

# PNM 2020-2039 Integrated Resource Plan

**September 6, 2019**

Transmission & Reliability  
Real World Operations

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- PNM Transmission Planning
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# **California ISO**

## **Electric System Operations – Meeting Reliability Obligations**

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California ISO

# Electric System Operations – Meeting Reliability Obligations

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# North American energy regions share the goal of maintaining reliability and market efficiency

## California ISO

- One of 40 balancing authorities in the western interconnection
- Nonprofit public benefit corporation, serving over 30 million consumers
- Serves 80% of California and small portion of Nevada



# Independent System Operators (also called Regional Transmission Organizations)

- Coordinates, controls and monitors the operation of the electrical power system
- Independent from business interests in sales or purchases of electric power
- Provide grid operations, short-term reliability, and transmission service within a region
- Marketplace for wholesale power

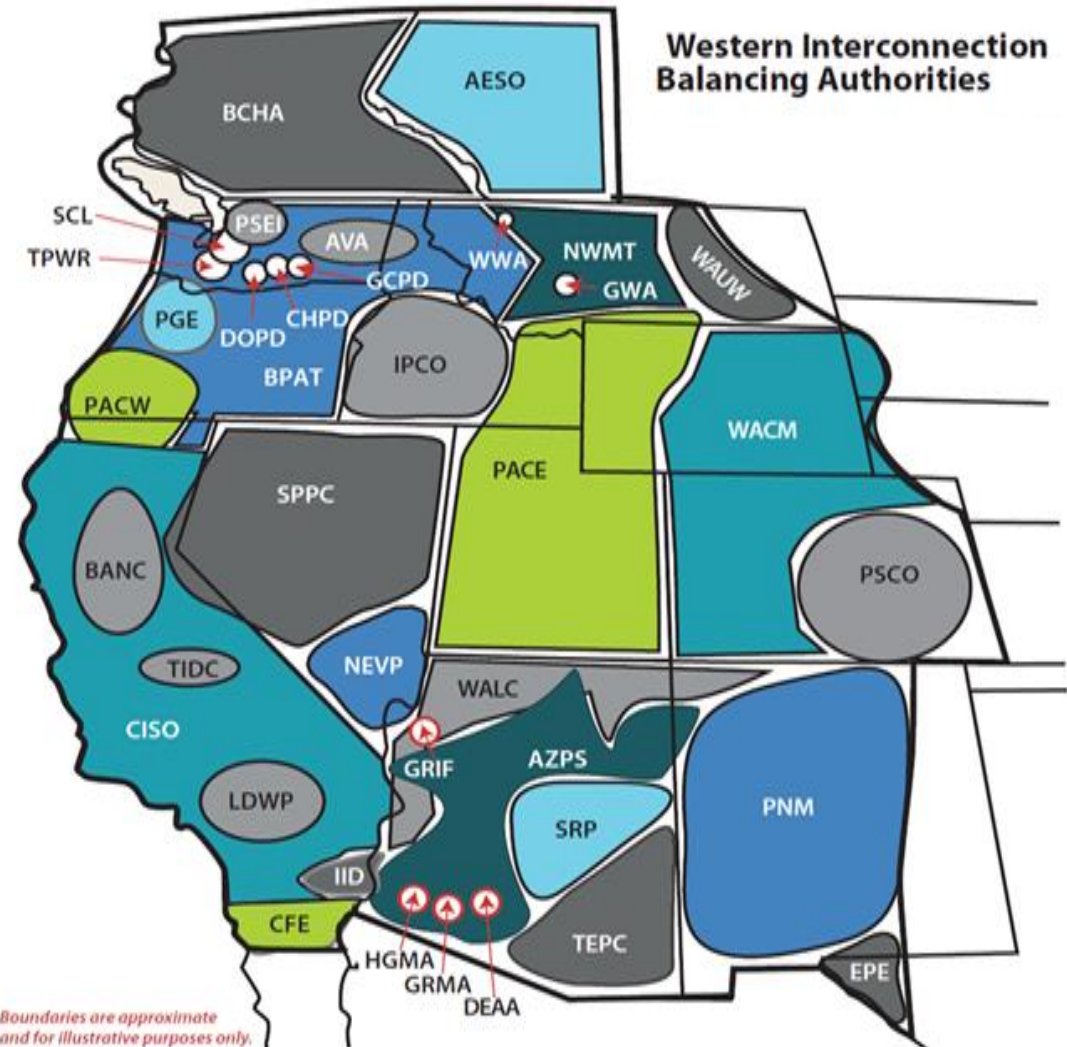


# Overview Concepts: Reliability Operations of the BAA



# The Western Interconnection is made up of 40 Balancing Authority Areas (BAAs)

- Balancing Authority Area (BAA) is the collection of generation, transmission, and loads within the metered boundaries of the Balancing Authority
- Each BA is responsible for complying with national reliability standards set by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Each BA instantaneously matches generation with load inside its borders while meeting import and export obligations



# Reliability Criteria is established at the national level



FERC

Regulated by the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

- Regulates the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas and oil



NERC

Compliant with the **North American Electric Reliability Corp.**

- Regulates the North American grid through the adoption and enforcement of reliability standards

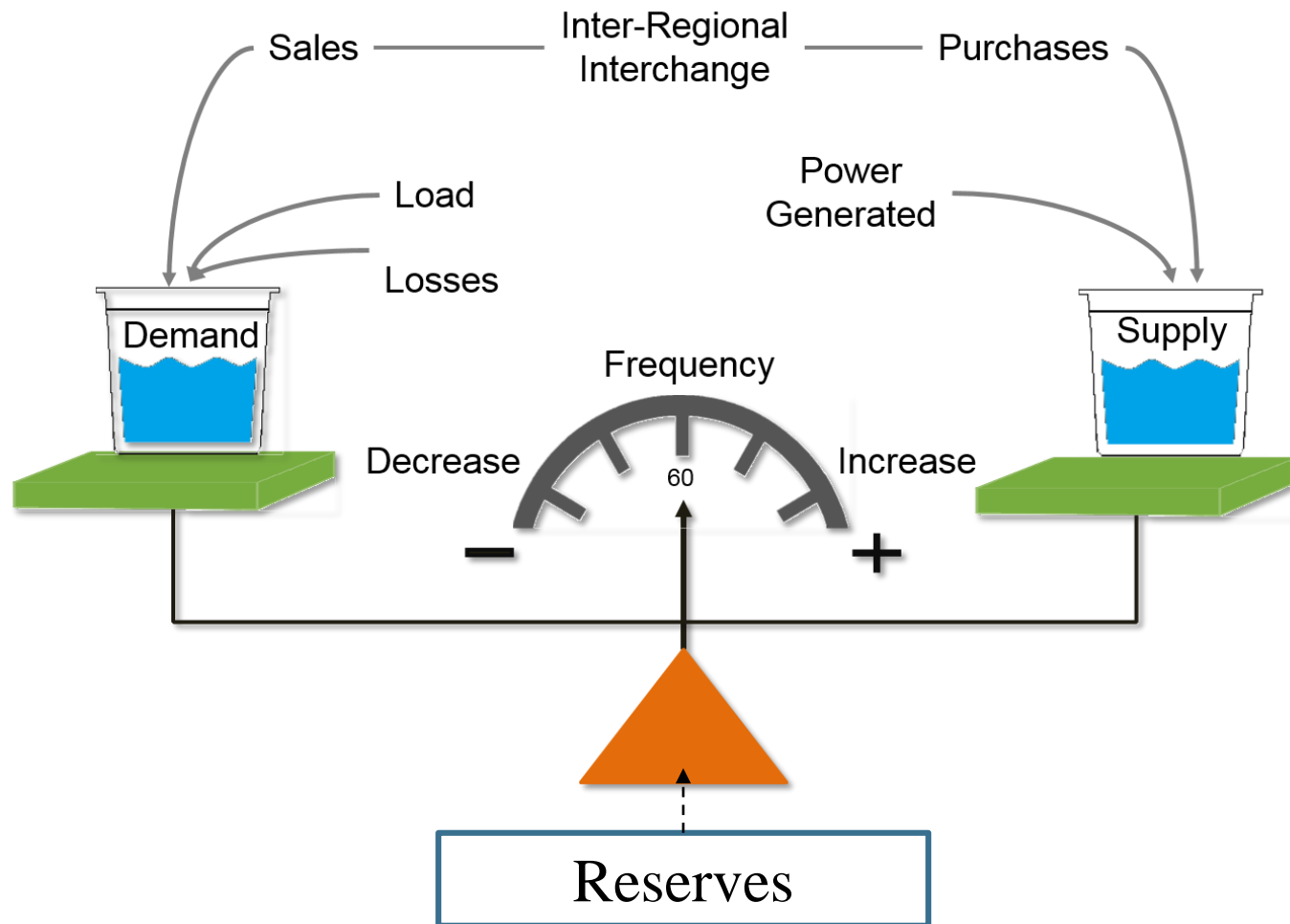


WECC

Members of the **Western Electricity Coordinating Council**

- Coordinates bulk electric system reliability in the geographic area known as the Western Interconnection

# System reliability requires a constant and instantaneous match between supply and demand

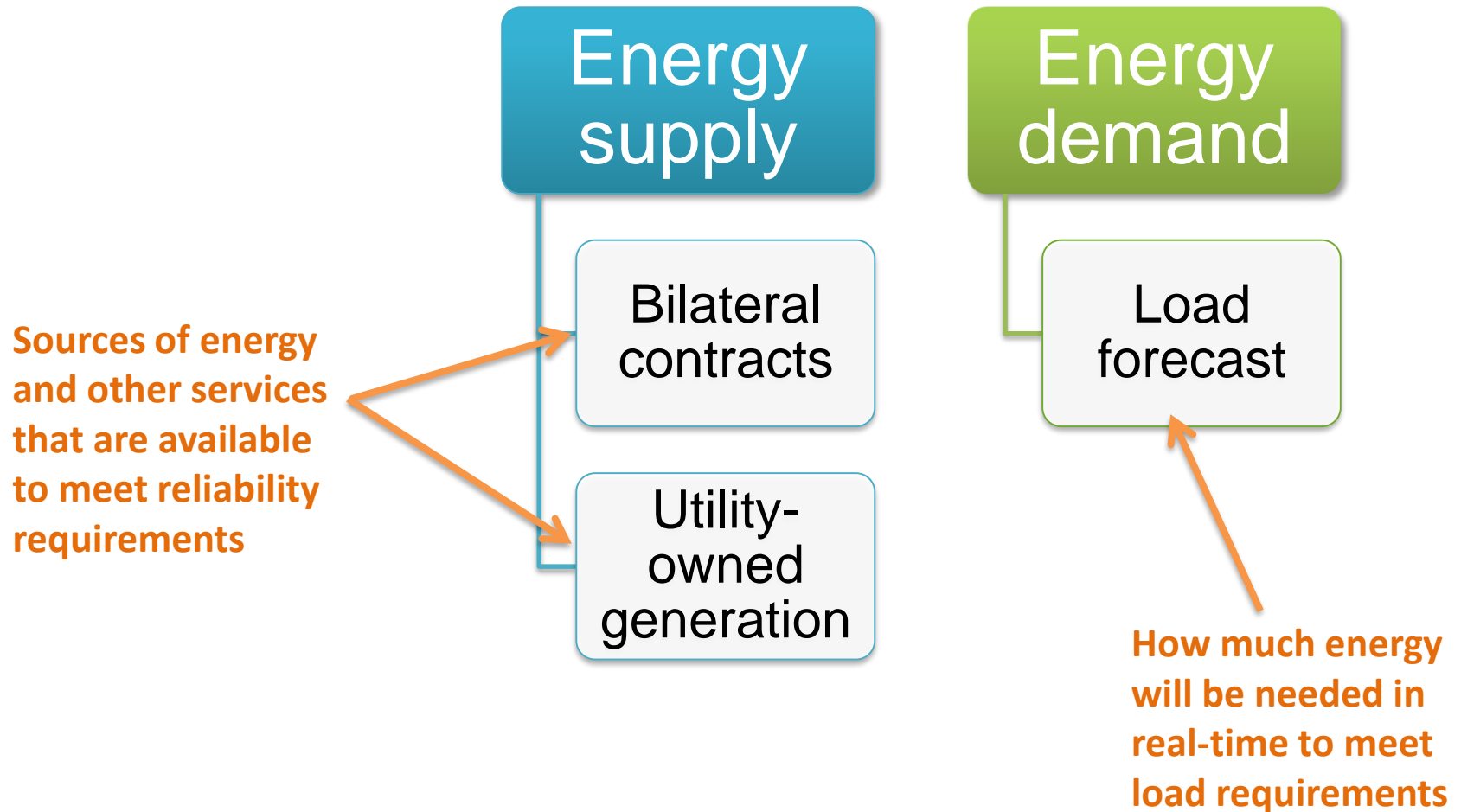




# Forecasting the system load is accomplished on multiple time horizons

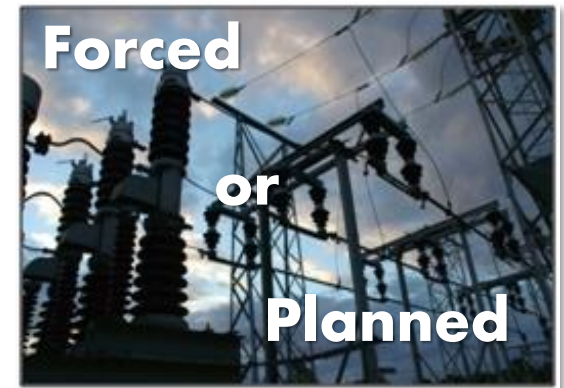
- Day Ahead Model
  - 4 hours – 9 days (configurable)
  - Similar days
  - Weather Inputs
- Hour Ahead Model
  - 40 minutes to 4 hours (configurable)
  - Forecasting off recent load
  - Weather inputs
- Persistence Model
  - 0 - 75 min (configurable)
  - Heavily weighted on recent load and day type
  - Blending into Hour Ahead Model

Physical energy is the electricity needed to meet the load needs of the balancing authority area

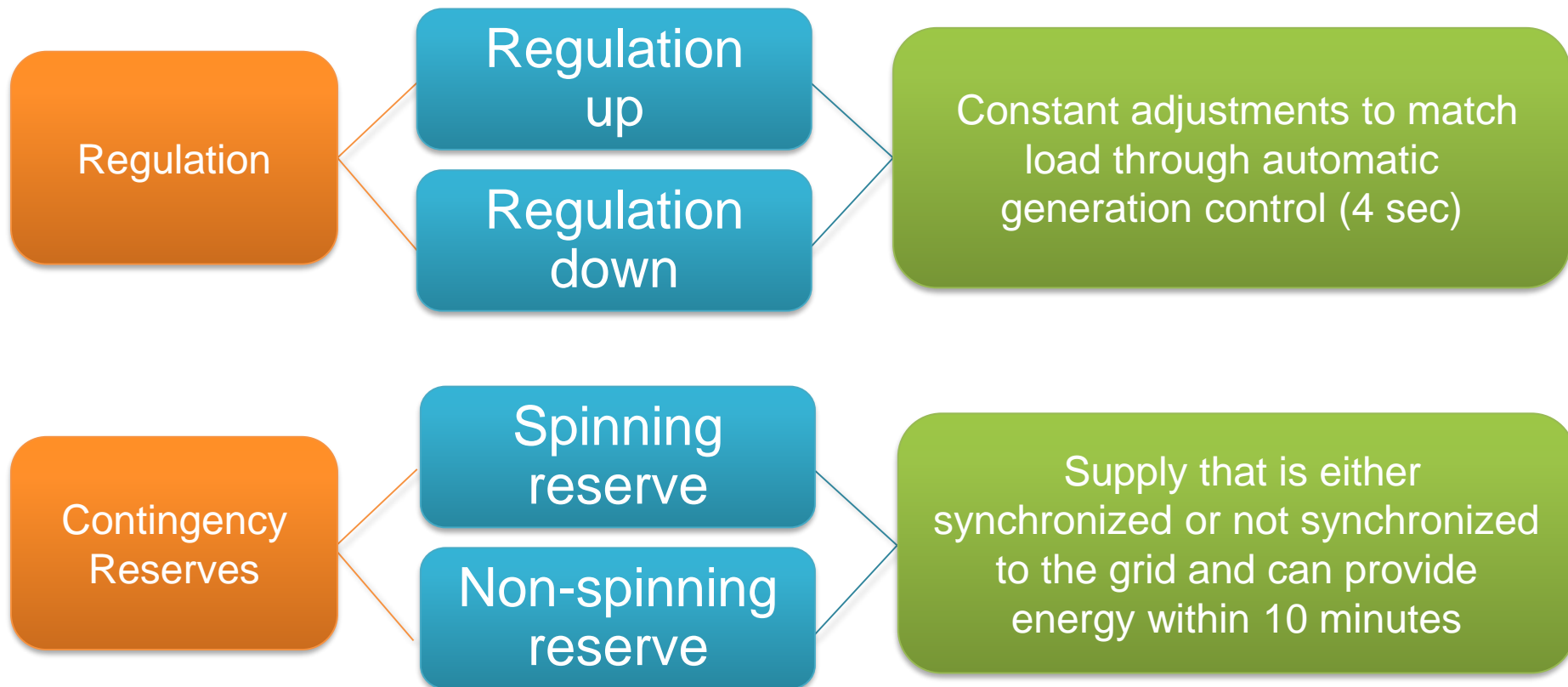


# Changes to resource operating characteristics must be carefully tracked and coordinated

- Generation and transmission outages, derates, or changes to resource characteristics affect resource availability
- Forecasted production of renewable resources is necessary to establish a base resource plan
- Outage records are used to prevent resources with physical limitations from being dispatched to unachievable levels

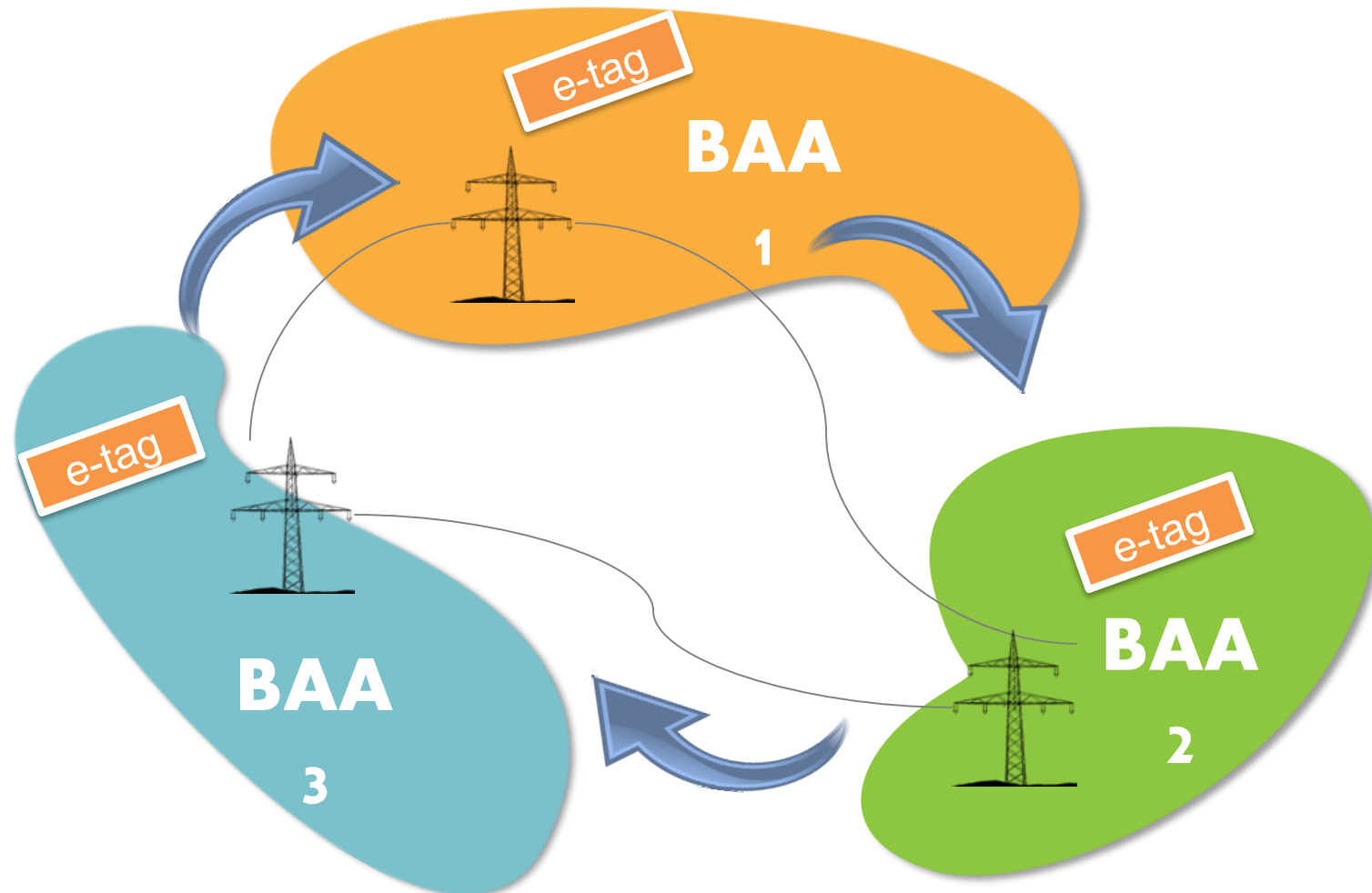


# Ancillary services ensure reliability as electricity is moved from generating sources to customers instantly



Note: synchronized is connected and ready to produce energy

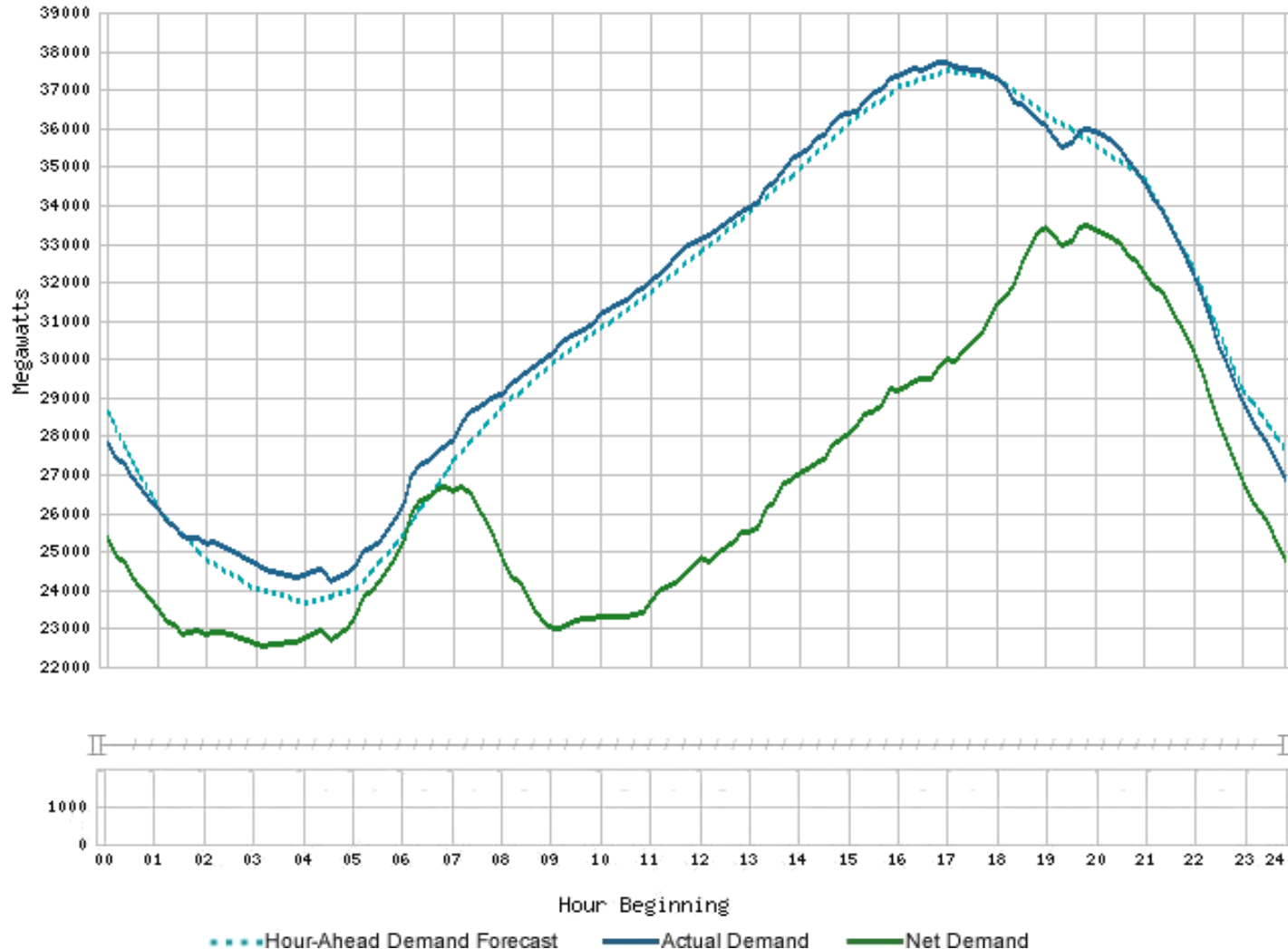
Interchange schedules provide transfers between Balancing Areas and are tracked by electronic tags



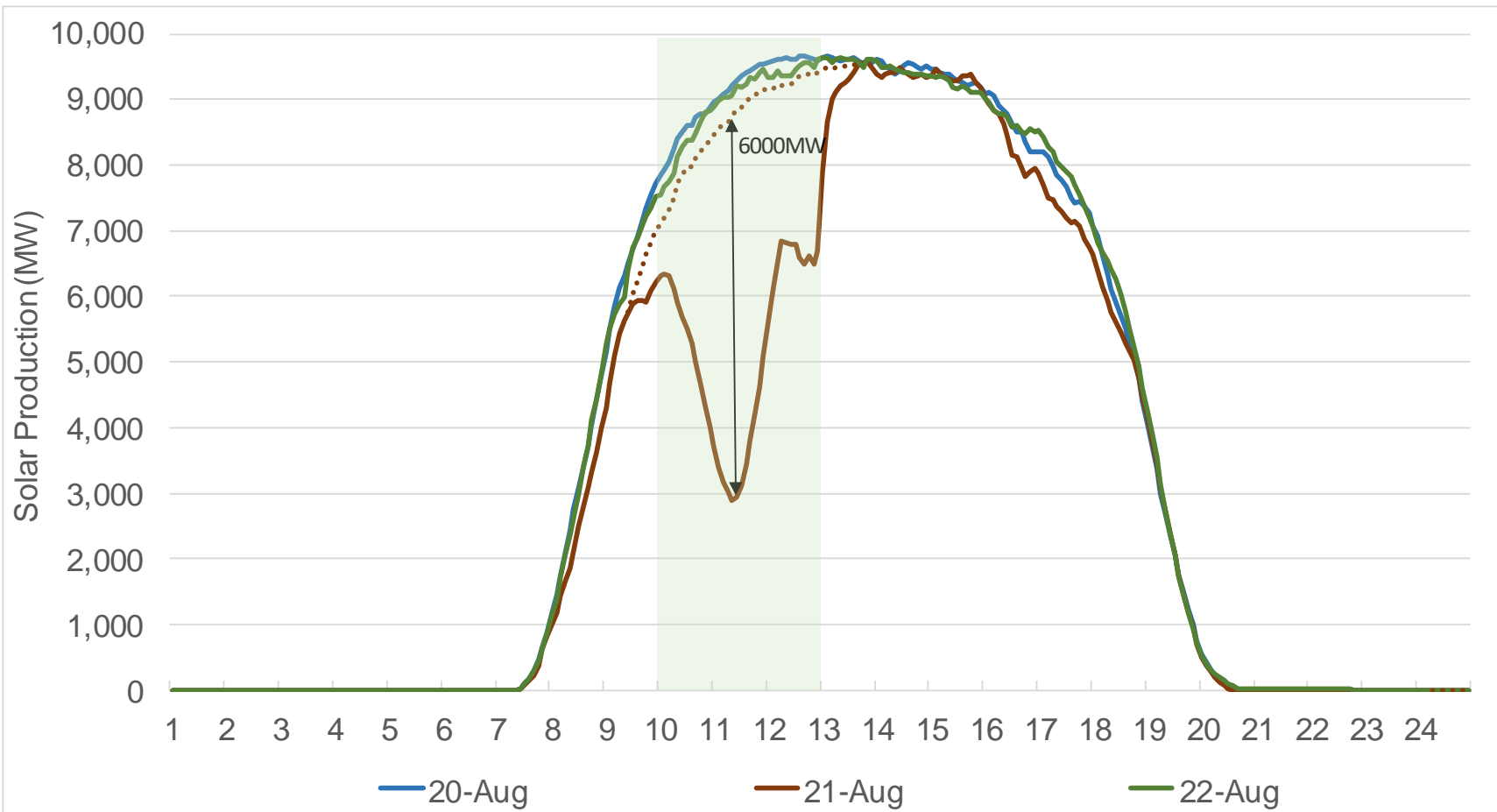
# What is “imbalance”?

- Balancing authorities (BA) start the hour with matched generation and forecasted load
- Imbalances arise when load and generation deviations occur within the operating hour
- Generation and transmission outages, derates, or changes to resource characteristics affect resource availability
- All BAs have responsibility to maintain operating reserves for contingency events
- Most BAs procure extra flexibility reserves to balance variable supply and demand

# Solar & wind production can drive a shift in use pattern for conventional resources on peak demand days



# Actual solar production during the August 21, 2017 eclipse compared to adjacent days creates new operating challenge



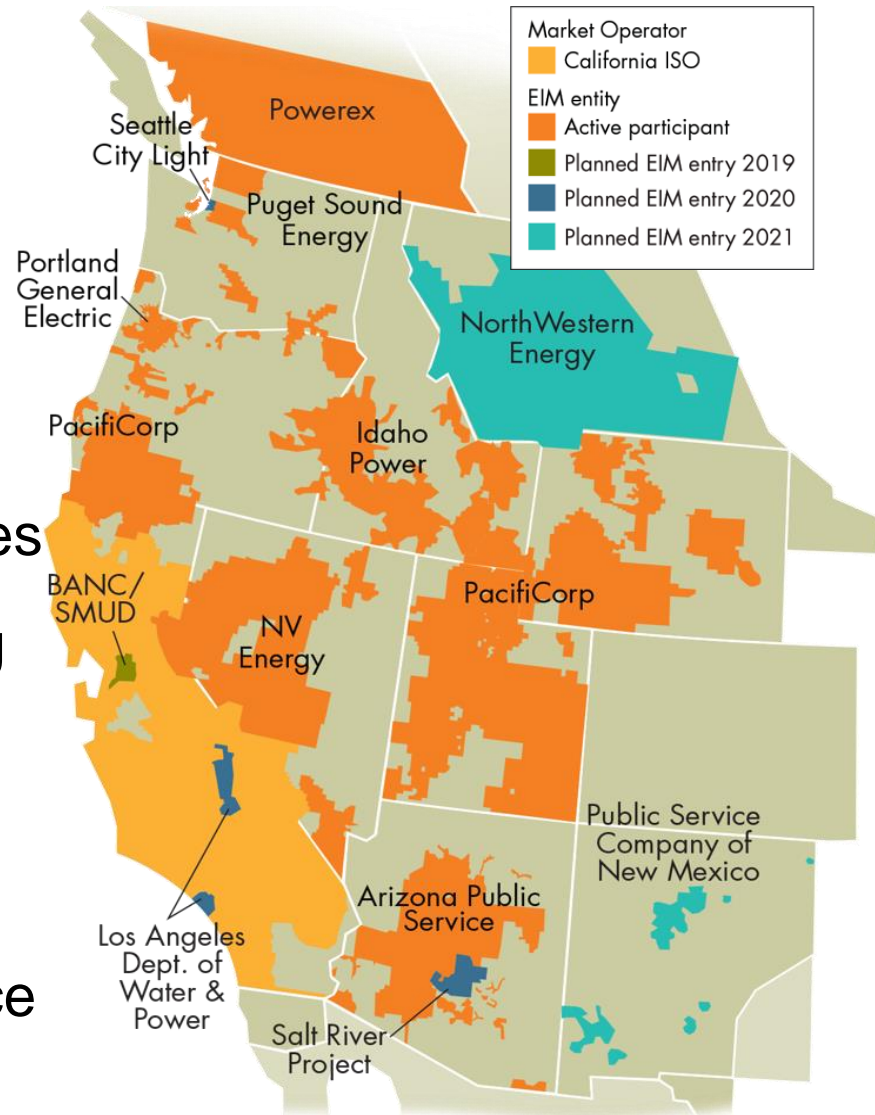


# Energy Imbalance Market Overview

What is the EIM and how does it work?

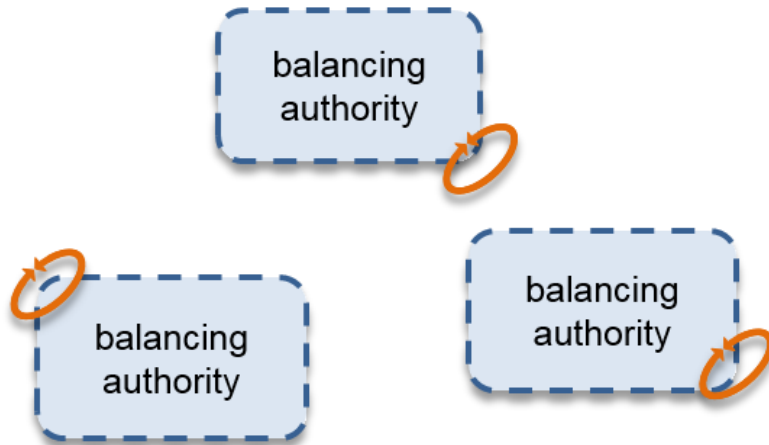
# The Western EIM is a real-time only market

- Builds on existing market:
  - automated dispatch minimizes cost, facilitates renewables, resolves imbalance, and avoids congestion
- Easily scalable, low-cost, low risk, and voluntary option with no exit fees
- Preserves BAA autonomy, including compliance, balancing, and reserve obligations
- EIM adapts to regional reserve sharing programs and state resource procurement policy.

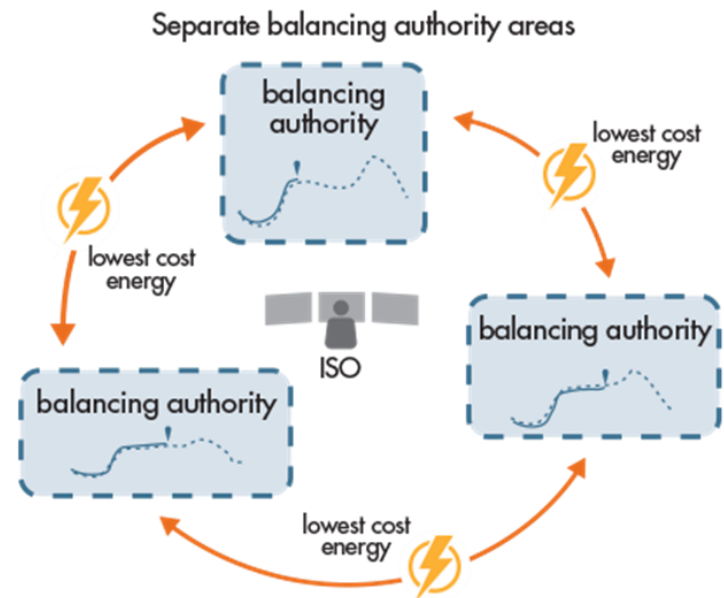


# Energy Imbalance Market key points

In a non-EIM environment:  
Each BA balances loads and  
resources within its borders

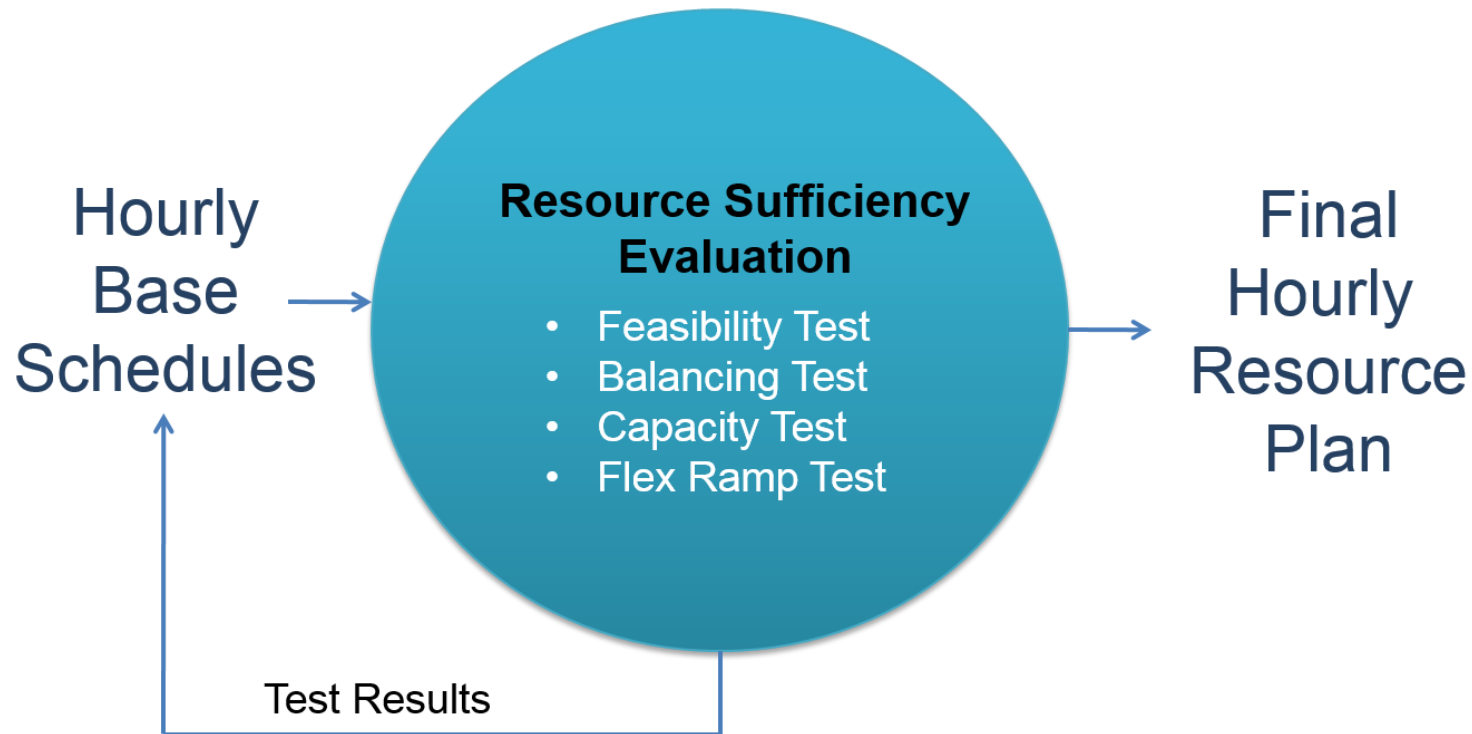


In an EIM:  
The market dispatches resources  
across BAs to balance energy



**Entities are still responsible for running  
their own BAAs**

Hourly, EIM entities show they have adequate capacity to balance load and manage contingencies in their BAA



# Commonly Used Acronyms

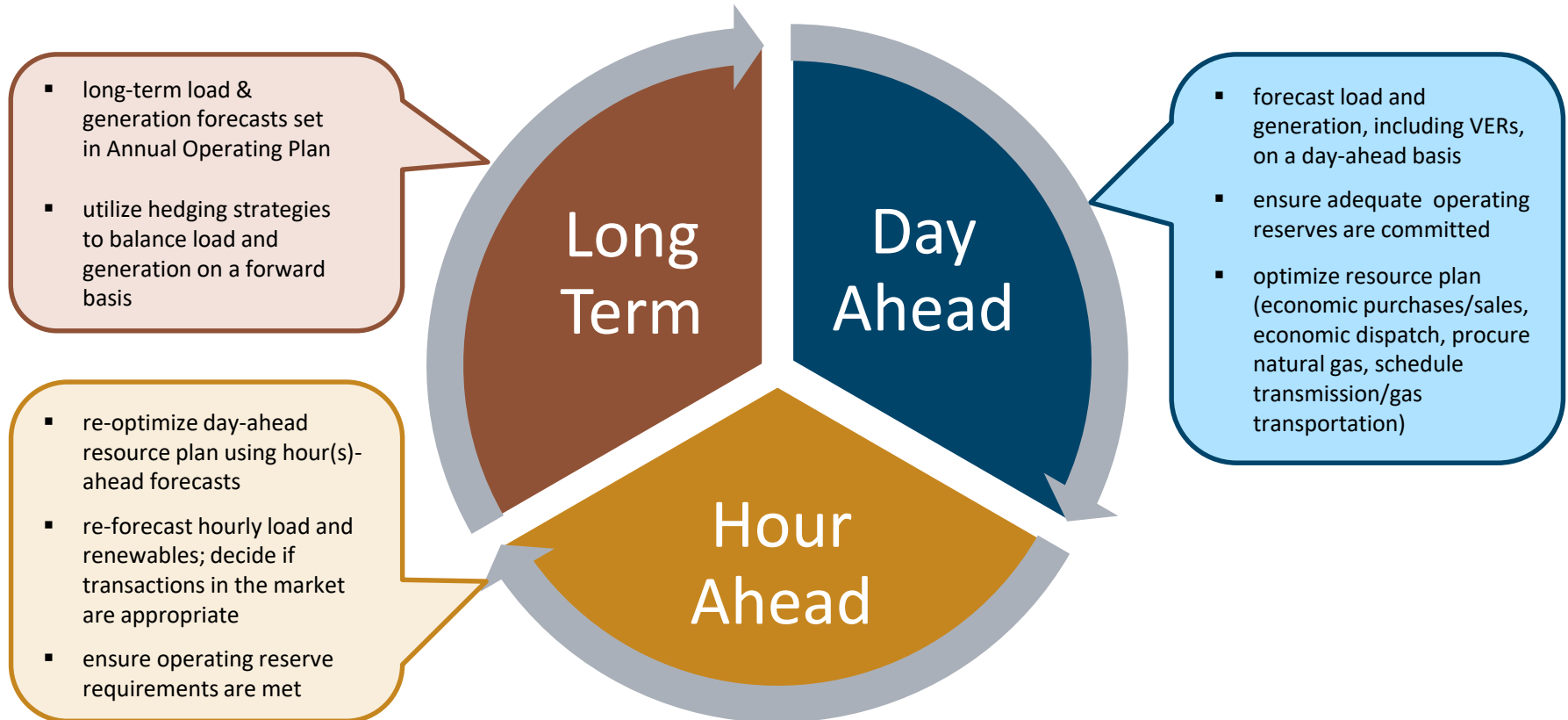
<b>BA</b>	Balancing Authority
<b>BAA</b>	Balancing Authority Area
<b>DA</b>	Day Ahead
<b>FERC</b>	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
<b>ISO</b>	Independent System Operator
<b>NERC</b>	North American Electric Reliability Corporation
<b>RC</b>	Reliability Coordinator
<b>RT</b>	Real-Time
<b>RTCA</b>	Real-Time Contingency Analysis
<b>RTO</b>	Regional Transmission Organizations
<b>WECC</b>	Western Electricity Coordinating Council

# **PNM**

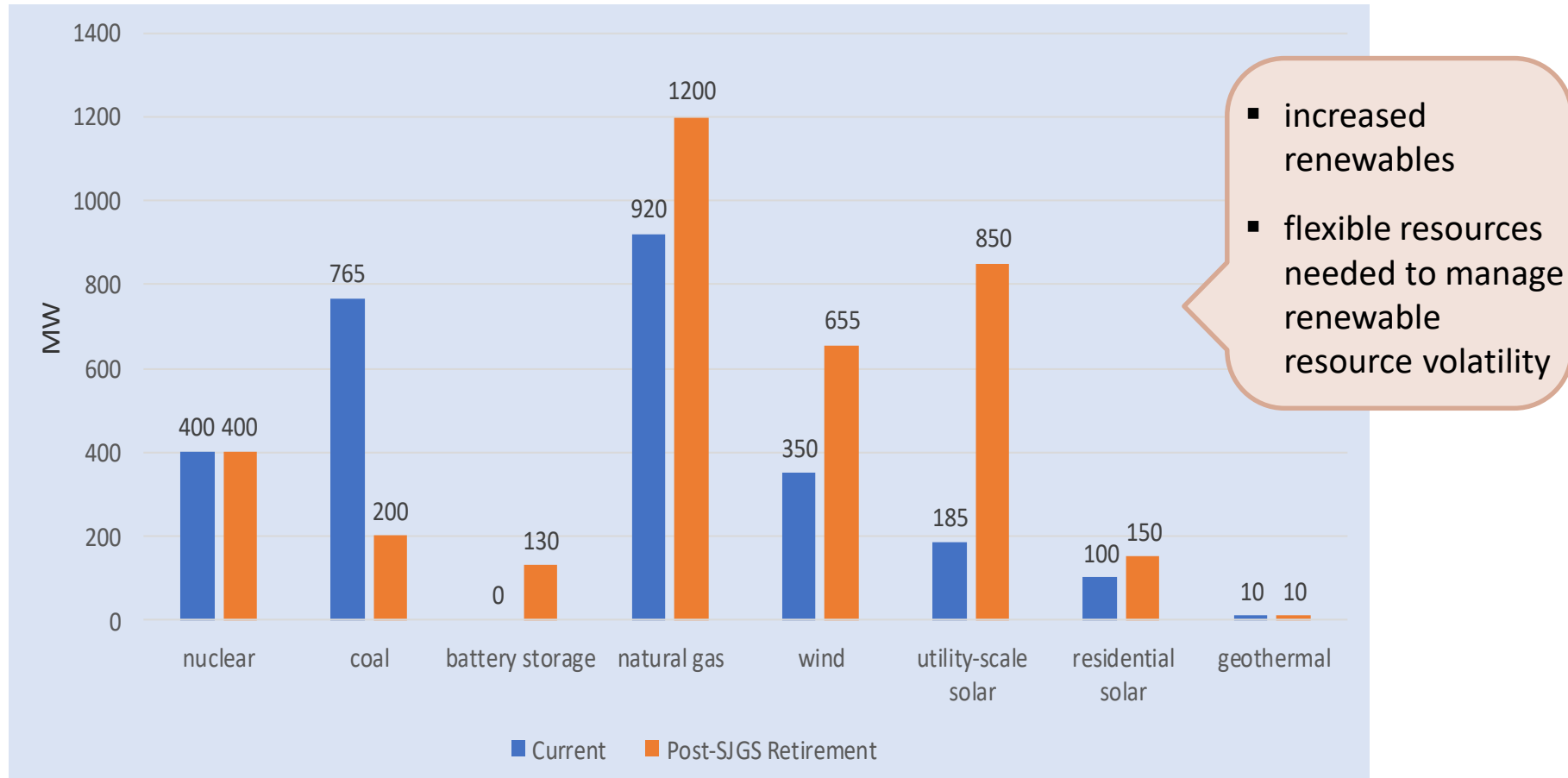
## **Wholesale Power Marketing**

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# Load & Generation Forecasting & Planning



# Current and Projected Resource Portfolio





# ***Portfolio Challenges***

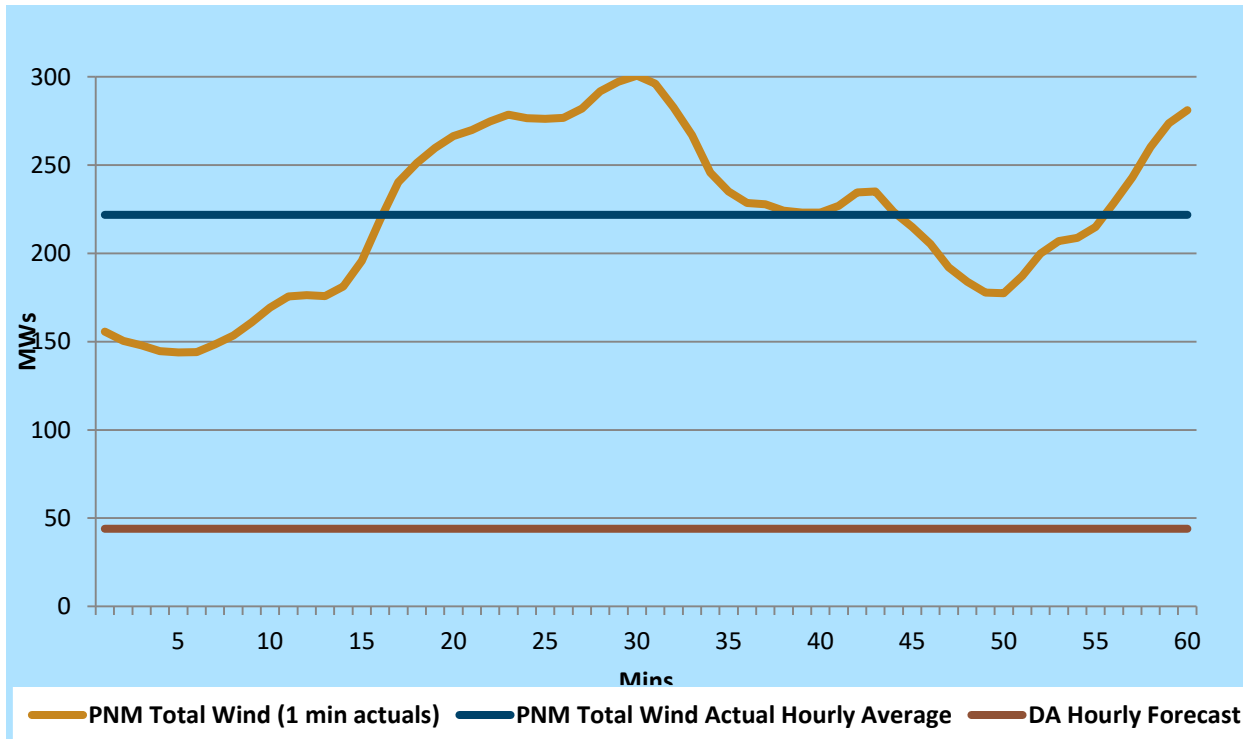
## **Current Challenges**

- trip recovery, reserve restoration
- accuracy of load, wind, and solar forecasts
- intra-hour wind volatility
- limited flexible resources to balance renewables
- lack of real-time markets
- plant availability

## **Future Challenges**

- increased renewable portfolio (~750 MW)
- managing solar ramp profiles
- significant wind volatility with reduced baseload regulation
- development of large-scale storage projects
- managing gas supply
- tools needed to aid portfolio management

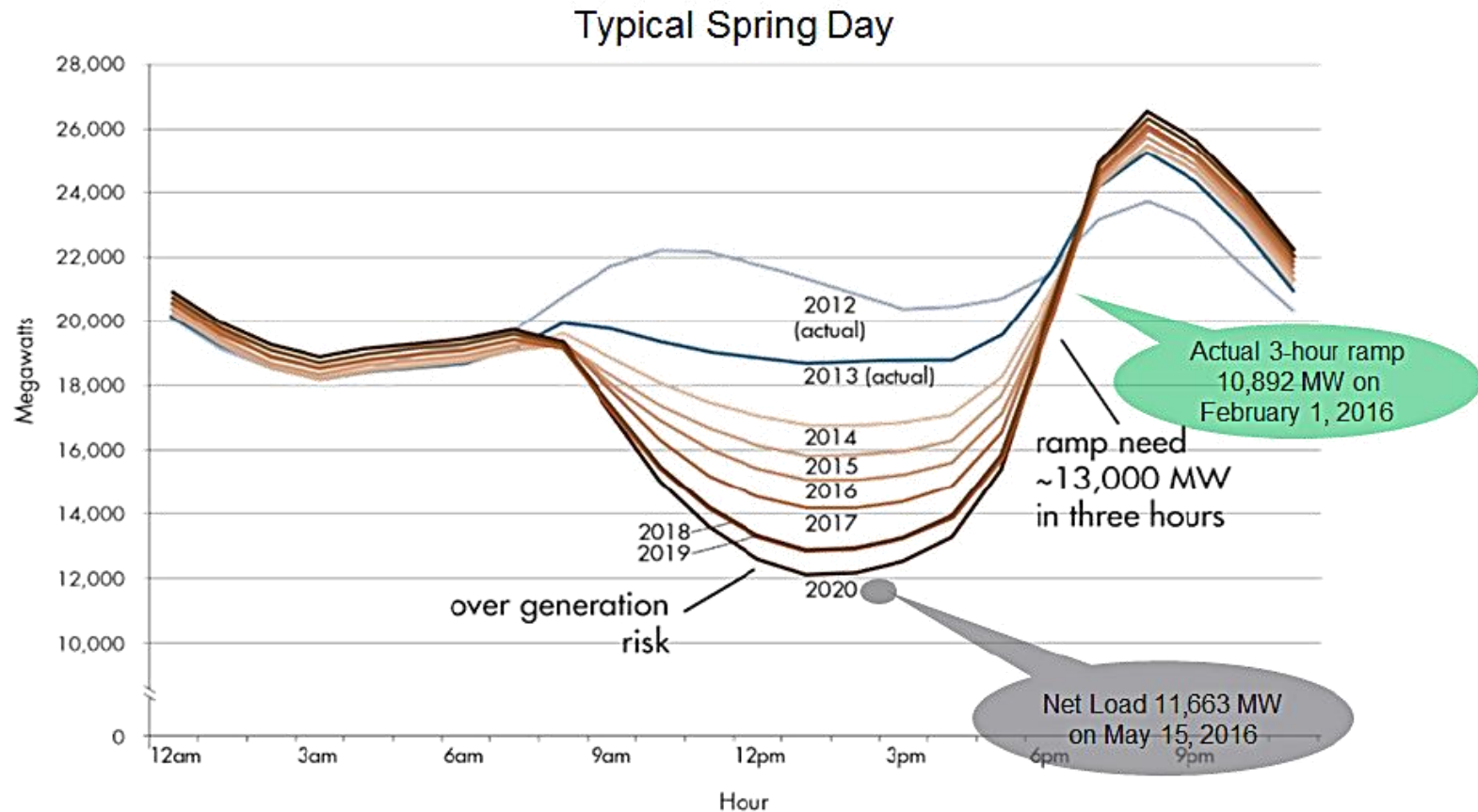
# Wind Volatility – Monday, 6/17/2019, 7-8 pm



output increased  
150 MW in 30  
mins, then  
decreased by 85  
MW in 10 minutes

fast-ramping units  
follow renewable  
resource output  
variability

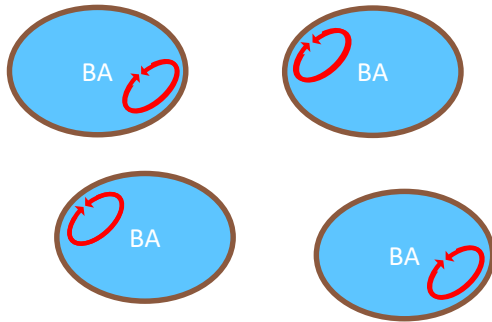
# Example CISO Duck Curve



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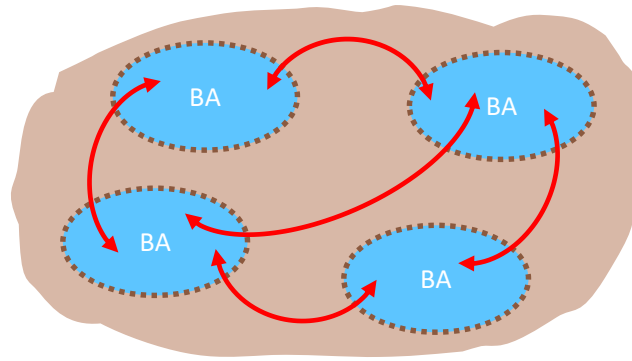
# EIM Integrates VERs by Dispatching Every 5 Minutes

Today:  
Each BA must balance loads and resources w/in its borders.



- Limited pool of balancing resources
- Inflexibility
- High levels of reserves
- Economic inefficiencies
- Increased costs to manage wind/solar variability

In an EIM:  
The market dispatches resources across BAs to balance energy



- Diversity of balancing resources
- Increased flexibility
- Decreased flexible reserves
- More economically efficient
- Decreased cost for real-time balancing

**Utilities are still responsible for maintaining generation capacity, flexible reserves, and reliability of their BA!**

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**BREAK**

# **PNM**

## **Power Operations – Reliability and Load Balancing**

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# PNM's Reliability Responsibilities

## Keeping the lights on

- PNM maintains 24x7 operations to ensure reliability for its customers and prevent adverse effects on neighboring systems
- PNM has the responsibility and authority to take whatever actions are needed to prevent or alleviate problems on our system.
- Actions within PNM's authority includes re-dispatch of generators, switching of facilities, adjust interchange, curtailment of energy schedules and, if conditions require, shedding load as a last resort.

# PNM's Reliability Responsibilities

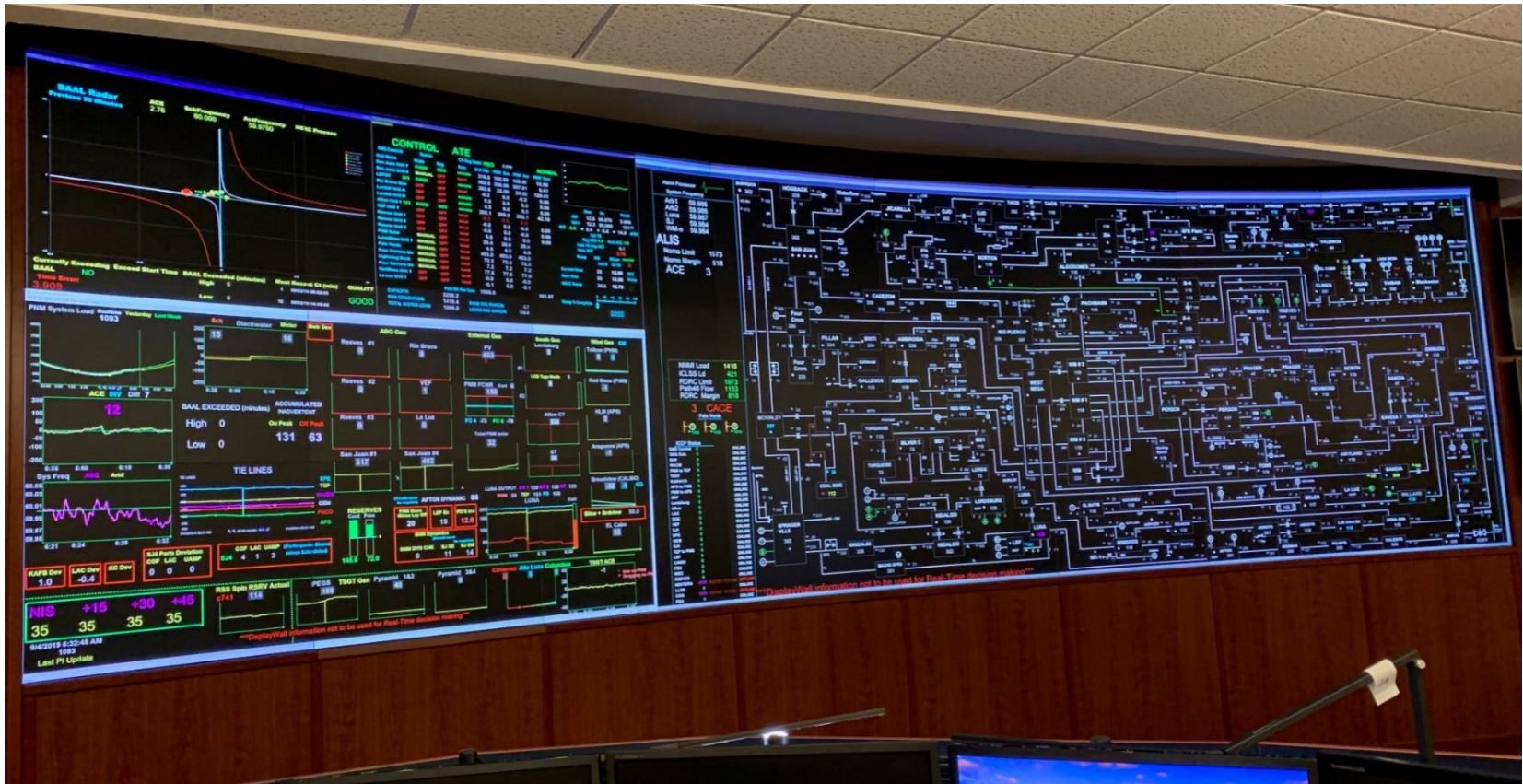
## Keeping the lights on

- Virtually every aspect of PNM's real-time operations are regulated
  - Balancing performance, mitigation of generation and transmission disturbances, system operator training, procedure development and adherence to those procedures, emergency plans, etc.
- Added Oversight from Reliability Coordination Centers
  - "Peak RC" in Loveland CO, and their Backup Center in Vancouver, WA
  - New California ISO "RC West" - November 4, 2019 located in Folsom, CA



# PNM Balancing Area Authority

## PNM Operations Awareness

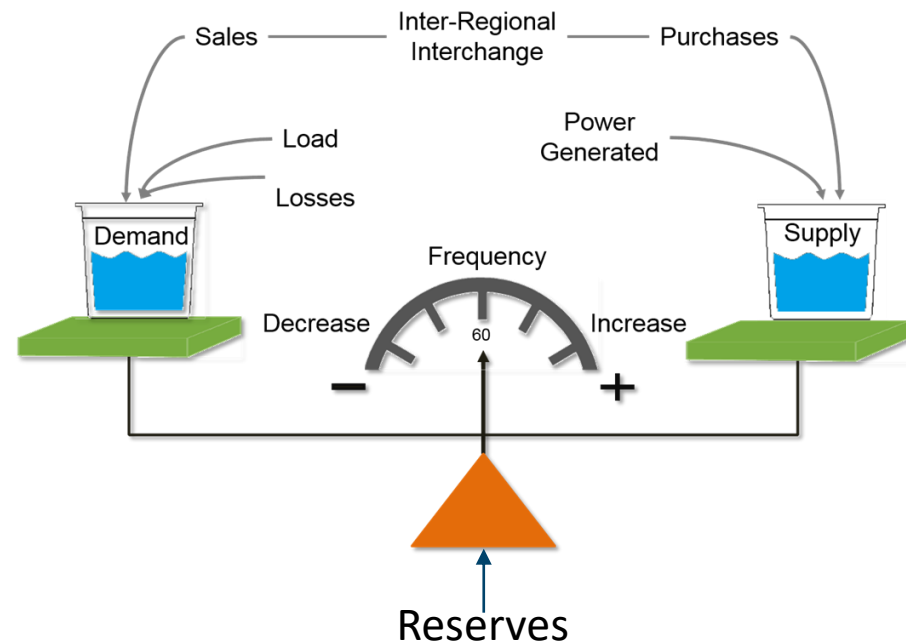


# PNM's Specific reliability responsibilities

## Power operations – PNM Balancing authority (BA) Area

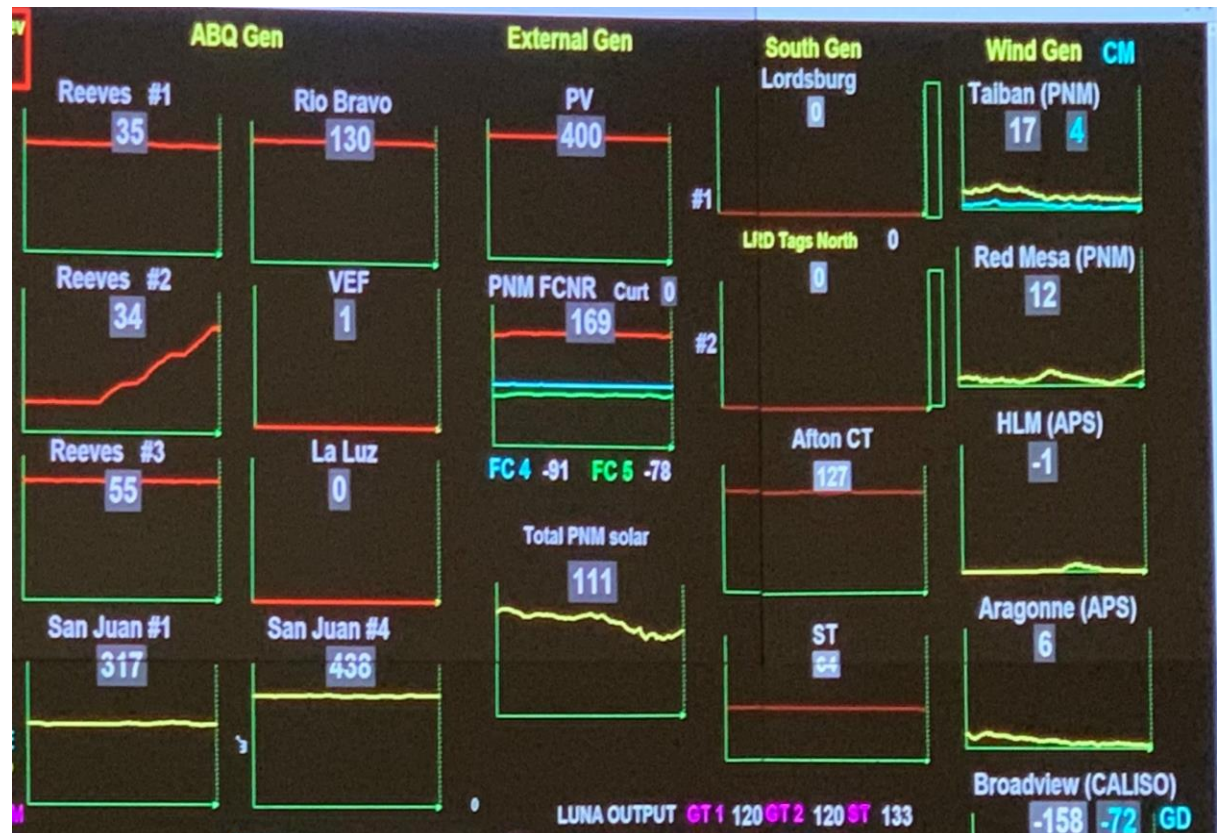
Ensure transmission grid reliability in real-time via:

- Balancing Operations:
  - Assure that the supply of power and the demand for power within the PNM BA system remains in balance to maintain 60hz power – PNM has this responsibility within its operating footprint and shares grid balancing responsibility with about 40 other operating entities in the western interconnection



# Balancing load and generation

## Balancing operations



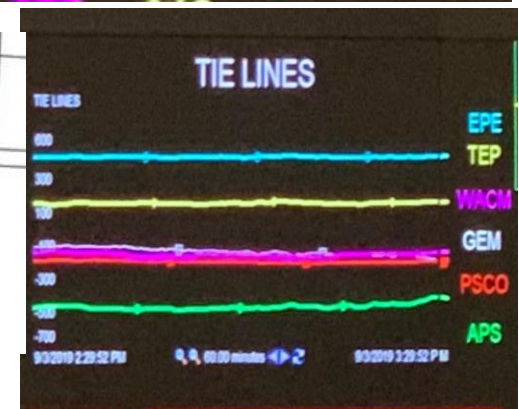
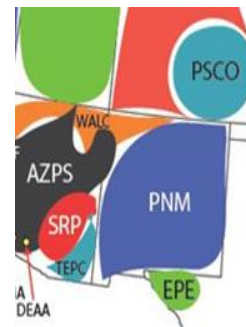
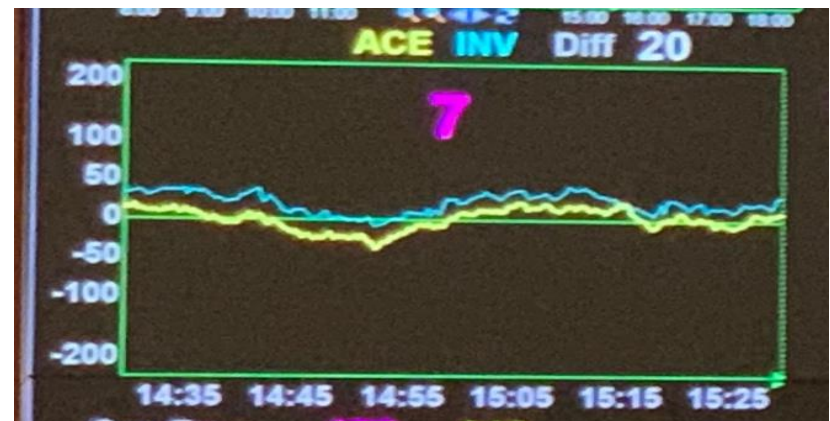


# Balancing load and generation

## Balancing operations – Balancing Area in the West

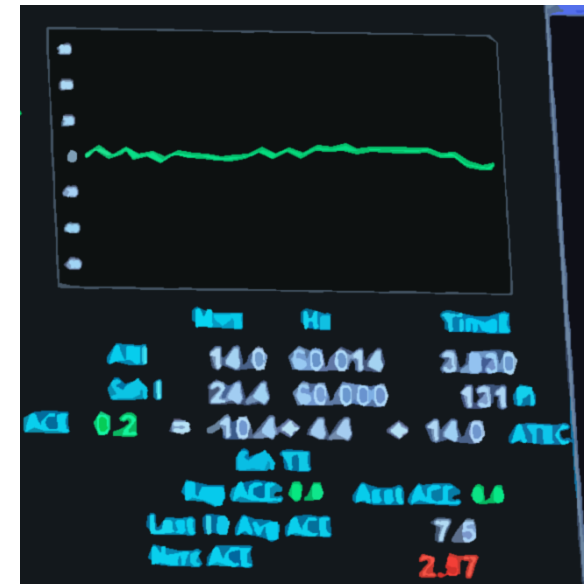
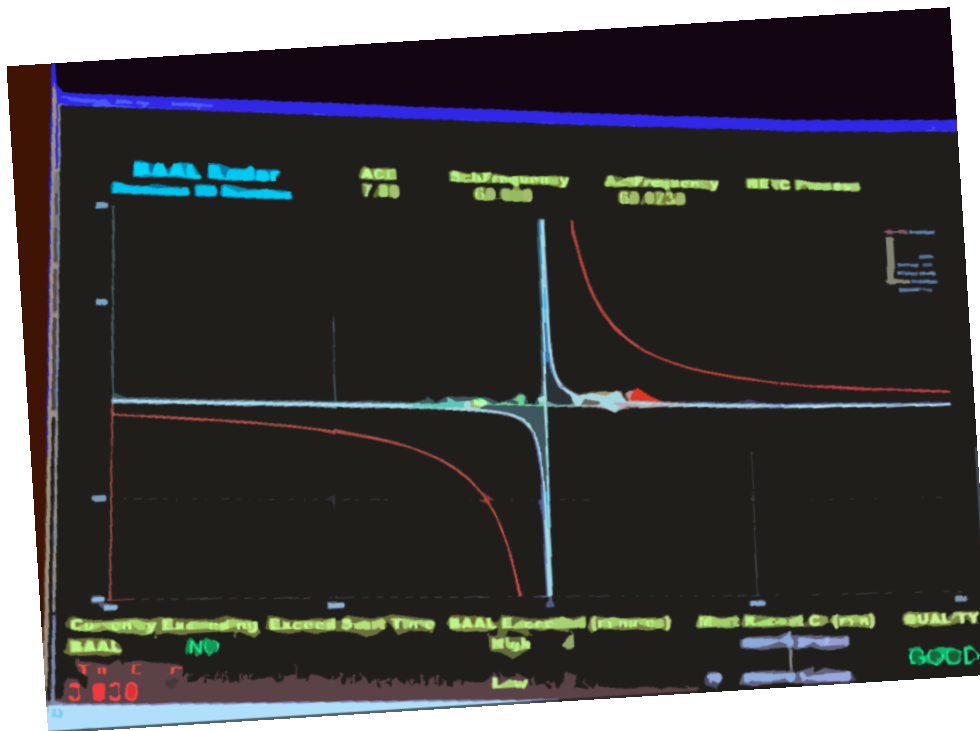
Performance is measured by “area control error” or “ACE” which is a function of load, frequency and time error.

All schedules for power and all flows of power into and out of the PNM system are continuously monitored, recorded and verified on an hourly basis with neighboring utilities



# Balancing Load and Generation

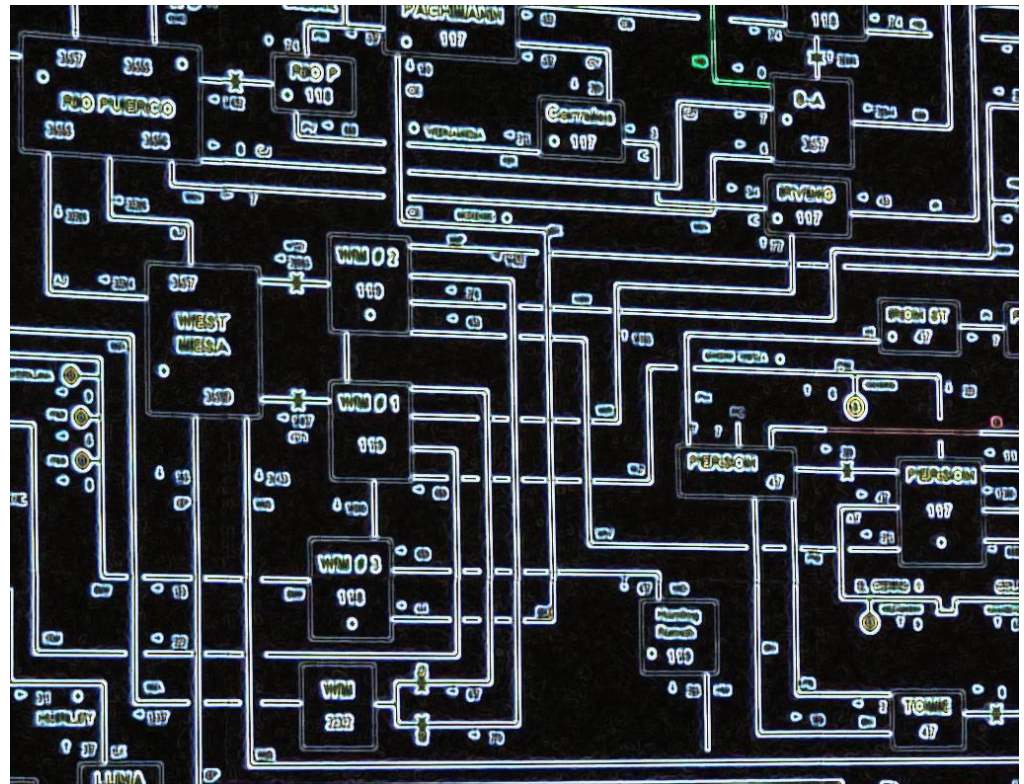
## Balancing Area ACE Limit (BAAL)



# PNM's Specific reliability responsibilities

## Power Operations - Awareness

- Transmission Operations:
  - Monitor power flow on transmission elements (lines and transformers) and if necessary, make adjustments primarily through generation dispatch
  - Facilitate restoration in response to forced outages
    - weather, animal contact
  - Manage planned outages for maintenance and construction activity

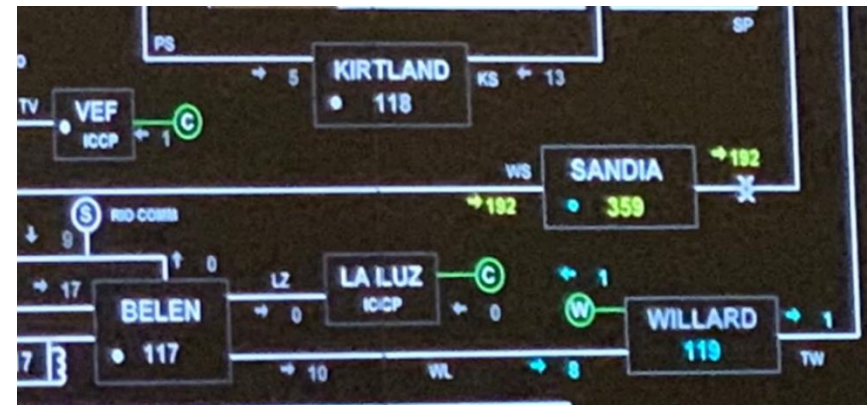


# Transmission Operations

## System Voltage Regulation

PNM manages the system to ensure that operating voltages are properly maintained throughout its service territory

- Why do we need to maintain voltage?
  - Keeping voltages at correct operating levels allows for electricity to be delivered in a reliable manner – protect PNM and customer equipment
  - Public Regulation Commission Rules
- How do we maintain voltage on our system?
  - Generator output voltage schedules
  - Operating transformer load-tap changers (LTC), voltage regulators, capacitor/reactor banks and static VAR compensators (SVC)





# PNM's Specific Reliability responsibilities

## Power Operations – Black Start

PNM has 35 separate cranking path procedures, 3 of which are considered “primary”.

### Path 1 - Shiprock-San Juan 345kV

- Start-up power from WALC via WACM BA at Shiprock to San Juan 345kV yard.

### Path 2 - San Juan/Four Corners 345kV Bus – La Luz (generator south of Albuquerque)

- Start-up power from San Juan 345kV to Belen 115kV cranking path

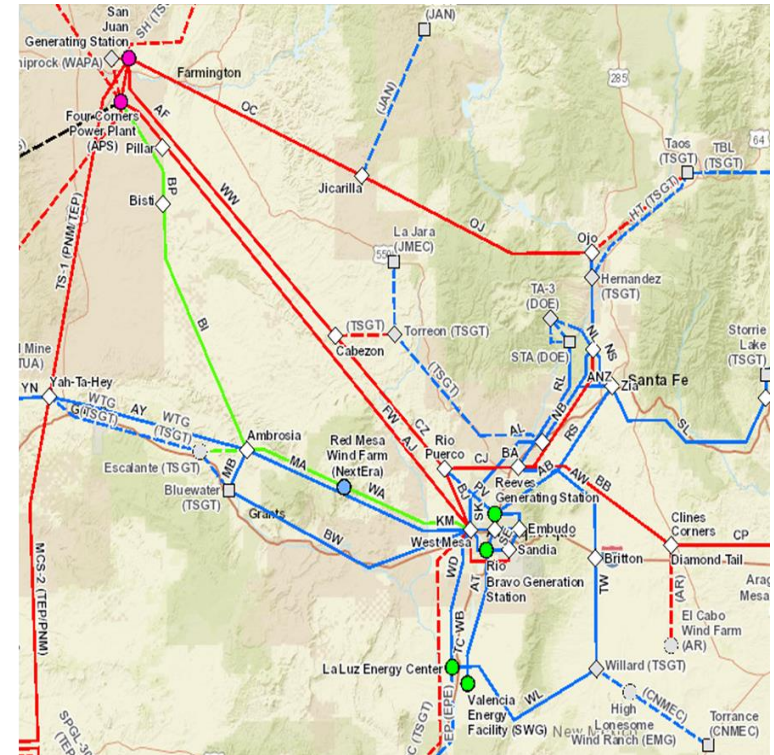
### Path 3 - Hidalgo 115kV Bus to Lordsburg (2 generators in southern NM)

- Hidalgo – Lordsburg 115kV cranking path.

### San Juan/Four Corners - La Luz Cranking Path

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- 500 kV
- 345 kV
- 230 kV
- 115 kV
- 69 kV
- 46 kV





# PNM's Specific Reliability responsibilities

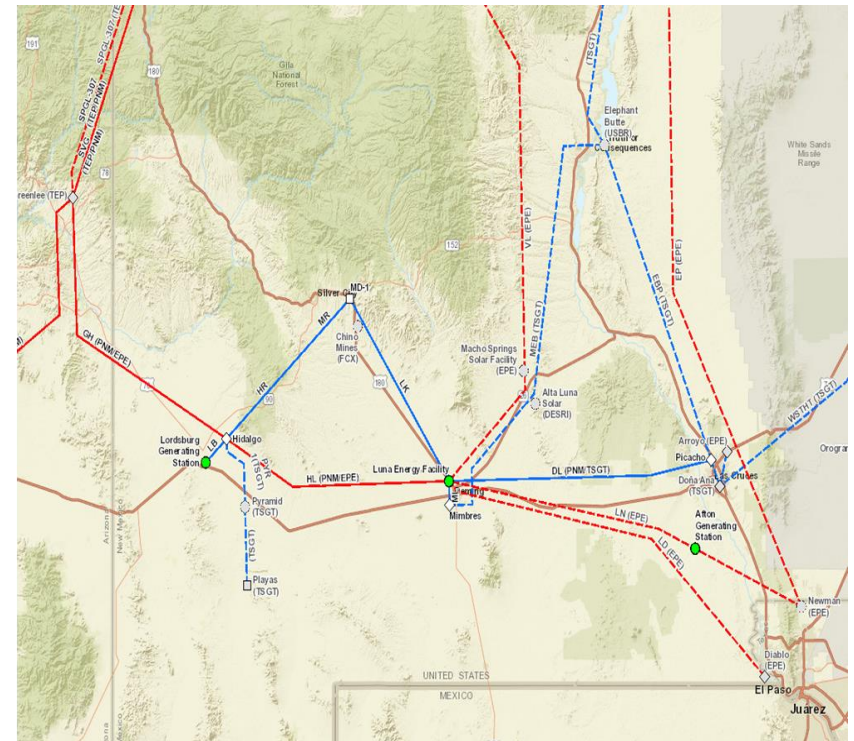
## Power Operations – Black Start

- Four Corners to San Juan
- San Juan to Jicarilla/Ojo/Taos
- McKinley to San Juan
- Greenlee to Luna
- Springerville to Luna
- Diablo to Luna
- Afton to Luna
- West Mesa to Arroyo (connecting North and South load centers)

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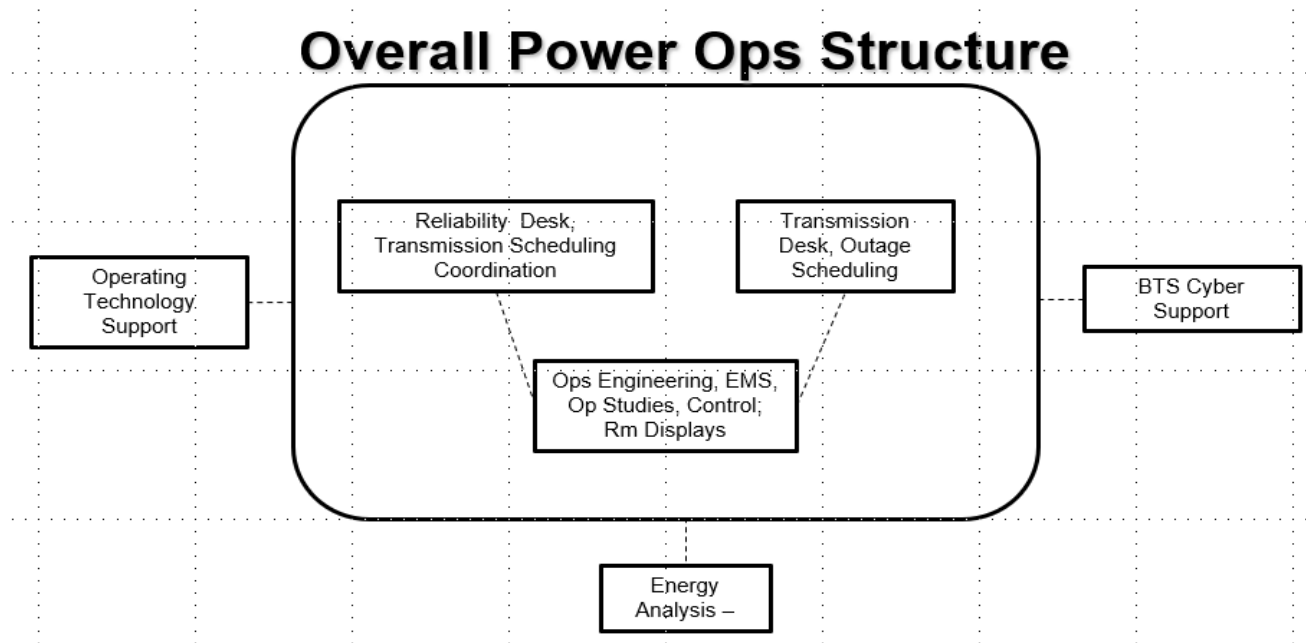
Hidalgo – Lordsburg Cranking Path



# Other reliability support

## Computing systems, operating procedures, and communications network

- PNM has IT staff support for its Energy Management System server systems and engineering staff support for its Energy Management System (EMS) applications
- Extensive procedures to address:
  - Black Start and System restoration
  - Load Curtailments
  - Backup control center operation
- Extensive communications system
  - Fiber optic loops within the Albuquerque metro area
  - Microwave system to reach over long distances



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## **Transmission Planning**

**Tom Duane**

**Manager, Transmission Planning**

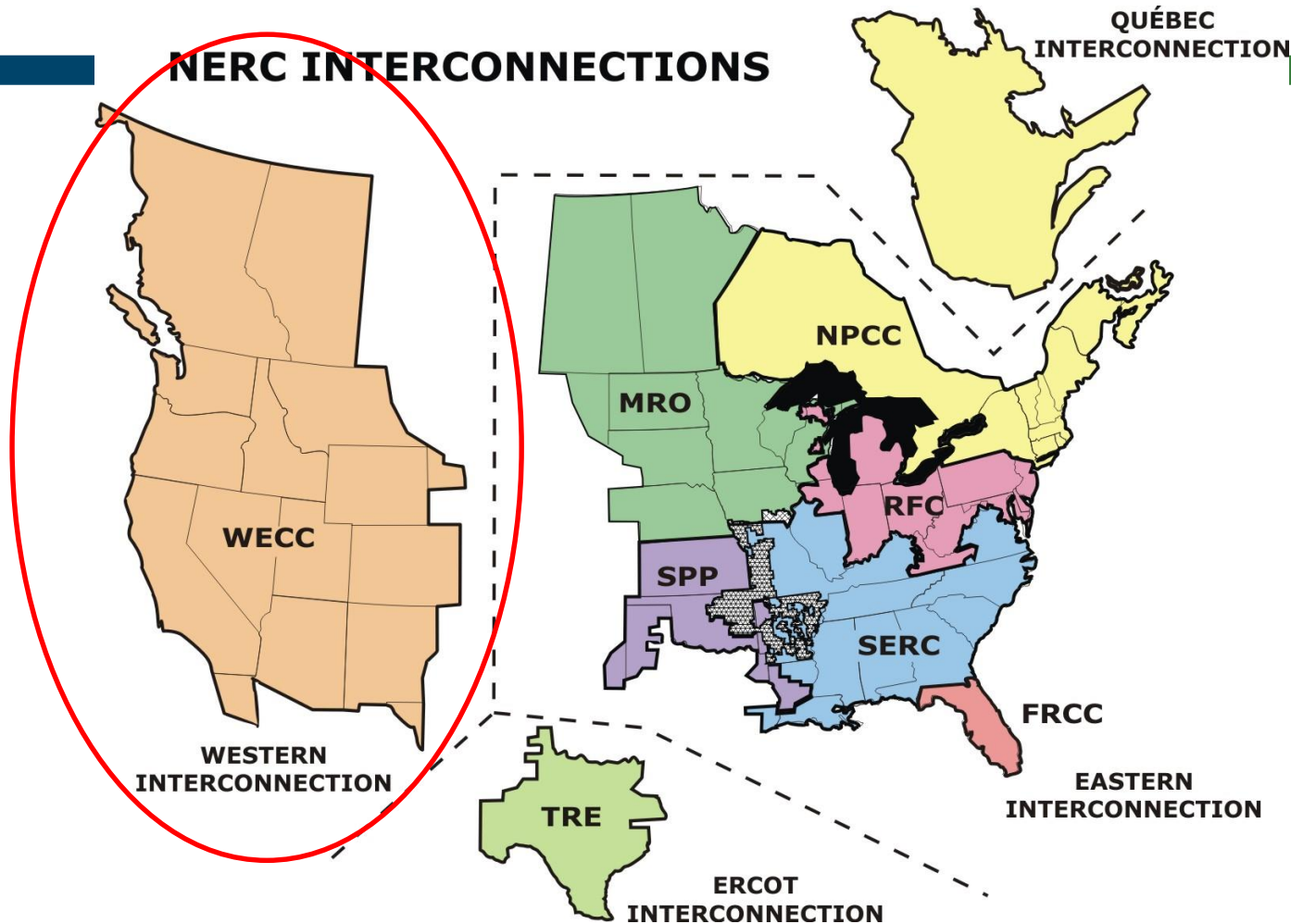


## **Tom Duane** **Manager, Transmission Planning**

Mr. Duane has managed the PNM transmission planning department over the last ten-years. He has supported transmission system analysis and expansion for over 25 years including representation of PNM in regional planning and stakeholder forums.

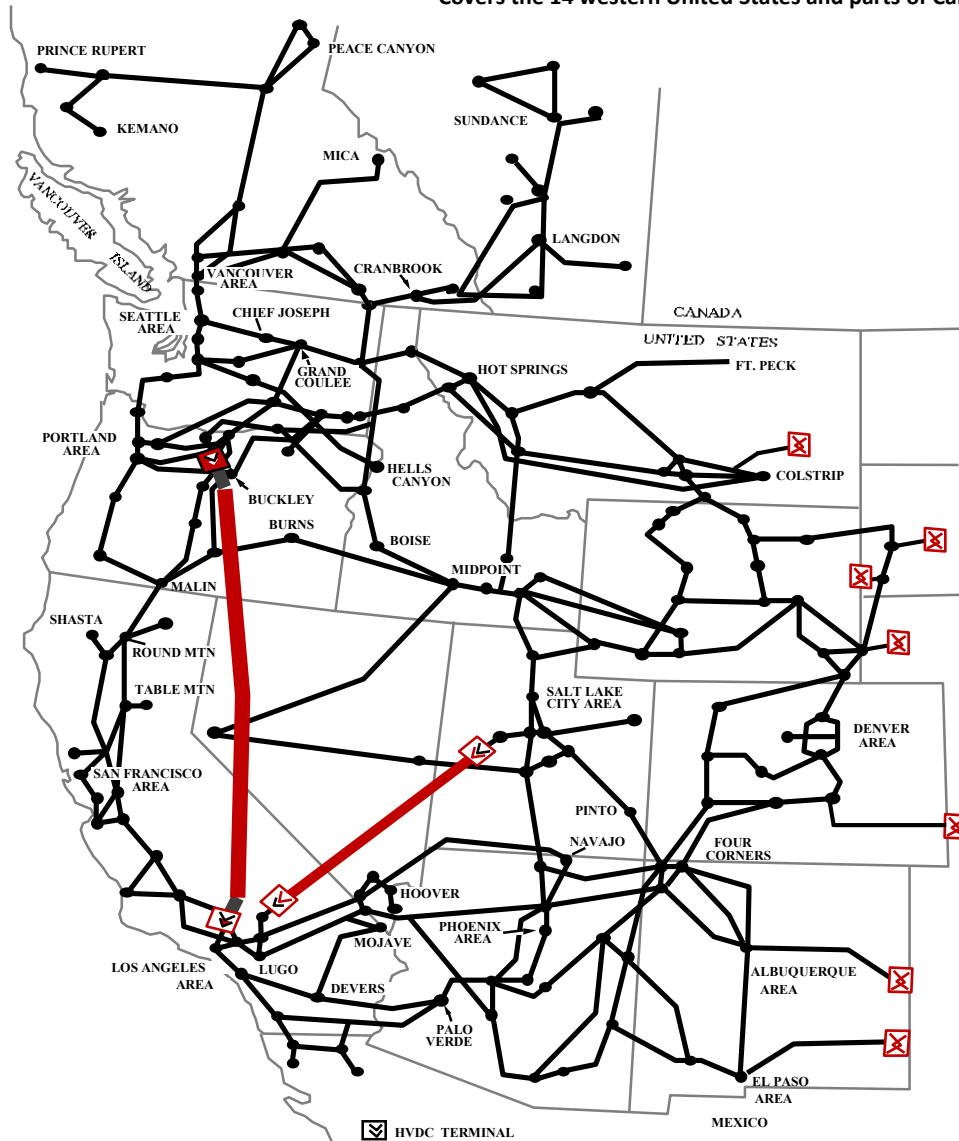
Mr. Duane has significant experience in the electric industry that includes providing technical support and guidelines for system operations as well as generation development activities through production cost analysis, market analysis and corporate modeling input.

# US Transmission Grids



# THE WESTERN TRANSMISSION GRID

Covers the 14 western United States and parts of Canada and Mexico

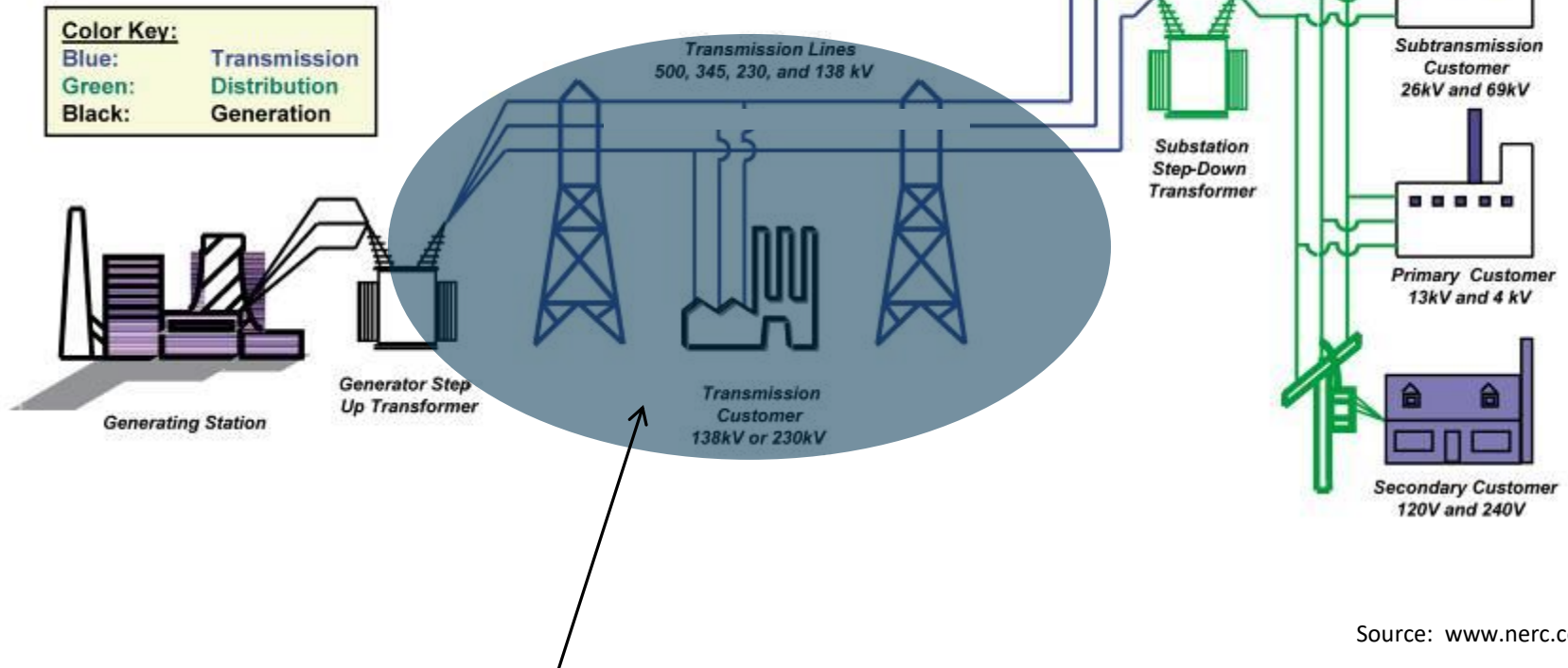


## A Few key characteristics:

- 1.6 million square miles, 110,129 miles, of transmission, population of approx. 74 million, ~160 GW peak
- Many Balancing areas ( 38) and transmission providers (55)
- Bilateral transactions dominate
- Economy of scale drove remote jointly-owned base load plants and long transmission lines to connect to load centers
- 2 High Voltage DC lines (serving So. California)
- 7 back to back High Voltage DC ties to eastern grid

# Components of the Grid

## Basic Structure of the Electric System

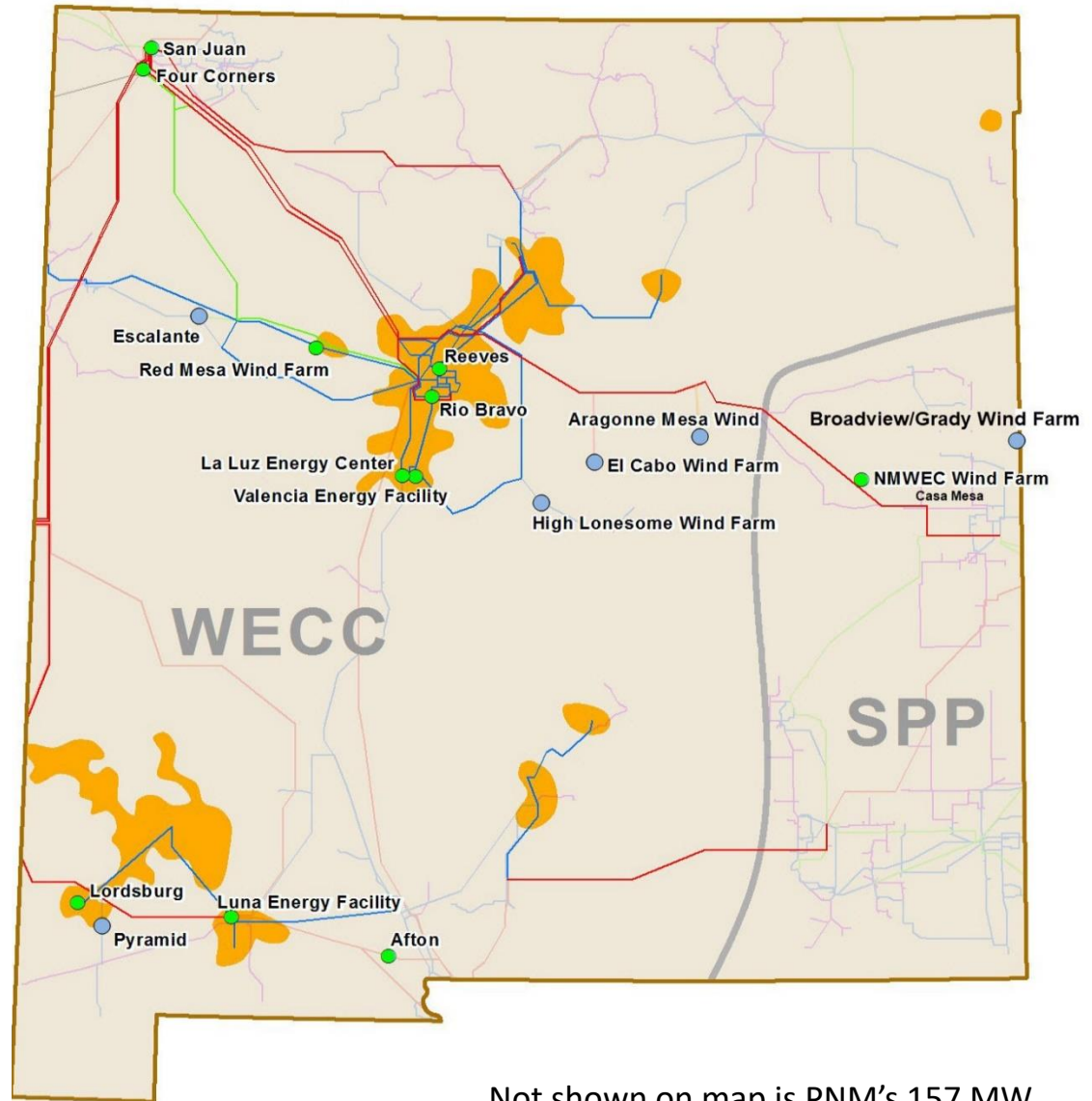
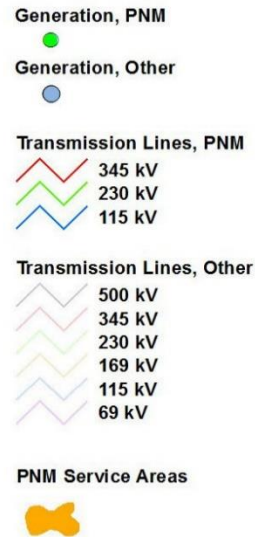


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**PNM Transmission Voltage Levels are 115kV, 230kV, 345kV and 500kV**



# SYSTEM MAP OVERVIEW



- Lines shown in red are the primary backbone transmission lines in NM
- Lower voltage lines provide a portion of the transmission capability to deliver resources and distribute power to outlying smaller load areas distant from Albuquerque and El Paso

Not shown on map is PNM's 157 MW solar on the distribution system



# A Few PNM Transmission System Facts

- Line mileage (incl. jointly owned lines)
  - 165 miles of 500 kV (Outlet from Palo Verde)
  - 1678 miles of 345 kV
  - 180 miles of 230 kV
  - 1175 miles of 115 kV
- Backbone transmission lines (345 kV and 230 kV) are 130 to 200 miles in length.
- Jointly Owned Transmission Projects:
  - Palo Verde Valley Transmission System
  - San Juan –Springerville- Vail Transmission System
  - Southwest New Mexico Transmission System
  - San Juan-Four Corners and San Juan- Shiprock 345 kV lines
  - Eddy County HVDC and Eddy– Amrad 345 kV System
- Majority of backbone transmission lines built in late 1960s through the mid-1970s.
  - Numerous system improvements made to existing system since that time
- PNM purchases a portion of its transmission needs to deliver generation resources located in southern New Mexico and western Arizona.

# PNM Transmission System Use

- Moves PNM's resources to New Mexico retail customers
- Moves PNM transmission customer resources to their delivery points
  - Wholesale transmission services are provided per FERC Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT)
  - 50% of system use is by others; Will increase to ~50% in 2021.
  - Network customers include:
    - ❖ Tri-State G&T, Western Area Power Authority (for SNL/KAFB), Los Alamos, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Navopache Co-op, City of Gallup, Kit Carson Co-op, Jicarilla Apache Nation, and PNM-WPM (for PNM retail).
  - Point-to-point Customers include:
    - ❖ El Paso Elec., WAPA, High Lonesome Mesa Wind, Aragonne Mesa Wind, and Tri-State. Pattern and Avangrid wind late-2016 and 2017.
- PNM plans and constructs its system to meet all customer needs

# DRIVERS FOR Transmission EXPANSION

- Annual adequacy studies are required to comply with NERC/WECC Reliability Standards
  - Jurisdictional and Network Customer Needs
- Generation Interconnection Procedures (OATT Process)
  - Renewable Energy Requirements, La Joya wind, San Juan replacement resources etc.
- Transmission Service Requests are studied Individually in Queue Process (OATT Process)
  - Avangrid (transmission service from Clines Corners to FC), etc.
- Wires-to-Wires Interconnections (OATT Process)
  - Western Interconnection, Verde, Mora Line, Western Spirt, etc.






# Regional Considerations: Merchant/Transmission Development and Market Initiatives

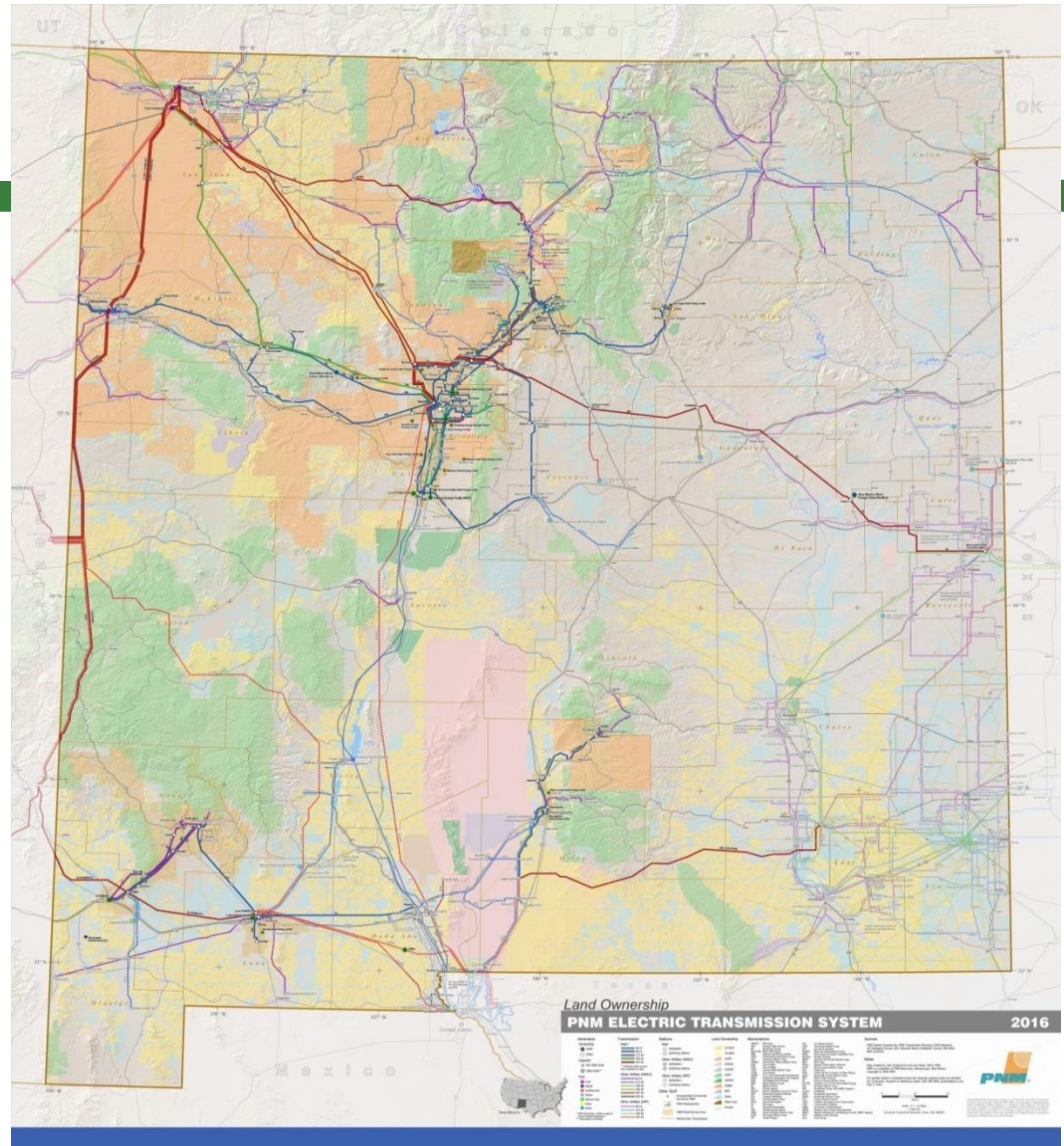
- NM's abundant potential for renewable energy development place us at the crossroads of many proposals with intended purpose of delivering NM renewable energy to markets.
- We Are Right In The Middle of Everything!



# The Transmission Siting Challenge

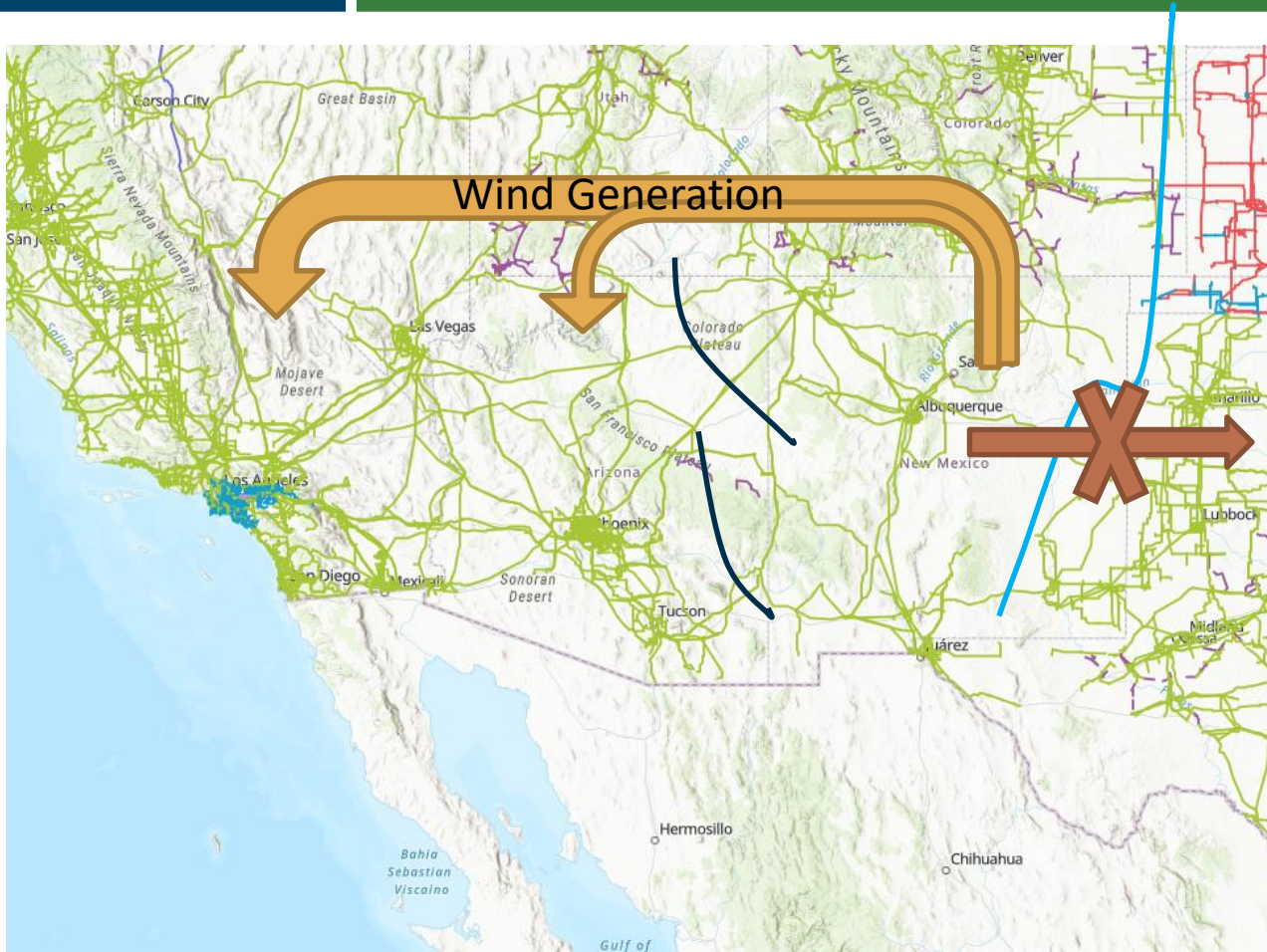
## NM Land Ownership / Management:

-  US Forest Service
-  Tribal Lands
-  NM State
-  Military
-  US Bureau Land Management

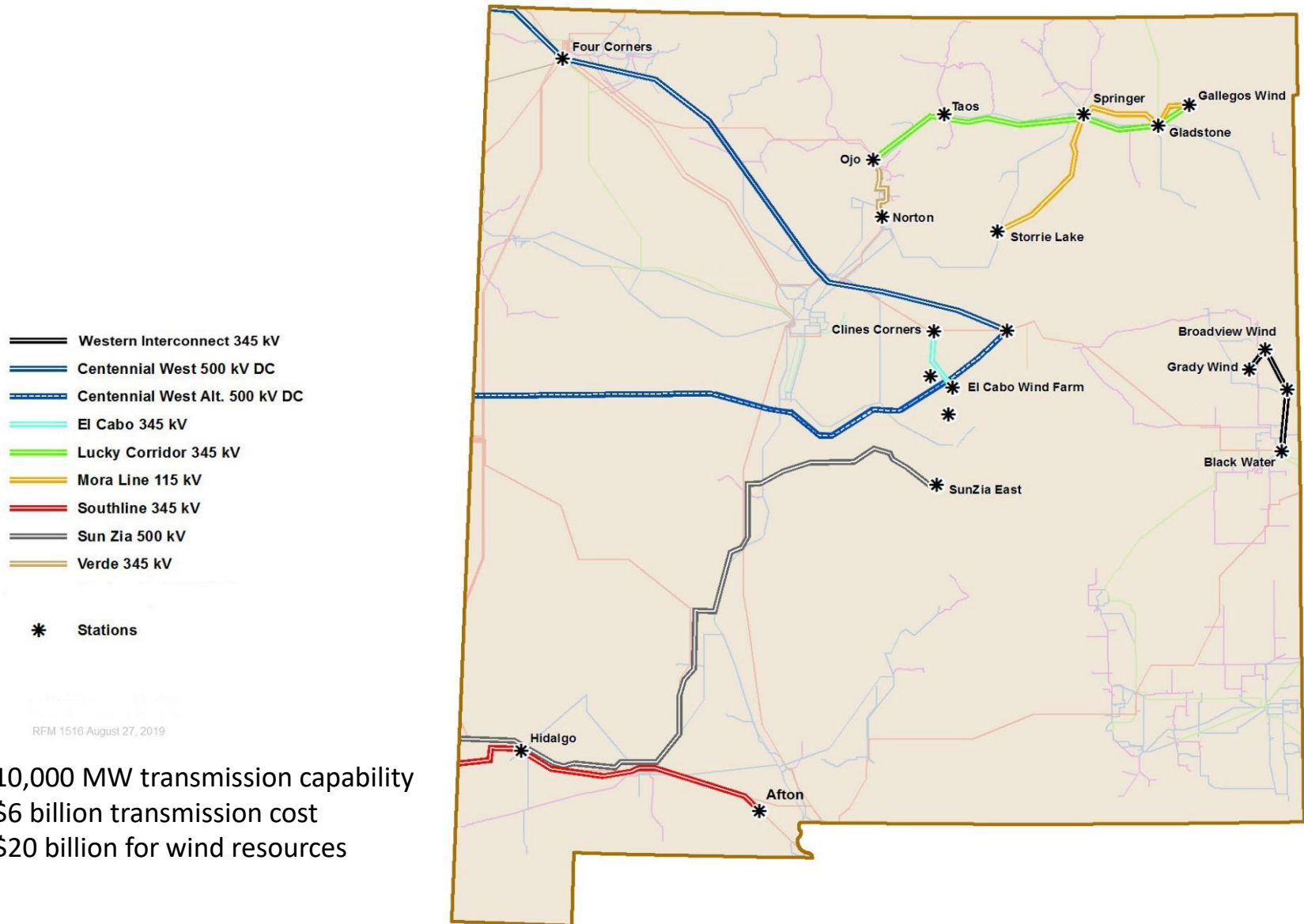




# Southwest Energy Picture



# Merchant Transmission in New Mexico



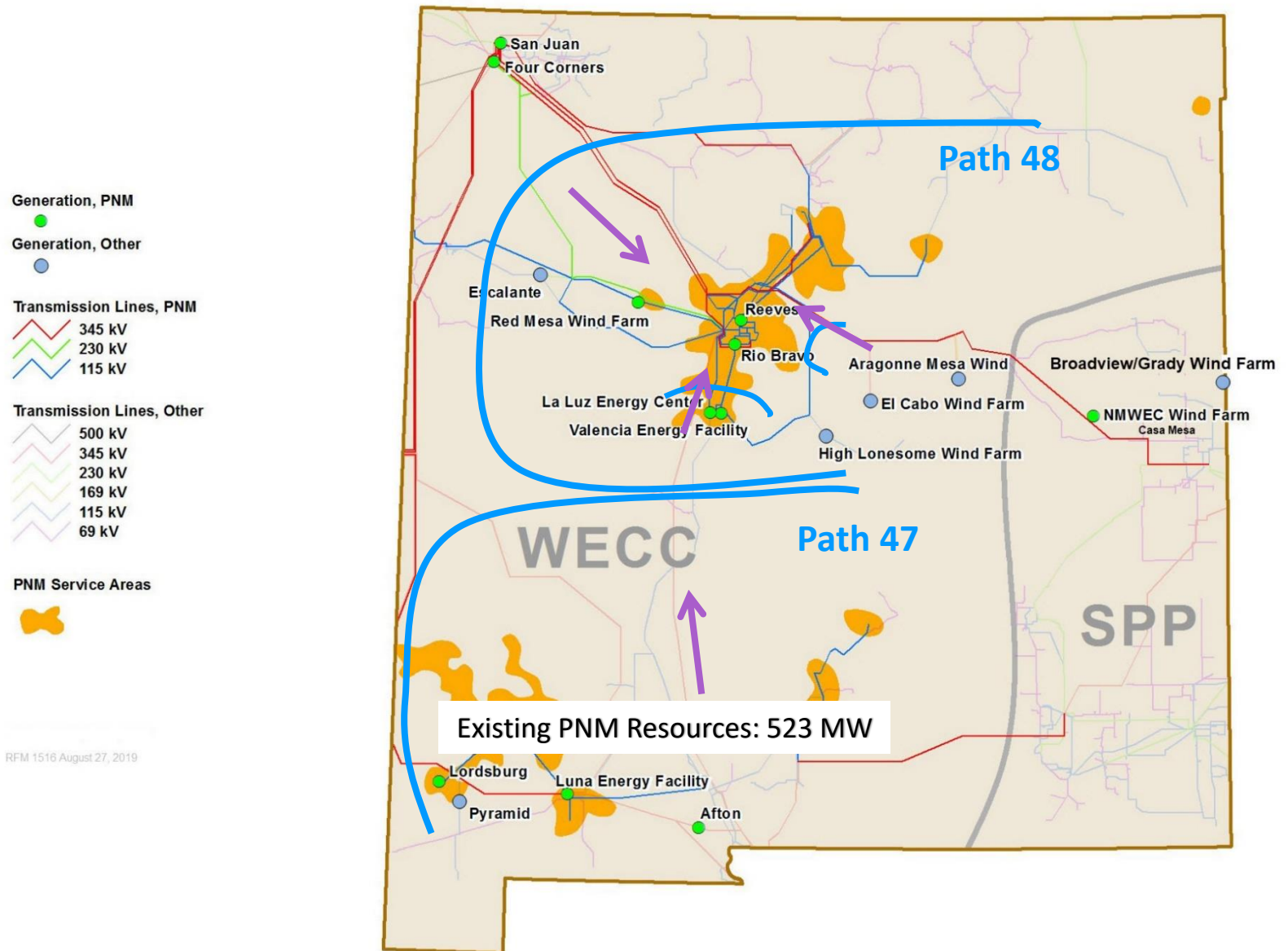
~10,000 MW transmission capability  
 ~\$6 billion transmission cost  
 ~\$20 billion for wind resources

# Merchant Transmission Timeline Experience

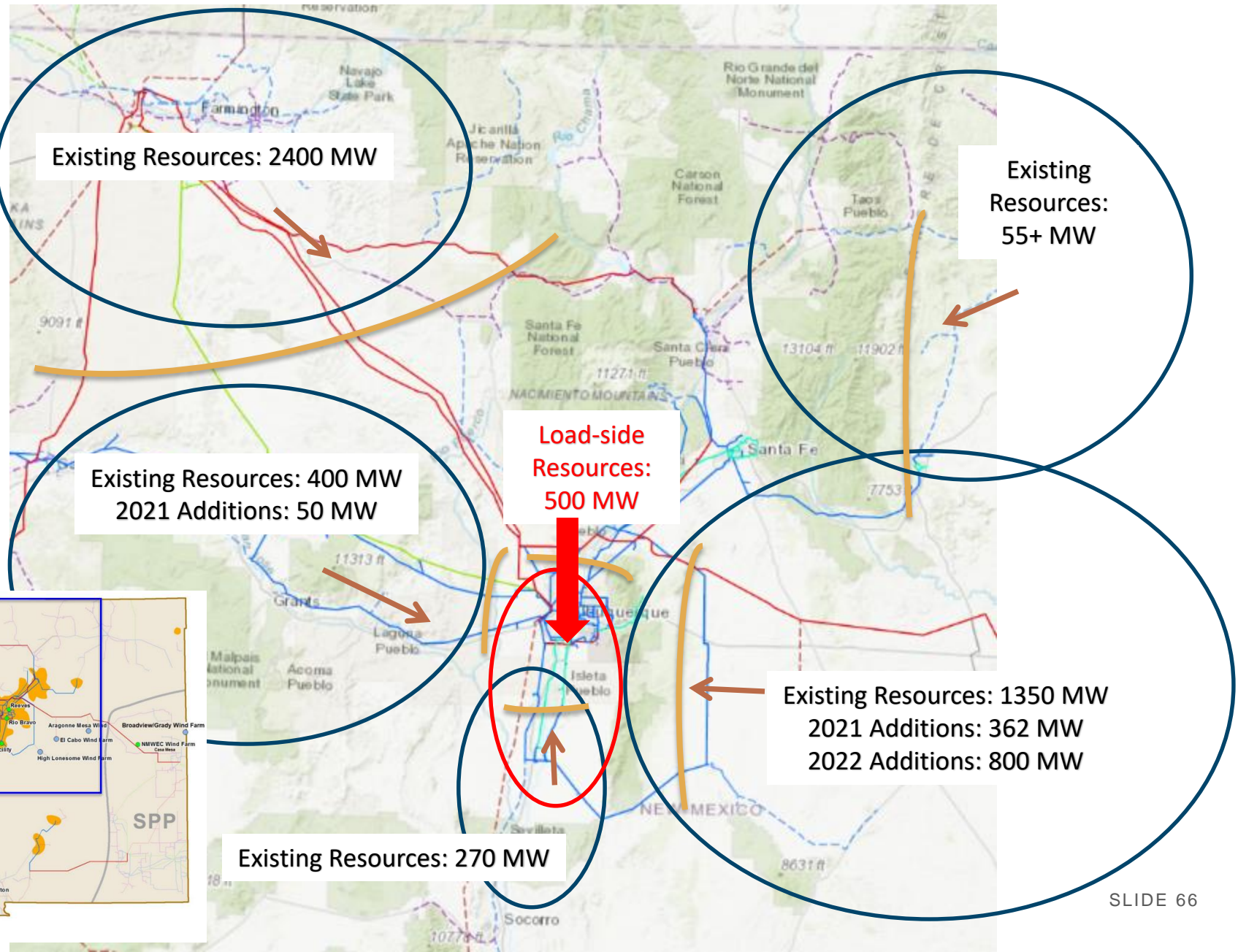
- Sunzia:
  - Development Started in 2007
  - NEPA process started May 2009; ROD issued January 2015
  - 2015 - ? : AZ & NM State Permitting and Land Owner Negotiations
  - In Service Date early 2020s
- Southline:
  - 2009-2011 Conceptual Development and Initial Public Engagement
  - 2012 Initiation of NEPA Process, ROD Issued April 2016
  - 2015-2016 State and Local Permitting, Right Of Way Acquisition
  - Solicitation process (March-June 2016)
  - In Service Date early 2020s
- Verde:
  - 2014-2015 Preliminary Project Planning
  - 2016-2017 Permitting, Public Engagement, ROW, Engineering
  - 2019 – Withdrew ROW application with BLM



# TRANSMISSION LIMITATIONS: CONSTRAINTS FOR GENERATION DELIVERY

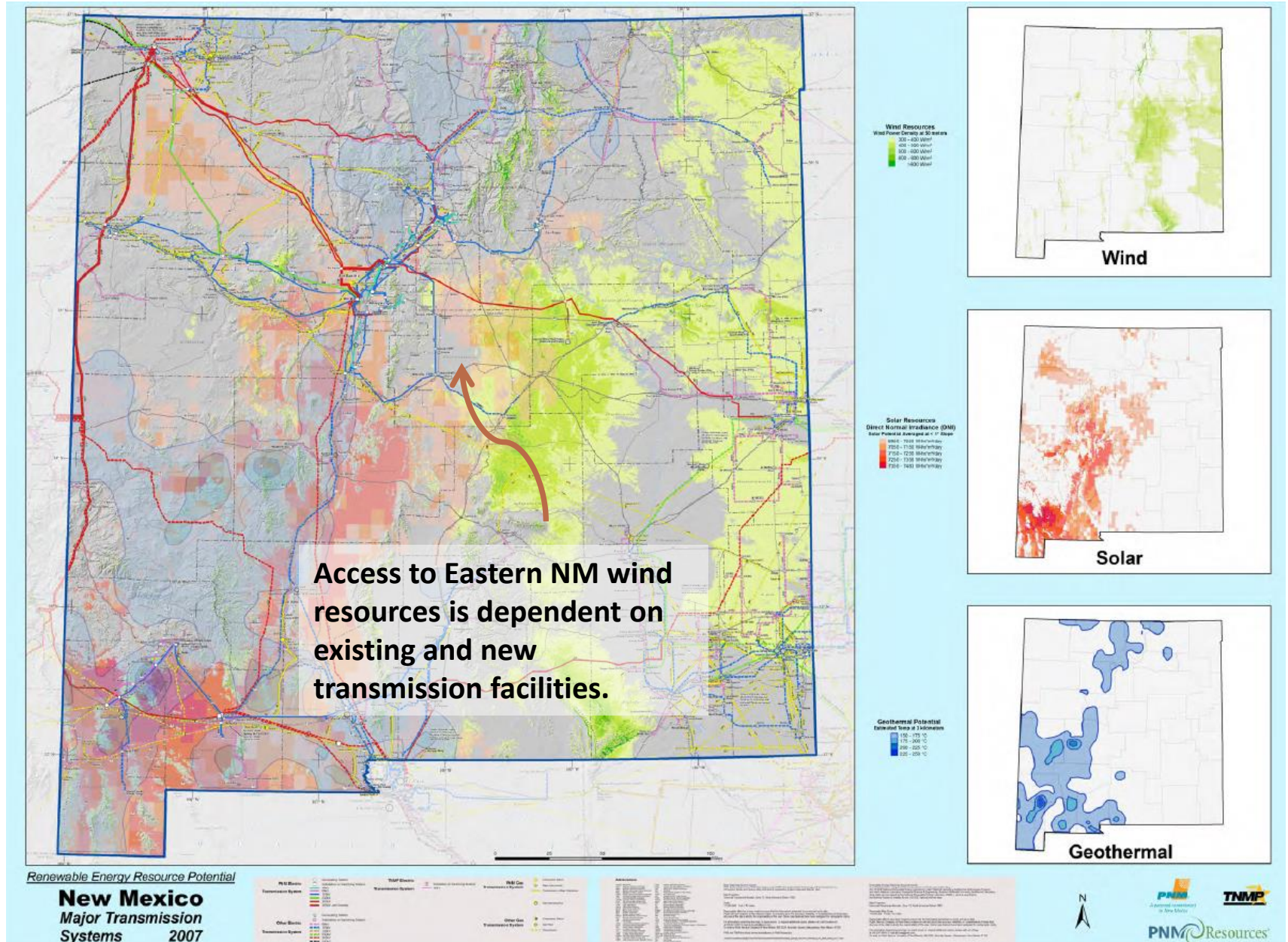


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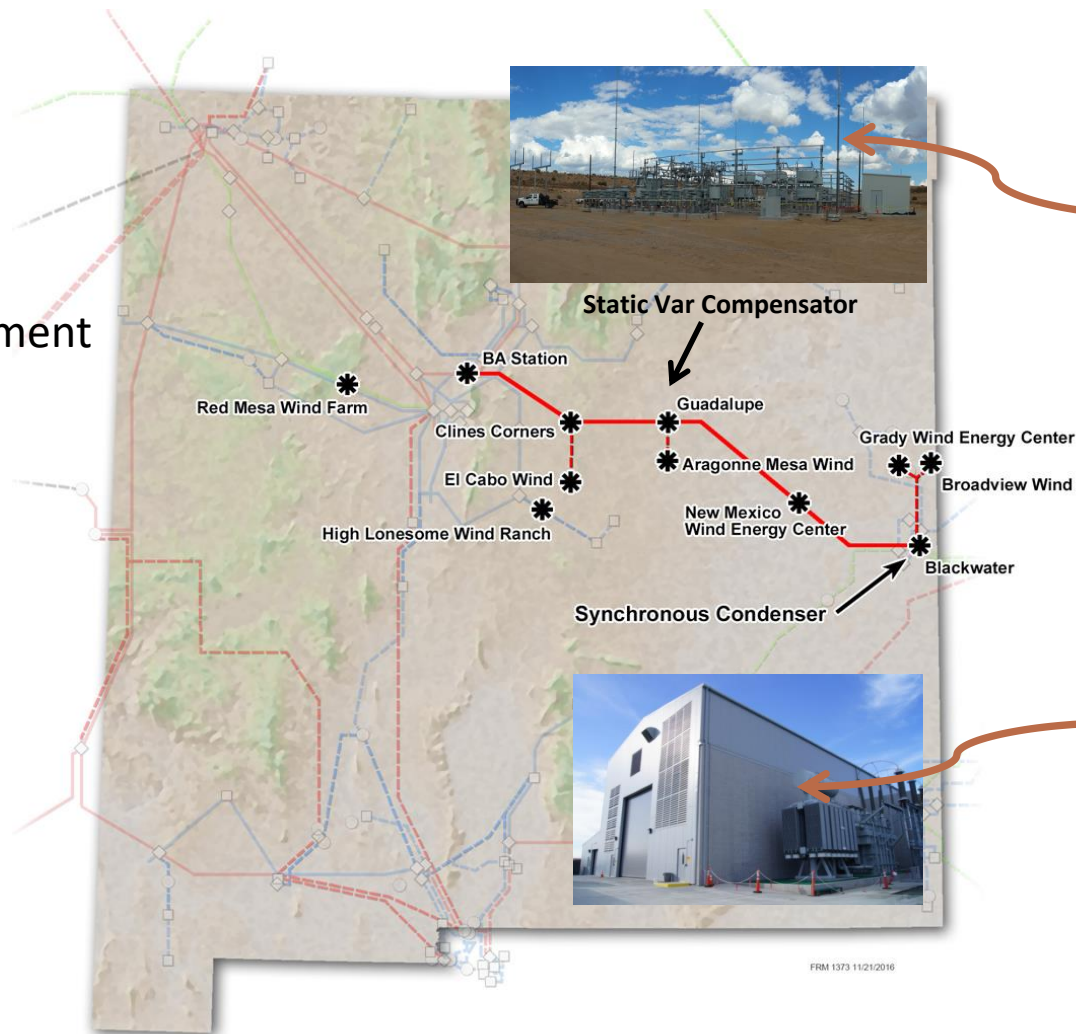


# NEW MEXICO RENEWABLE RESOURCES



## EASTERN NM WIND CAPACITY INTERCONNECTED TO PNM IS APPROXIMATELY 1300 MW!

Over a \$2B investment  
in windfarms



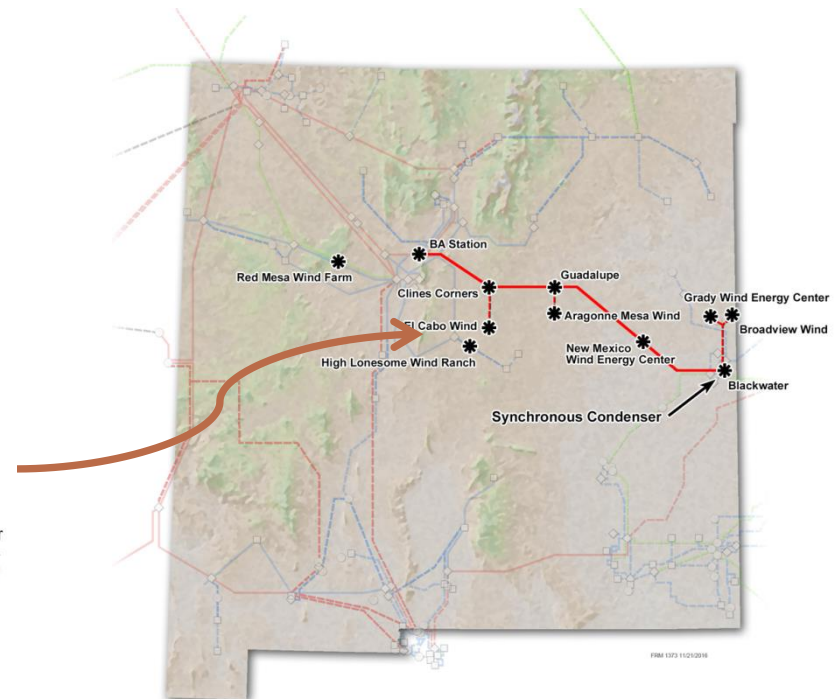
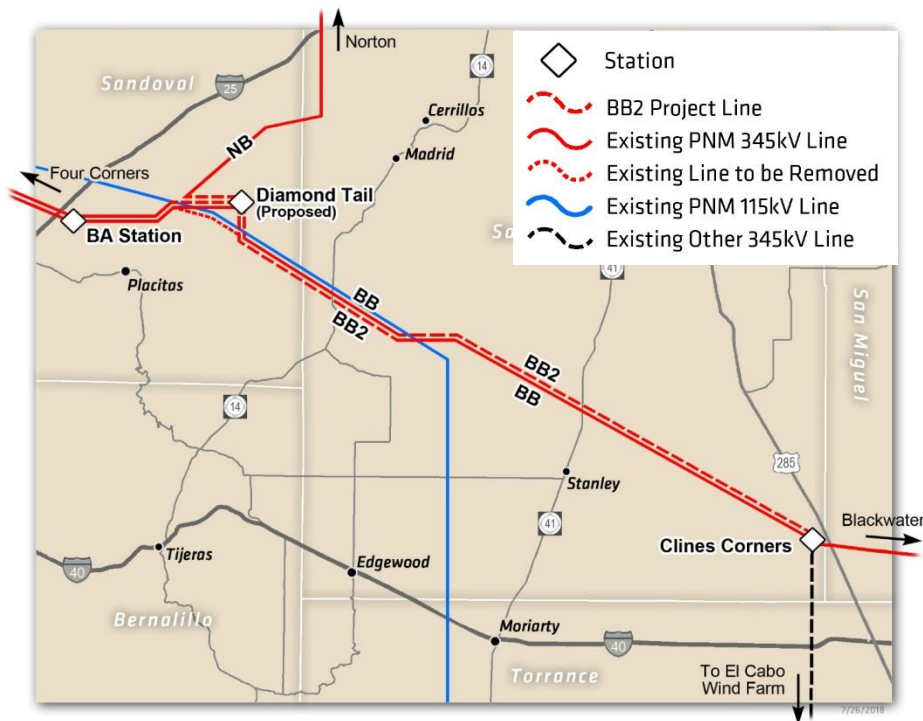
Required to provide  
voltage support

Required to provide  
voltage and dynamic  
support



# Transmission and Renewable Energy Expansion in New Mexico

- Second BA-Clines Corners Line Improves access to wind resources
- 362 MW Incremental Capacity – ISD Q4 2020



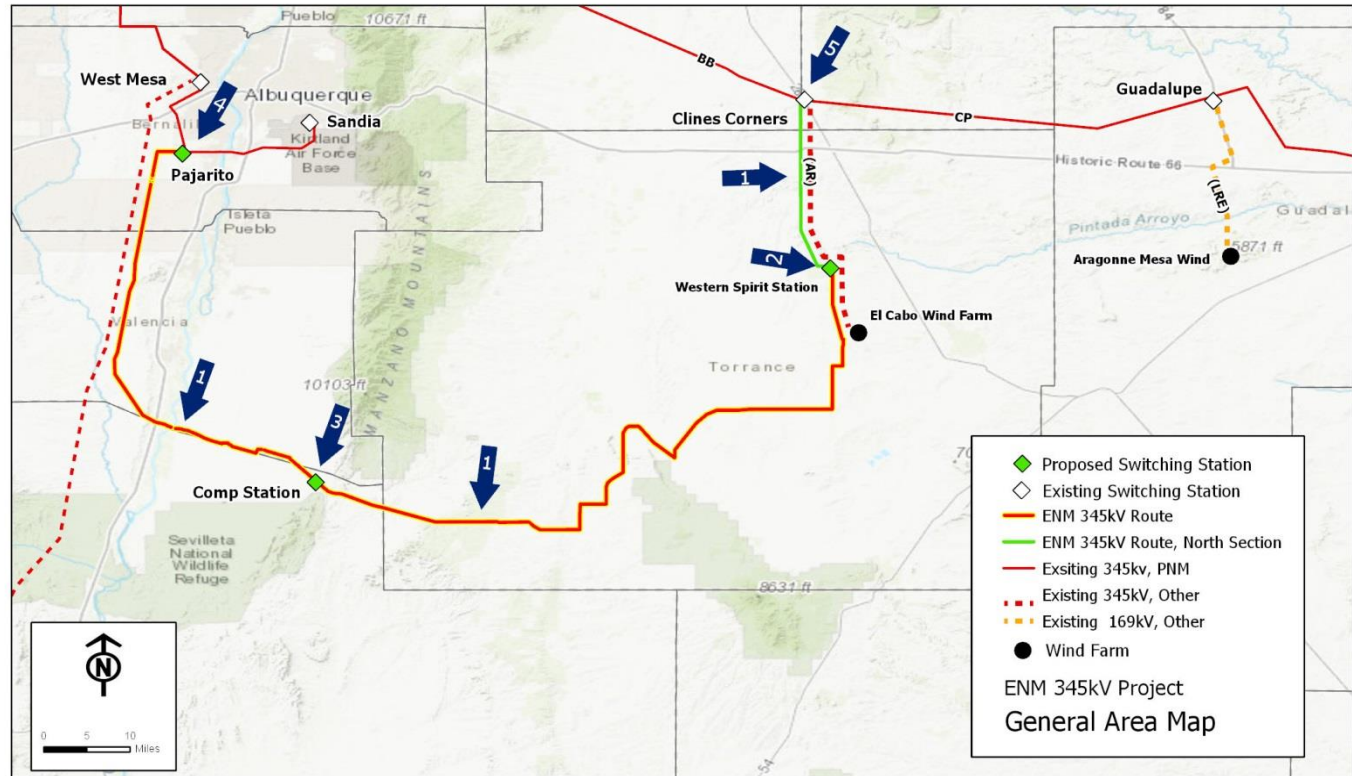
# Beyond BB2: Western Spirit Transmission Project

- New Mexico Wind, LLC (Pattern), a wind developer in eastern New Mexico, requested 800 MW of transmission service on PNM's system to deliver wind resources west
- Due to substantial wind development in eastern New Mexico, there is no longer available capacity on PNM's transmission system
- To meet Pattern's accelerated timeline for service, Western Spirit Transmission, LLC (WST) in partnership with New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) is developing a new transmission line and associated facilities and PNM will construct the interconnection facilities, collectively referred to as the Western Transmission Project.

# Beyond BB2: Western Spirit Transmission Project

- PNM will purchase the portion of the Project constructed by WST/RETA at its commercial operation date, expected in Q3 2021.
- PNM is not seeking to recover any of the project costs from retail customers.
- PNM received FERC approval of acquisition and incremental tariff rate.
- NMPRC hearing held; waiting for recommended decision and NMPRC approval

# Western Spirit Transmission Project Map



## Project elements:

- ① New 345kV transmission line - WST/RETA constructed
- ② New switching station - WST/RETA constructed
- ③ New compensation station - WST/RETA
- ④ New switching station PNM constructed
- ⑤ Expansion of existing switching station - PNM constructed

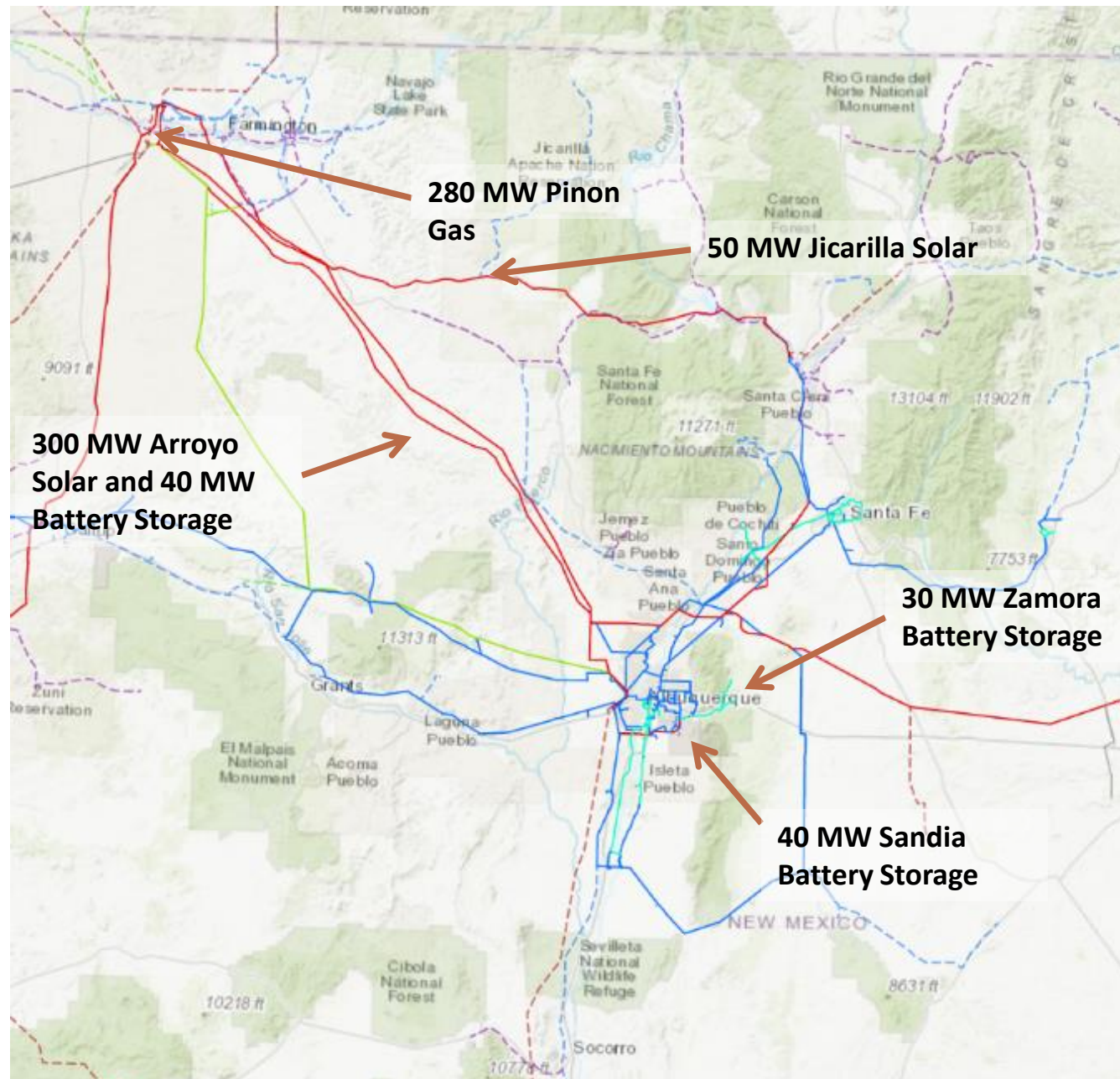


# Energy Transition Act

- Potential Transmission Expansion

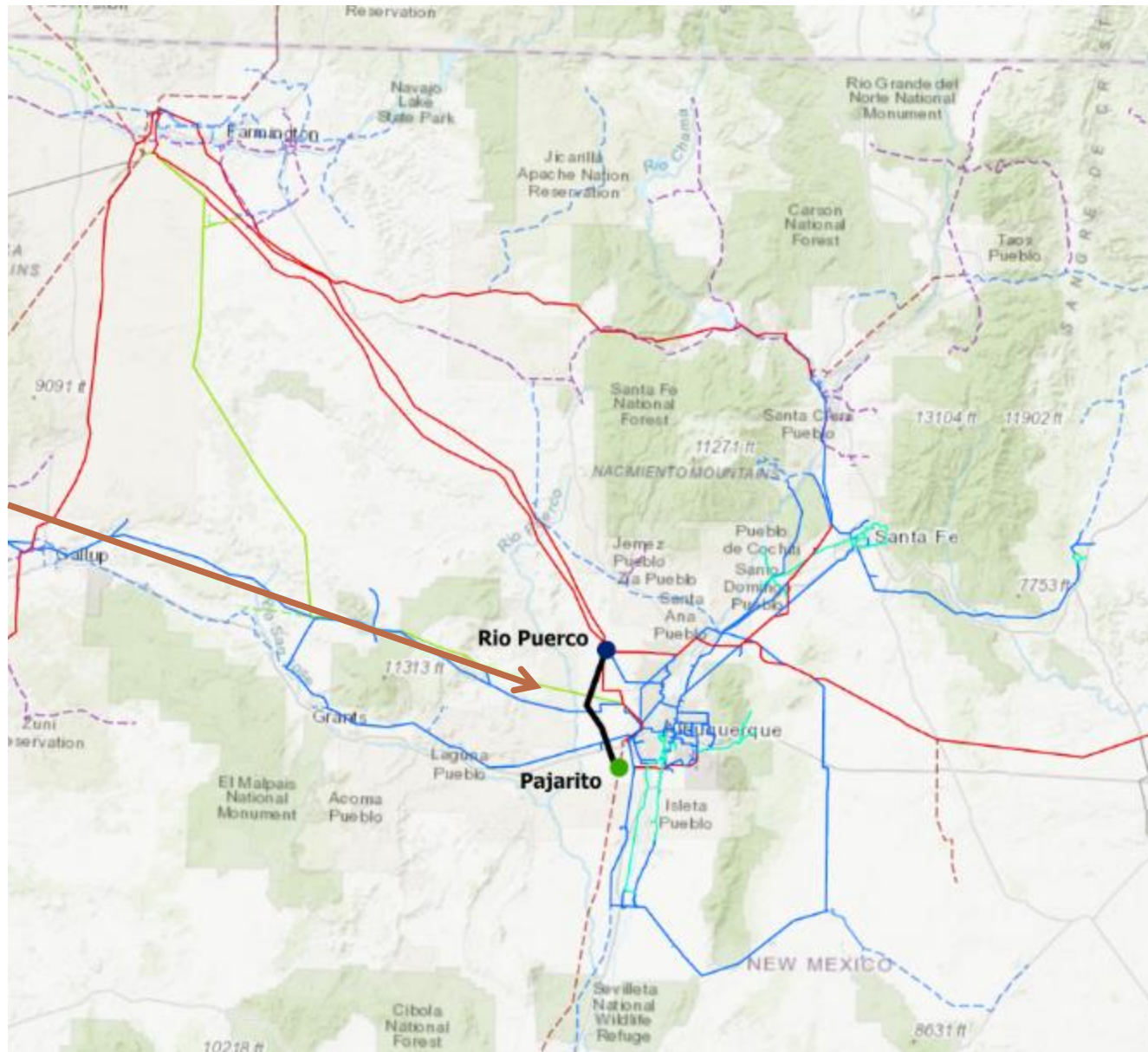
- San Juan Replacement Resources
- Moving Towards Carbon Free
- Transmission is not an explicit requirement in the ETA, but in order to reach the requirements of RPS and carbon free, expansion of transmission capacity will be required.

# SAN JUAN REPLACEMENT (SCENARIO ONE)



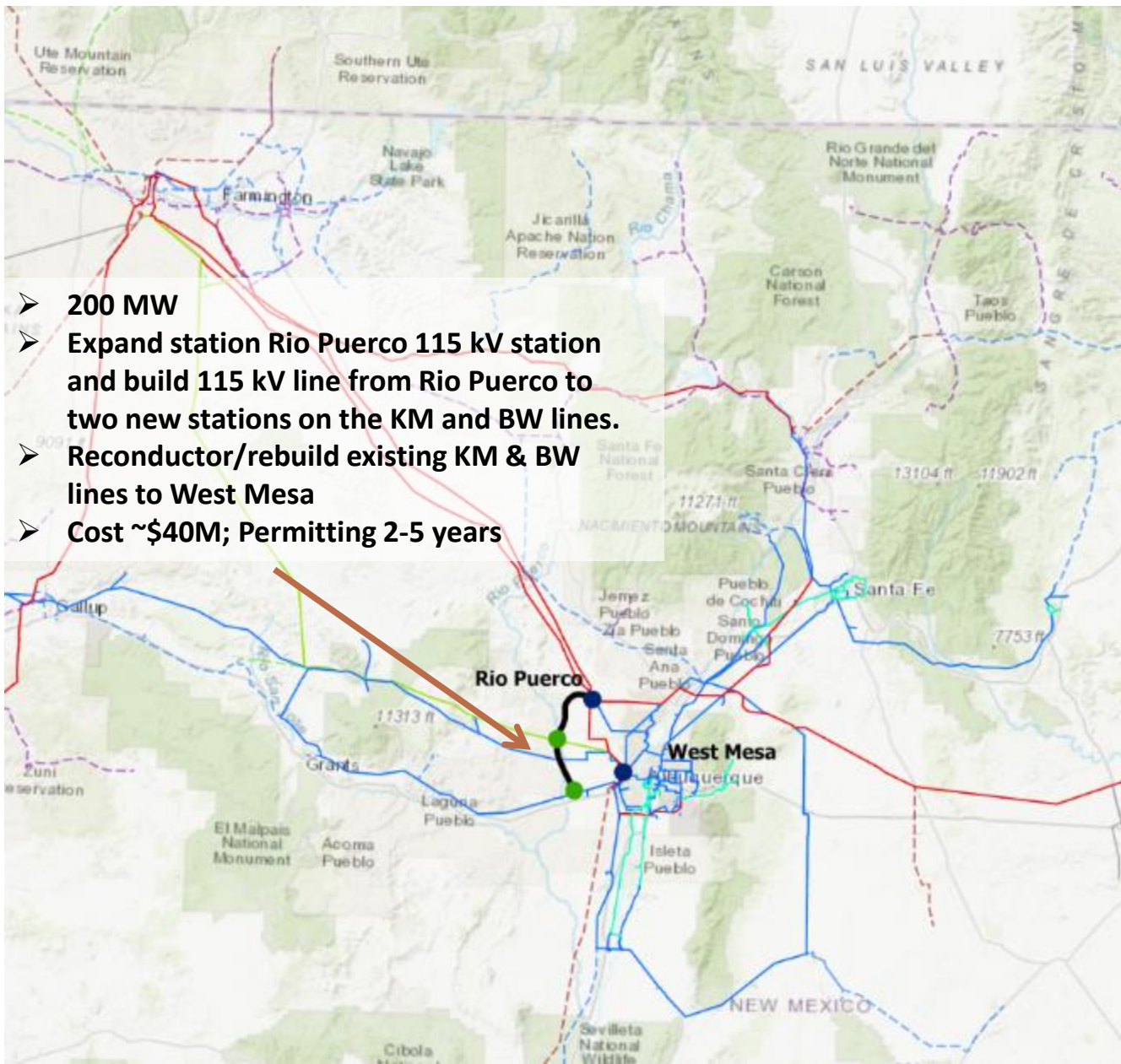
# TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENT FOR ALL OPTIONS

- Expand stations and build Rio Puerco-Pajarito 345 kV line (30 miles)
- Cost ~\$70M; Permitting/CCN - 3-5 years

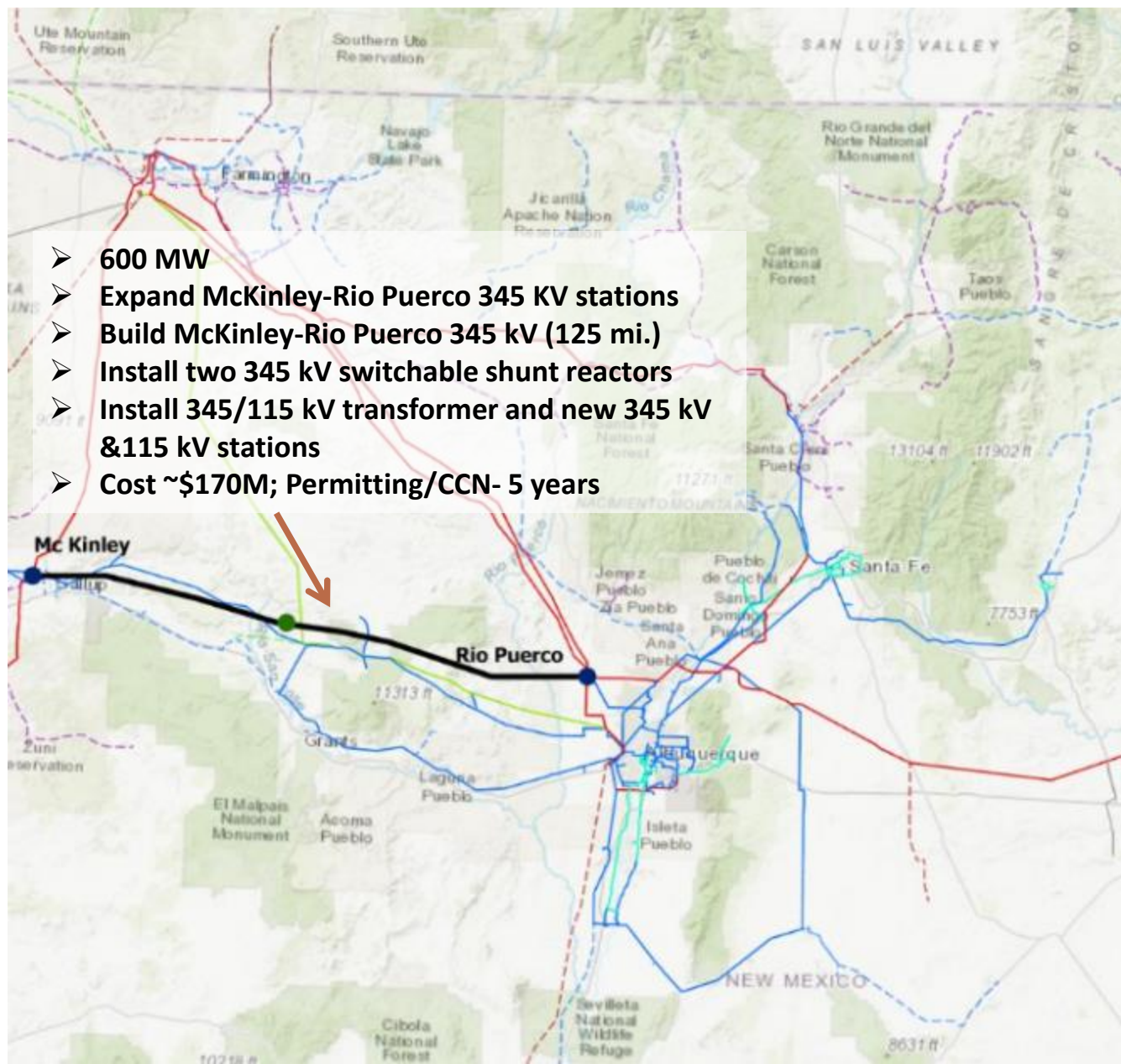




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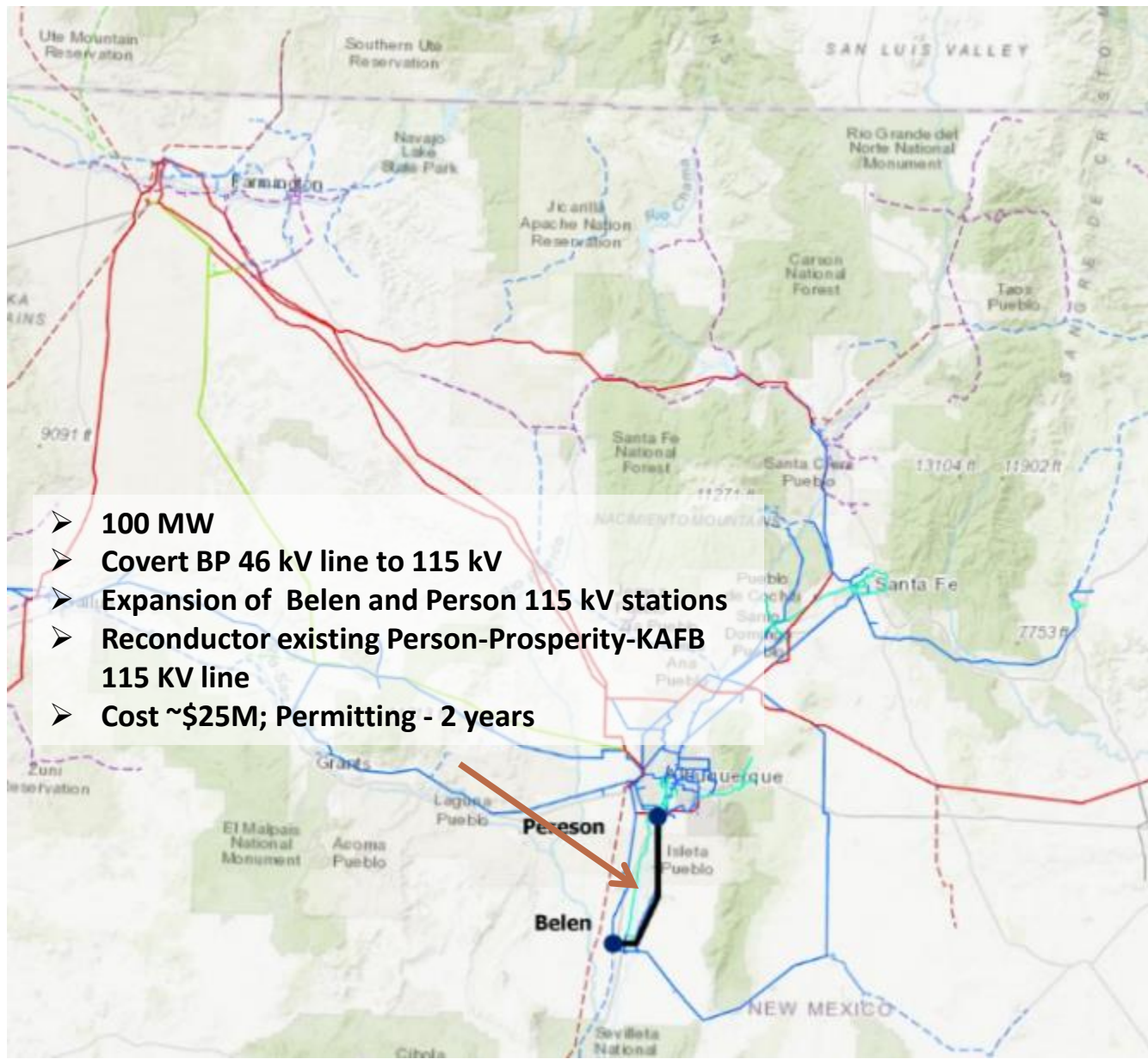


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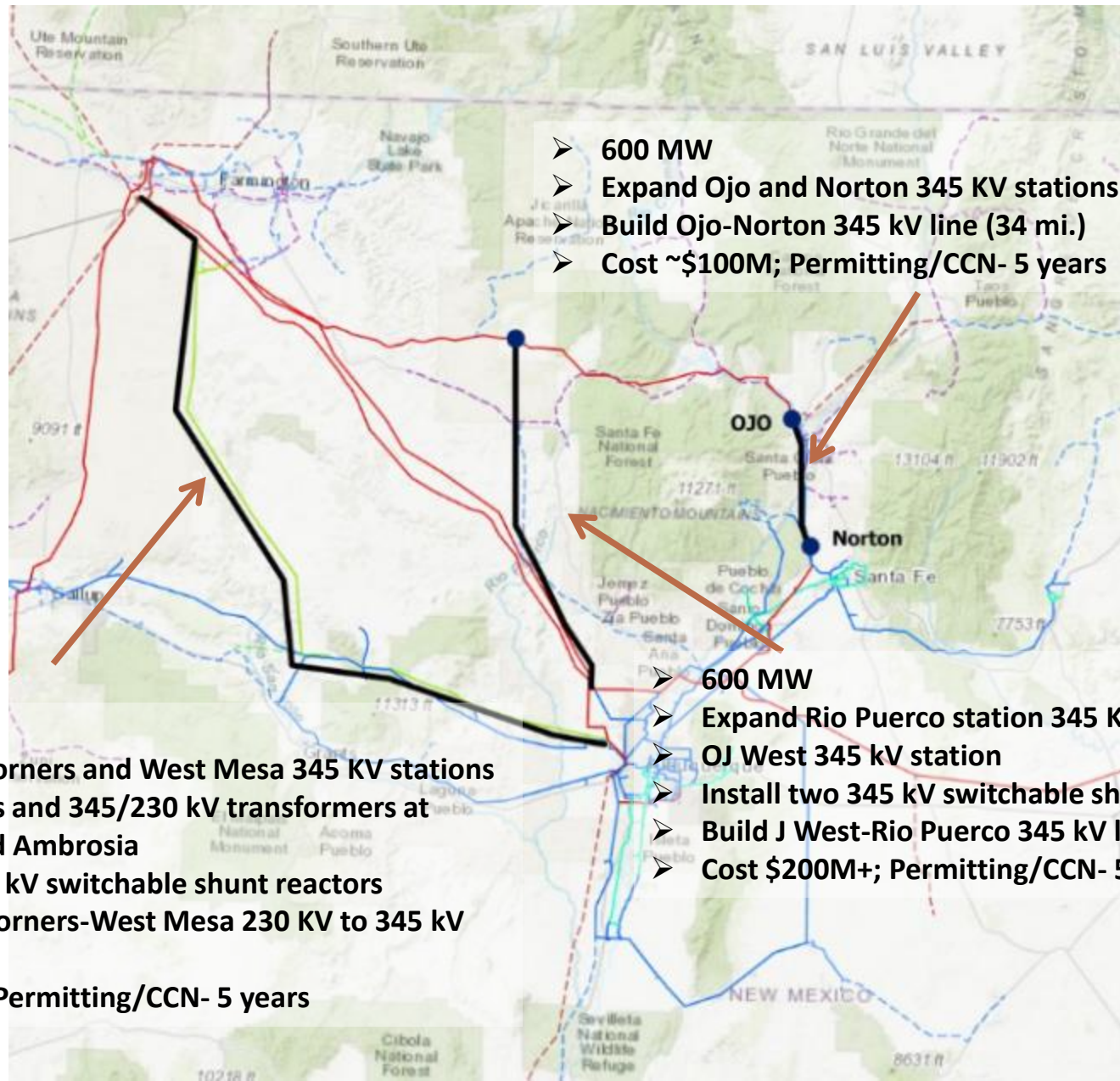




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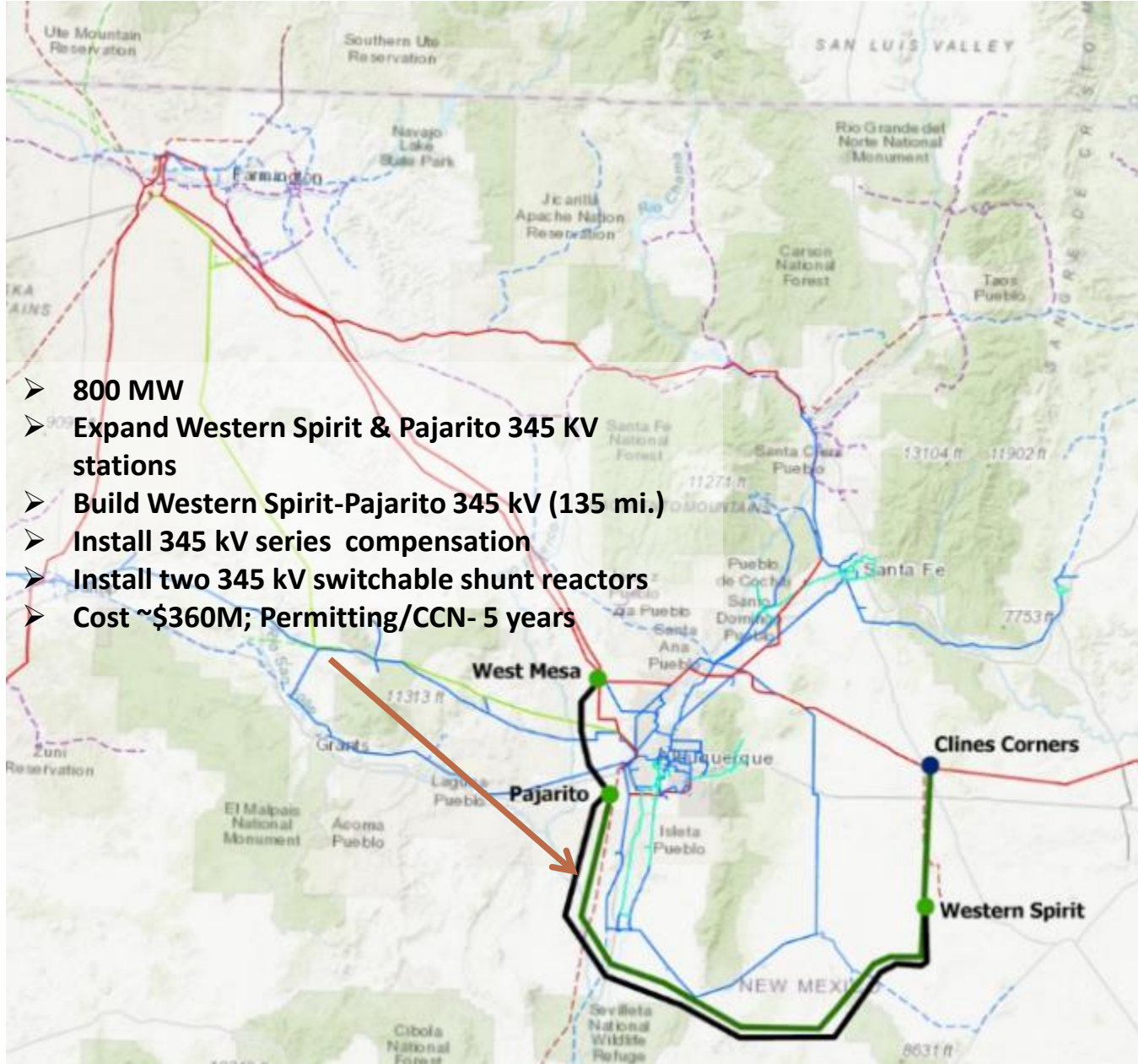


# TRANSMISSION EXPANSION FOR NORTHERN NM RESOURCES





# TRANSMISSION EXPANSION FOR EASTERN NM WIND RESOURCES



# Market Initiatives

- Mountain West Transmission Group (MWTG)



# MOUNTAIN WEST

- MWTG involved several Colorado utilities to develop a regional transmission operation business model. The proposed MWTG is intended to provide a single transmission tariff and provider throughout Colorado and the WAPA system in Arizona.
- Provide a foundation for an RTO and/or organized markets.
- PSCo announced on April 20, 2018 that it is ending its participation in the MWTG and in related efforts to form a regional transmission organization RTO. In making its announcement the company cited a number of issues for its decision, including limited benefits; lack of market expansion opportunities for the MWTG; and increasing uncertainty over the costs of the RTO.
- Without PSCo the MWTG initiative has a limited viability since PSCo load constituted over 50% of MWTG total load.

# Key Points on Transmission Expansion

- Interest in New Mexico renewables is widespread but expansion has become limited by existing transmission constraints.
  - Use of PNM's transmission by others for delivery of renewable energy has increased the utilization of PNM's transmission system for FERC required transmission service.
  - In addition to state requirements, PNM has FERC requirements to pursue transmission additions to accommodate transmission service.

# Key Points on Transmission Expansion

- Addressing transmission limitations can substantially increase time and cost to add resources or serve large load increases.
  - Existing locations with transmission capacity have largely been utilized.
  - Recommended San Juan replacement resources will utilize transmission previously used to import San Juan generation allowing existing transmission capacity to be utilized and minimize transmission costs.
  - Transmission capacity must be expanded to accommodate expected resource beyond San Juan replacement to get to a carbon free portfolio.
  - Projects are actively being pursued to increase access to additional wind resources in eastern New Mexico.
  
- There is continuing efforts towards market initiatives that allow for better integration across broader regions to deal with larger renewable penetration levels resulting in increased needs for transmission expansion.

# Tentative Meeting Schedule Through January 2020

July 31:	Kickoff, Overview and Timeline
August 20:	The Energy Transition Act & Utilities 101
August 29:	Resource Planning Overview: Models, Inputs & Assumptions
September 6:	Transmission & Reliability (Real World Operations)
September 24:	Resource Planning “2.0”
October 22:	Demand Side/EE/Time of Use
November 5:	Load & CO2 Forecast
December 10:	Technology Review/ Finalize scenarios based on technical adv
January 14:	Deadline for Scenario Requests

# Registration for Upcoming Sessions

Please register for each upcoming session separately. You will receive a reminders two days in advance and the day of the event.

To access [documentation](#) presented so far and to obtain [registration links](#) for upcoming sessions, go to:

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