
TVA's Energy System of the Future

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1920s: Hard Times in the Tennessee Valley



Improve Standards of Living



“ Power is really a secondary matter...TVA is primarily intended to *change* and to *improve* the standards of living of the people... ”

-President Franklin D. Roosevelt

TVA Mission

BUILT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE VALLEY

ENERGY

Electricity at the lowest feasible rate and highest feasible reliability

ENVIRONMENT

Stewardship of the natural resources for best use by the public

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To attract and retain good jobs and capital investment in the Valley



1933

TVA ACT SIGNED



1940s

HYDRO



1950s

FOSSIL



1960s

NUCLEAR



1970s

PUMPED STORAGE & GAS



2020+

TVA'S ENERGY SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE

Since its inception, TVA has innovated to meet the needs of the Valley.

Today and in the future, the Valley needs **affordable, reliable, resilient, and carbon-free energy** to lead the nation in energy innovation and economic development.



INNOVATING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE VALLEY

A Rich History of Innovation and Catalyst for Change



Agriculture Pre-1940

- Agriculture (Fertilizer)
- Rural Electrification
- River Management
- Hydro Production



Manufacturing 1940s – 1990s

- WWII Support
- Manufacturing
- Coal Generation
- Nuclear



Information 2000s - Current

- Advanced Nuclear
- Connected Communities
- Decarbonization
- Electric Vehicles
- Energy Efficiency
- Future Grid Performance
- Gas Generation
- Regional Grid Transformation
- Renewables/Wind
- Storage Integration



Energy Economy Future

- Advanced Nuclear
- Virtual Power Plants
- Widespread Electrification
- Hydrogen Economy
- Low/No Carbon Generation
- Digitization
- Cybersecurity
- Augmented/Virtual Reality
- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning

TVA System Today



Partnering with 153 local power companies that supply electricity to approximately 10 million people across seven Southeastern states with 57 directly served customers, including 50 industrial customers and 7 military and federal installations.

Generating Assets

- 3 Nuclear Sites (7 Units)
- 5 Coal-Fired Sites (25 Units)
- 29 Hydroelectric Sites (109 Units)
- 1 Pumped-Storage Site (4 Units)
- 9 Combustion Turbine Gas Sites (86 Units)
- 8 Combined Cycle Gas Sites (14 Units)
- 1 Co-Generation Unit
- 14 Solar Energy Sites

Largest Public Power Provider
In the United States

3rd Largest Electricity Generator in the Nation
Based on Total Electric Generation in 2020

One of the Nation's Largest Transmission Systems
In high voltage lines among United States Utilities
16,400 miles of high voltage lines and 69 interconnections with neighboring electric systems

3rd Largest Nuclear Fleet
In the United States, providing over 40% of TVA's energy

99.999% Reliability Since 2000
Top-decile industry performance

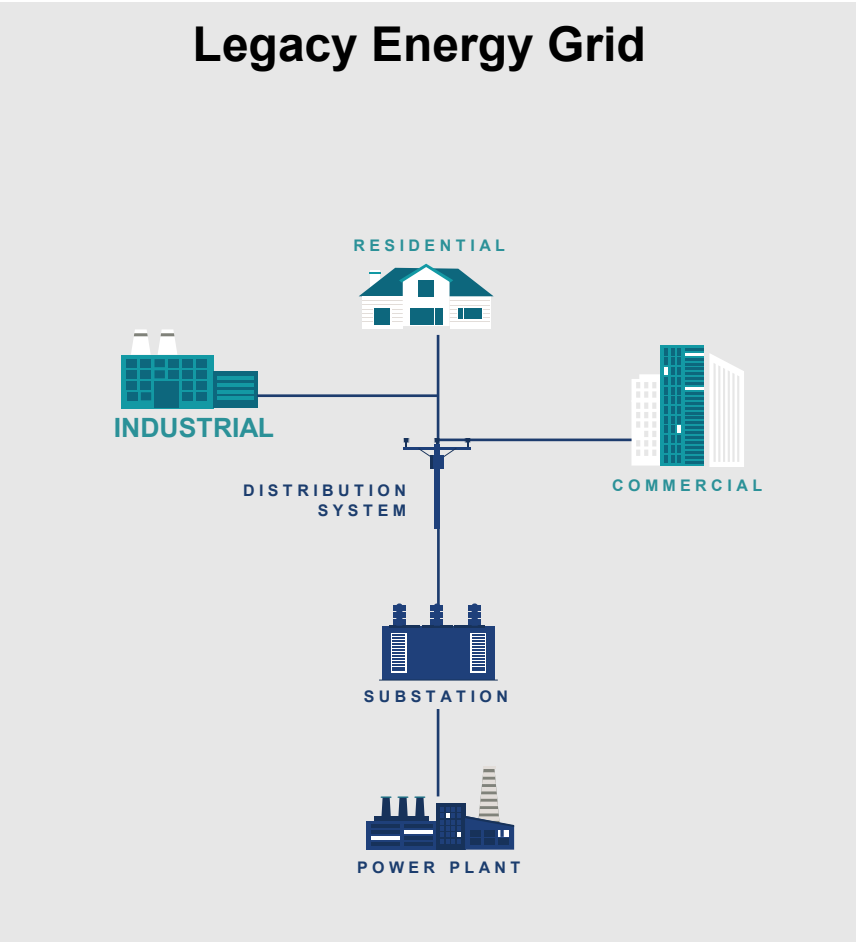
Over
40,000 Miles of Rivers, Streams and Tributaries
Including the 652-mile Tennessee River

Approximately 350,000 Jobs & Almost \$46 Billion
Capital investment in the Tennessee Valley generated by TVA economic development activity over the past five years



Energy System of the Future

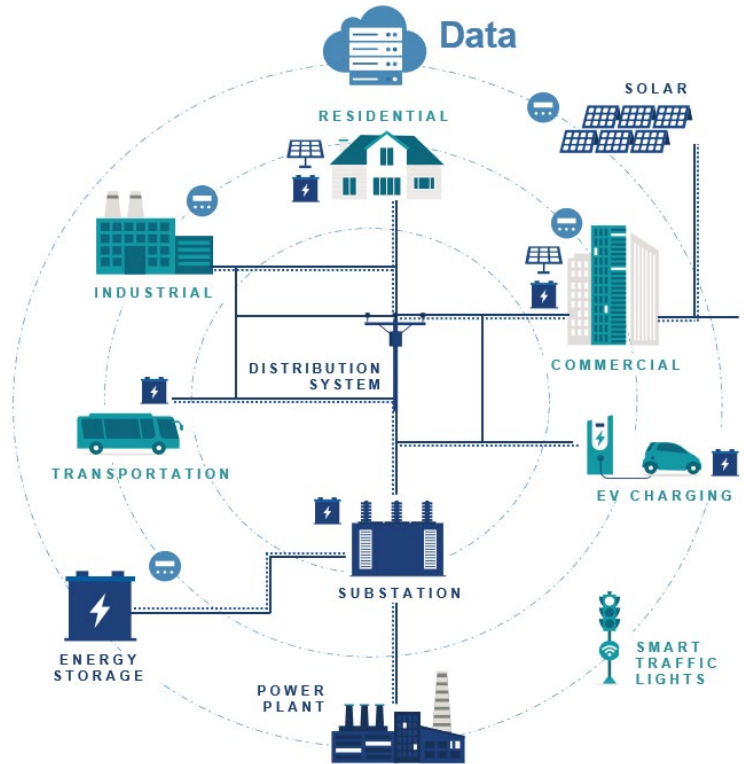
Increasing energy system complexity requires planning, integration, and innovation



Emerging Drivers

- Electric Vehicles
- Valley Electrification
- Economic Development
- DERs / Storage
- Demand Response
- Variable Renewable Energy

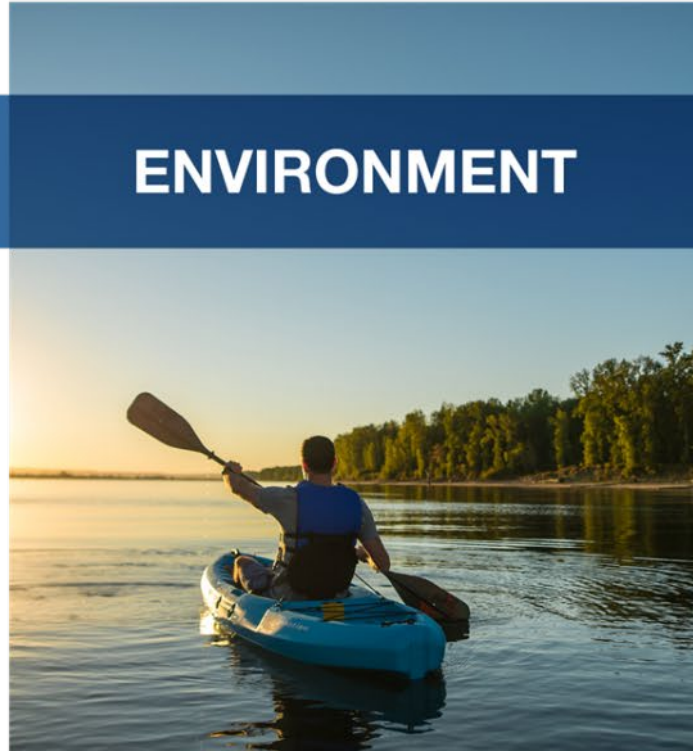
Energy System of the Future



Delivering Our Mission to You



Provide *affordable, reliable* power.



Steward the Valley's *natural resources*.



Partner for *economic growth*.

Energy System of the Future

Reinforce Reliability



Provide efficient, reliable, resilient power

Protect the Environment



Integrate clean, renewable energy sources

Keep Power Costs Low



You are in control of your energy dollar

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Innovation and Research



Advanced Nuclear Solutions



Decarbonization Options



Storage Integration



Future Grid Performance (Inertia)



Regional Grid Transformation



Connected Communities



Electric Vehicle Evolution

Innovation Scouting

Partnerships

Innovation Network



Generation ▶▶

◀◀ Transmission ▶▶

◀◀ Distribution ▶▶

◀◀ End Customers

Optimizing Existing Assets

Environmental Stewardship

Advanced Nuclear Solutions

Provide reliable, affordable, flexible, and clean generation options

Small Modular Reactors

- Zero Carbon Emissions
- Benefits of nuclear with lower capital cost
- Operational Flexibility & Grid Stability
- Price Stability
- Little or no fuel cycle risk
- Small footprint, reduced emergency planning zone



Decarbonization Options

Advance a suite of technologies to cost-effectively reduce TVA's carbon footprint to net-zero



Carbon capture, sequestration & utilization

Alternative fuels

Renewables + storage

Electrification

Advanced nuclear



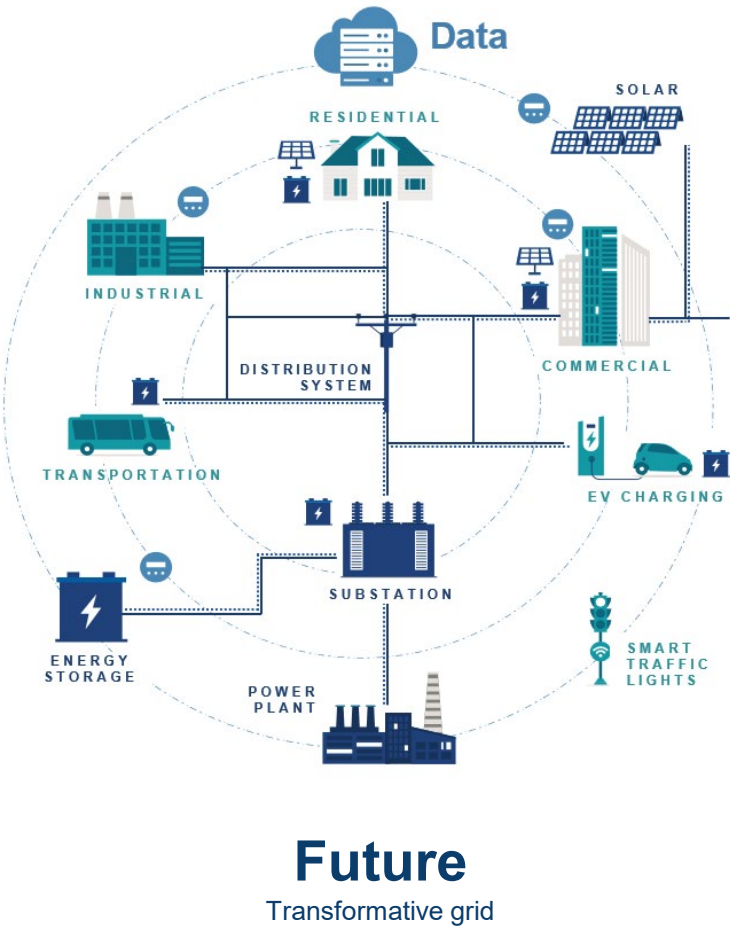
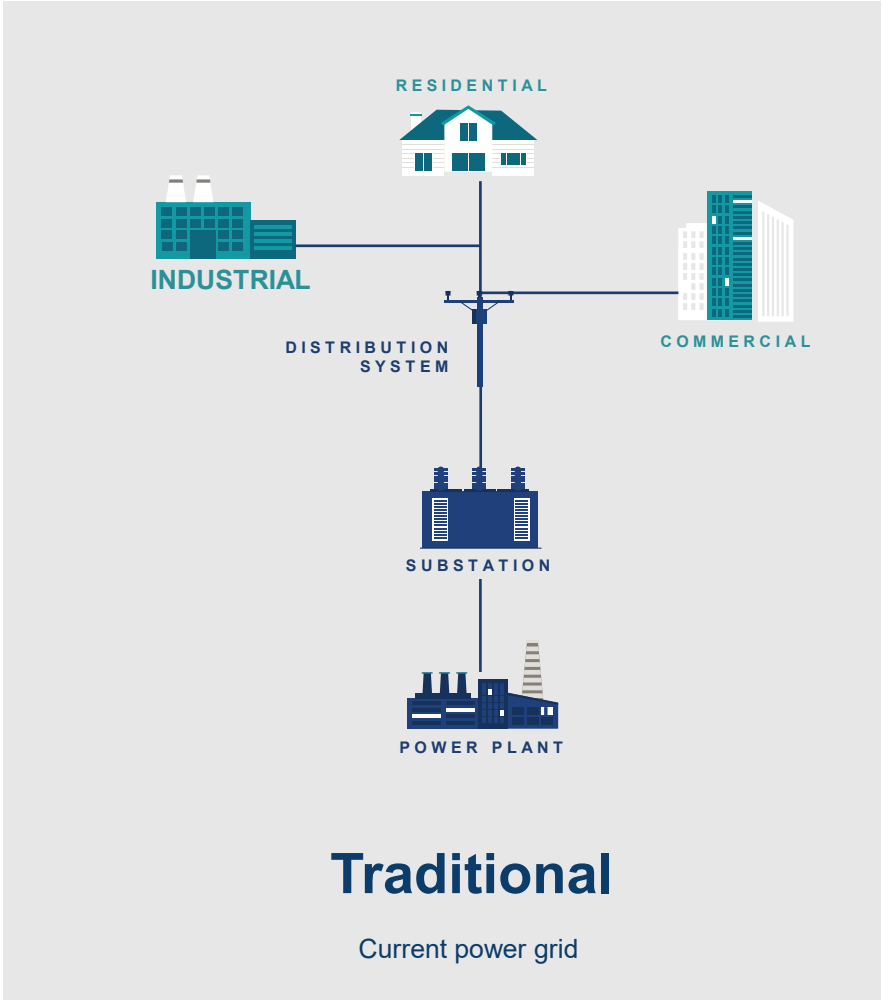
Future Grid Performance

Maintain a stable and reliable grid while fostering the evolution of the Energy System of the Future

- Improve processes to facilitate a fast-paced and evolving resource mix with new technologies
- Optimize approaches and tools to ensure system stability and performance in the future grid
- Evaluation and adoption of new grid technologies



Regional Grid Transformation



Connected Communities

A Connected Community uses data and technology to offer new and improved services to its people and businesses.



Faster and more accessible internet
for all

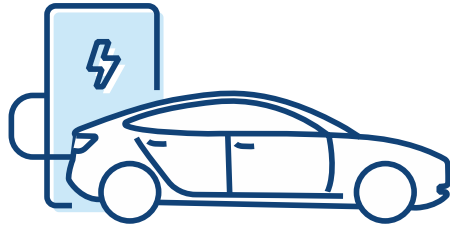
More information
at your fingertips

Access to education and
training programs

Grid-interactive
buildings and
resources

Government modernization
through digitization

Electric Vehicle Evolution



Charging Infrastructure Availability

- Remove “range anxiety”
- Foundational EV charging network
- Partner with Local Power Companies (LPCs)



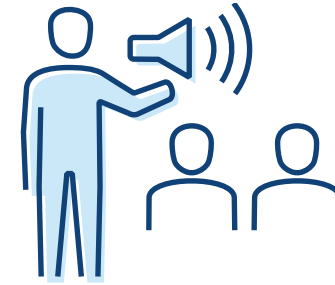
EV Availability and Offerings

- Partner with automakers and fleets
- Support making a wide range of EVs available



Innovative and Supportive Policies

- Remove utility policy or pricing barriers
- Craft policies and pricing that encourage investment and enable a market



Consumer Awareness

- Help consumers make sound choices
- Educate, inform, and promote while lifting TVA and LPC brands

Removing market barriers in key areas

Energy Storage

A Case For Change

Solar: Flexibility and Capacity

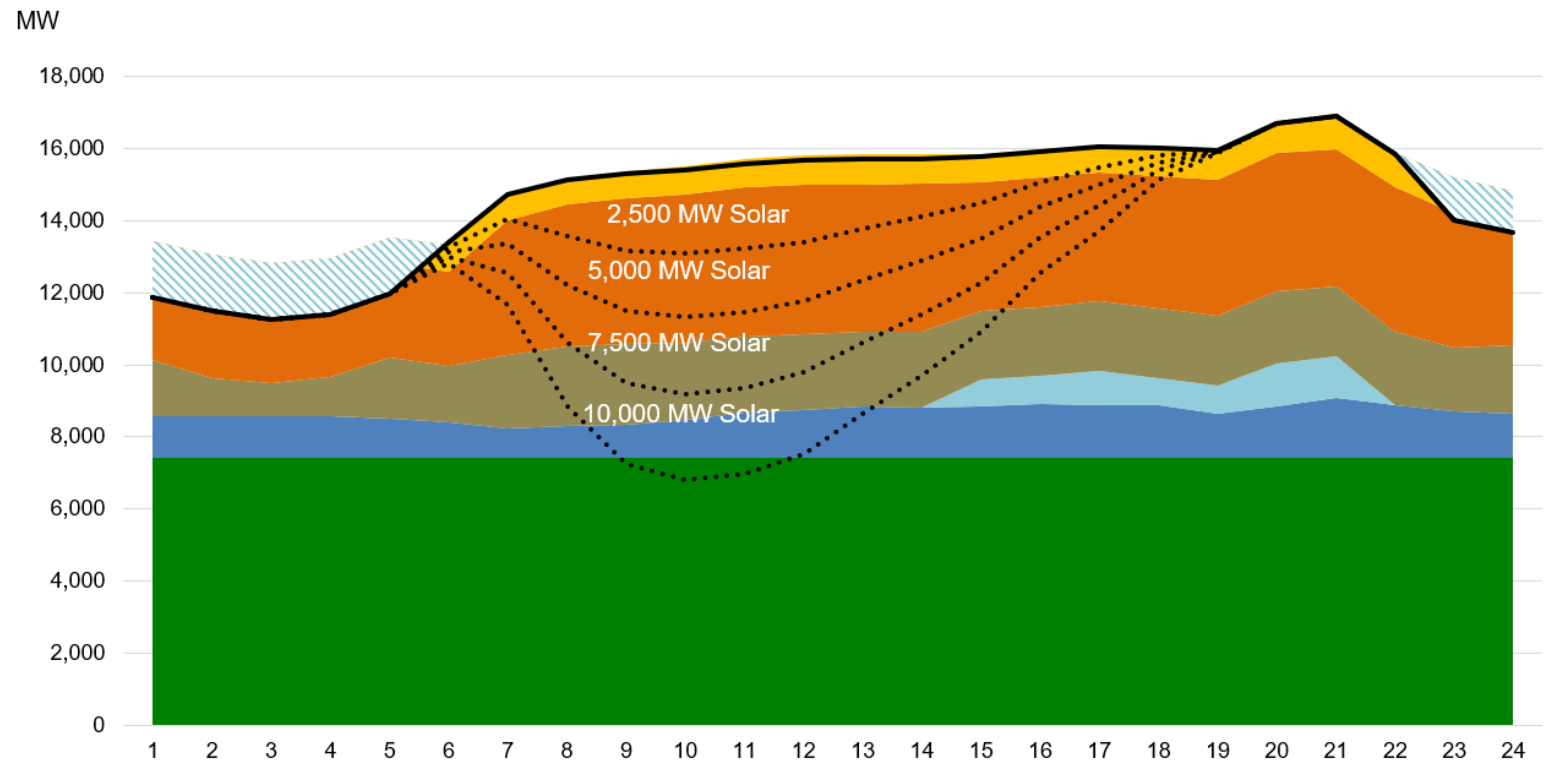
Must Balance Generation and Load:

- Not enough is bad
- Too much is also bad

Major Issues:

- Variability
- Winter Capacity
- Large Ramps
- Curtailments

Load for an average spring day



Models show TVA will need a mix of long duration and short duration storage

Potential Battery Energy Storage TVA-Specific Use Cases

Voltage Support and Frequency Regulation

- Improve power quality near sensitive loads, such as data centers or industrial sites
- Maintain voltage at LPC delivery points

Transmission Support

- Could provide alternative to large fossil unit dispatch at lower load levels to provide local metro-area grid support
- Alternative method of transmission support for remote system locations (Geographically Isolated Areas)

Peaker Replacement (Electrically Isolated Areas)

- Alternative to running CTs during transmission line outages for local grid support
- Alternative to running John Sevier on fuel oil during extreme cold events

Black Start

- Provide grid resiliency and local black start capability

Reserve Capacity

- Additional spin/non-spin reserve resource

Peak Load Shaving

- Reduce demand on capacity-constrained assets

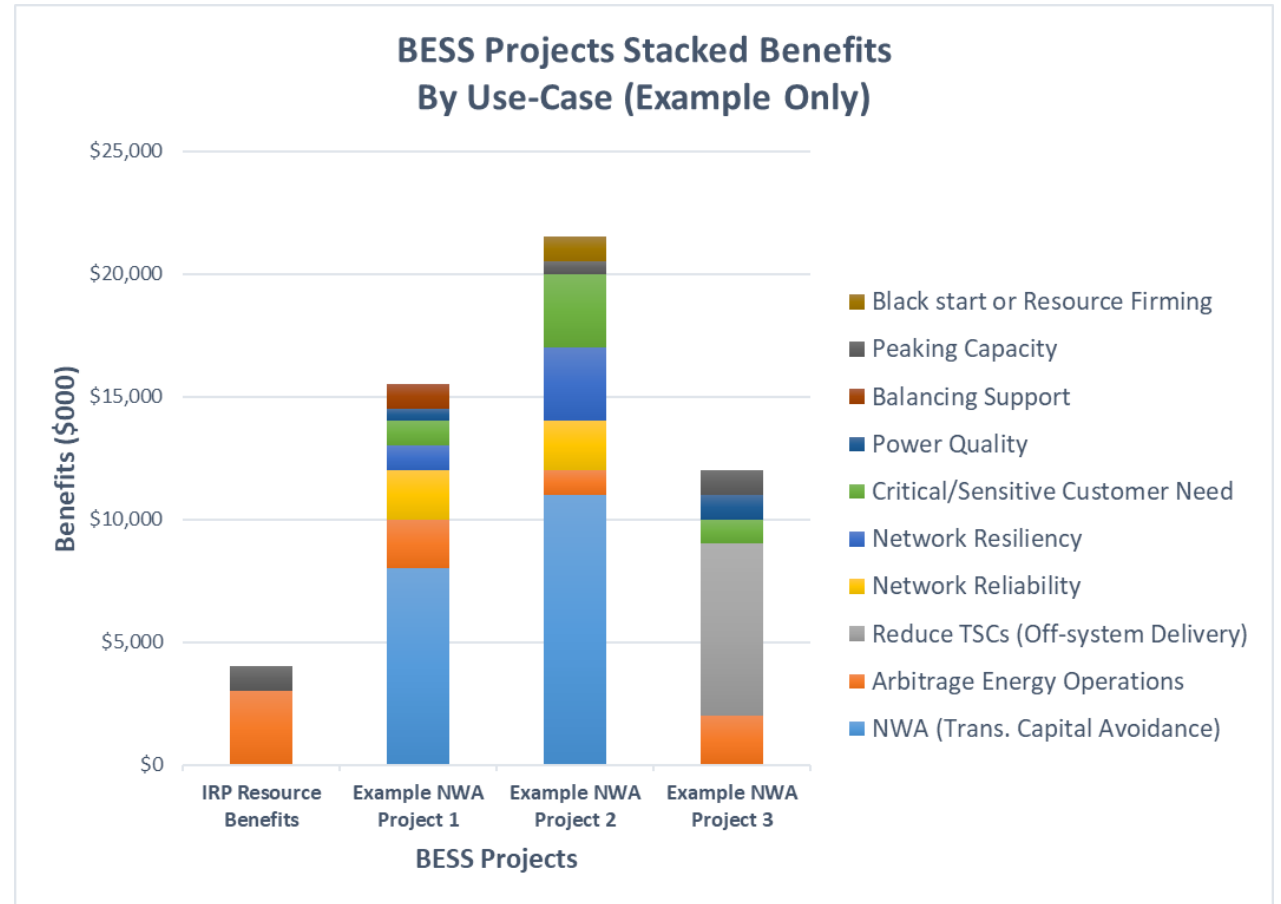
Battery Energy Storage System: Stacked Benefits

Locational (Distribution and Bulk System)

- **Resiliency/Microgrid:** Grid Forming Inverter
- **Voltage Support:** Dynamic real and reactive power support
- **Power Quality:** Power Quality for Industrial/Commercial loads
- **Economic Development:** Allow for quick load increases

Non-Locational

- **Peak Power:** Alternative to Gas Generation
- **Flexibility:** Renewable Generation variability
- **System Ramping:** Large solar and system ramps (duck curve)
- **Curtailment:** Allow Nuclear and Carbon Capture



Long Term Storage Plan

Designed to give TVA process and operational experience to fully integrate grid scale storage into the power grid.

Transmission Battery Demonstration

- Develop TVA process and understanding
- Transmission Support: Voltage/Regulation
- Operational Strategies
- Lithium-ion chemistry – most widely used chemistry
- Safety Measures

Evaluating Emerging Technology

- Lithium-ion chemistries
- Flow Batteries – chemical batteries
- Hybrid storage systems
- Gravity Storage
- Pump storage

Distribution Battery Demonstration

- Communication and control
- Develop process
- Investigating shared asset benefits
- Integrate multiple small batteries into the TVA system

Battery Energy Storage System: Vonore

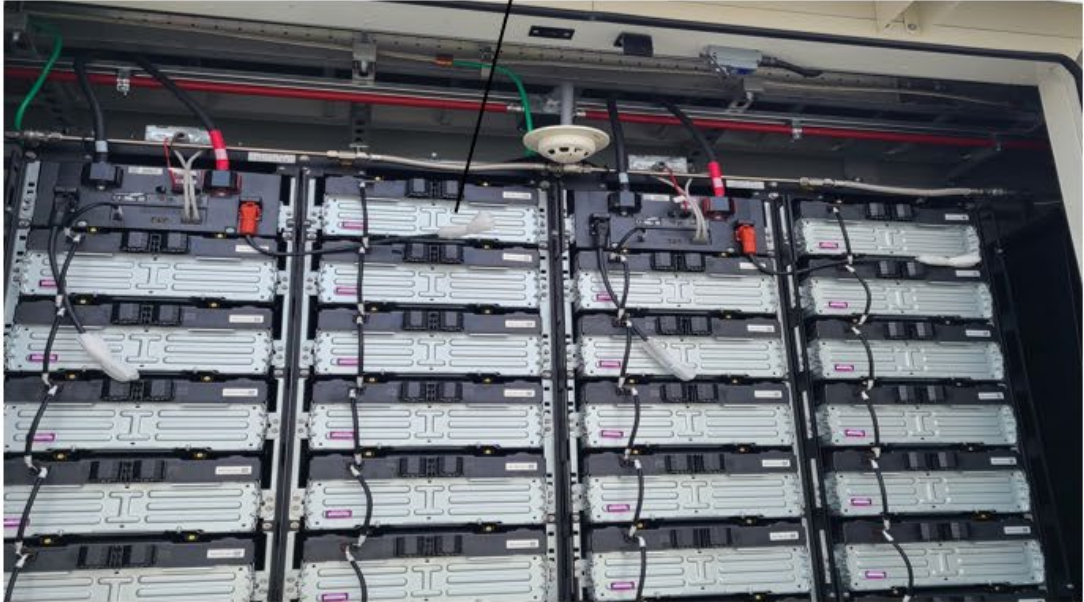
Vonore BESS- 20MW/40MWh (Dec 2023)

Battery Container

HVAC



Battery Modules



Pumped Storage

Rates:

- Lowest cost mature option for long-duration storage
- Regulatory and fuel cost risk reduction

Reliability:

- Requires less energy storage than traditional and renewable energy sources

Job Opportunities:

- Construction and ongoing facility operations and maintenance

Environmental Impact:

- Enables low-carbon energy generation, through additional solar, nuclear, and carbon capture technologies



Study Phase: land, environmental, and community impact assessments

Storage Integration Initiative

Implement a long-term strategy to integrate energy storage for system flexibility and maximizing renewables

Storage Technology	Typical Duration	Technology Maturity
Lithium-ion battery	2-4 hours	Being deployed
Flow battery	8+ hours	Demonstration
Gravity storage	8+ hours	Demonstration
Pumped storage hydro	8+ hours	Mature



Lithium-ion Battery



Flow Battery



Gravity Storage



Pumped Storage

Solar + Storage

Supports grid stability by balancing the supply and demand of electricity

- Enables time shifting of solar energy production, allowing excess energy to be stored during periods of low demand and used during peak hours, reducing strain on the grid.
- Growing residential storage will provide other benefits including supporting growth in electric vehicle (EV) adoption.
- Well-positioned to adapt to an increasingly electrified future by seamlessly integrating with EVs, heat pumps, and other connected home appliances.



Vehicle to Grid

- EVs are "batteries with wheels" and with the right equipment, can discharge electricity
- Potential use cases:
 - Emergency backup power
 - Demand response
 - Peak load reduction
- Example: discharge electric school buses during summer break to reduce summer peaks
- Technology is improving, but cost and complexity remain high



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