

# The original *Saving Electricity in a Hurry* 2005

- Based on a workshop and research conducted by the IEA
- Described the increasingly-common problem of temporary but serious shortfalls in electricity supply
- Key examples:
  - 2001 Brazil power crisis
  - California's 2001 power crisis
  - Europe's Hot Summer 2003
  - New Zealand's double drought
  - Norway's 2003 dry, cold winter
  - TEPCO's 2003 Nuclear Plant Shut Down
- Highlighted proven coping strategies that relied on quick action by consumers



# Accommodating electricity demand growth is a challenge around the globe



- Electricity demand growth is accelerating
- Governments hard-pressed to finance new supply
- Siting and technology choices are sensitive

#### Saving Electricity in a Hurry in New Zealand

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# What's the problem?

- NZ electricity system is 70% hydro with limited (40 day) river system storage and considerable inertia in annual snow melt.
- Hydrological inflows fluctuate significantly with the pacific ocean weather patterns:
  - Southern Pacific Oscillation, 10 year cycle
  - La Nina El Nino, 3 year cycles
  - Chaotic as well as complex
- Some transmission constraints: 11000km, 178 GXP system, 350Vdc 700MVA link from lakes in South to load centers in North.
- Sometimes things go wrong



### Large industrial customers

- Pricing: industrial users carry both hedge and spot contracts according to load type and are incentivised to respond.
- Get half hourly spot price signals that they analyse against prevailing business environment and make operational decisions in short run;

Reduce / alternate output

Shed load

Use alternative generation, fuel switching...

In the long run;

 Energy efficiency decisions, alternative energy sources, plant upgrades, etc



# What about residential and small commercial consumers?

- Sect 42 of the Electricity Act requires:
- Pricing; Customer Compensation Scheme (March 2011)
- Households get NZD10.50 per week during a Public Conservation Campaign (PCC)
- Based on estimated value of consumer conservation.
- PCC initiated by System Operator (Transpower) when risk is >10% for more than 1 week.

# What are the smart network companies doing? Orion Networks NZ

- 20+ years of effective demand response pricing, avoiding investment in new transmission.
- Pricing; Major customers face control period demand prices for 80-100 hrs during three winter months
- Developed EE, LPG, and tech solutions
- Lowest cost provider of network services in NZ
  - Asset Management Plan

- Network Quality Report
- Load Management Dashboard
- www.Orion.co.nz/load management



## **Electricity Efficiency Programmes supplement market policies**

- Lighting residential and commercial
- Electric motors and drives
- Heated towel rails
- Compressed air
- Funded by levy on all electricity sales
- \$11M/yr scheme funds projects with c/kWh saved costs below LRMC of generation
- www.eeca.govt.nz



### **System Management**

- System Operator, Emergency Management Policy <u>www.systemoperator.co.nz</u>
- Managing Security of supply risks 2011
- Stress test regime 2011
- Review of 2008 Winter
- Buy-back consultation document 2008
- Annual Security Assessment 2007
- 2007 Reserves Assessment
- Proposal for rolling outage regulations and planning 2006
- Security of Supply Policy Development 2004 all at <u>www.ea.govt.nz/search</u>



### **Key Features**

- Key players in the market (the regulator, generators, transmission, distribution, retailers and large users) all have response plans and strategies in place before the event;
- A clear understanding of "when is this a problem", the emergency zone definitions provided real clarity that all can understand;
- A market which enable rational responses from users by sending "appropriate" price signals
- Information which enables robust decisions including hydro reserve and output data for all to understand;
- Consultation and co-operation between government, regulator, suppliers and users enabled industry led initiatives.

# So what have we learned on the way?

- When you identify that you have a supply problem its too late; ad hoc responses are more disruptive and ineffective than necessary
- Setting up the electricity system to reflect supply risks by information and price is key to stimulating efficient innovative responses and rewarding economically efficient demand responses
- If you accept that 'things can go wrong' and have dynamic market signals; supply and demand side players innovate a range of cost effective and more durable options
- Increased responsiveness supports other policies; minimum prices, increasing renewables, ETS
- Need to continue learning, reviewing, reporting.



#### **Concept Model for Effective Security and Energy Efficiency in Electricity Systems**

Grants Obligations Programmes Certificates Tax policy Regulations...

Targeted measures for persisting gaps and barriers

#### Value Chain Capability

Skills to go beyond kWh sales ESCos, local community partners... Consumer capacity to respond well

Market rules Disclosure information Obligations Tariffs....

#### Efficient Market Design

Transparent prices enable many sound EE options Status and risk information Inclusivity; Consumers, low entry costs... Electricity efficiency projects; motors, comp air, lighting...

Escos, Best practice programmes, Training,

System risk analysis Options analysis System operator response rules Information for all

#### Summing up....

- Successive dry year crises have compelled government to ensure that:
  - the NZ electricity market is set up to send clear price signals and system information to reflect supply risk
  - Market participants are enabled to manage this risk and develop many innovative responses
  - Consumers can receive market intelligence as well as spot price signals to encourage timely action
  - Everyone, including consumers, learns to weigh up costs and benefits of a range of cost effective lead shedding, EE, and alternative supply options