Climate Adaptation and Resilience

Energy System Resilience Initiatives

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Extreme Weather Events; Electric Sector Adaptation and Resilience





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Climate change requires updating the technical basis for designing, planning, and operating the grid.



EPRI Climate Adaptation and Resilience Initiative

Integrated approach to localized climate risk assessment & strategic resilience planning

TASK 1: Physical Climate **Data and Analysis**

- Identify data needs
- Evaluate and provide data
- Assess scientific understanding
- Develop risk framework
- Convene with experts and stakeholders

Foundation for physical risk assessment standard



TASK 2: Energy System Impact and Vulnerability

- Assess impacts and vulnerability at the component, system, and market levels
- Enhanced design basis

TASK 3: Adaptation Response Prioritization and Planning

- Prioritize investments
- Resilience metrics
- Benefit-cost analysis
- Adaptation strategies

Limited Example: Transmission Climate Resiliency Risk Assessment

Step 1: Map Climate Impacts Geographically to Utility Assets Step 2: Assess Grid Impacts and Define Extreme Contingencies Step 3: Assess Grid Risk and Evaluate Mitigation Options Risk Hedge

Apply future climate data to assess locational climate risk (wildfire, sea rise, extreme temperatures, etc.)



Define future grid impacts: demand changes, generation, and transmission outages



CONTINGENCY 'WILDFIRE OUTAGES' DISCONNECT BUS FROM BUS 12345 DISCONNECT BUS FROM BUS 34567 DISCONNECT LINE FROM BUS 91011 TO BUS 12131 DISCONNECT GEN FROM BUS 57890 DISCONNECT PV FROM BUS 123456 DISCONNECT PV FROM BUS 789101 Load Loss Risk Impacts

Use system resilience analysis to

quantify risk while considering

system mitigation options



Full framework must consider societal impacts and mitigation option cost benefit.



February 2020 Polar Vortex: Resource Adequacy Lessons

- Scenario planning includes future trends (climate, etc.)
- Metrics reflect magnitude and duration of events
- Design criteria reflect future system consequences
- Resource performance in future context considered
- Interdependent systems considered

ERCOT Generation vs. Seasonal Expected Availability (Feb. 15-18)



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