## **American Clean Power Association (ACP)**

Renewable energy and infrastructure policy scenario analysis

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- Located close to clients and industry contacts



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# 1. Executive Summary



# Executive summary



#### Administrative action can enable doubling of renewable energy penetration in the next decade

- Administrative action can accelerate transmission infrastructure expansion in order to unlock wind and solar
- Under administrative actions, renewable energy can grow from ~19% to ~37% due to technological advancement, transmissionexpansion, and better access to federal lands and waters
- Achieving 50%+ renewable energy will require additional legislative polices to require and/or incentivize clean energy, accelerate the retirement of entire US coal fleet, significantly increase energy storage capacity, and massively improve grid infrastructure

#### Transmission-focused policies will be critical to unlocking renewable potential

- Transmission line upgrades are needed to alleviate congestion in regions with high renewable penetration
- Western wind and solar require new transmission infrastructure to provide low-cost power to demand centers
- Offshore wind requires significant transmission upgrades along the coast to bring power to market
- Transmission investment is estimated to be over \$70-90 Billion for prioritized lines
- 50% renewables (Scenario 2) requires administrative action outlined in Scenario 1 to unlock renewables



# Administrative and legislative actions driving 50% renewable energy by 2030 can be a major source of economic stimulus

- 50% renewables by 2030 will catalyze nearly 1 million direct, high-paying direct jobs in construction, installation, operations, manufacturing and supply chain
- Average wholesale prices will remain stable throughout this 10-year period due to injection of low-cost renewables
- Grid reserve margins and reliability are preserved by significant additions of grid-level energy storage
- Total capital investment to reach 50% renewables approaches \$1 trillion by 2030.



### Wood Mackenzie developed three scenarios to study US renewable energy evolution

Scenarios are sequentially built upon the Base Case, which represents a significant expansion of renewables

#### **Base Case**

Wood Mackenzie Long Term Outlook



#### Scenario 1 Administrative Action



Scenario 2 50% renewables



#### Base case scenario is defined by Wood Mackenzie's 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2020 Long Term Outlook (LTO)

LTO is released twice per year to Wood Mackenzie subscription clients as the North American Power Service Federal Carbon case was utilized due to timing and availability. Carbon pricing does not begin until 2028, so has minimal impact on study Provides overview of power market fundamental development over a 30-year outlook (2020-2050) Data and analysis included: Capacity development, retirements, wholesale pricing Limited tariff impact on cost due to robust global supply chain; major impacts on labor costs not considered

#### Scenario 1 built upon the Base Case by adding infrastructure and renewable capacity:

- Onshore wind and solar on BLM land, informed by development projects that are in permit stage and available land
- Offshore wind expansion driven by acceleration of BOEM leases and accelerated permitting
- Defined transmission expansion, driven by known development projects, accelerated timelines for completion of 2030+ projects
- Generic transmission expansion, driven by observed congestion, price disparity and provide access to new renewable capacity

#### Scenario 2 built upon Scenario 1 to meet a nationwide objective of 50% renewables by 2030

- Accelerated retirement of all existing coal capacity nationwide
- Installation of new gas-fired capacity was halted, other than known late-stage development projects
- Replacement of retired fossil plants with sufficient renewable capacity to meet supply/demand imbalance •
- Renewable geographic distribution driven by relative economics, effective load carrying capacity (ELCC) and supply/demand imbalance •
- Addition of energy storage sufficient to ensure grid reliability and maintain target reserve margins •





### Scenario definitions, variables and constant assumptions

	Base Case	Scenario 1 – Administrative action	Scenario 2 – Nationwide renewable target
Description	<ul> <li>This case was developed using Woodmac's 2020 H1 Federal Carbon Case (2020 H1 FC).</li> <li>Can be viewed as WoodMac's most likely scenario, given current policy structure and outlook</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Federal government administrative action to enable:</li> <li>Transmission expansion</li> <li>Renewable expansion in federal land/water</li> <li>Accelerated permitting and removal of trade barriers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nationwide 50% Renewable Energy Standard</li> <li>Administrative action included in Scenario 1:</li> <li>Transmission expansion</li> <li>Renewable expansion in federal land/water</li> </ul>
Capacity buildout	<ul> <li>Future capacity build was the same as Woodmac's 2020 H1 FC Case</li> <li>Nuclear retirements were assumed as per NRC license expiry dates in NYISO and PJM</li> <li>Coal retirements are based on announced projects and economic analysis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wind and solar capacity on land leased by Bureau of Land Management (BLM)</li> <li>Acceleration of offshore wind installations</li> <li>Transmission expansion: <ul> <li>Accelerate planned transmission projects</li> <li>Provide access to new renewable build</li> <li>Ease congestion and high price disparity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nationwide constraint <ul> <li>No less than 50% renewable energy by 2030</li> </ul> </li> <li>Retirement of all remaining coal capacity by 2030</li> <li>Slowed capacity build for new gas capacity</li> <li>Future capacity build was changed and system rebalanced to reflect a reserve margin similar to the Base Case.</li> </ul>
Carbon price	<ul> <li>RGGI floor prices were the same as Woodmac's 2020 H1 NFC Case</li> <li>Virginia was not assumed to be part of the RGGI program for this analysis</li> <li>A modest federal carbon price was assumed starting in 2028 across the NERC footprint</li> </ul>	Same as Base Case	Same as Base Case
Fuel price	<ul> <li>Future fuel prices were assumed the same as Woodmac's 2020 H1 FC Case</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Future fuel prices were assumed the same as Woodmac's 2020 H1 FC Case</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Future fuel prices were assumed the same as Woodmac's 2020 H1 FC Case</li> </ul>
Electricity Demand	<ul> <li>Future electricity demand was assumed the same as Woodmac's 2020 H1 FC Case</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Future electricity demand was assumed the same as Woodmac's 2020 H1 FC Case</li> </ul>	Future electricity demand was assumed the same as Woodmac's 2020 H1 FC Case



Scenario capacity changes – 2020-2030 cumulative GW change



#### Massive renewable energy expansion was analyzed alongside significant fossil fuel retirements

Both scenarios make progress towards a greener grid, and a significant overhaul is required to reach 100% clean energy





US renewable energy and clean energy penetration, US % of generation

#### Capital spend required to reach 50% renewables within the next decade to exceed \$1 trillion

Nearly 1 million new direct jobs created by 2030 are related directly to construction, manufacturing and maintenance



Note: Capital cost includes cost of construction and installation only Job estimates created using NREL JEDI Tools and include direct jobs only Source: Wood Mackenzie woodmac.com

## 2. Scenario 1 – Administrative Action

Bold actions by the presidential administration can unlock renewable energy



#### Administrative action can enable doubling of renewable energy penetration by adding transmission and leveraging renewable resources on federal lands and water

Direct action by the federal administration can accelerate renewable energy expansion



The federal government can use administrative authority to expand renewable buildout, to achieve ~37% renewable energy nationally within the next decade.

#### **Prioritized actions:**

- Transmission expansion Improve planning and cost allocation for new transmission lines, increase interregional coordination for more cost-effective lines across seams, upgrade existing lines to increase capacity, and establish corridors to allow for federal siting of interstate lines
- Permitting Expediting environmental review timelines for renewable energy projects by adopting reasonable reforms to NEPA, accelerating permitting of renewables on public lands and waters, and creating fast-tracked "general permits" for low-risk renewable projects for wildlife permits.
- Federal land for renewables build Set a federal target for BLM and BOEM to authorize leases and grant permits for renewables on public lands and waters, respectively.
- **Federal procurement** Commit the federal government to purchase renewable energy as a significant portion of its electricity supply by 2030.
- **Increase competitiveness** Reform wholesale markets to allow renewables to compete fairly, remove undue trade barriers for renewable energy products, and support electrification of other sectors to increase demand for renewables.

Note: Renewable energy includes wind, solar, hydro, landfill gas, geothermal, biomass, municipal solid waste and pumped storage ISO/TSO abbreviations: WECC = Western Electricity Coordinating Council, SPP = Southwest Power Pool, NYISO = The New York Independent System Operator, PJM = PJM Interconnection ERCOT = Electric Reliability Council of Texas, MISO = Midcontinent Independent System Operator, FRCC = Florida Reliability Coordinating Council, SERC = SERC Reliability Corporation Source: Wood Mackenzie



Avg. hourly system load and net load (GWa\*\*)



#### Energy demand growth from EV's largely offset by increases in distributed generation

Distributed generation resources and energy efficiency measures effectively reduce net demand



Electrical Vehicles and Distributed Generation (GWa\*\*)

\* "Effective wholesale demand" is net of Energy Efficiency (EE), Electric Vehicles (EV), and Distributed Generation (DG); "Net load" is effective wholesale demand available to be served by non-renewable sources i.e. thermal resources



\*\* GWa = Annual GWh / number of hours in ayear

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#### Renewable energy installations to consume nearly all new construction and erode share of fossil plants

Significant growth in offshore wind and battery storage from nascent technologies to integral parts of US power grid



Source: Wood Mackenzie



#### Renewable energy contributions driven by expansion of onshore wind, solar and offshore wind

Significant expected coal retirements in PJM and MISO expected to be largely replaced by wind and solar





Note: Other renewables include landfill gas, biomass, municipal solid waste and geothermal

#### Electric transmission infrastructure expansion is key to achieving higher renewable energy goals

Transmission expansion represents over 70 new or upgraded lines, representing over 10,000 miles and \$70B in capital



Note: Costs include the identified interzonal transmission projects, in addition to transmission upgrades required within zones to accommodate additional capacity

Example transmission projects Wyoming renewables

> Multiple significant transmission projects in development phases to transport wind and solar energy from Wyoming to market in California

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#### **Midwestern wind**

Increased connection between 'wind belt' of Chicago and other population centers

#### Southwestern renewables

Transmission projects to link New Mexico and Arizona renewable energy to demand centers

#### **West Texas renewables**

USD \$70B cost estimate

Upgrades to relieve congestion between ERCOT West, North and South

#### **New England Offshore Wind**

New lines to distribute massive offshore wind build-out from Northeast cost into western portions of ISO-NE, NYISO and PJM



Source: Wood Mackenzie

#### Significant reduction in emissions driven by renewable energy displacing aging fossil plants

25%+ drop in carbon emissions from electricity generation puts the US on track for CPP targets





Fossil fuel plant retirement outlook - GW per year, Scenario 1



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Potential offshore wind expansion, Scenario 1, GW

#### Administrative action through BOEM can open leases and streamline permitting for offshore wind

Additional BOEM leases could deliver up to \$2B to the US Treasury, based on recent significant escalation in auction prices



Historical BOEM auction winning price and future forecast ('000 \$/km<sup>2</sup>)



Note: Forecasted BOEM prices estimated based on previous auction prices and state-level policy initiatives Source: Wood Mackenzie



#### BLM land is prime for renewables, but requires lease mechanism, transmission and streamlined permitting

Potential BLM capacity additions, Scenario 1, GW

Access to transmission will also be a pacing item for new development. Environmental permitting may present the biggest hurdle for renewable development on federal land.

Filed permits on Bureau of Land Management land and estimated capacity



Note: BLM land permits based on filed permits, estimated capacity based on stated capacity, acreage and regional impacts Source: Wood Mackenzie



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#### Power price trends: Wholesale power prices stabilize due to renewable energy injection

Retail rates exposed to utility recovery of added costs of transmission, distribution, retirements and capacity prices. Federal programs to absorb or fund these additional investments can help to mitigate impact to retail customers



Note: Annual average energy-only pricing at wholesale power hubs

Annual averages do not reflect seasonal or daily price volatility due to higher renewable penetration Source: Wood Mackenzie . LBNL

Note: Historic data from Lawrence Berkley National Labs Future retail forecast is illustrative only





Expected impact on retail prices, real 2020 c/kWh, US average

### Fossil fuels remain on the margin and will ultimately drive power price trends

Some markets will transition to pricing driven by zero-marginal cost renewables, but gas still plays a prominent role



Marginal fuel by technology (%) - PJM

Marginal fuel by technology (%) - WECC

Gas Cogen	Gas CC	Gas ST/CT	Oil	Dist. Solar	Net Flows	EVs
Hydro	Solar Utility	Wind	Storage	Coal	Nuclear	Other



#### Reserve margin becomes tighter with future coal and nuclear retirements as net peak demand grows

#### Renewable additions maintain reserve margin to consistently be above system planning reserve margin



Installed capacity changes\*\* (GW) – Scenario 1

Peak Demand (GW) left axis, Reserve Margin (%) right axis - Scenario 1

Generic	Gas Cogen	Gas CC	Gas ST & CT	Oil	Solar Distributed	Net Flows	<b>Electric Vehicles</b>
additions	Hydro	Solar Utility	Wind	Storage	Coal	Nuclear	Other

•	Storage, solar and wind additions form majority of new future additions		<ul> <li>Reserve margin gets tighter even though there are substantial renewable additions owing to decreasing effective load carrying capability (ELCC) for solar</li> </ul>	) r		
*Adjusted Reserve margin = (Reliable Capacity + Supply Side Adjustments)/(Net Peak Demand + Demand Side Adjustments) – 1						

\*\* Only includes firm and generic retirements and additions

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Scenario 1 economic development opportunity

#### Total capital investment within the US from renewable energy and transmission expansion

Renewable build-out will deploy \$690 billion in capital over 10 years, with ~25% spent local to the installation regionAdditional impacts to local economies include tens of billions in local tax payments and land lease paymentsTotal capital investment, USD Billions – Scenario 1Estimated local region capital investment – Scenario 1





Note: Capital includes construction of power plants and transmission, but does not include induced affects or other benefits to local economies Source: Wood Mackenzie, NREL JEDI tools



Total investment wind and solar - Cumulative capital investment, 2020-2030, Scenario 1

### Total capital investment across all wind and solar distributed across the country

States with renewable energy targets lead investment, while regions with abundant renewable resources see growth





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### Nationwide direct jobs impact from renewable energy increases – Scenario 1

Renewable growth has potential for hundreds of thousands of new direct jobs related to construction, O&M and supply chain Indirect jobs not quantified include induced jobs within local economies

**Construction / technicians** – Annual direct jobs, construction and O&M – Sc1

Supply chain – Annual direct jobs in factories, distribution and development, Sc1

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#### Total job growth is highly focused locally to installation centers

Distributed solar presents the highest potential for job growth in Scenario 1, due to widespread adoption



2030 direct jobs, wind and solar - Direct job creation, 2030 annual, Scenario 1





## 3. Scenario 2 – Nationwide 50% Renewable Energy Target

Setting a nationwide 50% renewable energy goal presents many challenges and opportunities

Scenario 1 (administrative action and transmission expansion) is incorporated in Scenario 2

**Renewable energy penetration, by region** – Scenario 2, %

### 50% renewable goal is attainable with additional policy anchored on strong administrative action

#### Imposing a 50% nationwide renewable target will have diverse regional affects and will require policy that favors renewables



Note: Renewable energy includes wind, solar, hydro, landfill gas, geothermal, biomass, municipal solid waste and pumped storage

#### **Reaching 50% renewable energy requires widespread fossil retirements**

- Nearly all coal plants must be retired nationwide by 2030 to reach 50% target
- New gas plants are delayed, other than advanced-stage projects
- Federal policy initiatives to accelerate retirements and eliminate new gas construction are needed to reach 50% nationwide renewable energy
- Significant expansion of renewable capacity will require policies that streamline permitting, development and provide favorable economics to renewable assets
- **PJM** (Mid-Atlantic) will require over 50GW of coal retirements
  - · Fossil fuels replaced with over 120GW of wind and solar
  - Over 60GW of energy storage capacity required to maintain reliability
- MISO (Midwest) Nearly 60GW of coal plants retirements required
  - Renewable energy capacity additions of over 100GW, 30GW of storage
- WECC (West) Western region renewable penetration to grow to nearly 80%
  - Nation's highest levels of renewable penetration only expected to grow with fossil retirements and additional renewable additions
- Southeast FERC (Florida) and Southeast (SERC) remain at the bottom of renewable energy penetration, despite over 70GW of solar capacity addition
  - Over 50GW of coal is retired, but significant amount of nuclear remains



#### Widespread coal retirements and slowed gas additions are necessary to reach 50% renewables target

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Phase-out of coal is critical to reaching majority renewables, in addition to significant growth in battery storage for reliability



Source: Wood Mackenzie

**Renewable penetration by technology** – Scenario 2



#### Renewable energy contributions driven by expansion of onshore wind, solar and offshore wind

Significant expected coal retirements in PJM and MISO are expected to be largely replaced by wind and solar





Note: Other renewables include landfill gas, biomass, municipal solid waste and geothermal Source: Wood Mackenzie

#### Significant reduction in emissions driven by renewable energy displacing aging fossil plants

Over 60%+ drop in carbon emissions is due to widespread coal retirements and renewable energy build



Other fossil Gas

Coal

Fossil fuel plant retirement outlook – GW per year, Scenario 2



Source: Wood Mackenzie

#### Power price trends: Average wholesale power prices stabilize due to renewable energy injection

# Wholesale prices are lower on average due to higher penetration of low-cost renewable sources, but volatility in daily and seasonal prices will likely rise due to increased supply of variable generation

Annual average power prices – wholesale hub price (real 2020 \$/MWh)



Does not reflect hourly or seasonal price volatility that may be imposed by higher renewable energy penetration levels Source; Wood Mackenzie





#### Coal retirements will create expanded role for gas in many markets for setting marginal prices

Variable resources of wind and solar have limited contribution as a marginal fuel, despite massive capacity build-out



Marginal fuel by technology (%) – PJM – Scenario 2

Marginal fuel by technology (%) – WECC – Scenario 2

Gas Cogen	Gas CC	Gas ST/CT	Oil	Dist. Solar	Net Flows	EVs	
Hydro	Solar Utility	Wind	Storage	Coal	Nuclear	Other	

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Installed capacity changes\*\* (GW), Scenario 2

#### Preserving reserve margins requires significant investment in over 180 GW in energy storage

#### Retirement of coal plants nationwide require significant investment in renewables and energy storage to meet peak demand



Generic	Gas Cogen	Gas CC	Gas ST & CT	Oil	Solar Distributed	Net Flows	Electric Vehicles
additions	Hydro	Solar Utility	Wind	Storage	Coal	Nuclear	Other

•	Coal retirements are replaced by renewables and storage plants to avoid	
	dramatic reduction in available reliable capacity	

• Storage, solar and wind additions form majority of new future additions

 Reserve margin gets tighter even though there are substantial renewable additions owing to decreasing effective load carrying capability (ELCC) for solar

\*Adjusted Reserve margin = (Reliable Capacity + Supply Side Adjustments)/(Net Peak Demand + Demand Side Adjustments) – 1

\*\* Only includes firm and generic retirements and additions

Souce: Wood Mackenzie





Scenario 2 economic development opportunity

### Total capital investment by technology

Renewable build-out will deploy over \$1Trillion in capital over 10 years, with ~25% spent local to the installation region



Total capital investment, USD Billions – Scenario 2



Estimated local capital investment, USD Billions – Scenario 2

Note: Capital includes construction of power plants and transmission, but does not include induced affects or other benefits to local economies Source: Wood Mackenzie, NREL JEDI tools





### Total capital investment across all wind and solar distributed across the country

Scenario 2 shows further investment in onshore wind, utility solar and offshore wind, while regional focus remains consistent







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Source: Wood Mackenzie

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#### Nationwide direct jobs increase by 791,000 from renewable energy increases – Scenario 2

Reaching 50% renewable energy will foster a new industry of technicians, manufacturers and maintenance



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#### Scenario 2 acceleration of onshore wind and solar further reinforces job growth in Midwest

Reaching 50% renewables requires significant addition of onshore wind leading to a surge in job creation





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## 4. Renewable energy supply chain impact

Global supply chains have matured for wind and solar manufacturing

Scenario 2 will strain US domestic supply chain and require manufacturing investment

### Onshore wind supply chain is fully globalized, but will require local investment to meet goals

Scenario 1 is unlikely to attract new factories due to a mature supply chain that is delivering record installs in 2020. 50% renewable target (Scenario 2) will likely require significant investment in US factories to meet aggressive growth Onshore wind annual installation outlook, GW New record wind years of 2020 and 2021 set up US for success:

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• New installations of ~15GW expected in 2020 due to expiring PTC

- Few significant project delays, despite impact of COVID on global supply chain
- Existing US wind manufacturing is focused on large components:
  - Blades 7 Midwest US blade facilities are augmented with imports
  - Towers Large components and logistics cost provide US advantage
  - Nacelle assembly US factories provide assembly for nearly all nacelles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> tier of supply chain draws from a broad US supply base
  - Concrete, rolled steel, cables and bolts have solid US supply base
- Scenario 1 volumes can likely be obtained without additional factories
  - Next-generation turbines may require expansion of blade and nacelle factories
  - Scenario 1 volumes unlikely to attract sub-component suppliers
- 50% renewable target creates significant demand for onshore wind
  - · Peak installs grow to nearly 3X previous record values
  - Additional manufacturing capacity may be re-opened or invested in:
    - Blade facilities expansion or re-opening of retired plants
    - Mothballed plants may re-open Gearbox, nacelle, tower and blade facilities that closed during the last PTC downturn may find new life

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#### US wind supply chain has demonstrated resilience and flexibility during coronavirus pandemic

Lack of local content requirements and global supply diversification enabling record installs in the United States

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US gearbox imports by country of origin, 2020 (metric tons)

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# US offshore installs will create USD 36B wind turbine supply chain opportunity, warranting new local investments

US Offshore turbine supply chain's cumulative addressable market potential, 2020-2028e

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Note: The annual addressable market value includes the average turbine pricing projections inclusive of the O&M contracts for turbines and components Source: Wood Mackenzie

- The turbine supply chain plays a critical role in lowering offshore wind's LCOE.
- US states are working to lure developers and turbine OEMs with GW scale contracts/leases
  - Northeastern states are competing for a pivotal role in the offshore wind supply chain
  - Turbine OEMs, in conjunction with component suppliers, are expected to set up facilities in Northeastern states
- Turbines and components for early projects (2022-23) will be imported from Europe, but local investment will occur after this time
- Significant opportunity exists outside of installation regions for supply chain
  - Ship and port operations leveraging gulf coast and southeast expertise
  - Component supply chain in Southeast
     and MidWest

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#### Global solar supply chain is in the midst of massive increase in manufacturing capacity to meet demand

Need for core solar PV modules and inputs will be satisfied from growing Asian supply base

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### Domestic opportunities exist for solar supply chain for balance of plant components and development

Modules and inverters will comprise less than 30% of cost by 2025, 'other' costs will remain stable, open to US supply

Cost contributions for utility scale solar installation, \$/Watt, DC

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Domestic solar supply chain opportunities are abundant

Massive increase in solar installations will require US supply chain support

- Structural components racking systems, fencing, tracking mechanisms present strong opportunities for US-based lean manufacturing
- Civil construction concrete, rebar, road construction will be sourced to local companies and EPC providers
- Electrical components cabling, conduit, transformers will require both domestic manufacturers and overseas supply with US distribution channels
- Logistics Storage, transport and distribution of modules and other components

Development and labor expenses will remain in the US

- Permitting, land acquisition and other development activities will continue to be supported by local and regional teams
- Installation and service labor a significant source of direct job growth

Note: Balance of System (BOS) includes electrical BOS, structural BOS, civil costs

Development expenses include permitting, taxes, design and engineering, logistics, miscellaneous, overhead and margin Modeled U.S. Utility Single-Axis Tracking Ground Mount System \$/DC (10 MW, blended module, central inverter pricing) Source: Wood Mackenzie

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# 5. Methodology appendix

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Wood Mackenzie power system modelling leverage significant experience across multiple commodity expertise within the WoodMac group to forecast impact on pricing, supply and demand

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### North American Power Market Fundamental Analysis

- Wood Mackenzie's power market modelling leverages an integrated analysis across the value chain across our North America and Global Macroeconomic and fuels market teams that provide detailed data and analytics feeding into our view of NorthAmerica Power and Renewables markets.
- Wood Mackenzie utilizes the Aurora XMP® production cost simulation tool for energy price forecasting in the North America power markets. Using Aurora XMP®, Wood Mackenzie performs a focused, plant-by-plant analysis on an hourly basis against hourly demand projections for every modelled power market zone, taking into account power plant operational characteristics and inter-zonal transmission constraints. Currently, Wood Mackenzie has broken the North American market into 99 power market zones, reflecting the inter-zonal transmission constraints. Energy market clearing prices are set at an hourly level using least cost dispatch based on generating unit marginal cost of production and operational characteristics. Zonal energy flows (imports and exports) are determined based on a combination of least cost dispatch and inter-zonal transmission path ratings.
- Wood Mackenzie's fundamental analysis of the power markets is based on our proprietary North American power market supply and demand assumptions. These assumptions have been refined over many years relying on the knowledge and expertise of the power team as well as input from power clients that include many major industry players. Below is a description of the major forecast assumptions developed by Wood Mackenzie and continuously updated and within our simulation dataset.
  - Power plant cost and technical characteristics have been developed and are continuously being updated based on historical unit performance reports (e.g. EPA CEMS and EIA reports) and typical generator characteristics given plant age, technology and manufacturer. Such characteristics include power plant location, fuel type, size, efficiency/heat rates, variable operating and maintenance (O&M) costs, emission rates, planned maintenance and forced outage rates, ramp rates, start costs and fixed O&M costs.
  - » 23 technology types covered

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### North American Power Market Fundamental Analysis Continued...

Biomass	Coal Conv	Coal Conv CCS	Coal IGCC	Coal IGCC CSS	Distillate
Gas CC	Gas Cogen	Gas Peaking	Gas Steam	Geothermal	Hydro
Storage	Landfill Gas	Municipal Solid Waste	Nuclear	Other Non-	Other Renewable
				Renewable	
Fuel Oil Steam	Hydro Pump	Wind	Solar	Batteries	

- » Named power plant entry and retirement assumptions are being updated on a frequent basis based on continuous tracking of industry publications, regulatory permitting progress, ISO and RTO planning information, power plant developer and plant owner announcements related to new plant additions and old plant shutdowns or mothballs.
- » Long-term Generic power plant retirements determined on semi-annual basis relying on an evaluation of the plant's age, efficiency and expected economic performance.
- » Long-term generic plant additions assumptions also updated twice a year based on the regulatory drivers (renewable portfolio standards) and financial incentives (loan guarantees, tax credits, feed-in tariffs) promoting certain generation alternatives such as renewable and nuclear generators; plant economics levelized costs, CONEs, Net Cone by region and technology; and regional/sub-regional reliability (reserve margin) requirements.
- Short-term and long-term power demand forecasts by power zone based on a combination of a proprietary demand forecast model projecting monthly energy and peak demand and hourly load shapes calculated from actual historical hourly loads reported by load serving entities (LSEs). Long-term annual energy and peak demand forecasts are updated twice a year and short-term projections on a quarterly basis reflecting Wood Mackenzie's current economic growth and GDP assumptions and recent demand trends. Electricity demand forecasts are also adjusted based on our estimates of incremental energy efficiency and demand response based on our extensive research and analysis of ISO/RTO reports, provincial, state and LSE initiatives and other relevant sources. Wood Mackenzie proprietary demand models also incorporate incremental distributed solar and electric vehicle demand (distributed solar not embedded in historical loads), large industrial addition and losses (for e.g. start of a new ethylene or electric drive LNG liquefaction capacity or closure of large aluminium smelters). Daily shapes for these factors is embedded in the model to reflect of time of day impact.

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### North American Power Market Fundamental Analysis Continued...

- Inter-zonal transmission path ratings, wheeling rates and losses are estimated utilizing information from ISOs, RTOs, transmission coordination groups, transmission system coordinators and transmission owner OASIS websites. Transmission expansion assumptions are determined based on an evaluation of development activity in light of ISO/RTO transmission planning efforts, regulatory permitting and construction progress Wood Mackenzie also frequently evaluates the zonal configuration topology for the North American power markets to reflect inter-zonal transmission congestion, mostly affecting power prices for major hubs and zones.
- » Natural gas, oil and coal fuel prices and emission allowance price projections based on the results of our integrated and iterative multi-commodity modelling of the North American and global energymarkets.
- Coal and gas prices are modelled specific to ever asset utilizing Wood Mackenzie's North America Coal (PRISM) and Gas models (GPCM). These models interact with Global coal and gas modules to model international coal and gas market dynamics. Specific to North America, pricing for pipelines and basis is the result of detailed iterative market modelling with the final results based on the GPCM market model. Wood Mackenzie identified the specific natural gas pipelines that individual gas-fired plants are connected to, or the most likely primary gas pipeline supply if a power plant is connected to a Local Distribution Company (LDC) network instead of an interstate pipeline. This was accomplished using information from the Eastern Interconnect Planning Collaborative (EIPC) gas-electric coordination study, new reports from the Energy Information Administration, and a review of individual pipeline company electronic bulletin boards. The pipeline assignments were then used to refine and expand the assignment of "Liquid" trading hub points or "delivered" interstate pricing points. For example, rather than using the same natural gas price point for every gas-fired plant in the PJM AEP power zone, we have several different gas hub assignments depending upon the pipelines or LDCs that plants are connected to (Appalachia, Chicago, Lebanon, MichCon, Dominion, TETCOM3).

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### North American Power Market Fundamental Analysis Continued...

- This update also reflects a more granular modeling of delivered natural gas prices in the Canadian provinces that captures the current distance-based transportation tariff charges along the TransCanada pipeline east of Alberta and the influence of the Emerson hub (in addition to AECO and Dawn and Iroquois) on these pricing dynamics. For example the Manitoba gas price reflects the influence of both AECO and Emerson hubs, while there are delivered multiple gas prices in the Ontario footprint rather than a single "Dawn" price.
- For gas-fired plants connected to a LDC, the modeling also includes unit-specific LDC price adders representative of power or interruptible gas transportation tariff rates for over 120 different gas LDCs in the U.S. and Canada (previously the only 3 LDCs were modeled in California).
- Coal prices are reflected on an asset level (reflecting basin prices, transport costs, coal blending ratios) utilizing the PRISM Coal Market model. More detail is provided in the Coal section.

#### CO2 Modelling

» Clean Power Plan Modelling: Wood Mackenzie has developed EPA targets that can be applied at any level of topology from states, to power systems/zones/areas to ISOs or NERC regions. Once the CPP caps were determined and the generators were assigned accordingly, we model the CPP constraints in the Aurora simulation model. To do this we use the Aurora emissions constraint logic, with the annual emissions caps by Interconnect beginning in 2022 declining each year through 2030, and then held constant through 2035. Wood Mackenzie worked extensively with EPIS to refine the Aurora model constrained logic to produce a true "Shadow Price" for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (\$/ton) that is required to keep annual emissions at or below the CPP caps in each Interconnect. The shadow price computed by Aurora is then assumed to represent the allowance cost that generators will pay in each Interconnect in order to emit CO<sub>2</sub>, and because coal generators produce more than double the CO<sub>2</sub> per MWh than NGCCs, higher CO<sub>2</sub> prices force more coal-to-gas switching and lowers CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

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### North American Power Market Fundamental Analysis Continued...

» Regional Programs – example RGGI: Similar to the CPP CO<sub>2</sub> constraints, we model the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO<sub>2</sub> market explicitly in Aurora through 2021 before the Eastern Interconnect CPP constraint takes over. To do this we specified the annual RGGI cap and historical prices as well as the yearly Floor Price (Auction Reserve Price) that is the minimum price up until the Cap is reached. Once the annual cap is reached the price can rise up to the Cost Containment Reserve price at which point another 10,000,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> are available at that price. Once those allowances are consumed then the RGGI price can continue rising. This gives us to model the dynamic nature of RGGI prices under different scenarios such as a high nuclear retirement case, for example.

#### Renewables Modeling

- **> Hourly Solar Power Profiles**: Wood Mackenzie's solar modeling reflects significantly more granularity for 91 separate PVWatts1 weather stations. Based upon the State-Zone combination where a solar facility is located, it is assigned to one of these 91 stations with utility-scale facilities receiving a single-axis tracking profile and DG solar facilities receiving a rooftop solar profile assuming a south-facing 10 degree fixed-tilt orientation. The solar profiles also include several Canada weather stations. Each of these profiles is modeled as a 24-hour pattern that is repeated daily, but varies by month, representing the typical average solar generation day per month. The exception to the above remains California, where for utility-scale solar we reflect historical/actual hourly (8760) solar patterns for Northern and Southern California from 2012-2015, with repeating normalized patterns reflecting those historical years used during the forecast period. DG solar in California has been revised to use the new 12x24 PVWatts rooftop solar shapes.
- **Hourly Wind Power Profiles including History:** Wood Mackenzie's power modeling reflects historical hourly 8760 data at least back to 2011 and up through 2015 for Alberta, Ontario, ISO New England, MISO, PJM, SPP, and ERCOT.
  Since MISO recently started to provide separate wind generation reporting for MISO North and MISO Central, we have captured this additional granularity as well. Within the MISO, PJM, and SPP footprints we also "tune" the hourly profiles at the monthly level to produce the historical state-level monthly wind capacity factors based upon EIA data. For example, SPP Missouri wind farms in our modeling produce at a much lower capacity factor than SPP Nebraska wind farms even though both are tied to the same hourly profile. We also "tune" wind generation for WECC Colorado and WECC New Mexico to produce state-level capacity factors reflective of the SPP 8760 hourly profile based upon geographic proximity.

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#### INPUT OUTPUT <u>Supply</u> ≽ Existing Demand Transmission > Energy Sales Growth Zone Definition Identified Additions Peak Load Growth Transmission Path Generic Additions Hourly Load Shapes Ratings Energy Prices Mark et Heat Rates Retirements Wheeling Rates ➤ Losses Spark Spreads Power Plant Detail Demand Drivers Aurora® Reserve Margins Hourly NAPS Generation Trends Capacity Prices Caplacity Dispatch inancial Asset Values FuelConsumption Heat Rate GDP Growth Model Plant Revenues Model Energy Efficiency Technology Generation Costs Fuel Prices Demand Response Emission Quantities Emissions Rates 10/eather Transmission Flows Variable O&M Equipment Saturation Fixed O&M Population Forced Outages Prices Maintenance. Net Firm Contracts NAPS NAPS, PVT

### North America Power Market Analytics Framework

#### • Pricing Forecast

- » Wood Mackenzie's North America Power Service applies a three-part price forecasting approach independently estimating the value of marginal production costs, scarcity premiums borne by market fundamentals, and capacity pricing within each simulated power market area. The general description of this three-part forecast methodology:
- » Short run marginal costs are calculated within Aurora XMP® for every hour during the simulated study period based on the marginal cost of production of the unit setting the price including variable O&M, fuel, emission and start costs.
- » An exogenous dispatch-to-price model is used to back-cast historical scarcity bidding that markets have exhibited. This is determined by observing the hourly market clearing heat rates versus an assumed "capped" heat rate (e.g. assuming production costs alone) level that is commensurate with peaking facilities. A regression between historical supply-demand margins and historical scarcity rents is used to forecast future scarcity based upon the fundamental reserve margin forecast. This methodology also incorporates changes to scarcity pricing rules like Operational Reserve Demand Curves (ORDCs), among other.
- » Capacity prices are estimated reflecting current market design of centralized markets like RPM in PJM, ICAP in NYISO, FCM in ISONE, RAR in MISO. For other markets capacity prices are reflective of new entry cost compensation as reserve margins fall below long term reserve margin level. In general, Wood Mackenzie's projected capacity prices represent capacity values that generators typically extract from organized installed capacity (ICAP) markets and capacity payments in bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs).

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# North America Power Market Zonal Simulation Topology

Review of Wood Mackenzie Forecasting Methodology

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- Using Aurora XMP®, Wood Mackenzie performs a focused, plant-by-plant analysis on an hourly basis against hourly demand projections for every modelled power market zone, taking into account power plant operational characteristics and inter-zonal transmission constraints.
- Wood Mackenzie has broken the North American market into 99 power market zones, reflecting the inter-zonal transmission constraints.

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# **Topology Map Key Reporting Regions and Pricing Zone Names**

	Wes	tern Interconnect		Eastern Interconnect							
Market	Region	Pric ing Zones	Number	Market	Region	Pric ing Zones	Number	Market	Region	Pric ing Zones	Number
	Alberta AESO	Alberta AESO	60			MISO BREC	37		NDCC Maritimas	New Brunswick	1
	British Columbia	British Columbia	74	1		MISO Illinois	42		NPCC Manumes	Nova Scotia	90
		California-Oregon Border (COB)	80			MISO Indiana	38		NPCC Ontario	Ontario IESO	3
		Lower Columbia	79	l õ	MISO Central	MISO Michigan	39		NPCC Quebec	Hydro Quebec	2
		MidC	76			MISO Missouri	96			ISONE Maine	4
		Montana	61	5		MISOWUMS	40			ISONE New Hampshire	5
	PINV	PNW Oregon West	78	Ë.		MISO Iowa	41		Γ	ISONE Vermont	6
		PNW Spokane	77		MISO North	MISO MDU	92			ISONE Mass West	7
		PNW Washington West	75	6		MISO Minnesota	43		INPCCISO New Fundament	ISONE Mass Hub	8
		Idaho East	69	<u></u>		MISO Arkansas	53		England	ISONE Mass Boston	9
		Idaho Southwest	71	∣≥	MISO South	MISO Mississippi	98	ast l		ISONE Mass Southeast	10
	WECC NWPP	Nevada North	81	1		MISO Texas Louisiana	97	e	thea	ISONE Connecticut	11
	Basin	Mead	82	1	MRO Manitoba	Manitoba Hydro	45	듣		ISONE Rhode Island	12
	-	Utah	68		SPP WAUE	SPP Dakotas	44	9		NYISO Zone A	13
it l		Wyoming NWPP	63	ဖ	SPP South	SPP Kansas East	54	2	NPCC New York	NYISO Zone B	14
e e		Wyoming RMPA	62	l s =		SPP Kansas West	94			NYISO Zone C	15
3	WECC Rockies	Colorado East	64	ĒŠ		SPP SouthwesternPS	93			NYISO Zone D	16
		Colorado West	65	500		SPP South Hub	95			NYISO Zone E	17
		Four Corners	66	ы п g	SPP Nebraska	SPP North Hub	55	ISO		NYISO Zone F	18
	WECC AZNM	New Mexico	67		MRO SaskPower	SaskPower	46		NYISO Zone G	19	
		Arizona	70		FRCC SERC East	FRCC	51			NYISO Zone H	20
		Palo Verde	73	st I		North Carolina	47			NYISO Zone I	21
		Intermountain Power Project	72	ğ		South Carolina	91			NYISO Zone J	22
	WECC California	LADWP	85	Ē		LGE-KU	48			NYISO Zone K	23
	Munis	Imperial Irrigation District	86	j ž	SERC North	TVA	49		PJM South	PJM Dominion	27
		BAofNorCal TID	99	ы М		AECI	52			PJM East	24
		CAISO NP15	83		SERC Southeast	Southern	50		D INA Mid Atlantia	PJM PPL Meted	25
	WECC California	CAISO ZP26	84							PJM BGE PEPCO	26
	ISO	CAISO SP15	87							PJM Penelec	28
		CAISO SDG&E	88	1						PJM Allegheny Power	29
	WECC Baja Mexico	Baja North	89					Σ		PJM Duquesne Light	30
	ERCC	T Interconnection						2		PJM AEP	31
Market	Region	Pric ing Zones	Number						D IMANA/aat	PJM FirstEnergy	32
		ERCOT Houston	56						PJM West	PJM Dayton PL	33
<b>⊢</b>		ERCOT North	57							PJM Duke OHKY	34
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l X		ERCOT South	58							PJM EKPC	36
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**Results** 

# **Review of energy transmission lines addition methodology**

Inputs previously discussed are used in the Aurora Hourly Dispatch Model

### Inputs

- NERC's database of 10-year projections • for new transmission line projects
  - Large database of Tx projects officially registered by NERC member transmission planning entities
  - Over 15,000 miles of transmission ٠ considered, with many lines accelerated in time from expected COD dates
- Transmission Congestion Tool •
  - Summarized view of the congestion costs ٠ caused by the capacity of each link or import/export limit.
  - Identified new generic transmission • required by congestion or significant price disparity

### **Aurora Hourly Dispatch Model**

- Aurora uses a network with nodes defined by links. Each link has a nominal carrying capacity limit.
  - By adding a line connecting the nodes, we expand these carrying capacities
  - The carrying capacity of DC transmission connections are taken from project websites
- Zonal energy flows (imports and exports) are determined based on a combination of least cost dispatch and inter-zonal transmission path ratings

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# **Review of energy price forecast methodology**

Inputs previously discussed are used in the Aurora Hourly Dispatch Model

### Inputs

- Supply: Existing, identified additions, generic additions, retirements
- Demand: Energy sales growth, peak load growth
- Transmission

### **Aurora Hourly Dispatch Model**

- Energy market clearing prices are set at a hourly level using least cost dispatch based on generating unit marginal cost of production and operational characteristics
- Zonal energy flows (imports and exports) are determined based on a combination of least cost dispatch and interzonal transmission path ratings

### **NAPS Financial Model**

- Capacity prices
- Asset values

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# **Review of energy price forecast methodology**

Wood Mackenzie's North America Power Service applies a three-part price forecasting approach

# Value of marginal production costs

- Short run marginal costs are calculated within Aurora XMP® for every hour during the simulated study period.
- Based on the marginal cost of production of the unit setting the price including variable O&M, fuel, emission and start costs.

# Scarcity premiums borne by market fundamentals

- An exogenous dispatch-to-price model is used to back-cast historical scarcity bidding that markets have exhibited.
- A regression between historical supplydemand margins and historical scarcity rents is used to forecast future scarcity based upon the fundamental reserve margin forecast.

#### And capacity pricing

- Wood Mackenzie's projected capacity prices represent capacity values that generators typically extract from:
  - Organized installed capacity (ICAP) markets
  - And capacity payments in bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs).

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No energy

standard

10% - 25%

26% - 50%

51% - 100%

## **Renewable/clean energy standards by state**

Nine states have raised their goals since 2018. RPS will drive more utility scale PV in the next five years

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\*CO goal of 100% clean energy requirement for qualifying retail utilities with 500k customers or more \*\*MA goal of 15% renewables by 2020 and an additional 1% each year after

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