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



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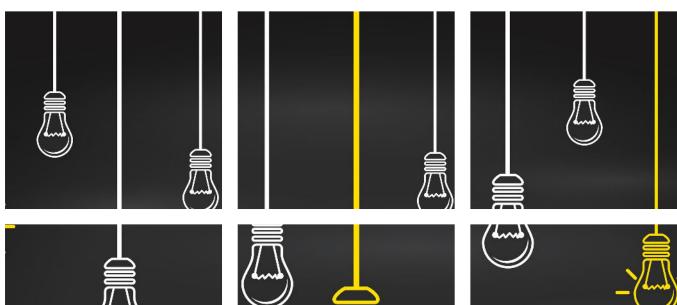
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## **Transmission Necessary for the Clean Energy Transition**

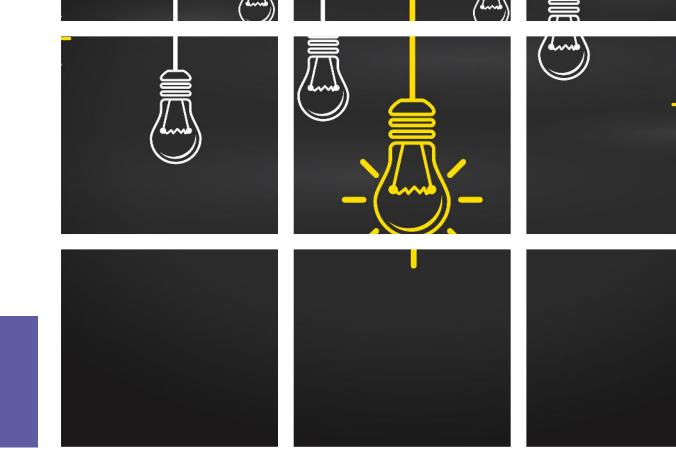
 President Biden – Zero Carbon Electricity Goal by 2050

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



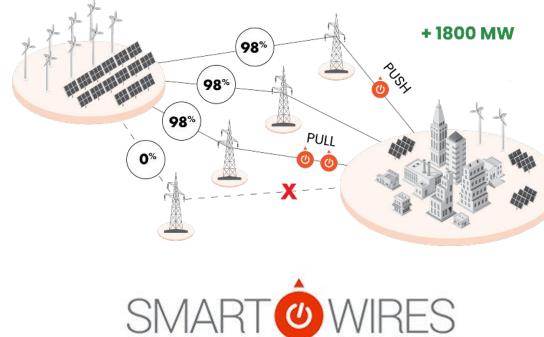
**Dynamic line ratings (DLRs)** 

- air temperature
- cloud coverage
- wind speed

- wind direction
- precipitation
- solar intensity

## **Grid Optimization**

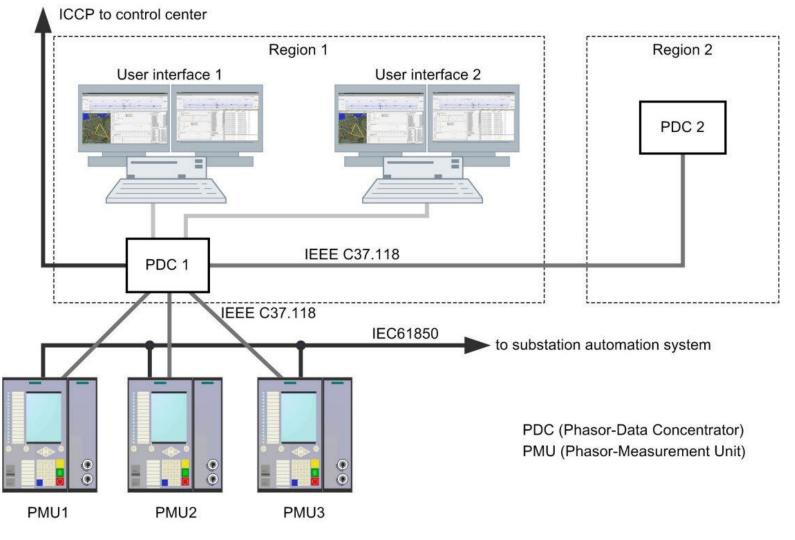




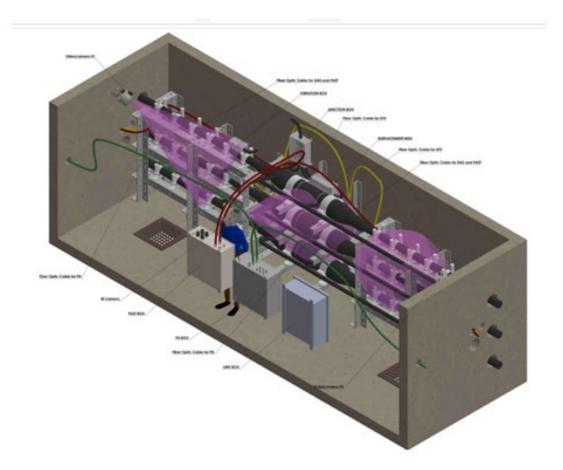
REIMAGINE THE GRID

## **Data and Asset Monitoring**

Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU)



### **Data and Asset Monitoring**



Fault Annunciating Self-Inspecting Transmission Vaults

# Regulations for implementation



### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)



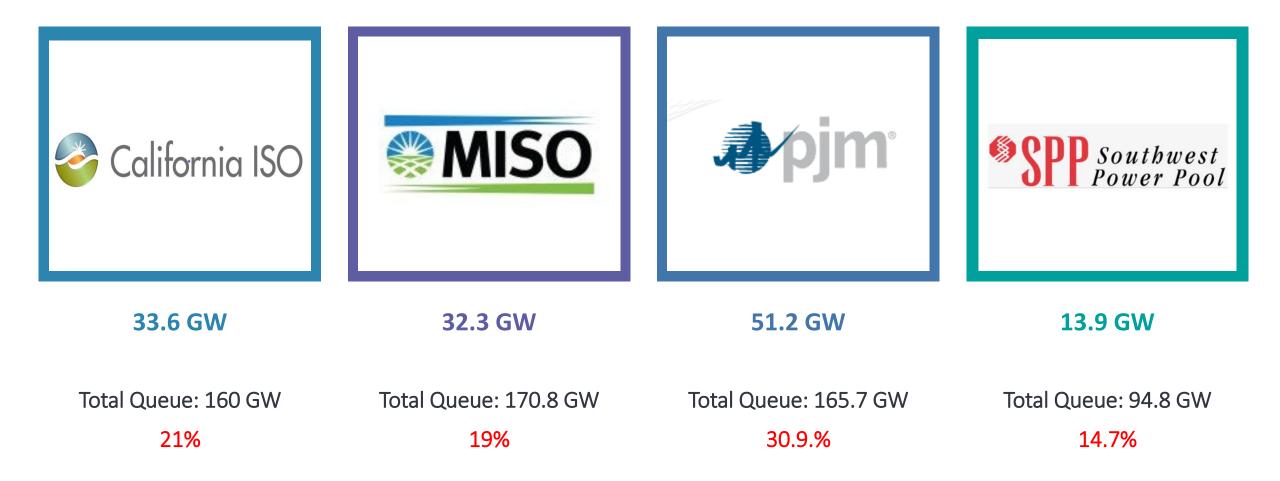
- Order No. 841 Storage
- Order No. 881 AARs
- DLRs Notice of Inquiry
- Transmission Rulemaking
- Interconnection Reforms

### 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

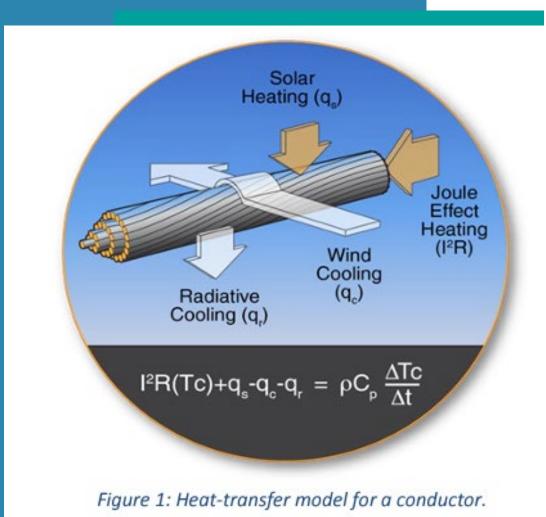
Static line ratings updated annually or seasonally (winter/summer)

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**

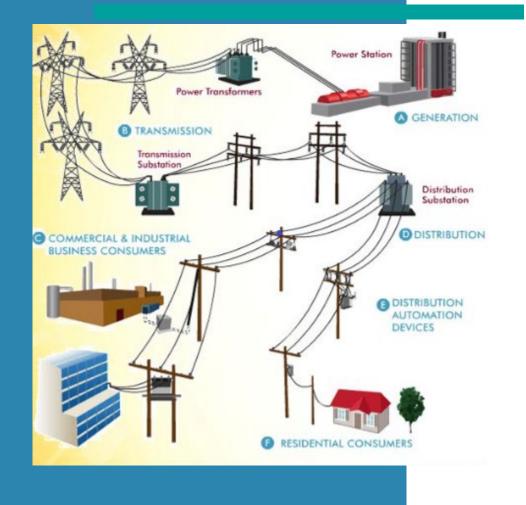
- Does lack of DLRs render rates un-J&R
- Potential criteria for DLR requirements
- Benefits, costs, and challenges
- Nature of potential DLR requirements
- Timeframes for implementation

## **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."

