



# **2025 Summer Reliability Assessment**

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## Preface

Electricity is a key component of the fabric of modern society and the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) Enterprise serves to strengthen that fabric. The vision for the ERO Enterprise, which is comprised of NERC and the six Regional Entities, is a highly reliable, resilient, and secure North American bulk power system (BPS). Our mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid.

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The North American BPS is spans six Regional Entities as shown on the map and in the corresponding table below. The multicolored area denotes overlap as some load-serving entities participate in one Regional Entity while associated Transmission Owners/Operators participate in another.



MRO	Midwest Reliability Organization
NPCC	Northeast Power Coordinating Council
RF	ReliabilityFirst
SERC	SERC Reliability Corporation
Texas RE	Texas Reliability Entity
WECC	WECC

# **About this Assessment**

NERC's 2025 Summer Reliability Assessment (SRA) identifies, assesses, and reports on areas of concern regarding the reliability of the North American BPS for the upcoming summer season. In addition, the SRA presents peak electricity demand and supply changes and highlights any unique regional challenges or expected conditions that might affect the reliability of the BPS. The reliability assessment process is a coordinated evaluation between the NERC Reliability Assessment Subcommittee, the Regional Entities, and NERC staff with demand and resource projections obtained from the assessment areas. This report reflects an independent assessment by NERC and the ERO Enterprise and is intended to inform industry leaders, planners, operators, and regulatory bodies so that they are better prepared to take necessary actions to ensure BPS reliability. This report also provides an opportunity for industry to discuss plans and preparations to ensure reliability for the upcoming summer period.

# **Key Findings**

NERC's annual *SRA* covers the upcoming four-month (June–September) summer period. This assessment evaluates generation resource and transmission system adequacy as well as energy sufficiency to meet projected summer peak demands and operating reserves. This includes a deterministic evaluation of data submitted for peak demand hour and peak risk hour as well as results from recently updated probabilistic analyses. Additionally, this assessment identifies potential reliability issues of interest and regional topics of concern. While the scope of this seasonal assessment is focused on the upcoming summer, the key findings are consistent with risks and issues that NERC highlighted in the *2024 Long-Term Reliability Assessment (LTRA)*, which covers a 10-year horizon, and other earlier reliability assessments and reports.<sup>1</sup>

Rising electricity demand forecasts, generation growth, and the increasing pace of change in the resource mix feature prominently in the summer risk profile. Since last summer, the aggregate of peak electricity demand for NERC's 23 assessment areas has risen by over 10 GW—more than double the year-to-year increase that occurred between the summers of 2023 and 2024. Over 7.4 GW of generator capacity (nameplate) has retired or become inactive for the upcoming summer, including 2.5 GW of natural-gas-fired and 2.1 GW of coal-fired generators.<sup>2</sup> Meanwhile, growth in solar photovoltaic (PV) and battery storage resources has accelerated with the addition of 30 GW of nameplate solar PV resources and 13 GW of new battery storage. The new solar and battery resource additions are expected to provide over 35 GW in summer on-peak capacity. New wind resources are expected to provide 5 GW on peak. Operators in many parts of the BPS face challenges in meeting higher demand this summer with a resource mix that, in general, has less flexibility and more variability.

The following findings are derived from NERC and the ERO Enterprise's independent evaluation of electricity generation and transmission capacity as well as potential operational concerns that may need to be addressed for Summer 2025.

## **Resource Adequacy Assessment and Energy Risk Analysis**

All areas are assessed as having adequate anticipated resources for normal summer peak load conditions (see Figure 1). However, the following areas face risks of electricity supply shortfalls during periods of more extreme summer conditions. This determination of elevated risk is based on analysis of plausible scenarios, including 90/10 demand forecasts and historical high outage rates as well as low wind or solar PV energy conditions:

- Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO): MISO is expecting to have an existing certain capacity of 142,793 MW in the 2025 SRA, which is a slight reduction from the 143,866 MW submitted for the 2024 SRA. The retirement of 1,575 MW of natural gas and coal-fired generation since last summer, combined with a reduction in net firm capacity transfers due to some capacity outside the MISO market opting out of the MISO planning resource auction, is contributing to less dispatchable generation in MISO. With higher demand and less firm resources, MISO is at elevated risk of operating reserve shortfalls during periods of high demand or low resource output. MISO's most recent energy assessment reveals that the period of highest energy shortfall risk has shifted from July to August. This shift is driven by the decline in dispatchable generation and the increasing share that solar and wind resources have in meeting demand. The risk of supply shortfalls increases in late summer as solar output diminishes earlier in the day, leaving variable wind and a more limited amount of dispatchable resources to meet demand.
- NPCC-New England: The New England area expects to have sufficient resources to meet the 2025 summer peak demand forecast. As of April 1, the 50/50 peak summer demand is forecast to be 24,803 MW for the weeks beginning June 1, 2025, through September 14, 2025, with a lowest projected net margin of -1,473 MW (6.0%). The lowest projected net margin assumes a net interchange of 1,245 MW, which is capacity-backed; however, ISO New England (ISO-NE) has typically imported around 3,000 MW during summer peak load conditions. ISO-NE anticipates an increase of approximately 500 MW in forced outages from its generating fleet compared to Summer 2024. Based on NPCC's most recent energy assessment, some use of New England's operating procedures for mitigating resource shortages is anticipated during Summer 2025. Cumulative loss of load expectation (LOLE) of <0.031 days/period, loss of load hours (LOLH) of <0.120 hours/period, and expected unserved energy (EUE) of <94 MWh/period were estimated for the expected load with expected summer resources while the reduced resources and highest peak load scenario resulted in an estimated cumulative LOLE risk of 4.369 days/period, with associated LOLH of 19.554 hours/period and EUE of 19,847 MWh/period.</p>
- MRO-SaskPower: For the upcoming summer months, no capacity constraints or reliability issues are expected under normal conditions. However, in the event of generator forced outages of more than 350 MW, combined with above-normal peak demand, SaskPower may need to rely on short-term imports from neighboring utilities. Other remedial actions could include quickly activating demand-response programs, adjusting maintenance schedules, and, if necessary, implementing temporary load interruptions. SaskPower's modeling projects

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NERC's long-term, seasonal, and special reliability assessments are published on the <u>Reliability Assessments webpage</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other retirements include 1.2 GW nuclear capacity following the retirement of some units at the Pickering Nuclear Generator Station in Ontario, and 1.6 GW of petroleum, hydro, and other generation. Source: NERC and EIA data.

the probability of experiencing a generation forced outage exceeding 350 MW to be 21.5%. Assuming maximum available imports, the same modeling projects the number of hours with an operating reserve shortfall this summer to be about 0.65 hours with the highest likelihood occurring in June, estimated at 0.43 hours.

- MRO-SPP: SPP's Anticipated Reserve Margin (28.5%) is similar to last summer, and resource shortfalls are not expected for the upcoming Summer 2025 season under normal conditions. However, SPP remains at risk for energy shortfalls if above-normal peak demand periods coincide with low wind output and high generator forced outages. Other known operational challenges for the upcoming season include managing wind energy fluctuations; SPP often experiences sharp ramps of its wind generation that can cause transmission system congestion as well as scarcity conditions.
- Texas RE-ERCOT: An additional 7 GW of installed solar PV resource capacity and nearly 7.5 GW in new battery storage is helping ERCOT meet rising summer peak demand. ERCOT is projected to have sufficient operating reserves for the August peak load hour given normal summer system conditions. Nevertheless, continued growth in both loads and intermittent renewable resources drives a risk of emergency conditions in the evening hours when solar generation ramps down and loads remain elevated. ERCOT's probabilistic risk assessment of energy emergency alert (EEA) likelihood for the highest risk periods associated with evening hours in the peak month of August is projected to fall to 3%, down from over 15% in 2024. Lower risk is attributed to a nearly doubling of battery energy storage capacity and improved energy availability from new battery storage and operational rules. The South Texas Interconnection reliability operating limit (IROL) continues to present a system constraint, which, under specific unlikely conditions, could ultimately require ERCOT system operators to direct firm load shedding to remain within IROL limits and prevent cascading load loss. For Summer 2025, this risk is being mitigated by updating transmission line dynamic ratings and switching actions to divert power away from the most limiting transmission circuits.
- WECC-Mexico: The WECC-Mexico assessment area in Baja California has a peak summer demand of 3,770 MW and is served by a resource mix that is mainly natural-gas-fired generation, with some geothermal, solar, wind, and oil-fired resources (5,636 MW total installed capacity, of which 4,125 MW are gas-fired generators). WECC-Mexico's 14% Anticipated Reserve Margin exceeds the Reference Margin Level for reliability (10%) calculated by WECC. For the upcoming summer, NERC assesses that historically average generator outage rates for peak demand periods can cause a supply shortfall within the WECC-Mexico assessment area and trigger the need for non-firm resources from neighboring areas. Note, in prior SRA reports, the Baja California portion of the BPS was included as part of the WECC-CA/MX assessment area. The 2025 SRA includes a new assessment area map for

the Western Interconnection. The new assessment area boundaries provide reliability risk information in more geographic detail for the United States and Mexico.

Resource additions since last summer have helped lower the risk of energy shortfalls in several areas. Across the U.S. portion of the Western Interconnection, over 6.5 GW of installed solar capacity has been added, along with nearly 7 GW in battery storage. The resources are expected to provide close to 14 GW in on-peak capacity. In British Columbia, new hydroelectric generators were commissioned, contributing to an additional 500 MW in capacity for the summer. The resource additions have alleviated capacity and energy shortfall risks identified in these assessment areas prior to Summer 2024 and provide supplies across the Western Interconnection.





Seasonal Risk Assessment Summary			
High	Potential for insufficient operating reserves in normal peak conditions		
Elevated	Potential for insufficient operating reserves in above-normal conditions		
Normal	Sufficient operating reserves expected		

## **Other Reliability Issues**

- Weather services are expecting above-average summer temperatures across much of North America and continued below-average precipitation in the Northwest and Midwest. In summer-peaking areas, temperature is one of the main drivers of demand and can also contribute to forced outages for generation and other BPS equipment. Average temperatures last summer across the United States and Canada were not as hot as Summer 2023, but Summer 2024 still managed to rank in the top four hottest recorded summers with certain areas breaking records yet again. Few high-level EEAs were issued between June and September 2024, and there were no supply disruptions that resulted from inadequate resources as Balancing Authorities (BA), Transmission Operators (TOP), and Reliability Coordinators (RC) employed a variety of operational mitigations and demand-side management measures. Natural-gas-fired electricity generation broke records last yearhighlighting the criticality of natural gas in meeting electric demand. This continuing trend will be key in operator preparations that help to ensure fuel availability for the coming summer. The Review of 2024 Capacity and Energy Performance section describes actual demand and resource levels in comparison with NERC's 2024 SRA and summarizes 2024 resource adequacy events.
- Load growth is driving higher peak demand forecasts and contributing to resource and transmission adequacy challenges in many areas. Fifteen of the 23 assessment areas are expecting an increase in peak summer demand from Summer 2024. Aggregated peak demand across all assessment areas has increased by over 10 GW since 2024. This is more than double the increase in peak demand from 2023 to 2024. One of the largest increases is seen in the U.S. West (+5%), where a new peak demand record was set last summer. Extreme heat is reported as a main reliability concern this year among BAs in WECC. With precipitation expected to be lower than average in the Northwest, natural-gas-fired generation and demand-side management could be important in offsetting any lower-than-normal levels of hydroelectric generation availability. SERC Southeast is also projecting a sizable increase in peak demand of more than 2% from NERC's 2024 SRA. Entities in the assessment area cite economic growth and increased industrial and data mining loads as the main drivers.
- Aging generation facilities present increased challenges to maintaining generator readiness and resource adequacy. Forced outage rates for conventional generators and wind resources have trended toward historically high levels in recent years.<sup>3</sup> System operators face increasing risk of resource shortfalls and operating challenges caused by forced generator outages, especially during periods of high demand or when relatively few conventional resources are dispatched to serve load. The threat to BPS reliability can be compounded in areas where

aging resources are further depended upon to provide essential reliability services. In the Southwest, for example, a portion of capacity has been in operation for roughly 60 years. Electric utilities in SERC-Central have also described aging generation as a reliability challenge. Historical performance has demonstrated the need for planning assumptions that account for elevated forced outage rates for these generators. Older generators can also require extensive overhauls, such as generator rewinds, that take resources out of service for extended periods of time as discovery work can lead to additional unplanned maintenance.

- Battery resource additions are helping reduce energy shortfall risks that can arise from resource variability and peaks in demand. In Texas, California, and across the U.S. West, the influx of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in recent years has markedly improved the ability to manage energy risks during challenging summer periods. These areas can be exposed to energy shortfalls during hours of peak demand and into evening as solar PV output diminishes, but BESS resources that maintain their charge during the day can help meet peak demand and also overcome energy shortfalls on the system that might otherwise occur with solar down-ramps or variability. Natural-gas-fired generation also continues to play an important role in meeting peak demand and flexibly responding to fluctuations output from variable energy resources (VER).
- Grid operators need to remain vigilant for the potential of inverter-based resources (IBR) to unexpectedly trip during grid disturbances. While this near-term challenge persists, NERC continues to work diligently with industry to develop long-term solutions to this issue. In April, NERC published the Aggregated Report on NERC Level 2 Recommendation to Industry: Findings from Inverter-Based Resource Model Quality Deficiencies Alert.<sup>4</sup> In the report, NERC summarized the deficiencies identified in the Level 2 alert issued in June 2024. The report's findings were as follows:
  - Many grid operators indicated that they did not have the requested data readily available, supporting the previous finding that data acquisition and management was insufficient.
  - Interconnection process requirements are insufficient.
  - Two-thirds of the protection settings used by grid operators are not set to provide the maximum capability. This creates a significant artificial limitation of overall ride-through capability of BPS-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities.
  - 20% of the surveyed facilities use a facility capability with a 0.95 power factor limit, which means that a significant amount of underused reactive capability exists on the BPS.
  - Dynamic model data is inconsistent.

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As solar, wind, and battery resources remain the predominant types of resources being added to the BPS, it is imperative for industry, vendors, and manufacturers to take the recommended steps for system modeling and study practices and IBR performance.

- Operators of natural-gas-fired generators should maintain lines of communication with natural gas system operators to support electric grid reliability. The 2024 summer season was the fourth hottest on record, <sup>5</sup> and natural-gas-fired generation broke records with a peak monthly average in July of 208 TWh, up 4% from July 2023, per the latest data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA). The EIA projects that rising demand for natural gas exports this year in the wake of ramped up liquefied natural gas (LNG) production combined with lower field production levels could tighten natural gas supplies relative to last summer. Amid year-over-year increases in load projections in most assessment areas, this summer could see another record year for natural-gas-fired generation, thereby stretching supplies even further. Given that late spring and early summer are seasons when natural gas system owners and operators typically perform maintenance requiring system outages, vigilance is needed to ensure the reliability of fuel delivery to natural-gas-fired-generators.<sup>6</sup>
- Supply chain issues continue to affect lead times for Bulk Electric System (BES) equipment maintenance, replacement, and construction. While no specific reliability issues for the upcoming summer have been identified, Transmission Owners (TO) and Generator Owners (GO) face delays in parts, materials, and skilled technicians. When summer maintenance preparations or installations are delayed, effects on equipment availability can challenge system operators. Over the long term, supply chain issues and uncertainty continue to affect development. Lead times for transformers remain virtually unchanged, averaging 120 weeks in 2024. Large transformer lead times averaged 80–210 weeks.<sup>7</sup>
- Wildfire risks in the areas that comprise the Western Interconnection remain ever present. Wildfire conditions can affect transmission operations by prompting preemptive circuit outages to reduce the risk of fire ignition as well as through fire impacts to transmission infrastructure. Transmission system congestion and reduced import capacity can accompany wildfire conditions. Moreover, fires near wind generation result in curtailment for safety reasons, and solar facilities can be susceptible to range fires. Fire damage to transmission lines interconnected to remote hydro sites in the Pacific Northwest can be particularly problematic with restoration typically taking weeks to months to accomplish.

### Recommendations

To reduce the risk of electricity shortfalls on the BPS this summer, NERC recommends the following:

- RCs, BAs, and TOPs in the elevated risk areas identified in the key findings should take the following actions:
  - Review seasonal operating plans and protocols for communicating and resolving potential supply shortfalls in anticipation of potentially extreme demand levels.
  - Consider the potential for higher-than-anticipated forced generator outage rates in operating plans due to plant age, operating patterns, or limited pre-seasonal maintenance availability.
  - Employ conservative generation and transmission outage coordination procedures and operate conservatively commensurate with long-range weather forecasts to ensure adequate resource availability. The review of system performance during the January 2025 cold weather event noted that early declaration of conservative operations in advance of extreme conditions helped reduce grid congestion and enhance transfer capability.<sup>8</sup>
  - Engage state or provincial regulators and policymakers to prepare for efficient implementation of demand-side management mechanisms called for in operating plans.
- GOs with solar PV resources should implement recommendations in the IBR performance issues alert that NERC issued in March 2023.<sup>9</sup>
- State regulators and industry should have protocols in place at the start of summer for managing emergent requests from generators for air-quality restriction waivers. If warranted, U.S. Department Energy (DOE) action to exercise emergency authority under the Federal Power Act (FPA) section 202(c) may be needed to ensure that sufficient generation is available during extreme weather conditions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>US sweltered through its 4<sup>th</sup>-hottest summer on record</u> – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration <sup>6</sup> Short-Term Energy Outlook - U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Supply shortages and an inflexible market give rise to high power transformer lead times | Wood Mackenzie
 <sup>8</sup> See notable operations practices in Appendix 2 of the January 2025 Arctic Events System Performance Review | FERC, NERC, and its Regional Entities: A Joint Staff Report, April 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See <u>NERC Level 2 Alert: Inverter-Based Resource Performance Issues</u>, March, 2023. Owners and operators of BPSconnected IBRs that are currently not registered with NERC should consult <u>NERC's IBR Registration Initiative</u> for information on the registration process.

## **Summer Temperature and Drought Forecasts**

During the summer season, heat drives peak electricity demand as consumers use more electricity to cool their homes and businesses. Summer 2024 was the fourth hottest summer on record for the United States and Canada, and Summer 2025 is expected to bring similar intensity. Assessment area load forecasts account for many years of historical demand data, often up to 30 years, to predict summer peak demand and prepare for more extreme conditions. According to their probabilistic assessments of the coming summer season, late July and early August are the periods most frequently identified among the assessment areas as the expected period of peak demand. Peak demand hours may not coincide with the highest risk hours in the summer as the resource mix shifts during a 24-hour cycle, particularly when there are prolonged periods of above-normal temperatures. Coordinating pre-season preparations and maintenance remains critical to avoiding forced outages where possible and mitigating risks to BPS reliability.



Figure 2: United States and Canada Summer Temperature Outlook<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Seasonal forecasts obtained from U.S. National Weather Service and Natural Resources Canada: <u>https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long\_range/</u> and <u>https://weather.gc.ca/saisons/prob\_e.html</u>

## **Risk Assessment Discussion**

NERC assesses the risk of electricity supply shortfall in each assessment area for the upcoming season by considering Planning Reserve Margins, seasonal risk scenarios, probability-based risk assessments, and other available risk information. NERC provides an independent assessment of the potential for each assessment area to have sufficient operating reserves under normal conditions as well as abovenormal demand and low-resource output conditions selected for the assessment. A summary of the assessment approach is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Seasonal Risk Assessment Summary			
Category	Criteria <sup>1</sup>		
High Potential for insufficient operating reserves in normal peak	<ul> <li>Planning Reserve Margins do not meet Reference Margin Levels</li> <li>Probabilistic indices exceed benchmarks (e.g., LOLH of 2.4 hours over the season)</li> <li>Analysis of the risk hour(s) indicates resources will not be sufficient to meet operating reserves under normal peak-day demand and outage</li> </ul>		
conditions	scenarios <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Elevated</b> Potential for insufficient operating reserves in above-normal conditions	<ul> <li>Probabilistic indices are low but not negligible (e.g., LOLH above 0.1 hours over the season)</li> <li>Analysis of the risk hour(s) indicates resources will not be sufficient to meet operating reserves under extreme peak-day demand with normal resource scenarios (i.e., typical or expected outage and derate scenarios for conditions)<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Analysis of the risk hour(s) indicates resources will not be sufficient to meet operating reserves under normal peak-day demand with reduced resources (i.e., extreme outage and derate scenarios)<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>		
Normal	<ul> <li>Probabilistic indices are negligible</li> </ul>		
Sufficient operating reserves expected	<ul> <li>Analysis of the risk hour(s) indicates resources will be sufficient to meet operating reserves under normal and extreme peak-day demand and outage scenarios<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>		

<sup>1</sup>The table provides general criteria. Other factors may influence a higher or lower risk assessment.

<sup>2</sup>Normal resource scenarios include planned and typical forced outages as well as outages and derates that are closely correlated to the extreme peak demand.

<sup>3</sup>Reduced resource scenarios include planned and typical forced outages and low-likelihood resource scenarios, such as extreme low-wind scenarios, low-hydro scenarios during drought years, or high thermal outages when such a scenario is warranted.

<sup>4</sup>Even in normal risk assessment areas, extreme demand and extreme outage scenarios that are not closely linked may indicate risk of operating reserve shortfall.

Assessment of Planning Reserve Margins and Operational Risk Analysis

Anticipated Reserve Margins, which provide the Planning Reserve Margins for normal peak conditions, as well as reserve margins for seasonal risk scenarios of more extreme conditions are provided in Table 2.

Table 2: Seasonal Risk Scenario On-Peak Reserve Margins					
Assessment Area	Anticipated Reserve Margin	Anticipated Reserve Margin with Typical Outages	Anticipated Reserve Margin with Higher Demand, Outages, Derates in Extreme Conditions		
MISO	24.7%	9.3%	-1.9%		
MRO-Manitoba	14.6%	11.2%	3.8%		
MRO-SaskPower	33.5%	28.3%	22.4%		
MRO-SPP	28.5%	18.2%	3.4%		
NPCC-Maritimes	42.2%	31.7%	18.6%		
NPCC-New England	14.1%	3.9%	4.0%		
NPCC-New York	31.6%	12.5%	5.2%		
NPCC-Ontario	23.4%	23.4%	3.7%		
NPCC-Québec	32.7%	28.2%	19.1%		
PJM	24.7%	15.0%	5.3%		
SERC-C	19.6%	12.7%	3.2%		
SERC-E	29.1%	21.8%	13.0%		
SERC-FP	20.2%	14.0%	11.8%		
SERC-SE	41.3%	37.7%	12.5%		
TRE-ERCOT	43.2%	33.0%	-5.1%		
WECC-AB	42.6%	40.3%	20.5%		
WECC-Basin	24.3%	15.9%	-27.2%		
WECC-BC	24.3%	24.2%	-6.6%		
WECC-CA	56.9%	51.0%	4.7%		
WECC-Mex	14.1%	1.6%	-16.8%		
WECC-NW	32.1%	29.4%	-13.0%		
WECC-RM	25.7%	18.2%	-18.9%		
WECC-SW	22.3%	14.0%	-13.0%		

Seasonal risk scenarios for each assessment area are presented in the **Regional Assessments Dashboards** section. The on-peak reserve margin and seasonal risk scenario charts in each dashboard provide potential summer peak demand and resource condition information. The reserve margins on the right side of the dashboard pages provide a comparison to the previous year's assessment. The seasonal risk scenario charts present deterministic scenarios for further analysis of different demand and resource levels with adjustments for normal and extreme conditions. The assessment areas determined the adjustments to capacity and peak demand based on methods or assumptions that are summarized in the seasonal risk scenario charts; more information about these dashboard charts is provided in the **Data Concepts and Assumptions** section.

The seasonal risk scenario charts can be expressed in terms of reserve margins: In Table 2, each assessment area's Anticipated Reserve Margins are shown alongside the reserve margins for a typical generation outage scenario (where applicable) and the extreme demand and resource conditions in their seasonal risk scenario.

Highlighted in orange are the areas identified as having resource adequacy or energy risks for the summer in the Key Findings section. The typical outage reserve margin includes anticipated resources minus the capacity that is likely to be in maintenance or forced outage at peak demand. If the typical maintenance or forced outage margin is the same as the Anticipated Reserve Margin, it is because an assessment area has already factored typical outages into the anticipated resources. The extreme conditions margin includes all components of the scenario and represents the most severe operating conditions of an area's scenario. Note that any reserve margin below zero indicates that the resources fall below demand in the scenario.

In addition to the peak demand and seasonal risk hour scenario charts, the assessment areas provided a resource adequacy risk assessment that was probability-based for the summer season. Results are summarized in **Table 3**. The risk assessments account for the hour(s) of greatest risk of resource shortfall. For most areas, the hour(s) of risk coincides with the time of forecasted peak demand; however, some areas incur the greatest risk at other times based on the varying demand and resource profiles. Various risk metrics are provided and include LOLE, LOLH, EUE, and the probabilities of an EEA occurrence.

#### **Energy Emergency Alerts**

Extreme generation outages, low resource output, and peak loads similar to those experienced in wide-area heat events and the heat domes experienced in western parts of North America during the last three summers are ongoing reliability risks in certain areas for Summer 2025. When forecasted resources in an area fall below expected demand and operating reserve requirements, BAs may need to employ operating mitigations or EEAs to obtain the capacity and energy necessary for reliability. A description of each EEA level is provided below.

Energy Emergency Alert Levels				
EEA Level	Description	Circumstances		
EEA1	All available generation resources in use	• The BA is experiencing conditions in which all available generation resources are committed to meet firm load, firm transactions, and reserve commitments and is concerned about sustaining its required contingency reserves.		
		<ul> <li>Non-firm wholesale energy sales (other than those that are recallable to meet reserve requirements) have been curtailed.</li> </ul>		
		• The BA is no longer able to provide its expected energy requirements and is an energy-deficient BA.		
EEA2 Load prod	Load management procedures in effect	<ul> <li>An energy-deficient BA has implemented its operating plan(s) to mitigate emergencies.</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>An energy-deficient BA is still able to maintain minimum contingency reserve requirements.</li> </ul>		
EEA3	Firm load interruption is imminent or in progress	• The energy-deficient BA is unable to meet minimum contingency reserve requirements.		

Table 3: Probability-Based Risk Assessment			
Assessment Area	Type of Assessment	Results and Insight from Assessment	
MISO	The Planning Year 2025–2026 LOLE Study Report, an annual LOLE probabilistic study <sup>11</sup>	The values for LOLH and EUE are taken from the assessment report noted, where the annual LOLE is set at 1 day in 10 years, or 0.1 LOLE for the summer season. For Summer 2025, LOLH is 0.252 hrs/year and EUE is 626.2 MWH/year for the Reference Margin Level. Expectations for load-loss and unserved energy are less than these amounts because MISO's resources are above the Reference Margin Level.	
MRO-Manitoba	The 2024 LOLE Study	Manitoba Hydro's probability-based resource adequacy risk assessment for the summer (June–September) season is that there is a low risk of resource adequacy issues. The study indicated Annual Probabilistic Indices for the Manitoba Hydro system for 2026 of 5 MWh per year of EUE, considering a range of flow conditions, and that all of this risk would be in the higher load winter season. The increases in Manitoba load since the 2022 LOLE Study were more than offset by a reduction in long-term exports contract with the expiration of a major export sale in April 2025.	
MRO-SaskPower	Probability-based capacity adequacy assessment Summer 2025	According to the study, SaskPower's expected number of hours with an operating reserve shortfall between June and September is about 0.65 hours, assuming maximum available imports. June has the highest likelihood of an EEA, estimated at 0.43 hours. For Summer 2025, the projected probability of experiencing a generation forced outage exceeding 350 MW stands at 21.5%. This number represents an approximation of the likelihood, during any given hour of the summer period, of encountering a generation forced outage surpassing the 350 MW threshold.	
MRO-SPP	2024 NERC <i>LTRA</i> with Probabilistic Assessment (ProbA)	With the current SPP fleet, the ProbA base case Year 2 produced no LOLE.	
NPCC	NPCC conducted an all-hour probabilistic assessment that consisted of a base case and several more severe scenarios examining low resources, reduced imports, and higher loads. The highest peak load scenario has a 7% probability of occurring.	NPCC Regional Entity assesses that there will be an adequate supply of electricity across the Regional Entity this summer. Necessary strategies and procedures are in place to deal with operational challenges and emergencies as they may develop. Preliminary results of the probabilistic analysis by assessment area are below. NPCC anticipates releasing the assessment in May.	
NPCC-Maritimes		NPCC's assessment results indicate that Maritimes expects minimal LOLE, LOLH, and EUE over the May–September period, with the highest risk occurring in July and August. The assessment projected LOLE at less than 0.089 days per period, LOLH at less than 0.4 hours per period, and EUE at less than 16.5 MWh per period under the reduced resources and highest peak demand scenario.	
NPCC-New England		Based on NPCC's assessment, cumulative LOLE (<0.031 days/period), LOLH (<0.120 hours/period), and EUE (<94 MWh/period) risks were estimated over the summer May to September period for the expected load with expected resources scenario. The highest peak load level conditions with reduced resources scenario resulted in an estimated cumulative LOLE risk (4.369 days/period), with associated LOLH (19.554 hours/period) and EUE (19,847 MWh/period) with the highest risk occurring in June, with some in July and August.	
NPCC-New York		Negligible cumulative LOLE (<0.018 days/period), LOLH (<0.054 hours/period), and EUE (33 MWh/period) risks were estimated over the summer May–September period for the expected load with expected resources for the summer. For highest peak load level with low likelihood, reduced resource conditions resulted in an estimated cumulative LOLE risk (1.7 days/period), with associated LOLH (6.5 hours/period) and EUE (4,860 MWh/period) with the highest risk occurring in July and August.	

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Table 3: Probability-Based Risk Assessment			
Assessment Area	Type of Assessment	Results and Insight from Assessment	
NPCC-Ontario		NPCC's preliminary result of this assessment indicates that the low-likelihood resource case, highest peak load level conditions resulted in a negligible cumulative LOLE (0.081 days/period), with associated cumulative LOLH (0.212 hours/period) and EUE (145.4 MWh/period) with the highest risks occurring predominantly in July, with some in August. Negligible cumulative LOLE, LOLH, and EUE risks were estimated over the May–September summer period for the other scenarios modeled.	
NPCC-Québec		The Québec assessment area is not expected to require use of their operating procedures designed to mitigate resource shortages during Summer 2025. Québec did not demonstrate any measurable amounts of cumulative LOLE, LOLH, or EUE risks over the May–September summer period for all the scenarios modeled since the system is winter peaking.	
Mſd	2023 PJM Reserve Requirement Study (RRS)	PJM is expecting a low risk of resources falling below required operating reserves during Summer 2025. PJM is forecasting around 27% installed reserves (including expected committed demand resources), which is above the target installed reserve margin of 17.7% necessary to meet the 1-day-in-10-years LOLE criterion. The Reserve Requirement Study analyzed a wide range of load scenarios (low, regular, and extreme) as well as multiple scenarios for system-wide unavailable capacity due to forced outages, maintenance outages, and ambient derations. Due to the rather low penetration of limited and variable resources in PJM relative to PJM's peak load, the hour with the most loss-of-load risk remains the hour with the highest forecasted demand.	
SERC-Central SERC-East SERC-Florida Peninsula SERC-Southeast	2024 NERC <i>LTRA</i> with ProbA. For the ProbA, SERC evaluates 8,760 hourly load and 1,900 sequential Monte Carlo simulations. The results are a probability weighted average of cases, including 38 historic weather-years that are applied to load forecasts for years 2026 and 2028. The model applies a range of economic load forecast errors from -4% to 4% and other noted assumptions.	The 2024 ProbA indicates some resource adequacy risk to SERC with the results for the year 2028 showing slightly higher risk than the year 2026. For the entire SERC footprint, Summer 2026 shows a low risk in summer afternoons into evenings, and for Summer 2028, that risk is still low but extends from summer evenings later into summer nights.	
Texas RE-ERCOT	ERCOT probabilistic assessment using the Probabilistic Reserve Risk Model	The simulation indicates some risk of having to declare an EEA for hours ending 20 and 21 for the peak load day in August. These two hours have the highest EEA risk (reflecting corresponding high net load conditions) with probabilities of declaring an EEA 3.05% and 1.54%, respectively. This is categorized by ERCOT as "Low risk" per its criteria of hourly EEA probability that is equal to or less than 10%. For the 2024 SRA, ERCOT reported EEA declaration probabilities for hours ending 20 and 21 of 18.4% and 9.2%, respectively. The large decrease in EEA probabilities is due to the addition of 7,414 MW of BESS capacity.	
WECC	2024 Western Assessment on Resource Adequacy employs a probabilistic energy, area-wide assessment, using Multi Area Variable Resource Integration Convolution (MAVRIC) model		

Table 3: Probability-Based Risk Assessment			
Assessment Area	Type of Assessment	Results and Insight from Assessment	
WECC-AB		Probabilistic analysis performed by WECC found no LOLH or EUE for this summer. All resource margins have increased since last summer with the addition of new capacity, including almost 2,700 MW of new natural gas capacity, 1,200 MW of new wind (+27%), 200 MW of new solar (+13%), and 54 MW of new energy storage systems (+27.5%) on-line. The peak hour has moved earlier, to 3:00 p.m. from 4:00 p.m., still in late July.	
WECC-Basin		Probabilistic analysis performed by WECC found no LOLH or EUE for this summer. The reserve margins are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin (14%) for the upcoming summer—existing-certain is forecast at 19% with anticipated and prospective at 24%. The area is expected to peak in early July around 3:00 p.m.	
WECC-BC		Probabilistic analysis performed by WECC found no LOLH or EUE for this summer. The reserve margins are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin for the upcoming summer. All reserve margins have increased since 2024 due to increased capacity and energy availability. The peak hour for summer is forecast for early August around 4 p.m.	
WECC-CA		Probabilistic analysis performed by WECC found no LOLH or EUE for this summer. The reserve margins are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin for the upcoming summer. Reserve margins have increased since last summer with the increased existing-certain and Tier 1 planned capacity more than offsetting the decrease in available demand response.	
WECC-Mex		Probabilistic analysis performed by WECC found no LOLH or EUE for this summer. The peak hour is expected to occur in early August around 4:00 p.m. The reserve margins (14%) are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin (10%) for the upcoming summer. An extreme summer peak load is anticipated to be 4,067 MW. Under extreme conditions, typical forced outages are expected to be 472 MW and derates for thermal generation resources are expected to be 330 MW, requiring imports from neighboring areas. The expected operating reserve requirement on peak is 226 MW.	
WECC-RM		Probabilistic analysis performed by WECC found no LOLH or EUE for this summer. The peak hour is expected to occur in late July around 4:00 p.m. Summer 2025 reserve margins (existing-certain 25%, and anticipated and prospective 26%) are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin (17%). An extreme summer peak load may be around 15 GW, and the area has 17.3 GW of existing-certain capacity plus 104 MW of planned new resources. Typical forced outages could be 1,044 MW and derates under extreme conditions of 1,561 MW for thermal and 990 MW for wind. The expected operating reserve requirement on peak is 846 MW.	
WECC-NW		Probabilistic analysis performed by WECC found no LOLH or EUE for this summer. Summer 2025 peak hour is expected to occur in early July around 5:00 p.m. Reserve margins (existing-certain 29% and anticipated and prospective 32%) are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin (23%). An extreme summer peak load may be around 32,740 MW. Typical forced outages are forecast to be 777 MW with derates for thermal under extreme conditions to be 1,584 MW and 2,649 MW for wind. The expected operating reserve requirement on peak is 1,750 MW.	
WECC-SW		Probabilistic analysis performed by WECC found no LOLH or EUE for this summer. The peak hour is expected to occur in early July around 5:00 p.m. The existing-certain 17% reserve margin does not fall below the reference margin (13%) for the upcoming summer. The anticipated and prospective reserve margin rises to 22%. An extreme summer peak load could approach 40 GW during the riskiest hour, while the region is anticipated to have 40.3 GW of existing-certain energy available and an additional 2 GW of Tier 1 planned resources. Typical forced outages are estimated near 3 GW, and derates for thermal under extreme conditions can shave another 3 GW from available energy. The expected operating reserve requirement is 2,119 MW.	

# **Regional Assessments Dashboards**

The following assessment area dashboards and summaries were developed based on data and narrative information collected by NERC from the six Regional Entities on an assessment area basis. Guidelines and definitions are in the **Data Concepts and Assumptions** table. On-peak reserve margin bar charts show the Anticipated Reserve Margin compared to a Reference Margin Level that is established for the areas to meet resource adequacy criteria. Prospective Reserve Margins can give an indication of additional on-peak capacity but are not used for assessing adequacy. The operational risk analysis shown in the following regional assessments dashboard pages provides a deterministic scenario for understanding how various factors that affect resources and demand can combine to impact overall resource adequacy. For each assessment area, there is a risk-period scenario graphic; the left blue column shows anticipated resources (from the **Demand and Resource Tables**), and the orange column at the right shows the two demand scenarios of the normal peak net internal demand (from the **Demand and Resource Tables**) and the extreme summer peak demand determined by the assessment area. The middle **red** or **green** bars show adjustments that are applied cumulatively to the anticipated resources. Adjustments may include reductions for typical generation outages (maintenance and forced not already accounted for in anticipated resources) and additions that represent the quantified capacity from operational tools (if any) that are available during scarcity conditions but have not been accounted for in the *SRA* reserve margins. Resources throughout the scenario are compared against expected operating reserve requirements that are based on peak load and normal weather. The cumulative effects from extreme events are also factored in through additional resource derates or low-output scenarios. In addition, results from a probability-based resource adequacy assessment area shown in the Highlights section of each dashboard. Methods varied by ass



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**MISO** 

MISO is a not-for profit, member-based organization that administers wholesale electricity markets that provide customers with valued service; reliable, cost-effective systems and operations; dependable and transparent prices; open access to markets; and planning for long-term efficiency. MISO manages energy, reliability, and operating reserve markets that consist of 36 local BA and 394 market participants, serving approximately 42 million customers. Although parts of MISO fall in three Regional Entities, MRO is responsible for coordinating data and information submitted for NERC's reliability assessments.

#### Highlights

- Demand forecasts and resource data indicate that MISO is at elevated risk of operating reserve shortfalls during periods of high demand or low resource output.
- The performance of wind and solar generators during periods of high electricity demand is a key factor in determining whether system operators need to employ operating mitigations, such as maximum generation declarations and energy emergencies; MISO has over 31,000 MW of installed wind capacity and 18,245 MW of installed solar capacity; however, the historically based on-peak capacity contribution is 5,616 MW and 9,123 MW, respectively.



- Since last summer, over 1,400 MW of thermal generating capacity has been retired in MISO, and the new generation that has been added is predominantly solar (8,080 MW nameplate/4,140 MW on-peak).
- MISO's most recent energy assessment reveals that the period of highest energy shortfall risk has shifted from July to August.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under normal peak-demand scenarios. Above-normal summer peak load and extreme generator outage conditions could result in the need to employ operating mitigations (e.g., load-modifying resources and energy transfers from neighboring systems) and EEAs. Emergency declarations that can only be called upon when available generation is at maximum capability are necessary to access load-modifying resources (demand response) when operating reserve shortfalls are projected.





# **MRO-Manitoba Hydro**

Manitoba Hydro is a provincial Crown corporation and one of the largest integrated electricity and natural gas distribution utilities in Canada. Manitoba Hydro is a leader in providing renewable energy and clean-burning natural gas. Manitoba Hydro provides electricity to approximately 608,500 electric customers in Manitoba and natural gas to approximately 293,000 customers in southern Manitoba. Its service area is the province of Manitoba, which is 251,000 square miles. Manitoba Hydro is winter peaking. Manitoba Hydro is its own Planning Coordinator (PC) and BA. Manitoba Hydro is a coordinating member of MISO, which is the RC for Manitoba Hydro.

#### Highlights

- Manitoba Hydro is not anticipating any operational challenges and/or emerging reliability issues in its assessment area for Summer 2025; the Anticipated Reserve Margin for Summer 2025 exceeds the 12% Reference Margin Level.
- While Manitoba Hydro experienced demand growth in the past year, the growth is less than the recent reduction in firm export contracts.
- Manitoba Hydro water supply conditions are below average but improved from this time last year, and above-average winter snowfall will favorably impact spring runoff.
- Manitoba Hydro expects to reliably supply its internal demand and export obligations even if extreme drought develops throughout the year.



#### **Risk Scenario Summary**



## **MRO-SaskPower**

MRO-SaskPower is an assessment area in the Saskatchewan province of Canada. The province has a geographic area of 651,900 square kilometers (251,700 square miles) and a population of approximately 1.1 million. Peak demand is experienced in the winter. The Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SaskPower) is the PC and RC for the province of Saskatchewan and is the principal supplier of electricity in the province. SaskPower is a provincial Crown corporation and, under provincial legislation, is responsible for the reliability oversight of the Saskatchewan BES and its Interconnections.

#### Highlights

- Although Saskatchewan is mainly a winter-peaking region, summer can also bring high electricity demand due to extreme heat.
- Each year, SaskPower works with Manitoba Hydro on a joint summer operating study with input from the Western Area Power Administration and Basin Electric to develop operational guidelines to address any potential challenges.
- The expected number of hours with an operating reserve shortfall between June and September is about 0.65 hours, assuming maximum available imports. The risk of shortfall increases if major unplanned generator outages coincide with scheduled maintenance during peak demand months (June to September). For Summer 2025, the projected probability of experiencing a generation forced outage exceeding 350 MW stands at 21.5%. This number represents an approximation of the likelihood of encountering a generation forced outage surpassing the 350 MW threshold during any given hour of the summer period.
- If extreme heat coincides with significant generation outages, SaskPower will act by activating demand-response programs, arranging short-term power imports from neighboring utilities, and, if necessary, implementing temporary load interruptions to maintain grid stability.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**



Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under normal peak demand and outage conditions. Above-normal summer peak load and outage conditions are likely to result in the need to employ operating mitigations (e.g., demand response and transfers) and EEAs.

**On-Peak Reserve Margin** 

2024

Anticipated Reserve Margin

Prospective Reserve Margin

- Reference Margin Level

2025

40.0%

35.0% 30.0%

25.0%

20.0%

15.0%

10.0% 5.0%

0.0%



## **MRO-SPP**

SPP PC's footprint covers 546,000 square miles and encompasses all or parts of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming. The SPP long-term assessment is reported based on the PC footprint, which touches parts of the MRO Regional Entity and the WECC Regional Entity. The SPP assessment area footprint has approximately 61,000 miles of transmission lines, 756 generating plants, and 4,811 transmission-class substations, and it serves a population of more than 18 million.

#### Highlights

- SPP projects a low likelihood of any emerging reliability issues impacting the area for the 2025 Summer season.
- Generation availability is not expected to be impacted by fuel shortages or river conditions this summer.
- BA generation capacity deficiency risks remain depending on wind generation output levels and unanticipated generation outages in combination with high load periods.
- Using the current operational processes and procedures, SPP will continue to assess the resource needs for the 2025 Summer season and will adjust generation and energy supply portfolios as needed to ensure that real-time energy sufficiency is maintained throughout the summer.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**



**On-Peak Reserve Margin** 

Expected resources are sufficient to meet operating reserve requirements under normal peak-demand and outage scenarios. Above-normal summer peak load, low wind conditions, and higher-than-normal forced outages could result in the need for operating mitigations (e.g., demand response and transfers from neighboring systems) and EEAs.





## **NPCC-Maritimes**

The Maritimes assessment area is a winter-peaking NPCC area that contains two BAs. It is comprised of the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island and the northern portion of Maine, which is radially connected to the New Brunswick power system. The area covers 58,000 square miles with a total population of 1.9 million.

#### Highlights

- As Maritimes is a winter-peaking system, no issues are expected for the upcoming summer assessment period with sufficient firm capacity to meet forecast peak demand. If an event were to occur, emergency operations and planning procedures are in place.
- Probabilistic analysis performed by NPCC for the NPCC Summer Reliability Assessment found negligible LOLH and EUE for the expected load and resource levels
  this summer. A scenario with an extreme high load shape produced minimal amounts of cumulative LOLE (<0.089 days/period), LOLH (<0.4 hours/period), or EUE
  (< 16.5 MWh/period) over the May–September summer period with the highest risk occurring in July and August.</li>
- Dual-fueled units will have sufficient supplies of heavy fuel oil (HFO) on site to sustain operations in the event of natural gas supply interruptions.



#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under normal peak-demand scenarios. Above-normal summer peak load or extreme outage conditions could necessitate operating mitigations (e.g., demand response and non-firm transfers) and EEAs.



#### Scenario Description (See Data Concepts and Assumptions)

Risk Period: Highest risk for unserved energy at peak demand hour

Demand Scenarios: Net internal demand (50/50) and (above 90/10) extreme demand forecast

Forced Outages: Based on historical operating experience

**Extreme Derates:** A low-likelihood scenario resulting in an additional 50% derate in the remaining capacity of both natural gas and wind resources under extreme conditions

**Operational Mitigations:** Imports anticipated from neighbors during emergencies, (e.g. New Brunswick Power System Operator can increase import capability from 200 MW to 550 MW under emergency operations for up to 30 minutes)

## **NPCC-New England**

NPCC-New England is an assessment area consisting of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont that is served by ISO New England (ISO-NE) Inc. ISO-NE is a regional transmission organization that is responsible for the reliable day-to-day operation of New England's bulk power generation and transmission system, administration of the area's wholesale electricity markets, and management of the comprehensive planning of the regional BPS.

The New England BPS serves approximately 14.5 million customers over 68,000 square miles.

#### Highlights

- ISO-NE forecasts adequate transmission capability and manageable capacity margins to meet the expected peak demand.
- Probabilistic analysis performed by NPCC for the NPCC Summer Reliability Assessment identified small amounts of cumulative LOLE, LOLH, and EUE for the expected load with anticipated resources for the summer. A reduced resources and highest peak load level scenario resulted in an estimated cumulative LOLE risk of 4.369 days/period, with associated LOLH (19.554 hours/period) and EUE (19,847 MWh/period). The highest risk occurs in June, with some risk in July and August.
- The NPCC 2025 Summer Reliability Assessment will be approved on or about May 12, 2025, and posted on NPCC's website.



#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources do not meet operating reserve requirements under normal peak-demand and outage scenarios. Additional non-firm transfers are likely to be needed and available from neighbors. More severe conditions (e.g., above-normal summer peak load and outage conditions) could result in an EEA.



#### Scenario Description (See Data Concepts and Assumptions)

Risk Period: Highest risk for unserved energy at peak demand hour

Demand Scenarios: Peak net internal demand (50/50) and (90/10) extreme demand forecast

Maintenance Outages: Based on historical weekly averages

Typical Forced Outages: Based on seasonal capacity of each resource as determined by ISO-NE

**Operational Mitigations:** Based on load and capacity relief assumed available from invocation of ISO-NE operating procedures

## **NPCC-New York**

NPCC-New York is an assessment area consisting of the New York ISO (NYISO) service territory. NYISO is responsible for operating New York's BPS, administering wholesale electricity markets, and conducting system planning. NYISO is the only BA within the state of New York. The BPS in New York encompasses over 11,000 miles of transmission lines and 760 power generation units and serves 20.2 million customers. For this *SRA*, the established Reference Margin Level is 15%. Wind, grid-connected solar PV, and run-of-river totals were derated for this calculation. However, New York requires load-serving entities to procure capacity for their loads equal to their peak demand plus an Installed Reserve Margin (IRM). The IRM requirement represents a percentage of capacity above peak load forecast and is approved annually by the New York State Reliability Council. The council approved the 2025–2026 IRM at 24.4%.

Highlights

- NYISO is not anticipating any operational issues for the upcoming summer operating period. Adequate reserve margins are anticipated.
- Probabilistic analysis performed by NPCC for the NPCC Summer Reliability Assessment found that use of New York's established operating procedures are sufficient to maintain a balance between electricity supply and expected 50/50 demand if needed to mitigate resource shortages during Summer 2025. Negligible cumulative LOLE (<0.018 days/period), LOLH (<0.054 hours/period), and EUE (33 MWh/period) risks were estimated over the summer May to September period for the expected load with expected resources for the summer. The highest peak load level with low likelihood reduced resource conditions resulted in an estimated cumulative LOLE risk (1.7 days/period), with associated LOLH (6.5 hours/period) and EUE (4860 MWh/period) with the highest risk occurring in July and August.</li>
- The NPCC 2025 Summer Reliability Assessment will be approved on or about May 12, 2025, and posted on NPCC's website.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under the assessed scenarios. Operating mitigations (e.g., demand response and transfers) may be needed to meet above-normal summer peak load and outage conditions.



#### Scenario Description (See Data Concepts and Assumptions)

**Risk Period:** Highest risk for unserved energy at peak demand hour

Demand Scenarios: Net internal demand (50/50) and (90/10) extreme demand forecast

Maintenance Outages: Based on historical performance and the new NYISO capacity accreditation process

Forced Outages: Based on historical five-year averages

Extreme Derates: Estimated resources unavailable in extreme conditions

**Operational Mitigations:** A total of 3.2 GW based on operational/emergency procedures in area emergency operations manual





## **NPCC-Ontario**

NPCC-Ontario is an assessment area in the Ontario province of Canada. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is the BA for the province of Ontario. The province of Ontario covers more than 1 million square kilometers (415,000 square miles) and has a population of m16 million. Ontario is interconnected electrically with Québec, MRO-Manitoba, states in MISO (Minnesota and Michigan), and NPCC-New York.

#### Highlights

- Overall, Ontario is operating within a period where generation and transmission outages are more challenging to accommodate. The IESO is prepared and expects to have adequate supply for Summer 2025.
- The IESO has been actively coordinating and planning with market participants to maintain reliability.
- This season, the grid will benefit from increased capacity secured through the capacity auction and more planned projects, including new storage, coming into service.
- The IESO is working throughout 2025 to better integrate storage solutions into the electricity markets.
- Starting with this seasonal assessment, demand is forecasted by using probabilistic weather modeling, comparable to the methodology used in the IESO 18month *Reliability Outlook* as opposed to the previous approach of using weather scenarios."

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under the assessed scenarios.



#### Scenario Description (See Data Concepts and Assumptions)

Risk Period: Highest risk for unserved energy at peak demand hour

**Demand Scenarios:** Net internal demand (50/50 forecast) and highest weather-adjusted daily demand based on 31 years of demand history, and extreme weather represents a 97/3 distribution of probabilistically modelled data

**Extreme Derates:** Derived from weather-adjusted temperature rating of thermal units and adjustments to expected hydro production for low water conditions

**Operational Mitigations:** The operational procedures used to mitigate extreme conditions total approximately 2,010 MW for the On-Peak Risk Scenario, consisting of imports, public appeals, and voltage reductions. Public appeals and voltage reductions were not included in the 2024 On-Peak Risk Scenario.





## **NPCC-Québec**

The Québec assessment area (province of Québec) is a winter-peaking NPCC area that covers 595,391 square miles with a population of 8 million. Québec is one of the four Interconnections in North America; it has ties to Ontario, New York, New England, and the Maritimes consisting of either high-voltage direct current ties, radial generation, or load to and from neighboring systems.

#### Highlights

- The Québec area forecasted summer peak demand is 23,283 MW during the week beginning August 3, 2025, with a forecasted net margin of 5,698 MW (24.5%).
- Resource adequacy issues are not expected this summer.
- The Québec area expects to be able to assist other areas.
- Modeling was made more precise this year with the inclusion of summer demand-response programs, dispatchable demand-side management (DSM), and weekly modeling of the reserve requirements and bottled generation.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under the assessed scenarios.





#### Scenario Description (See Data Concepts and Assumptions)

Risk Period: Highest risk for unserved energy at peak demand hour

Demand Scenario: Net internal demand (50/50) and (90/10) demand forecast

**Operational mitigations:** An operational procedure used to mitigate extreme conditions and not already included in margins is the depletion of some operating reserves by 750 MW.



PJM Interconnection is a regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. PJM serves 65 million customers and covers 369,089 square miles. PJM is a BA, PC, Transmission Planner, Resource Planner, Interchange Authority, TOP, Transmission Service Provider, and RC.

#### Highlights

- PJM is forecasting 27% installed reserves (including expected committed demand response), which is above the target installed reserve margin of 17.7% necessary to meet the 1-day-in-10-years LOLE criterion.
- During extreme high temperatures that can cause record demand, PJM anticipates the need for demand-response resources to help reduce load at times this summer.



Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under the assessed scenarios.

PJM



**On-Peak Reserve Margin** 

2024

Anticipated Reserve Margin

Prospective Reserve Margin

- Reference Margin Level

2025

30.0%

25.0%

20.0%

15.0%

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## **SERC-Central**

SERC-Central is an assessment area within the SERC Regional Entity. SERC-Central includes all of Tennessee and portions of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, and Kentucky. Historically a summer-peaking area, SERC-Central is beginning to have higher peak demand forecasts in winter. SERC is one of the six companies across North America that are responsible for the work under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)-approved delegation agreements with NERC. SERC-Central is specifically responsible for the reliability and security of the electric grid across the Southeastern and Central areas of the United States. This area covers approximately 630,000 square miles and serves a population of more than 91 million. The SERC Regional Entity includes 36 BAs, 28 planning entities, and 6 RCs.

#### Highlights

- SERC-Central saw a sizable increase in its reserves last summer, but coal retirements this summer will result in SERC-Central having lower reserves.
- SERC-Central's anticipated resources meet operating reserve requirements under the expected conditions and under the summer risk period scenario.
- The probabilistic analysis metrics indicate adequate energy resources for the area.
- Entities perform resource studies to ensure resource adequacy to meet the summer peak demand and maintain the reliability of the system.
- Members of SERC-Central actively participate in the SERC working groups to perform coordinated studies and develop mitigating actions for any potential or emerging reliability impacts on transmission and resource adequacy.



#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under assessed scenarios. More severe conditions (e.g., above-normal summer peak load and outage conditions) result in the need for additional non-firm transfers available from neighbors.





## **SERC-East**

SERC-East is an assessment area within the SERC Regional Entity. SERC-East includes North Carolina and South Carolina. Historically a summer-peaking area, SERC-East is beginning to have higher peak demand forecasts in winter. SERC is one of the six companies across North America that are responsible for the work under FERC-approved delegation agreements with NERC. SERC is specifically responsible for the reliability and security of the electric grid across the Southeastern and Central areas of the United States. This area covers approximately 630,000 square miles and serves a population of more than 91 million. The SERC Regional Entity includes 36 BAs, 28 planning entities, and 6 RCs.

#### Highlights

- SERC-East's reserves are largely unchanged compared to the reference margin as compared to last summer's assessment.
- SERC-East's anticipated resources meet operating reserve requirements under the expected conditions and under the summer risk period scenario.
- While the last probabilistic analysis indicated that SERC-East could face potential unserved energy in summer, the 2026 and 2028 probabilistic analysis found the SERC-East unserved energy risk has shifted to winter mornings.
- Members of SERC-East actively participate in the SERC working groups to perform coordinated studies and develop mitigating actions for any potential or emerging reliability impacts on transmission and resource adequacy.



#### **Risk Scenario Summary**





## **SERC-Florida Peninsula**

SERC-Florida Peninsula is a summer-peaking assessment area within SERC. SERC is one of the six companies across North America that are responsible for the work under FERC-approved delegation agreements with NERC. SERC is specifically responsible for the reliability and security of the electric grid across the Southeastern and Central areas of the United States. This area covers approximately 630,000 square miles and serves a population of more than 91 million. The SERC Regional Entity includes 36 BAs, 28 planning entities, and 6 RCs.

#### Highlights

- SERC Florida-Peninsula's anticipated resources meet operating reserve requirements under the expected conditions and under the summer risk period scenario.
- The probabilistic analysis metrics indicate adequate energy resources for the subregion during the summer.



• Entities have not identified any emerging reliability issues or operational concerns for the upcoming summer season.



#### **Risk Scenario Summary**





## **SERC-Southeast**

SERC-Southeast is a summer-peaking assessment area within the SERC Regional Entity. SERC-Southeast includes all or portions of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. SERC is one of the six companies across North America that are responsible for the work under FERC-approved delegation agreements with NERC. SERC is specifically responsible for the reliability and security of the electric grid across the Southeastern and Central areas of the United States. This area covers approximately 630,000 square miles and serves a population of more than 91 million. The SERC Regional Entity includes 36 BAs, 28 planning entities, and 6 RCs.

#### Highlights

- An area within SERC-Southeast notes that natural gas pipeline constraints could impact reliability in summer, but this is not expected to pose a significant summer operational challenge.
- SERC-Southeast's anticipated resources meet operating reserve requirements under the expected conditions and under the summer risk period scenario.
- The probabilistic analysis metrics indicate adequate energy resources for the subregion.
- Members of SERC-Southeast actively participate in the SERC working groups to perform coordinated studies and develop mitigating actions for any potential or
  emerging reliability impacts on transmission and resource adequacy.



#### **Risk Scenario Summary**





# **Texas RE-ERCOT**

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) is the independent system operator (ISO) for the ERCOT Interconnection and is located entirely in the state of Texas; it operates as a single BA. It also performs financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk-power market and administers retail switching for nearly 8 million premises in competitive choice areas. ERCOT is governed by a board of directors and subject to oversight by the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Texas Legislature. ERCOT is summer-peaking, and the forecasted summer peak load month is August. It covers approximately 200,000 square miles, connects over 52,700 miles of transmission lines, has over 1,100 generation units, and serves more than 26 million customers. Texas RE is responsible for the Regional Entity functions described in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 for ERCOT. On November 3, 2022, the Public Utility Commission of Texas issued an order directing ERCOT to assume the duties and responsibilities of the reliability monitor for the Texas grid.

#### Highlights

- ERCOT expects to have sufficient operating reserves for the August peak load hour given normal summer system conditions.
- ERCOT's probabilistic risk assessment indicates a low risk of having to declare EEAs during the expected August (and summer) peak load day; the EEA probability for the highest-risk hour—hour ending 9:00 p.m.—is 3.6%. The likelihood of an EEA is down significantly from the 2024 SRA due to almost a doubling of battery energy storage capacity and improved energy availability reflecting new battery storage and operational rules.
- Continued robust growth in both loads and intermittent renewable resources drives a higher risk of emergency conditions in the evening hours when solar generation ramps down and loads remain elevated.
- The South Texas IROL continues to present a risk of ERCOT directing system-wide firm load shedding to remain within IROL limits. This risk has been mitigated by updating transmission line dynamic ratings and switching actions to divert power away from the most limiting transmission circuits. The South Texas transmission limits are expected to be needed at least until the San Antonio South Reliability Project is placed in service, which is anticipated to be in Summer 2027.
- ERCOT will release its own August 2025 Monthly Outlook for Resource Adequacy on June 6.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements for the peak demand hour scenario. However, there is a risk of supply shortages during evening hours (when solar generation ramps down and demand remains high) if there are conventional generation forced outages or extreme low-wind conditions.







## **WECC-Alberta**

WECC-Alberta is a winter-peaking assessment area in the WECC Regional Entity that consists of the province of Alberta. It has 16,369 miles of transmission. WECC is responsible for coordinating and promoting BES reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC's 329 members include 40 BAs, representing a wide spectrum of organizations with an interest in the BES. Serving an area of nearly 1.8 million square miles and more than 84.5 million customers, it is geographically the largest and most diverse Regional Entity.

#### Highlights

- Anticipated and prospective reserve margins are projected to remain above the Reference Margin Level.
- All resource margins have increased by about 50% since last summer with the addition of 23.2% new capacity, including almost 2,700 MW of new natural gas capacity, 1,200 MW of new wind (+27%), 200 MW of new solar (+13%), and 54 MW of new energy storage systems (+27.5%).
- The peak hour has moved earlier, to 3:00 p.m. from 4:00 p.m., still in late July.
- High temperatures, import limitations, and low or declining renewable output during summer evenings can result in grid alerts.
- Wildfires can threaten generating assets and transmission infrastructure requiring invocation of Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) protocols that include
  instructing available assets and long lead-time assets to deliver energy up to their maximum capability, calling upon demand response, and maximizing import
  capability.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**







## **WECC-Basin**

WECC-Basin is a summer-peaking assessment area in the WECC Regional Entity that includes Utah, southern Idaho, and a portion of western Wyoming, covering Idaho Power and PacifiCorp's eastern Balancing Authority Area. The population of this area is approximately 5.4 million. It has 15,910 miles of transmission. WECC is responsible for coordinating and promoting BES reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC's 329 members include 40 BAs, representing a wide spectrum of organizations with an interest in the BES. Serving an area of nearly 1.8 million square miles and more than 84.5 million customers, it is geographically the largest and most diverse Regional Entity. *Note: The* 2025 SRA includes a new assessment area map for the U.S. Western Interconnection. The new assessment area boundaries provide more geographic detail of reliability risk information. WECC-Basin is a new assessment area in 2025 that was part of WECC-NW in the 2024 SRA.

#### Highlights

- Total internal expected demand has increased 8% and demand response has increased almost 28% for a net internal demand increase of 7.2%.
- Reserve margins are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin (14%) for the upcoming summer; an early July peak is expected at around 3:00 p.m.
- During periods of contingency reserve shortage, EEAs may be declared in the region to obtain reserves from the Northwest Power Pool.
- Seasonal fluctuations in hydro supply require monitoring and forecasting to have high certainty that these resources will meet anticipated capacity; the Summer 2025 drought outlook for the United States indicates minimal drought conditions in Idaho and some drought areas in Utah this summer.
- Wildfires near wind generation can result in safety curtailments, and fire damage to transmission lines interconnected to hydro sites can present restoration challenges.

# (Note: year comparison not available)

**On-Peak Reserve Margin** 

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**





## **WECC-British Columbia**

WECC-British Columbia (BC) is a winter-peaking assessment area in the WECC Regional Entity that consists of the province of British Columbia. It has 11,184 miles of transmission. WECC is responsible for coordinating and promoting BES reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC's 329 members include 40 BAs, representing a wide spectrum of organizations with an interest in the BES. Serving an area of nearly 1.8 million square miles and more than 84.5 million customers, it is geographically the largest and most diverse Regional Entity.

#### Highlights

- Existing capacity reserve margin has increased from 19% to 22%, and anticipated and prospective reserve margin from 19% to 24%.
- Reserve margins are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin for the upcoming summer.
- The peak hour is forecast for early August at 4:00 p.m., two hours earlier than last summer's outlook of 6:00 p.m.
- About 60% of hydro owned or contracted energy comes from the Columbia and Peace basins. Heavy precipitation in Fall 2024 mitigated the impact of belowaverage snowpack the previous winter, resulting in hydro storage tracking close to historical averages as of Spring 2025.
- Wildfires can affect the transmission network and generator availability and have caused energy emergencies on the electric system in the past.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**







## **WECC-California**

WECC-California is a summer-peaking assessment area in the Western Interconnection that includes most of California and a small section of Nevada. The assessment area has a population of over 42.5 million people. The area includes the California ISO, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Turlock Irrigation District, and the Balancing Area of Northern California. It has 32,712 miles of transmission. WECC is responsible for coordinating and promoting BES reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC's 329 members include 40 BAs, representing a wide spectrum of organizations with an interest in the BES. Serving an area of nearly 1.8 million square miles and more than 84.5 million customers, it is geographically the largest and most diverse Regional Entity. *Note: The 2025 SRA includes a new assessment area map for the U.S. Western Interconnection. The new assessment area boundaries provide more geographic detail of reliability risk information. WECC-California is a new assessment area in 2025 that was part of WECC-CA/MX in the 2024 SRA*.

#### Highlights

- Demand response is down 8.6% since last summer, existing-certain capacity is up 5.8%, and Tier 1 planned capacity is up 41.2% for a net increase in anticipated resources of 9%; anticipated and prospective reserve margins are up by 11.4%. The peak hour is still forecasted for early September around 4:00 p.m.
- Reserve margins are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin for the upcoming summer, and probabilistic assessment of normal and extreme resource/demand scenarios reveal no EUE or LOLH.
- Wildfires can and have threatened both the California Oregon Intertie line, resulting in import capability limitations.
- Prolonged elevated demand during heat waves in combination with thermal resource derates and forced outage rates present significant risk.
- An influx of IBRs and corresponding reduction in system inertia can potentially trigger system reliability issues and require additional regulation, flexible ramp, and future imbalance reserve requirements.
- Increased solar penetrations in this region along with changing load patterns from elevated temperatures and residential demand are shifting the hours with the most challenging resource adequacy needs later into the evening rather than traditional afternoon gross peak load periods.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under assessed scenarios, and a probabilistic assessment of normal and extreme resource/demand scenarios reveals neither EUE nor LOLH.



#### Scenario Description (See Data Concepts and Assumptions)

**Risk Period:** Highest risk for unserved energy at peak demand hour

Demand Scenarios: Net internal demand (50/50) at risk hour and (90/10) demand forecast at risk hour

Forced Outages: Estimated using market forced outage model

**Extreme Derates:** On natural gas units based on historical data and manufacturer data for temperature performance and outages



Anticipated Reserve Margin

Prospective Reserve Margin

- Reference Margin Level

2025

2024

20.0%

0.0%

**On-Peak Reserve Margin** 



## **WECC-Mexico**

WECC-Mexico is a summer-peaking assessment area in the Western Interconnection that includes the northern portion of the Mexican state of Baja California, which has a population of 3.8 million people and includes CENACE. It has 1,568 miles of transmission. WECC is responsible for coordinating and promoting BES reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC's 329 members include 40 BAs, representing a wide spectrum of organizations with an interest in the BES. Serving an area of nearly 1.8 million square miles and more than 84.5 million customers, it is geographically the largest and most diverse Regional Entity. *Note: The 2025 SRA includes a new assessment area map for the U.S. Western Interconnection. The new assessment area boundaries provide more geographic detail of reliability risk information. WECC-Mexico is a new assessment area in 2025 that was part of WECC-CA/MX in the 2024 SRA.* 

#### Highlights

- Total and net internal expected (50/50) demand are up 6.8%, existing-certain capacity is up 29.8% or 989 MW, and Tier 1 planned capacity has fallen 100% to zero, leading to a decrease in the anticipated reserve margin from 22.9% down to 14.1%
- The peak hour is expected to occur in early August around 4:00 p.m.
- Operating reserves are a concern in this region during periods of extreme heat and elevated demand. High loading on Path 45 (See: WECC Path Rating Catalog) coupled with outages or derates to large thermal assets in this region can result in the declaration of an EAA and a request for assistance from RC West.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources at normal peak demand and outage conditions require some imports to maintain operating reserves. Thus, above-normal demand, high forced outage conditions, or transmission derates in the neighboring area could place WECC-Mexico in an energy emergency.





# Scenario Description (See Data Concepts and Assumptions) Risk Period: Highest risk for unserved energy at peak demand hour Demand Scenarios: Net internal demand (50/50) and (90/10) demand forecast Forced Outages: Average seasonal outages Extreme Derates: Using (90/10) resource performance distribution at peak hour



## **WECC-Rocky Mountain**

WECC-Rocky Mountain is a summer-peaking assessment area in the Western Interconnection that includes Colorado, most of Wyoming, and parts of Nebraska and South Dakota. The population of the area is approximately 6.7 million. It covers the balancing areas of the Public Service Company of Colorado and the Western Area Power Administration's Rocky Mountain Region. It has 18,797 miles of transmission. WECC is responsible for coordinating and promoting BES reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC's 329 members include 40 BAs, representing a wide spectrum of organizations with an interest in the BES. Serving an area of nearly 1.8 million square miles and more than 84.5 million customers, it is geographically the largest and most diverse Regional Entity. *Note: The 2025 SRA includes a new assessment area map for the U.S. Western Interconnection. The new assessment area boundaries provide more geographic detail of reliability risk information. WECC-Rocky Mountain is a new assessment area in 2025 that was part of WECC-NW in the 2024 SRA*.

#### Highlights

- The reserve margins (existing-certain 25% and anticipated and prospective 26%) are not anticipated to fall below the reference margin (17%) for Summer 2025.
- Total and net internal demand (50/50) is up 25% or almost 2,800 MW, leading to a decline in the Anticipated Reserve Margin by almost a third.
- During the summer, there is increased load and decreased market purchase availability. Low wind availability and ramping scarcity events are a concern.
- Environmental and ecological factors have contributed to a rise in wildfire frequency and shortening of the fire return interval in the Rocky Mountain region, which, in addition to having caused generation outages, threatens rural co-ops disproportionately due to the extensive line buildout over remote regions.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under assessed scenarios with imports.

Scenario Description (See Data Concepts and Assumptions) **On-Peak Fuel Mix** 2025 Summer Risk Period Scenario **Risk Period:** Highest risk for unserved energy occurs at the hour of peak demand Battery **Expected Operating Reserve** 20 Requirement = .85 GW Pumped Demand Scenarios: Net internal demand (50/50) at risk hour and (90/10) demand forecast at risk 17.4 GW 18 Storage 15.0 GW hour 16 Conventional -1.0 GW Hydro 14 Forced Outages: Average seasonal outages Wind -4.2 GW Extreme Derates: Using (90/10) scenario Expected Operating Reserve Capacity 0 + Extreme Peak Demand Solar Extreme Demand 50/50 Demand Natural Gas Petroleum 13.8 GW Coal Anticipated Resources Typical Forced Outages Resource Derates for Peak Demand Extreme Conditions 0% 10% 20% 30%



(Note: year comparison not available)

Anticipated Reserve Margin

2025

2024

35.0%

30.0%

25.0% 20.0%

15.0%

10.0%

5.0% 0.0%



Peak Demand

- Typical forced outages are forecast to be 771 MW, with derates for thermal under extreme conditions to be 1,584 MW and 2,649 MW for wind. The expected operating reserve requirement on peak is 1,750 MW.
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- Extreme heat corresponds with elevated loads, reduced transmission ratings, and temperature derates of thermal resources, which can strain resource adequacy ٠ and grid reliability.

Typical Forced Outages Resource Derates for Extreme

Conditions

Seasonal hydro variability is a risk.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**

Coal

0% 20% 40% 60%

Expected resources meet operating reserve requirements under assessed scenarios with imports.

summer. An extreme summer peak load may be around 32,740 MW.

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Anticipated Resources

# **WECC-Northwest**

WECC-Northwest is a winter-peaking assessment area in the WECC Regional Entity. The area includes Montana, Oregon, and Washington and parts of northern California and northern Idaho. The population of the area is approximately 13.6 million. It has 32,751 miles of transmission. WECC is responsible for coordinating and promoting BES reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC's 329 members include 40 BAs, representing a wide spectrum of organizations with an interest in the BES. Serving an area of nearly 1.8 million square miles and more than 84.5 million customers, it is geographically the largest and most diverse Regional Entity. Note: The 2025 SRA includes a new assessment area map for the U.S. Western Interconnection. The new assessment area boundaries provide more geographic detail of reliability risk information. WECC-Northwest is a new assessment area in 2025 that was part of a larger WECC-NW footprint in the 2024 SRA. **On-Peak Reserve Margin** 

#### Highlights





## **WECC-Southwest**

WECC-Southwest is a summer-peaking assessment area in the Western Interconnection that includes all of Arizona and New Mexico, most of Nevada, and small parts of California and Texas. The area has a population of approximately 13.6 million. It has 23,084 miles of transmission. WECC is responsible for coordinating and promoting BES reliability in the Western Interconnection. WECC's 329 members include 40 BAs, representing a wide spectrum of organizations with an interest in the BES. Serving an area of nearly 1.8 million square miles and more than 84.5 million customers, it is geographically the largest and most diverse Regional Entity. *Note: The 2025 SRA includes a new assessment area map for the U.S. Western Interconnection. The new assessment area boundaries provide more geographic detail of reliability risk information. WECC-Southwest is a new, larger assessment area in 2025 that now includes a portion of WECC-NW in the 2024 SRA.* 

Highlights

- Anticipated Reserve Margins for the summer are 22%, exceeding the Reference Margin Level for reliability calculated by WECC.
- WECC's probabilistic analysis indicates that the area is not expected to encounter LOLH or EUE under a range of demand and resource conditions.
- The peak hour is expected to occur in early July around 5:00 p.m., when solar generation output begins to diminish.
- Wide-area heat events or wildfires that affect resource and transmission availability across the western interconnection area a reliability concern for the Southwest. Firm imports may be limited at this time if neighboring areas are also experiencing peak loads, limiting energy availability to export to the Southwest.

#### **Risk Scenario Summary**





## **Data Concepts and Assumptions**

The table below explains data concepts and important assumptions used throughout this assessment.

#### General Assumptions

- Reliability of the interconnected BPS is comprised of both adequacy and operating reliability:
  - Adequacy is the ability of the electric system to supply the aggregate electric power and energy requirements of the electricity consumers at all times while taking into account scheduled and reasonably expected unscheduled outages of system components.
  - Operating reliability is the ability of the electric system to withstand sudden disturbances, such as electric short-circuits or unanticipated loss of system components.
- The reserve margin calculation is an important industry planning metric used to examine future resource adequacy.
- All data in this assessment is based on existing federal, state, and provincial laws and regulations.
- Differences in data collection periods for each assessment area should be considered when comparing demand and capacity data between year-to-year seasonal assessments.
- A positive net transfer capability would indicate a net importing assessment area; a negative value would indicate a net exporter.

#### **Demand Assumptions**

- Electricity demand projections, or load forecasts, are provided by each assessment area.
- Load forecasts include peak hourly load<sup>12</sup> or total internal demand for the summer and winter of each year.<sup>13</sup>
- Total internal demand projections are based on normal weather (50/50 distribution)<sup>14</sup> and are provided on a coincident<sup>15</sup> basis for most assessment areas.
- Net internal demand is used in all reserve margin calculations, and it is equal to total internal demand then reduced by the amount of controllable and dispatchable demand response projected to be available during the peak hour.

#### **Resource Assumptions**

Resource planning methods vary throughout the North American BPS. NERC uses the categories below to provide a consistent approach for collecting and presenting resource adequacy. Because the electrical output of VERs (e.g., wind, solar PV) depends on weather conditions, their contribution to reserve margins and other on-peak resource adequacy analysis is less than their nameplate capacity.

#### Anticipated Resources:

- Existing-Certain Capacity: Included in this category are commercially operable generating units or portions of generating units that meet at least one of the following requirements when examining the period of peak demand for the summer season: unit must have a firm capability and have a power purchase agreement with firm transmission that must be in effect for the unit; unit must be classified as a designated network resource; and/or, where energy-only markets exist, unit must be a designated market resource eligible to bid into the market.
- Tier 1 Capacity Additions: This category includes capacity that either is under construction or has received approved planning requirements.
- Net Firm Capacity Transfers (Imports minus Exports): This category includes transfers with firm contracts.

**Prospective Resources:** Includes all anticipated resources plus the following:

Existing-Other Capacity: Included in this category are commercially operable generating units or portions of generating units that could be available to serve load for the period of peak demand for the season but do not meet the requirements of existing-certain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Glossary%20of%20Terms/Glossary of Terms.pdf used in NERC Reliability Standards

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The summer season represents June–September and the winter season represents December–February.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Essentially, this means that there is a 50% probability that actual demand will be higher and a 50% probability that actual demand will be lower than the value provided for a given season/year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Coincident: This is the sum of two or more peak loads that occur in the same hour. Noncoincident: This is the sum of two or more peak loads on individual systems that do not occur in the same time interval; this is meaningful only when considering loads within a limited period of time, such as a day, a week, a month, a heating or cooling season, and usually for not more than one year. SERC calculates total internal demand on a noncoincidental basis.

#### **Reserve Margin Descriptions**

Planning Reserve Margin: This is the primary metric used to measure resource adequacy; it is defined as the difference in resources (anticipated or prospective) and net internal demand then divided by net internal demand and shown as a percentage.

**Reference Margin Level**: The assumptions and naming convention of this metric vary by assessment area. The RML can be determined using both deterministic and probabilistic (based on a 0.1/year loss-of-load study) approaches. In both cases, this metric is used by system planners to quantify the amount of reserve capacity in the system above the forecasted peak demand that is needed to ensure sufficient supply to meet peak loads. Establishing an RML is necessary to account for long-term factors of uncertainty involved in system planning, such as unexpected generator outages and extreme weather impacts that could lead to increase demand beyond what was projected in the 50/50 load forecasted. In many assessment areas, an RML is established by a state, provincial authority, ISO/Regional Transmission Organization (RTO), or other regulatory body. In some cases, the RML is a requirement. RMLs may be different for the summer and winter seasons. If an RML is not provided by an assessment area, NERC applies 15% for predominantly thermal systems and 10% for predominantly hydro systems.

#### Seasonal Risk Scenario Chart Description

Each assessment area performed an operational risk analysis that was used to produce the seasonal risk scenario charts in the **Regional Assessments Dashboards**. The chart presents deterministic scenarios for further analysis of different resource and demand levels: The left **blue** column shows anticipated resources, and the two **orange** columns at the right show the two demand scenarios of the normal peak net internal demand and the extreme summer peak demand—both determined by the assessment area. The middle **red** or **green** bars show adjustments that are applied cumulatively to the anticipated resources, such as the following:

- Reductions for typical generation outages (i.e., maintenance and forced outages that are not already accounted for in anticipated resources)
- Reductions that represent additional outage or performance derating by resource type for extreme, low-probability conditions (e.g., drought condition impacts on hydroelectric generation, low-wind scenario affecting wind generation, fuel supply limitations, or extreme temperature conditions that result in reduced thermal generation output)
- Additional capacity resources that represent quantified capacity from operational procedures, if any, that are made available during scarcity conditions

Not all assessment areas have the same categories of adjustments to anticipated resources. Furthermore, each assessment area determined the adjustments to capacity based on methods or assumptions that are summarized below the chart. Methods and assumptions differ by assessment area and may not be comparable.

The chart enables evaluation of resource levels against levels of expected operating reserve requirement and the forecasted demand. Furthermore, the effects from extreme events can also be examined by comparing resource levels after applying extreme scenario derates and/or extreme summer peak demand.

# **Resource Adequacy**

The Anticipated Reserve Margin (ARM), which is based on available resource capacity, is a metric used to evaluate resource adequacy by comparing the projected capability of anticipated resources to serve forecast peak demand.<sup>16</sup> Large year-to-year changes in anticipated resources or forecast peak demand (net internal demand) can greatly impact Planning Reserve Margin calculations. All assessment areas have sufficient ARMs to meet or exceed their RML for the summer 2025 as shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4: Summer 2025 Anticipated/Prospective Reserve Margins Compared to Reference Margin Level

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Generally, anticipated resources include generators and firm capacity transfers that are expected to be available to serve load during electrical peak loads for the season. Prospective resources are those that could be available but do not meet criteria to be counted as anticipated resources. Refer to the Data Concepts and Assumptions section for additional information on Anticipated/Prospective Reserve Margins, anticipated/prospective resources, and RMLs.

# **Changes from Year to Year**

Figure 5 provides the relative change in the forecast ARMs from the 2024 Summer to the 2025 Summer. A significant decline can signal potential operational issues for the upcoming season. Additional details for each assessment area are provided in the Data Concepts and Assumptions and Regional Assessments Dashboards sections.



Figure 5: Summer 2024 and Summer 2025 Anticipated Reserve Margins Year-to-Year Change

Note: Yearly trends are not available for new WECC assessment areas in the United States and Baja California, Mexico.

# **Net Internal Demand**

The changes in forecasted net internal demand for each assessment area are shown in Figure 6.<sup>17</sup> Assessment areas develop these forecasts based on historic load and weather information as well as other long-term projections.



Figure 6: Changes in Net Internal Demand—Summer 2024 Forecast Compared to Summer 2025 Forecast

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Changes in modeling and methods are contributing to year-to-year changes in forecasted net internal demand projections in NPCC Maritimes and NPCC Ontario. See assessment area dashboards.

# **Demand and Resource Tables**

Peak demand and supply capacity data—resource adequacy data—for each assessment area are as follows in each table (in alphabetical order).

MISO					
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA		
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)		
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	124,830	125,313	0.4%		
Demand Response: Available	8,750	9,004	2.9%		
Net Internal Demand	116,079	116,309	0.2%		
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)		
Existing-Certain Capacity	143,866	142,793	-0.7%		
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	0	-		
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	2,471	2,280	-7.7%		
Anticipated Resources	146,337	145,073	-0.9%		
Existing-Other Capacity	1,833	1,190	-35.1%		
Prospective Resources	148,740	148,543	-0.1%		
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference		
Anticipated Reserve Margin	26.1%	24.7%	-1.3		
Prospective Reserve Margin	28.1%	27.7%	-0.4		
Reference Margin Level	17.7%	15.7%	-2.0		

MRO-SaskPower				
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA	
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	3,590	3,620	0.8%	
Demand Response: Available	50	50	0.0%	
Net Internal Demand	3,540	3,570	0.8%	
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Existing-Certain Capacity	4,323	4,477	3.6%	
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	0	-	
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	290	290	0.0%	
Anticipated Resources	4,613	4,767	3.3%	
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-	
Prospective Resources	4,613	4,767	3.3%	
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference	
Anticipated Reserve Margin	30.3%	33.5%	3.2	
Prospective Reserve Margin	30.3%	33.5%	3.2	
Reference Margin Level	15.0%	15.0%	0.0	

MRO-Manitoba Hydro				
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA	
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	3,143	3,377	7.4%	
Demand Response: Available	0	0	-	
Net Internal Demand	3,143	3,377	7.4%	
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Existing-Certain Capacity	5,615	5,583	-0.6%	
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	0	-	
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	-1,978	-1,714	-13.3%	
Anticipated Resources	3,637	3,869	6.4%	
Existing-Other Capacity	37	21	-42.9%	
Prospective Resources	3,674	3,890	5.9%	
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference	
Anticipated Reserve Margin	15.7%	14.6%	-1.1	
Prospective Reserve Margin	16.9%	15.2%	-1.7	
Reference Margin Level	12.0%	12.0%	0.0	

MRO-SPP				
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA	
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	56,316	56,168	-0.3%	
Demand Response: Available	979	1,408	43.8%	
Net Internal Demand	55,337	54,760	-1.0%	
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Existing-Certain Capacity	70,855	70,549	-0.4%	
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	0	-	
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	-157	-201	27.5%	
Anticipated Resources	70,698	70,348	-0.5%	
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-	
Prospective Resources	70,151	69,801	-0.5%	
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference	
Anticipated Reserve Margin	27.8%	28.5%	0.7	
Prospective Reserve Margin	26.8%	27.5%	0.7	
Reference Margin Level	19.0%	19.0%	0.0	

NPCC-Maritimes			
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	3,586	3,584	-0.1%
Demand Response: Available	327	327	0.0%
Net Internal Demand	3,259	3,257	-0.1%
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Existing-Certain Capacity	4,660	4,348	-6.7%
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	220	-
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	63	63	0.0%
Anticipated Resources	4,723	4,631	-1.9%
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-
Prospective Resources	4,723	4,631	-1.9%
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference
Anticipated Reserve Margin	44.9%	42.2%	-2.7
Prospective Reserve Margin	44.9%	42.2%	-2.7
Reference Margin Level	20.0%	20.0%	0.0

NPCC-New England			
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	25,294	25,202	-0.4%
Demand Response: Available	661	399	-39.6%
Net Internal Demand	24,633	24,803	0.7%
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Existing-Certain Capacity	27,255	27,054	-0.7%
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	0	-
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	1,297	1,245	-4.0%
Anticipated Resources	28,552	28,299	-0.9%
Existing-Other Capacity	138	668	384.1%
Prospective Resources	28,690	28,967	1.0%
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference
Anticipated Reserve Margin	15.9%	14.1%	-1.8
Prospective Reserve Margin	16.5%	16.8%	0.3
Reference Margin Level	12.9%	12.7%	-0.2

NPCC-New York			
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	31,541	31,471	-0.2%
Demand Response: Available	1,281	1,487	16.1%
Net Internal Demand	30,260	29,984	-0.9%
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Existing-Certain Capacity	37,867	37,682	-0.5%
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	0	-
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	1,585	1,769	11.6%
Anticipated Resources	39,452	39,451	0.0%
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-
Prospective Resources	39,452	39,451	0.0%
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference
Anticipated Reserve Margin	30.4%	31.6%	1.2
Prospective Reserve Margin	30.4%	31.6%	1.2
Reference Margin Level	15.0%	15.0%	0.0

NPCC-Ontario				
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA	
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	22,753	21,955	-3.5%	
Demand Response: Available	996	998	0.2%	
Net Internal Demand	21,757	20,957	-3.7%	
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Existing-Certain Capacity	26,856	24,760	-7.8%	
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	9	413	4568.6%	
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	600	689	14.8%	
Anticipated Resources	27,465	25,862	-5.8%	
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-	
Prospective Resources	27,465	25,862	-5.8%	
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference	
Anticipated Reserve Margin	26.2%	23.4%	-2.8	
Prospective Reserve Margin	26.2%	23.4%	-2.8	
Reference Margin Level	12.8%	20.5%	7.7	

NPCC-Québec			
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	22,922	23,283	1.6%
Demand Response: Available	0	1,020	-
Net Internal Demand	22,922	22,263	-2.9%
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Existing-Certain Capacity	35,731	32,132	-10.1%
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	0	-
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	-2,689	-2,582	-4.0%
Anticipated Resources	33,042	29,550	-10.6%
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-
Prospective Resources	33,042	29,550	-10.6%
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference
Anticipated Reserve Margin	44.1%	32.7%	-11.4
Prospective Reserve Margin	44.1%	32.7%	-11.4
Reference Margin Level	11.5%	11.9%	0.4

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Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	151,247	154,144	1.9%
Demand Response: Available	7,756	7,898	1.8%
Net Internal Demand	143,491	146,246	1.9%
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Existing-Certain Capacity	183,690	186,638	1.6%
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	0	-
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	-607	-4,200	591.9%
Anticipated Resources	183,083	182,438	-0.4%
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-
Prospective Resources	182,476	178,238	-2.3%
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference
Anticipated Reserve Margin	27.6%	24.7%	-2.8
Prospective Reserve Margin	27.2%	21.9%	-5.3
Reference Margin Level	17.7%	17.7%	0.0

SERC-Central				
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA	
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	42,636	42,765	0.3%	
Demand Response: Available	1,941	864	-55.5%	
Net Internal Demand	40,695	41,900	3.0%	
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)	
Existing-Certain Capacity	47,674	46,949	-1.5%	
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	332	592	78.1%	
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	2,578	2,554	-0.9%	
Anticipated Resources	50,584	50,095	-1.0%	
Existing-Other Capacity	2,075	2,475	19.2%	
Prospective Resources	52,659	52,570	-0.2%	
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference	
Anticipated Reserve Margin	24.3%	19.6%	-4.7	
Prospective Reserve Margin	29.4%	25.5%	-3.9	
Reference Margin Level	15.0%	15.0%	0.0	

	SERC-East		
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	43,567	44,015	1.0%
Demand Response: Available	985	1,558	58.2%
Net Internal Demand	42,582	42,457	-0.3%
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Existing-Certain Capacity	51,304	54,665	6.5%
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	122	17	-86.0%
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	593	150	-74.7%
Anticipated Resources	52,019	54,832	5.4%
Existing-Other Capacity	1,131	2,628	132.3%
Prospective Resources	53,150	57,459	8.1%
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference
Anticipated Reserve Margin	22.2%	29.1%	7.0
Prospective Reserve Margin	24.8%	35.3%	10.5
Reference Margin Level	15.0%	15.0%	0.0

SERC-Florida Peninsula			
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	53,293	52,987	-0.6%
Demand Response: Available	2,824	3,158	11.8%
Net Internal Demand	50,469	49,829	-1.3%
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Existing-Certain Capacity	63,199	59,395	-6.0%
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	34	102	197.8%
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	491	381	-22.4%
Anticipated Resources	63,724	59,878	-6.0%
Existing-Other Capacity	972	3,482	258.2%
Prospective Resources	64,696	63,360	-2.1%
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference
Anticipated Reserve Margin	26.3%	20.2%	-6.1
Prospective Reserve Margin	28.2%	27.2%	-1.0
Reference Margin Level	15.0%	15.0%	0.0

SERC-Southeast			
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	46,021	47,049	2.2%
Demand Response: Available	1,599	1,338	-16.3%
Net Internal Demand	44,422	45,711	2.9%
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)
Existing-Certain Capacity	63,693	64,111	0.7%
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	1,738	0	-100.0%
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	-1,192	489	-141.0%
Anticipated Resources	64,238	64,600	0.6%
Existing-Other Capacity	785	1,077	37.1%
Prospective Resources	65,024	65,676	1.0%
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference
Anticipated Reserve Margin	44.6%	41.3%	-3.3
Prospective Reserve Margin	46.4%	43.7%	-2.7
Reference Margin Level	15.0%	15.0%	0.0

Texas RE-ERCOT							
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA				
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	84,818	85,151	0.4%				
Demand Response: Available	3,496	3,292	-5.8%				
Net Internal Demand	81,323	81,859	0.7%				
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Existing-Certain Capacity	99,541	112,321	12.8%				
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	2,578	4,854	88.3%				
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	20 20		0.0%				
Anticipated Resources	102,139	117,195	14.7%				
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-				
Prospective Resources	102,167	117,770	15.3%				
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference				
Anticipated Reserve Margin	25.6%	43.2%	17.6				
Prospective Reserve Margin	25.6%	43.9%	18.2				
Reference Margin Level	13.75%	13.75%	0.0				

WECC-AB									
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA						
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)						
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	12,201	12,246	0.4%						
Demand Response: Available	0	0	-						
Net Internal Demand	12,201	12,246	0.4%						
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)						
Existing-Certain Capacity	13,941	17,176	23.2%						
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	1,981	-85.8%							
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	0	0	-						
Anticipated Resources	15,922	17,457	9.6%						
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-						
Prospective Resources	15,922	17,457	9.6%						
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference						
Anticipated Reserve Margin	30.5%	42.6%	12.1						
Prospective Reserve Margin	30.5%	42.6%	12.1						
Reference Margin Level	6.7%	9.0%	2.7						

WECC-BC							
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA				
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	9,275	9,309	0.4%				
Demand Response: Available	0	0	-				
Net Internal Demand	9,275	9,309	0.4%				
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Existing-Certain Capacity	11,022	11,313	2.6%				
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	0	260	-				
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	0	0	-				
Anticipated Resources	11,022	11,573	5.0%				
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-				
Prospective Resources	11,022	11,573	5.0%				
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference				
Anticipated Reserve Margin	18.8%	24.3%	5.5				
Prospective Reserve Margin	18.8%	24.3%	5.5				
Reference Margin Level	12.0%	14.9%	2.9				

WECC-Southwest							
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA				
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	34,629	35,321	2.0%				
Demand Response: Available	422	199	-52.9%				
Net Internal Demand	34,207	35,122	2.7%				
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Existing-Certain Capacity	37,716	40,300	6.9%				
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	4,272	1,966	-54.0%				
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	2,957	695	-76.5%				
Anticipated Resources	44,945	42,961	-4.4%				
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-				
Prospective Resources	44,945	42,961	-4.4%				
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference				
Anticipated Reserve Margin	31.4%	22.3%	-9.1				
Prospective Reserve Margin	31.4%	22.3%	-9.1				
Reference Margin Level	12.4%	13.3%	1.0				

WECC-California							
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA				
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	54,267	54,797	1.0%				
Demand Response: Available	816	746	-8.6%				
Net Internal Demand	53,451	54,051	1.1%				
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Existing-Certain Capacity	71,564	75,726	5.8%				
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	5,998	8,470	41.2%				
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	197 598		203.6%				
Anticipated Resources	77,759	84,794	9.0%				
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-				
Prospective Resources	77,759	84,794	9.0%				
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference				
Anticipated Reserve Margin	45.5%	56.9%	11.4				
Prospective Reserve Margin	45.5%	56.9%	11.4				
Reference Margin Level	22.0%	19.2%	-2.8				

WECC-Northwest								
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA					
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)					
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	28,475	29,157	2.4%					
Demand Response: Available	30	30	0.0%					
Net Internal Demand	28,445	29,127	2.4%					
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)					
Existing-Certain Capacity	33,164	36,388	9.7%					
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	201 844		319.9%					
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	838	1,249	49.0%					
Anticipated Resources	34,203	38,481	12.5%					
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-					
Prospective Resources	34,203	38,481	12.5%					
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference					
Anticipated Reserve Margin	20.2%	32.1%	11.9					
Prospective Reserve Margin	20.2%	32.1%	11.9					
Reference Margin Level	18.5%	23.1%	4.6					

WECC-Basin							
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA				
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	13,165	14,214	8.0%				
Demand Response: Available	485	620	27.8%				
Net Internal Demand	12,680	13,594	7.2%				
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Existing-Certain Capacity	13,534	14,923	10.3%				
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	2,436 704		-71.1%				
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	1,376	1,274	-7.4%				
Anticipated Resources	17,346 16,901		-2.6%				
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-				
Prospective Resources	17,346	16,901	-2.6%				
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference				
Anticipated Reserve Margin	36.8%	24.3%	-12.5				
Prospective Reserve Margin	36.8%	24.3%	-12.5				
Reference Margin Level	13.3%	14.0%	0.7				

WECC-Mexico							
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA				
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	3,529	3,770	6.8%				
Demand Response: Available	0	0	-				
Net Internal Demand	3,529	3,770	6.8%				
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Existing-Certain Capacity	3,314	4,303	29.8%				
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	874	0	-100.0%				
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	150	0	-100.0%				
Anticipated Resources	4,338 4,303		-0.8%				
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-				
Prospective Resources	4,338	4,303	-0.8%				
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference				
Anticipated Reserve Margin	22.9%	14.1%	-8.8				
Prospective Reserve Margin	22.9%	14.1%	-8.8				
Reference Margin Level	7.9%	9.6%	1.6				

WECC-Rocky Mountain							
Demand, Resource, and Reserve Margins	2024 SRA	2025 SRA	2024 vs. 2025 SRA				
Demand Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Total Internal Demand (50/50)	11,313	14,098	24.6%				
Demand Response: Available	281	284	1.1%				
Net Internal Demand	11,032	13,814	25.2%				
Resource Projections	MW	MW	Net Change (%)				
Existing-Certain Capacity	17,345	17,262	-0.5%				
Tier 1 Planned Capacity	55	104	89.1%				
Net Firm Capacity Transfers	0 0		-				
Anticipated Resources	17,400	17,366	-0.2%				
Existing-Other Capacity	0	0	-				
Prospective Resources	17,400	17,366	-0.2%				
Reserve Margins	Percent (%)	Percent (%)	Annual Difference				
Anticipated Reserve Margin	57.7%	25.7%	-32.0				
Prospective Reserve Margin	57.7%	25.7%	-32.0				
Reference Margin Level	18.0%	16.7%	-1.3				

# **Variable Energy Resource Contributions**

Because the electrical output of VERs (e.g., wind, solar PV) depends on weather conditions, on-peak capacity contributions are less than nameplate capacity. The following table shows the capacity contribution of existing wind and solar PV resources at the peak demand hour for each assessment area. Resource contributions are also aggregated by Interconnection and across the entire BPS. For NERC's analysis of risk periods after peak demand (e.g., U.S. assessment areas in WECC), lower contributions of solar PV resources are used because output is diminished during evening periods.

BPS Variable Energy Resources by Assessment Area												
		Wind		Solar PV			Hydr	0	Energy	Storage S	ystems (ESS)	
Assessment Area /	Nameplate	Expected	Expected Share of	Nameplate	Expected	<b>Expected Share of</b>	Nameplate	Expected	Expected Share	Nameplate	Expected	Expected Share
Interconnection	Wind	Wind	Nameplate (%)	Solar PV	Solar PV	Nameplate (%)	Hydro	Hydro	of Nameplate (%)	ESS	ESS	of Nameplate (%)
MISO	30,992	6,039	19%	18,246	9,123	50%	1,572	1,467	93%	3,159	3,107	98%
MRO-Manitoba Hydro	259	48	19%	-	-	0%	202	60	30%	-	-	0%
MRO-SaskPower	816	310	38%	30	9	29%	848	686	81%	-	-	0%
NPCC-Maritimes	1,230	314	26%	147	-	0%	1,313	1,313	100%	12	6	50%
NPCC-New England	1,546	142	9%	3,266	1,412	43%	575	175	31%	192	110	57%
NPCC-New York	2,586	446	17%	609	243	40%	976	478	49%	32	17	53%
NPCC-Ontario	4,943	742	15%	478	66	14%	8,862	5,320	60%	-	-	0%
NPCC-Québec	4,024	885	22%	10	-	0%	444	444	100%	-	-	0%
PJM	12,465	1,855	15%	13,731	6,244	45%	2,505	2,505	100%	310	288	93%
SERC-Central	1,324	370	28%	1,810	1,053	58%	4,991	3,418	68%	100	100	100%
SERC-East	-	-	0%	7,097	5,022	71%	3,078	3,008	98%	19	8	41%
SERC-Florida Peninsula	-	-	0%	8,295	5,749	54%	-	-	0%	631	631	100%
SERC-Southeast	-	-	0%	8,507	7,728	91%	3,258	3,308	102%	115	105	92%
SPP	35,613	5,556	16%	1,159	492	42%	114	56	49%	182	41	23%
Texas RE-ERCOT	40,102	9,396	23%	31,473	22,962	73%	572	439	77%	15,291	12,190	80%
WECC-AB	5,712	796	14%	2,174	1,480	68%	894	456	51%	250	235	94%
WECC-BC	747	149	20%	2	-	0%	16,918	10,181	60%	-	-	0%
WECC-Basin	4,859	911	19%	2,648	2,231	84%	2,637	2,022	77%	120	118	98%
WECC-CA	7,836	1,207	15%	25,059	14,756	59%	14,565	6,518	45%	11,459	11,115	97%
WECC-Mexico	300	50	17%	350	227	65%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
WECC-NW	9,199	3,107	34%	1,349	666	49%	33,068	20,145	61%	11	10	91%
WECC-RM	5,681	1,359	24%	2,523	1,669	66%	3,251	2,446	75%	242	235	97%
WECC-SW	4,848	1,091	23%	9,288	4,293	46%	1,316	845	64%	4,187	3,982	95%
EASTERN INTERCONNECTION	91,773	15,822	17%	67,138	37,886	56%	28,294	21,794	77%	4,752	4,413	93%
QUÉBEC INTERCONNECTION	4,024	885	22%	10	-	0%	444	444	100%	-	-	0%
<b>TEXAS INTERCONNECTION</b>	40,102	9,396	23%	31,473	22,962	73%	572	439	77%	15,291	12,190	80%
WECC INTERCONNECTION	39,182	8,670	22%	43,393	25,322	58%	72,649	42,613	59%	16,269	15,695	96%
All INTERCONNECTIONS	175,081	34,774	20%	142,014	86,170	61%	101,959	65,290	64%	36,311	32,298	89%

# **Review of 2024 Capacity and Energy Performance**

The summer of 2024 was the fourth hottest on record for both the contiguous United States<sup>18</sup> and Canada, <sup>19</sup> with some areas experiencing their hottest summer ever. The result was record electricity demand in the United States as well as in Canada, which was particularly pronounced in the Western Interconnection. While peak demand exceeded normal summer forecasts in most areas, only one area experienced demand that met or exceeded a 90/10 demand scenario as defined in the prior year's *SRA*. In addition, Hurricane Helene, the deadliest Atlantic hurricane to strike the US mainland since 2005, made landfall in Florida in September and led to widespread flooding and power outages from Florida to North Carolina. Helene was one of five hurricanes to impact the US last summer, joining other extreme weather incidents such as drought across the West and wildfires in the Southwest. To manage the challenging grid conditions brought about by heat domes and these other extreme weather events, grid operators across North America used various operating mitigations up to, and including, the issuance of EEAs. No disruptions to the BPS occurred due to inadequate resources. The following section describes actual demand and resource levels in comparison with NERC's *2024 SRA* and summarizes 2024 resource adequacy events.

## Eastern Interconnection–Canada and Québec Interconnection

During the June heat wave that extended across the eastern half of the United States and Canada, system operators in Ontario and the Maritimes provinces followed conservative operating protocols and issued energy emergencies. A late-summer heat wave resulted in an energy emergency in Maritimes.

## **Eastern Interconnection–United States**

MISO experienced peak electricity demand during late August. Demand was between the normal and 90/10 summer peak forecast levels. Wind and solar resource output at the time of peak demand were near expectations for summer on-peak contributions. Forced outages of thermal units, however, were lower than expected. On the day prior to MISO's peak demand, operators issued advisories to maximize generation. Similar advisories were issued earlier in the summer, coinciding with above-normal temperatures and periods of high generator forced outages.

In SPP, summer electricity demand peaked in mid-July at a level below normal 50/50 forecasts. Above-normal wind performance and sufficient generator availability contributed to sufficient electricity supplies during peak conditions. In late August, however, SPP operators issued an EEA1 due to high load forecasts, generator outages, and forecasts for low wind output. The period coincided with MISO's peak demand period, making excess supplies for import uncertain. Also in August during a period of high demand and low resource availability, operators issued public appeals for conservation when a 345 kV line outage caused a transmission emergency. During other summer periods, SPP operators responded to forecasts for high demand and low resource conditions with resource advisories intended to maximize available generators.

Like SPP, PJM also experienced peak electricity demand in mid-July and issued an EEA in August. Peak demand in July was near 90/10 forecast levels. Generator outages were below normal at the time of peak demand. In late August, PJM operators issued an EEA1 in expectation of extreme demand.

A period of unseasonably high demand in early summer brought on by high temperatures in the Northeast contributed to an EEA1 in NPCC-New England when a large thermal generator encountered a forced outage. Peak demand in New England occurred in mid-July at a near-normal summer peak demand level. At the time of peak demand, generator outages were below historical averages.

Peak demand in the NPCC-New York area occurred in early July at a level below the normal summer peak demand forecast. Generator outages were below historical levels for peak summer conditions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> <u>US sweltered through its 4<sup>th</sup>-hottest summer on record</u> – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Climate Trends and Variations Bulletin – Summer 2024 – Government of Canada

Systems in the U.S. Southeast saw successive heat waves beginning prior to the official start to summer and extending to early fall. Operators in the SERC region used conservative operations and resource advisories to maximize generation and transmission network availability and issued EEAs when warranted by conditions. In some instances, EEAs were issued when generator outages threatened supplies needed for high demand. Peak demand in all assessment areas within the SERC region exceeded normal summer peak demand levels and approached 90/10 demand forecasts.

## **Texas Interconnection-ERCOT**

Peak demand in ERCOT was at or near record levels last summer, as load growth and extreme temperatures contributed to escalating summer electricity needs. Demand peaked in August well above the 90/10 demand forecast. At the time of peak demand, wind generation was below expected levels for peak demand periods, while output from solar generation was near forecasted levels. Forced generator outages were well below historical average levels for peak demand, helping to meet the extreme electricity demand. Unlike the prior summer, ERCOT did not issue any conservation appeals to customers to reduce demand during high-demand periods. New solar generation, battery resources, and some thermal generation additions since Summer 2023 boosted electricity supplies, enabling operators to meet demand records without demand-side management.

### **Western Interconnection**

In July, the Western Interconnection set a new peak demand record of 167,988 MW. Operators in United States and Canada employed procedures throughout summer to manage challenging grid conditions from extended extreme heat and wildfires.

#### Western Interconnection–Canada

In the province of Alberta, the electric system operator issued an EEA3 in early July as high temperatures contributed to elevated demand that coincided with a forced generator outage. A new summer peak demand record was set in Alberta later in July at 12.2 MW (up from 11.5 GW in summer 2023). Alberta's demand peak was slightly higher than the normal demand peak scenario projected in the spring of last year.

In British Columbia, peak demand reached 9.4 GW (up from 9.2 GW the previous year), also slightly above the normal peak demand that was projected last year.

In both Alberta and British Columbia, peak demand was still below the extreme peak demand scenarios previously projected, which lowered the risk profile of those provinces over Summer 2024.

#### Western Interconnection–United States

Demand peaked in July in the U.S. Northwest at a level below the normal summer peak demand. During a period of high demand in July, operators at a BA in the U.S. Northwest issued an EEA1 to address forecasted conditions.

The California-Mexico assessment area, which consists of the CAISO, Northern California, and CENACE BAs, experienced system peak electricity demand in early September at a level nearing the 90/10 peak demand forecast. The extreme demand contributed to localized supply concerns and led CAISO to declare a transmission emergency and use conservative operations protocols to posture the system. Despite the extreme demand, operators were able to maintain sufficient supply without resorting to public appeals, as was required in prior summers. New battery resources were instrumental in providing energy to meet high demand during late afternoon and early evenings. Natural-gas-fired generators also performed well and were important to meeting high demand during these same periods. Dry conditions from early summer prompted operators in CA/MX to frequently employ public safety power shutoff (PSPS) procedures beginning in June. Active wildfires led transmission operators to de-energize transmission lines in Northern California and declare transmission emergencies that affected operations across CAISO.

The U.S. Southwest experienced extended heat conditions and demand levels that exceeded 90/10 peak summer forecasts, with peak occurring in early August. Higher-than-expected wind and solar output and low generator outages helped maintain sufficient supplies.

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2024 Summer Demand and Generation Summary at Peak Demand								
Assessment Area	Actual Peak Demand <sup>1</sup>	SRA Peak Demand	Wind – Actual <sup>1</sup> (MW)	Wind – Expected <sup>3</sup>	Solar – Actual <sup>1</sup> (MW)	Solar – Expected <sup>3</sup>	Forced Outages	
	(377)			(14144)		(14144)	Summary (IVIVV)	
MISO	118.6	125.8	4,565	5,599	5,858	4,981	<mark>4,412</mark>	
MPO Manitoha Hydro	3.6	3.1	50	48	0	0	<mark>290</mark>	
		3.5						
MRO-SaskPower	3.7	3.7	170	208	22	6	0	
MRO-SPP	54.3	55.3 57.5	10,869	5,876	442	486	6,046	
NPCC-Maritimes	3.5	3.3 3.6	428	262	21	-	777	
NPCC-New England	24.3	24.6	174	122	167	1,111	1,496	
NPCC-New York	29	30.3	130	340	0	53	1,451	
NPCC-Ontario	23.9	21.8	915	720	260	66	1,174	
NPCC-Québec	23	22.9	2,270	-	0	-	10,500*	
MIA	153.1	143.5 156.9	3,366	1,703	2,709	5,694	6,402	
SERC-C	42.3	40.7 43.9	312	172	813	996	959	
SERC-E	44	42.6 44.7	0	-	3,009	2,405	1,878	
SERC-FP	52.4	50.5 53.6	0	-	5,376	5,643		
SERC-SE	44.9	44.4 45.3	0	-	3,507	7,217	1,007	
TRE-ERCOT	85.5	81.3 82.3	6,286	9,070	17,566	17,797	3,622	
WECC-AB	12.2	12.2 12.7	1,091	666	1,114	786	_**	
WECC-BC	9.4	9.3 9.8	257	140	0.94	0	_**	

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Assessment Area	Actual Peak Demand1SRA Peak DemandWind – Actual1 (MW)Wind – Expected3Solar – Actual1 (MW)(GW)Scenarios2 (GW)(MW)(MW)		Solar – Actual <sup>1</sup> (MW)	Solar — Expected <sup>3</sup> (MW)	Forced Outages Summary⁴ (MW)				
WECC-CA/MX	58.9	53.2 61.6	1,633	1,124	10,112	13,147	921		
WECC-NW	59.7	63 69.7	4,694	2,964	6,339	2,595	3,655		
WECC-SW	30.8	26.4 28.8	1,179	542	3,357	1,294	2,042		
Highlighting Notes	Actual peak demand in the highlighted areas met or exceeded extreme scenario levels.		Actual wind output in highlighted areas was significantly below seasonal forecast.		Actual solar output in highlighted areas was significantly below seasonal forecast.		Actual forced outages <mark>above</mark> or <mark>below</mark> forecast by factor of two		

Table Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Actual demand, wind, and solar values for the hour of peak demand in U.S. areas were obtained from <u>EIA From 930 data</u>. For areas in Canada, this data was provided to NERC by system operators and utilities. <sup>2</sup> See NERC *2024 SRA* demand scenarios for each assessment area (pp. 14–33). Values represent the normal summer peak demand forecast and an extreme peak demand forecast that represents a 90/10, or once-per-decade, peak demand. Some areas use other basis for extreme peak demand.

<sup>3</sup> Expected values of wind and solar resources from the 2024 SRA.

<sup>4</sup> Values from NERC Generator Availability Data System for the 2024 summer hour of peak demand in each assessment area. Highlighted areas had actual forced outages that were more than twice the value for typical forced outage rates used in the 2024 summer risk period scenarios in the 2024 SRA.

\*Values include both maintenance and forced outages.

\*\*Canadian assessment areas report to the NERC Generator Availability Data System on a voluntary basis, which can contribute to the absence of some values in certain assessment areas.