



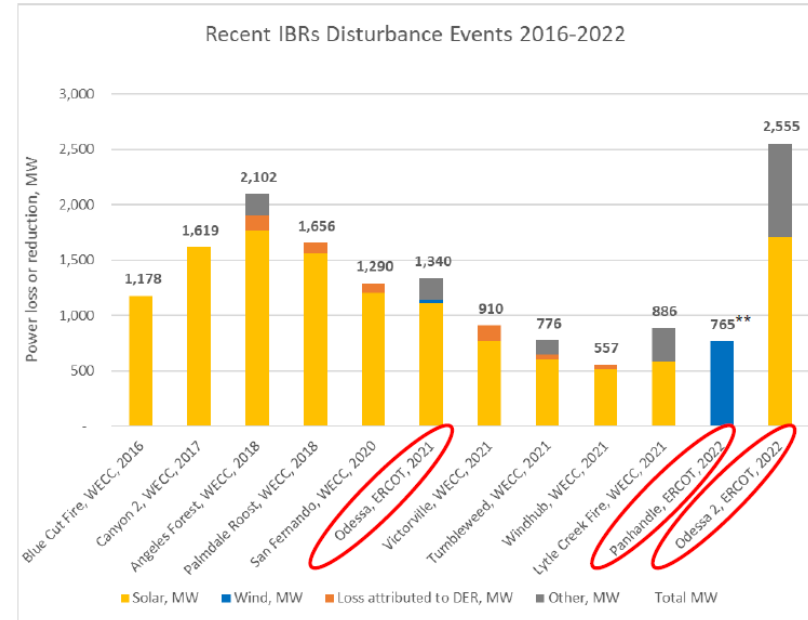
# **Scope - Assessment of Synchronous Condensers for System Strength in West Texas Region**

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# Introduction

- ❑ At the Feb RPG meeting, ERCOT Operation presented the operational challenges, recommending synchronous condensers (each 350 Mvar, total 2,100 Mvar) in six locations in West Texas (west side of WTX GTC Interface)
  - Increasing and significant reliability risk due to potential unexpected loss of generation and/or load during disturbance(s)



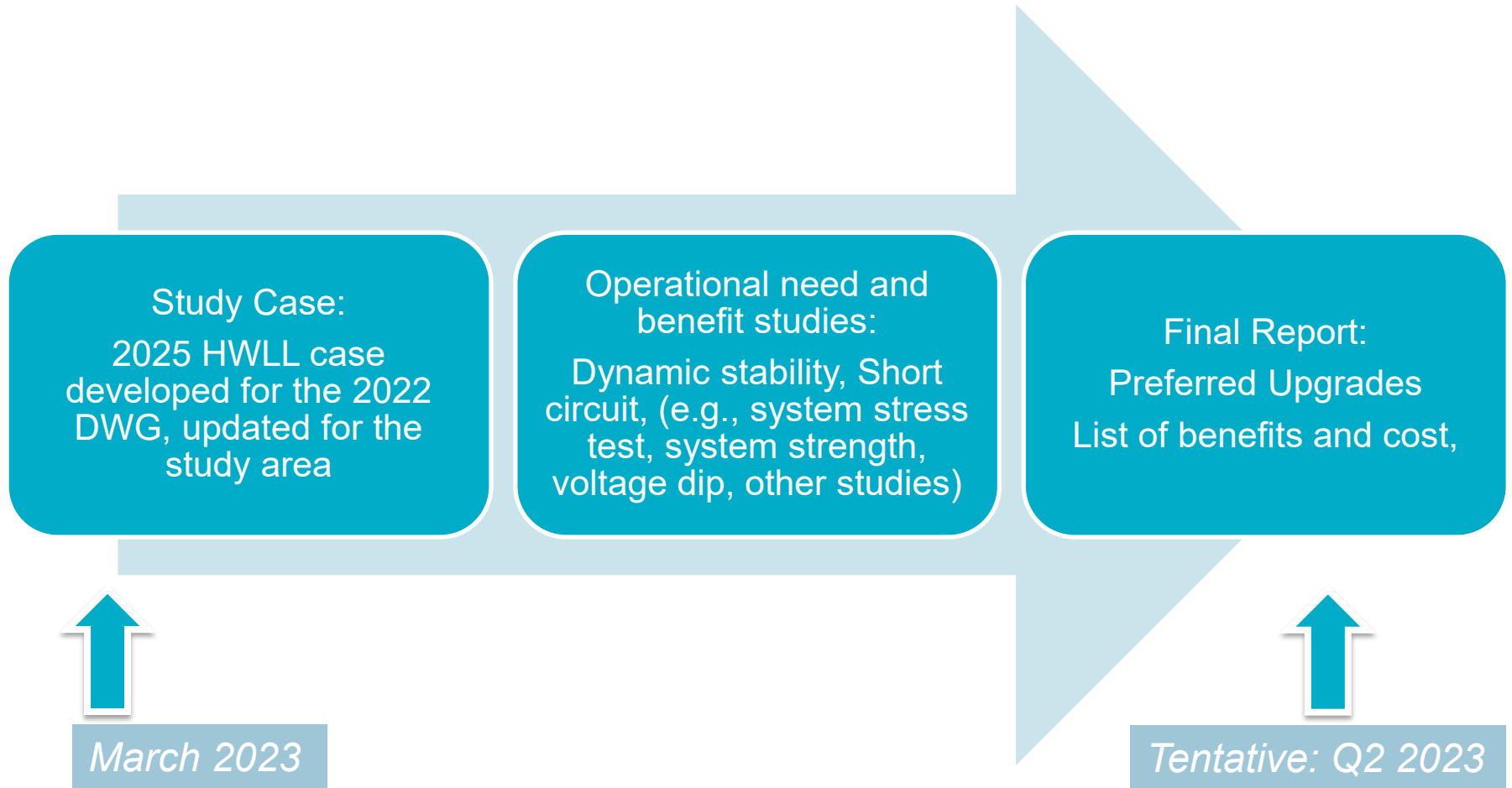
2023 Feb RPG meeting: [RPG Event Details \(ercot.com\)](https://ercot.com/rpg-event-details)

- ❑ Multiple initiatives are in progress:
  - Model review and updates (e.g., event analysis, the approved PGRR085)
  - Efforts to improve process and requirements (e.g., proposed NOGRR245)
  - Transmission reinforcement recommended to address operational challenges, support system reliability, and minimize any unexpected real-time events

## Objectives of Study

- ❑ Conduct and assess operational challenges in the planning horizon, while considering the reactive power support identified in the 2022 RTP
- ❑ Evaluate reliability benefits of the potential synchronous condensers and confirm/adjust the reactive power support, if necessary
- ❑ Make recommendation such that TSPs can submit RPG projects

# High Level Overview – Process and Tentative Schedules



## Next Steps

- ❑ More detailed study scope is available in [the March RPG website](#)
- ❑ Tentative timeline
  - ERCOT will attempt to complete the study in Q2 2023

# Questions?



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