

E3 WestTEC Capacity Expansion Results

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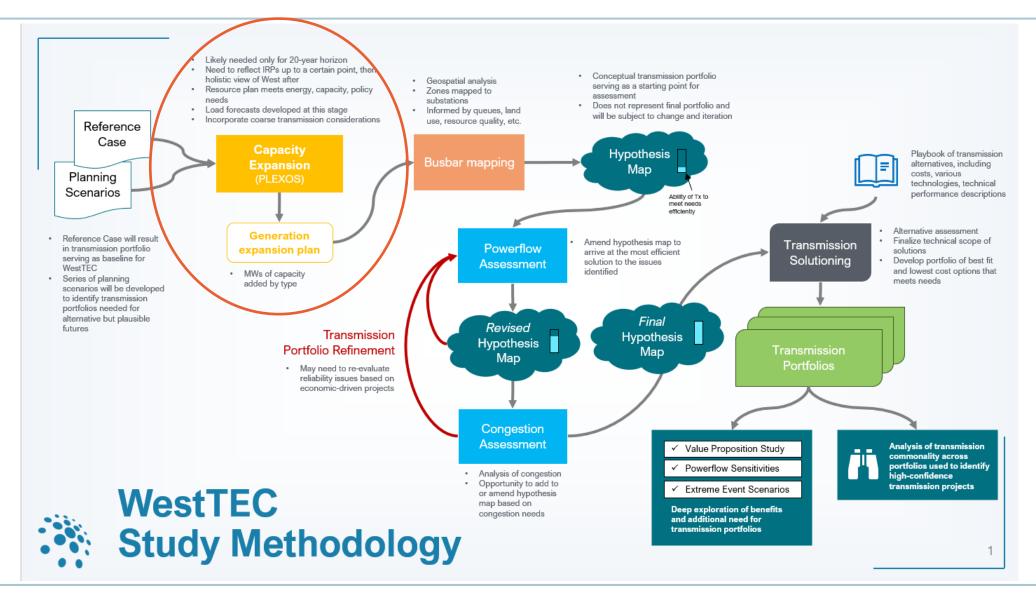


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Analytical Background and Scenario Definition

Capacity Expansion Role in WestTEC Project Workflow



Overview of Capacity Expansion Analysis

- + E3 is leading the capacity expansion analysis, utilizing the PLEXOS LT model to co-optimize intrazonal generation and storage resource portfolios, and inter-zonal transmission resources over the entire Western Interconnection.
- + The optimization will create portfolios that will incorporate the following in each of the modeled zones:
 - Meet hourly load and reserve requirements
 - Respect policy and voluntary goals
 - Respect resource availability limits
 - Result in the lowest Western-system-wide capital, dispatch, and penalty costs (if applicable)
- + The goal of the capacity expansion analysis is to create 20-year resource portfolios for each zone, which:
 - incorporate generation, load, and transmission information from the 10-year study as base inputs
 - utilize new load forecasts data that are being developed using a bottom-up approach
 - utilize the latest generation, storage, and transmission resource costs and performance assumptions
 - utilize scenario analysis to consider multiple potential future realities

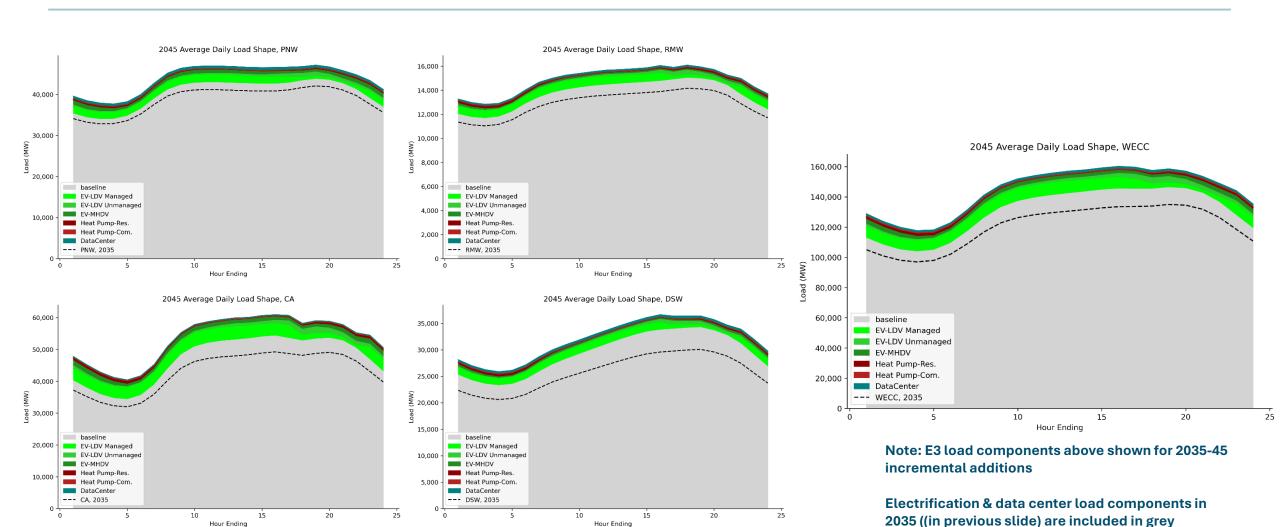
20-Year Reference Scenario Definition

- + The 20-Year Reference Scenario optimizes resource and transmission expansion for 2035 and 2045
 - The optimization samples 72 days per year with 24 hours per each sample day
- + This 20-Year Reference Scenario uses a load forecast that has a 2.2% CAGR between 2025 and 2045, building on the load forecast used in the 10-Year Reference Scenario
- + The clean energy standard (CES) adopted represents only the mandatory CES across all the jurisdictions in the WECC
 - No voluntary utility or balancing area CES commitments are modeled
 - In jurisdictions with no mandatory clean energy standards, all clean energy levels (as a percent share of load) that are achieved by 2035 (in the reference case) are assumed to be preserved through 2045
 - CA, WA, and OR have carbon prices of \$57/metric ton in 2035 and \$106/metric ton in 2045 (nominal \$)
- + Planning reserve margin (PRM) requirements are modeled at a regional level using the perfect capacity (PCAP) method, which can be met by (a) resources located within that region or (b) remote resources selected and specifically dedicate to serve load in that region; regional PRM targets are:
 - CA 15.6%
 - Pacific Northwest 5.6%
 - Rockies 10.8%
 - Desert Southwest 12.9%

Key Inputs



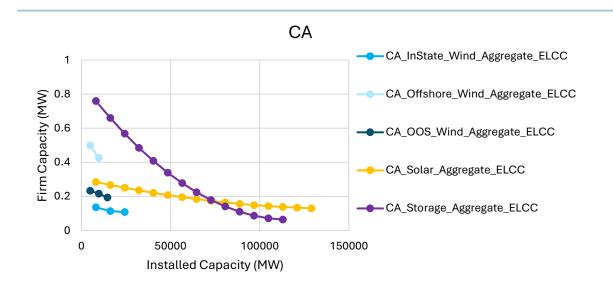
2045 Loads are stacked over the 10-Year Reference Scenario Loads

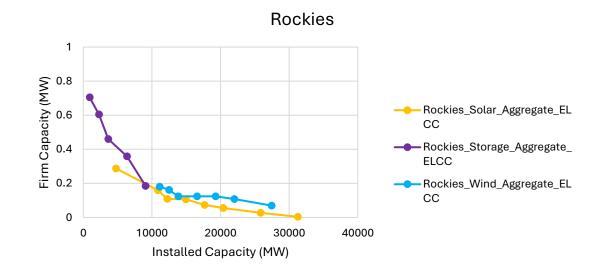


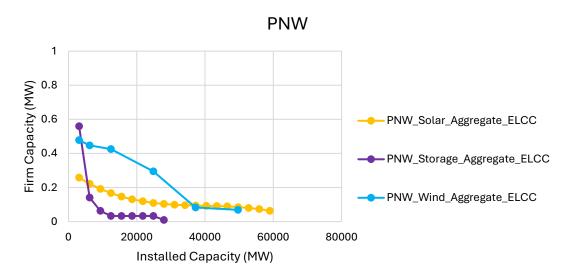


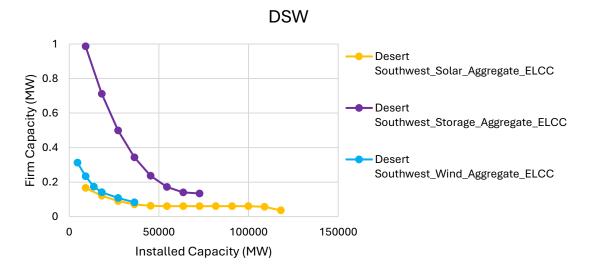
"baseline" area (broken out in next slide)

Marginal ELCC Curves by Region for Achieving PRM Requirement





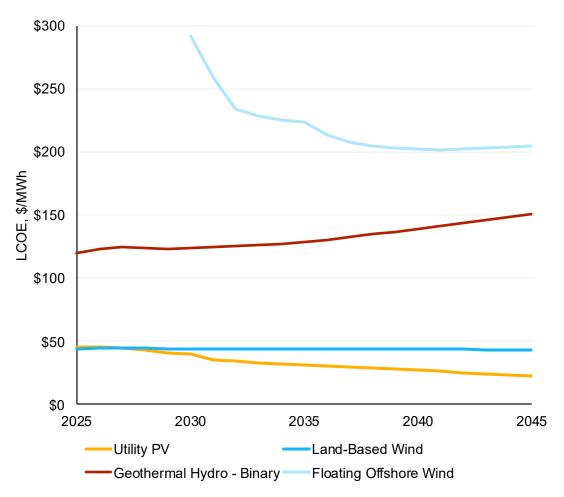




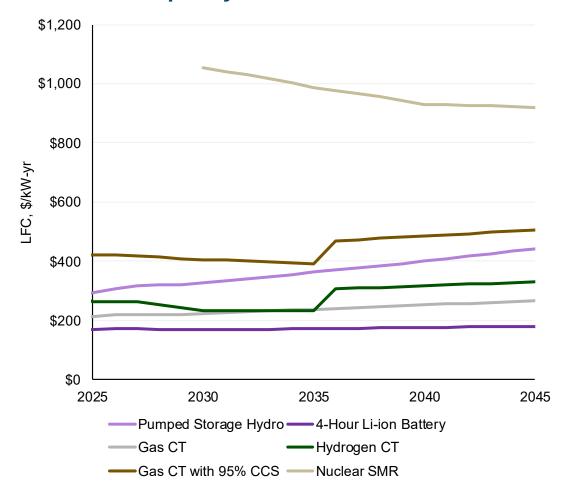
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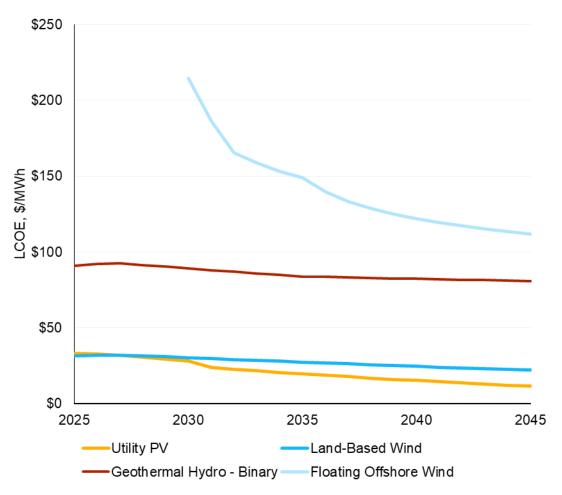
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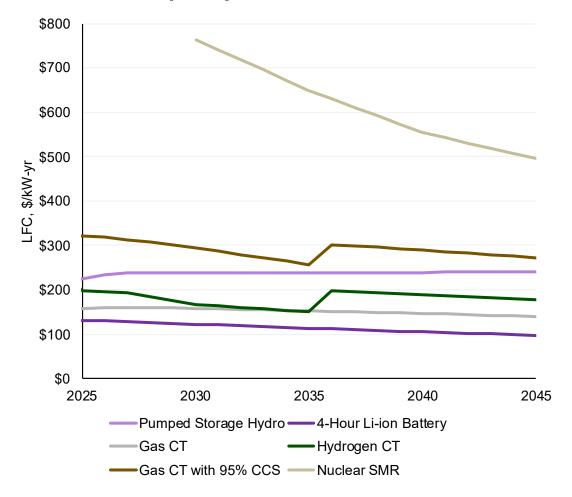
Real-Levelized Resource Costs (Average Across Regions), 2023\$

Years correspond to Project COD (Vintage)

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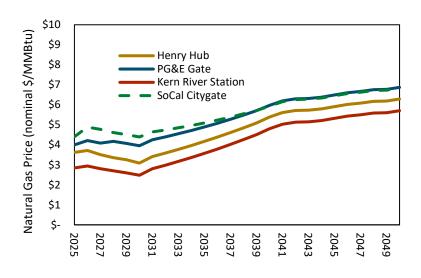


Candidate Resource Availability

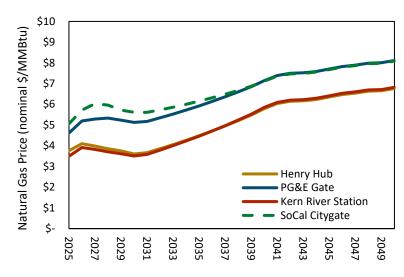
Technology	Notes
Solar	
Wind	Excluded west of Cascades (PNW_NW and PNW_SW)
Offshore Wind	Specific project locations
Geothermal	Specific project locations
EGS	Specific project locations
Pumped Hydro	Specific project locations
Li-ion Battery	
Gas CT	Excluded from CA, WA, OR
Hydrogen	Not available until 2045
CCS	Excluded from CA, WA, OR
Nuclear SMR	Excluded from CA and OR

Fuel Price Forecast

Summer Gas Price (Nominal \$/MMBtu)



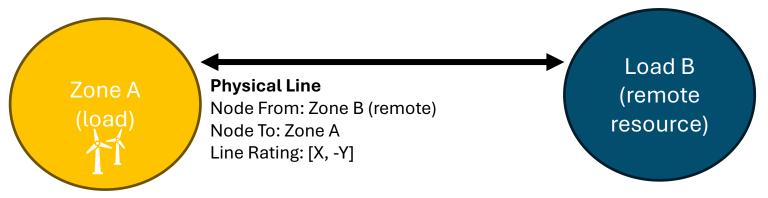
Winter Gas Price (Nominal \$/MMBtu)



- Core gas prices derived using a combination of forwards in the near-term and AEO fundamentals-based forecasts for the longer term
 - Monthly SNL forwards for Henry Hub used through 2028
 - Past 2028, Henry Hub forecast is trended to EIA forecasts by 2040
- + For all other hubs, monthly basis differentials are derived from SNL forwards in the near term
 - 3 years of monthly basis derived from forwards are averaged and assumed to hold constant through the forecast

Out-of-state/remote resource modeling

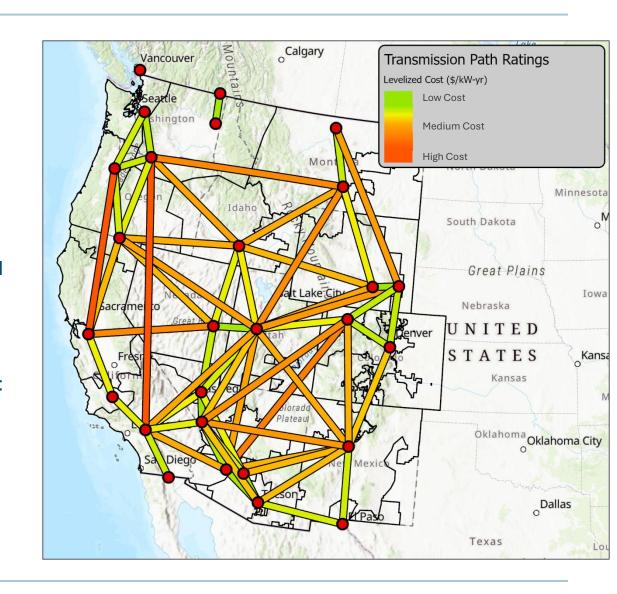
+ Out-of-state resources are placed in the load zone they are contracted to serve, rather than their physical remote zone, in the model. However, the transmission capacity required for the resource to flow from the remote zone to the load zone (which reduces headroom on the transmission line for other flows) is accounted for using the following constraint:



- Subtract remote wind generator's generation from the line rating
 - Physical Line Flow Coefficient * 1 + remote wind Generator Generation Coefficient * 1 <= X
 - This should not be applied to candidate remote gen that comes with dedicated new Tx
 - Can be applied to multiple lines in a selected path between the load zone and the remote resource zone

Transmission Expansion Costs Methodology

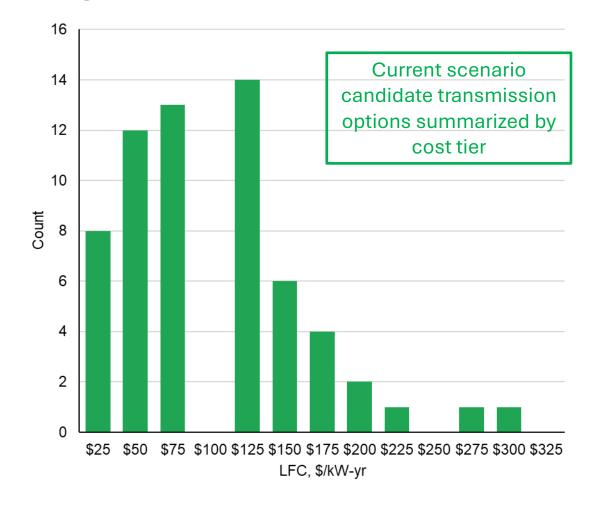
- Identify a major high-voltage substation within each PLEXOS region to represent each region as a single node (presented previously)
- Calculate the straight-line path between each region's representative node
- 3. Calculate routing distance multipliers that consider both greenfield and existing ROW alternative paths¹
- 4. Using single-circuit compensated 500-kV per unit costs and transfer capabilities from MISO 2024 MTEP ² with the line distance, adjusted by routing multipliers (from 3), for overnight project costs in \$/MW
- 5. Using the cost levelization parameters from the CPUC Draft I&A,³ to then calculate the LFC (2024 \$/kW-yr) for each line using the overnight projects costs (from 4) and additional regional cost adjustments



Transmission Cost Benchmarking

- + The generic transmission expansion costs we calculated were consistently in alignment with costs shown for certain in-development reference projects including:
 - SWIP North
 - New ONLine
 - Transwest
 - SunZia

Histogram of Candidate Transmission Costs





Resource Expansion Results

Total Resource Capacity and Generation Summaries

2045 Total Resource Capacity

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		Customer		Offshore	Battery					Pumped						
WECC - US	Solar	Solar	Wind	Wind	Storage	Geothermal	Hydro	Hydrogen	Nuclear	Hydro	Gas CCS	Gas	Dil	Coal	Other	Total
Baseline Capacity																
(10-yr Reference Portfolio)	103,411	56,943	74,104	3,855	67,243	6,255	52,250	-	5,433	6,860	-	70,415	1,726	4,111	260	452,867
2035 Selected Candidate																
Resource Capacity																
(Incremental to Baseline)	383		16,432									2,925				19,740
2045 Selected Candidate																
Resource Capacity																
(Incremental to Baseline and																
2035 Selected)	86,731		36,969	676	22,693			7,654		50)	9,022				163,795
2045 Total Capacity	190,525	56,943	127,505	4,531	89,936	6,255	52,250	7,654	5,433	6,910	-	82,362	1,726	4,111	260	636,401

For simplicity, "Baseline Capacity" above includes the existing/planned resources remaining online in 2045 in the 10-yr Reference Portfolio. While the model does not optimize for economic retirement, it accounts for planned retirements of some baseline resources from 2035 to 2045, which can be found by comparing the next two slides.

2035 Total Resource Capacity (MW) (10-yr Reference Portfolio + Selected Candidate Resources)

+ Note

- Generators built for a remote load center are included in the origination zone. E.g. NM wind for CA shows up in PNM.
- There are 5 regional capacity/PRM zones – CA, PNW Core, Rest of PNW, DSW, and Rockies. Resources built in any of the regions within the same capacity zone can contribute equally to meeting that region's PRM.
- + Total builds in 2035 largely reflect portfolios identified in the 10-Year Reference Scenario with some additional wind resources added primarily based on economics
 - Model runs intertemporally so 2035 builds include consideration & anticipation of 2045 needs and value

	Solar	Customer Solar	Wind	Offshore Wind	Battery Storage	Geothermal	Hydro	Hydrogen	Nuclear	Pumped Hydro	Gas CCS	Gas	Oil	Coal	Other	Total
CA																
WECC_CA-NP15+	7,113	11,228	4,710	931	7,113	1,275	8,699	-	-	2,047	-	12,658	335	-	694	56,80
WECC_CA-SP15+	34,252	16,909	13,805	-	30,391	3,483	1,585	-	-	2,302	-	18,216	59	25	762	121,78
WECC_CA_PGandE_ZP26	5,778	4,728	411	2,924	1,974	-	28	-	-	-	-	3,209	-	-	44	19,09
PNW NW																
BPA-NW	-	-	6	-	4	-	238	-	-	-	-	850	-	-	230	1,32
PNW Core NW	-	-	0	-	-	-	677	-	-	-	-	1,586	-	-	-	2,26
PugetSound	16	1,059	1,423	-	1,992	-	368	-	-	400	-	1,493	3	-	35	6,78
SeattleCL	-	73	-	-	-	-	844	-	-	-	-	3	12	-	5	93
TacomaPower	-	27	-	-	-	-	697	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
PNW NE																
Avista	19	46	609	-	1	-	1,252	-	-	-	-	753	3	-	131	2,81
BPA-NE	828	-	5,530	-	1,215	-	20,165	-	1,151	314	-	615	-	-	27	29,84
ChelanCountyPUD	-	1	-	-	-	_	1,984	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,98
DouglasCountyPUD		2	-	-	-	-	840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
GrantCountyPUD	280	3	144	-	-	-	2,192	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	2,61
PACW-NE	1,246	942	4,026		940	-	2	-		-	-	464	-	-	-	7,62
PNW Core_NE	1,890	-	10,237			-	1,104	-	-	-	-	924	-	-	-	14,15
PNW SW	_,		,				_,_,									,
BPA-SW		-	_	-	-	_	1,913	_	-	_	-	235	-	-	121	2,26
PACW-SW	3	-	-		_	-	269		-	-	-	-	-	-	163	43
PNW Core SW	0	-	_	_	_	_	-			_	-	-	-	-	-	
PortlandGeneral	81	145	334	_	645	_	241			_	-	-	-	-	19	1,46
PNW SE	01	1.0			0.0										10	2, 10
BPA-SE	679	15	_	_		38	2			_		-	-	-	-	73
PACW-SE	565	-	21		_	-	15			_	-	-	-	-	-	60
PNW Core SE	1,811	-	2,516	-	_	_	482			_	-	590	-	-	-	5,39
Rest of PNW	1,011		2,010				.02					000				0,00
IdahoPower	2,397	154	3,399	-	1,055	36	2,344	_		_	-	723	5	-	35	10,14
NWMT	418	171	3,253	-	100	-	751			-	-	186	-	1,587	132	6,59
PacificorpEast	5,118	2,077	2,631	-	844	484	281			_		3,811	28	2,730	109	18,11
PacificorpEastWY	92	133	11,581		660	-	4		345	-	-	2,762	1	1,711	112	17,40
MISO	02	200	11,001		000		·		0.0			2,702	_	1,711		27,10
North Dakota Wind (forced	-in)		3,000													3,00
DSW	,		0,000													0,00
NevadaNorth	6,192	151	150	-	2,380	903	1			_		1,530	-	219	3	11,52
NevadaSouth	3,982	1,667	-	-	2,473	4	1,039			_	-	4,981	-	-	13	14,16
AZPublicService	8,103	3,765	2,902	-	3,819		-,000		3,937	_	-	6,469	1,086	-	25	30,10
ElPasoElectric	1,888	162	159		1,141	_				_	-	1,091	2		54	4,49
PublicServiceNM	4,350	527	7,959	_	2,856	29	62	_		_	-	1,680	31	_	2	17,49
SaltRiverProject	11,837	1,270	880	-	4,635	-	80		-	1,176	-	9,003	2	-	-	28,88
TucsonElectric	2,408	478	1,003		1,956	_	-			40	-	1,316		415	3	7,61
WAPA_LwrCO	3,682	144	680	-	275		2,746	-		-		1,552	-	- 413	-	9,07
Rockies	3,002	144	000	-	2/3		2,740			_		1,002				5,07
PublicServiceCO	4,757	2,765	9,992	_	2,707	5	33			342		5,992	51	-	32	26,67
WAPA_ColMo	1,680	2,763	748	-	609	-	1,368	-	-	239	-	886	100	-	6	5,80
WAPA_ColMo_WY	1,000	104	3,113	-	009		1,300	-	-	239	-	2,008	100	1,822	1	6,95
WAPA_COIMO_WY WAPA UprMO	-	12	3,113	-	0	-	226	-	-	-	_	2,008	5	1,022	2	36
WAFA_UPINU	111,466	48,818	95,332	3,855	69,783	6,255	52,533	-	5,433	6,860	-	85,595	1,732	8,509	2,757	498,92

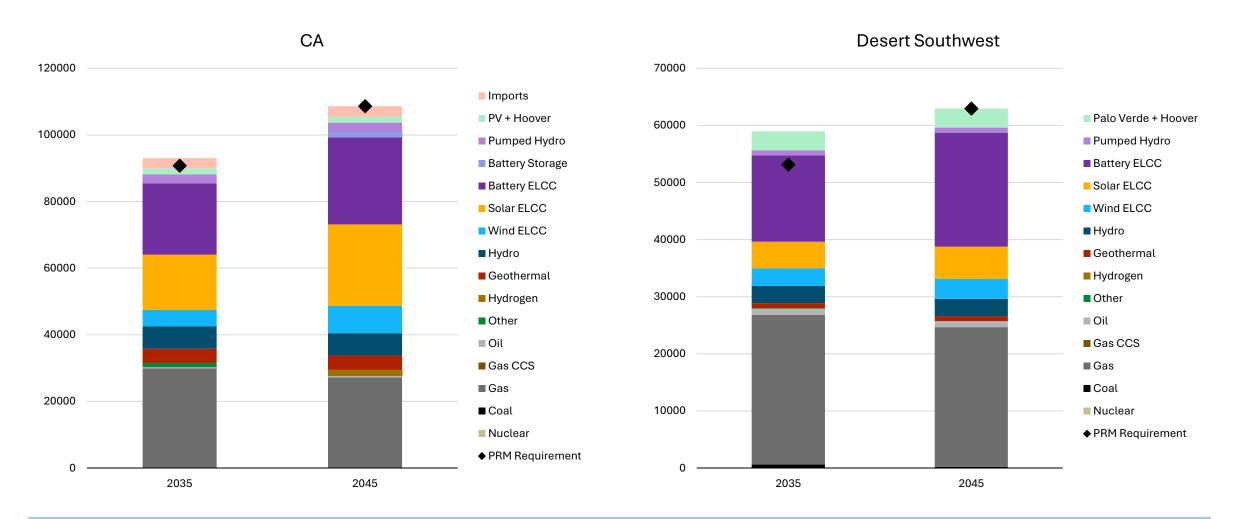
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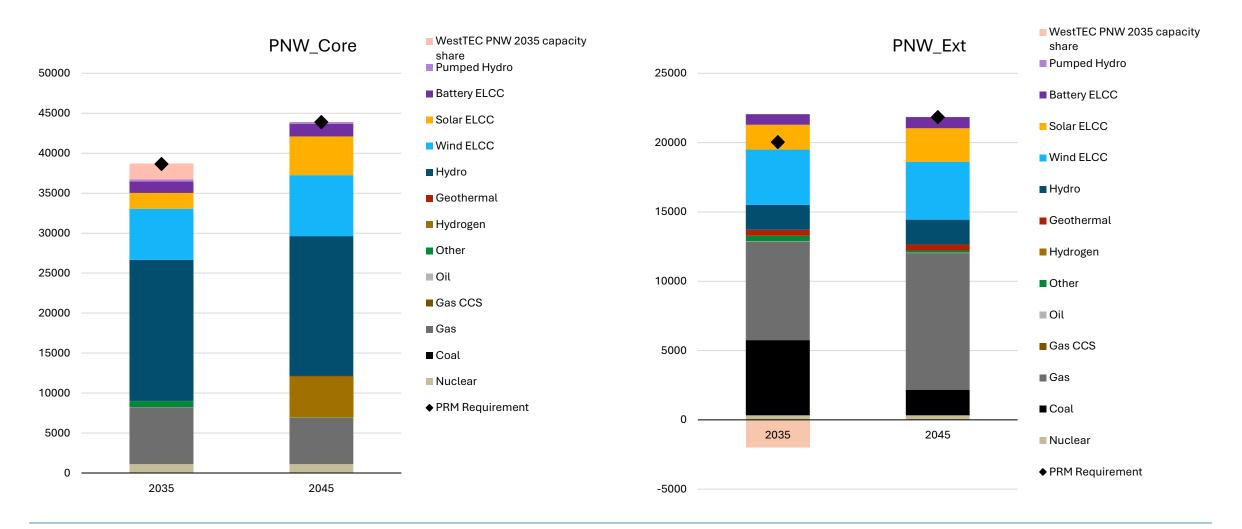
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 any of the regions within the same
 capacity zone can contribute equally to
 meeting that region's PRM.
- + Total builds in 2045 represent significant resource additions relative to 2035, with a diverse set of generation and capacity resources

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CA																
WECC_CA-NP15+	24,555	12,809	7,813	1,607	12,111	1,275	8,699	2,182	-	2,047	-	11,561	335	-	3	84,99
WECC_CA-SP15+	41,119	19,766	15,385	-	36,055	3,483	1,585	0	-	2,352	-	16,757	57	25	97	136,68
WECC_CA_PGandE_ZP26	17,606	5,601	1,885	2,924	3,633	-	28	0	-	-	-	2,664	-	-	-	34,34
PNW NW																
BPA-NW		-	6	-	4	_	238	-	-	-		850	-	-	2	1,10
PNW Core NW	-	-	0		-	_	512	0	-	-	-	1.109	-	-	-	1.62
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SeattleCL	_	82	-	-		-	844	-	-	-		3	12	-	-	94
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BPA-NE	818	-	5,530		1,215	_	20,125	-	1,151	314	-	615	-		2	
ChelanCountyPUD		1	-	_		_	1,984	-	-,101	-		-		-	-	1,98
DouglasCountyPUD	_	3	-	_		_	840	_	_	-	-	_	_	-	-	84
GrantCountyPUD	280	4	144		-	_	2,192	_	-	-			-	-		2,62
PACW-NE	946	1,130	3,976		940		2,132	_		_		464	_		-	7,45
PNW Core NE	15,920	1,130	16,954				1,104	0				924				34,90
PNW SW	13,320	-	10,554	-	•	-	1,104	U		-	-	324	_	_	_	34,30
BPA-SW		_	_	_	-		1.909	_	_	_	-	235			_	2,14
PACW-SW	3	_					203			-		- 233				2,14
PNW Core SW	1,005	_		_			203	5,472		-						6,47
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PNW SE	01	1/4	334	-	643	-	241	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1,47
BPA-SE	679	16	_	_	_	38	2	_		_		_				73
		10	21			- 30		-		-	-				-	59
PACW-SE PNW Core SE	565	-			-	-	12 482	- 0	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	
_	10,247	-	2,516	-	-	-	482	U	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	13,34
Rest of PNW	0.007	400	7.004		4.055	00	0.044					700	-			40.70
IdahoPower	2,397	169	7,031		1,055	36	2,344	-	-	-	-	723	5	4 507	-	13,76
NWMT	418	198	4,702		100	-	751	-	-	-	-	186	-	1,587	38	
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PacificorpEastWY	92	143	12,408	-	660	-	3	-	345	-	-	5,043	1	-	112	18,80
MISO																0.00
North Dakota Wind (forced	1-IN)		3,000													3,00
DSW		4=0	450		0.045	000								0.40		40.70
NevadaNorth	5,912	170	150		2,615	903	1	-	-	-	-	737	-	219		10,70
NevadaSouth	2,882	1,924	1,485		2,193	4	1,039	-	-	-	-	2,611	-	-	-	12,13
AZPublicService	8,103	4,568	4,044		4,702	-	-	-	3,937	-	-	5,073	1,086	-	-	31,51
ElPasoElectric	5,086	196	1,433		3,445	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,138	2	-	4	-
PublicServiceNM	4,797	652	9,631		2,386	29	62	-	-	-	-	4,501	31	-	-	22,08
SaltRiverProject	10,697	1,474	880		3,658	-	80	-	-	1,176	-	8,995	2	-	-	26,96
TucsonElectric	11,599	564	873		7,580	-	-	-	-	40	-	1,155	-	-	-	21,81
WAPA_LwrCO	3,622	187	680	-	662	-	2,746	-	-	-	-	1,552	-	-	-	9,44
Rockies																
PublicServiceCO	8,052	3,225	11,602	-	3,031	5	33	-	-	342	-	5,043	48	-	-	31,38
WAPA_ColMo	3,580	187	4,697	-	609	-	1,368	-	-	239	-	886	100	-	-	11,66
WAPA_ColMo_WY	0	-	5,468	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,212	10	1,822	-	10,51
WAPA_UprMO	-	16	110	-	0	-	226	-	-	-	-	7	5	-	-	36
Total	190,525	56,943	127,505	4,531	89,936	6,255	52,250	7,654	5,433	6,910	-	82,362	1,726	4,111	260	636,40

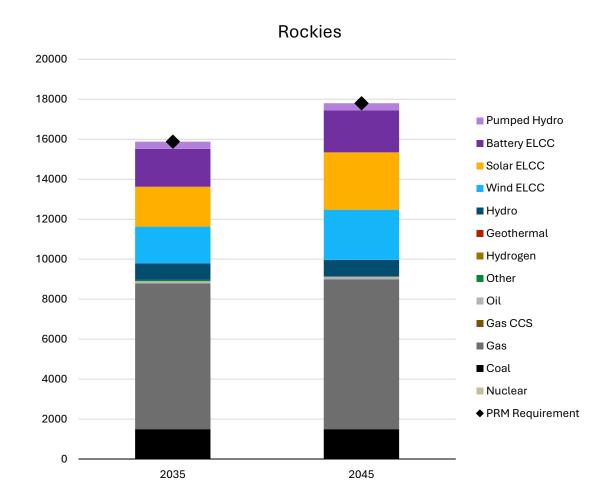
PRM



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2035 Total Resource Generation (GWh) (10-yr Reference Portfolio + Selected Candidate Resources)

+ Note

- For this energy generation summary, the generators built for a remote load center are included in the load delivery zone. E.g. NM wind for CA shows up in CA.
- + The significant portion of generation is from renewable resources
 - Fossil generation accounts for about 15% of total generation

	Solar Cu	ustomer Solar	Wind 0	Offshore Wind E	attery Storage	Hydro(Geothermal H	lydrogen	Nuclear	Pumped Hydro C	as CCS	Gas	Coal	Oil	Other	Total
CA					,	,		,								
WECC_CA-NP15+	19,265	20,681	13,986	1,739	(1,232)	20,957	6,124		-	(760)	-	19,266	-	-	4,957	104,98
WECC CA-SP15+	87,782	31,144	48,078	-	(8,265)	4,188	26,210	-	-	(1,351)	-	8,005	66	-	4,842	200,69
WECC_CA_PGandE_ZP26	13,957	8,708	1,159	11,482	(539)	74			-	(=,===,		4,468	-	-	302	39,61
PNW NW	20,007	0,. 00	2,200	,	(000)							1,100				00,01
BPA-NW	_		18	-	(0)	874	-			-		1,596	-	-	1,626	4,114
PNW Core NW	0	_	2,144	-	(0)	1,949	_		-	_		2,681	-	-	-	6,774
PugetSound	28	1,610	5,443	-	(47)	1,133	-		_	(12)	-	3,176	-	-	236	11,560
SeattleCL	-	111	-	-	-	2,663	_		-	-		6	-	-	34	2,81
TacomaPower	-	41	-	-	-	2,368	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	2,409
PNW NE		71				2,000										2,40
Avista	38	70	2,038	-	(0)	4,476	_			_		1,116	-		889	8,626
BPA-NE	1,683	-	15,541		(191)	73,922	-		8,282	(186)		570	-	-	189	99,809
ChelanCountyPUD	-	2	-		(131)	9,856				(180)		-	-		-	9,857
		3				-				-		-				-
DouglasCountyPUD GrantCountyPUD		5	392			4,451					- :	-	-	-	-	4,454 11,183
GrantCountyPUD PACW-NE	502					10,284	-	- :		-	- :		-	-	-	
	2,752	1,432	9,073	-	(138)	6			-			1,704				14,829
PNW Core_NE	3,265	-	30,787	-	(0)	3,482	-	-	-	-	-	1,062	-	-	-	38,59
PNW SW						7.040										7.00
BPA-SW		-	-	-	-	7,012	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	893	7,92
PACW-SW	5	-	-	-	-	773	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,217	1,99
PNW Core_SW	0	-	-	-	(0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(
PortlandGeneral	150	220	1,161	-	(22)	668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	2,286
PNW SE																
BPA-SE	1,556	25	-	-	-	7	288	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,875
PACW-SE	1,395	-	45	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,484
PNW Core_SE	3,738	-	7,455	-	(0)	1,339	-	-	-	-	-	1,454	-	-	-	13,986
Rest of PNW																
IdahoPower	4,180	253	10,347	-	(337)	9,495	271	-	-	-	-	542	-	-	212	24,964
NWMT	623	261	6,821	-	(45)	4,364	-	-	-	-	-	133	244	-	650	13,052
PacificorpEast	11,790	3,822	8,106	-	(241)	1,050	3,640	-	-	-	-	6,930	2,805	-	760	38,662
PacificorpEastWY	108	219	37,986	-	(362)	3	-	-	2,186	-	-	24	82	-	354	40,600
MISO																
North Dakota Wind (forced-in))		10,776													10,776
DSW																
NevadaNorth	16,407	279	370	-	(705)	3	6,793	-	-	-	-	1,665	414	-	21	25,245
NevadaSouth	11,888	2,760	0	-	(899)	1,766	26	-	-	-	-	10,174	-	-	91	25,807
AZPublicService	15,740	7,436	7,898	-	(1,198)	-	-	-	27,127	-	-	1,388	-	-	165	58,556
ElPasoElectric	5,624	316	617	-	(300)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,335	-	6	403	9,000
PublicServiceNM	8,977	1,028	31,375	-	(974)	102	220	-	-	-	-	2,985	-	-	10	43,72
SaltRiverProject	32,087	2,508	3,662	-	(1,347)	113	-	-	-	(659)	-	6,276	-	-	-	42,64
TucsonElectric	7,029	944	2,785	-	(504)	-	-	-	-	(30)	-	15	537	-	17	10,79
WAPA_LwrCO	7,502	241	1,768	-	(85)	7,330	-	-	-	- 1	-	529	-	-	-	17,28
Rockies																
PublicServiceCO	11.407	4,629	34,092	-	(675)	110	34	-	-	(199)		11,225	-	-	251	60,87
WAPA_ColMo	4,057	275	3,239	-	(161)	4,048		-	-	(160)	-	1,270	-	-	41	12,60
WAPA_ColMo_WY	0	-	4,114	-	(0)	-	-	-	-	- (100)	-	150	573		6	4,84
WAPA_UprMO	-	18	335	-	(0)	619	-		-	_	-	0	-		11	98
Total	273,535	89.041	301,611	13,221	(18,269)		43,606	-	37,594	(3,356)	-	90,769	4,721	6		1,030,29

2045 Total Resource Generation (GWh) (10-yr Reference Portfolio + Selected Candidate Resources)

+ Note

- For this energy generation summary, the generators built for a remote load center are included in the load delivery zone. E.g. NM wind for CA shows up in CA.
- + Even more of the total generation is from renewable resources
 - Fossil generation now accounts for less than 10% of the total generation

	Solar Cu	ıstomer Solar	Wind Of	fshore Wind Ba	ttery Storage	Hydro G	eothermal I	Hydrogen	Nuclear F	Pumped Hydro G	as CCS	Gas	Coal	Oil	Other	Total
CA																
WECC_CA-NP15+	68,258	23,593	26,828	5,029	(3,786)	20,904	5,766	417	-	(1,233)	-	7,008	-	-	4	152,786
WECC_CA-SP15+	109,050	36,407	77,001	-	(10,347)	4,257	26,287	0	-	(1,539)	-	4,450	0	-	357	245,922
WECC_CA_PGandE_ZP26	20,380	10,316	5,128	9,249	(1,216)	74	-	0	-	-	-	1,058	-	-	-	44,988
PNW NW																
BPA-NW	-	-	18	-	(1)	861	-	-	-	-	-	968	-	-	10	1,856
PNW Core_NW	0	-	7,352	-	(0)	1,920	-	0	-	-	-	784	-	-	-	10,056
PugetSound	29	1,930	5,359	-	(213)	1,155	-	-	-	(91)	-	812	-	-	-	8,981
SeattleCL	-	125	-	-	-	2,624	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2,751
TacomaPower	-	43	-	-	-	2,270	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,313
PNW NE																
Avista	39	74	1,808	-	(0)	4,425	-	-	-	-	-	535	-	-	-	6,883
BPA-NE	1,198	-	12,354	-	(438)	72,788	-	-	7,872	(407)	-	450	-	-	2	93,819
ChelanCountyPUD	-	2	-	-	-	9,816	-	-	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	9,818
DouglasCountyPUD	-	5	-	-	-	4,434	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,438
GrantCountyPUD	456	6	306	-	-	10,243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,011
PACW-NE	2,070	1,718	7,733	-	(271)	5	-	-	-	-	-	464	-	-	-	11,719
PNW Core_NE	31,027	-	55,343	-	(0)	3,431	-	0	-	-	-	674	-	-	-	90,475
PNW SW			,		, ,	,										
BPA-SW	-	-	-	-	-	6,904	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	6,913
PACW-SW	5	-	-	-	-	762	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	767
PNW Core_SW	2,225	-	-	-	(0)	-	-	967	-		-	-	-	-	-	3,192
PortlandGeneral	153	264	1,141	-	(97)	657			-		-	-	-	-	5	2,124
PNW SE			_,		(,											
BPA-SE	1,108	26	-	-	-	7	288	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,429
PACW-SE	1,411	-	45	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
PNW Core SE	16,665		7,479	-	(0)	1,317	-	0	-		-	0	-	-	-	25,461
Rest of PNW			,		ν-7	,										
IdahoPower	5,461	278	10,643	-	(277)	9,265	272	0	-	-	0	745	-	-	-	26,386
NWMT	904	302	7,697		(32)	4,350			-		-	111	471	-	181	13,984
PacificorpEast	21,721	4,300	7,626	-	(261)	1,034	3,651	0	-		0	6,828	760	-	7	45,668
PacificorpEastWY	134	235	36,660	-	(284)	3		-	2,219		0	242	-	-	355	39,565
MISO					(== -,7				_,							
North Dakota Wind (forced-in)		6,109													6,109
DSW			,													-,
NevadaNorth	16,783	314	394	-	(764)	3	6,813	-	-	-	0	677	719	-	-	24,938
NevadaSouth	8,767	3,186	4,657	-	(812)	1,764	26	-	-	-	0	7,205	-	-	-	24,794
AZPublicService	18,817	9,022	10,173	-	(1,446)	-	-	-	27,133	-	-	3,252	-	-	-	66,951
ElPasoElectric	12,469	382	4,951	-	(1,120)	-		-	-	-	0	1,893	-	0	27	18,602
PublicServiceNM	10,633	1,272	21,931	-	(791)	102	220			-	0	2,124	-	-	-	35,491
SaltRiverProject	31,236	2,911	3,588	-	(975)	113	-		-	(674)	-	14,667	-	-		50,865
TucsonElectric	27,368	1,114	2,085	-	(2,375)	-	-			(29)	-	17	-	-		28,180
WAPA_LwrCO	9,567	313	1,617	-	(199)	7,279	-	-	-	-	-	2,393	-	-		20,970
Rockies	0,007	210	2,027		(130)	,,_,						2,000				20,570
PublicServiceCO	19,512	5,400	39,414	-	(941)	111	34	0		(272)	0	4,931	-	-	-	68,189
WAPA ColMo	4,380	313	17,600	-	(247)	4,021	-	-		(207)	-	742	-	-	-	26,602
WAPA_ColMo_WY	0	-	3,895	-	(0)		-	0	-	- (207)	0	152	807	-		4,853
WAPA_UprMO	-	24	333	-	(0)	627	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-		984
Total	441,826	103,875	387,265	14,278	. ,	177,571	43,358	1,384	37,224	(4,452)	0	63,192	2,757	0	947	1,242,332

Incremental Selected Capacity (Beyond 10-Year Reference Portfolio)

2035 Selected Candidate Resource Capacity (MW) (Incremental to 10-yr Reference Portfolio)

- + The model choses to primarily add wind beyond the resources in the 10-year Reference portfolio
 - Note: Generators built for a remote load center are included in the origination zone. E.g. NM wind for CA shows up in PNM.
 - Model runs intertemporally so 2035 builds include consideration & anticipation of 2045 needs and value
- The optimization also adds some capacity resources in the PNW and in the Rockies, which are capacity short
 - There are 5 regional capacity/PRM zones CA, PNW Core, Rest of PNW, DSW, and Rockies. Resources built in any of the regions within the same capacity zone can contribute to the regional PRM.
 - Busbar mapping and powerflow analyses will determine the final placement of gas and hydrogen capacity resources within regions

								_			
	Solar	Wind	Offshore Wind	Battery Storage	Geothermal	Hydrogen	Nuclear	Pumped Hydro	Gas CCS	Gas Gas	Total
CA											
WECC_CA-NP15+	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
WECC_CA-SP15+	-	(0)	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	(0)
WECC_CA_PGandE_ZP26	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
PNW NW											
PNW Core_NW	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
PNW NE											
PNW Core_NE	0	4,170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,170
PNW SW											
PNW Core_SW	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
PNW SE											
PNW Core_SE	383	2,516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,899
Rest of PNW											
IdahoPower	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
NWMT	-	617	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	617
PacificorpEast	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
PacificorpEastWY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,335	1,335
MISO											
North Dakota Wind (force	ed-in)	3,000									3,000
DSW											
NevadaNorth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NevadaSouth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
AZPublicService	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
ElPasoElectric	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
PublicServiceNM	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
SaltRiverProject	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TucsonElectric	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAPA_LwrCO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Rockies											
PublicServiceCO	-	3,981	-	0	_	_	-	-	-	0	3,981
WAPA_ColMo	-	0	-	0	-	_	-	-	_	0	0
WAPA_ColMo_WY	-	2,147	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	1,590	3,737
WAPA_UprMO	-	-	_	0	-	-	-	_	-	-	0
Total	383	16,432	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	2,925	19,740

2045 Selected Candidate Resource Capacity (MW) (Incremental to 10-yr Reference Portfolio)

- + Solar and wind comprise the bulk of new resource additions
 - **Note:** Generators built for a remote load center are included in the origination zone. E.g. NM wind for CA shows up in PNM.
- + In most regions, new gas is the primary capacity resource added to meet PRM, along with some reliance on battery storage
 - Hydrogen is added as new capacity in California and PNW Core likely because new gas build is not allowed for 2045
 - There are 5 regional capacity/PRM zones CA, PNW Core, Rest of PNW, DSW, and Rockies. Resources built in any of the regions within the same capacity zone can contribute to the regional PRM.
 - Busbar mapping and powerflow analyses will determine the final placement of gas and hydrogen capacity resources within regions

	Color	Wind	Offichara Wind	Pattoni Ctoresto	Coothormal	Undraga	Muologa	Duran ad Hudra	Caa CCC	Can	Total
CA	Solar	wind	Offshore Wind	Battery Storage	Geothermal	Hydrogen	Nuclear	Pumpea Hyaro	Gas CCS	Gas	Total
WECC_CA-NP15+	17,441	3,103	676	4,998	_	2,182	_	_	_	_	28,400
WECC CA-SP15+	6.867	1.580	-	5,664	_	0	_	50		_	14.16
WECC_CA_PGandE_ZP26	11.828	1,474	_	1.659		0		-		_	14,16
PNW NW	11,020	1,4/4		1,000		U					14,50
PNW Core NW	_	0	_	_	_	0	_	_	_	_	
PNW NE						Ü					
PNW Core_NE	14,030	10,888	_	_	_	0	_	_	_	_	24,918
PNW SW	14,000	10,000				Ü					24,01
PNW Core_SW	1,005	-	_	_	_	5,472	_	_	_	_	6,47
PNW SE	1,000					0,472					0,47
PNW Core SE	8,829	2,516	_	_	_	0	-	_	_	_	11,34
Rest of PNW	0,020	2,020									22,01
IdahoPower	0	3,632	_	_	_	-	-	_	_	0	3,63
NWMT	_	2,106	_	_	-	-	_	_	-	_	2,10
Pacificorp East	5,504	143	_	_	-	-	-	_	-	648	6,29
Pacificorp EastWY	0	1,237	_	-	-	-	_	_	-	4,686	5,92
MISO		,								,	
North Dakota Wind (force	ed-in)	3,000									3,00
DSW	ĺ										
NevadaNorth	-	-	-	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
NevadaSouth	-	1,485	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,48
AZPublicService	0	1,141	-	974	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,11
ElPasoElectric	3,978	1,274	-	2,424	-	-	-	-	-	47	7,72
PublicServiceNM	1,656	3,582	-	320	-	-	-	-	-	3,772	9,33
SaltRiverProject	0	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
TucsonElectric	9,592	-	-	5,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,26
WAPA_LwrCO	0	0	-	387	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Rockies											
PublicServiceCO	4,255	7,280	-	324	-	-	-	-	-	0	11,859
WAPA_ColMo	2,129	3,948	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	6,07
WAPA_ColMo_WY	0	5,010	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	2,793	7,80
WAPA_UprMO	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	(
Total	87,114	53,400	676	22,693	-	7,654	-	50	-	11,947	183,53

2045 Selected Candidate Resource Capacity (Incremental to 10-yr Reference Portfolio)

- + A significant amount of remote wind is developed through 2045 for delivery to load zones mostly in CA and the PNW
- This is largely driven by the availability of existing and planned transmission connected to the regions with high capacity factor wind
 - This remote wind complements the solar and storage and local wind developed in these zones

Remote Resources and their Delivery Zones

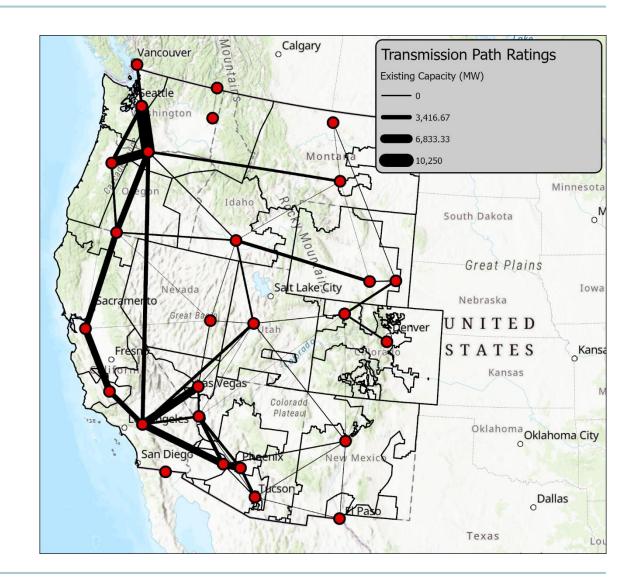
Remote Gen	Load Region	2035	2045
WY Wind	WECC_CA-NP15+	163	1,500
WY Wind	WECC_CA-SP15+	1,984	3,129
WY Wind	PNW Core_NE	-	1,094
WY Wind	NevadaSouth	-	-
WY Wind	PublicServiceCO	-	-
WY Wind	WAPA_ColMo	-	-
NM Wind	WECC_CA-SP15+	-	3,534
ID Wind	WECC_CA-SP15+	-	3,566
ID Wind	PNW Core_NE	-	209
ID Wind	PNW Core_SE	-	-
ID Wind	NevadaSouth	-	-
MT Wind	PNW Core_NW	617	2,106
AZ Solar	PNW Core_SE	-	-
NV Geo	WECC_CA-NP15+	-	-
NV Geo	WECC_CA-SP15+	-	-
UT Geo	WECC_CA-SP15+	-	-
ND Wind (forced-in)	PNW Core_NW	1,000	1,000
Total		3,764	16,139

Transmission Expansion Results



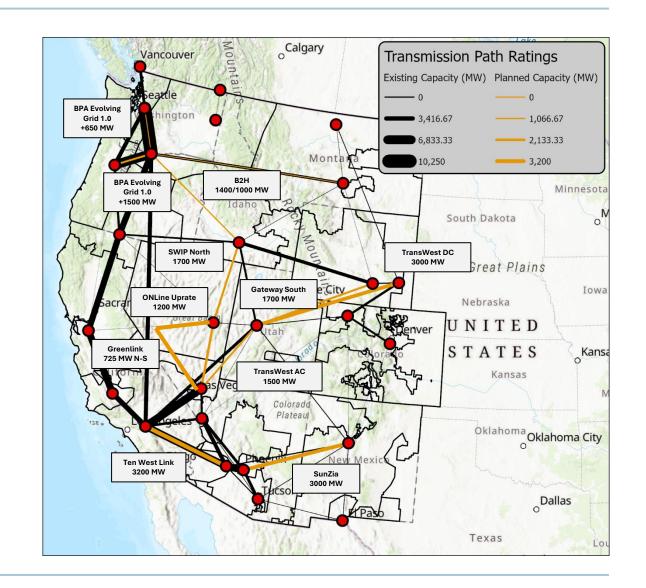
Existing Transmission Path Ratings

- The existing transmission path ratings represent present-day limits on interzonal power flow, excluding planned or indevelopment interregional transmission projects
- + Existing transmission path ratings were primarily taken by reviewing the WECC Path Ratings
- + For other interties, the maximum historical BA-BA interchange over recent historical years (2018-2024) is used to infer a path rating



Planned and In-Development Transmission Projects

- Major planned and in-development transmission projects are incremental to the existing transmission path ratings
- Major interregional transmission projects are assumed to be online by 2035 and add to the total path ratings:
 - BPA Evolving Grid 1.0
 - B2H
 - Gateway
 - TransWest Express
 - SWIP North
 - Greenlink
 - ONLine Uprate
 - SunZia
 - Ten West Link



Selected Transmission Lines, 2045

- + Due to the significant amount of existing and planned transmission, the optimization selects about 9 GW of transmission expansion/new lines
- Lines are selected primarily to deliver WY wind to loads in Colorado and Nevada/California and to deliver resources from BC Hydro to the PNW

Path	LFC	(\$/kW-	New Capacity (M
BCHA_to_PNW_NE	\$	34.79	2,100
NevadaNorth_to_PacificorpEast	\$	19.12	205
NevadaNorth_to_WECC_CA_NP15	\$	183.08	555
NevadaSouth_to_WECC_CA_SP15	\$	66.88	49
NevadaSouth_to_PacificorpEast	\$	50.08	382
NevadaSouth_to_WAPA_LwrCO	\$	14.64	113
PacificorpEastWY_to_WAPA_WY	\$	11.77	3,130
PublicServiceCO_to_WAPA_WY	\$	37.54	1,400
WAPA_LwrCO_to_WECC_CA_SP15	\$	61.33	997



Thank You

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Appendix



Resource Cost Assumptions

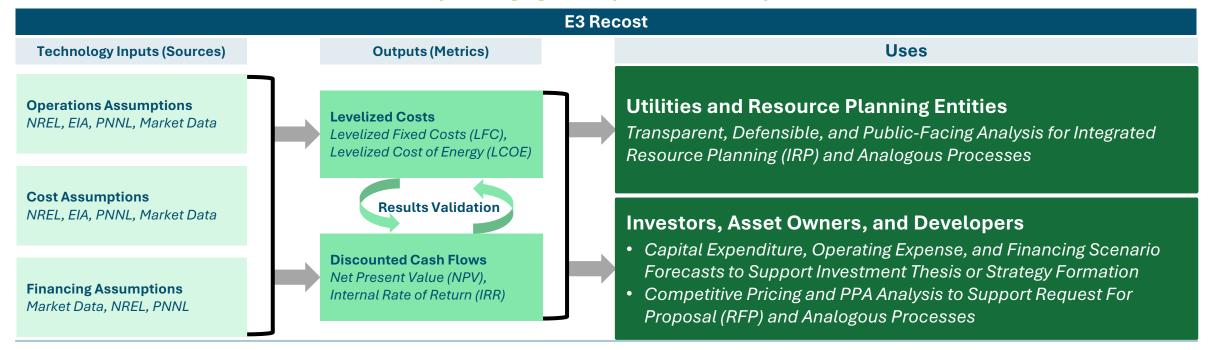


What is E3 RECOST?

Overview of Model and Use(s)

- **Recost** is E3's in-house discounted cash flow model used to calculate levelized fixed costs and levelized cost of electricity for mature and emerging technology resources, inclusive of financing costs
- **Recost** is optimized for two goals:
 - Evaluate the fundamental economic costs of building new resources to inform energy system modeling, validate investment theses, and shape resource strategy for public and private sector stakeholders
 - Estimate the expected cost to contract these resources under Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), and support the calculation of Levelized Cost of Capacity (LCOC) using each resource's Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC)

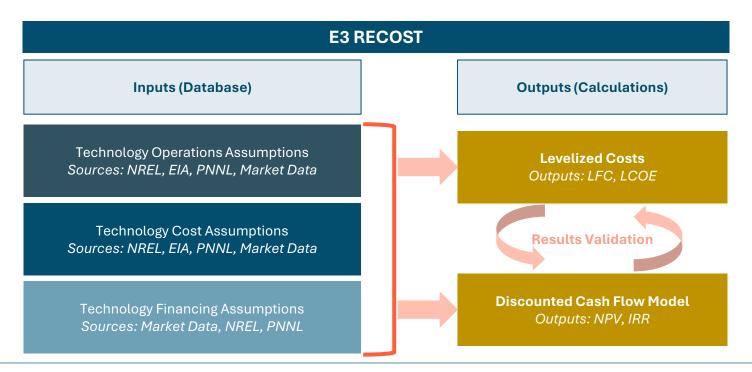
Recost is built to inform the ongoing debate around how to finance and build the resources necessary for the energy transition by leveraging E3's expertise on this topic



E3 Resource Cost Estimates

RECOST Model Overview

- + E3's RECOST model calculates levelized fixed costs (LFC) and the levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) for a range of conventional and emerging technologies
 - LFC is reported in \$/kW-yr, and LCOE is reported in \$/MWh
- + LFC and LCOE are calculated by initial commercial operations date (COD), from 2025 through 2050
- + RECOST estimates are calculated using inputs from various sources:



Calculation of Levelized Costs

RECOST Model Overview

- + Levelized Fixed Cost (LFC) (\$/kW-yr): the levelized *capacity* payment that a system would need every operating year over its useful life to cover fixed costs, including amortized capital costs (capex), fixed operations and maintenance (O&M) costs, property taxes, and investment tax credits (if applicable)
- + Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) (\$/MWh): the levelized energy payments that a system would need for every operating hour over its useful life to cover all costs, including fixed cost components as well as fuel costs, variable O&M, and the federal production tax credit (if applicable)
 - An electricity generator that collects revenue over its useful life at the LCOE will have an NPV of \$0

$$LFC = \frac{NPV(Fixed Costs, \$)}{NPV(Capacity, kW)}$$

Fixed Costs =

- + Capital Expenditures and Interconnection Costs
- + Investment Tax Credit
- + Fixed O&M
- Property Taxes
- Warranty
- + Repowering & Augmentation

$$LCOE = \frac{NPV(Total Costs, \$)}{NPV(Energy, MWh)}$$

Total Costs =

- + LFC
- Variable O&M
- + Fuel
- Production Tax Credit

Resource Cost Assumptions

- The resource costs used in the WestTEC capacity expansion model are taken from public data sources, primarily NREL 2024 ATB
- + Estimates for the weighted-average cost of capital (WACC) are calculated using market indicators for cost of debt, returns on equity, and debt fraction
- + IRA tax credits are assumed to be available through 2045; the 45V and 45Q credits for Hydrogen and CCS, respectively, are assumed in full at 10% (H2) or 20% (CCS) capacity factor
- For compatibility with PLEXOS, the net present value (NPV) of LFC is entered into the model for each model year, along with assumptions for useful life and WACC
- The charts in subsequent slides will be expressed in nominal dollars unless otherwise specified

Technology	Data Source	
Solar	Custom analysis ¹	
Land-Based Wind	Custom analysis ¹	
Geothermal	NREL 2024 ATB ²	
Pumped Storage Hydro	NREL 2024 ATB	
Floating Offshore Wind	NREL 2024 ATB	
4-Hour Li-ion Battery	Custom analysis ¹	
Gas CT	Custom analysis ³	
Hydrogen CT	Custom analysis ⁴	
Gas CT with 95% CCS	NREL 2024 ATB	
Nuclear SMR	NREL 2024 ATB	

¹ CAPEX estimates derived by averaging across multiple public reports, including NREL ATB, EIA AEO, Lazard LCOS, and others. FO&M taken from NREL 2024 ATB.

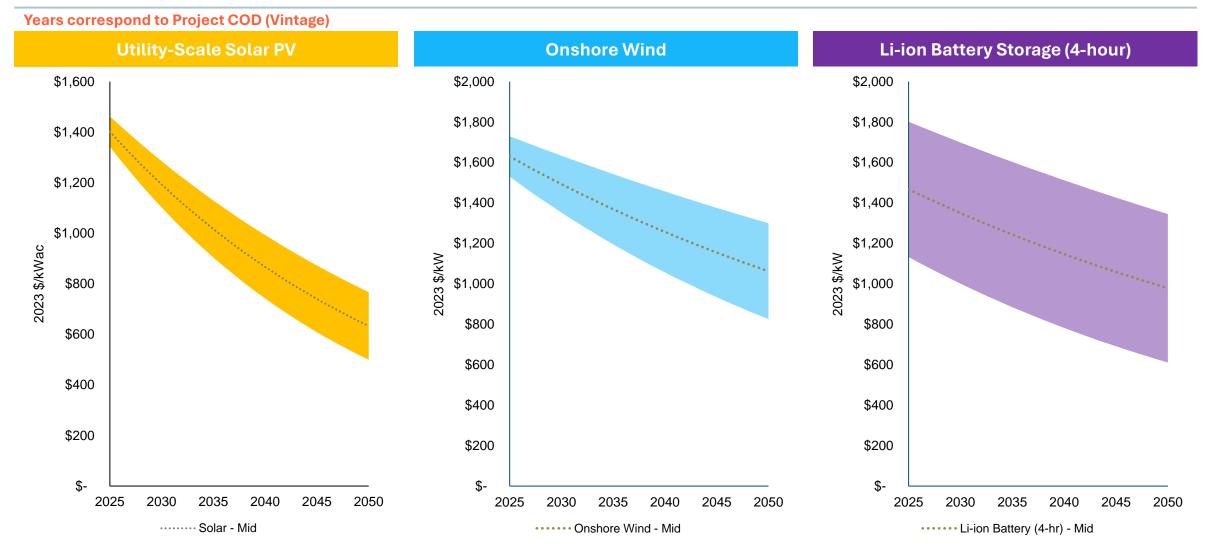
² For both conventional (hydrothermal) and enhanced geothermal resources, a binary system using a secondary working fluid is assumed.

³ CAPEX estimates derived by averaging across recent (2023-2025) public and confidential project quotes.

⁴ Hydrogen turbine costs are assumed to be 3% higher than NGCT. In PLEXOS, hydrogen CAPEX also includes electrolyzer and location-agnostic surface tank storage sized to provide up to 4 hours of daily peaking capacity.

Upfront Capex Forecasts for Selected Resources

RECOST Assumptions: Q4 2024 (Results in Real 2023 Dollars)



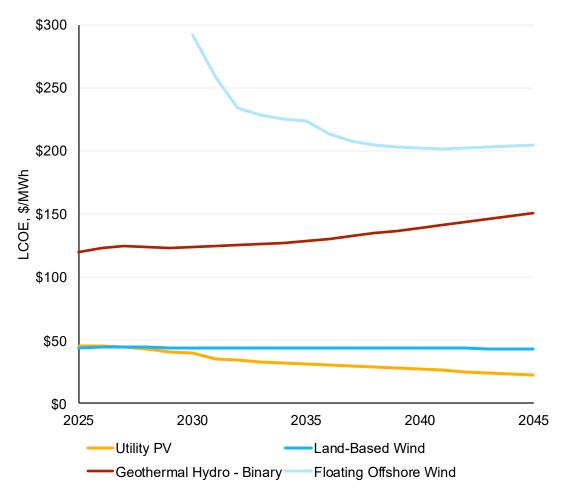
Above estimates are exclusive of AFUDC and IX; these are separately accounted in the pro forma. IX estimates calculated via geospatial analysis (ES/MME)



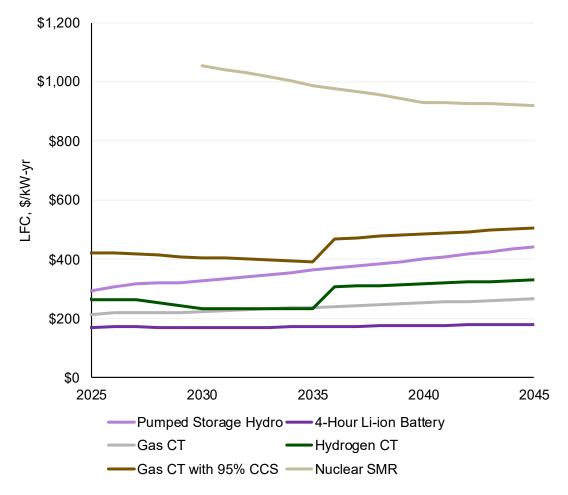
Nominal-Levelized Resource Costs (Average Across Regions)

Years correspond to Project COD (Vintage)

LCOE of Variable Renewable Resources



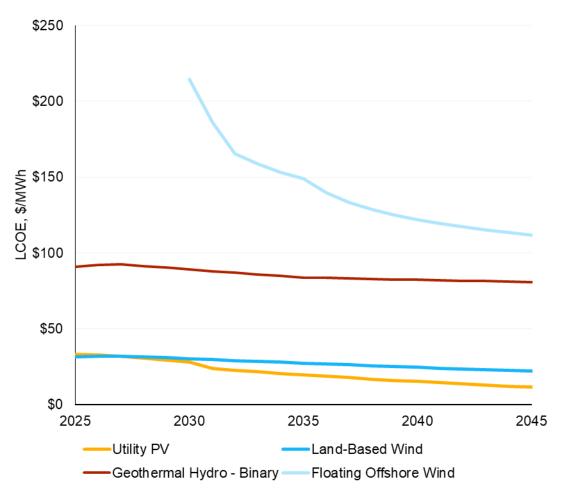
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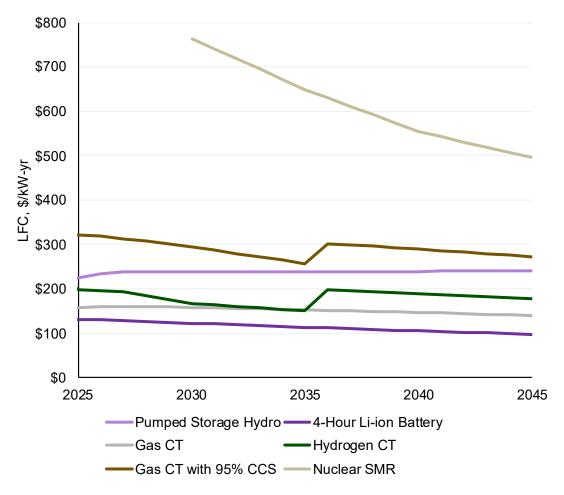
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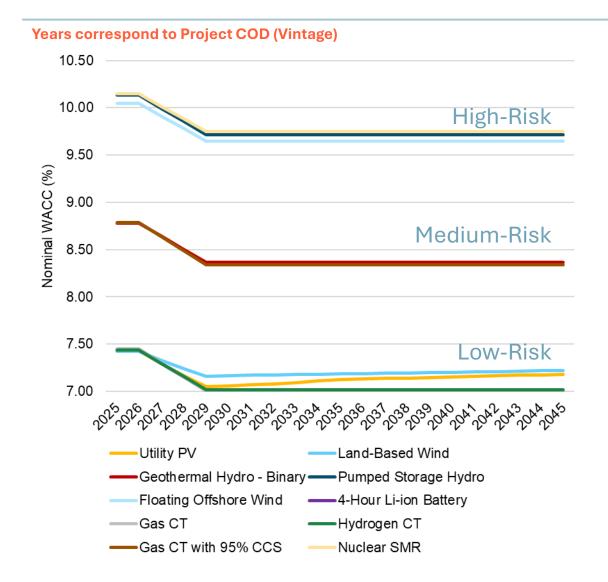
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Financing Assumptions



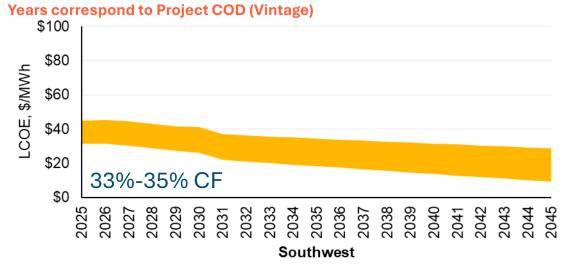
Technology	Risk	Economic Life
Solar	Low	30
Land-Based Wind	Low	30
Geothermal	Mid	30
Pumped Storage Hydro	Mid	50
Floating Offshore Wind	High	30
4-Hour Li-ion Battery	Mid ¹	20
Gas CT	Low	30
Hydrogen CT	Low	30
Gas CT with 95% CCS	Mid	30
Nuclear SMR	High	50

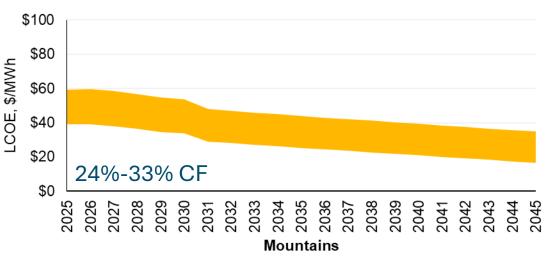
¹ Li-ion batteries will be updated to Low-Risk in the next iteration of modeling.

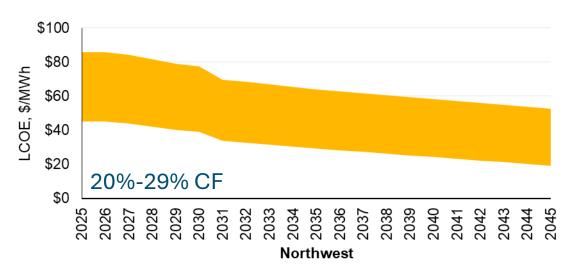


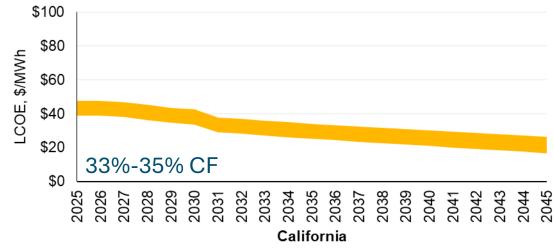
Cost Breakdown by WECC Region

Utility Solar Nominal LCOE

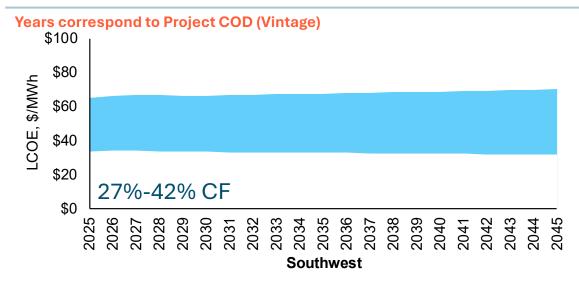


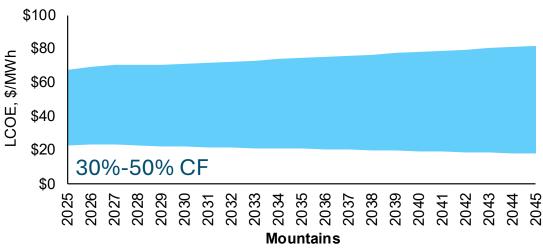


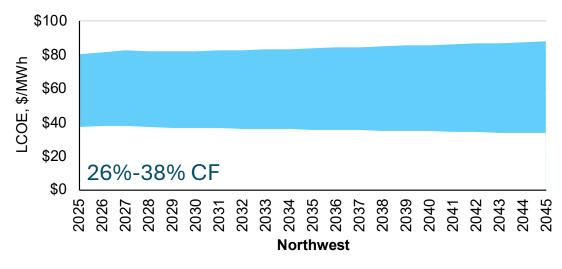


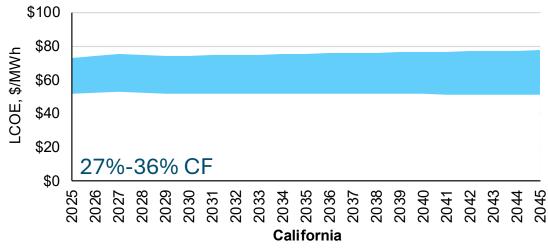


Land-Based Wind Nominal LCOE

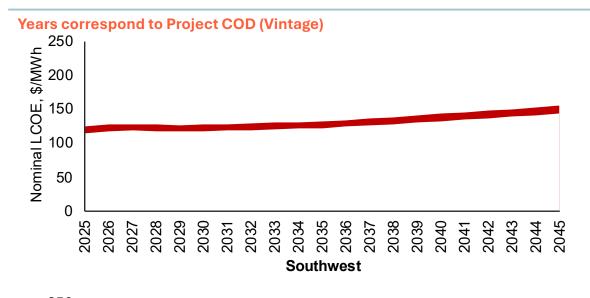


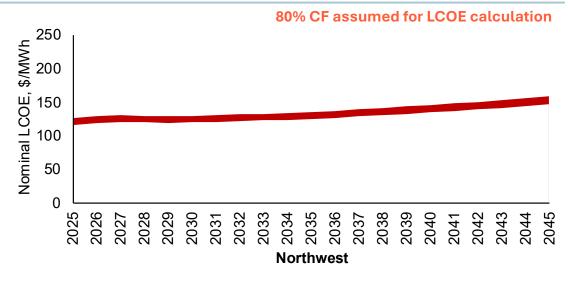


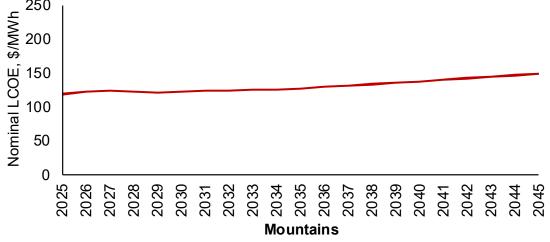


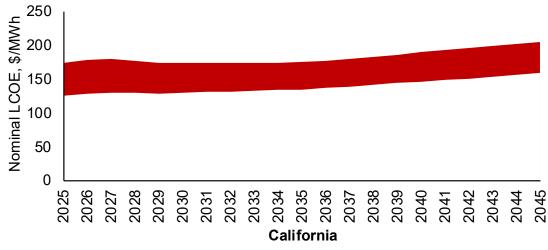


Geothermal (Hydro-Binary) Nominal LCOE

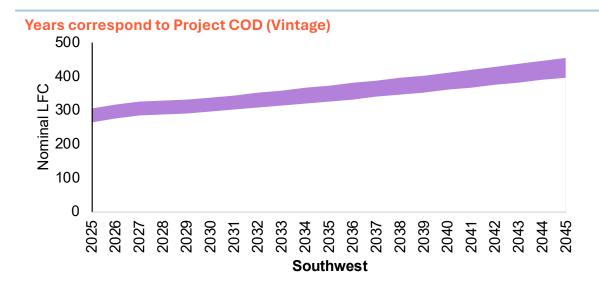


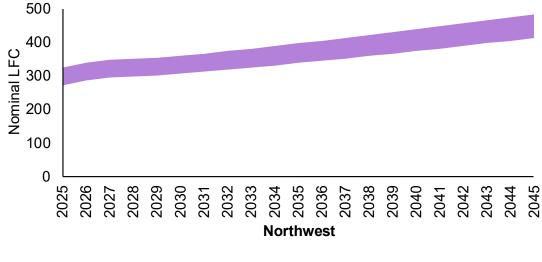


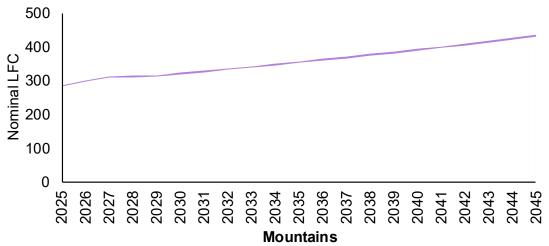


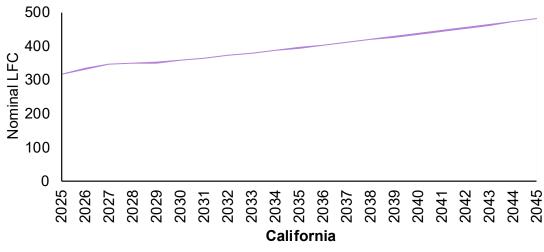


Pumped Storage Hydro Nominal LFC (\$/kW-yr)



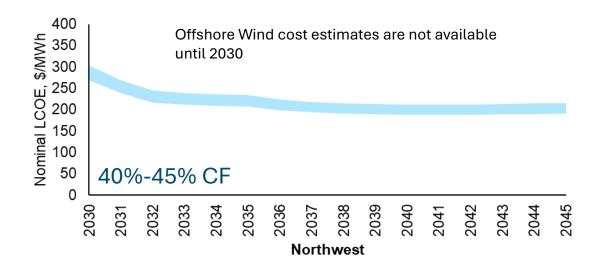


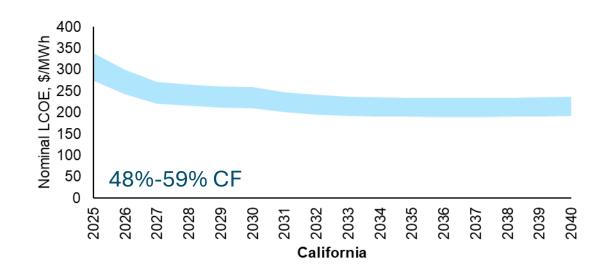




Floating Offshore Wind Nominal LCOE

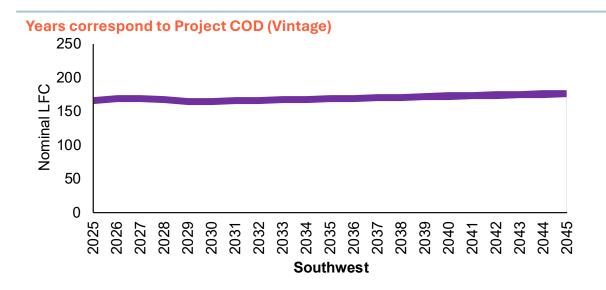
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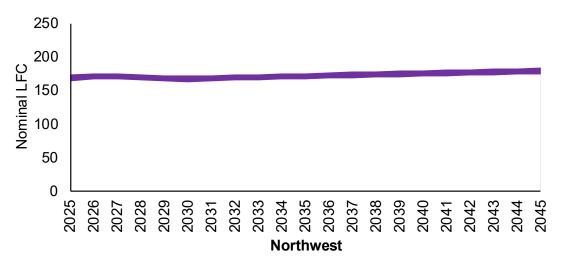


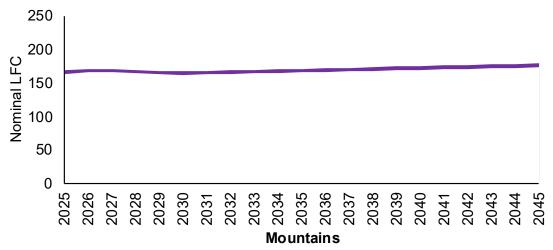


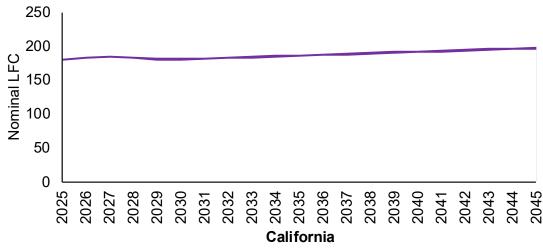
No Floating offshore wind planned in Southwest and Mountains region

Li-ion Battery (4-hour) Nominal LFC (\$/kW-yr)

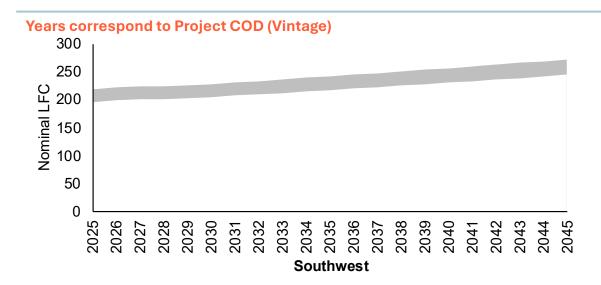


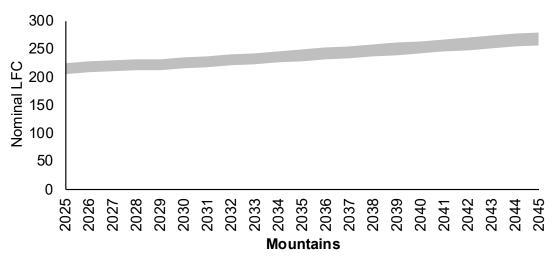


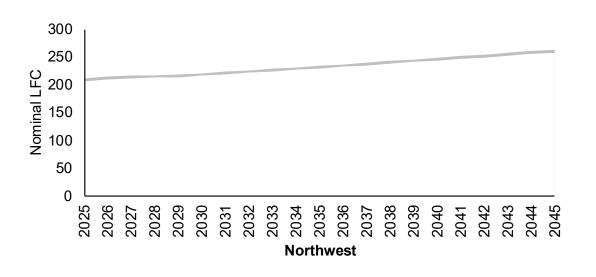




Gas CT Frame Nominal LFC (\$/kW-yr)

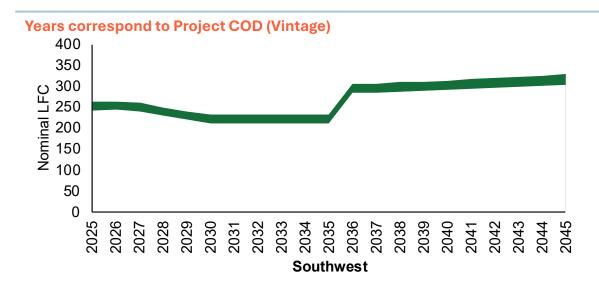


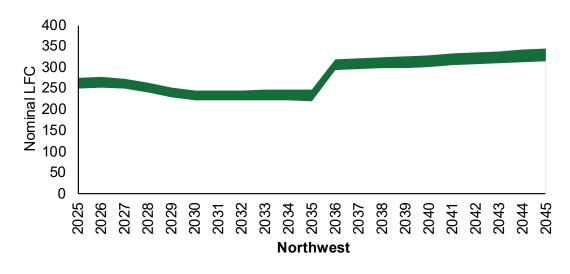


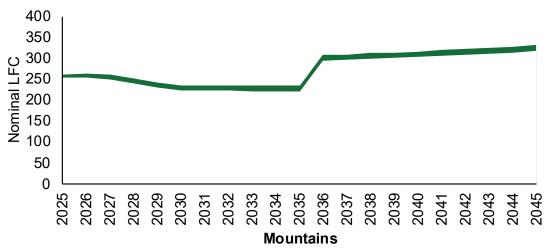


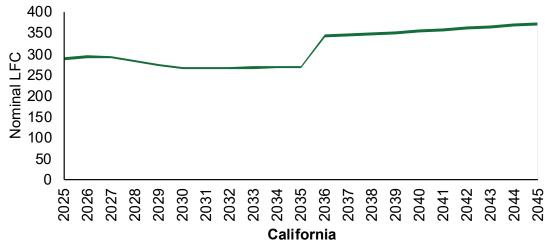
No Gas CT Frame planned in California

Hydrogen CT Frame Nominal LFC w/ PTC (\$/kW-yr)

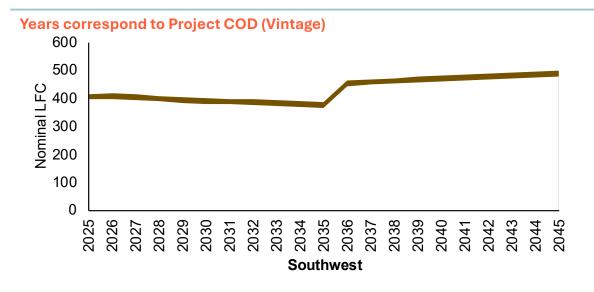


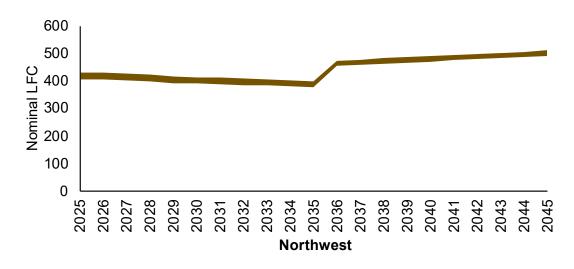


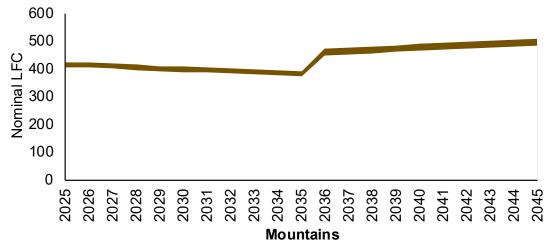


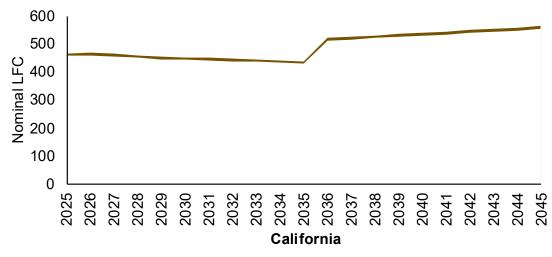


CT Frame with 95% CCS Nominal LFC w/ PTC (\$/kW-yr)

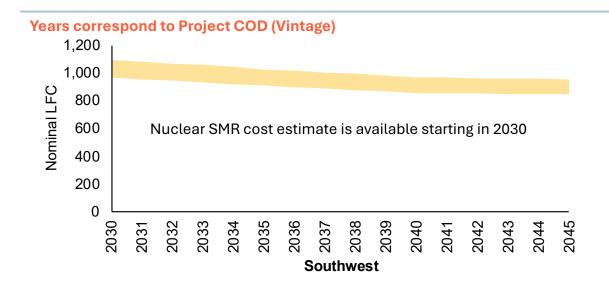


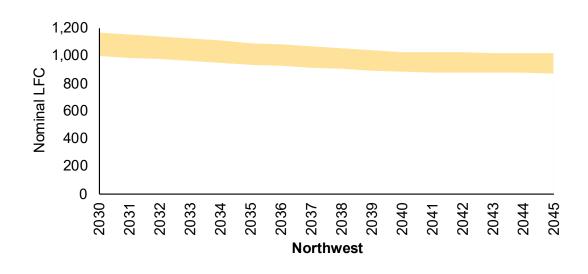


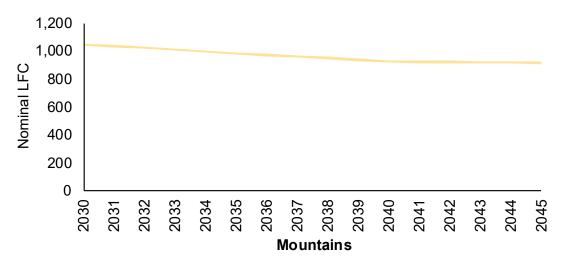




Nuclear SMR Nominal LFC w/ PTC (\$/kW-yr)







No Nuclear SMR planned in California