Future Enhancements for Adequacy Assessments



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Outline

- Gas Supply Limitations
- Electricity Market Supply Limitations
- Modeling Enhancements
- Review of Current Adequacy Standard



Gas Supply Limitations

- Current Assumption: no gas limitation
- Options
 - **1**. Reduce gas availability by fixed amount when NW temperatures are extreme
 - 2. Make gas-fired generation availability a function of NW temperature
 - **3**. Develop a metric (perhaps a combination of random variables) to assess when supply could be short and reduce gas-fired generation when this happens



Market Supply Limitations

- Intertie transfer capability
- Market Friction
 - Current Assumption not modeled
 - Options
 - 1. Reduce availability of in-region and out-of-region markets during extreme temperatures
 - 2. Make availability of markets a function of temperature
 - 3. Develop a metric (perhaps a combination of random variables) to assess when supply could be short and reduce market availability when this happens



Modeling Issues

- 3-Node Configuration
 - Problem with hydro energy vs. peak correlation
 - May have to use multi-dam hourly logic
- Capacity Assessment
 - Is GENESYS a precise enough tool to properly assess capacity issues?
 - If not, should it be enhanced or should other methods be used?
- More explicit load forecasting in the hourly dispatch logic
- Moving to weekly hydro shapes
- Correcting the shoulder-hour curtailment anomalies



Review of Adequacy Standard

- LOLP may not be precise enough metric
- Consider using Expected Unserved Energy (EUE) and Loss of Load Hours (LOLH) both adopted by NERC to measure adequacy
- Will need to develop new thresholds for EUE, LOLH or both

