# 2017 Forecasting Workshop and Tutorial Overview

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# **Meeting Purpose**

- Explore the link between meteorology and power system planning and operation
- Explore the value and evolving role of forecasting in day ahead, hour ahead and real-time market operations
- Explore the use of uncertainty forecasts in power system operations
- Explore the value of multiple forecasts and the role of distributed PV forecasting in emerging business models
- Develop a better understanding of VG forecasting developments on the horizon
- Continue an ongoing dialog among the VG forecasting research, development, applications and user communities



# **Meeting Overview - Day 1**

#### Pre-Workshop Tutorial on Tuesday Morning

- Integration of Uncertainty Forecasts into Power System Operations

#### Tuesday Afternoon

- Opening Session:
  - Featured speaker, Mark Lauby, Sr. VP, NERC
- Session 1: Meteorology, Climate and the Electric Sector
  - Intersection of climate, weather and the electric system
  - Chair, Justin Sharp, Sharply Focused
- Session 2: Where Is the Value in Improved Forecasts
  - Reliability, economic and market drivers
  - Chair, Melinda Marquis, NOAA
- Reception



### **Meeting Overview – Day 2**

#### Wednesday Sessions

- Session 3: Global VG Forecasting, Market Implementation and Operation, and R&D Experience with a Focus on Uncertainty
  - Chair, Bob Zavadil, Enernex
- Session 4: Forecasting Benchmarking, Trials and Evaluations
  - Chair, Aidan Tuohy, EPRI
- Session 5: Distributed PV Forecasting and Market Integration: Where are We Going?
  - Chair, Tassos Golnas, DOE
- Session 6: What's New Under the Sun?
  - Chair, Mike Knowland, ISO New England



# **Meeting Overview – Day 3**

# Thursday Sessions

- Session 7: Renewable Energy, Energy Trading, Market Evolution and the Role of Forecasting
  - Chair, Rob Gramlich, Consultant, Grid Strategies LLC
- Session 8: Changing Markets Reliability, Economics and Forecasting in a Wind, Solar and Storage Future
  - Chair, Mark Ahlstrom, NextEra Energy Resources, WindLogics
- Closing Session: Open Mike
  - Chair, Charlie Smith, UVIG



# **Recent Industry Developments**

- EIM reports total benefits of \$142.62 million since its inception in November 2014. EIM includes CAISO, Pacificorp, NV Energy, APS and PSE; PGE to join in 2017 and Idaho Power in 2018
- New Moody's Investor Services report says "Wind power economics are driving coal generation up the dispatch curve and into early retirement".
- FERC releases NOPR on aggregation of storage and DER
- Kauai coop announced plans with AES for a 28 MW PV plant with 20 MW, 5 hr battery at 11 cents/kwh in January
- NextEra signs PPA with Tucson Electric Power for solar-plusstorage project in May at sub-4.5 cents/kwh. Project is for 100 megawatts of solar PV with a 30-megawatt, 4 hr storage system.

# **Recent Industry Trends**

- Solar PV system prices continue to fall and experience rapid growth
  - Increased discussion of DG and net metering on utility business model
- Wind plant prices also on a downward trajectory
- Corporate America demand for clean, carbon-free energy; fifty percent of the Fortune 500 have public sustainability goals; pushback against Trump's plans to remove US from Paris climate agreement and roll back CPP
- EEI annual meeting: Gerry Anderson, CEO of DTE Energy and chief environmental officer for EEI, says DTE discovered it could affordably cut carbon 80% from 2005 levels by 2050, during the CPP planning process
- Carbon constrained future, coal plant retirements, nuclear plant operating costs, and rapid growth of renewables continue to drive concern for capacity adequacy and flexibility
- Low energy market prices continue to drive electricity market redesign efforts in US and Europe
- Continuing uncertainty around energy and climate science, R&D and policy in new administration



#### Renewable Energy is Very Competitive

 Lazard reports on lowest unsubsidized energy costs at end of 2016 for:

Simple Cycle GT	\$165/MWh
Rooftop residential solar	\$138/MWh
Nuclear	\$97/MWh
Coal	\$60/MWh
Combined Cycle GT	\$48/MWh
Utility scale solar	\$46/MWh
Wind energy	\$32/MWh

Other reports from industry pubs on recent PPA prices:

Utility scale solar \$34-\$45/MWh Wind energy \$14-\$30/MWh



#### **An Industry Maturing - Domestic**

- US wind capacity end of 2016 ~ 80 GW
- US solar PV capacity end of 2016 ~ 42 GW
- US VG installations in 2016

- Wind 8 GW

- PV 15 GW

Ballpark estimates for 2017 US VG installations

- Wind 9 GW

- PV 16 GW

#### **An Industry Maturing - Global**

Global wind capacity end of 2016: 487 GW

Global PV capacity end of 2016: 335 GW

Global VG installations in 2016

- Wind 54 GW

- PV 77 GW

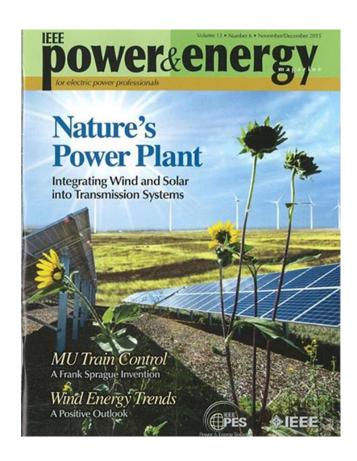
Ballpark estimates for 2017 global VG installations

- Wind 65 GW

- PV 79 GW

#### **Onward and Upward**

- A warm welcome to friends and colleagues from afar:
  - Japan
  - Colombia
  - Mexico
  - Germany
  - Denmark
  - France
  - Canada
  - Texas
- Take the time to make some new friends!
- Looking forward to another great meeting!





# **THANK YOU**

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