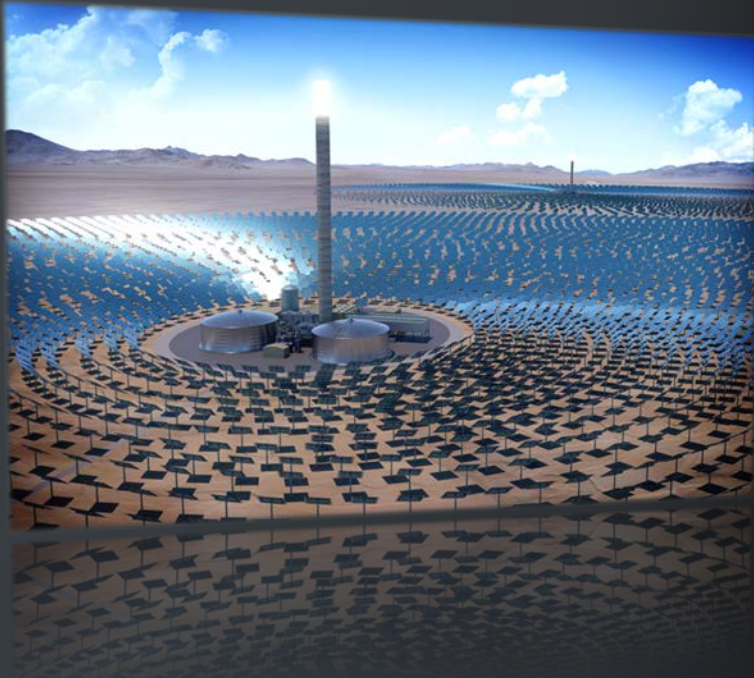


# Austin Energy Storage & Dispatchable Renewables Update

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## Discussion Topics



### Resource Planning

Austin Energy conducts resource planning on a periodic basis to ensure the latest technologies and processes are leveraged to meet our goals in a cost effective manner



### Primer on Storage

Integrating energy storage with renewable generation at the utility-scale level is critical for a clean energy economy



### Austin Energy Efforts

Austin Energy is an international leader in the advancement of energy storage technology and renewable energy



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## Resource Planning





***Resource Planning*** is an approach used by utilities to plan for meeting ***future energy demand*** in the most ***cost-effective*** way.

The Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2027 outlines the City Council's strategic goals for the utility's environmental and economic leadership and represents a combined, extensive effort of the Austin community.

#### **Characteristics of Austin Energy's Resource Planning**

- Based on quantitative analyses of risks, costs and opportunities
- Flexible and dynamic to respond to changing conditions
- Built on a foundation of previous actions

# Austin Energy Resource Plan

## The Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2027 – Emerging Technology and Energy Storage section states:

- Commit to achieving 30 MW of local thermal storage by 2027, and a minimum of 10 MW of electric storage by 2025 ... *develop roadmap based on lessons from SHINES*
- Study the costs, benefits, risks and potential rate impacts of achieving a more aggressive electric storage goal ... 50 and 100 MWs by 2027
- Study the technical and economic feasibility of emerging technologies, including *dispatchable renewable energy technologies\**, battery storage, compressed air energy storage (CAES), aggregated demand response, and Vehicle-to-Grid

*\*renewable plants such as Concentrated Solar that are similar to thermal plants in their dispatch operating capabilities*



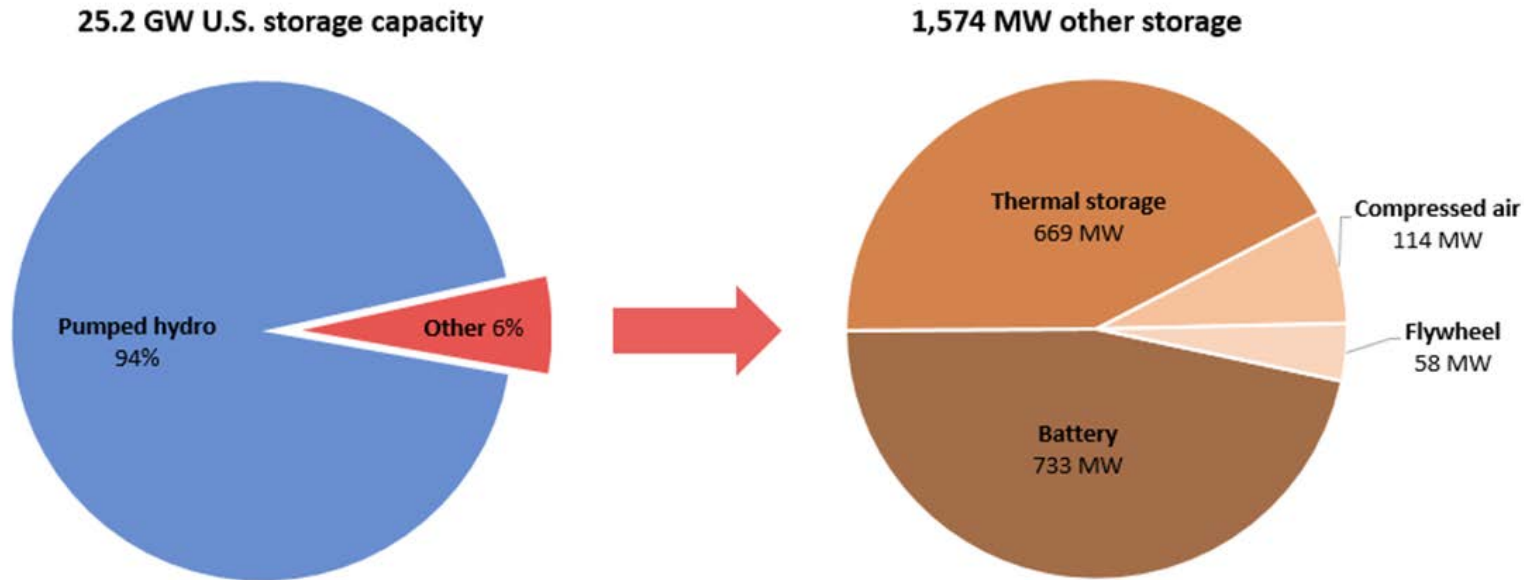
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## Primer on Storage



# Types of Storage

Electricity Storage Capacity in the United States,  
by Type of Storage Technology



Source: U.S. Department of Energy Global Energy Storage Database (March 1, 2018)

## Austin Energy Owned Energy Storage

Thermal	18 MW
Battery	3.19 MW*

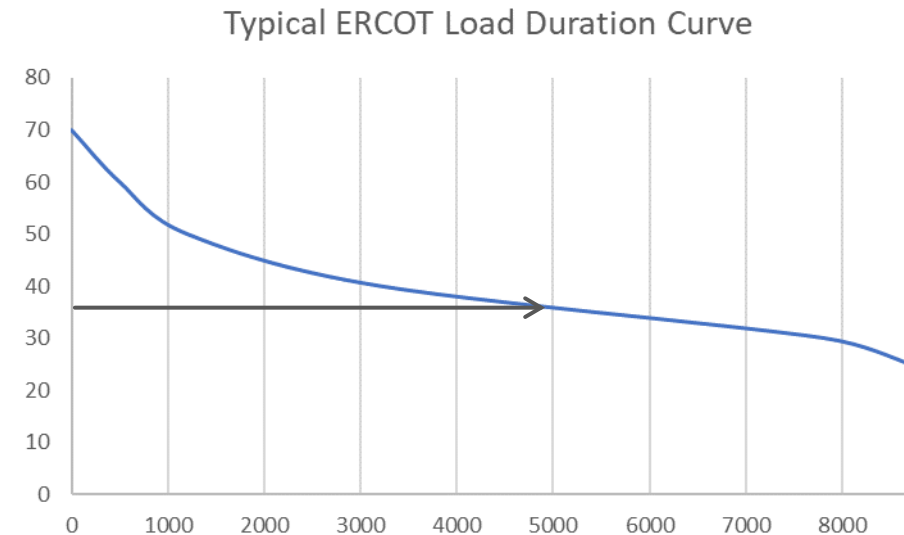
\*By year end 2018

By 2025, Austin Energy looks to achieve:  
10 MWs of Electrical Storage &  
20 MWs of Thermal storage



# The History of Storage in the Electric Industry

- Current storage capacity can store less than a 10% of total US electric production and about 1% of total renewable energy production
- Without significant storage, electricity is the only commodity where supply and demand must match perfectly every second of the day
  - System is built to peak demand with margin
  - Contributes to a low utilization factor



*About half of total system capacity is only used for half the total hours in the year*



# The History of Storage in the Electric Industry

Recent advancements in Li-Ion technology driven by the Electric Vehicle industry offers new possibilities in storage

1. High storage density requiring a smaller footprint
2. Modular
3. Instantaneous response allows for digital controls and multiple use-cases
4. Declining costs
5. However is limited in duration



*Austin Energy Li-Ion Batteries at the Kingsbery Substation as part of the SHINES project*

# Where Storage Can Be Used

## Behind the Meter

- Can help a customer manage costs while offering resiliency in case of an outage

## Distribution Substation

- Can help a utility increase its reliability, power quality and manage cost

## Wholesale – Coupled to Solar and Wind

- Can help firm up renewables (dispatchable renewables)
- Provide reliability and arbitrage off peak and on peak prices



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## Austin Energy Efforts



# Storage Efforts at Austin Energy

## Comprehensive Consultant Study

- Studies multiple use cases for storage and dispatchable renewables

## SHINES

- The #1 Department of Energy funded project in the country to test multiple storage use cases on the Austin Energy distribution system

## Annual Request For Proposal Process

- Tests the market for proposed projects of Solar + Storage and Wind + Storage

## Thermal Storage Buildout



# Consultant Study – September 2018

Analyzed many different business models for

- Storage
- Solar + Storage
- Wind + Storage
- Gas Turbine + Storage
- Compressed Air Energy Storage & Concentrated Solar

Study looks to compare Internal Rate of Returns on various business models

## Example Case Study: Behind the Meter (BTM) Customer Sited Storage

A BTM 1-hour battery that performs:

- 4-Coincident Peak (CP) Mitigation: charges at the flat retail rate and discharges during CP and near-CP events to reduce 4-CP related charges
- Responsive Reserve Service (RRS): Is registered with ERCOT and bid into the Day Ahead Market for specified periods as a price taker and is compensated with revenue from RRS capacity payments
- Volt / VAR\*: provides load or feeder reliability
- Resiliency: provides resiliency for the load for a specific duration of time

*\*Volt-ampere reactive*



# SHINES Use Cases

Application	Benefit
Utility Peak Load Reduction	Lower Transmission Cost of Service (TCOS) Obligation
Day-Ahead Energy Arbitrage	Price differences creates economic value
Real-time Price Dispatch	Economic value from real-time price spikes
Voltage Support	Reduce losses & defer investment in other voltage control equipment
Congestion Management	Increase local grid reliability
Demand Charge Reduction	Customer's demand charges reduced

*\*American National Standards Institute*



# Request For Proposal Responses

## Strong response to our RFP

- 26 companies
- 45 unique projects
- Over 275 proposal variations

## Multiple ownership structures

- Solar coupled with storage as a fixed \$/MWH
- Solar coupled with storage with a fixed capacity payment
- Stand alone storage as a fixed capacity payment
- Stand alone storage as a build and transfer

## Predominately Lithium Ion chemistry

## Ranges in size and duration

- 10 MW to 100 MW
- Durations of less than 1 hour to 4 hour (or longer)



Source: [350massmetrowest.org](http://350massmetrowest.org)



# District Cooling Thermal Storage Locations





# Moving from a Traditional Power System to an Integrated Grid

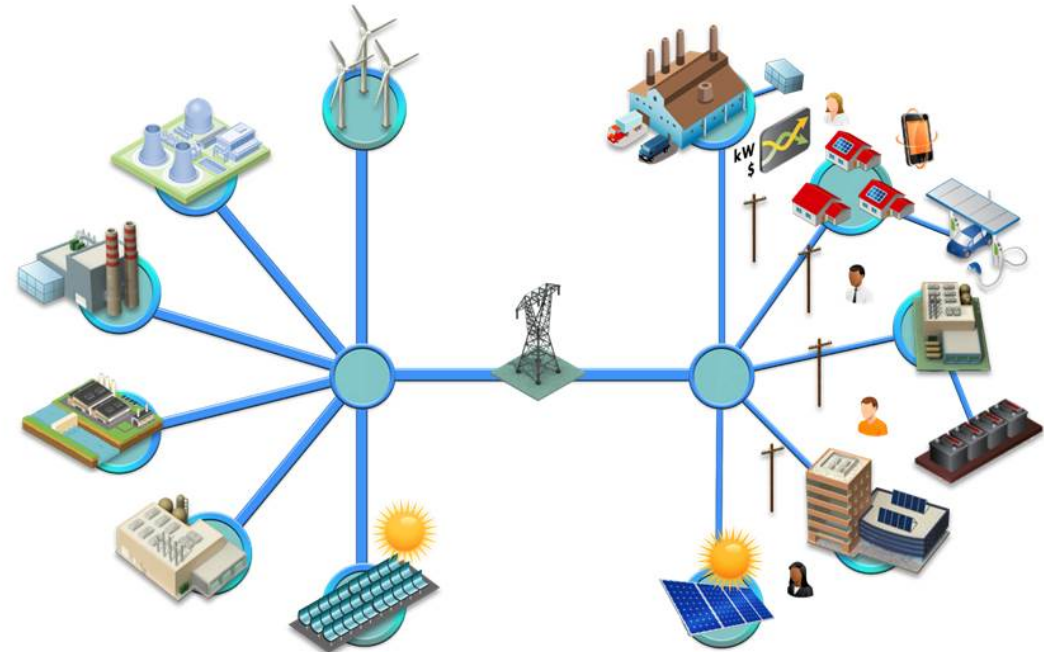
## The integrated grid is...

- Dynamic
- Increased low marginal priced energy
- Has excess energy not necessarily at the right time

## The grid will need...

- More electrification  
*EVs, Indoor agriculture, heat pumps*
- Flexible loads  
*Data Centers, Water treatment plants*
- Storage
- More control and visibility
- Capacity to handle growth

## Reimagining the Power System of the Future



Less Dispatchable, Less Forecastable, More Dynamic

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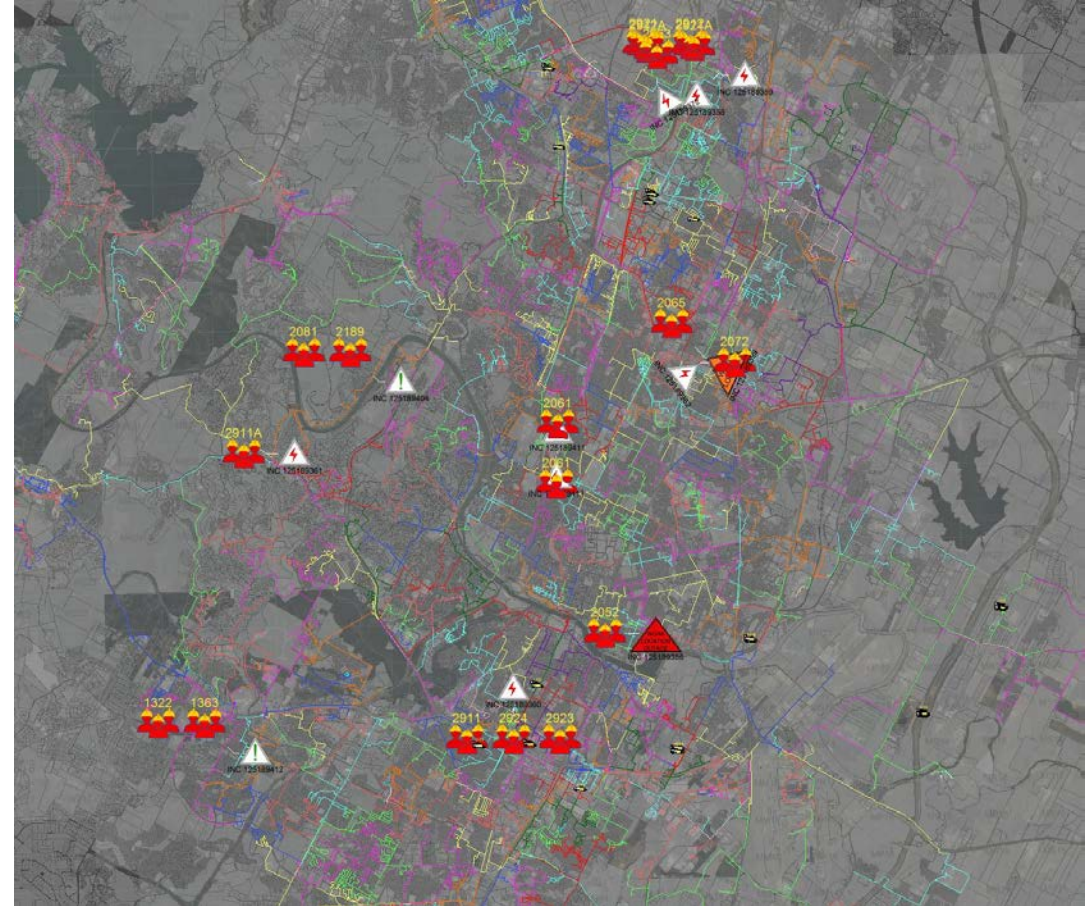
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# Storage as Part of an Advanced Distribution System Technology Ecosystem

Austin Energy is building an industry leading technology backbone on the distribution system

- Deployed an Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) integrated with its Advanced Metering infrastructure
- Provides first of a kind visibility and situational awareness into the distribution system
- The ability to plan, analyze, restore and control remotely and automatically

Future storage assets can be leveraged by these technologies as control capabilities evolve



*Geospatial view of AE's ADMS system*

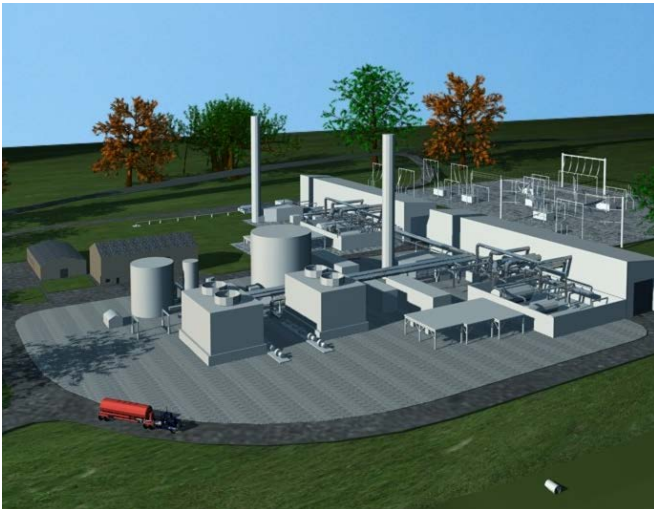


# Preliminary Results on Dispatchable Renewables



## Concentrated Solar

- Studying cost and operations of several projects built in the US
- Studying cost and operations of recent international builds
- Collaborating with National Renewables Energy (NREL) Lab on a cost and operations model sited in Texas
- Maintaining open communications with interested stakeholders



## Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)

- Have received and analyzed bids from multiple RFPs
- Meet on a frequent basis with interested developers
- Analyzed as a scenario in the previous resource plan and to be included as a scenario in the upcoming plan



# Next Steps

## 1. Develop roadmap for storage deployment based on learnings from SHINES, studies, and RFP responses including dispatchable renewables

- What type and how much storage should we deploy?
- When should the storage be deployed based on future cost curves and ability to leverage this technology?
- Which use cases best advance AE's goal to increase reliability, deliver customer value and clean energy?

## 2. Perform studies as detailed by the AE 2016 Resource Plan

## 3. Continue with Thermal Storage build as part of the district cooling system





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