## Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission 2021 Winter Reliability Forum





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# **aes** Indiana Team







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- 528 square miles  $\rightarrow$
- 8 counties in Indiana  $\rightarrow$
- 512,000 regulated  $\rightarrow$ customers
  - 451,735 Residential
  - 55,239 Commercial
  - 4,567 Industrial

# **aes** Indiana Winter Capacity Reserve Margin



AES Indiana generation based on Unforced Capacity UCAP accreditation for MISO 2021-22 Planning Year

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#### Completing 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 7-Year Plan designed to achieve:

- → Fewer outages and shorter
  duration of outages
- $\rightarrow$  Improved reliability
- → A more resilient system to face
  growing energy needs





### Generation: Our fleet is winterized



Well Pump Heat Trace



Heat Trace Control Panel



Auxiliary Boiler



### Generation: Proactive management of extreme weather

#### 2 Months Out

- $\rightarrow$  Preventive maintenance testing and verify all freeze protection devices/equipment are in working order
- $\rightarrow$  Review natural gas precautions and action with supplier
- $\rightarrow$  Repair any damaged enclosures that would be subject to harsh weather conditions
- $\rightarrow$  Place appropriate mobile heaters in areas where they are needed

#### 1 Week Out

- $\rightarrow$  Internal discussions regarding staffing to address the coming cold weather issue either extreme cold or snowfall
- $\rightarrow$  Review cold weather cooling tower operating procedures with operations

- $\rightarrow$  Test run gas turbines 4 and 5 at Harding Street on oil
- $\rightarrow$  Implement cold weather operator rounds
- $\rightarrow$  Check for winter operations mode
- $\rightarrow$  Ensure fuel storage for heaters has been topped off

### 2 Days Out

### 1 Day Out

- $\rightarrow$  Schedule additional staffing around the clock for emergency response in extreme cold events
- $\rightarrow$  Run coal conveyors continuously
- $\rightarrow$  Run all pumps continuously that are vulnerable to extreme cold weather conditions



### T&D Operations: Proactive management of extreme weather

#### 7+ Days Out

 $\rightarrow$  Monitor Weather at least 7 days out, using National Weather Service and Private Weather Services

### 7-3 Days Out

- $\rightarrow$  Internal discussions taking place daily on operations & staffing
- $\rightarrow$  Transmission Operations begin looking at maintenance outages that can be recalled, return lines & equipment to service to the extent possible
- $\rightarrow$  Supply Chain begins checking critical materials levels for common storm restoration material

### 2 Days Out

 $\rightarrow$  Activate Storm Team  $\rightarrow$  Begin daily storm status calls

### 1 Day Out

- → Transmission Operations would declare Conservative **Operations** [Depending on the areas affected, MISO may also declare Conservative Operations for portions of the MISO footprint]
- $\rightarrow$  Schedule additional staffing around the clock for outage response, in extreme cold events, single man crews are doubled up
- $\rightarrow$  Schedule around the clock substation maintenance crews to respond to equipment issues
- $\rightarrow$  Activate and man Emergency **Operations Center if conditions** warrant



## Our hedging policies reduce price risk for customers, especially important during periods of rising fuel prices

#### Key drivers of rising fuel prices

- Increasing global demand  $\rightarrow$
- $\rightarrow$  Low inventories and tight logistics

#### Hedge program for coal units and baseload natural gas address price and supply reliability

- $\rightarrow$  Coal
  - Fixed price contracts for delivery entered-into over time
- Natural Gas  $\rightarrow$ 
  - Fixed price natural gas for Eagle Valley CCGT on Rockies Express ("REX") and Texas Gas Transmission ("TGT")



### We are prudently managing our fuel supply in current market conditions



- Onsite  $\rightarrow$ Inventories
  - Maintain onsite coal inventories to address potential supply disruptions - increase in winter
  - Increase fuel oil onsite in winter for Harding Street dual fuel units

Natural Gas  $\rightarrow$ Transportation

- Firm transportation on TGT pipeline
- REX pipeline purchases include firm transportation
  - Increases firm capacity overall – supports firm transport and reliability for Harding Street

#### Communication $\rightarrow$ with Supply and Logistics

- Be prepared get ready for the season internal and external

- During an event hypercommunicate to recognize and address issues in



- 20-day look forward monitor weather and plan for potential events
- addition to normal daily calls



#### MISO $\rightarrow$

- Follow MISO protocol
- Generation operators in continuous contact with MISO
- Monitor Multiday Operating ۲ Margin Forecast Report to anticipate critical days



## Actively engaging and providing support for customers



- → Energy Efficiency Programs
- → Budget Billing
- → Winter Assistance
- $\rightarrow$  Power of Change







# Q&A

