The Cloudy Face of the Electricity Future

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Solid Capacity Factor in 2016

- U.S. reactors 2016
 capacity factor:
 91.5%*
- Nuclear plants generated 805 billion kWh in 2016*
- Average refueling outage duration declined again:
 - 2016: 35 days
 - 2015: 36 days
 - 2014: 37 days



Source: Energy Information Administration





(the ISO's Building A Sustainable Energy Future; 2014-2016 Strategic Plan)











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Customer Sited Generation Will Impact Local and System Level T&D Infrastructure Planning



The need for (seasonal) electricity storage will be exacerbated with increasing penetration of intermittent renewables.





Recognizing Nuclear Energy's Carbon-Free Value

U.S. Electric Power Industry CO₂ Avoided *Million Metric Tons 2015*





Impacts of Losing A Nuclear Plant

- A typical nuclear power plant:
- 400-700 permanent jobs plus equivalent number of indirect jobs in local area to support the plant
- Plant salaries 36% higher than average in the local area
- \$16 million per year in state and local taxes





Better Deal for Consumers ... Existing Nuclear or New Combined Cycle Gas?



Levelized Cost New Combined Cycle

Sources: Existing nuclear costs are 2015 total generating costs (fuel, O&M, capital) from Electric Utility Cost Group. Gas-fired combined cycle costs are levelized costs from (1) Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2016;* (2) IHS North American Power Market Outlook, September 30, 2016; (3) Lazard, *Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis*, 9.0, 2015.



NuScale's "Walk-Away-Safe" Design





Add More Modules as Needed





TerraPower's Traveling Wave







