

# Status of Power Storage in ERCOT

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### **About ERCOT**

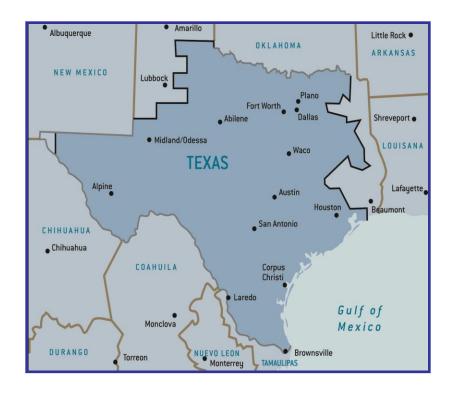
75% of Texas land area

Includes Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, Corpus Christi, Abilene and the Rio Grande Valley

#### Does not include:

- El Paso area
- Texas Panhandle
- Northeast Texas
  - Longview, Marshall and Texarkana
- Southeast Texas
  - Beaumont, Port Arthur, and the Woodlands

85% of Texas load, 22 million Texans served



40,000 miles of Transmission Lines

more than 550 Generation Units

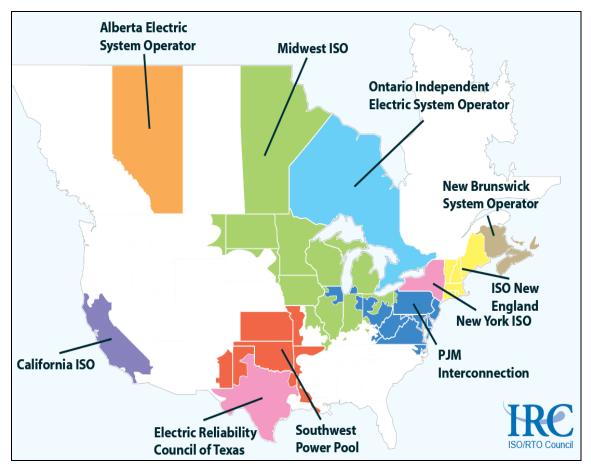
65,776 MWs - peak set 08/23/2010

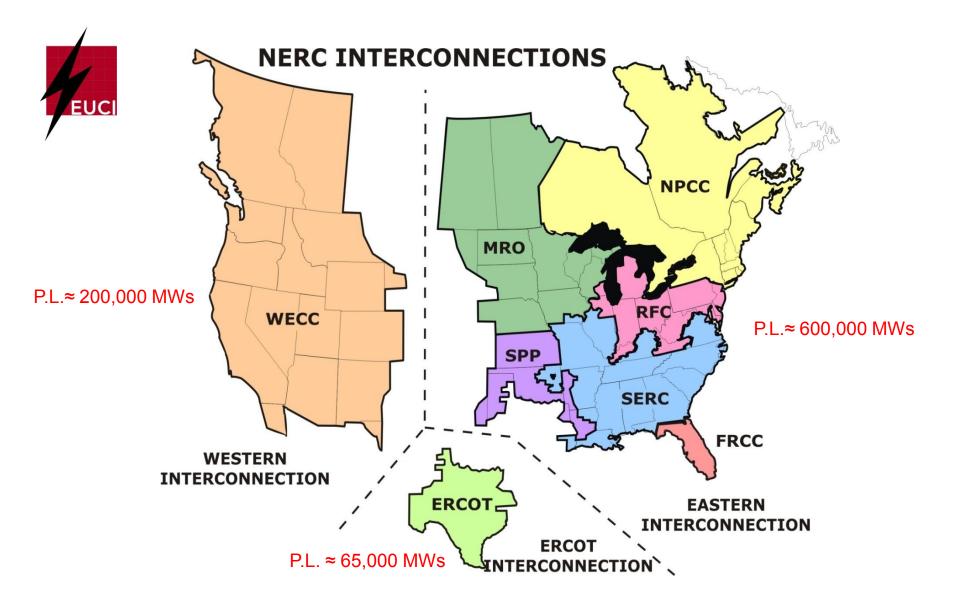


## **About ERCOT**

## 10 Independent System Operators / Regional Transmission Operators in North America

1996 - ERCOT was designated Independent **System Operator** (ISO) to insure impartial, thirdparty organization to oversee equal access to power grid.







## **ERCOT's Unique**

- Larger and more frequent frequency deviations
- Regulation not dispatched to control ACE but rather ACE and input into the dispatch algorithm
- Regulation can be dispatched in the same direction for extended periods (problematic for some storage technologies)
- Nodal Design
  - Generation Resource when putting to grid
  - Load Resource when taking from grid
  - Only Generation Resources and Controllable Load Resources can provide Regulation Service
  - Energy from Load Resources are settled at Load Zone Settlement Price Points (SPPs)



### Storage Technologies in ERCOT Stakeholder Discussions

- Battery Storage
- Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)
- Flywheel



#### **Energy Storage Issues**

- ERCOT Protocols written for conventional thermal generation
- Qualification test need to be modified for limited energy storage resources
- High Sustained Limit test (Maximum resource capability) must be changed
- Settlement changes
- Currently require registration as both Generation Resource (discharging state) and Load Resource (charging state)
- Dispatch
- Current regulation dispatch algorithm dampens Regulation deployment (reduces the value of fast responding technologies)
- Current design requires the QSEs to manage the discharging and charging state by changing participation factors.
- Limited energy technologies can only provide regulation as part of a larger portfolio under current design.



## Electricity (Power) Storage issues working through stakeholder process

**Emerging Technologies Working Group (ETWG)** 

http://www.ercot.com/committees/board/tac/wms/etwg/



## Questions?

