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Transmission 101: The Fundamentals Of High Voltage Transmission

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Agenda

- Basic Definitions & Components of the Grid
- Grid Operations
- Grid Planning & Development
- Emerging Technologies
- Summary
- Q&A
Objectives

• Understand the Power System in 60 minutes or less
  • Understand elements of the Power System
  • Understand its basic physics
  • Understand how the Power System is controlled
  • Understand some of the challenges in planning the Power System
Basic Definitions & Components of the Grid
Industry Overview - Basic Definitions

“THE GRID”

The networks that carry electricity from the plants where it is generated to consumers. This includes wires, substations, transformers, switches and more.
Industry Overview - Basic Definitions

• **Voltage** – electrical “pressure” measured in volts. For power systems we typically measure in 1000’s of volts or kilovolts (kv)

• **Current** – the movement of charge (electrons) through a conductor. Measured in Amperes (A)

• **Power** – Rate at which electricity is transferred. Measured in Watts or more typically kilowatts (kW) or megawatts (MW)

• **Energy** – The amount of work that can be done by electricity. Measured in Watt-hours or more typically kilowatt-hours (kWh) or megawatt-hours (MWh).
Industry Overview - Basic Definitions

One 15-Watt Light Bulb
Used 5 Hours Per Day
For 30 Days

Totals 15 Watts of Power for 150 Hours or 2.25 kWh

Source: www.eei.org
WHAT CAN YOU POWER with one MEGAWATT HOUR (MWH)?

- Cool a refrigerator for 3 MONTHS (150 kWh)
- Download 133,320 SONGS (50 kWh)
- BREW 2,400 pots of coffee (200 kWh)
- Charge 5,556 iPhones (100 kWh)
- Power a Traffic Signal for 3 MONTHS (200 kWh)

MWH = 1,000 kilowatt hours

Based on a variety of sources. Numbers are estimations and may be rounded.
Components of the Grid

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| • Fuel Source  
  • Energy Conversion  
  • Non-regulated/Competitive in most of the country  | • Power Transformation (Step Up)  
  • Demand/Supply  
  • 115 kV – 765 kV  | • Power Transformation (Step Down)  
  • 4 kV – 34.5 kV  | • Metering  
  • Billing  
  • 120 V – 240 V |

**Transmission lines**
- Carry electricity long distances

**Distribution lines**
- Carry low voltage electricity to consumers

- Power plant: generates electricity
- Transformer: converts low voltage electricity to high voltage for efficient transport
- Substation transformer: converts high voltage electricity to low voltage for distribution
- Homes, offices and factories use electricity for lighting and heating and to power appliances
Components of the Grid - Generation

• “Creates” electric energy using a variety of fuel sources including coal, nuclear, wind, gas, biomass, solar, and hydro
Components of the Grid - Load

- “Consumer” of electric energy
- Loads can be smaller than your cell phone hooked to its wall charger (say 1 watt) or as large as an industrial facility (in the 10’s of millions of watts)
Components of the Grid - Distribution

- Primary purpose is to serve loads (your house is connected to a distribution system)
- Generally radial (non-networked) in nature
- Not used for interstate commerce
Components of the Grid - Transmission

• Used to move power relatively long distances from generators to load with lower losses

• Highly interconnected for enhanced reliability

• The “interstate system” for electricity
Components of the Grid - Transmission Enables Us To...

• ...build generation in areas removed from the loads
  • More desirable environmental and fuel factors

• ...build larger, more efficient generators
  • Economies of scale

• ...get power to remote areas with lower losses
  • Rural electrification

• ...create robust interconnected networks
  • Increased reliability
  • Decreased costs
  • Makes possible power pools, markets, bulk power transactions
Grid Operations
Grid Operation

• Unlike highways, pipelines, and telecom, the flow of electricity on the AC grid can not traditionally be easily routed or controlled. Power flows via the path of least resistance. This is a critical difference in how the grid differs from other transportation mechanisms.
Reliability Under Changing System Needs
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Grid Operation

- Control centers are staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to ensure the safety, reliability and availability of the system for electric customers.

- The primary task of a Grid Operator is to make sure that as much power is being generated as is being used – if not, the grid’s voltage could drop, causing the grid to become unstable.
Grid Operation - Smart Grid

- Operators take immediate actions to isolate and mitigate issues that arise on to minimize any interruption of power

- “Smart Grid” refers to an upgraded system which would offer Grid Operators more visibility and control over the system.
Grid Operation - Smart Grid

• **Computer Control**
  - Two-way digital communication between the device in the field and the utility’s network operations center
  - Automated technology to allow remote control of devices from a central location

• **Current Smart Grid Enhancements**
  - Enhanced measurement devices and sensors to collect data
  - Improved interfaces to improve Situational Awareness
Grid Operation – Emerging Smart Grid Developments

1. **Distributed Generation** – Can sell energy surplus back to the utility and get paid as microgenerators
2. **Smart Appliances** – Can monitor cost of electricity and shut down when power is too expensive
3. **Remote Control Applications** – Utilities can control consumers’ non-essential appliances remotely
4. **Plug-in Hybrid Cars** – Can refuel using clean electricity generated locally
5. **Locally Generated Power** – Avoids the long-distance power losses
6. **Wireless Chips** – Communication between houses and utilities to swap price and usage information
7. **Web and Mobile Phone Interfaces** – Allow consumers to monitor and control appliances when away from home
8. **Energy Storage** – Can store clean solar energy for use at night when the sun isn’t shining
9. **Power Flow Controllers** – Allows operators to control flow of power, making better use of existing assets

Source: The New York Times
Grid Planning and Development
Primary Purpose of Transmission Planning

- To determine the transmission and substation additions which render the transmission network to be able to supply the loads and facilitate wholesale power marketing with a given criteria at the lowest possible cost and risk to the system
Issues & Factors in a Transmission Planning Study

- Planning Period
- Load Forecast and transmission usage projection
- Generation Resources (Location, Type, etc.)
- Discrete Transmission Capacities
- Alternative Solutions
- Economy of Scale
- Economic and Financial Constraints
- R-O-W Limitations
- New and Emerging Technology
- Various Uncertainties and Risks
- Service Reliability and Cost Considerations
- Institutional & Government Regulations
Regional Planning

• Per FERC O. 1000 (in conjunction with O. 890), all public utility transmission providers must participate in a regional transmission planning process

• Public utility transmission providers in neighboring transmission planning regions must coordinate to determine if there are more efficient or cost-effective solutions to their mutual transmission needs

• Stakeholders can provide input and advocate positions throughout the process

• Processes vary by region as dictated by individual transmission planning tariffs
Regional Planning - FERC Order 1000

Competitive Bid Model

1. Identify Needed Projects
2. Publish List of Projects
3. Bidders Submit Bids
4. Review Bids & Select Winner
5. Winning Bidder receives rights to build, own, and operate

Sponsorship Model

1. Project Concept
2. Market Research & Planning
3. Submit Idea to ISO/RTO
4. Evaluate Projects
5. ISO/RTO Approval?
6. Project Sponsor receives rights to build, own, and operate
7. NO
   - Project
Emerging Grid Technologies
Storage

5 MW Energy Storage System at the Salem Smart Power Center in Salem, OR

Source: www.energy.gov
Synchrophasors/ Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs)

- A synchrophasor is a sophisticated monitoring device that can measure the instantaneous voltage, current and frequency at specific locations on the grid.

- They give operators a near-real-time picture of what is happening on the system, and allows them to make decisions to prevent power outages.

- Synchrophasors are measured by high-speed monitors called PMUs that are 100 times faster than existing SCADA technology.

- Overall = Improved grid reliability, efficiency and lower operating costs
Superconductors and Low Sag, High Capacity Conductors

• Superconductors are made of alloys or compounds that will conduct electricity without resistance below a certain temperature, thus eliminating inefficiencies
  • Could enable the transfer of power over long distances at residential voltages

• New conductor technologies such as ACCC conductor offer increased capacity compared to traditional conductors, with reduced thermal sag
Smart Wires Technology

- Power flow control solutions have ability to transform the way power systems are planned and operated.
- These solutions push or pull power away from overloaded lines and onto under-utilized corridors on the transmission grid by changing the reactance of the lines on which they are installed.
- System operators can dynamically control each line, based on the real-time needs of the grid.
- These solutions are quickly deployable, scalable and reusable, giving customers the opportunity to redeploy the technology as their needs change.
Summary

• The power system is:
  • An integral component of the economy
  • Composed of generation, distribution and transmission
  • Relies on transmission to deliver cost effective generation to load centers
  • Uses the transmission backbone to enable energy markets
  • Is complicated to operate and requires constant monitoring and control

• Today’s challenges to investment:
  • Planning to meet stakeholder needs
  • Integration of competitive transmission development
  • Getting agreement on cost allocation
  • Emerging technologies
Questions?

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Overview of ISO/RTOs

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Southwest Power Pool
OUR MISSION
Helping our members work together to keep the lights on ... today and in the future.
Northeast Blackout of 1965

5:28 P.M., NOV. 9th
THE LIGHTS WENT OUT
Northeast Blackout of 1965

Electric Reliability Act of 1967 &
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)

- Tuesday, November 9, 1965
- Affected parts of Ontario in Canada and Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont in the United States
- Over 30 million people and 80,000 square miles without electricity for up to 13 hours
Northeast Blackout of 2003

BLACKOUT
- 50 million lose power
- City swelters to a halt
- Rush-hour chaos today
Led to the Energy Policy Act of 2005
Our Major Services

- Reliability Coordination
- Market Operation
- Transmission Planning
- Transmission Service/Tariff Administration
- Balancing Authority
- Facilitation
- Standards Setting
- Compliance Enforcement
- Training

**OUR APPROACH:**
Regional, Independent, Cost-Effective and Focused on Reliability
Some Activities Outside of SPP’s Responsibility

- Transmission Siting
- Generation Planning/Siting
- Transmission/Generation Construction
- Transmission/Generation Permitting
- Credit/Allowance Trading Oversight
Independent System Operator (ISO) / Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Map
The SPP Footprint: Members in 14 States

- Arkansas
- Kansas
- Iowa
- Louisiana
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- South Dakota
- Texas
- Wyoming
United States Electric Grid

United States transmission grid
Source: FEMA
Operating Region

- Miles of service territory: 575,000
- Population served: 18M
- Generating Plants: 703
- Substations: 4,757
- Miles of transmission: 60,944
  - 69 kV  13,532
  - 115 kV  14,269
  - 138 kV  9,117
  - 161 kV  5,647
  - 230 kV  7,608
  - 345 kV  10,772
SPP’s 94 Members: Independence Through Diversity

As of August 11, 2016

- Cooperatives (20)
- Investor-Owned Utilities (16)
- Independent Power Producers/Wholesale Generation (13)
- Power Marketers (12)
- Municipal Systems (14)
- Independent Transmission Companies (10)
- State Agencies (8)
- Federal Agencies (1)
REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

• Incorporated in Arkansas as 501(c)(6) nonprofit corporation

• Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
  • Regulated public utility
  • Regional Transmission Organization

• North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)
  • Founding member
  • Regional Entity
GOVERNANCE

- Independent Board of Directors
- Members Committee
- Regional State Committee
- Working Groups
Reliability Coordination: air traffic controllers of the bulk power grid

- Monitor grid 24 x 365
- Anticipate problems
- Take preemptive action
- Coordinate regional response
- Independent
- Comply with more than 5,500 pages of reliability standards and criteria
2015 Energy Capacity* by Fuel Type

- Gas (42.58%)
- Coal (33.25%)
- Hydro (4.11%)
- Wind (14.86%)
- Nuclear (3.16%)
- Other (0.15%)
- Fuel Oil (1.89%)

* Figures refer to nameplate capacity
2015 Energy Consumption by Fuel Type

- Gas (21.63%)
- Coal (55.06%)
- Hydro (1.54%)
- Wind (13.52%)
- Nuclear (8.11%)
- Other (0.14%)
What Kind of Markets Does SPP Operate?

• **Transmission Service**: Participants buy and sell use of regional transmission lines that are owned by different parties.

• **Integrated Marketplace**: Participants buy and sell wholesale electricity in day-ahead and real-time.
  - **Day-Ahead Market** commits the most cost-effective and reliable mix of generation for the region.
  - **Real-Time Balancing Market** economically dispatches generation to balance real-time generation and load, while ensuring system reliability.
Integrated Marketplace Savings

- Market continues to provide savings even with extremely low natural gas prices
- First year net savings calculated to be $380 million
- 2015 annual net savings calculated to be $422 million
- At the end of September, 2016 the savings amount was over $1 Billion from the Integrated Marketplace
Transmission Planning

- Reliability
- Economics
- Public Policy
Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP)

Conceptual

20-Year Assessment

10-Year Assessment

Near-Term Assessment

Implementation

→ Develop EHV “highway” vision

→ Develop “highway/byway” system

→ Develop “byway” & “local” system

- Reliability, economic and public policy needs are evaluated in the 20 and 10-year assessments
- Reliability needs are evaluated in the near-term assessment
Transmission Build Cycle in SPP

- **Planning Study (12-18 mo.)**
- **TO Selection (3-12 mo.)**
- **Design, ROW Acquisition, & Construction (2-6 yr.)**

**Responsible Party**
- SPP
- Transmission Owner
Generation Expansion in SPP Over the Last Decade

GI Requests In Commercial Operation
(as of 1/11/2017)

Generation Type
- Fossil Fuel
- Wind
- Nuclear
- Hydro

Size (MW)
- 1 - 50
- 50 - 131
- 131 - 225
- 225 - 370
- 370 - 850

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Transmission Expansion in SPP Over the Last Decade

Projects Constructed or with NTCs
(2005 - 2016)

- 115 kV
- 138 kV
- 161 kV
- 230 kV
- 345 kV
Transmission Investment Directed By SPP

Annual Transmission Investment Directed By SPP

- Completed ($6.9 B)
- Scheduled ($3.0 B)

$0 $200 $400 $600 $800 $1,000 $1,200 $1,400 $1,600 $1,800

$60 $58 $182 $340 $341 $980 $554 $799 $1,744 $1,474 $1,224 $742 $319 $38 $14 $59

Who Pays for Transmission Projects?

- **Sponsored**: Project owner builds and receives credit for use of transmission lines
- **Directly-assigned**: Project owner builds and is responsible for cost recovery and receives credit for use of transmission lines
- **Highway/Byway**: Most SPP projects paid for under this methodology

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Renewables in SPP
The highest wind speed in the country is within SPP Balancing Authority.
Wind Energy Development

- SPP’s “Saudi Arabia” of wind: Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas Panhandle, and New Mexico
  - 60,000-90,000 MW potential
  - More wind energy than SPP uses during peak demand
- 15,782 MW capacity of in-service wind*
- 34,730 MW wind in all stages of development*
  - Includes Generation Interconnection queue and executed Interconnection Agreements

* December 2016
Wind Capacity has grown significantly
Wind units are concentrated in the middle of the footprint
Renewables impacts to SPP

- Peak Wind Penetration level: 49.17%  April 2016
- Peak instantaneous Wind generation: 12,336 MW  December 2016
- High impact on congestion and loading of the transmission system
- Wind can cause capacity issues by
  - Not showing up during times of high demand, contributing to capacity shortages
  - Showing up too high during times of low demand, contributing to “Min Gen” issues
  - Uncertainty complicating unit commitments
- Short-term, intra-hour changes in wind also require reserves to maintain balance between generation and obligations
- Wind forecast is crucial for SPP to have the right generation online at the right time, while maintaining the reliability and economic efficiency of the regional transmission grid.
SPP’s Value of Transmission Study

- Evaluated 348 projects from 2012-14, representing $3.4B of transmission investment

- Evaluated benefit metrics
  - Adjusted Production Cost (APC) Savings
  - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Benefits
  - Generation Capacity Cost Savings
  - Market Benefits
  - Other industry and SPP-accepted metrics

- APC Savings alone calculated at more than $660k/day, or $240M/year.

- Overall NPV of all benefits for considered projects are expected to exceed $16.6B over 40 years.

For every $1 of transmission investment made in 2012-2014, SPP expects at least $3.50 of benefit to be provided to rate-payers
MISO Overview

- Independent, non-profit organization responsible for maintaining reliable transmission of power
- First Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

- 42 million end-use customers
- 99.99% system reliability
- $25 billion energy market
- 192,000 MW of generating capacity
  - Send operating instructions to 6,000+ generators every 5 minutes
- 65,800 miles of transmission lines
- 52 Members
- 426 Market Participants
- Jurisdictions
  - 15 States
  - 1 Canadian Province
  - City of New Orleans
MISO Planning Objectives

MISO Board of Directors Planning Principles

**Fundamental Goal**
The development of a comprehensive expansion plan that meets reliability needs, policy needs, and economic needs

Develop a transmission plan that meets all applicable NERC and Transmission Owner planning criteria and safeguards local and regional reliability through identification of transmission projects to meet those needs

Make the benefits of an economically efficient electricity market available to customers by identifying transmission projects which provide access to electricity at the lowest total electric system cost expansion plan that meets reliability needs, policy needs, and economic needs

Analyze system scenarios and make the results available to state and federal energy policy makers and other stakeholders to provide context to inform regarding choices

Provide an appropriate cost allocation mechanism that ensures that costs of transmission projects are allocated in a manner roughly commensurate with the projected benefits of those projects

Coordinate planning processes with neighbors and work to eliminate barriers to reliable and efficient operations

Support state and federal energy policy requirements by planning for access to a changing resource mix
MISO’s value-based transmission planning process seeks to ensure appropriate transmission projects are in place given an evolving resource portfolio.

Future Development
- Existing Fleet
- Policy Regulation
- Accelerated Alternative Tech

Long-term Transmission Strategy
- Long-term overlay roadmaps guide near-term transmission decisions

Regional Transmission Plan Development
- Conditions Precedent
- Robust Business Case
- Cost Allocation and Recovery
- Policy Consensus

A variety of policy and economic based Futures provides multiple long-term views of future resource mix

The graphics are for illustrative purposes ONLY
Through that process MISO has facilitated significant transmission investment in its region.

Cumulative investment:
- $12.9 billion constructed
- $26.3 billion approved
Some aspects of the electric and gas industries are regulated by FERC, while others are regulated by state utility commissions.

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*While gas producers are subject to safety/environmental standards, they do not have state-designated “territories” as many electricity generators do, and there is no price or rate regulation at the state or federal levels.
MISO coordinates extensively with state regulatory agencies to ensure current and future energy needs are met

- RTO scope - single vs. multi-state.
- State geography – single vs. multi-RTO.
- MISO spans 15 largely traditionally regulated states – one that is fully within the MISO footprint.
- Significant coordination both with individual state regulatory agencies, and the Organization of MISO States.
2017 OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES…
A VIEW FROM PJM INTERCONNECTION

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PJM Interconnection
PJM as Part of the Eastern Interconnection

As of 5/2016

- 27% of generation in Eastern Interconnection
- 28% of load in Eastern Interconnection
- 20% of transmission assets in Eastern Interconnection

Member companies: 960+
Millions of people served: 61
Peak load in megawatts: 165,492
MW of generating capacity: 171,648
Miles of transmission lines: 81,736
2014 GWh of annual energy: 792,580
Generation sources: 1,304
Square miles of territory: 243,417
States served: 13 + DC

21% of U.S. GDP produced in PJM
PJM – Focus on Just 3 Things

**Reliability**
- Grid Operations
- Supply/Demand Balance
- Transmission monitoring

**Market Operation**
- Energy
- Capacity
- Ancillary Services

**Regional Planning**
- 15-Year Outlook
PJM’s Changing Fuel Mix

**2007 PJM Installed Capacity (MW)**
- Coal, 66,286
- Petroleum, 10,640
- Renewable, 65
- Hydro, 7,311
- Solid Waste, 713
- Nuclear, 30,684
- Gas, 47,566

**Cleared Capacity for 2019/2020 Delivery Year (MW)**
- Coal, 41,948
- Petroleum, 7,391
- Renewable, 1,304
- Hydro, 7,707
- Solid Waste, 787
- Nuclear, 25,889
- Gas, 70,382

**Iron in the Ground (ICAP)**
POLICY CHOICES…
The Long and Winding Road…
• Transmission: Built to support major generation projects
• Connect distant generation to load; Distribution: One way delivery of power to the home
• Grid Costs: Rate-based to the home utility’s customers
• ROI: Little focus on transmission as a stand alone business element
Policy Choice #1

Is the grid an enabler or a competitor?

Grid as an Enabler?

– Accept the grid as a natural monopoly
– Drive solutions through regulation
– Provide incentives for innovation
Policy Choice #1 (cont’d)

Grid as a Competitor?

– Grid development must compete with generation or demand side
– Grid entrepreneurs take risk: no guaranteed ROI
– Grid pricing reflects competitive outcomes: Bid solutions into the marketplace (RPM)
**Policy Choice #2**: A Strong or Weak Grid?

Characteristics of the “Strong” Grid:

- Generation distance from load
- Meet the needs for future transmission expansion
- Costs socialized to reflect interconnected nature of the grid
- Broad regional approach
Policy Choice #2 - The Alternative: The localized grid...

- Generation closer to load
- Centralized focus on development of DSR, energy efficiency and renewables
- Transmission/distribution grid as an enabler of alternative generation
- Transmission focused on meeting state/local needs
An Added Complication:

Who Decides?
Who Decides?

- **States:**
  - State Energy Policies: Governors/legislators
  - State PUCs
- **FERC**
  - FERC Order 1000
- **Environmental Agencies**
  - Non-attainment areas
  - RGGI et al.
LET’S TALK...

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