



Dispatchable Power For our Clean Energy Future

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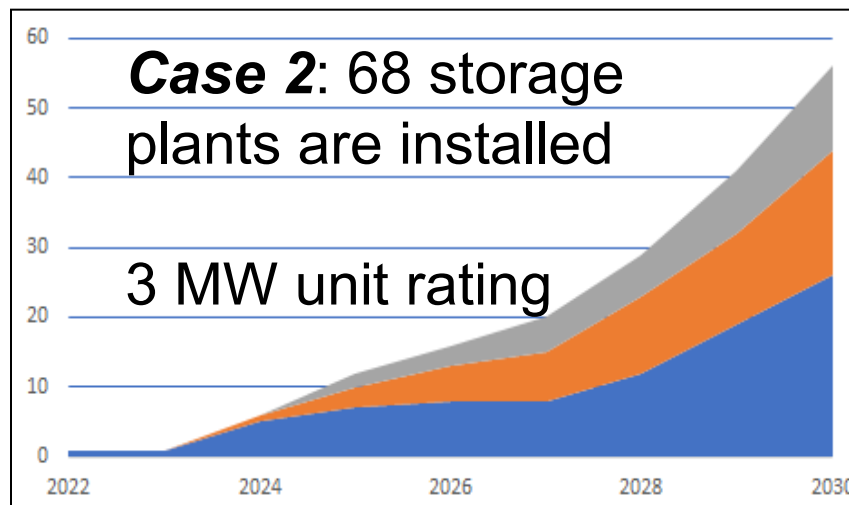
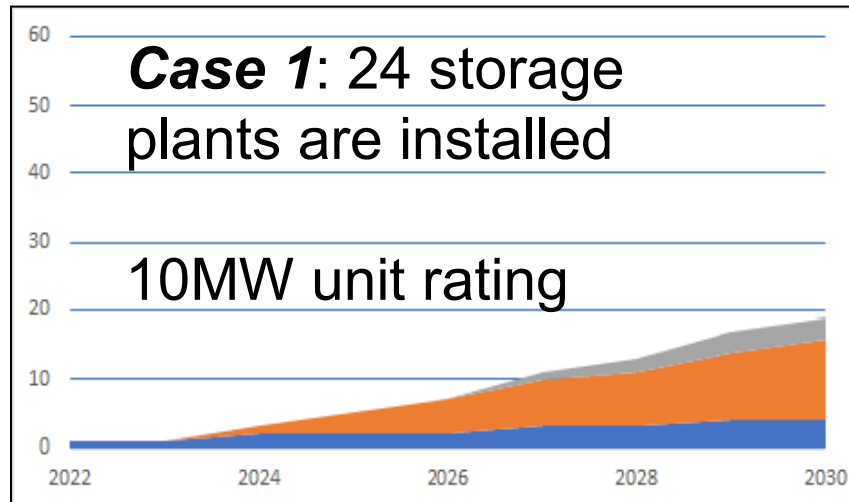
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Utility-Scale Energy Storage Market

- **ESS** energy storage systems is a key topic for NM RETA's mission
- Storage Market study (2022) reported an early-phase evaluation of New Mexico's possible energy storage fleet:
 - **Dispatchable ESS** co-located with large-scale renewable generation, connected to the transmission system at least 100 kilovolts (kV) or higher
 - In-development by 2026 and operating by 2030
 - Key study inputs were based on a renewable planning analysis issued by ICF International, Inc. Fairfax, Va.

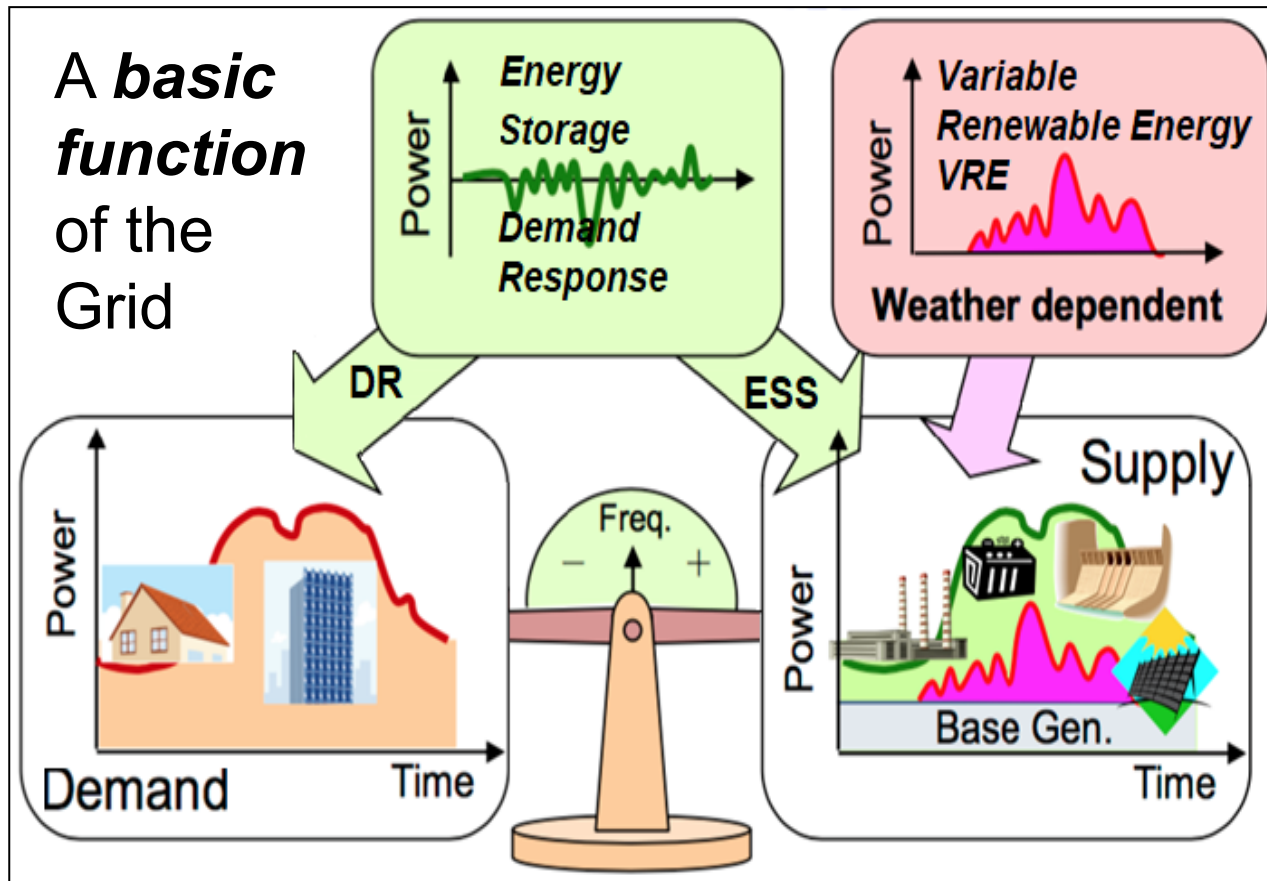
Findings: Storage Market 2030



- A mix of 2.5-, 5- and 7.5-hour duration units projected for year 2030
- Discharged energy could exceed **280,000 MWh annually**
- **Likely outcome:** hybrid of Case 1,2 unit sizes
- Mainly Lithium-Ion battery technology

MW Megawatt: Power or capacity;
MWh Megawatt-hours: Energy consumed or supplied

What is Dispatchable Power?



- **Dispatchable power** includes: Nuclear, Natural gas-fired and Import supply
- Plants adjusted on-demand
- VRE is “must-take” **non-dispatchable** supply

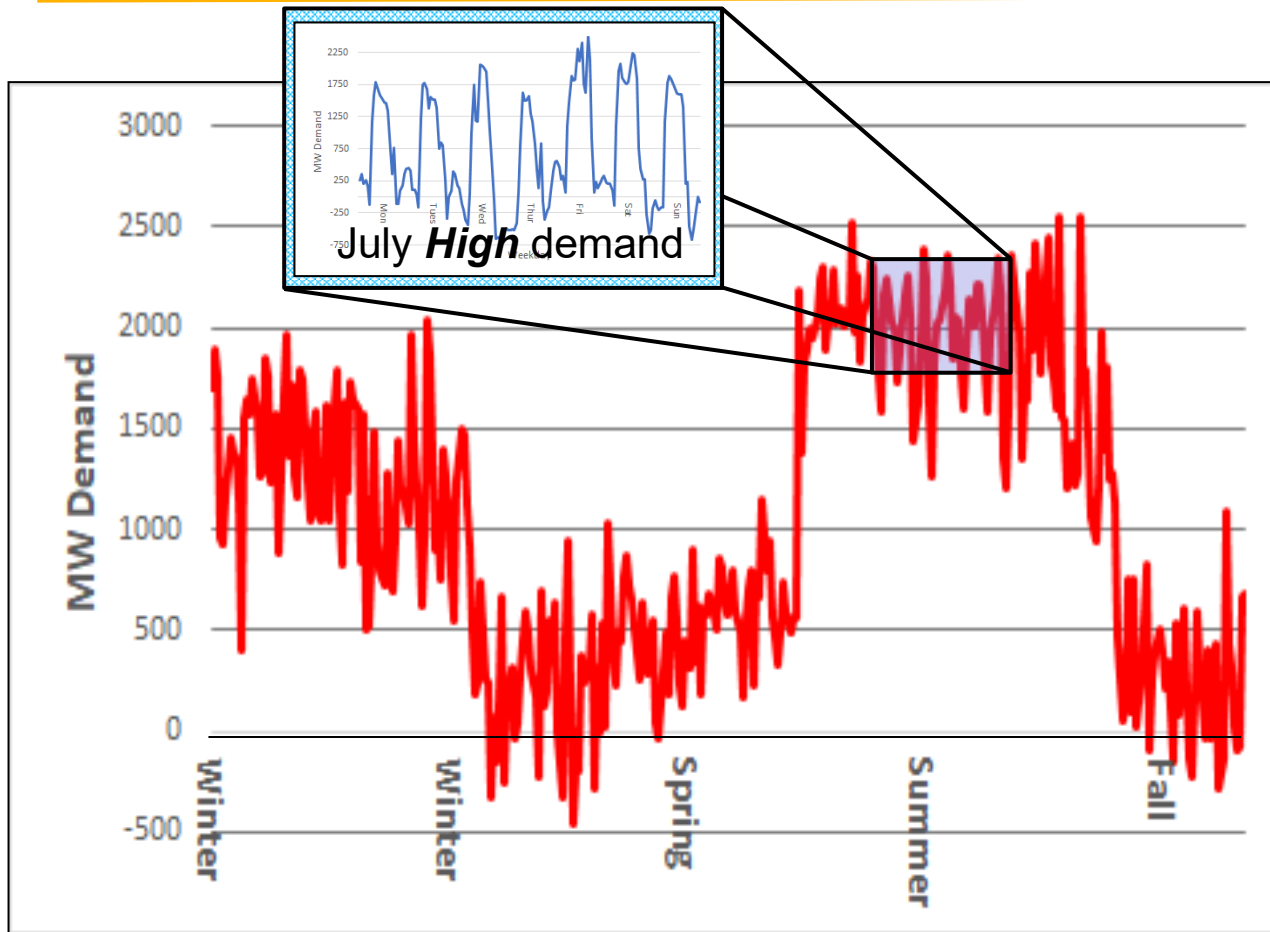
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Dispatchable Power Challenges

- Operator must integrate output of both dispatchable generating plants, ESS, DR plus non-dispatchable VRE
 - Dispatching will typically involve conflicting factors *i.e.* range of possible outcomes that meet similar goals
 - **Key challenges** include tradeoffs among: Forecast Error; Supply Variability; Supply Reserve; and Cost of Operation
 - Operator will leverage a variety of performance metrics* to assemble a “Dispatch Stack” of power sources
 - Operator refers to autonomous controls with manual override

***Metrics:** MW, MWh, MW/Minute, \$/MW

Net Demand Determines Outcomes...

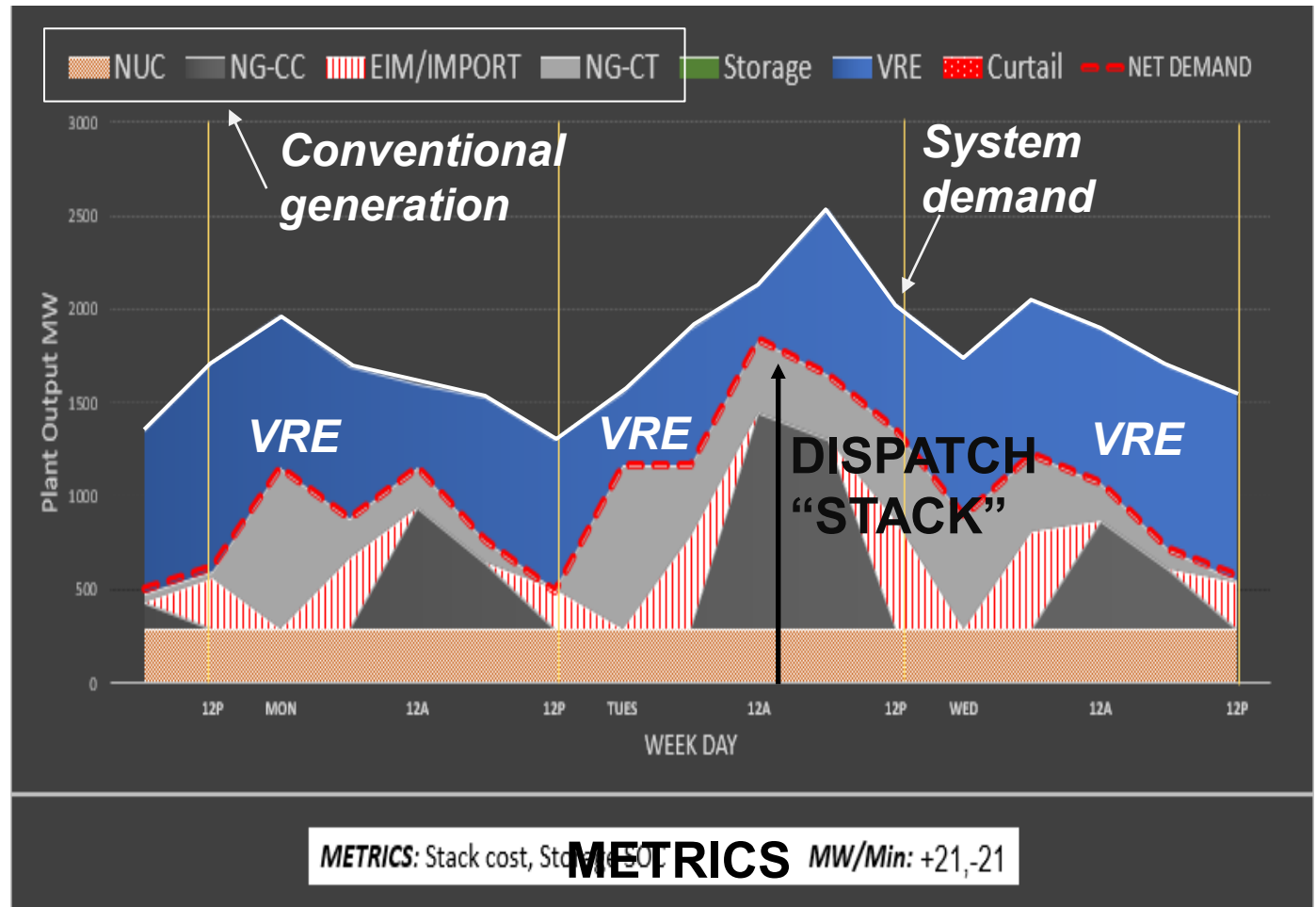


- **Net Demand equals** System demand **minus** VRE supply
- No export power **or** in-state demand above 2030 RPS
- **Under direct control** of grid operators

Ref. Appendix A-2, “New Mexico In-state Energy Storage”
NM RETA report, Sept. 2022

Summary Panels (Examples)

- Simulated dispatch for three high-demand days in July, 2030
- Mimic historic generation patterns and operating rules
- Centralized control of state's grid



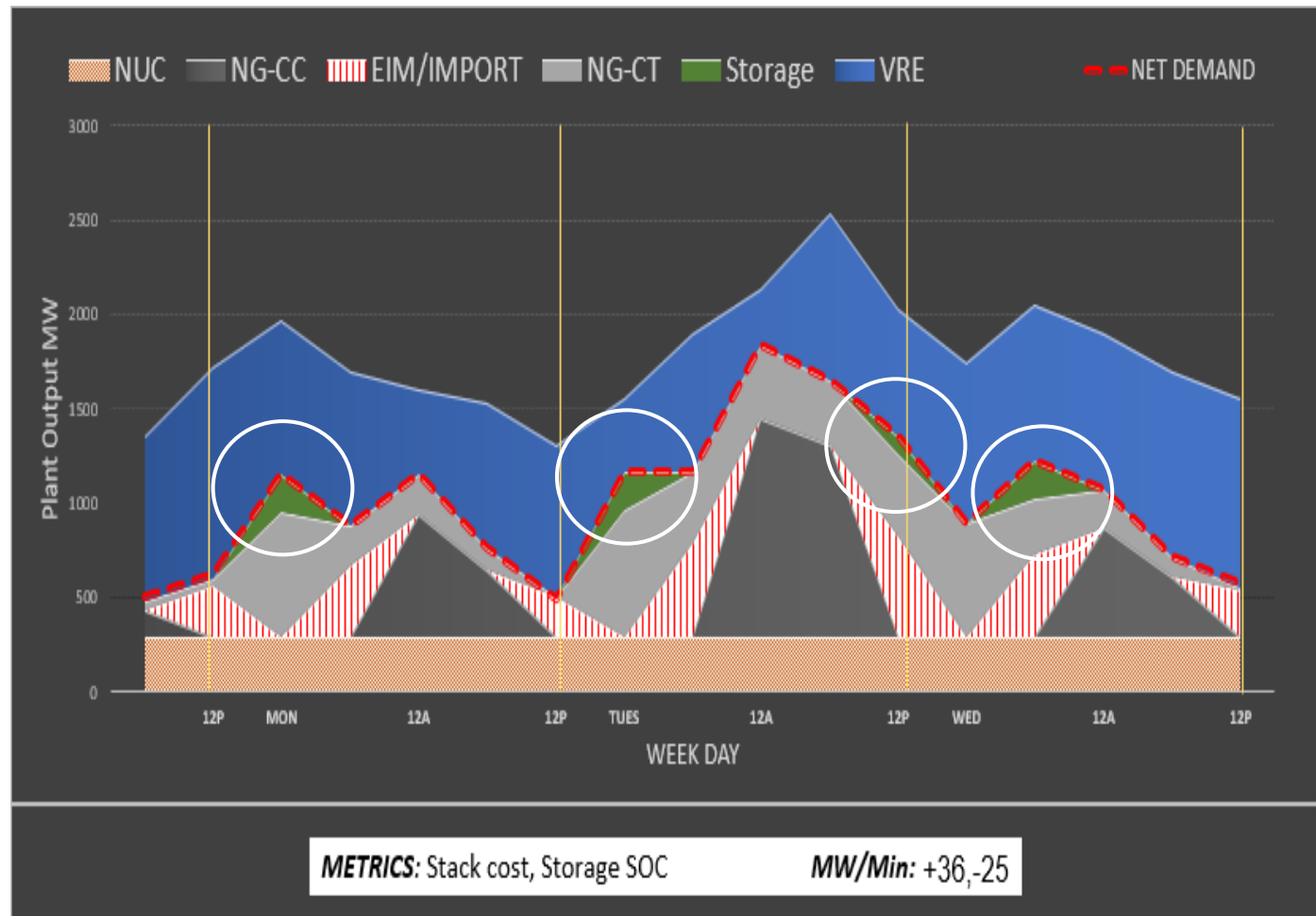
Metric: Forecast Error

- **Forecasting** is used by operators to estimate short-term grid quantities over periods of minutes-hours-days
 - A common measure of forecast (supply) error is **+/-MW megawatts**
 - In this example, the VRE forecast is biased towards over-estimating available supply, on average, about 15%
 - A **Wind-dominated system** may incur higher forecast errors
 - Summary panels highlight the impact of supply forecast errors on **ESS discharge**

Ref. Projected 2030 Wind/Solar fractions 60%/40%; see Section 3.3, “New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission and Storage Study: Update of Key Findings” NM RETA report, Feb. 2022

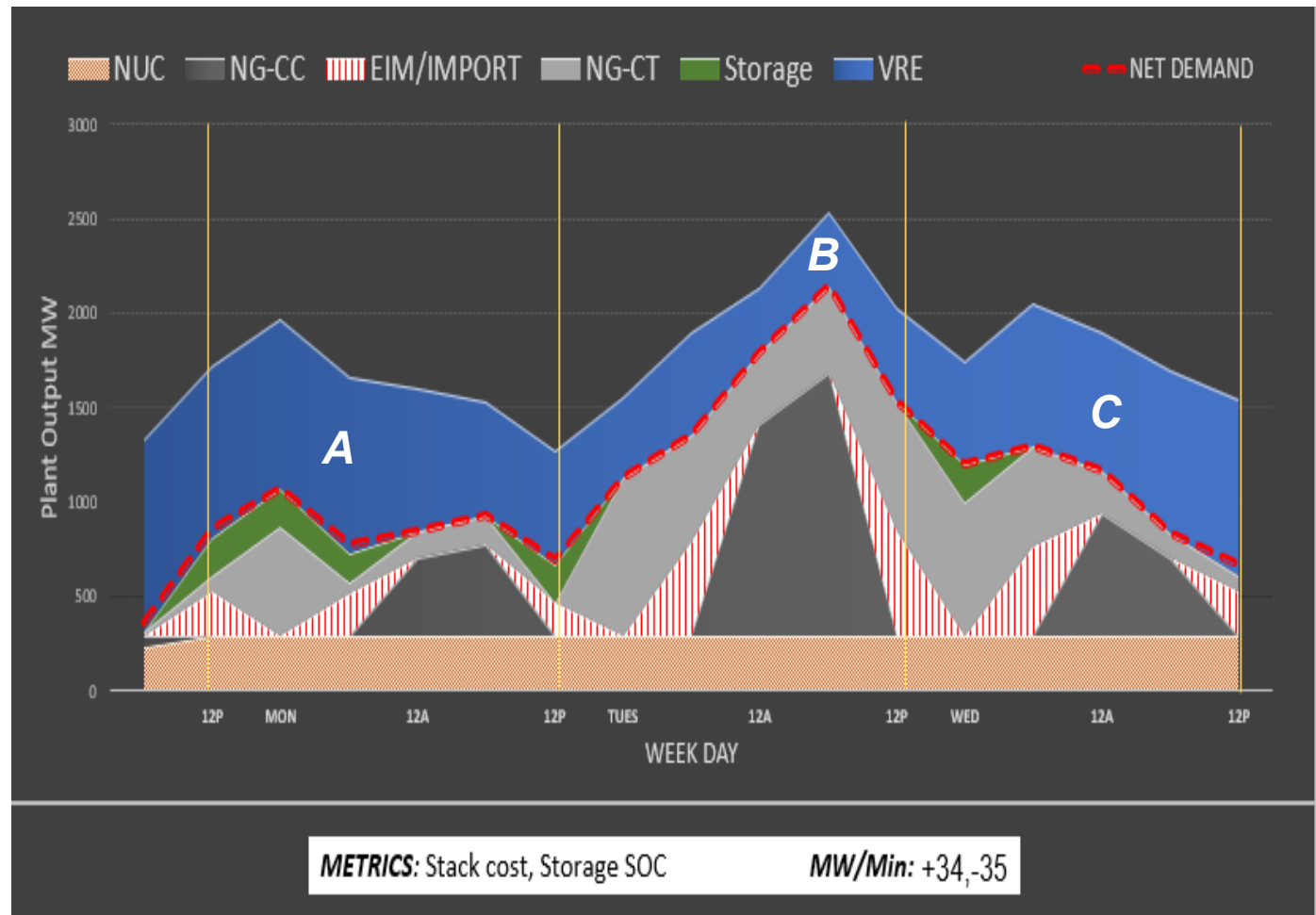
Storage Discharge- No Forecast Error

- Operator's **perfect** 1-hour ahead VRE supply forecast
- **Events:** (highlighted) Natural-gas fired plants displaced through **ESS "Arbitrage"**



Storage Discharge- Forecast Error

- Operator's *imperfect* 1-hour ahead forecast:
A, C over-supply;
B under-supply
- Discharged MWh varies **30% or more** from prior example



Pre- and Post-Dispatch

- **400 MW** storage capacity utilized for Arbitrage

No Forecast Error

- Over **6,300 MWh** **displaced** during storage re-dispatch
- Over 30% decrease in **Stack cost** due to reduced gas-fired plant output
- Discharge coincides with pattern of net demand **variability**

Forecast Error

- Over **3,200 MWh** **displaced** during storage re-dispatch
- Less than 15% decrease in **Stack cost** (proportional to plant displacement)
- Forecast error yields large change in ESS discharge

Takeaways: Dispatchable Power

- Simulations highlight the importance of ***dispatch flexibility***
- Storage and Curtailment will become key operator tools for managing future grid operation
- Dispatching will typically require ***a tradeoff among conflicting factors*** *i.e.* range of possible outcomes that meet similar goals
- ***Key Challenges*** include: Forecast Error; Supply Variability; Supply Reserve; and Cost of Operation
- Operator must integrate output of both dispatchable generating plants, ESS, DR plus non-dispatchable VRE

Study URL- NMRETA website

https://nmreta.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/RETA-Energy-Storage_-0922.pdf



SUPPLEMENT

- Cost Performance

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- Simulation incorporates conventional plant running costs

- **Fixed** cost per MWh for NUC, NG-CC, NG-GT and EIM supply sources
- **Variable** cost per MWh for CURTAIL and ESS options
- Minimize aggregate cost of dispatch stack \$/MWh

| Supply Source | Cost Per MWh |
|---------------|--------------|
| NUC Nuclear | \$40 |
| NG-CC Nat Gas | \$70 |
| CURTAIL | \$60 |
| EIM/IMPORT | \$60 |
| NG-GT Nat Gas | \$160 |
| ESS Storage | \$200 |

- ESS cost per MWh quantified by a Time-of-Use rate proxy (PNM 35B), charged off-peak and discharged on-peak

Metric: Supply Variability

- **Variability** may become problematic with larger fractions of VRE supply
 - A common measure of variability is **ramp rate +/-MW per minute**
 - Compensated by dispatching supply over two time frames: Regulation (less than 15 minutes) and Load Following (part-hours to days)
 - Allowable Nuclear ramps are **1% or less** of rated capacity per minute, Natural Gas ramps are usually **25% or less** of rated capacity per minute