



Techniques in Analyzing the Economic Benefits of Transmission: Case Study Using the Paddock-Rockdale Transmission Project

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- Case Study: Paddock to Rockdale 345kV Line
 - Analysis Approach
 - Energy Cost Savings
 - Increased Competitiveness
 - Reliability and Insurance Benefits
 - Loss savings
 - Capacity Savings From Reduced Losses
 - Energy Savings From Reduced Losses
 - Strategic Flexibility
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Analysis Approach

1) Energy Cost Savings

- Energy Cost Savings
 - Stakeholder formula for estimating the ratepayer impact of a proposed project:

Cost of supply at load LMP

- LMP revenues to utility
- + Cost of utility generation
- FTR revenues to utility
- = Impact to Ratepayers

- Built on this formula and refined it

Analysis Approach

1)Energy Cost Savings (con't)

- Modeled initial energy cost savings using PROMOD
 - Calculated four metrics
 - Adjusted Production Cost (APC)
 - Load-weighted Locational Marginal Prices (LLMP)
 - MISO “RECB II” metric (70/30) – 70% APC and 30% LLMP
 - ATC Customer Benefit
 - Analyzed two model years: 2011 and 2016
 - Each Future run with and without Paddock-Rockdale
- Adjusted for costs/savings not captured in PROMOD
- Estimated **total** benefits using PROMOD results, First Contingency Total Transfer Capability (FCTTC) and MISO market information

Analytical Approach

1)Energy Cost Savings (con't)

- **PROMOD Adjustment - Change in FTR value**
 - Change in Existing Import FTR Value
 - Existing Import FTRs are worth less
 - Additional FTR Value on Imports from Outside ATC
 - Increase in Available FTRs
 - Change in Existing ATC Internal FTR Value
- **PROMOD Adjustment - Losses**
 - Internal generation for internal load cost of loss savings (MLC)
Differentials from PROMOD * 0.5 MISO refund
 - Similar refund calculation associated with imports
- **Values vary by scenario and metric**

Analysis Approach

2) Increased Competitiveness

- Increased Competitiveness
 - Reviewed changes in structural measurements of market power
 - Residual Supplier Index (RSI)
 - Pivotal supplier hours
 - Estimated economic value of increased competitiveness using three alternative approaches
 - Cal ISO
 - Tabors study
 - “Independent Market Monitor” approach
 - Estimated value under lower and higher levels of market-based generation
 - Used lower level to reflect cost-of-service environment in WUMS

Analysis Approach

3&4) Losses and Reliability

- **Losses**

- **Capacity**

- Reduction in generating capacity needed at peak due to reduction in losses (MWs) valued at CT price

- **Energy**

- Future Refinement: Adjust the hour-by-hour load forecast to account for reduced losses

- **Reliability**

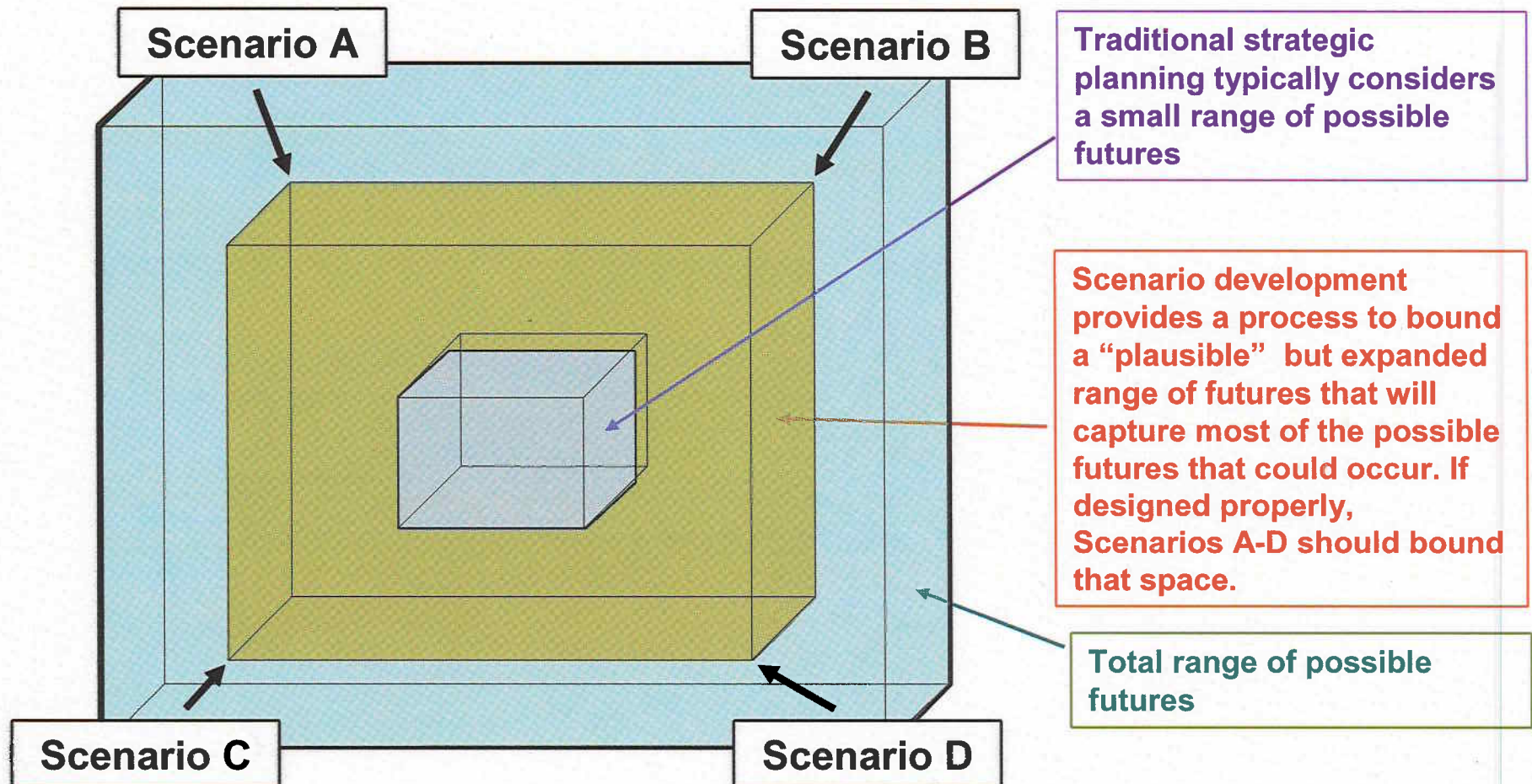
- Future Refinement: Monetize reliability benefits and include in the economic analysis

■ Insurance Value

- Paddock-Rockdale can partially insure against “the worst” occurrence on the system as well as different market-based scenarios/futures
- Developed “insurance sensitivities” based on prior experience
 - Estimated the “severity” and “frequency” of these events

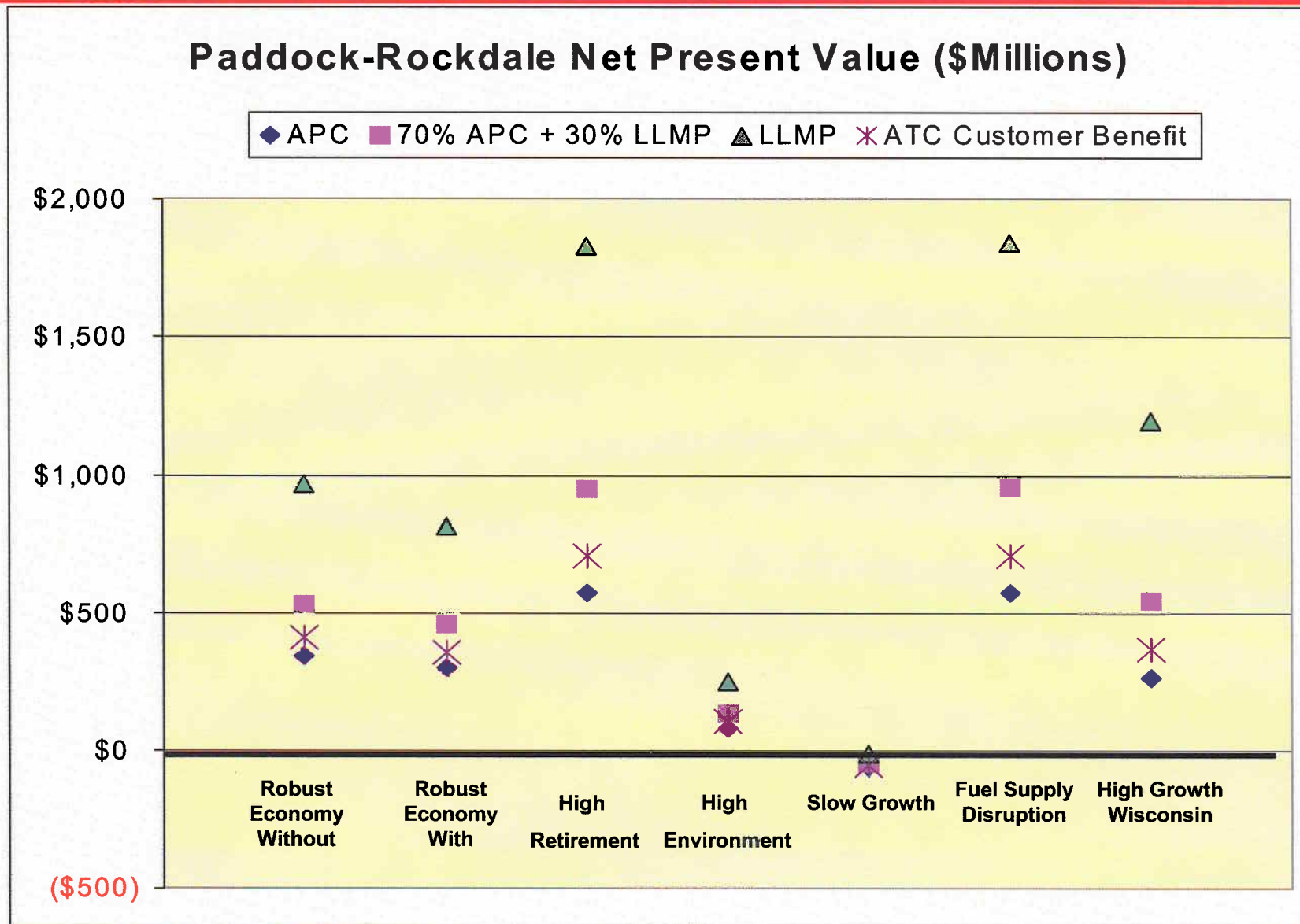
Process Review

Strategic Flexibility - Scenarios



- Designed analysis to comply with PSCW Staff suggestions and serve as a template
- Met with numerous stakeholders to test our analytical approach
- Used Strategic Flexibility approach
- Created and analyzed seven Plausible Futures
 - Robust Economy
 - With North LaCrosse to Columbia (NLAX - COL) line
 - Without North LaCrosse to Columbia line
 - High Generation Retirements
 - High Environmental Regulations (CO₂ tax)
 - Slow Growth
 - Fuel Supply Disruption
 - High Growth Wisconsin
- ATC tried to align its Futures to MISO's

Results - Net Present Value Benefits Less Project Costs





Detailed Results

70/30 Metric Plus Adjustments

	SCENARIOS (\$ Millions)						
	Robust Economy No NALX - COL	Robust Economy	High Retirements	High Environmental	Slow Growth	Fuel Supply Disruption	High Growth Wisconsin
ATC Revenue Requirement	(\$136)	(\$136)	(\$136)	(\$136)	(\$136)	(\$136)	(\$136)
Construction Congestion Costs	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$1)
PROMOD 70% Adjusted Production Costs and 30% Load Weighted LMP	\$483	\$386	\$1,335	\$159	\$27	\$1,469	\$734
FTR and Congestion Payments	\$77	\$107	(\$323)	(\$1)	\$1	(\$445)	(\$155)
Losses	\$17	\$15	\$7	\$20	\$4	(\$13)	\$18
Competitiveness Limited Market-Based Pricing (avg.)	\$46	\$44	\$30	\$49	\$16	\$39	\$42
Insurance Benefit During System Failure Events	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28
Capacity Savings From Reduced Losses	\$15	\$12	\$11	\$15	\$14	\$15	\$14
Total NPV of Net Benefits	\$529	\$455	\$950	\$132	(\$47)	\$956	\$544

Questions?

Appendix

Summary of Scenarios

- **Robust Economy** – high economic and energy growth, high amount of low-cost generation in Wisconsin, medium environmental, mid-high fuel prices, LaCrosse to Columbia line is built, 4,000-6,000 MW mine-mouth coal campus built in central Illinois
- **High Retirements** – mid-level economy and energy growth, large number of retirements, mid-level environmental, fuel prices vary, mid-level generation built outside Wisconsin
- **High Environmental** – medium economic growth, low-mid energy growth, coal retirements replaced by Nelson Dewey plant, Kyoto environmental, varying fuel prices, generation scenario reflecting \$44/ton CO₂ tax

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Summary of Scenarios

- **Slow Growth** – low economic and energy growth, some coal retirements, low environmental, low-mid fuel prices, mid-level generation built outside Wisconsin
- **Fuel Supply Disruption** – natural gas supply disrupted, mid economic and energy growth, high level of new coal generation, additional use of coal generation creates coal availability problems, high fuel prices, mid-high environmental, 3,000-4,000MW mine-mouth coal campus built in central Illinois
- **High Growth Wisconsin** – economic development creates high economic and energy growth in Wisconsin while surrounding areas are mid-low economic and energy growth, some coal retirements and Nelson Dewey is built, mid-level environmental, mid fuel prices, mid-level generation built outside Wisconsin