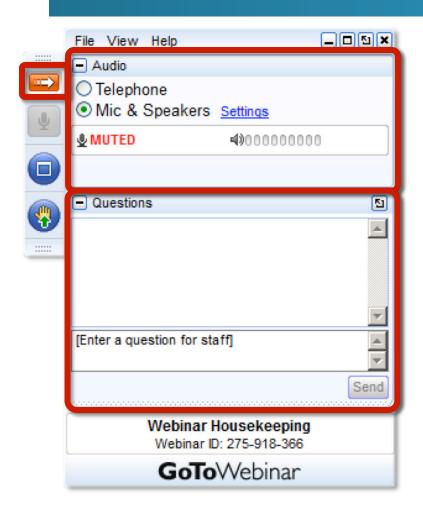


# TVA's 2015 Integrated Resource Plan

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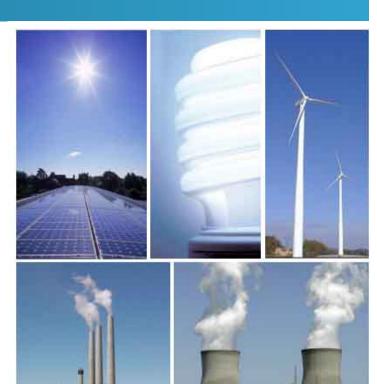
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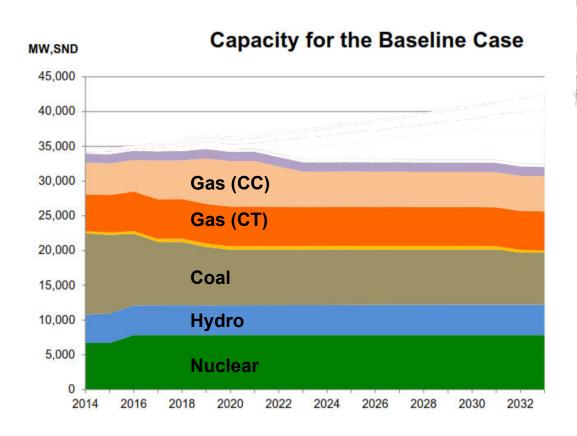
### **Overview**

### TVA's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

- Detailed plan outlining how TVA will generate electricity and meet projected energy demands both in the short-and long-term (20 yrs)
- Includes a forecast of expected annual energy peaks and overall energy demand (including a "reserve margin")
- The plan does not require TVA to make any actions, rather it sets up energy "scenarios" and applies "strategies" aimed at meeting demand under each scenario



# **Perspective: TVA Today**







Perspective...

## Stakeholder Engagement

### Involved several stakeholder groups:

- √TVA IRP Working Group
- √TVA Resource Planning Groups (EE and RE)
- √TVA's Regional Energy Resource Council (RERC)
- TVA staff conducted numerous public meetings during both the scoping process and the public comment period
- TVA conducted sensitivity analyses based on stakeholder feedback on the draft IRP

# **IRP Environmental Analysis**



- TVA must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) since it is a federal entity
- Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)



#### The TVA Resource Planning Process Step by Step

Develop Load Forecast

Define Existing Resources

Establish Need for Resources

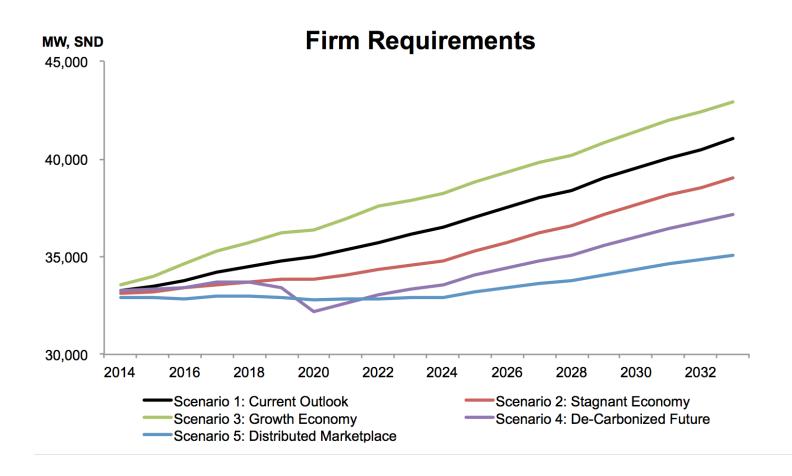
Identify Resource Options

> Analyze Portfolios

Select Preferred Portfolio

- Project customer demand for electricity in the future
- Define the resources currently available to meet customer demand and how that will change in the future
- Compare future customer demand with existing resources
- Identify all resources (supply- and demand-side) that will be considered to meet future need
- Test different resource combinations (portfolios) to evaluate performance
- Select the preferred combination of resources

## **TVA's Expected Capacity Needs**



## **Final IRP Recommendations**

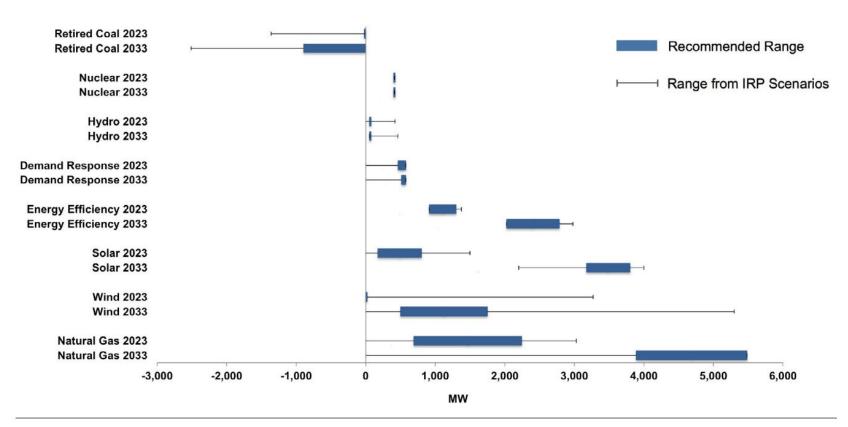
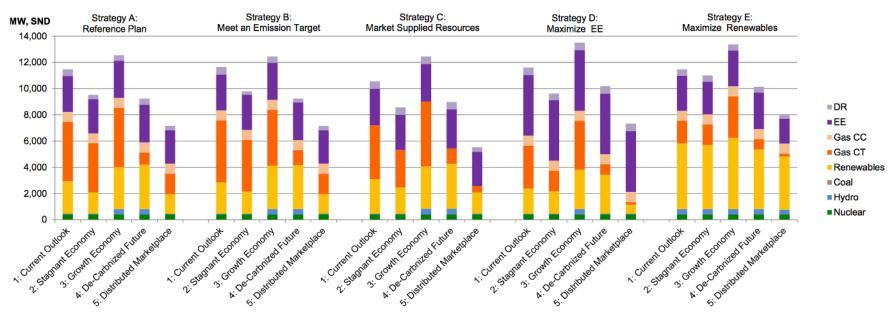


Figure 9-3: Range of MW Additions by 2023 & 2033<sup>15</sup>

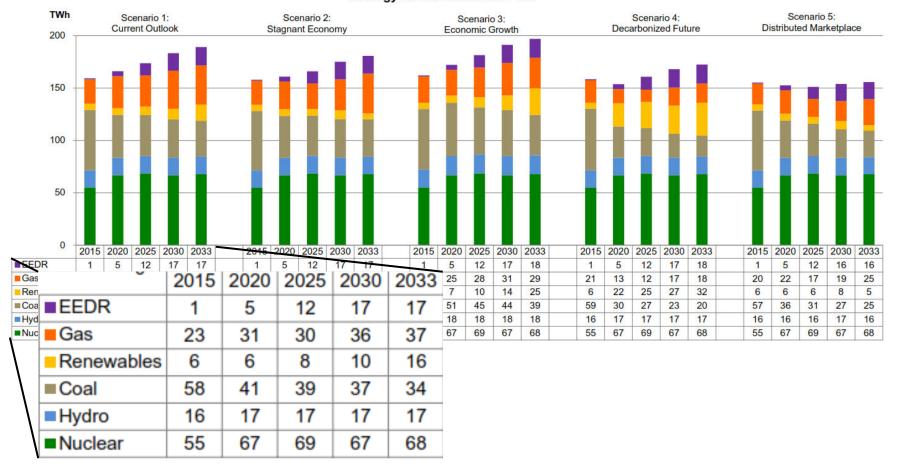
# IRP Planning Results: Capacity Additions

#### **Incremental Capacity by 2033**



# IRP Planning Results: Energy Forecast (Reference Case)

#### Strategy A: The Reference Plan



# **Major Takeaways**

- Growth is slowing: Base case = 1% per year
- No need for new "baseload" power
  - Browns Ferry nuclear uprate is TVA's last planned addition of baseload
- "Least cost" plan appears to meet Clean Power Plan emission targets (Note: for TVA not necessarily TN)
- Coal use cut by half with possibility of retirements in the long term
- Solar is adopted, but gradually
- Energy efficiency is on a growth trajectory but not high enough to position TVA as a leader

# TVA's Options to Meet EPA's Clean Power Plan Targets



## Recommendations: Energy Efficiency

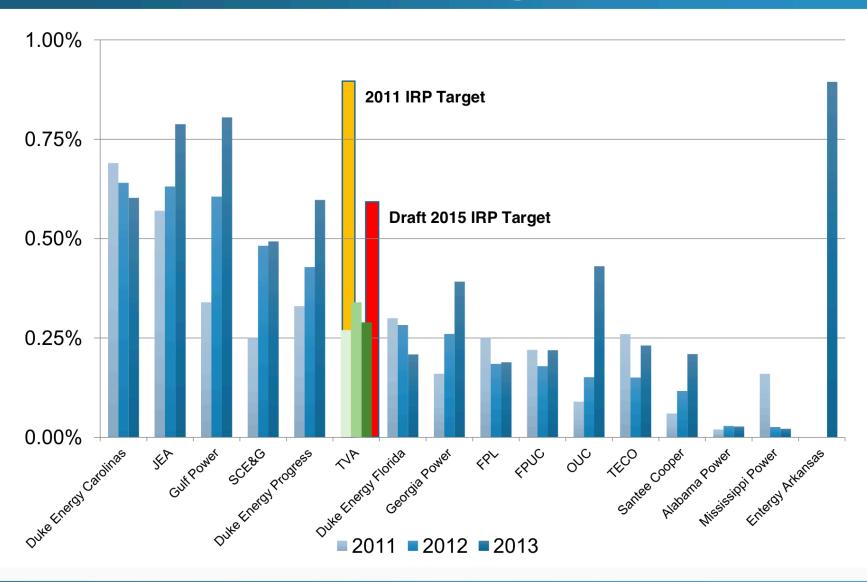
# Restore – even expand – the energy efficiency budget that was cut in 2014

- Increase EE budget by 50% annually
  - until TVA begins to achieve annual net energy savings in excess of 1% prior year retail sales
- Support ensuring that EE spending remains as costeffective as it has been in the past
- Program design changes and customer access should not be limited by arbitrary budget caps

# Re-invigorate the Energy Efficiency Information Exchange

- Program improvement consultation
- Measurement & verification study review
- Forecasting of future program impacts and costs

# TVA's Energy Efficiency Programs: Less than Half of Regional Leaders



# **TVA's Renewable Energy Plans**

Overall, TVA has said that development of solar and wind will be highly dependent on pricing, performance and integration costs.

#### Solar

- 150 800 MW by 2023
- 3,150 3,800 MW by 2033

#### Wind

- 500 1,750 MW by 2033
- "Evaluate accelerating wind deliveries into the first 10 years of the plan if operational characteristics and pricing result in lower-cost options."



TVA's Buffalo Mountain Wind Farm (Anderson County, TN)

#### Solar



West TN Solar Farm (5 MW)

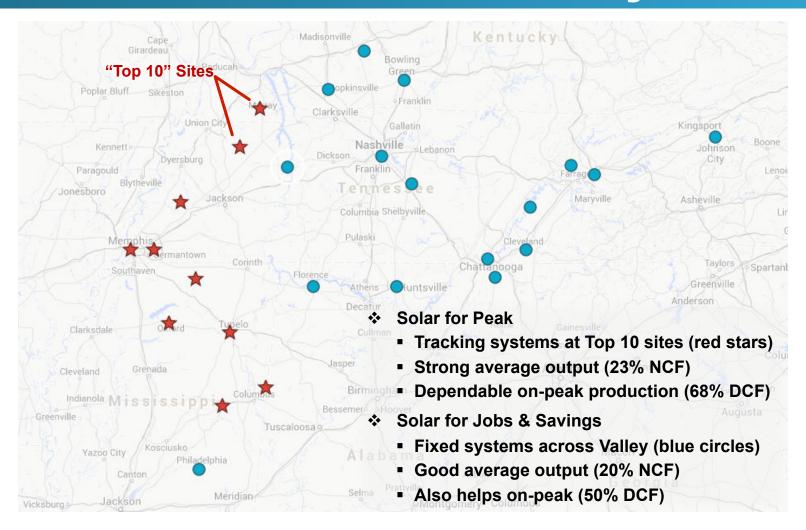
#### 2015 IRP supports development of nearly 1 GW of solar power in 5-10 years

- Despite TVA's assumption of slightly higher-than-market prices for solar
- Indications that significantly higher quantities could be cost-effective

# Utility-scale solar requires land

- TVA can access to brownfields, poor quality agricultural land
- Could also be developed on rooftops, etc. where conditions are right
- Although it is the easier resource to model, not all solar should be developed at utility-scale

# TVA on the Cutting Edge: Solar Across the Valley



#### Wind

## TVA evaluated 3 different wind resources

Wind technology cost & performance assumptions were outdated

#### Final IRP

➤ If wind cost and performance meets near-term expectations then ...TVA will consider accelerating wind into the first 10 years



TVA's Buffalo Mountain Wind Farm

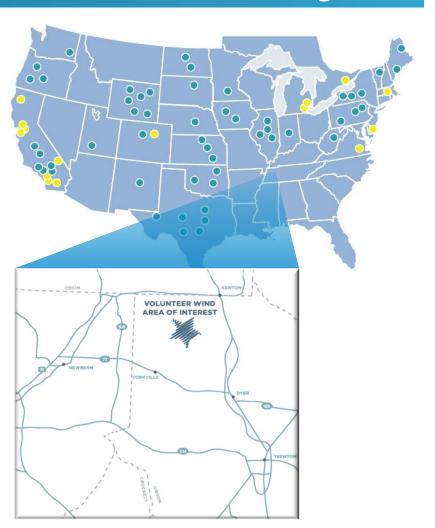
# Potential for Wind Development in TN Valley

# In July 2014, Apex Wind Energy announced it is developing Volunteer Wind

- Gibson County, TN
- ~100 miles NNE of Memphis
- Could be a 150 MW project
- Sited on active farmland
- Could be constructed in 2017

#### Other "public" projects

- NextEra developing northeast of Huntsville, AL
- Pioneer Green Energy's project in Cherokee County, AL is blocked by the Alabama Legislature



# A Growing Clean Energy Economy

- Contracts will be driven by TVA's evaluation of value to system
- TVA continues to assess cost and performance of wind energy
- Focus on Utility-Scale Solar
  - IRP did not evaluate how TVA should address growth of distributed (rooftop) solar
  - > TVA likely to continue to pursue utility-scale solar projects, like its recent \$61 / MWh project in Northern Alabama
- In 2015 Tennessee had 44,269 clean energy jobs
  - ➤ Growth of 6.3% last year is three times the overall state job growth of 2.2%
  - Energy efficiency makes up 47% of TN's clean energy jobs

## Recommendations: Renewable Energy Development Plan

- TVA should direct and manage renewable energy development with the same level of planning as for conventional energy development.
  - Designate solar energy development zones
    - Advantageous solar resources
    - Availability of transmission line capacity
    - Expedited interconnection review process
  - Develop solar and wind in concert
    - Recognize solar-summer, wind-winter peak pattern
  - Use RFP process to guide developer submissions to meet TVA cost and performance targets
    - Model off Georgia Power's Advanced Solar Initiative process

### **Recommendations: Bellefonte**

- Permanently close Bellefonte
- Most recent budget value is \$66 million per year
  - Reallocating this to energy efficiency could increase the EE budget by more than 50%.
- "... none of the strategies in the IRP include completion of Bellefonte Units 1 and 2, the ultimate fate of this plant will eventually be decided by the TVA Board of Directors."
  - Although work on the Bellefonte Unit 1 site was slowed in 2014, TVA believes that the resulting budgeting and staffing levels should be sufficient to preserve Bellefonte for potential future development. TVA plans to utilize its integrated resource planning process to help determine how Bellefonte best supports TVA's overall efforts to continue to meet customer demand with low-cost, reliable power." (TVA, Submitted to Congress February 2015)

### What's Next?

 TVA staff will present the final IRP to the Board of Directors for approval during the August 21 meeting in Knoxville, TN



- IRP is a roadmap, not an absolute
- TVA will continue to update its costs and performance assumptions for specific resources throughout the 20-year planning period

## **Questions?**



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