 2022 from 2020
- Increased total reduction from 30% to
- 32% of 2005 levels
- Envisions Significant Increase in Renewables and Energy Efficiency – Clean Energy Incentive Plan
- Trading is projected by EPA to be a large mitigating factor for attainment of compliance goals



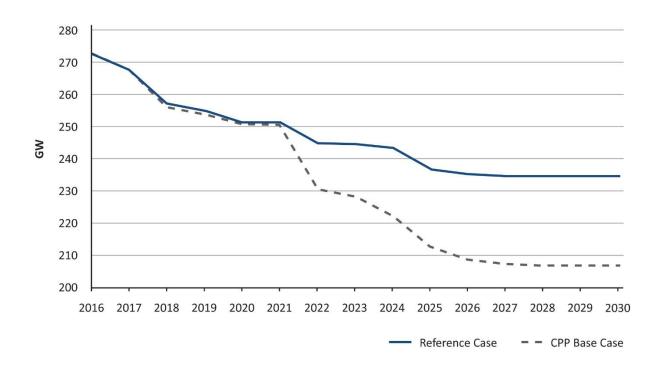
 The CPP is expected to accelerate a fundamental change in the electricity generation mix in the United States and transform grid level reliability services, diversity, and flexibility.





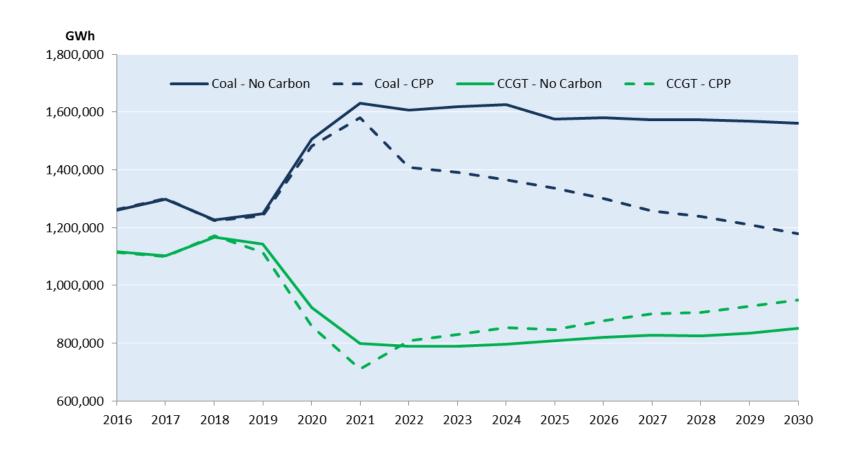
Coal Capacity is Expected to Decline

Coal Capacity declines by up to 27 GWs as a direct result of the CPP.



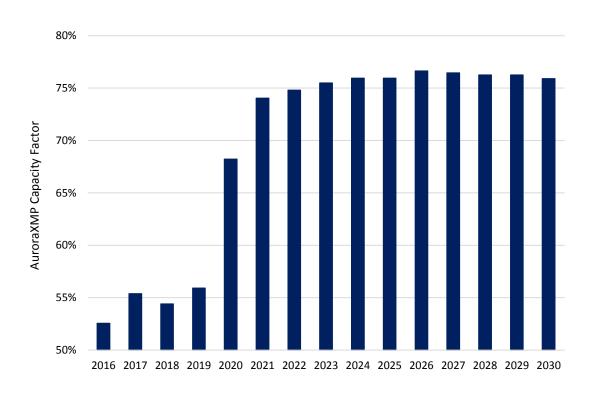


Declining Coal Generation as a Result of CPP



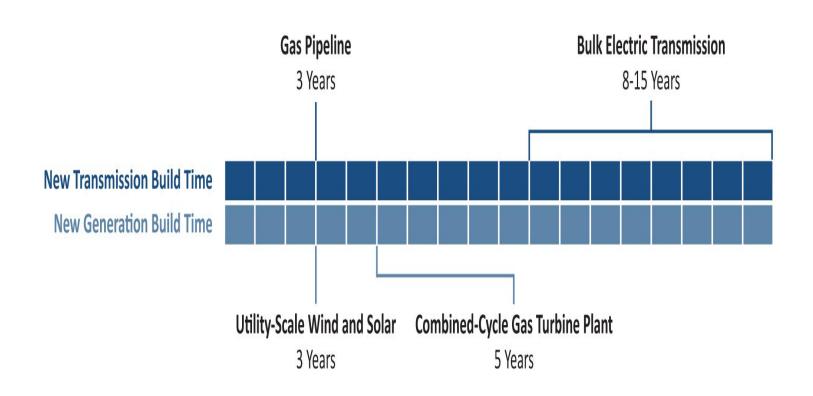


Coal Capacity Factors – CPP Analysis



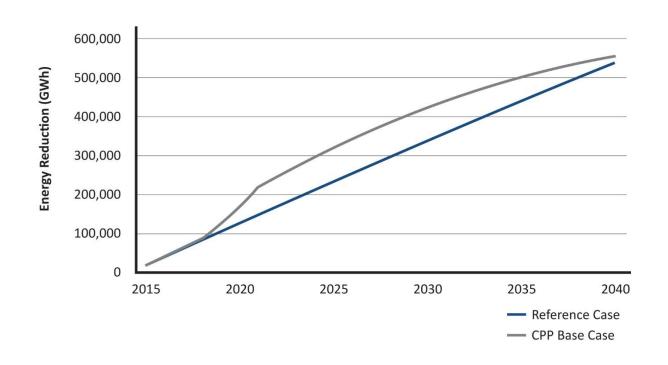


Infrastructure Build Out Risk



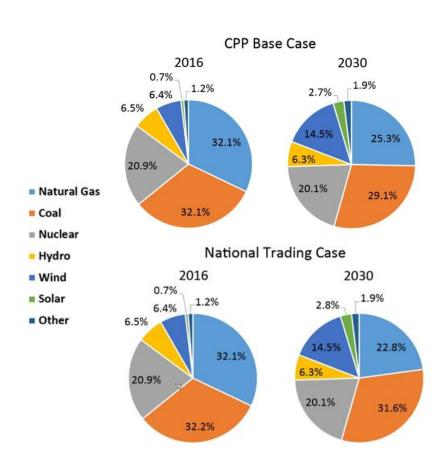


CPP is Expected to Flatten Annual Energy Demand Growth





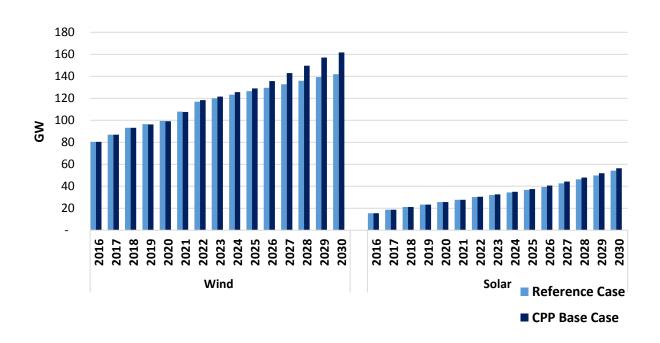
Trading of Allowances Provides Market Flexibility





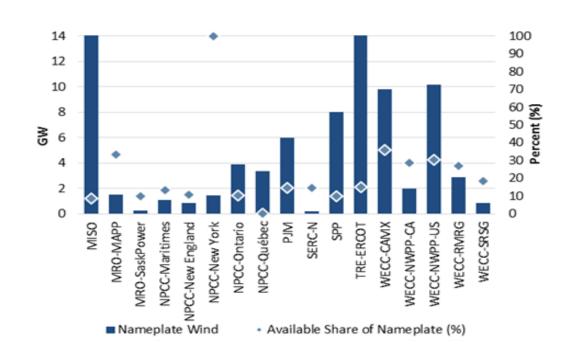
Integration of Large Amounts of Renewables are Expected to Occur

Tax credits and Renewable Portfolio Standards drive renewables.



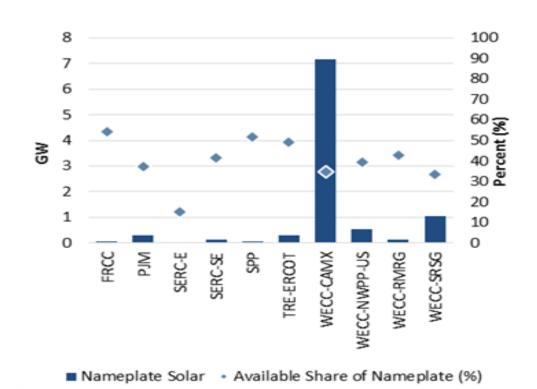


Nameplate Wind Capacity V Reserve Margins — 2015 LTRA





Nameplate Solar V Reserve Margins – 2015 LTRA





Renewable BPS Implications

- Voltage
- Frequency Response
- Ramping Capability Duck Curve
- Effects of increasing penetration of distributed energy resources
- Derates of wind for reserve margins

The Nuclear Paradox



- Growth in the Southeast
- Decline in the Northeast, Midwest, and West
- Effect of natural gas prices on the nuclear equation





Questions and Answers

