Western Interstate Energy Board Update: Projects related to the Clean Power Plan

ASU Workshop on the Clean Power Plan

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Scottsdale, AZ
1. State Work Group and WECC Modeling
States and WECC Coordinate on Scenario Modeling

• WECC
  • WECC initiated project to model and analyze scenarios related to the Clean Power Plan
  • WECC solicited state input on scenarios

• WIEB/State Provincial Steering Committee
  • WIEB/SPSC formed Western States Modeling Work Group in August 2014 to advise the WECC 111d team
  • Work Group met 5 times August-December
  • Reviewed WECC’s data assumptions and methodology, and feedback on WECC’s preliminary 111d findings
WECC’s Analysis of the Clean Power Plan in 3 Phases

Coordinate our Efforts

Phase I
Initial brief from existing info

Phase II
Evaluate potential compliance scenarios

Phase III
TBD
Phase 2 Work

• “Phase 2” plan
  • After the deadline for filing comments (Dec. 1, 2014) and before EPA issues a final rule (June 2015)
  • Develop scenarios that illustrate strategies that states may employ to comply with the CPP
  • Submit 1 or 2 scenarios for WECC to model and analyze

• Objective for the Work Group in Phase 2
  • Develop insight on scenarios developed and WECC analysis
  • Support WECC in building the analytical capacity to perform good analyses
WECC’s 2024 Common Case

- Represents expected future based on utility plans, forecasted loads, future grid, and RPS & EE policies
Phase 2: Develop scenarios resource mix

- RE credit to end-use states
  - Increase EE
  - Re-dispatch
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- Increase Gas & RE

2024 Common Case
Phase 2 Timeline

- State Work Group creates 1 or 2 scenarios for WECC
- WECC models and analyzes scenario as a “practice run” in Phase 2
2. Exploring Multi-State Strategies for CPP Compliance
Modular Approach to 111(d) Compliance

“Modular” => States develop their own individual compliance plans for meeting their own individual targets, but with portions of those state plans containing “modules” based on collaboration with other states.

Exploring 3 modules:

1. **Renewable Energy**: examine the potential to develop an RE tracking system for purposes of multistate compliance with 111(d) rules.

2. **Energy Efficiency**: explore the feasibility of and requirements to develop a corresponding tracking system for EE.

3. **Re-dispatch**: evaluate opportunities for states to coordinate and account for re-dispatch strategies among electric generating units (EGUs) within those states.
Modular Approach to 111(d) Compliance

- Contractor for project: Cadmus

- Desired outcomes
  - Western states have a clear picture of how they might individually benefit by developing and using one or more 111(d) compliance modules in collaboration with other states.
  - Identify options for expanding WREGIS or other systems for RE, EE or re-dispatch
State Energy Planning Project

• DOE grant to identify opportunities for region-wide/multi-state collaborations to address emerging energy issues such as air pollution compliance

• Develop a road map to advance regional solutions through:
  • Engagement of stakeholders (Energy Offices, Air Offices and PUCs, industry and nonprofits)
  • Modeling and analysis to explore strategies

• Timeline: 2 year project ending Dec. 2016

• State Partners: ID (lead), CA, CO, MT, NV, OR, UT & WA

• SPSC/CREPC meeting in San Diego, April 6-7: (1) discuss project priorities; (2) identify the strategies to explore.
Questions?

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