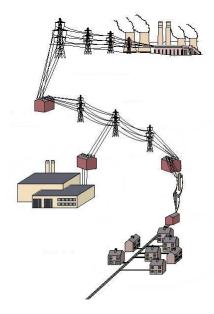
# Regional vs. Utility Planning



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## Outline

- Adequate vs. Economical
- Interpreting the Load/Resource Balance
- Assessing Hourly Needs

# Adequate vs. Economical

## • Issue:

- Adequacy assessment says power system OK
- Plan says to acquire (conservation and RPS)

## • Discussion:

- Adequate because of large market supply
- Plan recognizes
  - RPS is required
  - Conservation is very cost effective
  - Shouldn't depend too much on the market

## • Conclusion:

- Adequacy is an early warning system, not a target
- Plan is the desired resource strategy

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# Interpreting L/R Balance

### • Issue:

- Utility L/R Balance shows deficit
- Adequacy L/R Balance shows large surplus

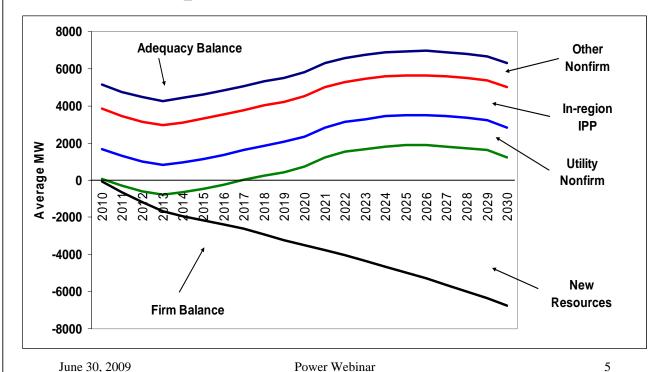
## • Discussion:

- Utility balance includes firm utility resources only
- Adequate balance includes
  - In-region IPP market supply
  - Out-of-region market supply
  - Non-firm hydro
  - Full availability for resources
  - New plan resources

### • Conclusion:

- Adequacy balance only useful as an early warning system
- Utility balance can be useful as an initial assessment for need

# **Energy Load/Resource Balance Expected Build-Out Schedule**



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## **Assessing Hourly Needs**

### • Issue:

- Adequacy RM is very high
- Utilities believe capacity needs are more eminent

### • Discussion:

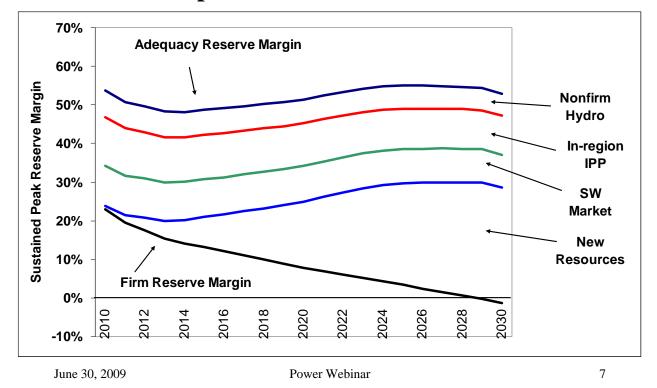
- Adequacy RM
  - Includes non-firm resources
  - Targets based on LOLP analysis
  - Based on 18-hour sustained period
  - Does not include within-hour needs
- Utilities
  - Are more familiar with single hour RM
  - Include firm resources only

### Conclusion:

- Adequacy Forum will review methodology
- Firm RM useful for needs assessment but threshold not defined
- Will need to incorporate within-hour needs somehow

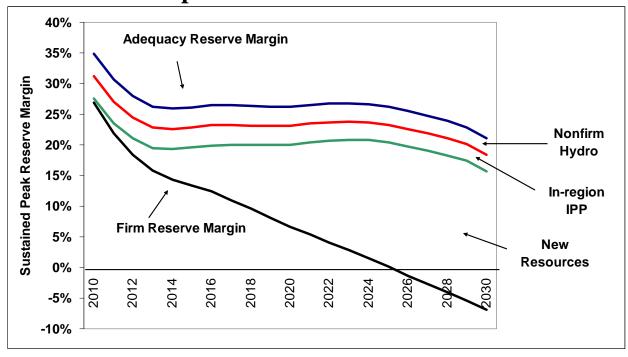
## **January Capacity Reserve Margin**

## **Expected Build-Out Schedule**



# **July Capacity Reserve Margin**

## **Expected Build-Out Schedule**



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