

NYISO Solar Forecasting Activities



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Roles of the NYISO

Reliable operation of the bulk electricity grid

 Managing the flow of power over 11,000 circuit-miles of transmission lines from more than 300 generating units

Administration of open and competitive wholesale electricity markets

Bringing together buyers and sellers of energy and related products and services

Planning for New York's energy future

Assessing needs over a 10-year horizon and evaluating projects proposed to meet those needs

Advancing the technological infrastructure of the electric system

 Developing and deploying information technology and tools to make the grid smarter

Current Outlook for Solar Power in New York

- 309 MW-DC of installed solar PV capacity by the end of 2014
 - Additional 63 MW-DC added through April 2015
- NY-Sun Initiative expects to achieve 3,000 MW-DC of behind-the-meter installed solar PV capacity by the year 2023
- The NYISO's 2015 Gold Book forecast is for the solar PV to have a peak load impact of 760 MW by 2023
 - Solar peak is from 12 noon to 1 pm in June Impact at 4 pm to 5 pm at system peak, typically in July, will be less



Impacts of Solar PV on New York Electric Grid

- Offsets other types of generation
- Reduces carbon dioxide and other emissions (as compared to equivalent fossil-fueled generation)
- Increases the variability of load in real time (due to intermittent nature of solar resource)





.... With a Corresponding Variability in Solar PV Output

Per-Unit AC Power at 15-minute Intervals



NYISO Solar Integration Study

- Develop new solar forecasting tools & methods
- Research the experiences of other independent system operators in addressing solar PV integration
- Evaluate solar generation variability and its impact on customer load
- Review operational impacts of various levels of solar and wind resources



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