



# Power Resiliency, Grid Stability & Utility Viability

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# **Energy THEN**

- Our energy was historically generated by centralized power plant with average 500MW each unit.
- Our energy grid was designed over 150 years ago for a one-way power delivery. (Single Lane Road)





#### **Energy NOW**

- Harnessing renewable energy resources results in 1,000's of small generating units over a decentralized geography.
- Results in unpredictable, multidirectional energy fluctuation creates instability with our energy reliability.

# Integrating Alternative Energy

- Utilities in deregulated markets must stay within the power agreements.
- Increased EV charging stations create greater demand and flexibility requirements.
- Grid can't keep up with generation replacements.







# **Utility Challenges**

- Management of power demand
- Flexibility in generation
- Replacing power generation capacity
- Aging legacy assets
- Modernizing transmission and distribution systems
- Cyber security
- Massive financial penalties for failure to meet carbon emission goals



# **Coal Generation**

- 230 operational coalfired power stations in the US.
- Coal generated 23% of US electricity in 2021.
- Coal was 19% of generating capacity.
- Between 2010 and May 2019, 290 coal power plants, or 40% of the US's coal generating capacity, closed.

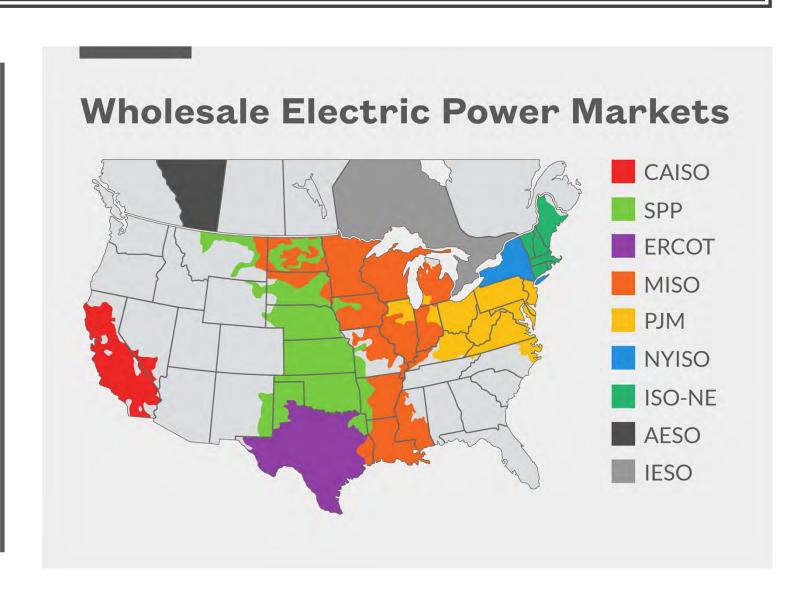
# Plans for Closing

- Legacy Coal and Gas Units: Average 500MW
- Renewable Microgrid: Average 500KW.
- Equates to 1,000
   Microgrids needed to replace 1 legacy generation.
- Average year built 70's.
- Average Life Span 50 years.

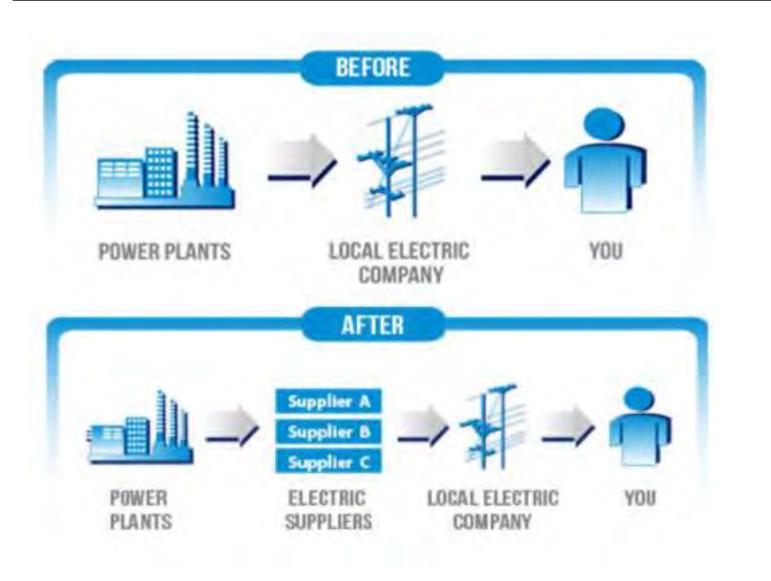


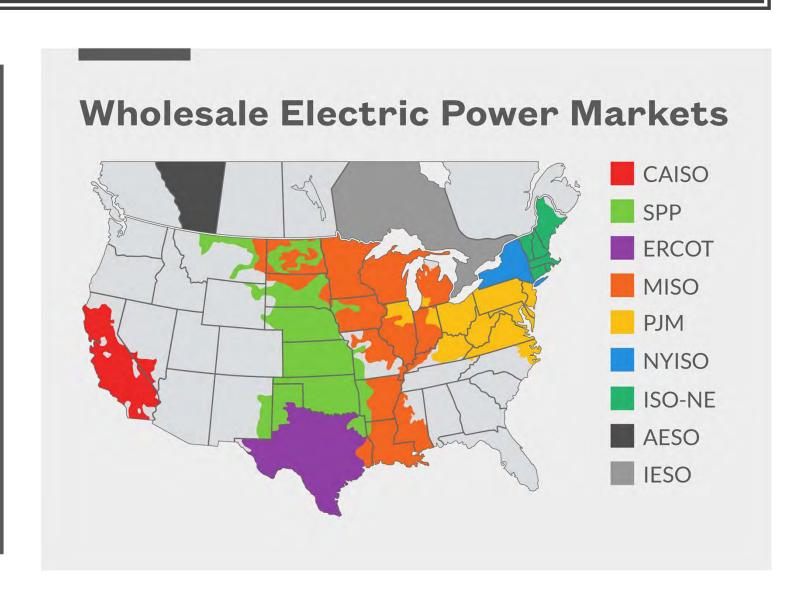
# Integrating Renewables





# Regulated vs Deregulated Markets





## Wholesale Energy Market

#### **Energy as a Commodity:**

Utilities buy and sell energy into the market. Energy portfolio's include renewables, gas, oil, coal and nuclear.

#### **Bid Requirements:**

Energy markets have specific requirements to determine bid prices to sell, most cases this includes fuel cost only and doesn't allow for O&M costs.

#### **Market Requirements:**

Energy markets have specified requirements for generation availability. i.e.: required minimum daily/weekly starts, within those starts the ramp to full load also has required minimum time frames. Many cases the units don't meet the minimum requirements because of original design limitations.

#### **Price Volatility:**

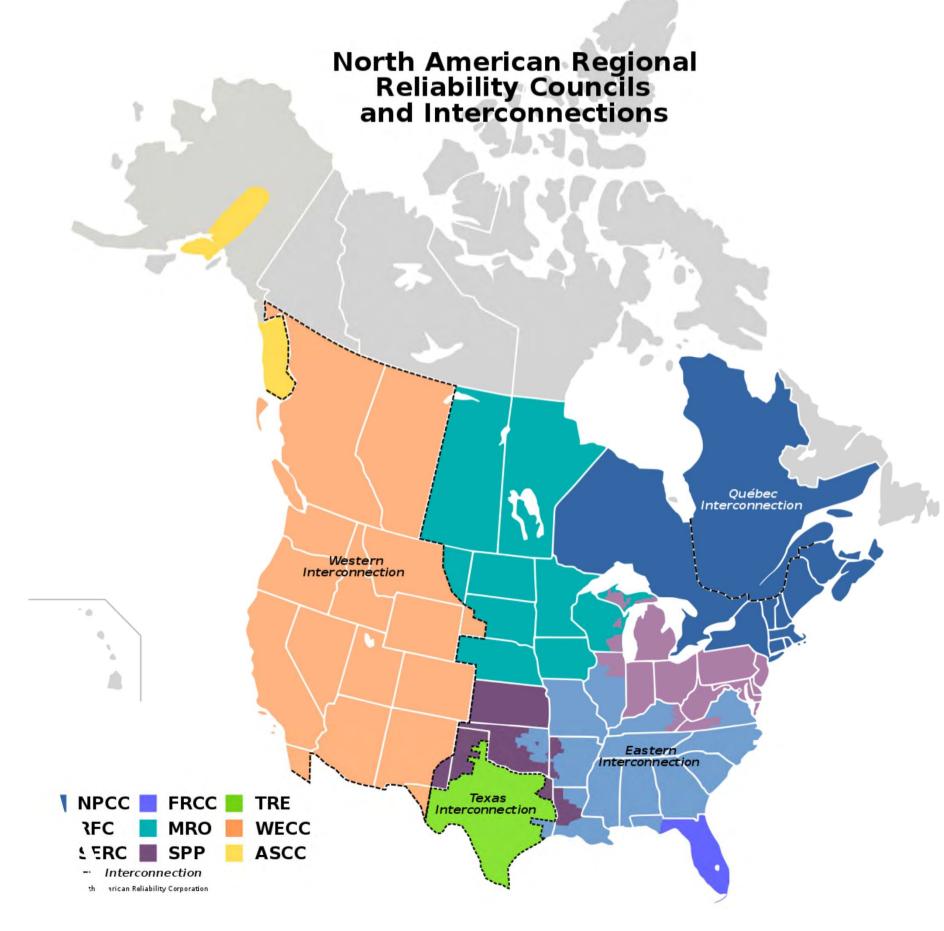
Low-cost gas and wind generation causes price volatility. Utilities pay the RTO/ISO to run in a negative market. The most economical and flexible units will be called for energy more often.



# Interconnection Regions

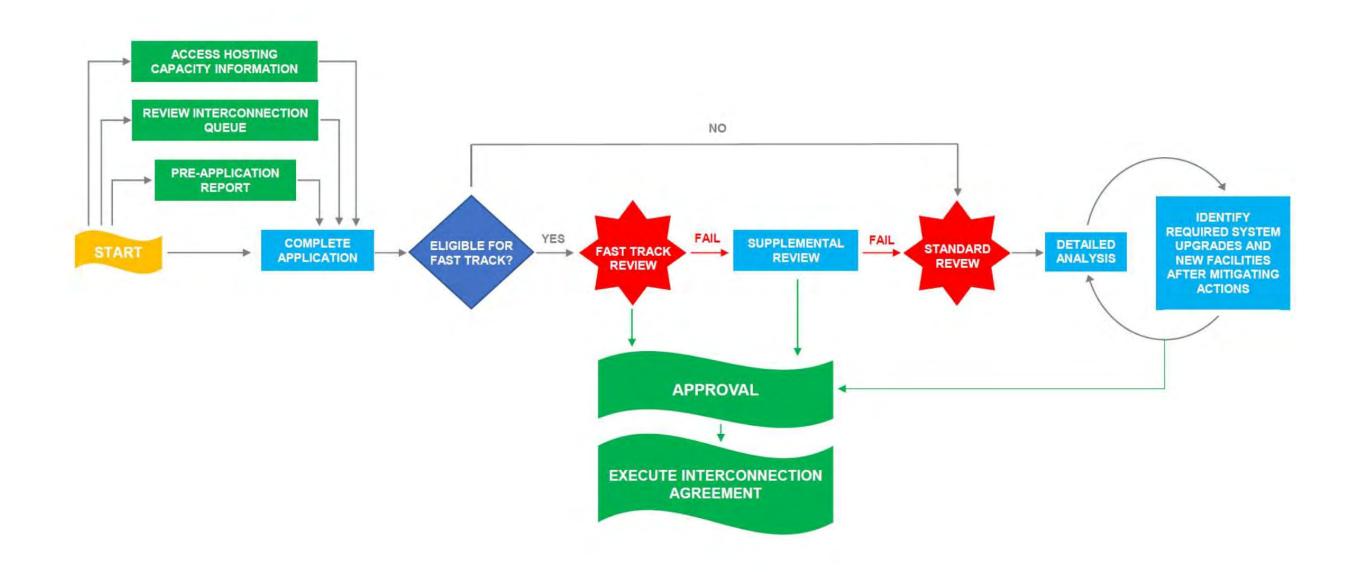
The U.S. grid is divided into three major regions:

- The Eastern Interconnection, which operates in states east of the Rocky Mountains.
- The Western Interconnection, which covers the Pacific Ocean to the Rocky Mountain states.
- The Texas Interconnected system.



# Interconnection Types

Type of Interconnection	Typical Interconnection Voltage <sup>4</sup>	Typical Project Generation Capacity (AC) <sup>5</sup>	Primary Electricity Markets <sup>6</sup>
Distribution export: Direct connection <sup>7</sup>	4 kV-37 kV Some 60 kV- 115 kV	50 kilowatts (kW)– 5 megawatts (MW)	Wholesale markets under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) jurisdiction and/or retail markets under state utility commission, municipal, or cooperative jurisdiction
Distribution: Net metered <sup>8</sup>	4 kV-37 kV Some 60 kV- 115 kV	1 kW-2 MW	Retail markets under state utility commission, municipal, or cooperative jurisdiction
Distribution: Virtual net metered and community renewables <sup>9</sup>	Usually 4 kV–37 kV Some 60 kV– 115 kV	20 kVV–5 MVV	Retail markets under state utility commission, municipal, or cooperative jurisdiction; sometimes direct connection to a utility
Transmission	Some 60 kV– 115 kV 220 kV–765 kV	> 5 MVV	Wholesale markets under FERC jurisdiction



### **Interconnection Process**



# Economic Importance

- A central management of power supply is vital to our continued energy stability
- Influential companies are highly invested in the energy transition
- Our worldwide economy currently fluctuates partly based on supply chain and demand for renewable energy components
- Our legacy generation facilities face challenges sourcing fuel resources and escalating costs. (coal and gas)

### Questions?



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