Item 5.1: 2016 Summer Operations



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Summer 2016 Resource Adequacy

Summer 2016	Forecasted Season Peak Load	Extreme Load ² /Typical Generation Outages ³	Extreme Load/Low Wind Output ⁴	Extreme Load/Extreme Generation Outages ⁵
Total Resources (as of June 1)	78,434			
Peak Demand	70,588 ¹			
Uses of Reserve Capacity	3,171	5,925	8,003	7,727
Capacity Available for Operating Reserves	4,675	1,921	(157)	119

¹ Based on normal weather from 2002-2014

⁵ Based on historical additional forced outages at 90th percentile



² Based on 2011 weather

³ Based on historical average of planned and forced outages during peak hours for June through September weekdays (starting in August 2010).

⁴ Based on 10th percentile of wind output during 100 highest Net Load hours for the 2013-2015 Summer seasons

Grid Conditions

Normal Conditions

Sufficient generation, all is well

Conservation Alert

- Potentially tight operating reserves generation/demand
- Don't issue routinely just because hot or cold

Power Watch

Conservation Needed

- Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) 1
- Operating reserves <2,300 MW
- First stage demand response programs

Power Warning

Conservation Critical Risk of Rotating Outages

- EEA 2; Operating reserves <1,750 MW
- Load resources, Emergency Response Service

Power Emergency

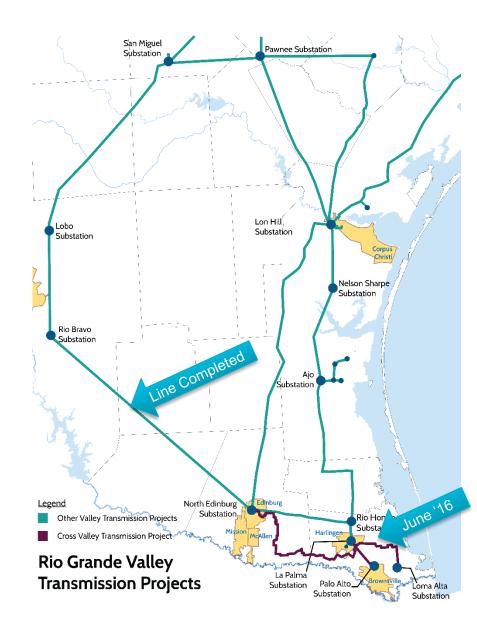
Rotating Outages in Progress Conservation Critical

- EEA 3
- Direct transmission providers to begin rotating outages to reduce demand on system.



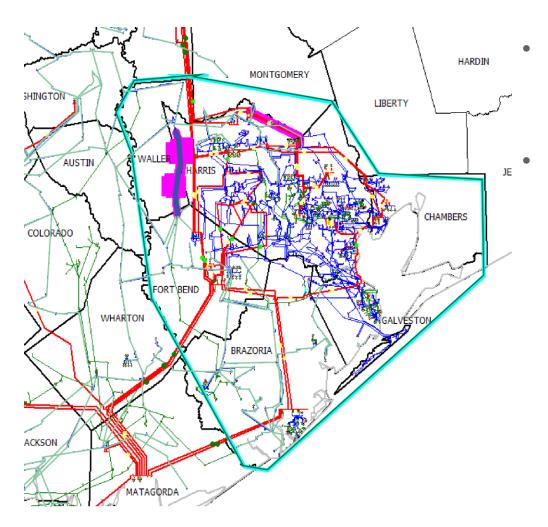
Rio Grande Valley

- New 345 kV line into Valley was energized on May 23.
 - Series capacitors tested but remain out of service
- Cross Valley project is expected to be completed by mid-June.
- Frontera will leave 1 CT and ST in ERCOT through summer.
- Exports to Mexico over DC Tie may need to be limited under certain conditions.





Houston/RMR



- Houston area has significant generation and load but limited import capacity
- RMR analysis for the Greens
 Bayou unit showed that the
 Houston area will be tight,
 even with the Greens Bayou
 RMR unit, if more than one
 generating unit is out under
 high demand

Other Operational Changes for Summer 2016

- Remove non-frequency responsive capacity from calculation of Physical Responsive Capacity (PRC) that is used to determine need for EEA (NPRR 706)
- Clarification of EEA levels and actions (NPRR 708)
- Changes to Reserve Discount Factor (RDF) and 2016 Ancillary Services
- Upgraded EMS



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