RE-THINKING ENERGY VALUE

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Energy costs get plenty of attention

- Power tariffs
- Gasoline prices
- Natural gas rates
- Energy system costs







Recent Military Operations Translate Energy Concerns into Different Terms



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Most Programs and Metrics Treat Energy as a Simple Commodity

- Consumption
- Efficiency
- Demand



Today's public understanding of energy is defined in terms of gallons, kilowatts and cubic feet

Military Operations Offer an Alternative Perspective on Energy



Energy-Informed Operations:

Using energy to achieve the greatest net benefit





Core ideas

• Energy is good!



- Value delivered through multiple attributes
- Calculus depends upon application, situation



Some Attributes of Value

Quality

Timing

Reliability

Availability

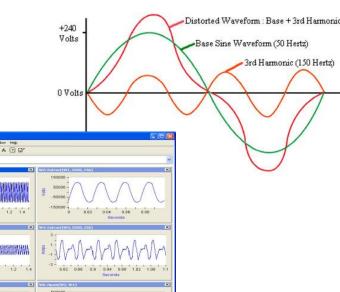
Sustainability

Value of Energy Quality

- Equipment performance/life
- System stability
- Current treatment: "Ancillary Services"

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- Power Factor
- Harmonics
- Frequency
- Voltage







Value of Energy Timing

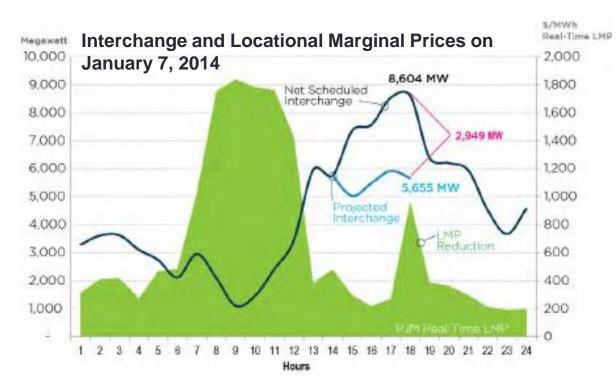
- Matching operational need
- Resource utilization
- Efficiency
- Convenience
- Current treatment
 - Storage
 - Demand Response

California Passes Huge Grid Energy Storage Mandate



CPUC passes controversial mandate for 1.3 gigawatts of batteries, grid storage by 2020

Jeff St. John October 17, 2013

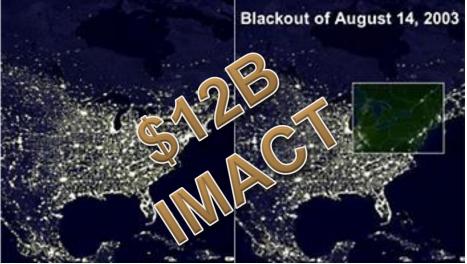


Value of Energy Reliability

- Operational disruptions
- Safety/health
- Equipment/data loss
- Current treatment
 - Backup systems (UPS, generators)
 - Reliability standards







Availability Value

- Time, location, type, quantity
- Operational utility
- Current treatment:
 - Standardization
 - Stockpiling
 - Emergency delivery
 - Premium pricing



Value of Energy Sustainability

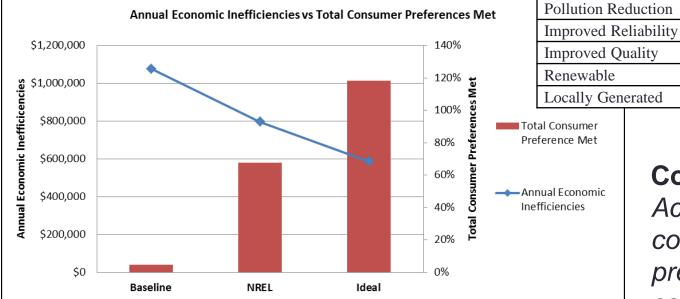
- Environmental impact
- Operational/Social impact
- Resource management
- Current treatment
 - Environmental laws/regulations
 - Permitting
 - Corporate management





West Point Energy Pricing Study

2013 Study: Costing Consumer Preferences for a Micro Energy Market



Conclusion:
Accommodating of
consumer
preferences in pricing
can improve market
performance

Energy Sources

Wind

Coal

Hvdro

Nuclear

Biomass

Natural Gas

Energy Characteristics

Carbon Reduction

	Wind	Coal	Nuclear	Solar	Nat. Gas	Hydro	Biomass	Waste Treatmen t	Consumer Pref. Met
Base	N/A	N/A	70.00%	N/A	30.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.7%
NREL	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.00%	1.08%	N/A	34.0%	32.49%	70.93%
Ideal	35.00%	5.00%	5.00%	35.00%	5.00%	10.00%	5.00%	N/A	118.36%

Energy policies and markets won't change overnight!

in the meantime . . .

- Adopt a positive energy attitude
- Recognize energy contributions to operational goals and risks
- Identify energy attributes of importance
- Factor multi-attribute energy value into decisions

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