Electrification of the U.S. Economy and its Impacts on the Electricity System

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About Advanced Energy Economy (AEE)

- National association of businesses that are making the energy we use secure, clean, and affordable.
- AEE is the only industry association in the United States that represents the full range of advanced energy technologies and services, both grid-scale and distributed. Advanced energy includes energy efficiency, demand response, energy storage, wind, solar, hydro, nuclear, electric vehicles, and more.
- AEE also supports the work of the Advanced Energy Buyers Group ("AEBG"), a coalition of large buyers of advanced energy technologies to meet sustainability goals.
- AEE pursues policy transformation in the states and in wholesale power markets that expand market opportunities for advanced energy technologies and lay the foundation for a 100 percent clean advanced energy future.

U.S. greenhouse gas emissions sources

- While not the leading source of GHG emissions in the U.S., the electricity sector is the foundation for decarbonizing the broader economy
- As a result, federal, state, and local policies aimed at reducing GHG emissions focus on decarbonizing electricity supply first

Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector in 2019



Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Drivers of electrification in the United States

State policies

- Clean electricity standards/renewable portfolio standards
- Economy-wide decarbonization goals in some states
- Laws and agreements phasing out sales of ICE vehicles, increasing fuel economy standards, expanding EV charging, etc.

Local policies

- City and county 100% clean energy commitments
- Electrification of municipal fleets (e.g., transit and school buses)
- Local codes banning natural gas hookups in new building construction

Emerging federal policies

- Federal procurement of clean energy and electric vehicles for its own use
- Pending investments in bipartisan infrastructure bill and Build Back Better Act
- Strengthening fuel economy and emissions standards

These policies are driving additional demand, cost declines, and innovation in key technologies



- EV cost expected to react equivalence with ICE counterparts by 2022

- Battery ranges rapidly improving

- Steep increase in adoption over the last 5 years
- U.S. now a leading growth market

Global and U.S. Markets by Revenue 2011-20 and Key Trends in Advanced Energy Growth

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Impacts on electricity demand and infrastructure

- Significant increases in overall demand for electricity and clean generation capacity
 - *Brattle Group: 77-103% increase in electricity demand in New England region*
 - Brattle Group: New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act creates need for 43 GW of new clean generation by 2040
- New patterns of demand and new peaking requirements
 - > New winter peaking needs in systems traditionally planned to meet summer peak
 - > Increased daily and hourly demand fluctuations (primary from EV charging)
- Increased need for delivery infrastructure (e.g., high-voltage regional and interregional transmission)
 - National Renewable Energy Laboratory, "Electrification Futures Study: Scenarios of Power System Evolution" at 14 (January 2021)

2050 Electricity Demand Electricity demand will likely double by 2050 across plausible scenarios

2050 New England Annual Electricity Demand (TWh)



Brattle

Source and notes: 2050 demand based on projections in EIA 2019 AEO for New England and Brattle analysis of electrification and energy efficiency adoption rates and assumed efficiencies summarized on prior slide. *Indirect electrification refers to the production of renewable gas (hydrogen, methane) from electricity that is then burned as the end-use fuel.

KEY ISSUES IN DECARBONIZING SYSTEMS

Loads will grow with economy-wide electrification

- Electrification and climate change will alter long-standing NY load patterns
 - Loads will rise in all periods
 - Shift to winter peaking
 - Load will become more variable hour-to-hour
- The basis of this study is NYISO's high electrification load forecast
- Results also provided for reference case with less electrification



Challenges to holistic planning for electrification in the U.S.

- Lack of a single forum for planning
 - > Federal government (FERC) regulates wholesale markets and transmission
 - States (public utility commissions) regulate distribution systems and retail service
 - > Transportation policy (electrification of vehicles) resides with other agencies and authorities
 - > Creates significant need for inter-agency, inter-governmental, and multi-sector cooperation
- Limits in the current transmission planning processes
 - Current processes are reactive and focused on silos of transmission needs (reliability, economic efficiency, "public policy"-driven)
 - Solution: explicitly include electrification scenarios in planning, both in terms of demand and geographic sources of clean supply needed to meet that demand
- Need to better integrate electrification-driven demands into markets
 - Distributed electrification-related technologies (EVSE, grid-interactive buildings, residential solar+storage, etc.) create new dynamic demands but also offer new demand-side flexibility that is lacking today
 - Solution: Unlock flexibility and tools to manage dynamic demands and steep peaks by integrating these technologies into bulk power system operations and dispatch

Thank you!

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