

# PUET COMMITTEE CARBON FREE TECHNOLOGIES OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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#### **OVERVIEW**

- UAMPS members
- UAMPS resource profile from 2019-2030
- Mechanics/dispatchability
- Baseload power supplies
- Land use
- Transmission
- Cost
- Jobs/Economic development





Idaho Falls Idaho Energy Authority OREGON **IDAHO** 

WYOMING

Lower Valley Energy

#### **LEGEND**

### **UAMPS**

Donner

- 49 members in 7 western states
- 27 members participating in Carbon Free Power Project (SMR project)



**COLORADO** 

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA)

Gallup

Los Alamos

**NEW MEXI** 

**ARIZONA** 

# UAMPS PROJECTS

#### **Transmission Projects**

**Hunter Project** – *coal-fired* 

San Juan Project – coal-fired

**IPP Project** – coal fired

Payson Project – natural gas

**Natural Gas Project** 

**CRSP Project** – hydro

- Provo River hydro
- Olmsted hydro

**Horse Butte Wind Project** – wind

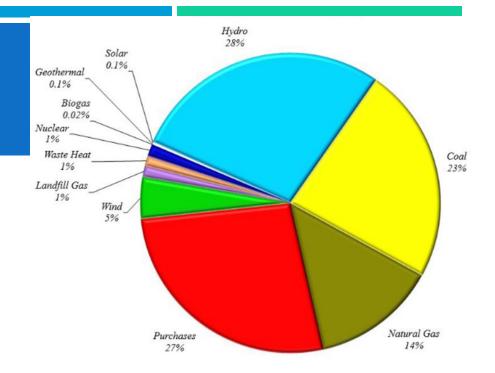
• HBW 2 - wind

#### Firm Power Supply Project

- Pleasant Valley wind
- Patua geothermal and solar
- Red Mesa Tapaha —solar
- Steel -solar
- **Enchant** carbon capture sequestration

**Veyo Project** – waste heat

**Carbon Free Power Project** – small modular nuclear reactors



**UAMPS** Resources by Types: 2020

(includes member owned/contract resources)

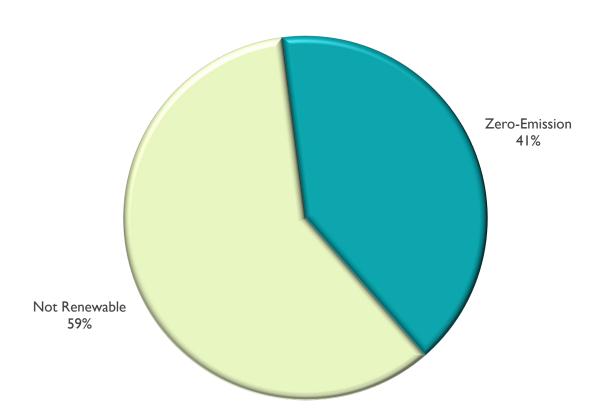
#### **Transmission Projects**

Central-St. George Project
Craig-Mona Transmission Project



### **UAMPS RESOURCE PROFILE 2019**

#### **UAMPS Zero-Emission Resources 2019**

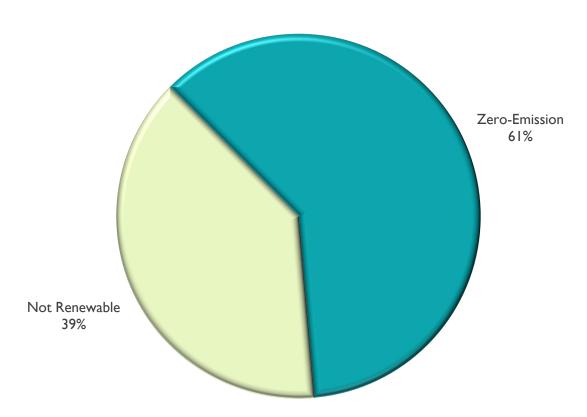


[NOTE: 31% Hydro and 59% Coal/Natural gas – 90% dispatchable resources]



# **UAMPS RESOURCE PROFILE 2030 (WITH NUCLEAR AND OTHER RENEWABLES)**

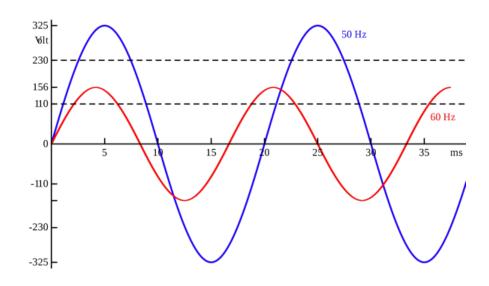
#### **UAMPS Zero-Emission Resources 2030**





# THE MECHANICS OF POWER MATTER – IT IS SCIENCE

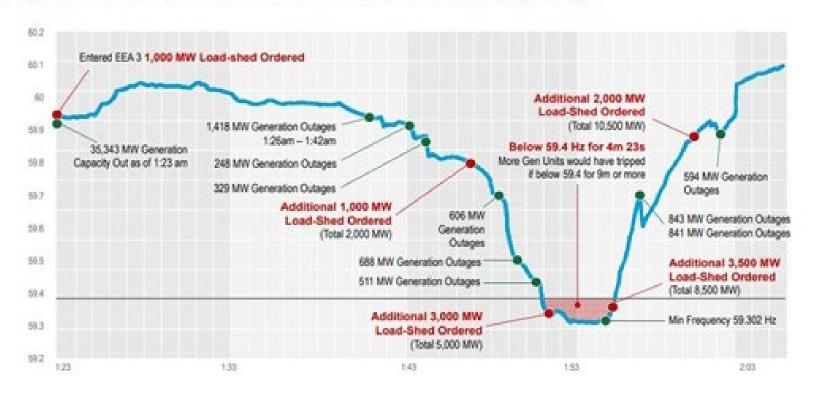
- The electric grid must always be balancedload must balance
- OBalance or grid stability is measured by an equilibrium point, a frequency of 60 Hertz
- OA slight imbalance can lead to blackouts no less than 59.95 Hz or more than 60.05 Hz
- OBalance is maintained by grid operators and baseload
- ORenewables intermittency if not planned can risk imbalance





#### TEXASTEST CASE

#### Rapid Decrease in Generation Causes Frequency Drop

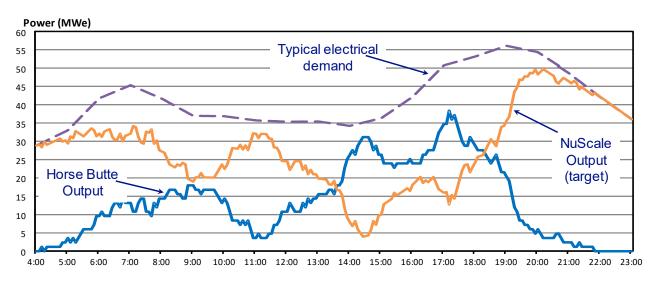


Source: ERCOT



# RENEWABLES NEED FIRMING – HORSE BUTTE WIND FARM EXAMPLE

"Renewable sources exacerbate challenges to frequency stability and grid reliability because of their variable and uncertain operation" NREL



NuScale's SMR is able to ramp quickly allowing for higher penetration of renewables

- Study used Typical Electrical Demand based on 24 hour output (Nov. 11, 2014)
- NuScale design meets or exceeds EPRI Utility Requirements Document (URD), Rev. 13, load following and other ancillary service requirements.



### LAND USE



### **ENERGY/LAND USE COMPARISON**

## **UAMPS** Horse Butte Wind Farm

Acres: 17,600

Nameplate capacity: 57.6 MW

Capacity factor: 30-35%



• Acres: 65

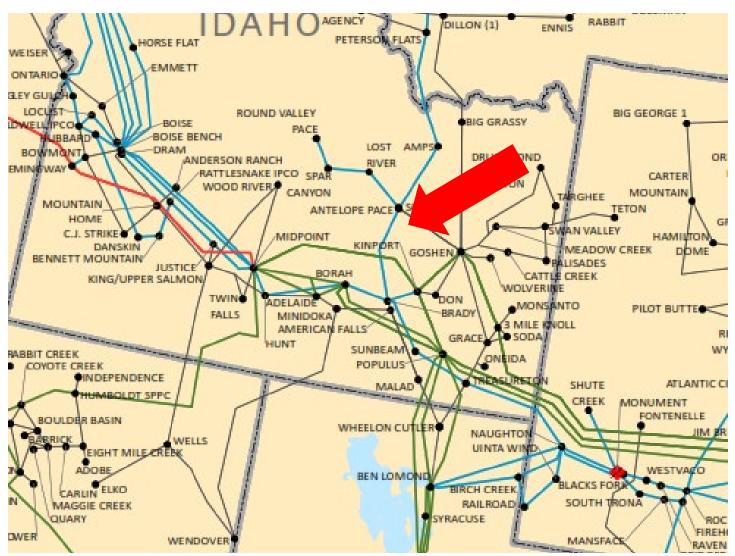
Nameplate capacity: 462 MW

Capacity factor: 95%





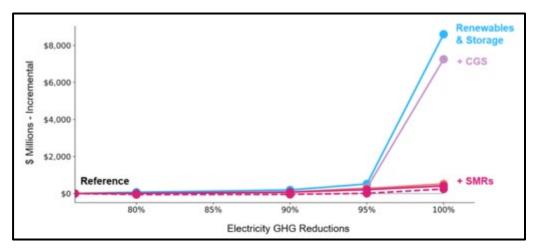
#### **TRANSMISSION**





#### **ECONOMIC COST STABILITY**

- Forecasting the price of electricity can be difficult and especially in a carbonconstrained regulatory environment
- Least cost method evaluating replacement for coal generation
- \$58/MWh became the benchmark
   LCOE cost
- UAMPS and its members continue to invest in renewables and that part of the generation mix is increasing
- Batteries and renewables will at current rates prove to be more expensive according to E3 study in Northwest

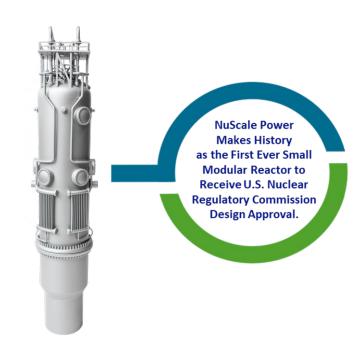


Relative costs to decarbonize with SMRs versus



### NRC Licensing

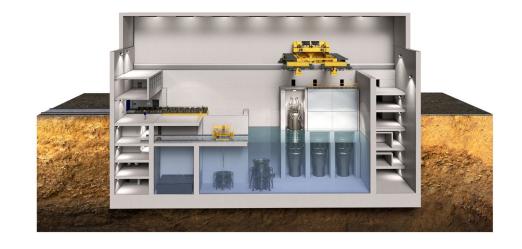
- August 2020 NPM Design
   Approval: NRC issues "Final Safety Evaluation Report" (FSER)
- August 2021: Anticipated date by which NuScale will receive full design certification
- 2022: Anticipated date for "Standard Design Application" (SDA) for 77 MWper-module design
- 2024: Anticipated date for "Combined License Application" (COLA)





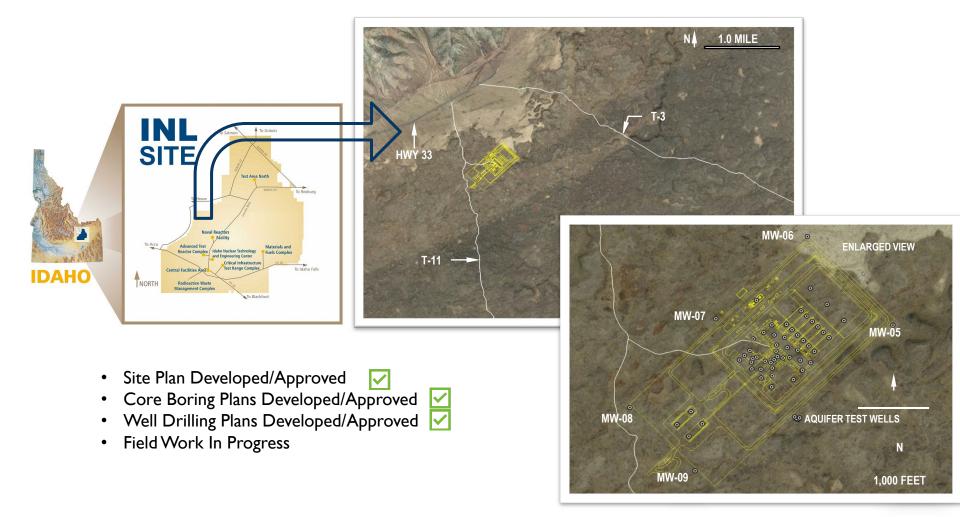
#### 6-PACK CONFIGURATION DECISION

- Total gross output of 462MWe
- Easier path to 100% subscription
- Price Target at \$58/MWh
- Economies of scale are slightly reduced with 6 NPM Configuration at \$58/MWh
  - LCOE calculation (MWhs) decreases by 25% while the numerator (\$ costs) decreases by 20.9%
  - 100% reimbursement up to Combined License Application (COLA) submittal
- LCOE is still an exceptional price for carbon-free, dispatchable (always available) electric power





# SITE CHARACTERIZATION WORK CONTINUES ON SCHEDULE



#### **SUBSCRIPTION STATUS**

27\* UAMPS Members Signed PSC 101 MW

I Washington Utility Signed LOI 150 MW

I Arizona Utility Signed LOI 25 MW

7 Other Utilities Working on LOI's 237 MW

Current TOTAL Interest 513 MW

**PSC - Power Sales Contract** 

LOI - Letter of Intent (used for due diligence process between UAMPS and interested parties)

\*Beaver City rejoined the project and Lassen Municipal Utility District



QUESTIONS?