

Evaluation of Low System Strength Transmission Grid

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Study Objectives

- Review WSCR threshold of 1.5 for Panhandle
- Investigate applicability of a WSCR threshold for South Texas region
- Consider industry best practices with respect to WSCR versus alternative system strength metrics
- Understand the impact of load

- Incorporate updated modeling (Planning Guide 6.9)
- Utilize full three-phase EMT analysis tool (PSCAD)



PSCAD Model Collection

Ongoing Since Summer 2016 Model Request

Model Requested for 63 Wind Projects in Panhandle & South Texas

No Model Submitted for ~17% of Projects

~50% of Submitted Models Reflect Plant Voltage Controller



Study Progress

Kicked-off Study with Electranix in July 2017

- Review/Testing Underway for Each Submitted Model
 - Working through identified model issues with model suppliers
 - Observed significant variation in weak grid performance among various manufacturer models (individualized SCR ramp test for each project)

Study Completion Expected in January 2018



QUESTIONS?

