## MODERN DISTRIBUTION PLANNING Emerging Complexity and Opportunities for the Future

HECO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP





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## SCE Recorded Peak Load (MW)





# Traditional Long Term Distribution Planning

Thermal Capacity

Voltage and Power Quality

Protection

Safety and Reliability

## <u>Timeline</u>

- Process is performed on a yearly basis
- Needs are based on expected timeline
  - Near Term: 1-3 Years (i.e. distribution lines)
  - Mid Term: 3-5 Years (i.e. substation transformers)
  - Long Term: 5-10 Years (i.e. new substations)

## Things to Consider

- Micro and macro economic drivers
- Maintain operability and proper voltage to transfer customers during emergencies
- Diversity of specific geographic load and customer mix
- Impact of weather and micro climates
- Protection coordination
- Customer behavior



#### <u>General Process</u>

- Determine Thermal Capacity Needs
- Evaluate Voltage and Power Quality Needs
- Analyze Protection Needs
- Ensure Safety and Reliability Needs



# DERs and Increasingly Complex Grid

As distributed energy resources are added to the grid, operating characteristics of the grid are changing, leading to increased complexity.



- Shaded areas show 3-phase reverse powerflow and intermittent output from PV from an actual circuit, this appears as one-way flow to operators
- Operators need visibility to power flow magnitude and direction

- Peak Time for Distribution Circuits Load and PV do not typically coincide
- The grid needs to accommodate this available power for the benefit of the customer and the grid





# Considerations with High DER Penetration

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## New Considerations

- Thermal Capacity Use of Integration Hosting Capacity
- Voltage and Power Quality Leveraging Future Potential of Smart Inverters
- Protection Impact of Increasing or Decreasing Short Circuit Duty
- Modeling Impact of Circuit Reconfigurations, Lack of Situational Awareness
- Safety and Reliability Effect on Grid Operations, Increased Masking of Load
- Impact on Future Standards
- Age and Condition of Distribution System Equipment



## Long Term Planning Process Flow





## Long-Term Planning Analysis Flow





# Planning Tool Capabilities

#### Planning tools will enable forecasting, analysis, and sharing.





## Thank You

