FTC Solar Workshop Facts on the Ground: Operational, Planning and Portfolio Considerations

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Public Power Utility Profile

- Business model: community/state owned, not-for-profit
- Assets: distribution; some own generation and transmission as well
- Size: small towns to large urban centers; median 2,000 customers
- Services: obligation to serve; bundled retail service
- Rates: cost-based
- Regulation: city council or governing board





The Bulk Power System in North America



U.S. Utility Renewable Generation by Fuel Type





U.S. Utility Capacity Additions by Fuel Type, 2015





Scale Matters: Solar PV Prices



Source: Solar Energy Industries Association



Solar PV Variability Matters







The Need For Flexibility: A Future, Not a Scenario



Net Load = Load - Wind - Solar

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Anatomy of a Frequency Excursion with Recovery



different for each interconnection and not fixed at the levels shown.

Factors Driving Industry Change

- Renewables poised for significant growth
- Energy storage and other technologies not yet commercially viable (but coming!)
- Emerging suite of conventional and advanced customer-side technologies
 - smart thermostats and grid-connected appliances that can
 - save customers money and
 - make more efficient use of the grid



The Public Power Forward Strategy





Rate Design Principles:

Rates should be:

- Fair and non-discriminatory across classes
- Simple enough for customers to understand
- Encourage economic efficiency
- Avoid cross-subsidies
- Achieve rate and revenue stability and adequacy
- Allocate risk efficiently

Each utility needs to make its own choices based on community preferences and goals



Marketing Versus Consumer Protection



3 Tips for Converting to Solar

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