

Briefing on Nuclear Generation Studies Preliminary Results

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Study efforts underway



- Mid Term Study Contingency Planning (2018)
 - Considers what elements of the long term plan should be initiated immediately to help mitigate future unplanned extended outages
- Long Term Study Relicensing Assessment (2022)
 - Studies focus on transmission system implications of loss of SONGS and DCPP
 - Resource requirements, such as planning reserve criteria and flexible resource needs, require further study



The Mid Term Study is contingency planning for future unplanned long-term outages:

 Addresses Integrated Energy Policy Report request from California Energy Commission

• Incorporates once-through cooling policy implications

• Focuses on actions reasonably implementable by 2018



The Long Term Study was undertaken as part of the utilities' relicensing assessments:

Diablo Canyon

Grid reliability implications for northern CA and ISO overall

- Key central transmission paths
- Western Interconnection critical outages (PDCI bipole outage, etc.)

San Onofre

Grid reliability implications for southern CA and ISO overall

- Key southern California transmission paths
- LA Basin
- San Diego
- Western Interconnection critical outages (PDCI bipole outage, etc.)

Focuses on longer term options implementable in 10 years.



Key load forecast and resource assumptions

- 2012 CEC mid forecast
 - Consistent with the 2012/2013 Ten Year Transmission Plan
 - Local area studies use 1-in-10 year weather-related peak load
 - System wide studies use 1-in-5 year weather-related peak load
 - Energy efficiency including continued funding of utility programs as in CEC mid forecast
 - Behind the meter distributed generation as in the CEC mid forecast
- CPUC/CEC renewables portfolios
 - Include both transmission connected resources and system connected distributed generation
- Demand response is considered a supply resource



Results are preliminary

- Preliminary conclusions:
 - No material mid or long term transmission system impacts associated with Diablo Canyon
 - Loss of SONGS creates transmission impacts (thermal overloading, voltage stability) in LA Basin and San Diego
- Possible mitigations for SONGS have been explored, and are presented on the following slides.



Mid term mitigation alternatives for loss of SONGS:





Long term generation mitigation alternatives – no added transmission lines (in <u>addition</u> to mid term plan)





Long term transmission and generation alternative (in <u>addition</u> to mid term plan)



California ISO

*Approximately 700 MW of generation in San Diego can be displaced by additional reactive support, transformer upgrades and 66 kV transmission upgrades in the LA Basin and upgrading line series capacitors and additional transformer upgrades.

Uncertainty drives preliminary least-regrets conclusions:

- Significant uncertainty is inherent in the studies and conclusions:
 - Future of SONGS
 - Status of pending and future SDG&E procurement
 - Status of meeting flexible generation requirements
 - Increasing levels of energy efficiency
 - Successful deployment of improved demand response
- Management's preliminary conclusions reflect least-regret considerations:
 - Advance Sycamore Penasquitos 230kV line
 - Advance approximately 700 MVAR of dynamic reactive support
- In 2013/2014 transmission planning cycle:
 - Work with the CEC to develop higher energy efficiency assumptions
 - Work to advance demand response programs suited to transmission mitigations
 - Consider the need for additional mitigation
 - Resource requirements, such as planning reserve criteria and flexible resource needs, require further study

