# Resource Counting: Recap for Solar, Wind, Hybrids

**August 23, 2022** 





### PG&E Proposal: Solar and Wind

#### Given data and analysis presented to date:

- Exceedance-based approach: Selected based on analysis of solar and wind performance on "high-load days" in summer months
  - Alternative methods have small datasets
  - Alternative methods haven't demonstrated that high-load days in non-summer months presents greatest reliability risk in those months
- Exceedance level: 70% across all months and hours
  - High enough to eliminate much of the discrepancy between the exceedance level and high-load days profile
  - Conservative enough to address concerns with performance within months and hours
  - Calibration could still be performed as part of PRM-setting process
- Data: Five years of CAISO production data, adjusted for economic curtailments
  - Modeled data from IRP has profiles that are fairly different from CAISO data
- Aggregation level: Technology type and geography (e.g. fixed v. tracking and NP15 / SP 15)
  - Data is available to do this level of aggregation
  - Presents a compromise between more general categories and resource-specific



### Exceedance-Based Approach: Background

#### Review solar and wind performance under stressed grid conditions

 PG&E's approach looks at the top 5 load days each month (30 datapoints for each hour in each month over a 6-year dataset)

#### **Process**

- 1. Identify the top 5 highest load days in each month during the historical period
- 2. Review solar and wind performance during those days (across all hours) and convert to capacity factors using installed capacity at the time
- 3. Average data across all years to arrive at a high-load day profile
- 4. Set up exceedance profiles that can be easily adjusted or optimized
- 5. Compare the high-load day performance to the exceedance production at each level
- 6. Select the exceedance level that best matches the high-load day profile



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### Exceedance-Based Approach: Example Steps

Steps 1-3: Average solar generation on high-load days (2015-2020, capacity factor)

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- Negative values (green) indicates that less solar is counted in that exceedance level than expected from the high-load day analysis
- Positive values (red) indicates that more solar is counted in that exceedance level than expected from the high-load day analysis



# Exceedance-Based Approach: Comparing Competing Proposals

#### **PG&E Steps**

Steps 1-3: develop high-load day profiles

Steps 4-6: compare to exceedance data to identify appropriate exceedance level

Resource Counting Output = Hourly exceedance value (12x24)

Other Approaches:

CalWEA, NRDC Worst-Day, NRDC LOLE-Informed

Stop after developing <u>high-load day profiles</u>



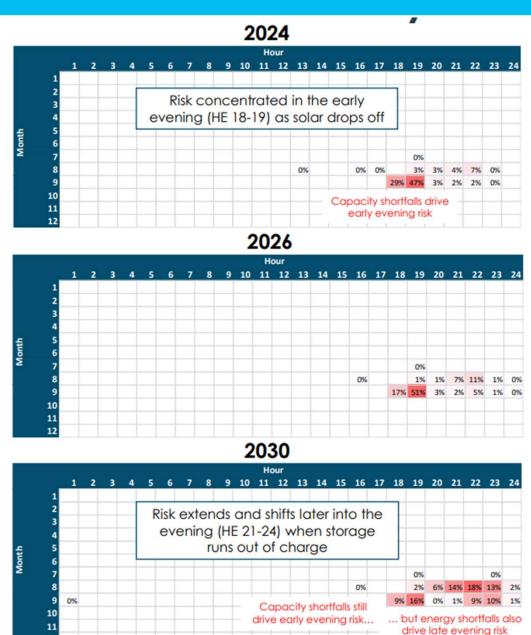
### Exceedance-Based Approach: Problems w/ Using High-Load Day Profiles

- Small Dataset: Results in a small dataset that would lead to greater profile changes when updated
  - Five highest load days across five years of data results in 25 data points for each hour
  - Exceedance has 150 data points
  - Unusual performance in any given year will have a greater impact on a highload day profile while an exceedance-based one will be much more stable
    - A more stable profile creates greater certainty for all parties: developers, resources owners, LSEs
- Unclear Reliability Risk in Non-Summer Months:
  - High-load days are the clear reliability risk in summer months
  - Not clear this is the case in other months (e.g. cloudy day risk)
  - Charging sufficiency will increasingly be important



### Exceedance Level: Hours of Greatest Concern - LOLE Hours

- Previously we looked at summer late afternoon / evening hours to identify hours of greatest concern
- We reviewed IRP LOLE study results to focus on critical reliability hours
- Graphs at right are loss of load hours from IRP LOLE study
- September HE18 and 19 are most critical now, but these risks shift to later hours in August and September by 2030



Source: IRP MAG Webinar (7/19/22), ED, slide 71



### Exceedance Level: LOLE Hours and Solar / Wind Performance

70% strikes a reasonable balance between solar and wind performance on high load days and LOLE hours

#### 70% Exceedance - High-load day profile for Solar

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### Exceedance Level: Other Considerations

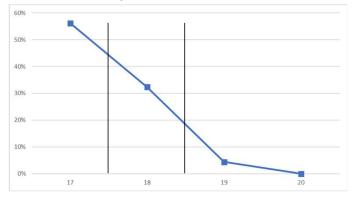
#### Distribution across the month and hours:

- Distribution of high-load days across the month
  - Early September has better solar production than late September
  - Late August has worse solar production than early August
  - Assuming average production across the month could leave the system short early or late in the month
- Distribution of production across hours
  - Solar production falls off quickly in evening hours
  - Hourly production is total production for that hour
  - Large decreases in production within an hour in the evening could result in insufficient supply at the end of the hour
- Can this be resolved?
  - More granular accounting (no one has the appetite for subhourly or sub-monthly)
  - Likely best addressed through more conservative counting

High-load day observations distribution across August and September

Bins	August	September
Days 1-10	8	19
Days 11-20	13	4
Days 21-31	9	7

70% solar exceedance profile for September HE17-20



#### **PRM Calibration:**

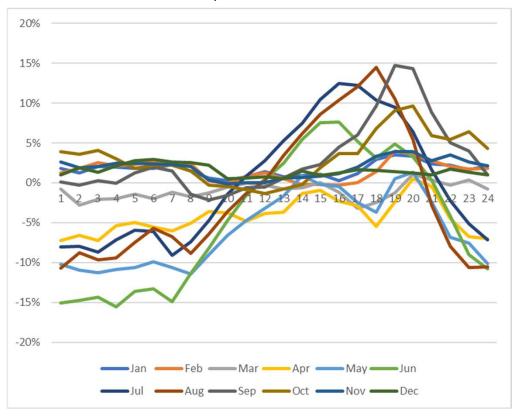
- Key objective in selecting a counting methodology is to ensure the resource isn't leaning on the system or has an unduly conservative approach relative to other resource types
- Higher or lower exceedance levels could be tested in PRM-setting process to test 70% exceedance value relative to Pcap or ELCC value



### Data: Summary

- Years of Data:
  - Five years
- CAISO OASIS production data or modeled:
  - CAISO Production
  - Modeled data from IRP has profiles that are fairly different from CAISO data; if modeled data is used, a more in-depth analysis of the differences between modeled and production data should be undertaken
- Adjustments:
  - Adjusted for economic curtailments, if possible
  - Profiles shouldn't be penalized for curtailed production due to low prices

Difference in capacity factors between IRP wind profiles and 70% exceedance wind profiles





# Aggregation Level: Summary

#### Several options to perform solar and wind analysis:

- Aggregate "solar" and "wind"
- Aggregate subcategory: technology type, geography, or a combination of the two
- Individual resource level

#### Proposal:

- Aggregate subcategories:
  - Solar:
    - Tracking
    - Fixed
  - Wind:
    - NP 15
    - SP 15
    - Out of state (need input from industry on number of categories)



### **Hybrid Resource Counting**

PG&E's proposal offers the most administratively straightforward approach to accurately count hybrid capacity contributions for resources with charging restrictions

#### PG&E Proposal for Hybrid Resources with Charging Restrictions

- Retain existing rules and methodology but apply new counting methodology, e.g. exceedance, to determine charging sufficiency and to count excess production
- Methodology used to determine sufficient charging capacity accounts for losses
- All renewable capacity is used for charging, even if all of it isn't deliverable
  - Limited or no deliverability for renewable component of resource with charging restrictions is not problematic (excess shouldn't be counted for RA though)

#### CESA Proposal to Use Energy-Only Counting for Standalone Storage

- Violates important RA program rules
- Fails to account for material differences between hybrid and standalone resources

#### Inflation Reduction Act Signed Into Law

- Expands ITC eligibility to storage resources, may limit the number of resources subject to charging restrictions
- How many resources will still be subject to charging restrictions?