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Replacing Peaker Plants with Battery Storage



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THE RESILIENT POWER PROJECT

- Increase public/private investment in clean, resilient power systems (solar+storage)
- Protect low-income and vulnerable communities, with a focus on affordable housing and critical public facilities
- Engage city, state and federal policy makers to develop supportive policies and programs



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RESILIENCE FOR FREE How Solar+Storage Could Protect Multifamily Affordable Housing from Power Outages at Little or No Net Cost

Seth Mullendore, Robert G. Sanders, Lewis Milford, with Henry Misas and Adje Mensah $\operatorname{October} 2015$





SUPPORTING 100+ PROJECTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



Resilient Power in Practice: Lessons Learned from the Field *Webinar Speakers*

- Elena Krieger, Director, Clean Energy Program, PSE Healthy Energy
- Lucas Zucker, Policy and Communications Director, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)
- Seth Mullendore, Vice President & Project Director, Clean Energy Group





Peaker Plants vs. Battery Storage

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WHAT IS A PEAKER PLANT?



Run during periods of high electricity demand Less efficient (worse emissions) Located closer to population centers

Low capacity factor (< 10%)

Only **operate for a few hours** at a time

120 GW OF PEAKERS IN THE U.S.



Source: Wood Mackenzie based on EIA

PEAKERS IN THE U.S.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration Form 923 Schedule 3B (2016)

TECHNOLOGY: PEAKERS VS STORAGE

"We could replace every gas peaker in the U.S. with batteries right now if we wanted to, but it probably wouldn't make economic sense everywhere."

Abe Silverman, vice president for the regulatory affairs group and deputy general counsel at NRG Energy (GTM Forum: Energy Storage vs. Gas, May 2018)

ECONOMICS: PEAKERS VS STORAGE



ECONOMICS: NEW YORK CITY





Nearly **3 GW** of aging peakers approaching retirement

Highly constrained area

Air pollution represents a major public health problem

Source: Strategen Consulting ,New York City's Aging Power Plants: Risks, Replacement Options, and the Role of Energy Storage

BATTERY PEAKER PROJECTS: ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE

First Solar Made Good on Its Promise to Beat Out Gas Peakers With Solar and Batteries

A 50-megawatt battery will give Arizona peak power from the sun.

- 50-MW / 135-MWh battery, 65-MW solar
- 15-year PPA with First Solar
- Request for proposal open to any technology
- Proposals had to deliver power between 3 pm and 8 pm in the summer

BATTERY PEAKER PROJECTS: SALT RIVER PROJECT

Arizona Is Getting Its First Standalone Battery Peaker

The Salt River Project's new battery system will charge up on existing energy sources to serve the Phoenix metropolitan area.

- 10-MW / 40-MWh battery
- 20-year PPA with AES
- Peaking capacity for the Phoenix metropolitan area
- Sited near population center

BATTERY PEAKER PROJECTS: PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC

PG&E to replace 3 gas plants with world's biggest battery projects

- 4 proposed battery storage projects, more than 2 GWh
- Built to eliminate need for 3 gas peaker plants with reliability must-run contracts in constrained area

BATTERY PEAKER PROJECTS: NEVADA ENERGY

Breaking Down the Numbers for Nevada's Super-Cheap Solar-Plus-Storage

- Battle Mountain:
 - 25-MW / 100-MWh battery, 101-MW solar
 - LCOE = \$30.94/MWh, Capacity = \$93/kW-year
- Dodge Flat:
 - 50-MW / 200-MWh battery, 200-MW solar
 - LCOE = \$34.87/MWh, Capacity = \$73/kW-year

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PSE Bringing science to energy policy

Using health, environment and equity metrics to target peaker replacement

Elena Krieger, PhD *Director, Clean Energy Program PSE Healthy Energy*

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Health, environment and equity considerations for targeting peakers for storage replacement

- Emissions: which plants have highest carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions per MWh?
- **Background air quality:** is the plant operating on days with high air pollution?
- **Demographics:** how many people live nearby and is the plant located in a vulnerable or environmentally overburdened community?
- Grid constraints: does local clean energy deployment affect local grid need for the peaker?



Gas peaker emission rates higher than combined cycle plants



- Nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions contribute to the formation of air pollutants like ozone and particulate matter.
- High peaker emissions due to lower efficiency, larger proportion of start-up time.

Data source: EPA Air Markets Program Data (ampd.epa.gov)

Peakers disproportionately operate on polluted days

San Joaquin Basin



Data sources: EPA Air Markets Program Data (ampd.epa.gov), EPA AirNow (www.airnow.gov)

CA peakers disproportionately located in disadvantaged communities



Storage benefits even greater if displacing oil peakers

- New York and other regions have even higher-polluting oilfired peakers
- For emission benefits, must ensure that storage is charged with lower-emissions sources (e.g. hydro, not coal)



Strategies to incorporate co-benefits into storage peaker replacement

- Incentives needed to value:
 - Emissions
 - Equity
 - Resilience

• Operational strategies include:

- Use storage to minimize peaker starts, stops and ramping
- Charge storage at times of lowest marginal emissions, discharge at times of high marginal emissions
- Dispatch storage preferentially on poor air quality days
- Siting strategies initially include using storage instead of:
 - Repowering old plants
 - Siting new plants
- Targeted policies include:
 - Cap-and-trade funds directed to disadvantaged communities
 - Pilot projects
 - Combining air quality, clean energy, equity, and grid services funding to enable projects

PSE is developing a California power plant mapping tool which incorporates all of these data and more. Stay tuned! <u>www.psehealthyenergy.org</u> krieger@psehealthyenergy.org



Total Population: 207,252

	California	Oxnard
People of color	61%	86%
Latino	39%	74%
Immigrant	27%	38%
Undocumented	7%	17%
Less than high school	18%	34%
Less than bachelors	69%	84%
Non-English at home	44%	68%
Under 18 years old	25%	30%



History of Environmental Justice Struggles in Oxnard

- 1999 lawsuit from Rio Mesa school, Oxnard now #1 in state for students attending school near highest levels of toxic agricultural pesticides
- 2004 Halaco toxic waste dumping site abandoned, 2007 designated EPA Superfund Site
- 2007 Oxnard community defeats proposed BHP Billiton liquefied natural gas terminal
- All of Ventura County's power plants in Oxnard, community fights McGrath Peaker unsuccessfully in 2012





















EDITORIALS

Editorial: Oxnard power plant approval seems inevitable

Section 2016 Posted: July 02, 2016

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There seems to be a growing air of inevitability about the new power plant project at Mandalay Beach.



Editorial: Is Puente a turning point in our energy future?

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