

Long-Term West Texas Export Special Study - Update

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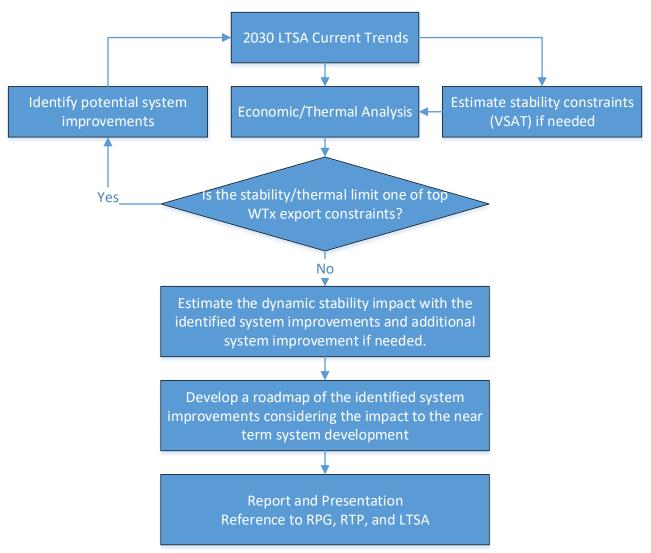
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Outline

- Recap: Methodology
- Study Progress Update
- Next Steps



Methodology





Progress Update

| Tasks | Description | Status | Comments |
|-------|---|-------------|---|
| 1 | Study Case Developments | In Progress | Steady State Cases (Complete) Economic Cases (Complete) Dynamic Cases (In Progress) |
| 2 | Year 2030 Simulation and Improvement Identification | In Progress | |
| 3 | Year 2023 Simulation and Improvement Identification | Not Started | |
| 4 | Roadmap Development | Not Started | |
| 5 | Reports | Not Started | |



Study Cases Overview

| Study | Wind | Solar | Battery | System Load in the Reliability Case (GW) |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Study Year | Capacity (GW) | Capacity (GW) | Capacity (GW) | |
| 2023(1) | 36.0 | 15.1 | 1.5 | ~42 |
| 2030(2) | 64.4 | 34.4 | 2.6 | ~48 |

^{(1).} Include planned projects met Planning Guide 6.9(1) by 12/31/2020



^{(2).} Based on the 2020 Long Term System Assessment Y2030 Current Trends scenario

Assumptions

- West Texas export flow is measured as the sum of the flow on the 16 345 kV circuits
 - Riley Krum West Switch DCKT 345 kV
 - Jacksboro Switching Willow Creek Switch and Jacksboro Switching Henderson Ranch Switch DCKT 345 kV
 - Graham SES Parker Switch DCKT 345 kV
 - Clear Crossing Willow Creek Switch DCKT 345 kV
 - West Shackelford Station Sam Switch and West Shackelford Station Navarro DCKT 345 kV
 - Brown Switch Killeen Switch DCKT 345 kV
 - Big Hill Kendall DCKT 345 kV
 - Jacksboro Switching Krum West Switch SCKT 345 kV
 - Comanche Switch Comanche Peak SES SCKT 345 kV



Assumptions (continued)

- Reliability Assessments
 - Energy Storage Resources (ESRs) are dispatched at 0 MW with voltage support capability
- Economic Assessments
 - 90% of the calculated stability limit will be applied in the economic assessments, which is consistent with the Transmission and Security Operating Procedure



Consideration of Improvements

- Identify cost-effective system improvements to provide both near-term and long-term benefits to address the following challenges and improve WTX export capability
 - Steady state thermal and voltage constraints
 - Stability constraints
 - Curtailment



Next Steps

- A transmission workshop is scheduled on February 23, 2021
 - http://www.ercot.com/calendar/2021/2/23/219574
 - Vendors and industry SMEs will present the transmission technologies that could improve the power transfer capability
- ERCOT expects to complete the study in Q2 2021 and will provide regular updates at future RPG meetings

