FERC ANOPR Reform: The Need for Improved Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation

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Transmission Investment is at Historically High Levels



https://www.eei.org/resourcesandmedia/Documents/Historical%20and%20Projected%20Transmission%20Investment.pdf

\$20-25 billion in annual U.S. transmission investment, but:

- More than 90% of it justified solely based on reliability needs without benefit-cost analysis
 - About 50% solely based on "local" utility criteria (without going through regional planning processes)
 - The rest justified by regional reliability and generation interconnection needs
- While significant experience with transmission benefit-cost analyses exists, very few projects are justified based on economics and overall cost savings

Current U.S. Transmission Planning = Higher Total Costs



Current planning processes do not yield the most valuable transmission infrastructure and result in higher overall costs:

- Reactive, reliability-driven planning results in piecemeal, higher-cost transmission solutions
 - For example: PJM generation interconnection studies for 15.5 GW of individual offshore wind plants identified \$6.4 billion in onshore transmission upgrades
 - <u>In contrast</u>: A recent <u>PJM study</u> that proactive evaluated onshore upgrade needs for 17 GW of offshore wind (along with 14.5 GW of onshore wind and 45.6 GW of solar) identified only \$3.2 billion in onshore upgrades
 - <u>Result</u>: at least 50% lower costs if renewable interconnection is planned proactively for the entire region's public policy needs (rather than one project at the time)
- Failure to evaluate multiple benefits of transmission projects does not result in the selection of the highest-value projects that reduce system-wide costs
- Failure to evaluate the full range of plausible futures (to explicitly account for long-term uncertainties), results in higher-cost outcomes when the future deviates from base case planning assumptions, which usually are based on "business-as-usual" or "current-trends" forecast
- Failure to consider interregional transmission solutions result in higher-cost regional and local transmission investments

The Electricity Industry is Undergoing Fundamental Changes, Which Will Require Improved Planning Processes

As many have articulated, the industry faces fundamental changes along three important dimensions (the "3Ds"), which will fundamentally change grid planning and operations

1. DECARBONIZATION

To meet state, federal, and corporate clean-energy policy objectives, output from "emitting" resources (such as coal plants) is quickly replaced by renewable resources, with rapidly falling capital costs and close-to-zero variable costs. This is fundamentally changing (a) wholesale power prices; (b) grid operations; and (c) grid planning and investments.

2. DECENTRALIZATION

Declining costs of solar generation and batteries causes a shift away from large, central-station power plants to resources that are located on local electricity networks or "behind the meter" at homes and businesses— changing the role (but <u>not</u> decreasing the value) of the transmission grid.

3. DIGITALIZATION

The revolution in information and communication technologies and platforms that will continue to change nearly everything in our economy, including energy services, grid operations, and grid planning.

FERC's ANOPR

By issuing it's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR), FERC recognizes that transmission planning and cost allocation needs to be improved.

- FERC has been seeking comments in several specific areas:
 - Reforms to longer-term <u>regional and interregional planning</u> processes to take into account more holistic planning
 - Rethinking <u>cost allocation</u> for regional transmission facilities
 - Improvement generation-interconnection process and cost allocation of related network upgrades
 - Enhanced transmission oversight over how new transmission facilities are identified and paid for
- FERC received ~170 comments on October 12; reply comments due November 30th
- FERC expected to issue one or several NOPR(s) next year
- Final rule(s) likely in early 2023
- Compliance likely would be in late 2023 or 2024 (unless held up in courts and rehearing)

Proposal: Transmission Planning for the 21st Century*

Available experience already points to proven planning practices that reduce total system costs and risks:

- 1. <u>Proactively plan</u> for future generation and load by incorporating realistic projections of the anticipated generation mix, public policy mandates, load levels, and load profiles over the lifespan of the transmission investment
- Account for the <u>full range of transmission projects' benefits</u> and <u>use multi-value planning</u> to comprehensively identify investments that cost-effectively address all categories of needs and benefits
- 3. Address uncertainties and high-stress grid conditions explicitly through <u>scenario-based planning</u> that takes into account a broad range of plausible long-term futures as well as real-world system conditions, including challenging and extreme events
- 4. Use comprehensive transmission <u>network portfolios</u> to address system needs and cost allocation more efficiently and less contentiously than a project-by-project approach
- 5. Jointly <u>plan inter-regionally</u> across neighboring systems to recognize regional interdependence, increase system resilience, and take full advantage of interregional scale economics and geographic diversification benefits

^{*} Brattle & Grid Strategies Report: Transmission Planning for the 21st Century: Proven Practices that Increase Value and Reduce Costs, October 2021.

Experience with Proactive & Comprehensive Planning Processes

Although still rarely used, significant experience exists with successful proactive, multi-value, scenario- and portfolio-based transmission planning efforts:

	Proactive Planning	Multi- Benefit	Scenario- Based	Portfolio- Based	Interregional Transmission
CAISO TEAM (2004) ¹⁴⁶	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		
ATC Paddock-Rockdale (2007) ¹⁴⁷	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark		
ERCOT CREZ (2008) ¹⁴⁸	\checkmark			\checkmark	
MISO RGOS (2010) ¹⁴⁹	\checkmark	✓		\checkmark	
EIPC (2010-2013) ¹⁵⁰	\checkmark		✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
PJM renewable integration study (2014) ¹⁵¹	\checkmark		✓	\checkmark	
NYISO PPTPP (2019) ¹⁵²	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	
ERCOT LTSA (2020) ¹⁵³	\checkmark		\checkmark		
SPP ITP Process (2020) ¹⁵⁴		\checkmark		\checkmark	
PJM Offshore Tx Study (2021) ¹⁵⁵	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	
MISO RIIA (2021) ¹⁵⁶	\checkmark	√	√	\checkmark	
Australian Examples: - AEMO ISP (2020) ¹⁵⁷	\checkmark	~	~	~	✓
- Transgrid Energy Vision (2021) ¹⁵⁸	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Actual Planning Processes Today

Current planning processes do not (yet) take advantage of experience with proactive, multi-value, scenario- and portfolio-based transmission planning efforts

	Proactive	Multi-	Scenario-	Portfolio-	Joint
	Generation &	Value	Based	Based ³⁰	Interregional
	Load				Planning
ISO-NE ³¹	×	×	×	✓	×
NYISO ^{32,33}	×	×	×	×	×
– PPTPP only	✓	1	1	1	×
PJM ^{34.35}	×	×	×	×	×
Florida	×	×	×	×	×
Southeastern Regional	×	×	×	×	×
South Carolina Regional	×	×	×	×	×
MISO (excl. MVP, RIIA) ³⁶	×	×	×	×	×
SPP (ITP) ^{37,38}	×	✓	×	✓	×
CAISO ^{39,40}	√	×	✓	×	✓
– TEAM only	✓	1	1	1	✓
WestConnect	×	×	×	×	×
NorthernGrid ⁴¹	×	×	×	×	×

Source: Brattle & Grid Strategies, Transmission Planning for the 21st Century: Proven Practices that Increase Value and Reduce Costs

Quantifying Transmission Benefits

Understanding Transmission-Related Benefits

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The wide-spread nature of transmission benefits creates challenges in estimating benefits and how they accrue to different users

 Broad in scope, providing many <u>different types</u> of benefits <u>Wide-spread</u> geographically 	 Increased reliability and operational flexibility Reduced congestion, dispatch costs, and losses Lower capacity needs and generation costs Increased competition and market liquidity Renewables integration and environmental benefits Insurance and risk mitigation benefits Diversification benefits (e.g., reduced uncertainty and variability) Economic development from G&T investments Multiple transmissions service areas <u>Multiple states</u> or regions
 <u>Diverse</u> in their effects on market participants 	 <u>Customers, generators, transmission owners</u> in regulated and/or deregulated markets Individual market participants may capture one set of benefits but not others
 Occur and <u>change</u> over long periods of time 	 Several decades (50+ years), typically increasing over time Changing with system conditions and future generation and transmission additions Individual market participants may capture different types of benefits at different times

Quantifying Benefits Beyond Production Cost Savings

Relying on solely on traditionally-quantified Adjusted Production Cost (APC) Savings results in the rejection of beneficial transmission projects:



FIGURE 5. BENEFIT-COST RATIOS OF TRANSMISSION PROJECTS WITH AND WITHOUT A BROAD SCOPE

Source: Transmission Planning for the 21st Century: Proven Practices that Increase Value and Reduce Costs (brattle.com)

We have a Decade of Experience with Identifying and Quantifying a Broad Range of Transmission Benefits

SPP 2016 RCAR, 2013 MTF

Quantified

1. production cost savings*

- value of reduced emissions
- reduced ancillary service costs
- 2. avoided transmission project costs
- 3. reduced transmission losses*
 - capacity benefit
 - energy cost benefit
- 4. lower transmission outage costs
- 5. value of reliability projects
- 6. value of mtg public policy goals
- 7. Increased wheeling revenues

Not quantified

- 8. reduced cost of extreme events
- 9. reduced reserve margin
- 10. reduced loss of load probability
- 11. increased competition/liquidity
- 12. improved congestion hedging
- 13. mitigation of uncertainty
- 14. reduced plant cycling costs
- 15. societal economic benefits

(SPP Regional Cost Allocation Review <u>Report</u> for RCAR II, July 11, 2016. SPP Metrics Task Force, <u>Benefits for</u> <u>the 2013 Regional Cost Allocation Review</u>, July, 5 2012.)

MISO MVP Analysis

Quantified

- **1.** production cost savings *
- 2. reduced operating reserves
- 3. reduced planning reserves
- 4. reduced transmission losses*
- 5. reduced renewable generation investment costs
- 6. reduced future transmission investment costs

Not quantified

- enhanced generation policy flexibility
- 8. increased system robustness
- 9. decreased natural gas price risk
- 10. decreased CO₂ emissions output
- 11. decreased wind generation volatility
- 12. increased local investment and job creation

(Proposed Multi Value Project Portfolio, Technical Study Task Force and Business Case Workshop August 22, 2011)

CAISO TEAM Analysis

(DPV2 example)

Quantified

- production cost savings* and reduced energy prices from both a societal and customer perspective
- 2. mitigation of market power
- 3. insurance value for highimpact low-probability events
- 4. capacity benefits due to reduced generation investment costs
- 5. operational benefits (RMR)
- 6. reduced transmission losses*
- 7. emissions benefit

Not quantified

- 8. facilitation of the retirement of aging power plants
- 9. encouraging fuel diversity
- improved reserve sharing
 increased voltage support

(CPUC Decision 07-01-040, January 25, 2007, Opinion Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity)

NYISO PPTN Analysis (AC Upgrades)

Quantified

- **1.** production cost savings*
 - (includes savings not captured by normalized simulations)
- 2. capacity resource cost savings
- 3. reduced refurbishment costs for aging transmission
- 4. reduced costs of achieving renewable and climate policy goals

Not quantified

- 5. protection against extreme market conditions
- 6. increased competition and liquidity
- 7. storm hardening and resilience
- 8. expandability benefits

(Newell, et al., Benefit-Cost <u>Analysis</u> of Proposed New York AC Transmission Upgrades, September 15, 2015)

* Fairly consistent across RTOs

Brattle Group Reports on Transmission Benefit-Cost Analyses Summarize Much of the Available Experience



"Checklist" of Transmission Benefits With Proven Practices for

Quantifying Them

We have documented in our recent <u>report</u> (filed with ANOPR comments), available proven practices:

- Consider for each project (or synergistic portfolio of projects) the full set of benefits transmission can provide (see table)
- Identify the benefits that plausibly exist and may be significant for that particular project or portfolio; then
- Focus on quantifying those benefits

(See our <u>recent report</u> with Grid Strategies for a summary of quantification practices)

Benefit Category	Transmission Benefit		
1. Traditional Production Cost Savings	Adjusted Production Cost (APC) savings as currently estimated in most planning processes		
2. Additional Production Cost Savings	i. Impact of generation outages and A/S unit designations		
	ii. Reduced transmission energy losses		
	iii. Reduced congestion due to transmission outages		
	iv. Reduced production cost during extreme events and system contingencies		
	v. Mitigation of typical weather and load uncertainty, including the geographic diversification of uncertain renewable generation variability		
	vi. Reduced cost due to imperfect foresight of real-time system conditions, including renewable forecasting errors and intra-hour variability		
	vii. Reduced cost of cycling power plants		
	viii. Reduced amounts and costs of operating reserves and other ancillary services		
	ix. Mitigation of reliability-must-run (RMR) conditions		
	x. More realistic "Day 1" market representation		
3. Reliability and Resource Adequacy Benefits	 Avoided/deferred cost of reliability projects (including aging infrastructure replacements) otherwise necessary 		
	ii. (a) Reduced loss of load probability or (b) reduced planning reserve margin		
4. Generation Capacity Cost Savings	i. Capacity cost benefits from reduced peak energy losses		
	ii. Deferred generation capacity investments		
	iii. Access to lower-cost generation resources		
5. Market Facilitation Benefits	i. Increased competition		
	ii. Increased market liquidity		
6. Environmental Benefits	i. Reduced expected cost of potential future emissions regulations		
	ii. Improved utilization of transmission corridors		
7. Public Policy Benefits	Reduced cost of meeting public policy goals		
8. Other Project-Specific Benefits	Examples: increased storm hardening and wild-fire resilience, increased fuel diversity and system flexibility, reduced cost of future transmission needs, increased wheeling revenues, HVDC operational benefits		

Example: New York's (Multi-Value) "Public Policy" Transmission Planning Process

New York DPS recently modified its "public policy" transmission planning process by mandating that a full set of benefits be considered. Resulted in approval and competitive solicitation of two major upgrades to the New York transmission infrastructure



Simulating Forecast Uncertainty -> Higher, More Accurate Benefits



Key takeaways

- Quantified transmission benefits can be <u>significantly</u> <u>understated</u> using the prevailing "Perfect Foresight" simulation approach:
 - RT = 10x DA at 20% renewables
 RT = 3x DA at 50% renewables
- The higher benefit means optimal tradeoff shifts more from building <u>local renewables</u> to building more regional and interregional <u>transmission</u> to cost-effectively meet policy goals

Inadequate Transmission Creates High Risks of Costly Outcomes in Both Short- and Long-term

Most transmission planning efforts do not adequately account for short- and long-term risks and uncertainties affecting power markets

- Short-Term Risks: transmission planning generally evaluates only "normal" system conditions
 - Planning process typically ignores the high cost of short-term challenges and extreme market conditions triggered by high-impact-low-probability ("HILP") events due to weather, transmission outages, fuel supply disruption, or unexpected load changes associated with economic booms/busts
 - Can be addressed through modeling assumptions and <u>sensitivities</u> that capture these short-term challenges
- Long-Term Risks: Planning does not adequately consider the full range of long-term scenarios
 - Does not capture the extent to which a less robust and flexible transmission infrastructure will help reduce the risk of high-costs incurred under different (long-term) future market fundamentals
 - Can be addressed through improved scenario planning that covers the full range of plausible futures

A more flexible and robust grid provides "insurance value" by reducing the risk of high-cost (short- and long-term) outcomes due to inadequate transmission

- Costs of inadequate infrastructure (typically are not quantified) can be much greater than the costs of the transmission investment
- Project may not quite be cost effective in "base case" future but be highly beneficial in 3 out of 5 futures

Risk Mitigation Through Transmission Investments

Additional considerations regarding the risk mitigation and insurance value of transmission infrastructure:

- Given that it can take a decade to develop new transmission, delaying investment can easily **limit future options** and result in a **higher-cost**, **higher-risk** overall outcomes
 - "Wait and see" approaches limit options, so can be costly in the long term
 - The industry needs to plan for both short- and long-term uncertainties more proactively and develop "anticipatory planning" processes
- "Least regrets" planning too often only focuses on identifying those projects that are beneficial under most circumstances
 - Does not consider the many potentially "regrettable circumstances" where the failure to expand transmission could result in very high-cost outcomes
 - Focuses too much on the cost of insurance without considering the cost of not having insurance when it is needed
- **Probabilistic weighting assumes risk neutrality** and does not distinguish between investment options with very different risk distributions



Scenario Analysis Example: ATC's Paddock-Rockdale Project

In evaluating the Paddock-Rockdale Project, ATC evaluated <u>seven</u> plausible futures, spanning the range of long-term uncertainties.

- The 40-year PV of customer benefits fell short of the \$136 million PV of the project's revenue requirement in the "Slow Growth" future, but exceeded the costs in all other futures
- The <u>net</u> benefits in the other six futures ranged from:
 - \$100 million (above cost) under the "High Environmental" future
 - to approx. \$400 million under the "Robust Economy" and "High Wisconsin Growth" futures
 - reaching up to approx. \$700 million under the "Fuel Supply Disruption" and "High Plant Retirements" futures

The analyses of multiple scenarios of plausible futures show:

- The estimated benefits can range widely across sets of plausible futures
- The project is beneficial in most (but not all) futures
- Not investing in the \$136 million project can leave customers up to \$700 million worse off in two of seven plausible futures

Transmission Cost Allocation

Disagreements on Cost-Allocation Creates Barriers Even for Clearly-Beneficial Projects

Easiest: develop "needed" local and regional reliability and generation interconnection transmission projects that do not involve cost sharing (now majority in many regions)

Harder: regionally share costs of transmission "<u>needed</u>" to meet regional reliability standards

- Most TOs strongly prefer recovering costs associated with their own ratebase
- Policy makers reluctant to pay for transmission that benefit other states

Hardest: share costs of projects that provide broad regional economic or public-policy benefits:

- Fundamentally different future views of the world
 - Planners and policy makers may disagree on the outlook of natural gas costs but they agree the cost exists; not so with carbon or other policy-related benefits, which create disagreements and are often ignored
- Large regional projects for environmental policies pit states that have them (often major population centers) against states that don't (often more remote areas)
- Reluctance to pay for transmission that facilitates out-of-state generation investments with few direct local jobs

<u>Almost Impossible</u>: cost allocation for interregional projects; but mostly hypothetical because no significant interregional projects have been planned to date

Recommendation: Clearly Separate Benefit-Cost Analysis of Projects from Cost-Allocation of Approved Portfolios

Recommend 2-step approach:

- 1. Determine whether <u>projects</u> are beneficial overall, quantifying a broad set of benefits
 - Without quantifying most benefits, many desirable projects (or synergistic portfolios) will be rejected
 - Benefits that can be allocated precisely may only be a subset of total benefits
 - Avoid temptation to understate benefits in effort to reduce cost allocation to individual study participants
- 2. Evaluate how the cost of a broad <u>portfolio of</u> <u>beneficial projects</u> should be allocated based on their joint distribution of benefits
 - Reduces conflict: a broad set of benefits quantified for a portfolio of projects tends to be more stable over time and be distributed more uniformly



Cost Allocation: Portfolio-Based Advantages over Project-by-Project Allocations

Order 1000 does not require that the cost of each project is allocated based on its benefits ... as long as the cost allocation for a <u>portfolio of projects</u> is roughly commensurate with overall benefits.

Even postage stamp (load-ratio share) allocation is appropriate and acceptable if:

- All customers tend to benefit from class or group of facilities
- Distribution of benefits is likely to vary (but "average out") over long life of facilities

Portfolio-based cost allocations are less controversial and easier to implement

- Portfolio-wide benefits tend to be more even distributed and more stable over time
- One cost allocation analysis for portfolio <u>vs.</u> many analyses for many projects

Examples of portfolio-based cost allocations:

- <u>SPP Highway-Byway</u> (designed by RSC): Periodic review if benefits of all approved projects is roughly commensurate with costs of all projects
- MISO MVPs (with OMS input): Benefits of entire portfolio compared with allocated costs

MISO's MVP Analyses: Benefits of the Portfolio (as a Whole) Significantly Exceed Postage-Stamp-Allocated Costs in all Regions

MISO's MVP Portfolio provides benefits across the MISO footprint that are roughly equivalent to (postage-stamp) allocated costs

• MISO quantified 6 types of economic benefits (plus reliability and public policy benefits)



- MTEP17 analysis shows \$22 to \$75 billion in total benefits to MISO North and Central
- Total costs increased from \$5.6 to \$6.7 billion, but benefits grew even more
- B-C ratios exceed 1.5 to 2.6 in every zone

Source: <u>https://cdn.misoenergy.org/MTEP17%20MVP%20</u> <u>Triennial%20Review%20Report117065.pdf</u>

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Broadly apply proven planning practices that reduce total system costs and risks:

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Summary and Recommendations

Focus less on addressing near-term reliability and local needs, but proactively on infrastructure that provides greater flexibility and <u>higher long-term value at lower system-wide cost</u>

- Recognize that every transmission project offers multiple values
- Lowest-cost transmission is not "least cost" from an overall customer-cost perspective

Improve benefit-cost analyses and cost allocations to offer more cost-effective and less controversial outcomes:

- More fully consider <u>broad range of reliability, economic, and public-policy benefits</u>, including experience gained though:
 - SPP value of transmission and RCAR benefits metrics
 - NYISO broad set of benefits quantified for public policy projects
 - MISO MVP benefits; CAISO economic and public policy projects
- Reduce divisiveness of <u>cost allocation</u> through broad set of portfolio-based benefits
 - Recognize broad range of benefits \rightarrow more likely to be evenly distributed and exceed costs
 - Focus on larger portfolios of transmission projects \rightarrow more uniform distribution of benefits
 - Broad range of benefits for a portfolio will also be more stable over time

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