Renewables



OPERATIONAL FORECASTING IMPLICATIONS OF INTEGRATED WIND, SOLAR AND ENERGY STORAGE

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DEFINITION OF THE PROBLEM

Uncertainty associated with wind and solar energy resources can be a costly issue to deal with.

- Reliability concerns on the transmission system due to wind/solar ramp rates, uncertainty with scheduling generation, peak/minimum load issues while meeting base generation operating constraints
- Profit concern for market participant due to non-optimized energy sales or taking penalties from off-taker

SIMPLE SOLUTION: FLEXIBILITY!



OPPORTUNITY

Issued Feb. 15, 2018, FERC Order 841 requires electricity markets to create an energy storage participation model that allows a resource to "provide all capacity, energy, and ancillary services that the resource is technically capable of providing in the RTO/ISO markets, ... be dispatched and set the wholesale market clearing price as both a wholesale seller and wholesale buyer, ...and account for the physical and operational characteristics through bidding parameters or other means."



Planning Studies

Much can be done up front to simulate wind and solar generation and forecasts to determine storage capacity sizing, ramping needs, and revenue expectations Operational Forecast Even a simple day-ahead deterministic forecast can help lead to higher revenue from the storage solution



Wind Farm 1





Wind Farms 1 and 2





Wind Farms 1, 2 and 3





5 Minute Data

R = 0.86



Wind Farm 1 Gen



5 Minute Data

R = 0.69



Wind Farm 1 Gen



FORECASTING FOR COMBINED PLANTS R = -0.86

Diurnal Cycle of Colocated Wind & Solar Generation









Sum of Wind and Solar Generation





Wind vs Solar Generation R=-0.14



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Wind Error (blue) Vs Solar Error (red) R = 0.03





Wind + Solar Error

MAE of Sum= 22; Sum of MAE's = 24





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