

# Resource Adequacy for a Decarbonized Future

## Project Overview

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# What is Resource Adequacy and Why Does It Matter?



## Role: 2X Electricity Share of Final Energy

A greater portion of societal needs will be dependent on the reliable supply of electricity.



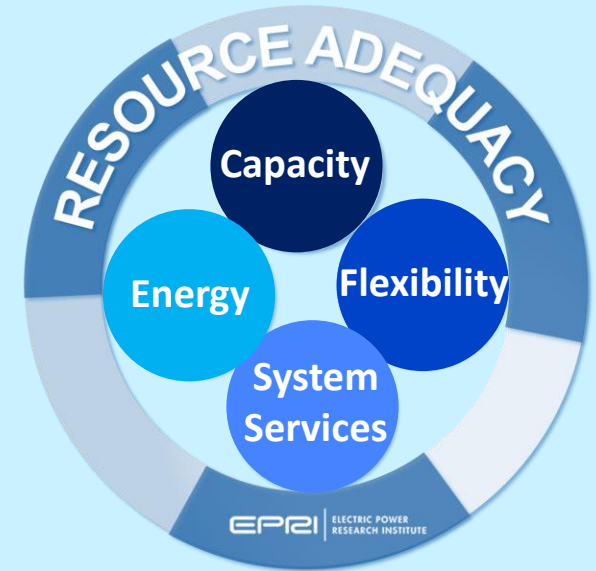
## Challenge: Evolving Grid and Hazards

The resource mix will have significantly different performance characteristics and the grid must adapt.



## Opportunity: Resilient Energy Supplier

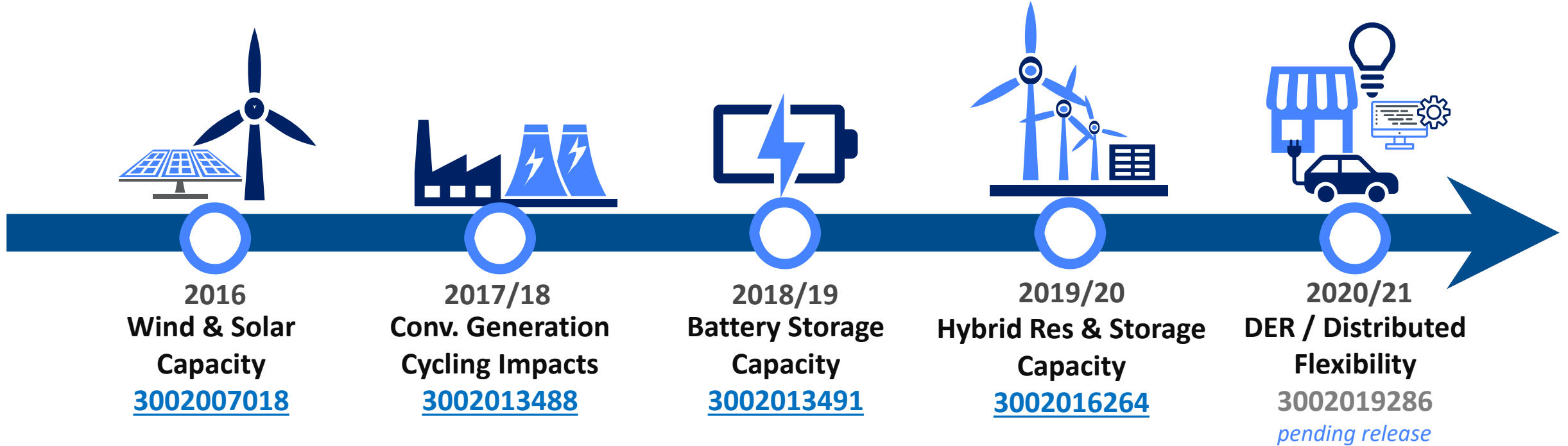
Meeting customer expectations for reliable energy supply will build trust and create new opportunities.



*Resource Adequacy is the ability to meet customer energy needs at a targeted risk level considering planned and unplanned outages.*

**Resource Adequacy processes and tools must evolve.**

# Integrate and Accelerate EPRI and External RA Research



**RA Challenges: Issues from California Aug 2020 Event**  
[3002019972](#)

**RA Assessment Guidelines**  
[3002016258](#)

**EPRI RA Knowledge Base**

Welcome to Resource Adequacy Assessment Resource Center

The purpose of this site is to bring together information to help those trying to assess adequacy in this context. It spans an wide range of tools, the EPRI and the industry has conducted in response to the challenge of the same grid. We welcome your feedback on how to make this increasingly useful to support you and your decisions.

Resource Center Layout [\[PDF\]](#)

The resource center focuses on three key strength, methods and metrics and how application focused topics such as study tool, data and methods to assess the impact of various technology fleets. Each of the links below brings you to a dedicated section to each issue facing practitioners when conducting adequacy studies.

ASSESSMENT METHODS | ADEQUACY METRICS | ADEQUACY TOOLS | PRACTICES & SERVICES | ASSESSMENT TOOLS | CONSIDERING RESOURCES | R&D SUPPORT

What is Resource Adequacy? [\[PDF\]](#)

[gridpops.epri.com](http://gridpops.epri.com)

**RA Impacts of Extreme Events and Interdependencies**  
[3002019300](#)

**Supply Resilience: Hardening, Fuel Assurance, Adaptation**  
[3002020341](#)

# Resource Adequacy Initiative: Deliverables and Outcomes

## RA Process



- Recommended Metrics and Criteria
- Future Scenario Database and Tool

## Models and Data



- Emerging Resource & Demand Side Models
- Model Data Development Tools

## Analysis Tools



- Existing RA Tool Capabilities
- New Algorithms and open-source code

## Case Studies

Evaluation of existing and development of new capabilities based on 4-6 regional RA case studies covering differing RA issues and tools.

## Tech Transfer

Reports and workshops to be conducted to disseminate results and to promote broad adoption in commercial tools.

# Resource Adequacy Project Participants and Prospects

## Committed/Expected

## Evaluating

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON®  
 Energy for What's Ahead®

CPS ENERGY

DUKE ENERGY

AECI  
 Associated Electric Cooperative Inc.  
 A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Hawaiian Electric

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER

LCRA  
 ENERGY • WATER • COMMUNITY SERVICES

conEdison

Ameren

PG&E

AUSTIN ENERGY

NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY  
 NY Power Authority

LA DWP  
 Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation

Southern Company

SNP

NERC  
 NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION

aps

Entergy

evergy

ISO new england

pjm

SPP Southwest Power Pool

MISO

Consumers Energy  
 Count on Us®

TVA

Xcel Energy®

Exelon.

BC Hydro  
 Power smart

New York ISO  
 Independent System Operator

Manitoba Hydro

**NARUC and other stakeholders will serve as external advisors**



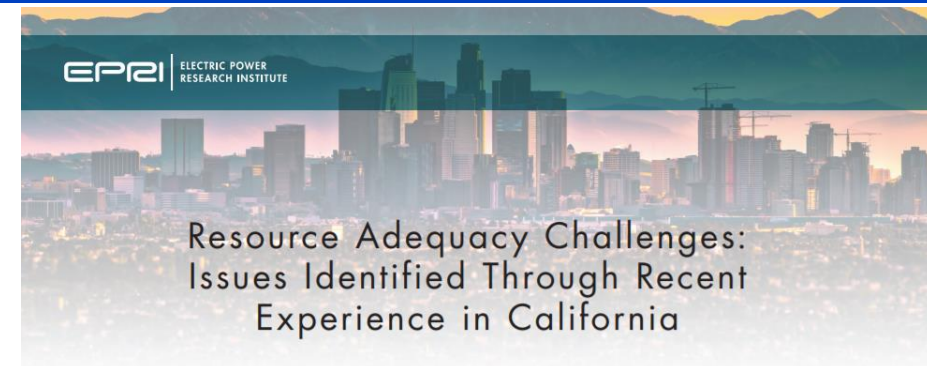
# Existing and Related Activities

## » EPRI reports/papers

- Resource Adequacy Challenges: Issues Identified Through Recent Experience in California ([link](#))
- [Exploring the Impacts of Extreme Events, Natural Gas Fuel and Other Contingencies on Resource Adequacy](#)

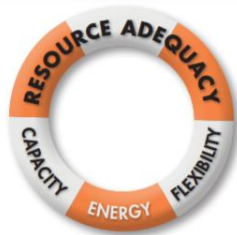
## » Industry Task Forces/Activities

- NERC Energy Reliability Assessment TF (2021)
- ESIG RA for modern power systems Task Force ([link](#))
- ENTSO-E European Resource Adequacy Assessment
- IEEE Resource Adequacy Working Group
- National Lab Activities (NREL, LBNL, etc.)
- MISO Resource Availability and Need
- CAISO/CPUC RA Enhancements
- Many more.....



### In Summary

- In August 2020, load shedding occurred on two days in the California power system due to supply shortages. A variety of factors contributed to this event, driven by high temperatures across the Western U.S.
- Methods to assess the adequacy of the system to meet demand are well established, but are evolving with resource mix.
- Reliability can be maintained—or even improved—with emerging resources reliability, but enhanced supply resource and customer demand models, as well as simulation tool improvements, are needed to inform evolving standards

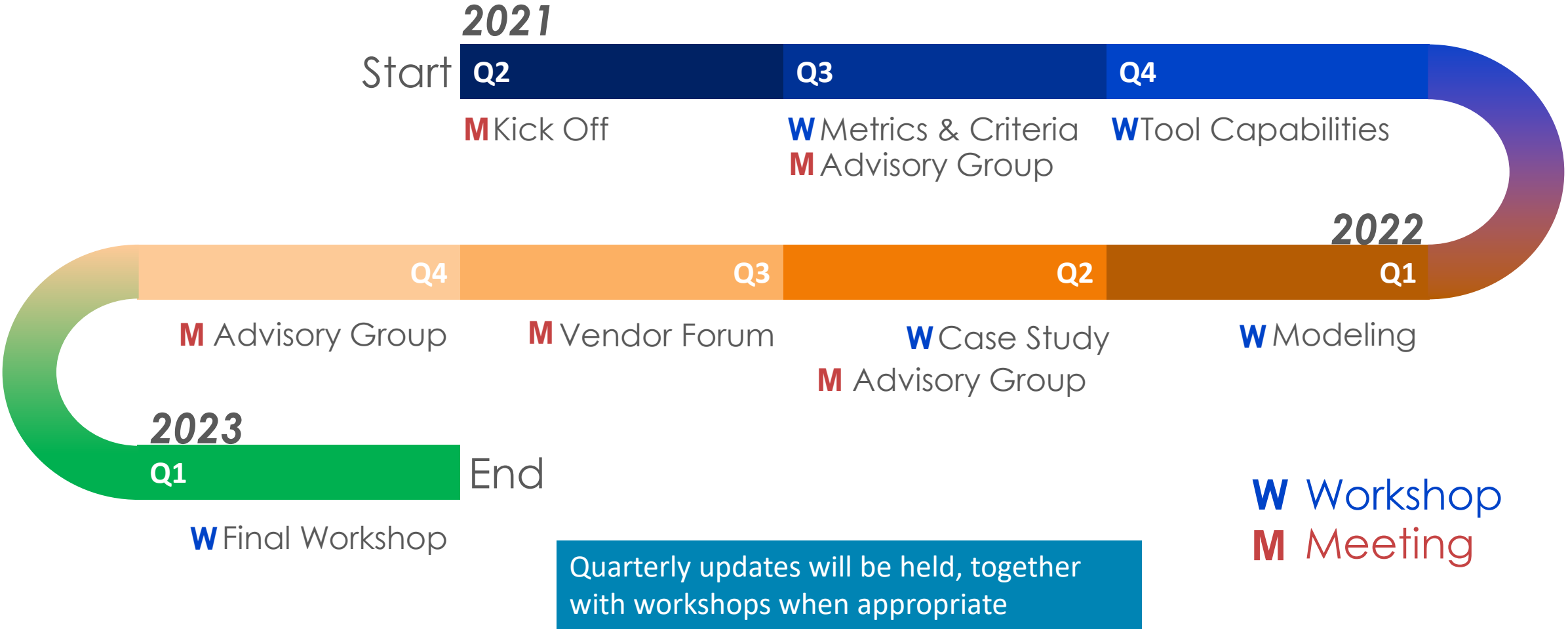


**Many other ongoing activities that we are collating – please let us know of any you think are important**

# Risk Classification

| Risk Class                    | Example Risks   | Action  |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Macro Systematic Risks</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demand composition, forecast &amp; behavior</li><li>• Generation, Storage &amp; Interconnection build out</li><li>• Market structure &amp; operational policy</li><li>• Resilience measures</li></ul> | <b>Check Coherency &amp; Suitability of Assumptions</b> |
| <b>Adequacy Risks</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weather</li><li>• Fuel supply</li><li>• Asset availability</li><li>• DER &amp; Demand structural forecast error</li></ul>   | <b>Quantify risk with adequacy metrics</b>              |
| <b>HILF Supply Risk</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extreme weather</li><li>• Cyber attack</li><li>• Common mode energy vector failure</li></ul>  | <b>Stress Test Resilience</b>                           |

# Proposed Schedule





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A photograph of four people, two men and two women, standing together in what appears to be a meeting or collaborative work environment. They are all wearing EPRI-branded clothing. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity' is centered over the image.

Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity

# Timeline and Deliverables

# Deliverables - Summary

| Deliverable | Tasks     | Deliverable                                      | Type       | Description   |
|-------------|-----------|--|------------|---|
| D1          | 1.1 & 1.2 | Metrics and Criteria for Resource Adequacy       | Report     | Guidelines and case study examples for metrics and criteria, including comparison of existing and proposed calculation methodologies and criteria   |
| D2          | 1.3       | Scenario Definition Guidelines                   | Report     | Scenario planning implementation guidelines   |
| D3          | 1.3 & 2.2 | RA Scenario Definition, Development and Tools    | Tool       | A tool and associated documentation to visualize the scenarios defined in the adequacy process alongside their associated ranges of outcomes and to create minimal and optimal input data set requirements for the creation of models and assessment of specific scenarios. |
| D4          | 2.1       | Reference Models for New & Emerging Technologies | Report     | Compendium of functional requirements for models for supply, storage resources and demand classes including wind, solar, hydro, conventional thermal, pumped hydro storage, battery storage, long duration storage, power to X, demand classes.                             |
| D5          | 2.2       | Data Collection Guidelines                       | Guidelines | Resource adequacy data collection guidelines that can be used with tool in D3.  |

# Deliverables- Summary (2)

| Deliverable | Tasks | Deliverable                                    | Type              | Description  |
|-------------|-------|--|-------------------|--|
| D6          | 3.1   | Adequacy Assessment Tools Review               | Website/ database | Description of main commercial and open source tools available, updated throughout project   |
| D7          | 3.2   | RA Gap Assessment                              | Technical brief   | Set of industry challenges & case studies focused on key areas where gaps have been identified in earlier tasks.                             |
| D8          | 3.2   | Solutions for RA gaps                          | Report/ Code      | Algorithms and methods to address the gaps, described in detail with open source code or other means to ensure they are available to vendors |
| D9          | 4.1   | Summary of insights from regional case studies | Report            | Regional case studies  |
| D10         | 5.1   | Resource Adequacy Workshops                    | Workshop          | Workshop series  |

# Schedule Overview

Month 3

Month 12

Month 18

Month 21+

Gap Analysis,  
Initial Workshops,  
Start Case Studies

Case Studies to  
Demo Improved  
Methods/  
Tools/Data

Scenario Dev  
Practices/Tools,  
Models/Metrics  
Proposed,  
Tool Overview

Integration in  
Commercial Tools,  
Guidelines, Training  
and Outreach

# D1: Metrics and Criteria for Resource Adequacy

## Need

The metrics traditionally used to assess adequacy risk and the criteria established for planners to adhere to may not perform as expected in future

## Objective

Identify appropriate adequacy assessment metrics and minimum criteria for low carbon systems in changing climate/weather extremes.

## Scope

- » Review to summarize existing RA metrics used by industry
- » Literature review & interviews to identify new metrics
- » Describe data and tools needed for each, and current applications
- » Examine strengths and limits of existing and new metrics
- » Develop guidance for how specific metrics and criteria could be applied in different types of regions and for different available mitigating options.

**Collaboration**

ESIG, IEEE, Academia,  
Nat'l Labs, Planners

**Deliverable**

Guidelines

**Applicability**

General

**Timeline**

V1: Q3 '21

V2: Q1 '23



# D2: Scenario Definition Guidelines

## Need

Dependency on electricity is rising while grid reliability becomes increasingly subject to external factors. Forward planning needs to consider a wider range of possible coherent outcomes.

## Objective

Provide a framework for the development and application of scenario planning approaches in long term and seasonal adequacy studies.

## Scope

- » Review and collate current scenario definition methodologies and practices, focusing on leading edge activities around the world
- » Develop a set of guidelines to explain how the range of scenarios proposed for adequacy studies cover the range of potential outturn events.
- » Develop a set of guidelines to enable the identification of the data sets required to develop coherent and consistent scenarios across technology, weather, consumer behavior and policy dimensions.

**Collaboration**

Nat'l Labs, Planners,  
Policy, Consultants

**Deliverable**

Guidelines

**Applicability**

General

**Timeline**

Q2 '22

# D3: RA Scenario Definition, Development and Tools

## Need

Variable operating conditions & divergent resource behavior requires a more scenarios to be studied.

These studies need a greater input data set than ever before.

## Objective

Create a tool to visualize the scenarios defined in the adequacy process alongside their associated ranges of outcomes and input data set requirements.

## Scope

Develop a tool (and associated documentation) to:

- » Guide users through the process of scenario development, based on best practices observed
- » Visualize RA scenarios and identify potential gaps
- » Simplify and organize the data collating process.
- » Provide suggested ranges and data quality checks.



**Collaboration**

Nat'l Labs, Planners,  
Policy, Consultants

**Deliverable**

Software

**Applicability**

General

**Timeline**

Q1 '23

# D4: Reference Models for New & Emerging Technologies

## Need

The future generation mix depends on technology that is substantially different from historically the case. Models of future systems must be built from the start to consider emerging resource types.

## Objective

Develop a compendium of functional requirements for models for supply, storage resources and demand classes that feature in the emerging grid.

## Scope

Based on literature survey and project discussion, develop modelling functional specifications for resources including:

- » Wind, solar & storage
- » Flexible demand & DER
- » Flexible thermal generation
- » Correlated events (e.g. extreme weather, gas-electric-water)
- » Power to X

**Collaboration**

Nat'l Labs, Consultants,  
Tool Vendors

**Deliverable**

Model Specifications

**Applicability**

General

**Timeline**

Q4 '22

# D5: Data Collection Guidelines

## Need

The increasingly diverse range of resource models require a greater number of input parameters, which must be specified appropriately

## Objective

Create a set of data collection and specification guidelines that address the main questions faced by practitioners

## Scope

Develop clear data collection and specification guidance to specify the required and appropriate data for study such as:

- » Length and range of time series that should be considered for demand.
- » Wind and solar availability
- » Estimation of future asset failure rates
- » Temperature-failure correlation
- » Operational forecast uncertainty

**Collaboration**

Tool vendors, ESIG,  
NERC, National Labs

**Deliverable**

Guidelines

**Applicability**

General

**Timeline**

Q3 '22



# D6: Adequacy Assessment Tools Overview

## Need

The industry uses a plethora of tools to assess adequacy, all with different features, approaches and treatment of resources.

## Objective

Document the capabilities of the main commercial and open-source tools available for resource adequacy to inform tool selection decisions

## Scope

- » Identify current and developing tool capabilities and distinctions through workshops with vendors and gathering of tool data.
- » Identify how tool capabilities can be used to study various issues through evaluation of the case studies.
- » Make the information accessible and searchable through website interface



**Collaboration**

Tool vendors, National Labs, Consultants

**Deliverable**

Guidelines Website

**Applicability**

General

**Timeline**

V1: Q1 '22

V2: Q1 '23

# D7: RA Tools Gap Assessment

## Need

Current resource adequacy tools require significant modifications to enable new and changing technologies and behaviors.

## Objective

Identify gaps in commercial tools and suggest areas new metric, model and algorithm improvements.

## Scope

- » Complete literature review to highlight known gap areas
- » Develop qualitative framework to classify emerging grid needs for RA tools
- » Identify functional tool requirements based on desktop analysis
- » Compare functionalities of existing tools to functional requirements
- » Identify potential tool capability enhancement priorities.





# D8: Solutions for RA Gaps

## Need

Current resource adequacy tools require significant modifications to enable new and changing technologies and behaviors.

## Objective

Address gaps in commercial tools through open-sourced algorithms which can be used by vendors and other tool developers to update their tools.

## Scope

Based on gap assessment earlier in WP 3:

- » Identify high priority developments that may be implemented in support of a case study
- » Identify, evaluate and test methods to accelerate tool performance.
- » Identify, evaluate and develop methods to more accurately represent future systems.
- » Summarize conclusions



**Collaboration**

Tool Vendors, National Labs, Consultants

**Deliverable**

Brief

**Applicability**

General

**Timeline**

Q1 '23

# D9: Summary of Insights from Regional Case Studies

## Need

Planners need to understand how new models, data collection or scenario analysis procedures operated in the range of case studies

## Objective

Synthesize general learnings and insights into guidelines that can inform planners application of new concepts in each region

## Scope

- » Select a set of 4-6 case studies to represent a range of system types and adequacy issues.
- » Carry out these case studies in parallel to other tasks outlined earlier.
- » Update project groups on progress through project
- » Summarize key insights from these studies through a standalone report.

**Collaboration**

Natl Labs, Planners,  
Policy, Consultants

**Deliverable**

Report

**Applicability**

General

**Timeline**

Q1 '23