Reducing Barriers to New Technologies and Promoting the Grid of the Future



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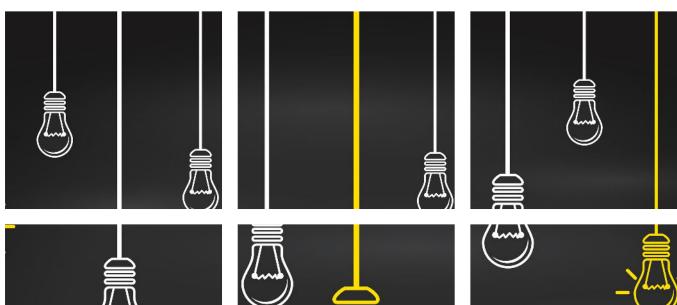
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Transmission Necessary for the Clean Energy Transition

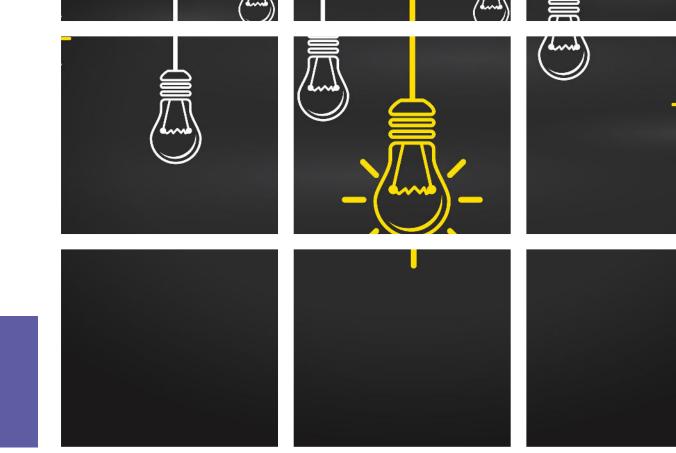
 President Biden – Zero Carbon Electricity Goal by 2050

To achieve this goal:
Electric transmission must be tripled
\$2.4 trillion

Expanding existing infrastructure capacity could save customers billions of dollars



How? Advanced technologies





Advanced Technologies

Transmission Line Ratings



Ambient-adjusted ratings (AARs)

• air temperature



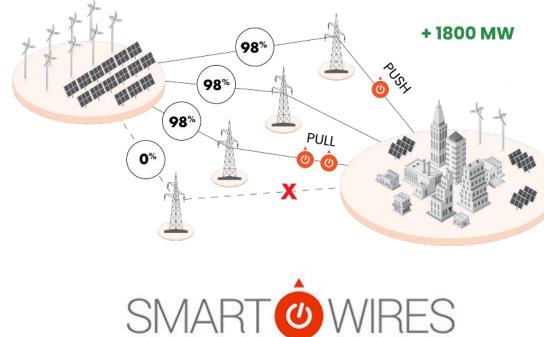
Dynamic line ratings (DLRs)

- air temperature
- cloud coverage
- wind speed

- wind direction
- precipitation
- solar intensity

Grid Optimization

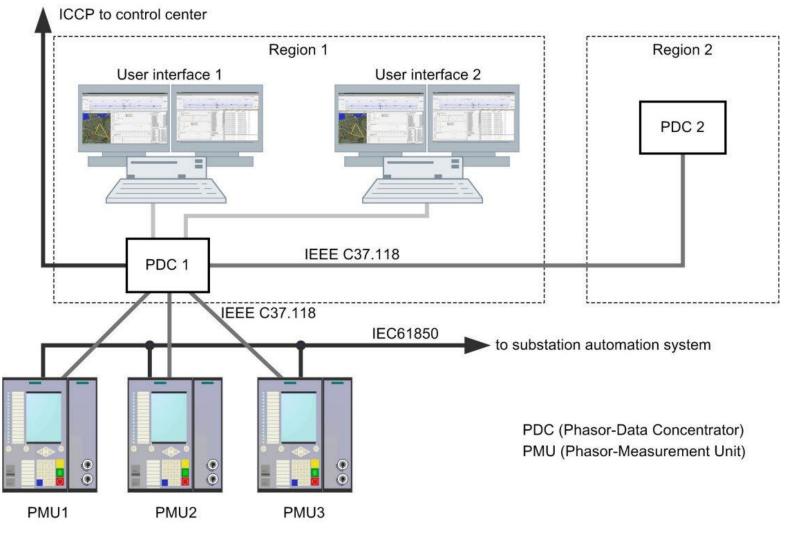




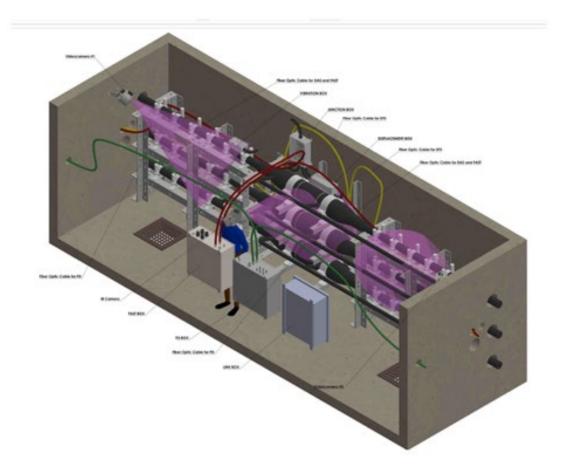
REIMAGINE THE GRID

Data and Asset Monitoring

Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU)



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Fault Annunciating Self-Inspecting Transmission Vaults

Regulations for implementation



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)



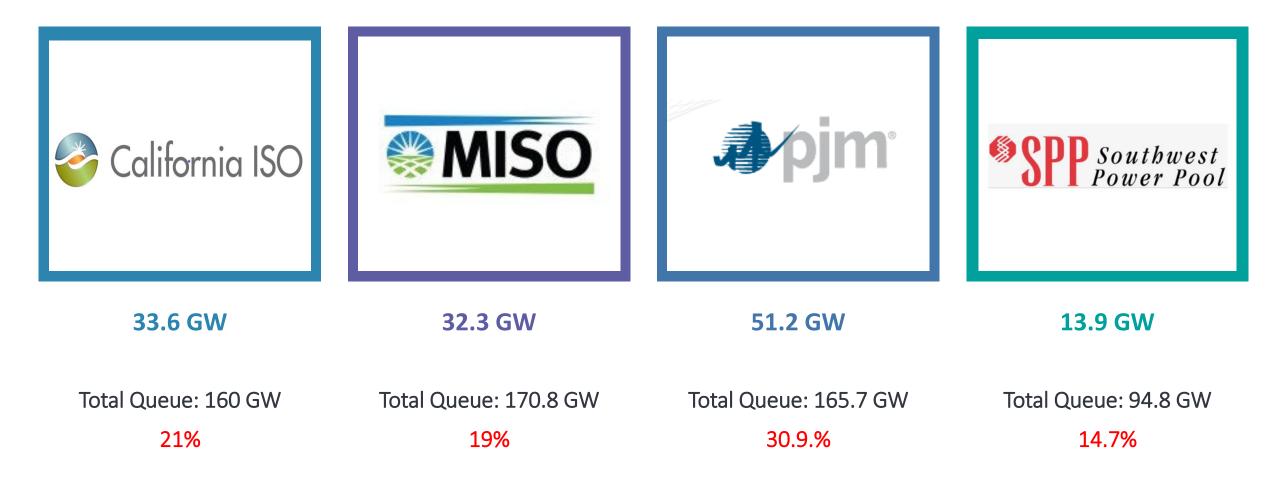
- Order No. 841 Storage
- Order No. 881 AARs
- DLRs Notice of Inquiry
- Transmission Rulemaking
- Interconnection Reforms

Order No. 841

- Issued February 2018
- Participation of Storage Resources in RTO/ISO Markets
- Establish participation model
- Provide capacity, energy, and ancillary services
- Can be dispatched and set the wholesale clearing price
- Account for operational characteristics through bidding parameters
- Minimum size requirement not to exceed 100 kW



Impacts of Order No. 841



Order No. 881: Ambient-adjusted Transmission Line Ratings

Transmission operators use most conservative estimate of capacity

Inaccurate line ratings can lead to overestimating capacity

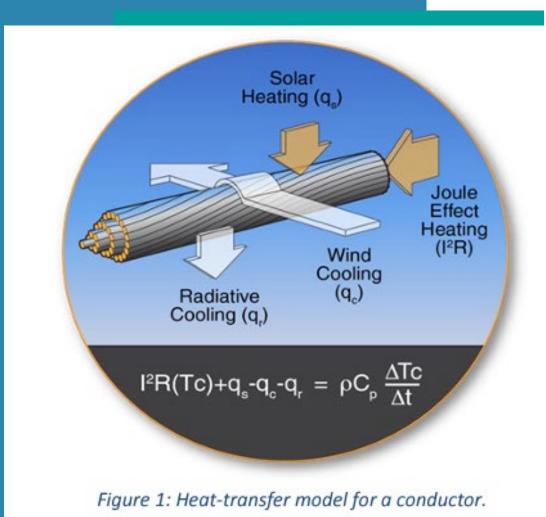
Static line ratings updated annually or seasonally (winter/summer)

AARs determined by near-term forecasts

Updated day/night solar heating values

RTO/ISOs to allow hourly line rating updates

AARs and methodologies must be accessible (OASIS or password protected website)



DLRs Notice of Inquiry

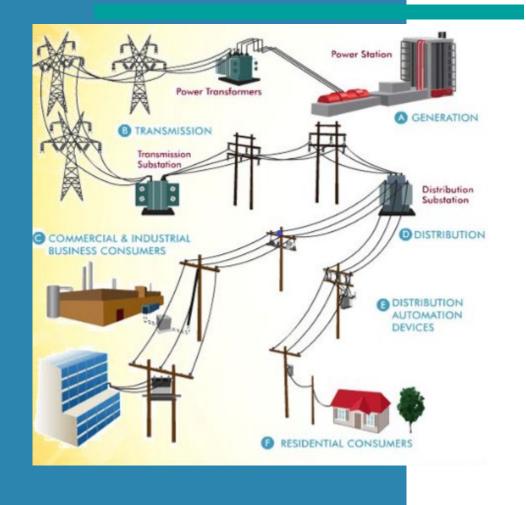
- Does lack of DLRs render rates un-J&R
- Potential criteria for DLR requirements
- Benefits, costs, and challenges
- Nature of potential DLR requirements
- Timeframes for implementation

Transmission Planning Proposed Rule

- Long-term transmission planning
- State participation
- Enhanced transparency
- Limited ROFR



"we propose to require that public utility transmission providers in each transmission planning region more fully consider in regional transmission planning and cost allocation processes two specific technologies: the incorporation into transmission facilities of dynamic line ratings and advanced power flow control devices."



Generator Interconnection Reforms

"we propose...to require transmission providers to consider the following technologies... upon request of the interconnection customer: advanced power flow control, transmission switching, dynamic line ratings, static synchronous compensators, and static VAR compensators."

