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November Chapter Meeting: Strategies to Reduce EUI at a Hospital Facility

Event Details

- **Date:** November 21, 2024 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm PST
- **Venue:** [Swedish Issaquah](#)
- **Categories:** [Chapter Meeting](#)



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Nominating Committee

- Build Chapter leadership of tomorrow
- Selecting officers and BOG members
- Looking for (5) members that are representative of the local industry
- Please reach out if you would like to be a part of this committee



Grid Impacts of Building Electrification Load Modeling and Forecasting

ASHRAE Puget Sound Chapter Meeting

23 October 2024

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Motivation

Simulations are used to plan system

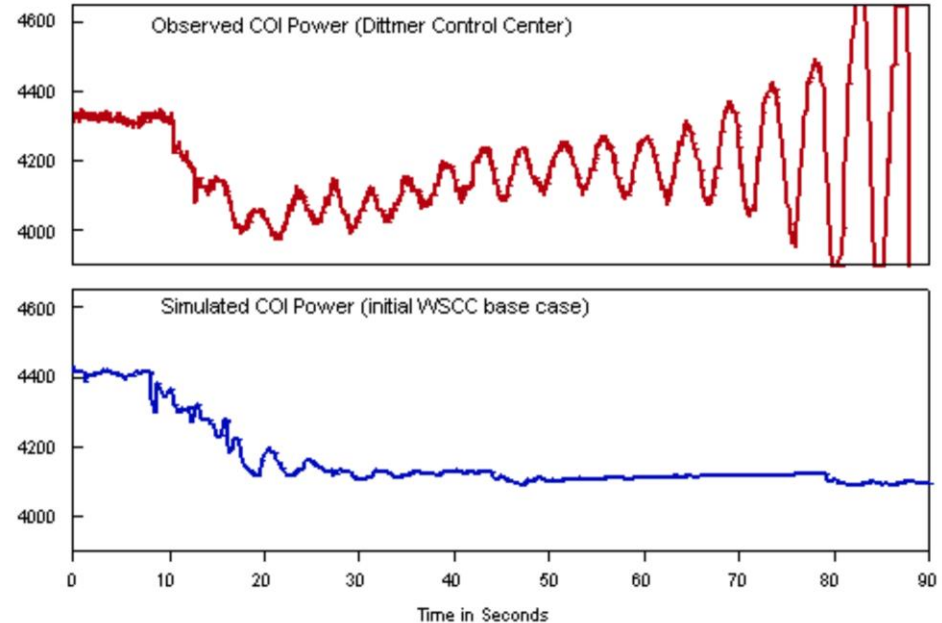
- If simulations don't match reality, then ... ?

August 10 1996 Blackout

- Serious model discrepancies

Some contributing factors to model error

- Generator parameters
- Protection settings
- Load models ← Focus of today's talk





Today's Topics

1. **Electric Grid Primer**
2. **Load Modeling for Reliability**
3. **NERC Resource Adequacy Planning**
4. **Challenges and Opportunities**

Caveat: Results presented here are preliminary and not yet peer reviewed.

*"Prediction is hazardous, especially about the future."
– Danish proverb*

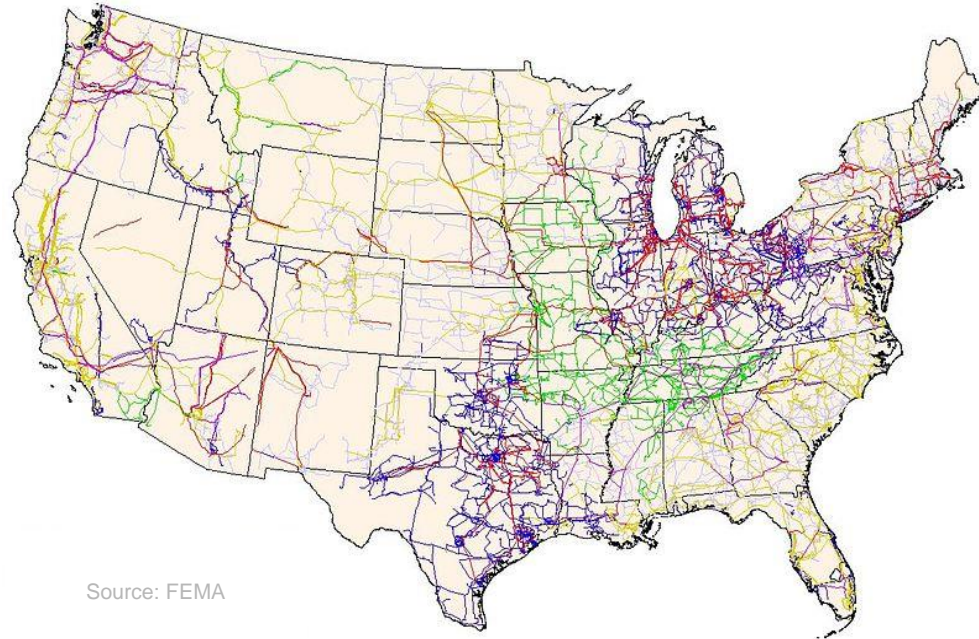


Source: [Midwest Reliability Organization](#)



Chapter 1

Bulk Power Systems

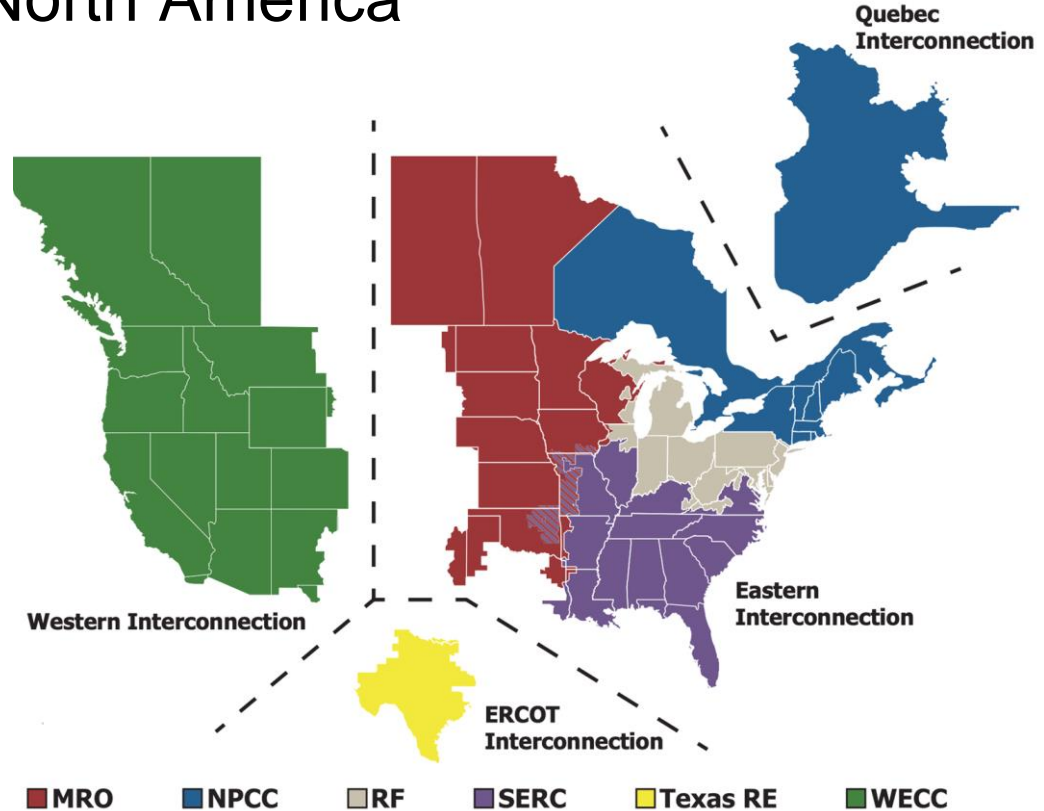


Source: FEMA



Four interconnections in North America

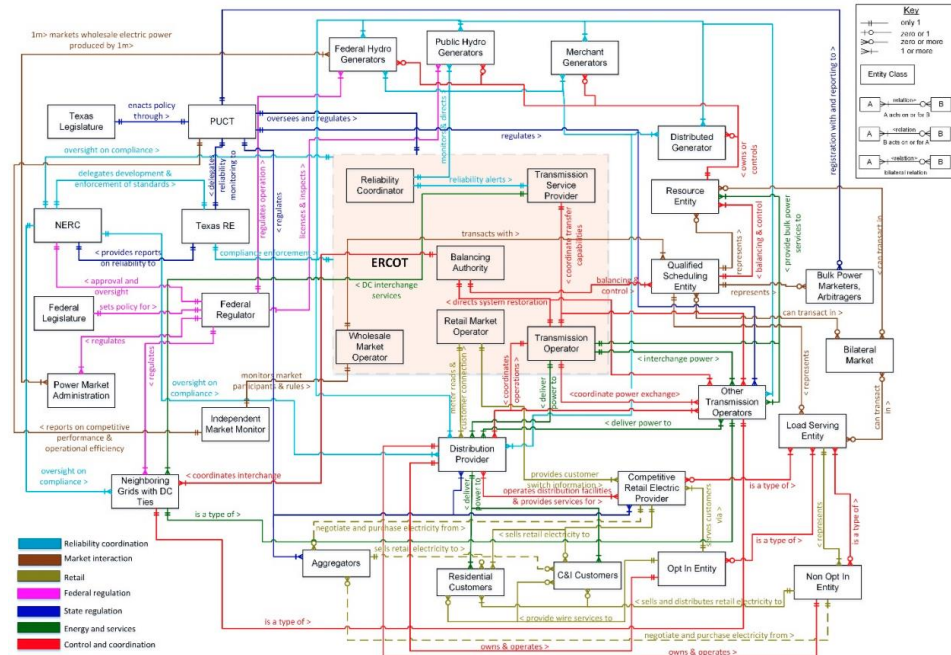
- Oversight by NERC (except Texas)
- Multiple overlapping reliability orgs
- Physical separation
 - Frequencies
 - Voltages
 - Generation
 - Loads
 - Few DC links





Complex Industry Structure

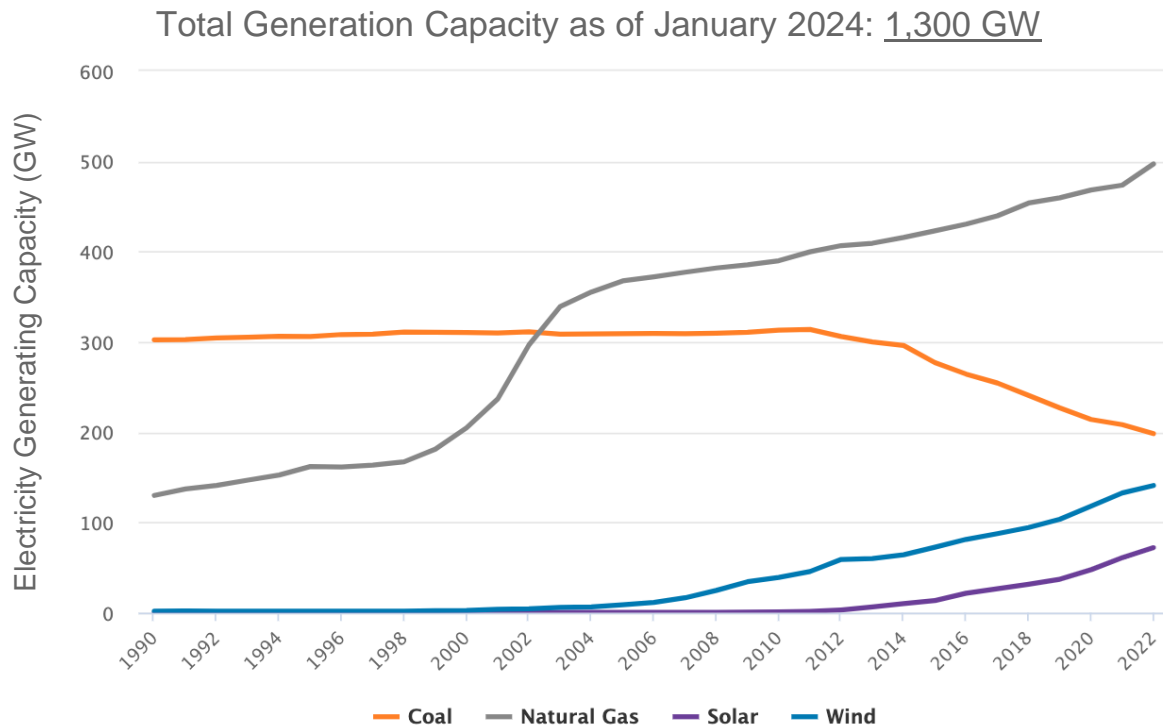
- **Technical**
 - Planning
 - Operations
- **Financial**
 - Wholesale/bilateral markets
 - Power marketers
 - Res/Com/Ind/Agr/Pub retail tariffs
- **Organizational**
 - Power marketing agencies
 - Investor-owned utilities
 - Public utilities
 - Cooperatives
 - Merchant generators
- **Regulatory**
 - Congress
 - Federal agencies (FERC, NERC)
 - State legislatures
 - State agencies
 - Local utility commissions



Source: [ERCOT](http://ercot.com)



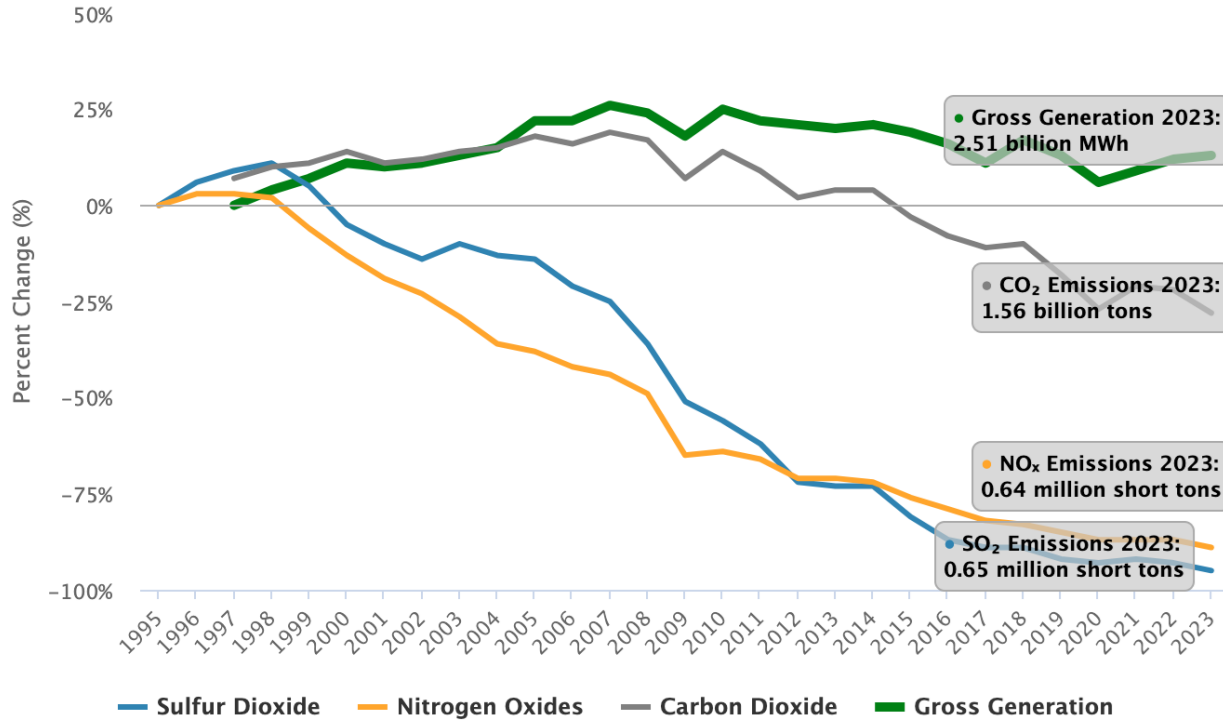
Generation Mix Changing



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



Emissions Impact



Source: EPA, 2024



Load Mix Changing

Yesterday:  

- Resistive heating
- Conventional AC cooling
- Incandescent (resistive) lighting
- Resistive cooking
- Appliance (washer, dryer, refrigerators)
- No vehicle charging
- No energy storage
- Induction motors (fans and pumps)
- No distributed generation

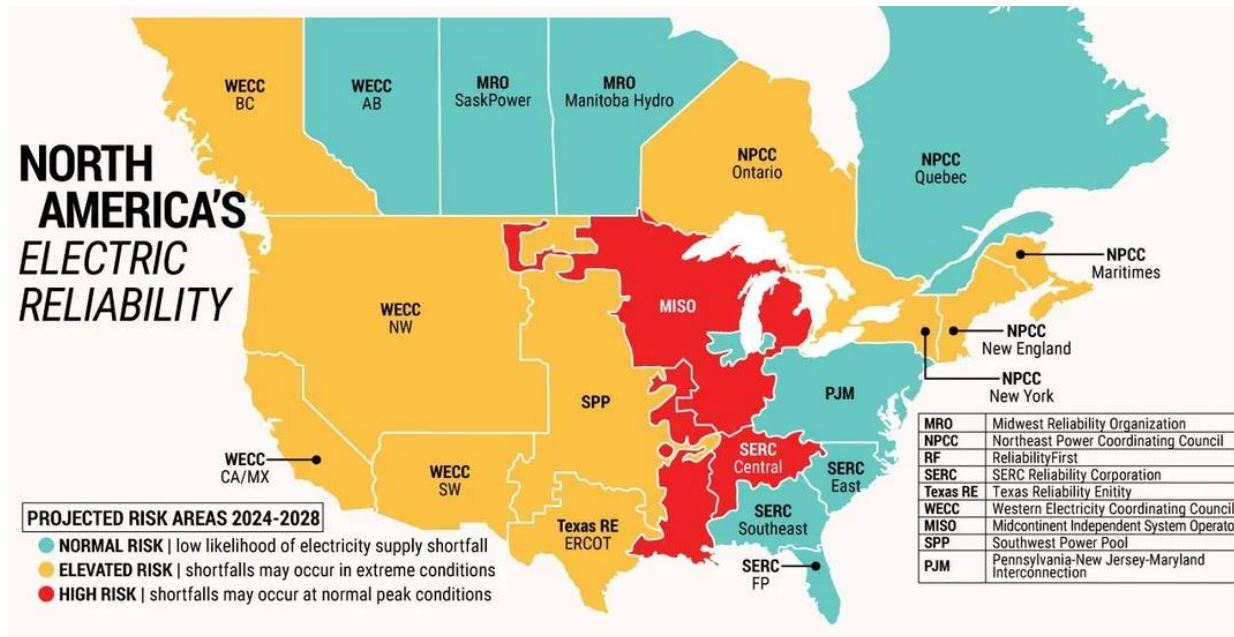
Tomorrow: 

- Heat pumps (VFD)
- High-efficiency AC cooling (VFD)
- Compact fluorescent and LED lighting
- Gas cooking → Radiant/induction cooking
- Energy Star appliances (eco features)
- Plug-in vehicles
- Battery storage systems
- VFD motors (fans and pumps)
- Significant distributed generation



Chapter 2

Load Modeling for Reliability



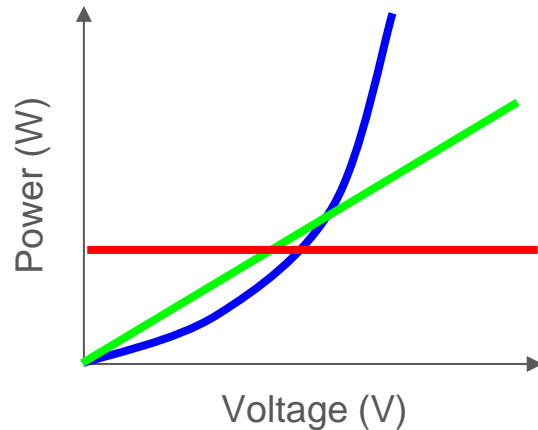


Two Important Factors

Voltage changes affect load power

$$\text{Total Power} = V^2 / Z + VI + P$$

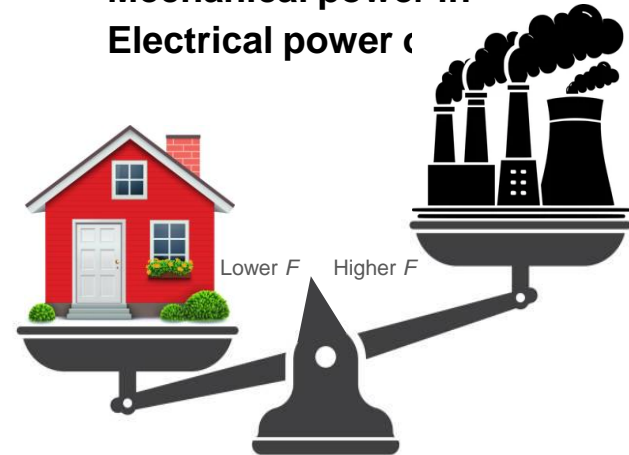
- Z Constant impedance loads
- I Constant current loads
- P Constant power loads



Frequency changes as power balance shifts

$$\text{Frequency change} = (P_M - P_E) / M$$

- M Inertial constant
- P_M Mechanical power in
- P_E Electrical power in





Characteristics of Major Load Types

Resistive Loads

- Constant impedance (V^2 sensitivity)
- “Grid-friendly”

Induction Motors

- Stalling behavior (reactive power spikes)
- Thermal tripping (frequency overshoot)

Electronic Loads

- Fast over-current trip (power surges)
- Constant power (no voltage sensitivity)

Distributed Generation

- “Negative” loads (protection issues)
- Intermittency (forecasting issues)



Reliability Studies

- **Objectives**

- Evaluate adequacy of resources and identify potential reliability issues
- Project supply vs. demand and identify long term issues and trends
- Provide a framework for discussions and recommendations about reliability

- **Approach**

- Verify how system behaves under various scenarios
- Validate how well simulation replicates known events

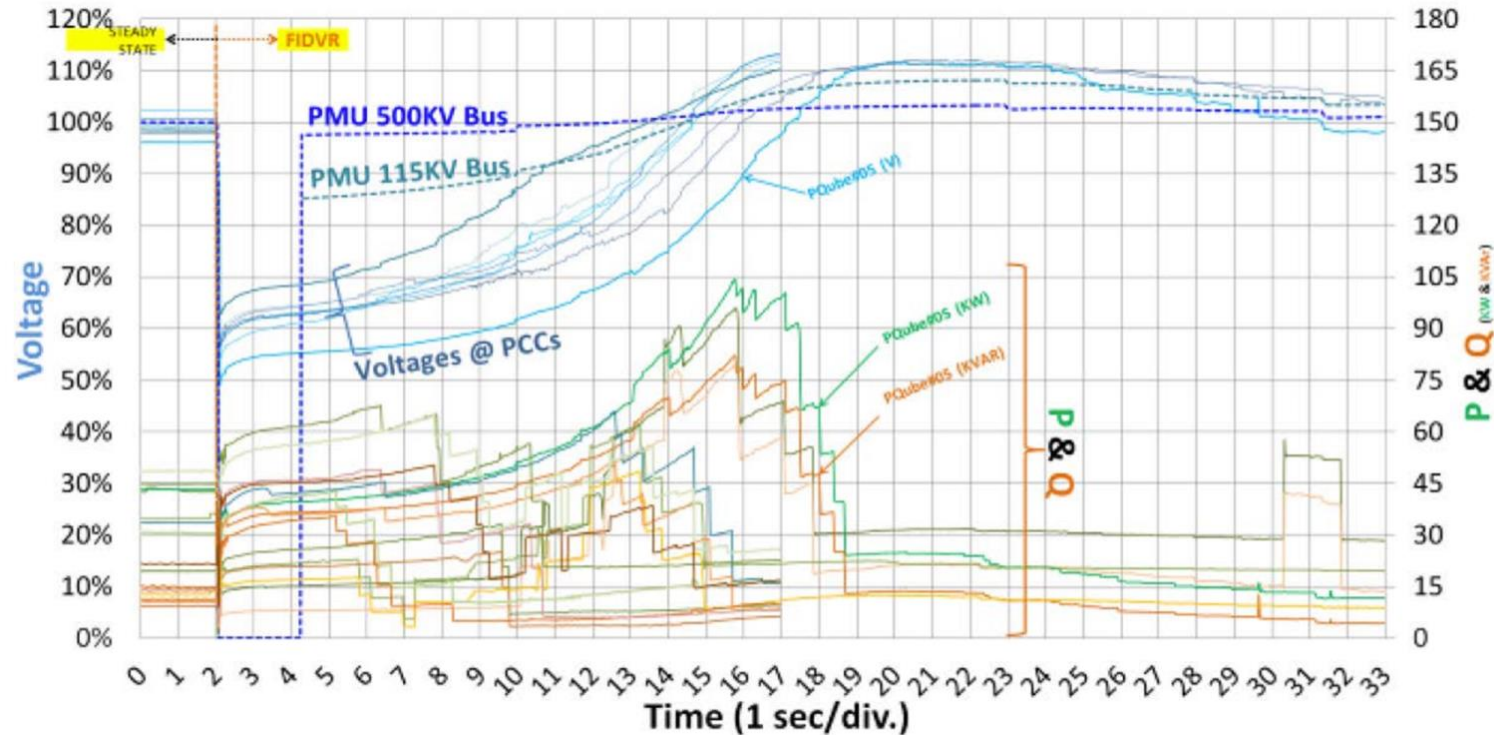
- **Size of models**

- Eastern → ~75,000 nodes
- Western → ~25,000 nodes
- Texas → ~10,000 nodes

- **Time frame of simulations: 30s at <1ms timestep**



Fault-Induced Delayed Voltage Recovery (FIDVR)





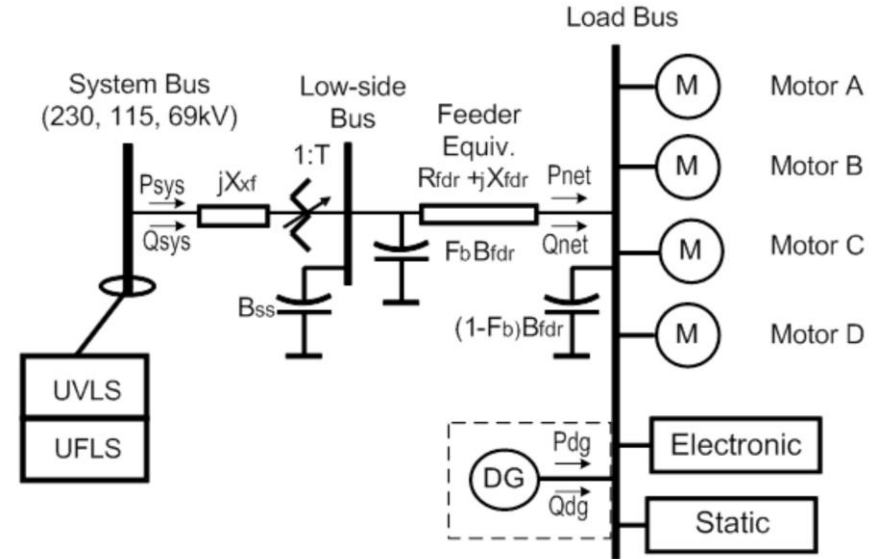
Composite Load Model

- **Salient features of “modern” loads**

- Static (ZIP)
- Induction motors (various torque/inertia)
- Electronic loads
- Distributed generation

- **Coming soon to the load models**

- EV chargers
- Energy storage





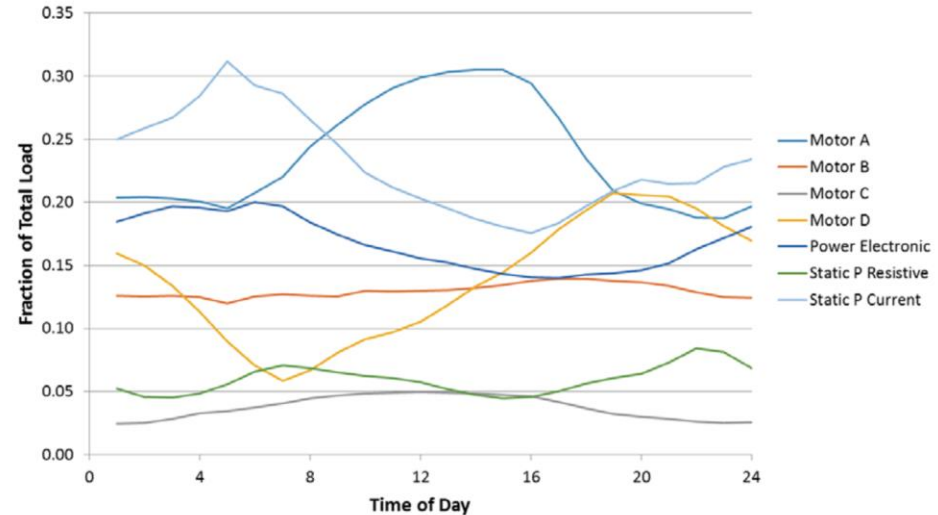
Impact of changing generation & load mix

- **Reduced inertia**

- Fewer large rotating machines (generation)
- Fewer small direct-drive motors (load)
- Faster frequency response (inverters)

- **Increased electronic (“P”) loads**

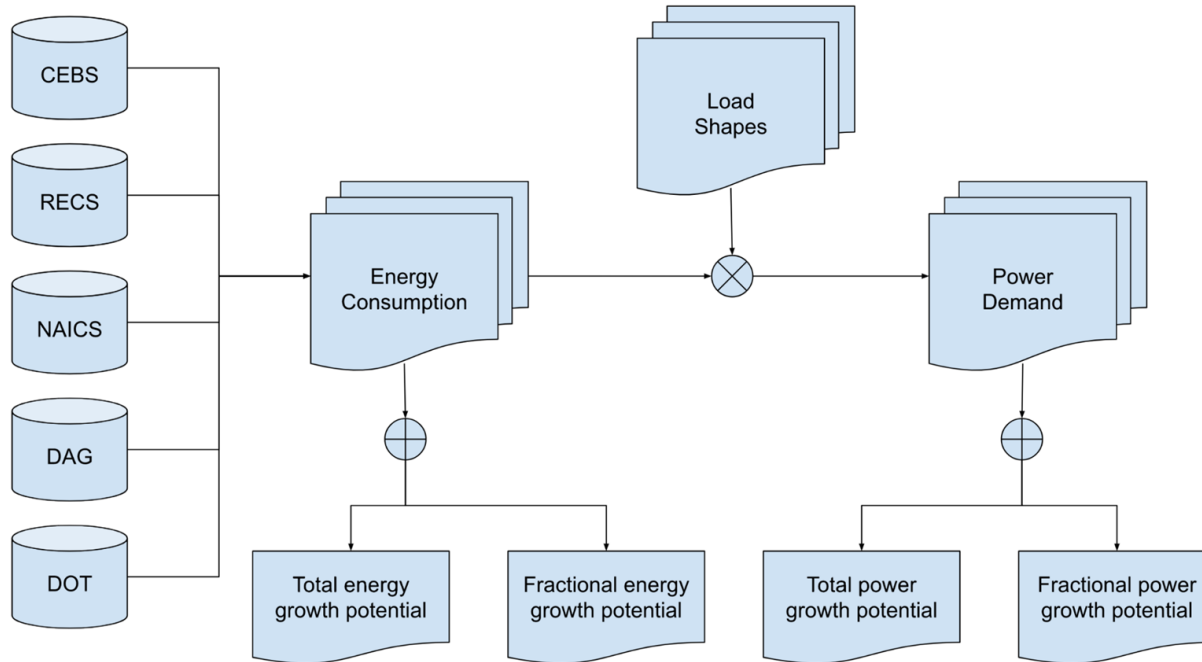
- Reduced voltage response
- Increased over-current trip sensitivity





Chapter 3

NERC Resource Adequacy Planning





Electrification Load Growth

Water heating	→ Heat pump water heaters
Cooking	→ Electric appliances
Space heating	→ Heat pumps (more AC?)
Drying	→ Electric dryers
Commercial processes	→ Electric heating and cooking
Industrial processes	→ Electric heating (cement?)
Agricultural processes	→ Electric heating/motors (fertilizers?)
Vehicles	→ EV charging infrastructure
Public services	→ Electric water treatment



Energy Sectors and Factors

Sectors

- **Commercial**
14 building types
- **Residential**
5 home types
- **Industrial**
20 industries (5 major, except cement)
- **Agricultural**
- **Transportation**
- **Public Services**

Factors

Commercial

- **Building vintage**
- **Building type**
- **Building size**

Residential

- **Vintage, type, and household income**

Industrial

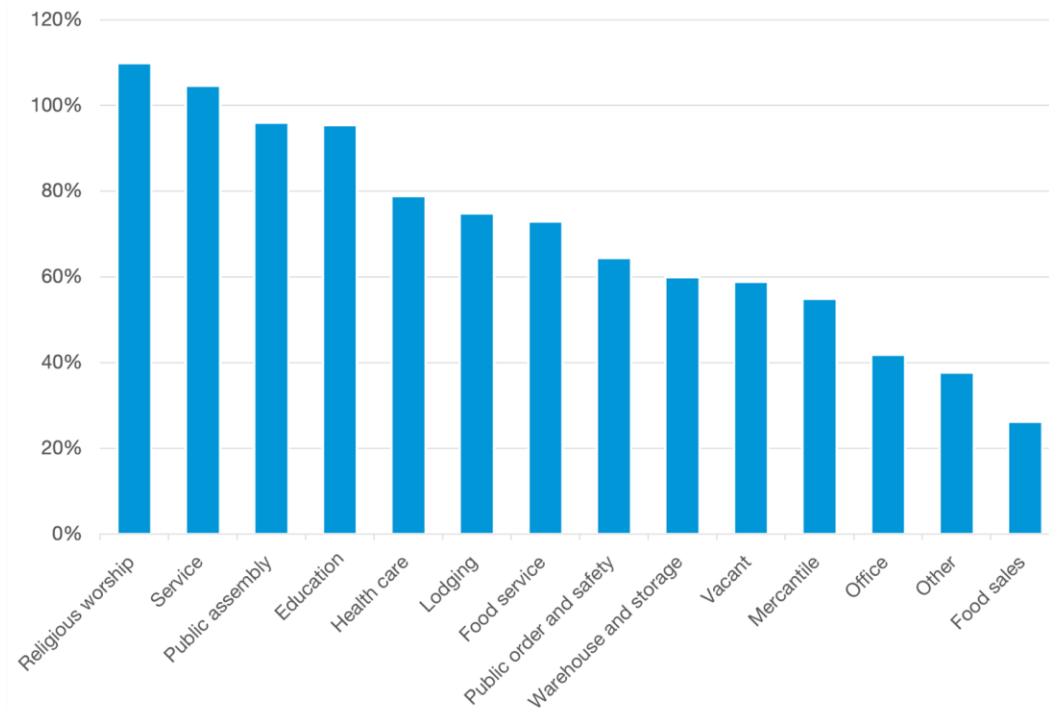
- **Facility type**

Transportation

- **Vehicle type**

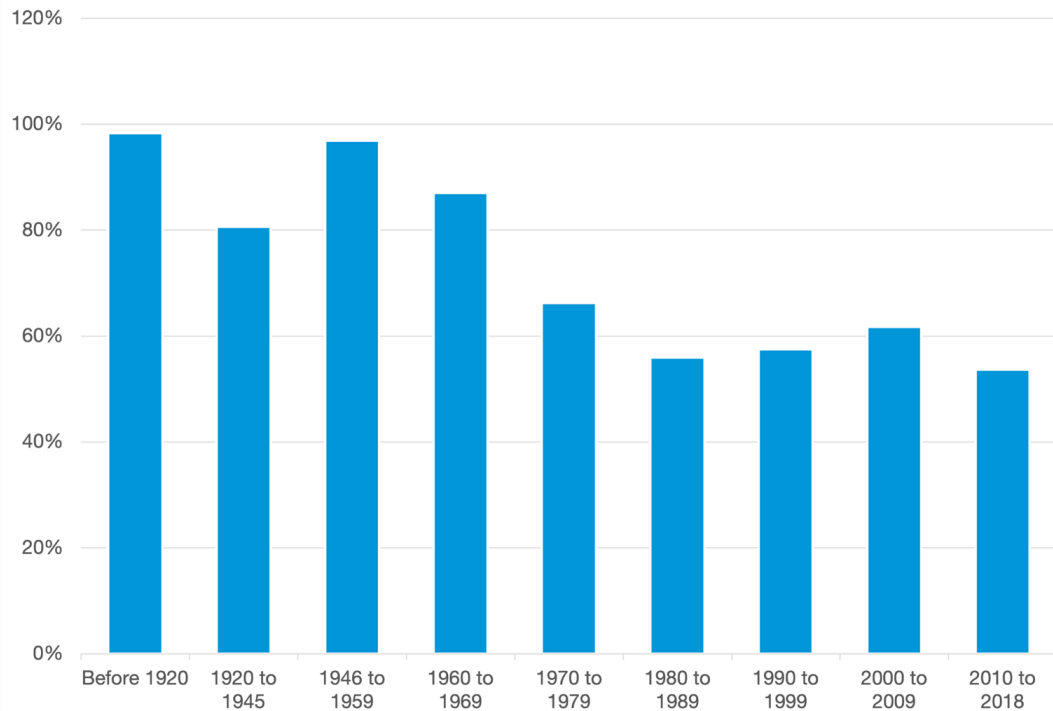


Commercial building electrification load growth by type



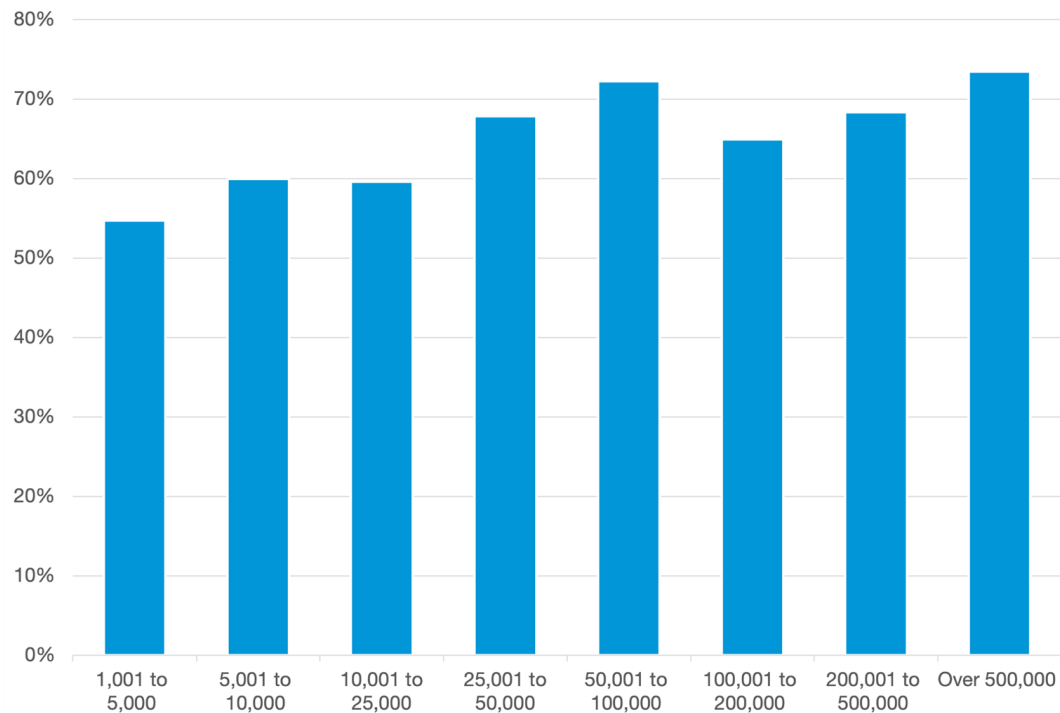


Commercial building electrification load growth by vintage



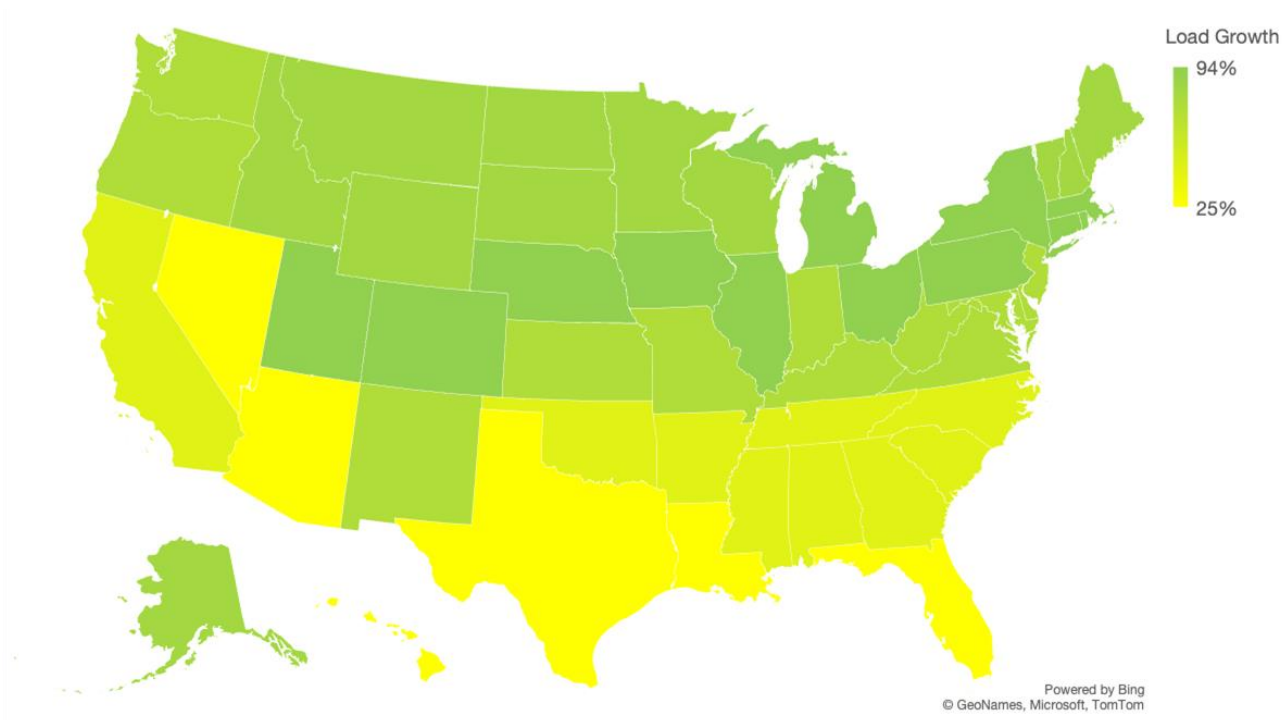


Commercial building electrification load growth by size



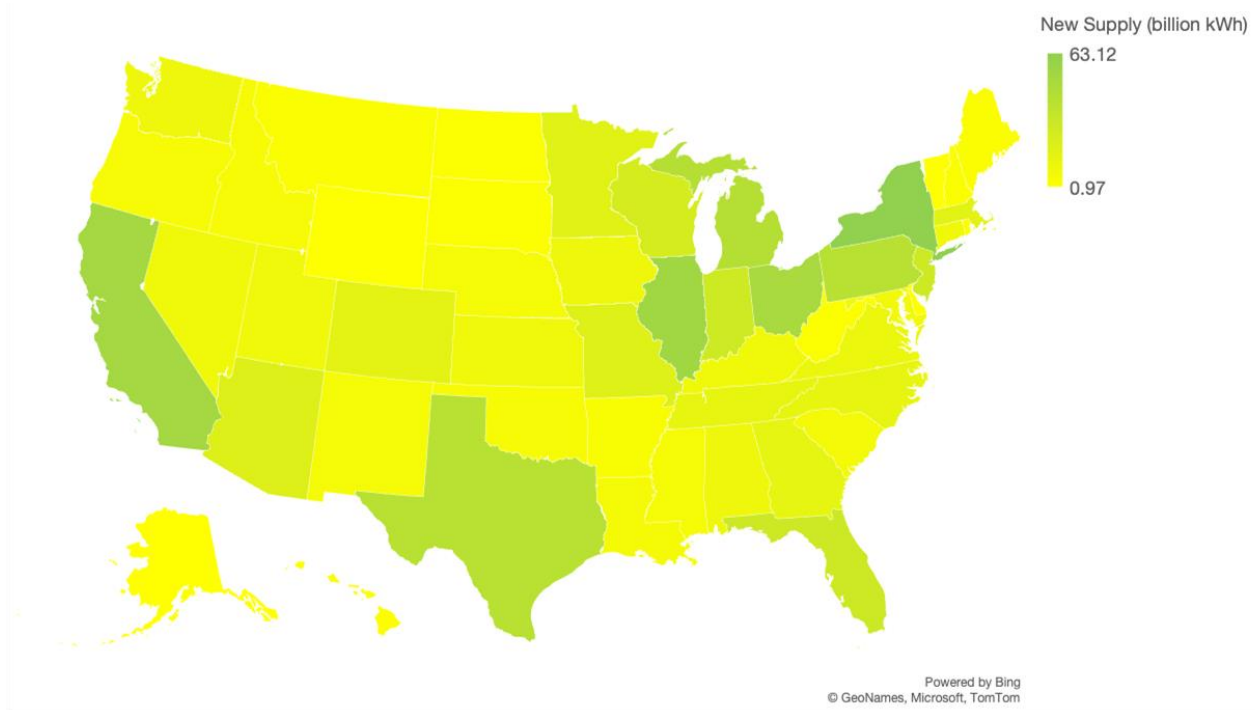


Commercial building electrification load potential growth



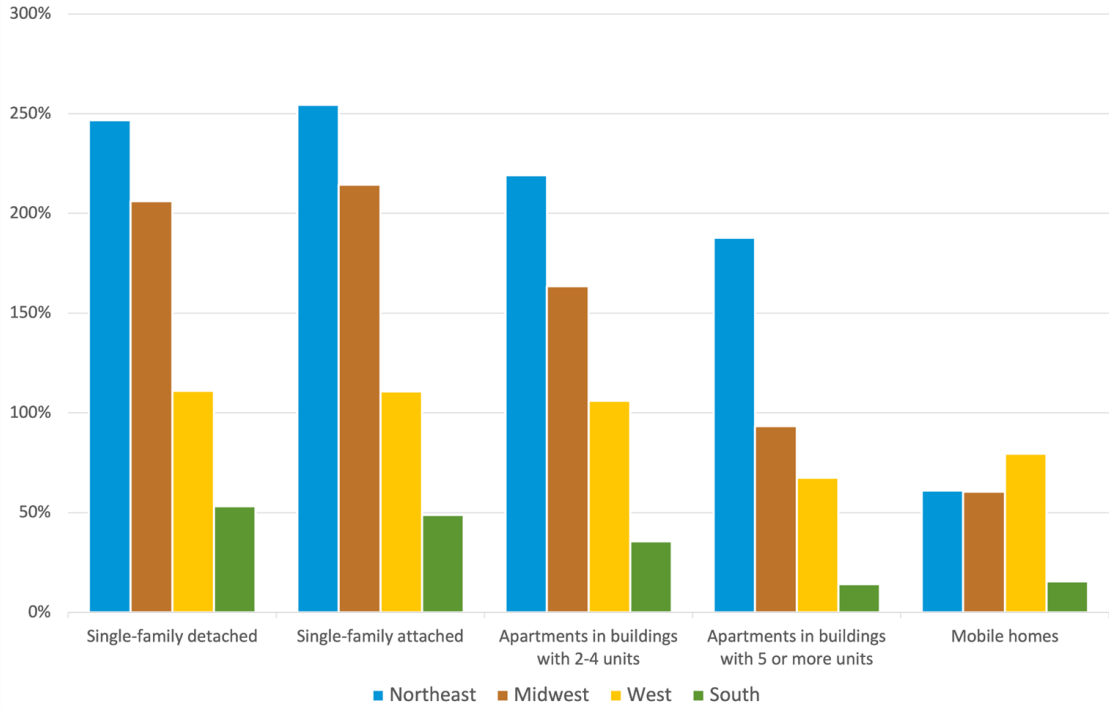


Commercial building electrification new energy supply



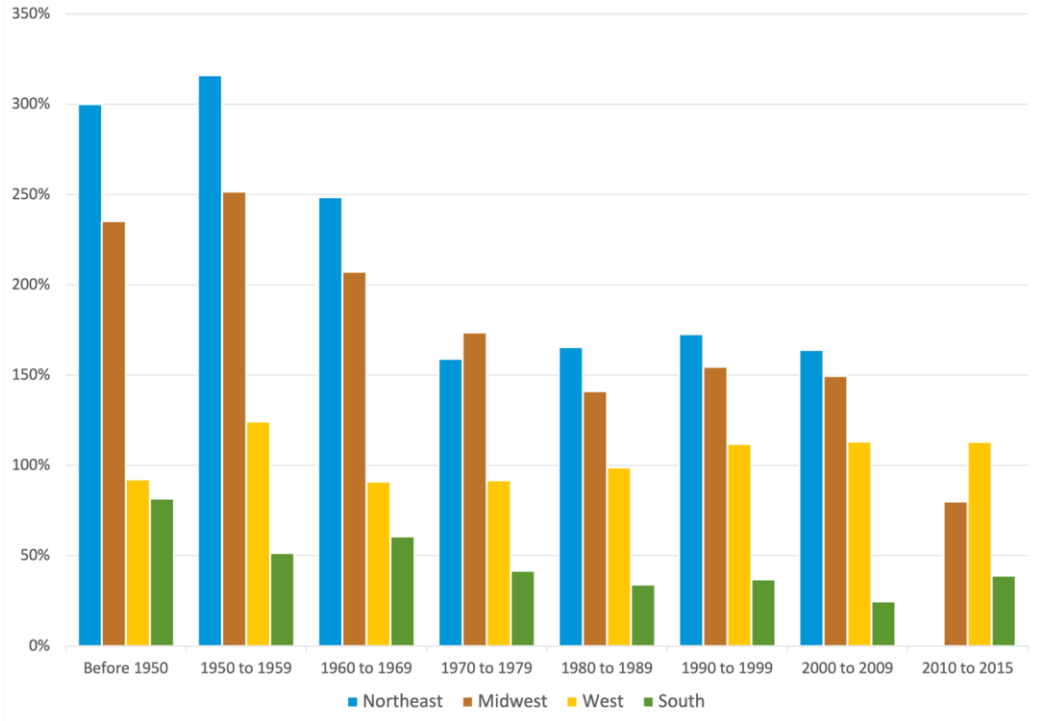


Residential building electrification load growth by type



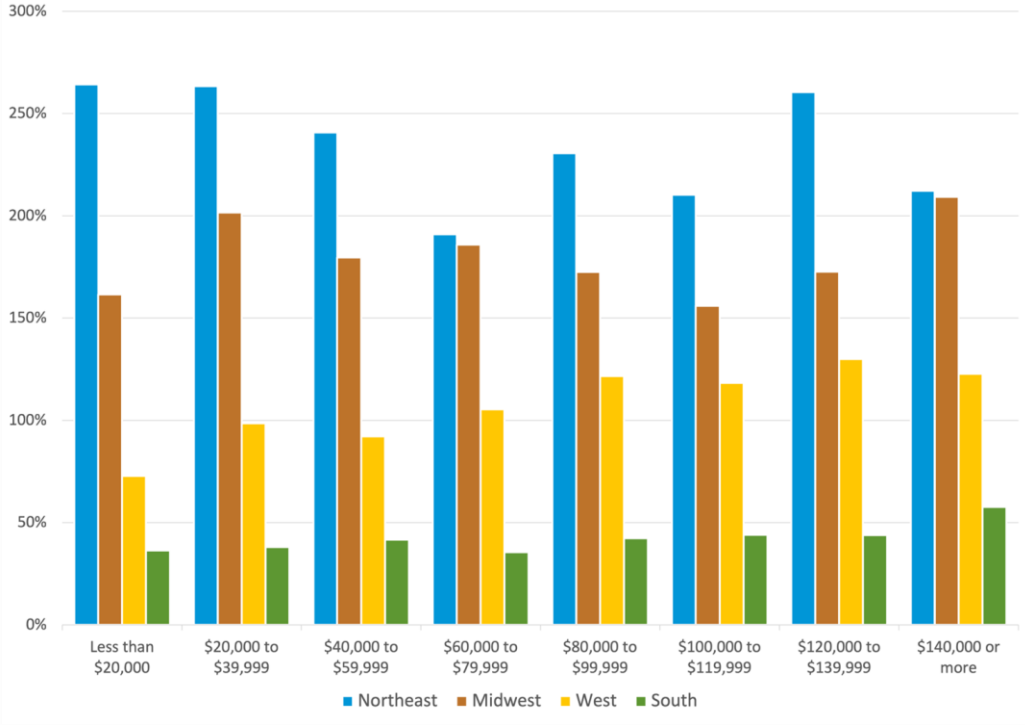


Residential building electrification load growth by vintage



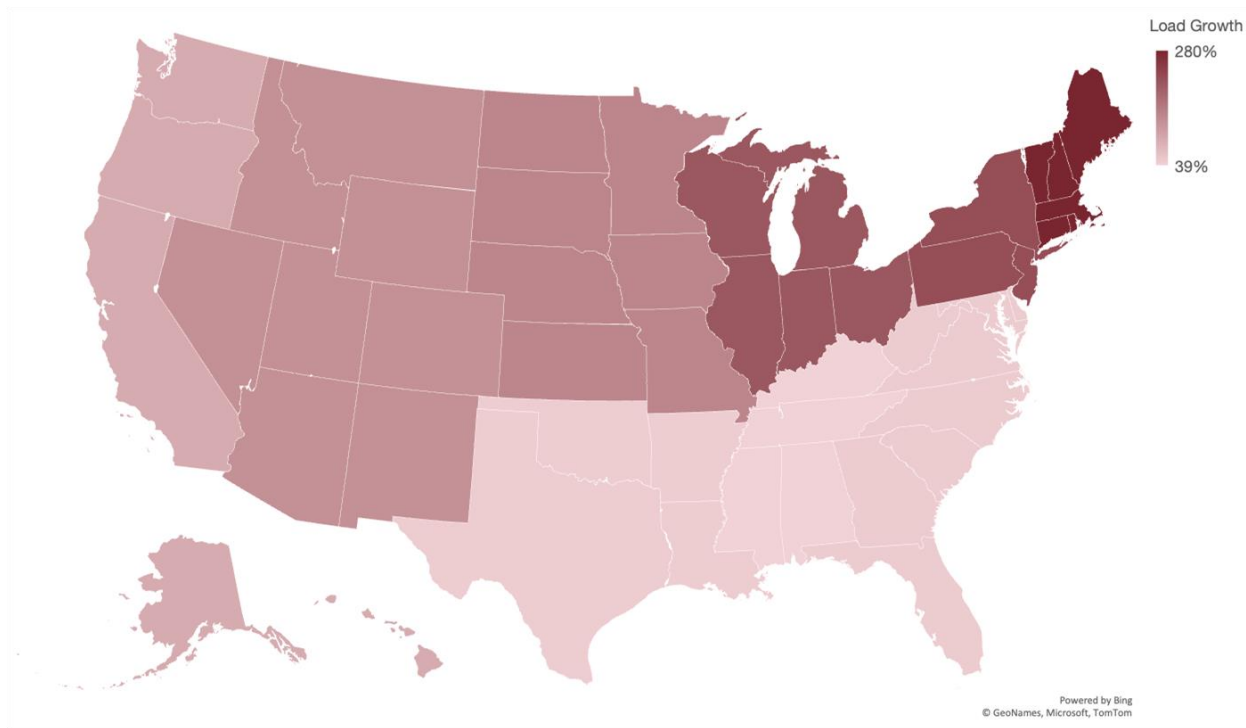


Residential building electrification load growth by income



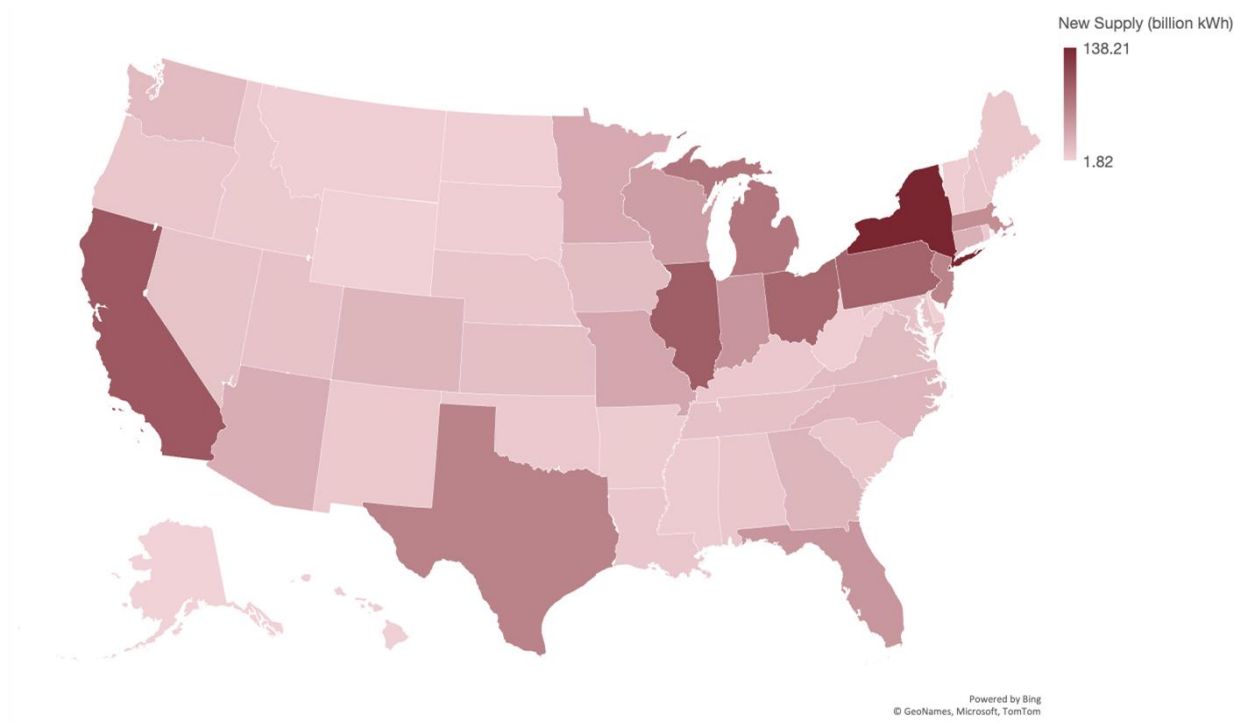


Residential building electrification potential growth



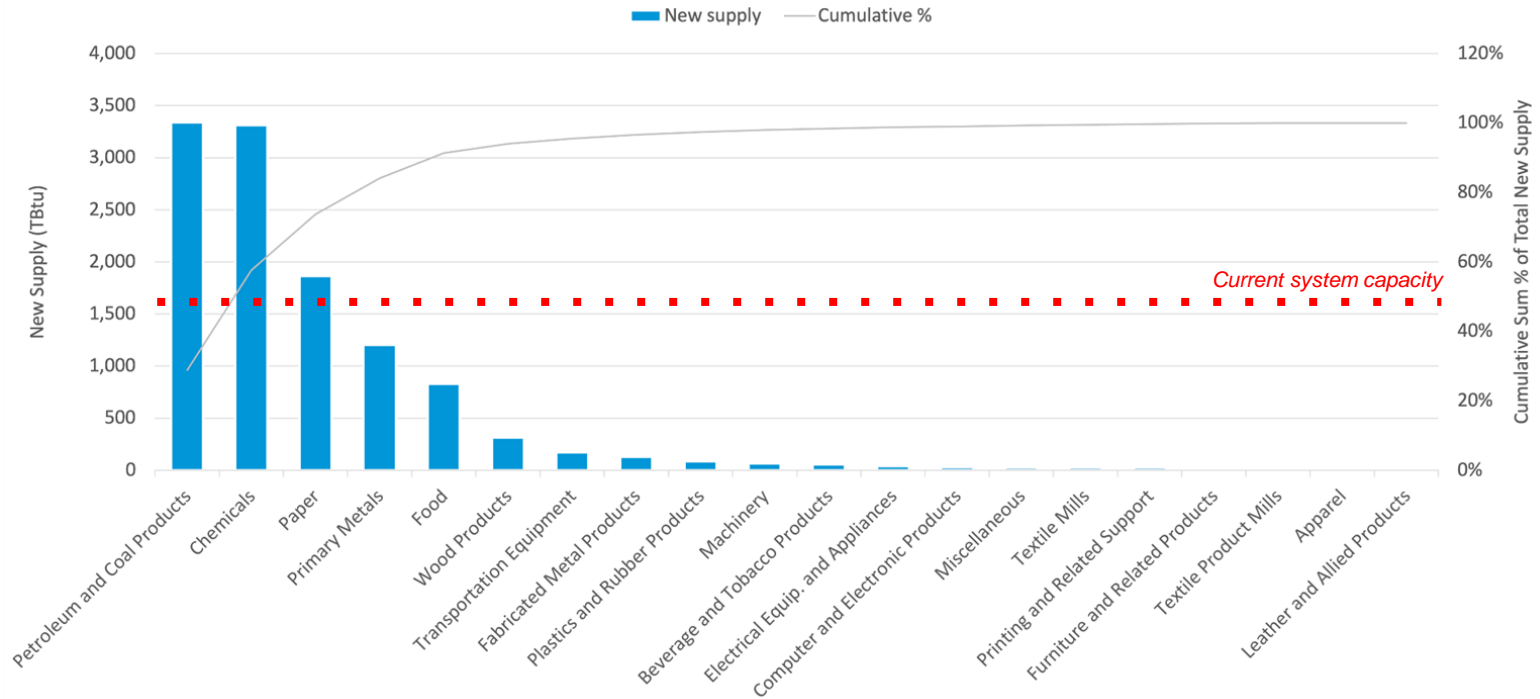


Residential building electrification new supply



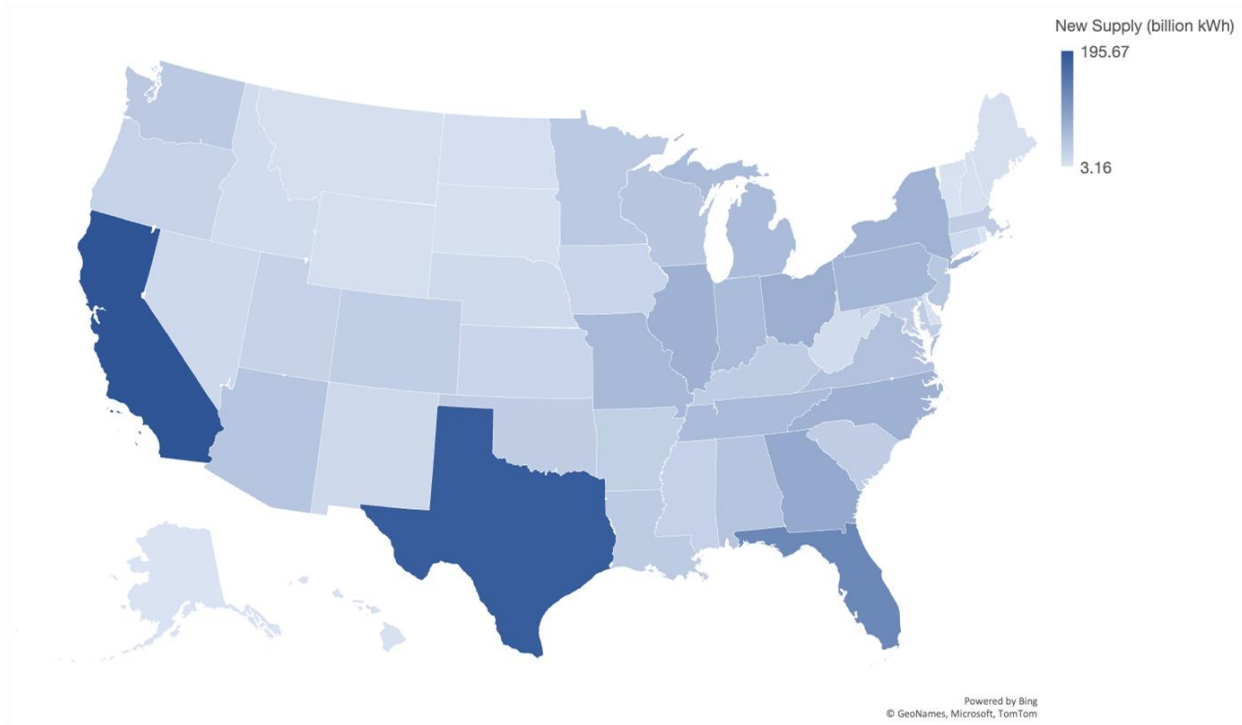


Industrial electrification new supply





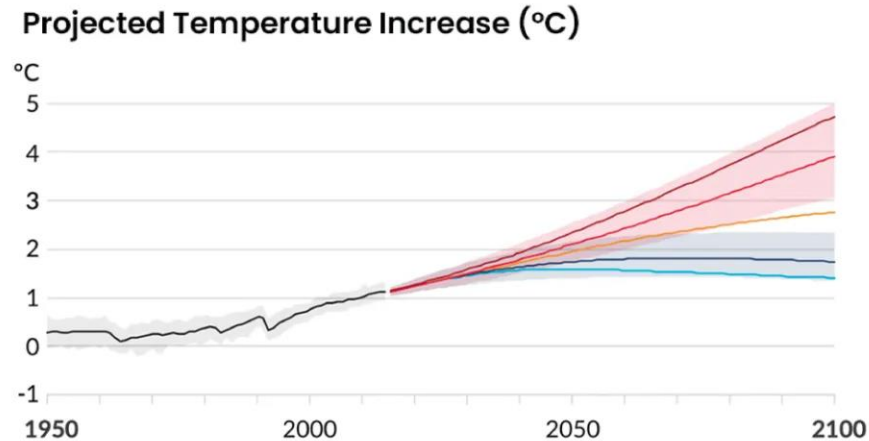
Transportation electrification new supply





Chapter 5

Challenges and Opportunities



Five Scenarios of Fossil Fuel Burning

- Highest CO₂ amounts
- Medium to high CO₂ amounts
- Medium CO₂ amounts
- Smaller CO₂ amounts, then no increase in CO₂ late in the 21st century
- No increase in CO₂ beginning in 2050

Source: [UCAR](#)



Challenges and Opportunities

- **Costs**

- Electric panel capacity upgrades
- Accelerated appliance retrofits
- Distribution asset upgrades
- Transmission network upgrades
- New generation resources

- **Secondary load growth effects**

- E.g., opt-in eco modes in new appliances

- **Changing demographics/behaviors**

- EV demand growth regional uncertainty

- **Benefits**

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduced indoor air pollution
- Reduced gas infrastructure costs
- Improved resilience and life safety
- Improved gas resource utilization

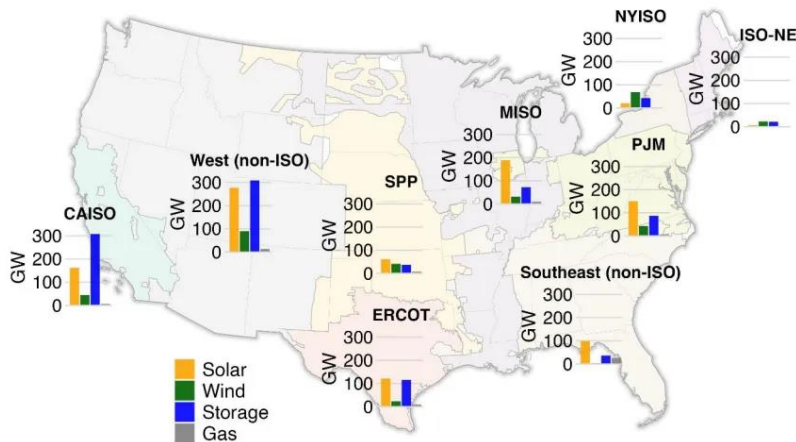
- **Data Centers**

- Interconnection queue uncertainty
- Large-load interconnection standard



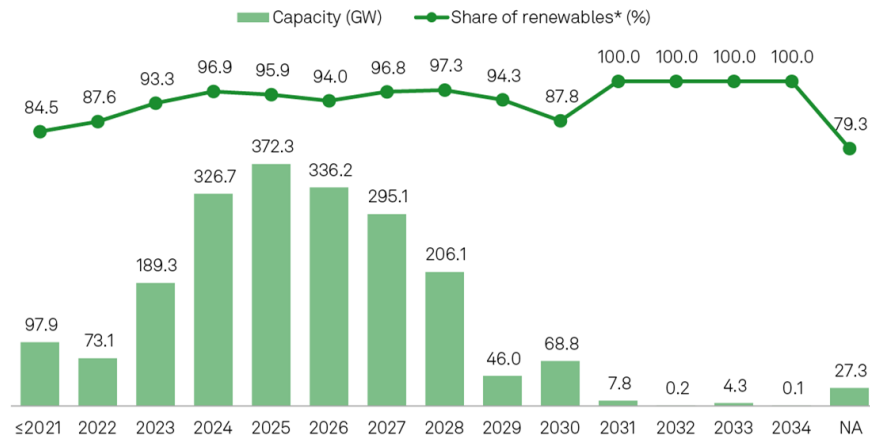
Data Centers: 10-year Generation Gap

Generation queue: <1,600 GW
(95% renewables w/ >1,000 GW storage)



Source: [Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory](https://www.lbl.gov/)

Data Center requests: >2,000 GW
(i.e., does not include electrification load growth)



Source: [S&P Global](https://www.spglobal.com/)

Total Generation Capacity as of January 2024: 1,300 GW



Closing Thoughts

- **Very preliminary results**

- Annual updates by DOE, EPRI, NERC, ...

- **Missing data**

- Industrial electrification solutions/strategies
- Agricultural loads
- Regional EV adoption rates
- Medium and heavy duty vehicles
- Public service loads

- **Role of changing resource mix**

- Renewables
- Distributed energy resources
- Storage

- **Impacts assessments**

- Electricity pricing (feedback)
- Local, state, and federal policies
- Grid resilience (vs. reliability)



Thank you

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Further Reading

[Managing Periods of Bulk Power System Instability \(Part 1\)](#)

[Managing Periods of Bulk Power System Instability \(Part 2\)](#)

[Managing Periods of Bulk Power System Instability \(Part 3\)](#)

[Model Validation for the August 10 1996 System Outage](#)

[NERC LMTF Technical Reference Document Dynamic Load Modeling](#)

[NERC EV Modeling Technical Reference Document](#)