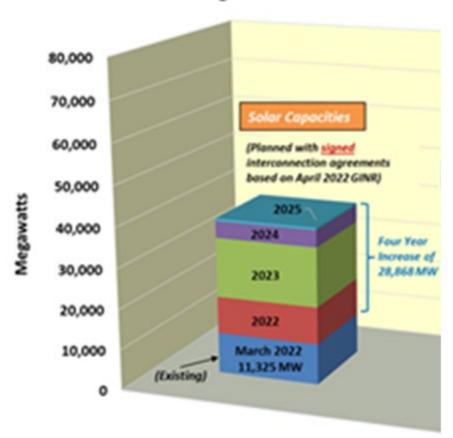


# Inverter-Based Resources (IBR) Update NSRF Meeting

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# **ERCOT Generation Interconnection Requests (GINR)**

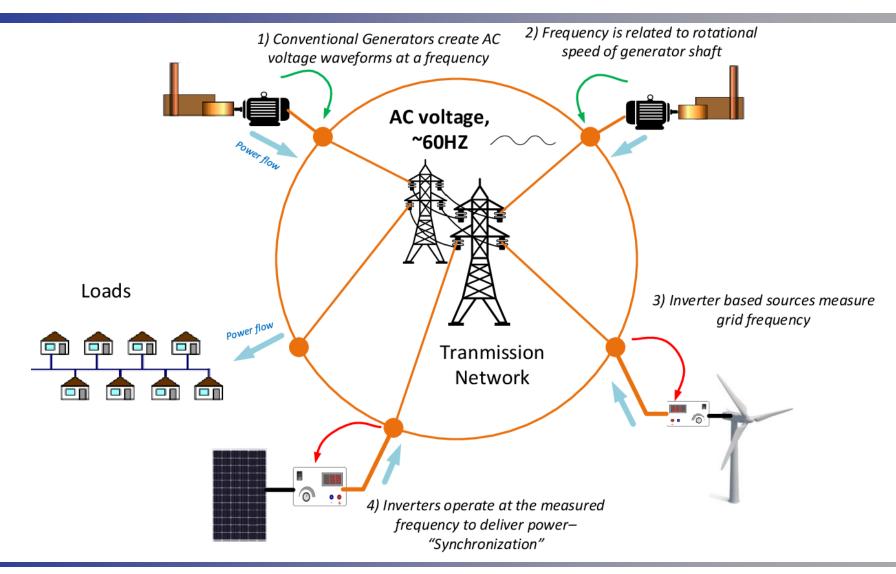
#### **Existing & Planned Solar**



- Existing (3/2022): 11,325 MW
- Planned (2022-2025): +28,868 MW
- Total (2025): 40,193 MW



#### **Conventional Resources VS Inverter-Based Resources**



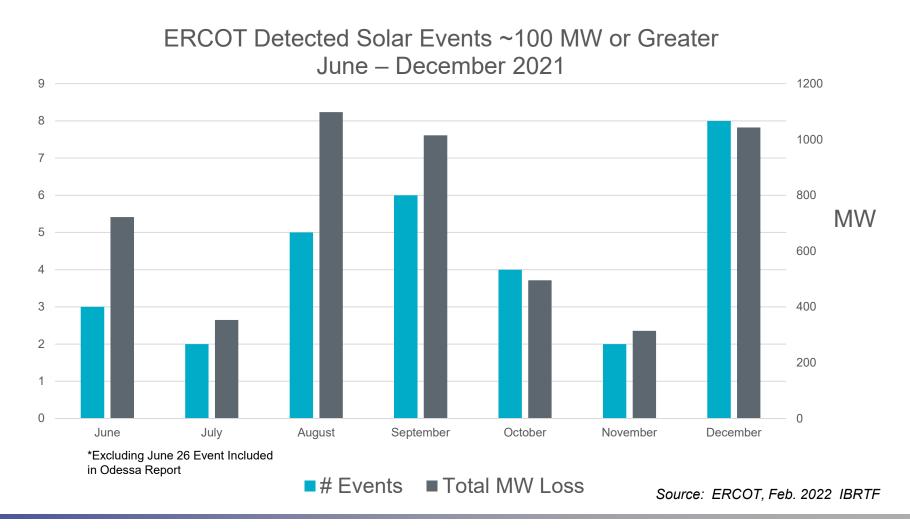


#### **ERCOT Solar Loss Events**

ERCOT following up on recommendations from May/June 2021 Odessa Disturbance report

Issues primarily involve settings of inverter and plant controls and proper modelling

Solar owners are cooperative but awareness of issues often lacking and reactive





#### **Recent Events**

# March 16th - 345kV Alibates to Grandview Wind line tripped at 04:16 with a corresponding loss of roughly 680 MW of wind generation

- 273 MW wind generation directly tied to line
- Roughly 407MW tripped and was non-coincident

#### June 4th - Odessa Disturbance Again - OECCS units tripped due to a failed lightning

- Fault occurred on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:59:25 PM
- Preliminary estimated loss of 2,519 MW of thermal and IRR generation
  - 1,666 MW of IRR generation loss from 14 solar facilities
  - 853 MW of thermal generation loss (N. Edinburg and OECCS)
- System Frequency declined to 59.706 Hz and recovered to 60 Hz in 1 min 20 sec
  - 1,227 MW of RRS deployed
  - 1,116 MW of Load Resources deployed
- Categorized as NERC Cat 3 event (gen loss > 2000 MW)



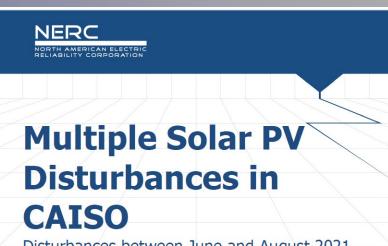
## **ERCOT IBR Task Force Priorities and Next Steps**

- 1) Coordinate with Generators to correct known issues on units (and equipment types) that tripped or derated during Odessa Disturbance
- 2) Publish an Interconnection Questionnaire/Guideline for the first phase of process and develop field verification prior to energization
- 3) Follow up on any grid disturbance > 100 MW loss
- 4) Update generator models for any units that experienced performance issues, whether a fix was made or not to reflect actual performance.
- 5) Draft appropriate rule changes to address Odessa Disturbance recommendations



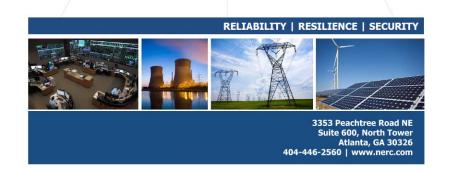
# **Latest WECC/NERC Report on IBR Events**

- Similar problems are recurring involving failure to ride through low voltages following transmission disturbances
- Issues thought to be addressed showed up in newer facilities' equipment
- Lack of data adequate for analysis continues in some locations
- Reinforce previous event reports' recommendations



Disturbances between June and August 2021 Joint NERC and WECC Staff Report

April 2022





#### **NERC Guidelines**

NERC IBR Subcommittee (IBRS):

- Whitepapers, guidelines, references
- Follow-up on disturbances
- Coordination among OEM's, developers, transmission utilities and regulators
- StandardAuthorizationRequests





## **IBR-related Standards Projects**

- 2020-06 Modifications to MOD-026 and MOD-027
- 2021-01 Modifications to MOD-025 and PRC-019
- 2021-02 Modifications to VAR-002
- 2021-04 Modifications to PRC-002
- 2021-07 Modifications to EOP-011, IRO-010, TOP-003, EOP-011, PRC-006, and PRC-010
- 2022-02 Modifications to TPL-001 and MOD-032

The NERC IBR Subcommittee (IBRS) is working on additional SARs among other workplan items.



# **Questions**



