Grid Integration of Wind Energy – The Eastern Wind Integration and Transmission Study

Abstract
Wind energy is the fastest growing source of energy in the United States. As this important energy source continues to grow, evaluating its impact on the operation of electrical systems on a regional basis becomes increasingly important. Evaluating wind energy’s interaction with the utility grid allows for a better understanding of how to manage the wind resource during planning and actual day to day operations. Quantifying the actual impact of wind energy on specific regional electrical systems provides information that is also used in transmission planning.

The Eastern Wind Integration and transmission Study (EWITS) was the largest wind integration study to date. The technical work conducted in EWITS yielded detailed quantitative information on:

- Wind generation required to produce 20% and 30% of the projected electric energy demand over the U.S. portion of the Eastern Interconnection in 2024
- Transmission concepts for delivering energy economically for each scenario
- Economic sensitivity simulations of the hourly operation of the power system defined by a wind generation forecast scenario and the associated transmission overlay
- The contribution made by wind generation to resource adequacy and planning capacity margin.

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