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## Welcome & Meeting Guidelines 📆

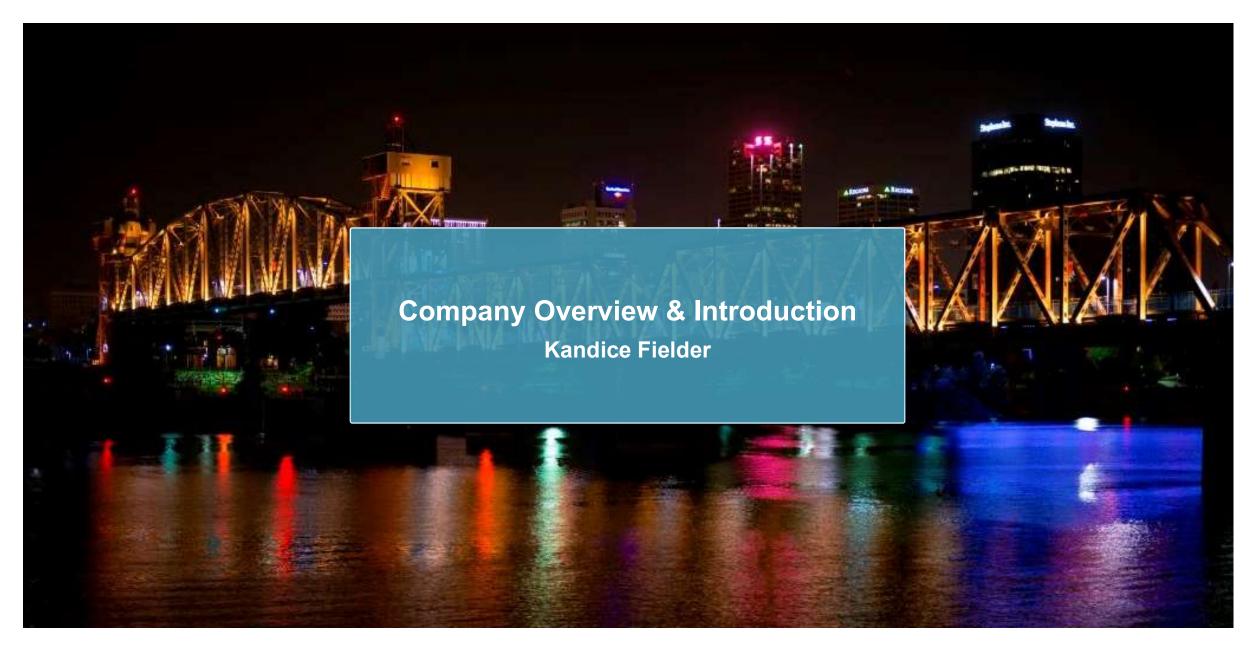
- EAL is pleased to welcome the IRP Stakeholder Group to kick off the 2021 Integrated Resource
   Plan ("IRP") process
- Please mute your line to reduce background noise and prevent interruptions
- Q&A Process
  - Questions can be submitted during today's meeting via the WebEx Chat Window or to the EAL IRP inbox at <u>EALIRP@ENTERGY.COM</u>
  - Questions will be gathered during the meeting for a Q&A Session following the presentations
  - Time constraints may limit the number of questions answered during today's meeting; EAL
     will post written responses to all questions to its IRP website within two weeks
  - https://www.entergy-arkansas.com/integrated\_resource\_planning/



# Meeting Agenda 稟

Topic	Presenter
Introduction	Kandice Fielder
Company Overview	Kandice Fielder
EAL Planning Overview:	Brad Cullipher, Denice Jeter,
Transmission, Energy Efficiency and Operations	John Schwegler
Environmental Update	Rick Johnson
2018 IRP Action Plan & Other Recent Activities	Caleb Bales
Overview of EAL's Planning Process	Caleb Bales
IRP Objectives & Deliverables	Heather Naeher
Technology Assessment	Heather Naeher
Load Forecast Process	Charles John
Aurora Modeling Overview	Charles DeGeorge
2021 IRP Schedule and Next Steps	Caleb Bales
Stakeholder Feedback / Q&A	All

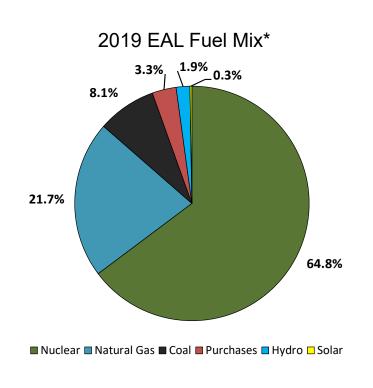


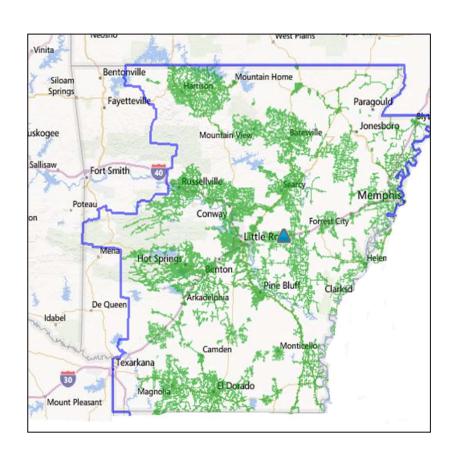


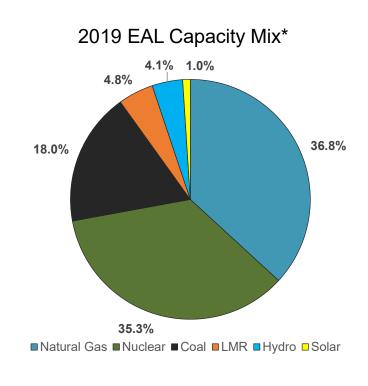


# Company Overview 🖳

■ Entergy Arkansas, LLC serves more than 715,000 electric customers across 63 counties in Arkansas







2019 Peak Load: 4,510 MW

2019 WN Sales: 21,859 GWh

■ Transmission Mileage: 4,967 mi

Distribution Mileage: 39,116 mi



## Meeting Objectives 📆

- Discuss EAL's Integrated Resource Plan process, assumptions, preliminary plans, and schedule
- Begin the Stakeholder Engagement process, to include facilitating the formation of a Stakeholder
   Group

#### What is Integrated Resource Planning?

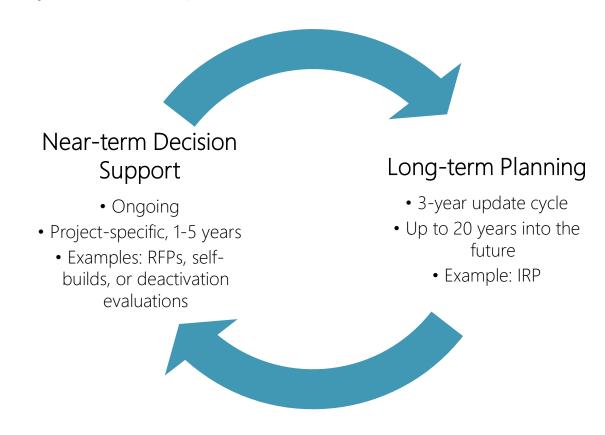
"....a utility planning process which requires consideration of all reasonable resources for meeting the demand for a utility's product, including those which focus on traditional supply sources and those which focus on conservation and the management of demand."

Source: APSC's Resource Planning Guidelines



## IRP Kickoff >>>>

Consistent with Section 6.1 of Attachment 1 to the APSC Order No. 6 in Docket No. 06-028-R Resource Planning Guidelines for Electric Utilities, EAI has begun development of its next Integrated Resource Plan to be filed at the Commission no later than three years from the prior IRP submission, which is October 31, 2021.





## IRP Objective

- An Integrated Resource Plan is a planning process and framework in which the costs and benefits of supply-side and demand-side alternatives are evaluated to develop resource portfolio options that help meet EAL's planning objectives. Results of the IRP are not intended as static plans or pre-determined schedules for resource additions and deactivations.
- Through the IRP process, EAL will:
  - Conduct an extensive study of customers' needs over the next 20 years based on current available data
  - Customer-centric planning focused on meeting what today's customers want from their utility
  - Design resource portfolios that meet a projected peak load plus planning reserve margin while taking into consideration MISO's Resource Adequacy requirements
  - Evaluate the impact of different fuels and technologies
  - Analyze resource portfolios under a variety of economic scenarios ("futures")







# Transmission Planning Update

- What has changed since the 2018 IRP:
  - EAL continues to develop plans to improve the Reliability of the Bulk Electric System through traditional Transmission investments with collaboration from MISO.
  - EAL is seeing a downward trend in Transmission baseline reliability projects as we continue to remain compliant with the NERC reliability planning standards.



# Transmission Planning Update

- What hasn't changed in Transmission Planning:
  - EAL is still responsible for planning transmission projects that will meet NERC reliability planning standards and EAL's local transmission planning criteria.
  - Our focus remains on providing cost effective, economic, and reliable transmission service to our customers.
  - We use an open and transparent stakeholder process when planning transmission projects which involves stakeholder meetings held by MISO's Planning Subcommittee.



# Transmission Projects at a Glance 🗲

	APPENDIX A		APPENDIX B	
MISO Cycle	Future/in- progress	Est. Cost	Studied for Future Years	Est. Cost
MTEP 18	12	~\$138 M	7	~\$92 M
MTEP 19	10	~\$87 M	0	
MTEP 20*	12	~\$99 M	0	
MTEP 21**	4	~\$48 M	2	~\$43 M

\*MTEP 20 process is still in progress; MISO approval of projects to occur in December 2020.

\*\*MTEP 21 planning is currently on-going by the Transmission Owner's.

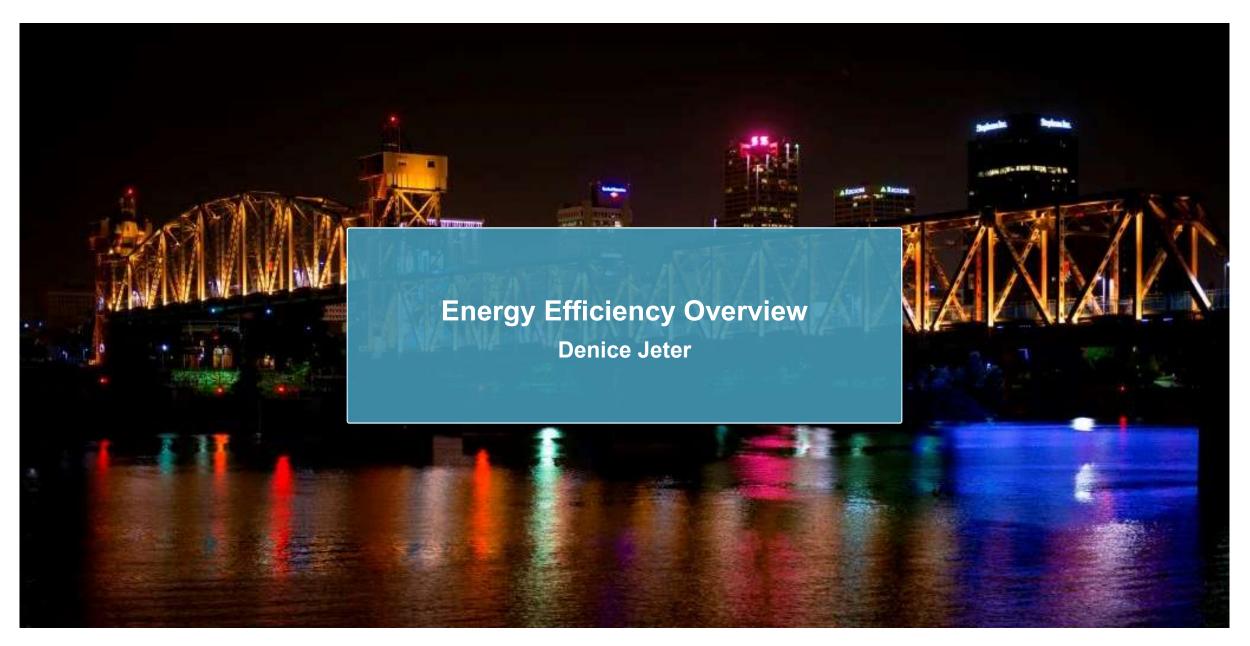
MTEP 19 – 20 will include Generator Interconnection Projects approved by MISO



# Transmission Planning and the IRP 🗲

- Should the 2021 IRP Action Plan guide EAL to pursue and evaluate options for additional generating resources (for example, through an RFP), transmission analysis of resource options will be conducted to model the impact on the Bulk Electric System.
- This reliability analysis will include the current and future planned transmission topology, updated rating information, and future planned Transmission projects submitted and approved in MISO's MTEP Transmission plan.





# Entergy Arkansas EE Staff 🗲



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# **EAL 2020 Program Plan: 285,557 MWh**



Home Energy Solutions



Multi-Family Homes



Manufactured Homes



Low Income Solutions



Retail / Wholesale



**Public Institutions** 



**Small Business Solutions** 



Large Commercial & Industrial



Agricultural Solutions



Smart Direct Load Control



HVAC Load Control



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# 2020 Program Plan 🗲

2020 EAL Programs	2020 Goal MWH
Residential Programs	53,015
Point of Purchase Program	56,884
Non-Residential Programs	175,658
TOTAL PORTFOLIO	285,557



# EE Program Changes Implemented in 2020 🗲

- Residential Benchmarking transitioned to Customer Engagement Portal
- CoolSaver Program ended
- Lighting & Appliances and Commercial Midstream merged into Point of Purchase Solutions
- Low Income Program started
- Smart Thermostat Direct Load Control Pilot started
- De-commissioning of Residential Direct Load Control AC Switches has started



# Achievements \$\frac{1}{2}\$

- Gross Energy Saved:
  - 2018: 270,655 MWh of energy savings achieved
  - 2019: 267,395 MWh of energy savings achieved
- National Awards:
  - 2019 ACEEE Exemplary Program Agricultural Energy Solutions
  - 2019 ACEEE Exemplary Program Manufactured Homes
  - 2019 EPA Energy Star Partner of the Year Lighting & Appliances
  - 2020 EPA Energy Star Partner of the Year Lighting & Appliances and Midstream Programs







## EAL Operations Planning Update 🔯

## Summary:

- MISO Membership
- Market Participation
- Resource Additions
- Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs")



# MISO Membership 꾮

EAL is a Member and Market Participant in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
 ("MISO") regional transmission organization

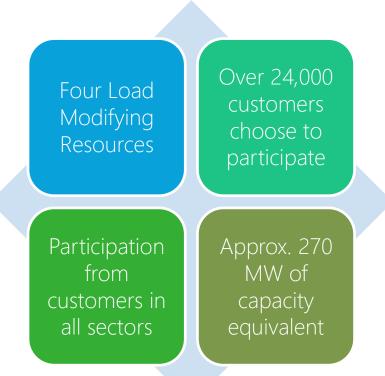
#### Key Facts about MISO

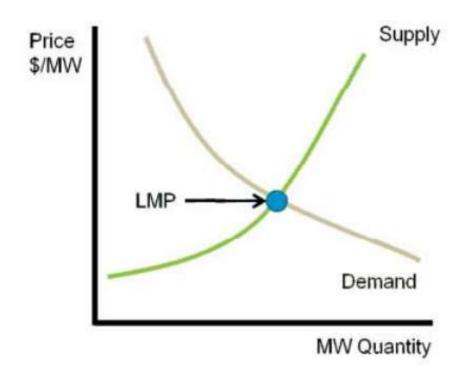
- 5-minute dispatch / 5-minute settlements
- \$24.4 billion gross market charges (2019)
- More than 450 market participants
- 42 million end-use customers
- System reliability and efficient market



## MISO Market Participation 認

- All EAL generation and load-modifying resources ("LMRs") are offered into MISO daily
- EAL's customers' load bid submitted daily to MISO
- Outage coordination/planning







## EAL Resource Additions 認

- Chicot Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)
  - 100MW Solar Facility
  - Expected commercial operation date ("COD"): Mid-October 2020
  - Continue project management with NextEra until COD
  - Transition into contract management of the PPA with NextEra



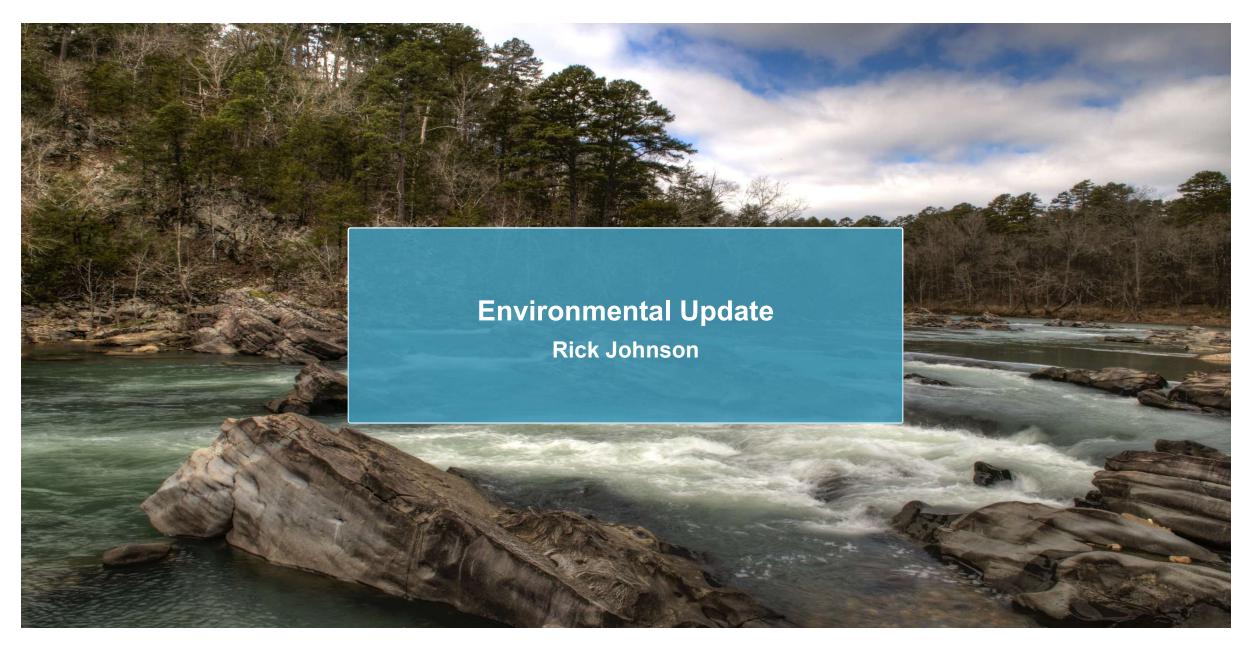


## EAL Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") 認

- Management of RECs for EAL's renewable resources
  - Stuttgart Solar facility
  - Chicot Solar facility COD mid-October
  - Solar Energy Purchase Option (SEPO) tariff











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We exist to grow a world-class energy business that creates sustainable value for our four stakeholders







# Consistent Leadership and Two Decades of Action





### **ENTERGY'S 2030 CLIMATE GOAL**

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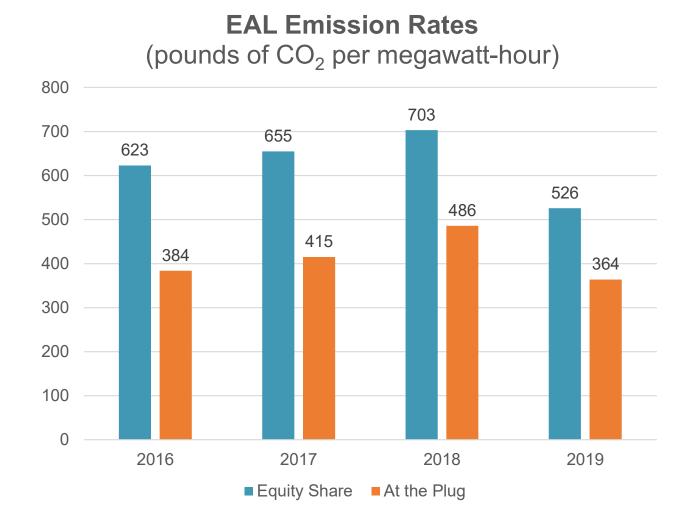
- Intensifying efforts to reduce our carbon footprint and that of other sectors
- 50 percent reduction in emission rate from 2000 levels by 2030
  - Resulting 2030 emission rate...
    - ...is in line with IEA Sustainable Development Scenario.
    - ...results in a projected absolute emissions decrease in line with US INDC.
  - ...allows for decarbonization of other sectors.

Metric	Entergy's Climate Goal: 50% Emission Rate Reduction by 2030 Solar Replaces Most Coal Case	
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (million short tons)	35.6	
Compared to Base Year	-28%	
CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Rate (lbs. per MWh)	532	
Compared to Base Year	-50%	
Projected 2030 Generation Mix	Natural Gas	
Compared to Base Year	Renewable	



# **Entergy Arkansas' Emission Performance**

- EAL has low emission rates today
- National Average ~ 1,000 pounds per MWh
- Diverse, clean fuel mix
- Definitive plans to retire coal by the end of 2030
- Modernizing the gas generation fleet
- Integrating renewables

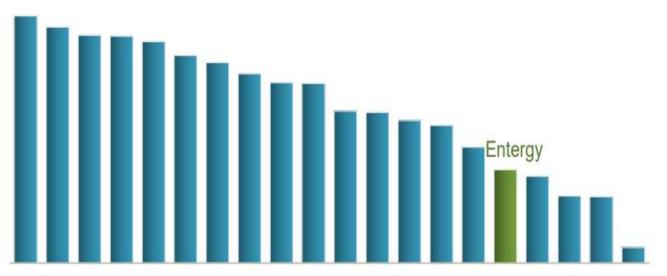




# Managing emissions

One of the cleanest large-scale generating fleets in U.S.

CO<sub>2</sub> emission rates of top 20 privately / investor-owned power producers (lbs/MWh)



Source: MJ Bradley, Benchmarking Air Emissions of the 100 Largest Electric Power Producers in the United States, published July 2020 (2018 data)



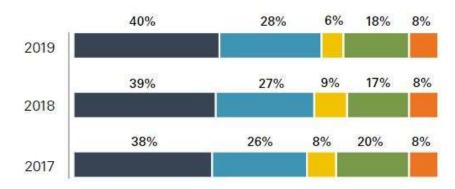
First U.S. utility to commit voluntarily to stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions



~3,500 to 4,000 MW of owned renewables potential by 2030



## Generation Sources Used to Meet Utility Demand



- Natural gas
- Nuclear
- O Coal
- MISO purchases
- Other purchased power

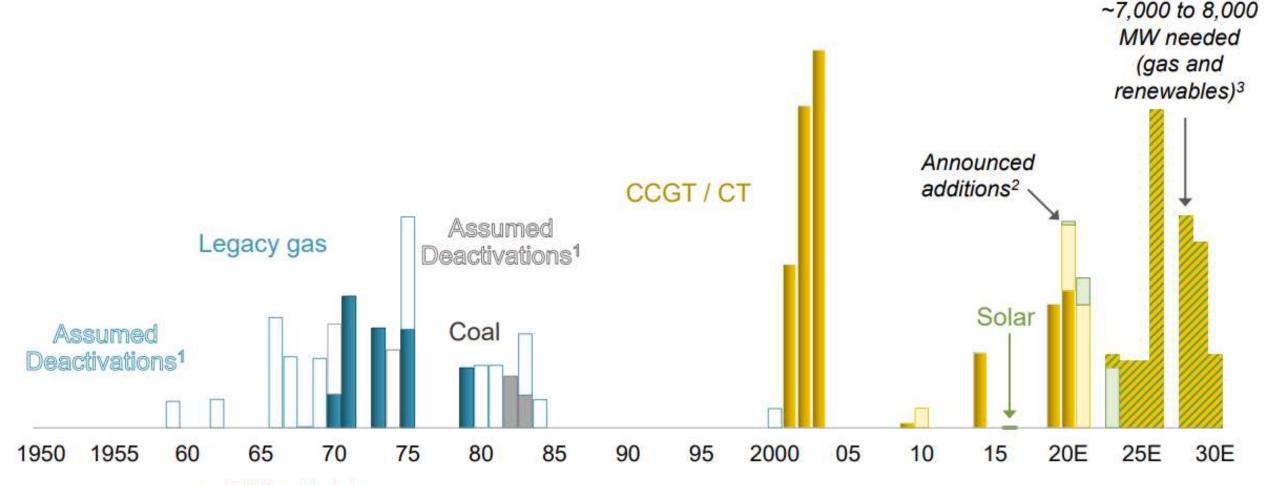


## Generation resources

Modernization provides cost-effective, reliable, and efficient generation

Owned Utility non-nuclear plant capability; MW by year of commercial operation





As of 6/30/20; excludes hydro

Reflects E-TX acquiring Hardin County Peaking Power Facility, an approximately150 MW 2010 CT, from ETEC, and E-TX selling 75 MW of MCPS to ETEC

<sup>3 2022</sup>E-2030E; subject to integrated resource planning processes and regulatory approvals



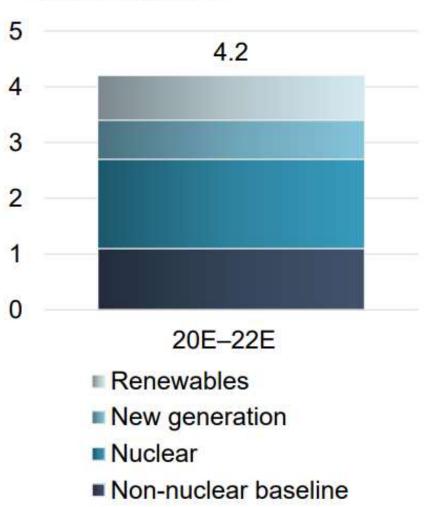
Assumed deactivations through 2030, planning assumptions only, subject to change

Projects under construction, approved, or in the regulatory review processes; see slides 28 and 29 in 4Q19 webcast presentation for project details

## **Generation investment**

## Includes new, cleaner, more efficient generation projects

#### Generation plan; \$B



#### Renewables



- E-NO rooftop solar (2020)
- New Orleans Solar Station (2020)
- Sunflower Solar (2021)
- Searcy Solar (2021)

#### New generation



- ✓ LCPS (completed)
- ✓ NOPS (completed)
- WPEC (2020)
- MCPS (2021)



## Committed to renewables

Project	MW	Owned / PPA	In service
In service			
Agrilectric (bio-mass)	~9	PPA PPA	1984 1990
City of Vidalia-Murray Hydro	~114		
Rain CII (waste heat)	~27	PPA	2013
Montauk (bio-mass)	~3	PPA	2014
DeSoto Solar	0.5	Owned	2015
Brookhaven Solar	0.5	Owned	2016
Hinds Solar	0.5	Owned	2016
New Orleans Solar	1.5	Owned	2016
Stuttgart Solar	81	PPA	2017

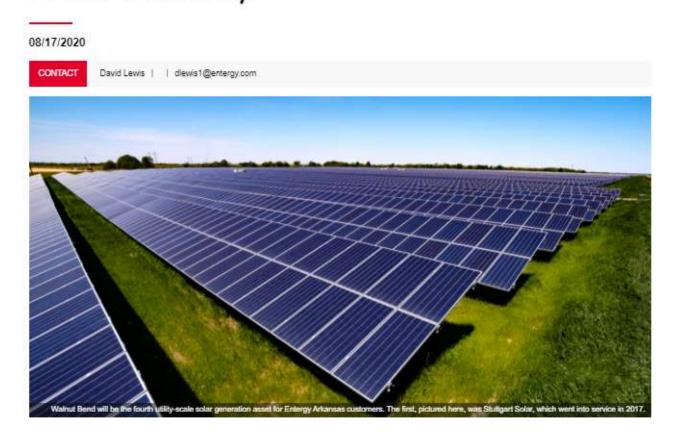
Project	MW	Owned / PPA	Est. in service
Installation in process			
Rooftop solar	5	Owned	2020
Solar	~30	PPA	2020
Chicot Solar	100	PPA	2020
Capital Region Solar	50	PPA	2020
New Orleans Solar Station	20	Owned	2020
St. James Solar	20	PPA	2021
Iris Solar	50	PPA	2021
Sunflower Solar	100	Owned	2021
Searcy Solar	100	Owned	2021
RFPs			
Solar	200	Owned	2022/2023
Solar	200	Owned and PPA	2023
Solar	300	Owned and/or PPA	2023

Anticipate ~7,000 to 8,000 MW of new owned capacity between 2022 and 2030, up to half of which could be renewables



## **Investments in Arkansas Solar Power**

Entergy Arkansas Plans Fourth Solargeneration Resource, Walnut Bend, Near Brinkley



Arkansas Public Service Commission Approves Searcy Solar Project



Stuttgart Solar Flips Switch to Entergy Arkansas



Entergy Arkansas, NextEra Energy Resources announce groundbreaking of Arkansas' largest solar energy









### 2018 IRP Action Plan 🗸

The IRP Action Plan guides EAL's resource planning activities for the three-year period until the next IRP:





### 2018 IRP Action Plan 🗸

- EAL received APSC approval for the Searcy Solar project in June 2019
- The 2019 Solar RFP has thus far led to the selection and announcement of the Walnut Bend Solar project



Complete Solar BOTs (2017 RFP)

Searcy Solar



Supply-side Resource Additions

Walnut Bend Solar







## 2018 IRP Action Plan 🗸

EAL's potential 2025 capacity need and EE Programs have been actively managed since the 2018 IRP:



Potential 2025 Capacity Need



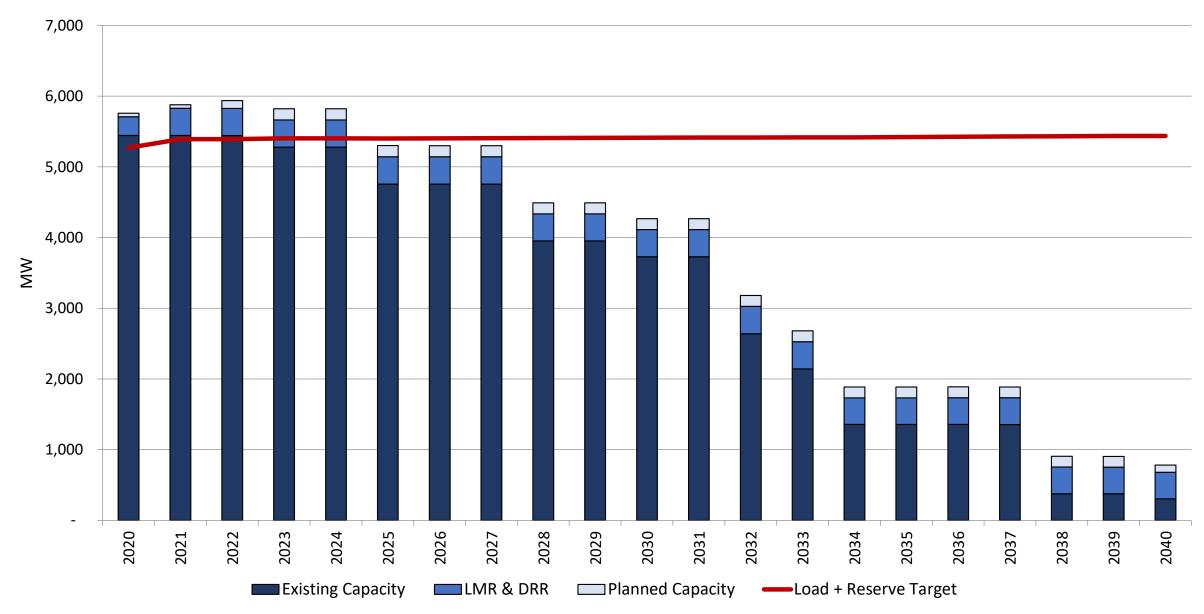
Demand-side Resource
Opportunities & Continue EE

- EAL continues to monitor its projected load and capability position for 2025 based on the assumed deactivation of Lake Catherine 4
- EAL's ongoing supply-side solar resource additions are contributing to meeting this forecasted need

- EAL's EE programs have continued at APSC-mandated savings targets
- Since the prior IRP, EAL's EE programs have achieved 160% and 140% of APSCmandated savings targets in 2018 and 2019, respectively
- EAL's EE programs also achieved 40 MW and 29 MW of DR savings in 2018 and 2019, respectively



## EAL Supply Portfolio and Customer Demand Lili









## Key Elements of Integrated Resource Planning

Each component of the IRP process is critical to an informative and effective IRP:



## Planning & Design

Building future scenarios, assumptions, and ranges of risk factors



#### Stakeholder Engagement

Sharing information, receiving feedback, and facilitating Stakeholder

Group



## Modeling & Analysis

Portfolio optimization, production cost projections



## Conclusions & Action Plan

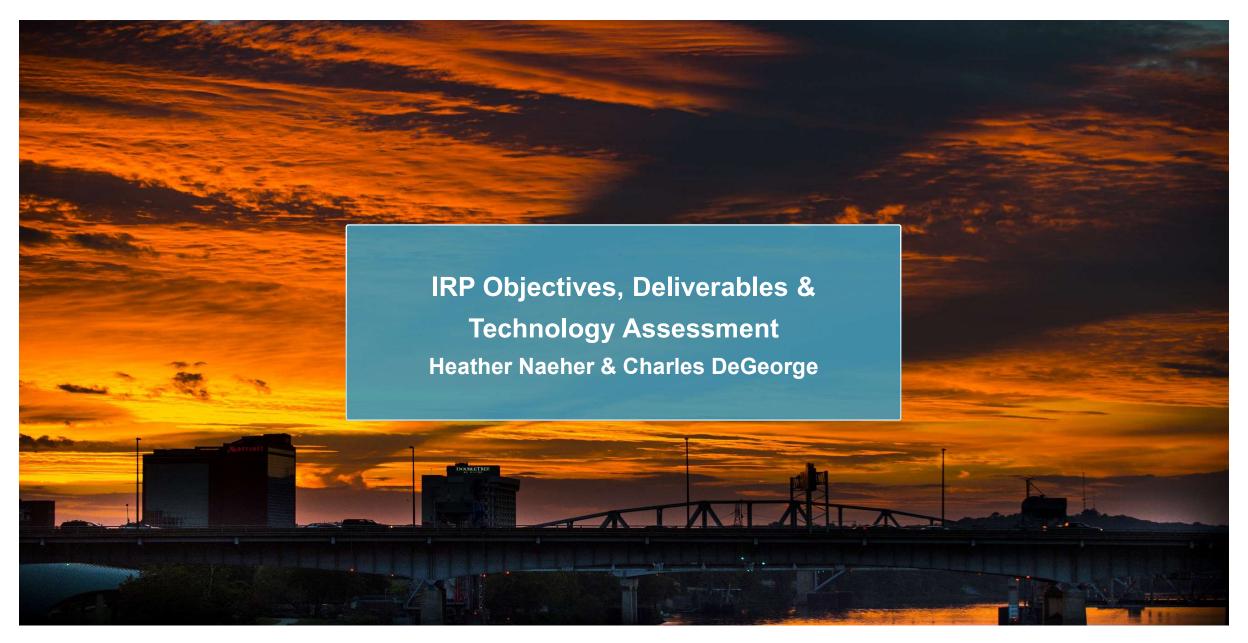
Identifying themes and opportunities, establishing a mid-term, actionable plan



# Publishing and Filing the Report

Organizing information, displaying results, and communicating EAL's narrative

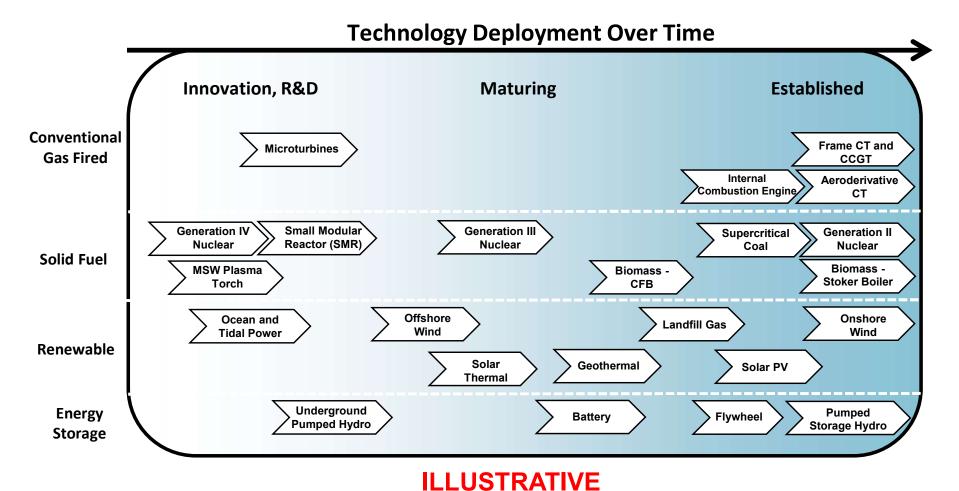






## Identified Supply-Side Resource Alternatives 🗲

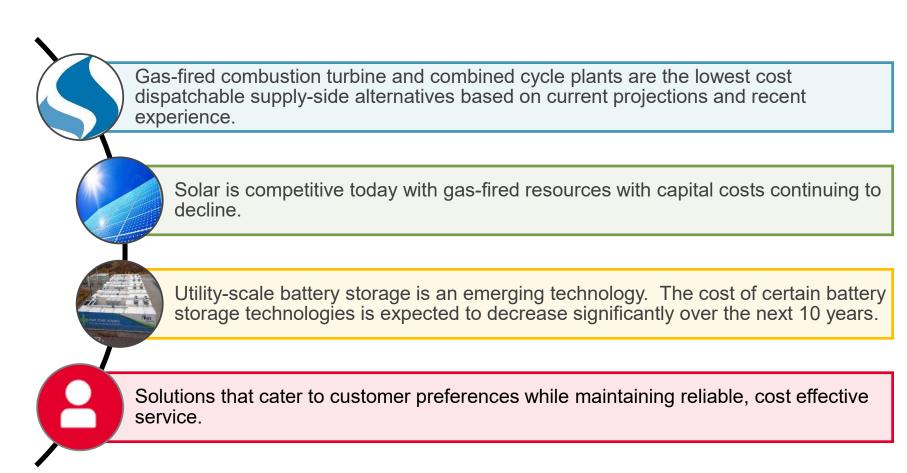
• The technology evaluation includes surveying supply-side resource alternatives to meet supply needs. A subset of alternatives are retained to further understand costs and operational characteristics to be considered for meeting planning objectives. Alternatives evaluated are technologically mature and could reasonably be expected to operate economically and reliably in or around the EAL service territory.





## Supply-Side Resource Alternative Trends >

Market economics, public policy, and technological innovation have shifted research and focus to four main areas for developmental, utility-scale power generation in or around the EAL service territory:





## Demand-Side Management (DSM) Potential Study >

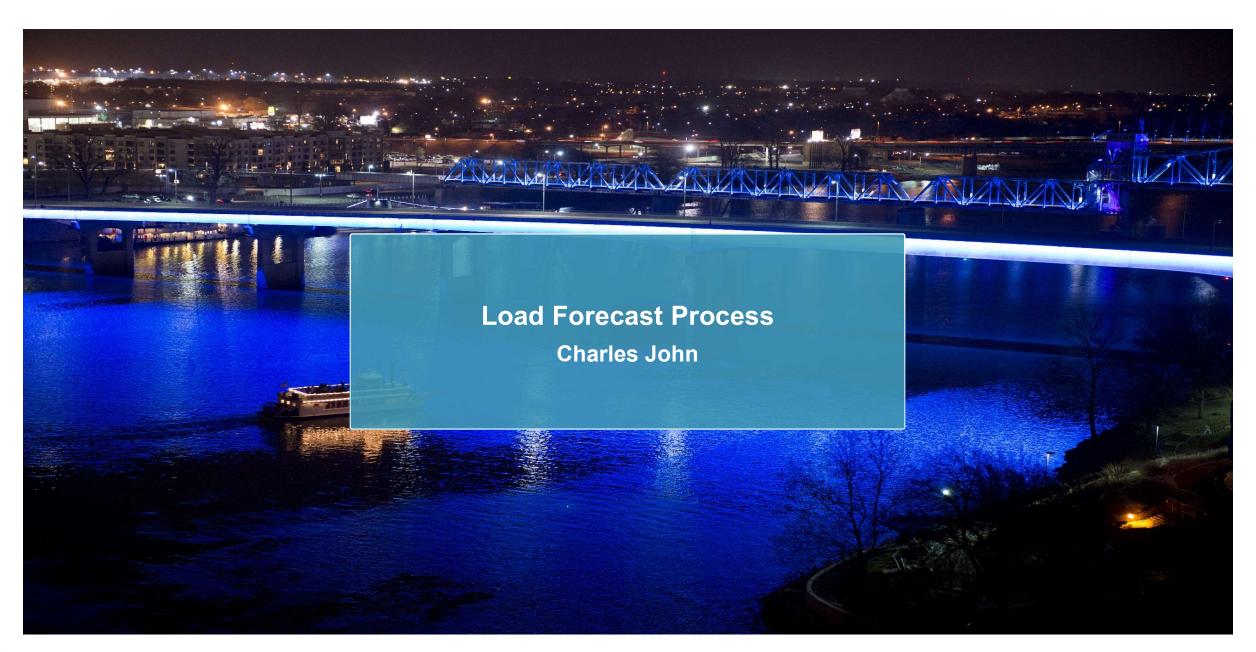
- EAL will retain ICF to perform a robust DSM potential study with the following components:
  - Demand Response Potential Study ("DR")
  - Distributed Energy Resource Potential Study ("DER")
- DR programs developed from the ICF Potential Study will be evaluated in EAL's portfolio as future resource alternatives to meet supply needs alongside the supply-side options.
- Future load scenarios will also include increased levels of kWh reductions from EE and DER programs.
- Hourly load shapes and program costs associated with energy or demand savings from the selected programs will serve as inputs to the IRP production cost modeling in AURORA.
- The result will allow Entergy to describe how the market penetration of cost-effective energy efficiency, demand response, and distributed energy resource technologies will impact load shapes over the 20-year evaluation period.



## Development of Futures 🗱

- In order to reasonably account for a broad range of uncertainty, the EAL IRP takes a futures-based approach. In this approach, futures are developed that represent different combinations of outcomes of many variables and reasonably bookend the range of potential outcomes.
- Major areas of uncertainty that are considered:
  - Sales and load growth
  - Customer usage trends
  - Natural gas price trends
  - Unit life assumptions
  - CO<sub>2</sub> tax trends
- For each future, the AURORA Capacity Expansion Model selects (i.e., outputs) a 20-year resource portfolio that is economically optimal for EAL under that set of circumstances.

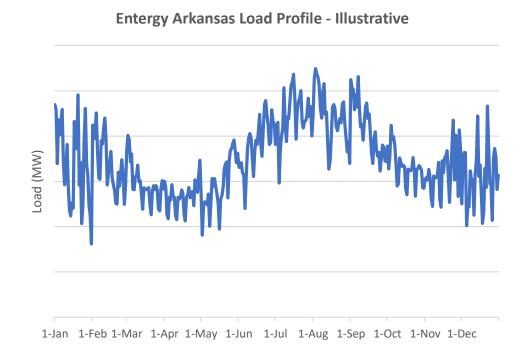






#### Load Forecasts - Process

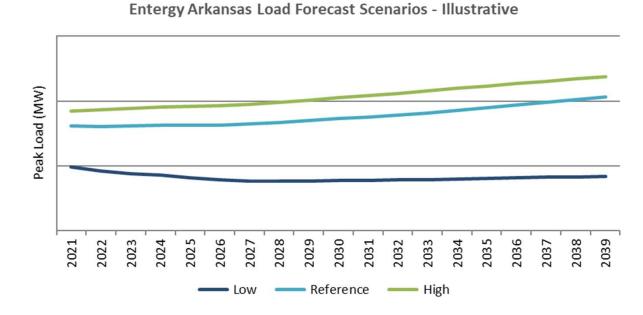
- Entergy Arkansas develops electricity consumption forecasts for a 20 year forward period.
- The forecasts are developed using statistical models and a bottom-up approach by class Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Governmental to estimate the total electricity consumption volumes. The volumes are developed considering a number of elements including:
  - Historical consumption levels, numbers of customers, and temperatures
  - Energy efficiency organic and company-sponsored
  - Future changes in population/households, employment, and segment-level output
  - Individual customer information for identified large industrial customers
- Consumption volumes are merged and allocated across hourly profiles to estimate annual peaks and hourly energy.



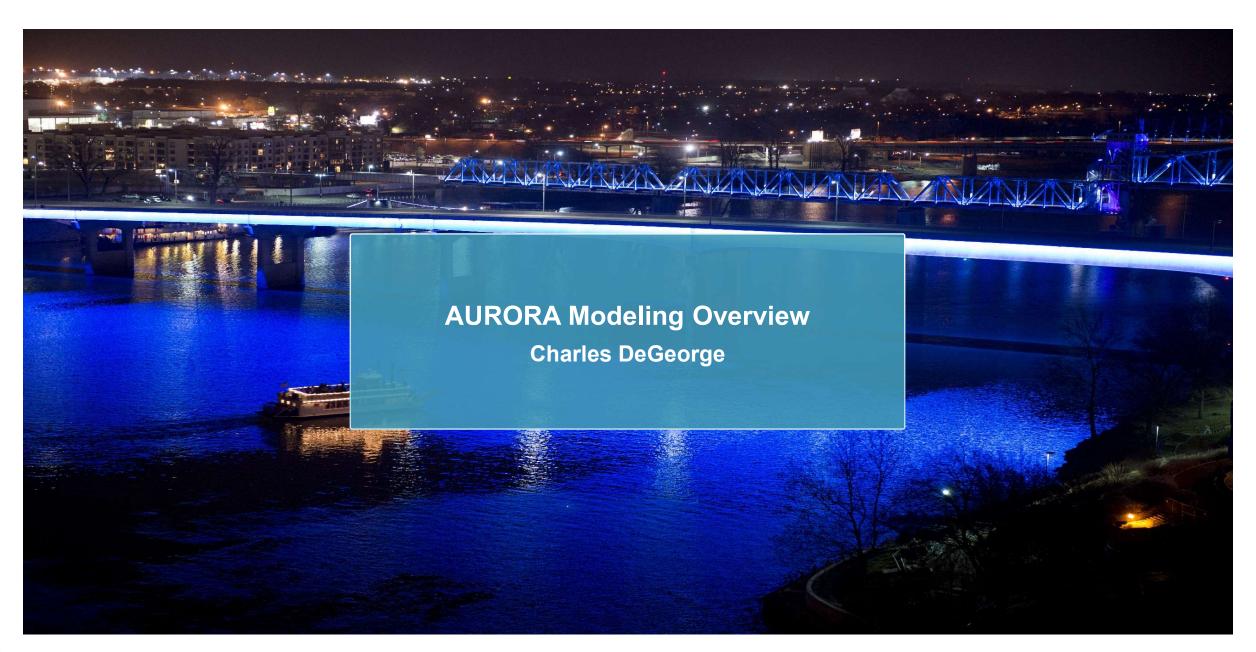


#### Load Forecasts - Elements and Scenarios

- Entergy Arkansas has a Reference Case forecast (BP21) that is the basis for current resource plans as well as financial budgets. That forecast includes perspectives on consumption due to a number of elements including:
  - Energy efficiency: organic and company-sponsored
  - Load growth: changes in numbers of customers; increases/declines with specific customers
  - Technological and economic changes: increases in numbers of electric vehicles, installation of behind-the-meter resources, other electrification
  - Effects of weather/temperatures
- Alternative scenarios are planned to be developed to help in the assessment of other potential future outcomes.
- Those scenarios high and low will be based on increasing/decreasing or adding/removing volumetric levers to the Reference Case forecast.









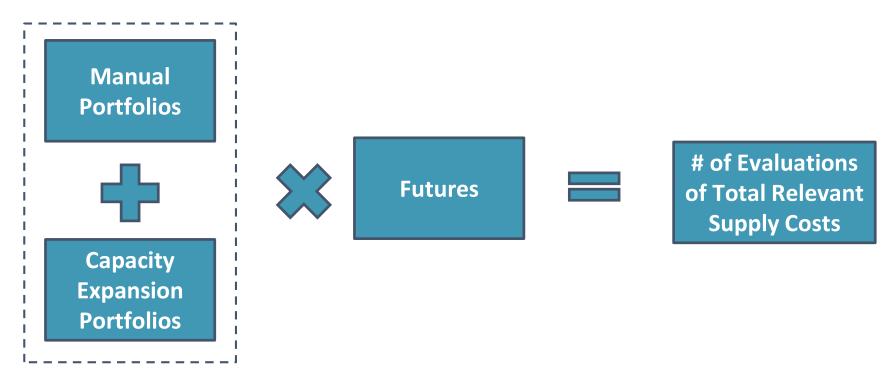
## Total Relevant Supply Cost Analysis – Portfolio Design 🗫

- EAL currently uses the AURORA Capacity Expansion modeling software to develop resource portfolios given defined constraints (e.g. magnitude of capacity needed, minimization of total supply costs as a participant in the MISO market)
- Based on defined assumptions, AURORA Capacity Expansion is used to identify the optimal portfolio additions of supply and demand-side resources to most economically serve customer needs over the 20-year planning horizon
- Some planning objectives or strategies may contemplate constraints that cannot be modeled in the AURORA Capacity Expansion Model. The optimal portfolio in that case would need to be developed based on defined constraints and professional judgment ("manual portfolios")



## Total Relevant Supply Cost Analysis – Portfolio Design 🗫

- Designed portfolios are assessed based on the economic impact to customers under each of the defined futures
- Each resource portfolio is tested in each future using AURORA production cost modeling software
- For each resource portfolio, a present value forward revenue requirement (i.e., a Total Relevant Supply Cost, that includes both relevant fixed and variable costs) will be calculated for the 20 year planning period





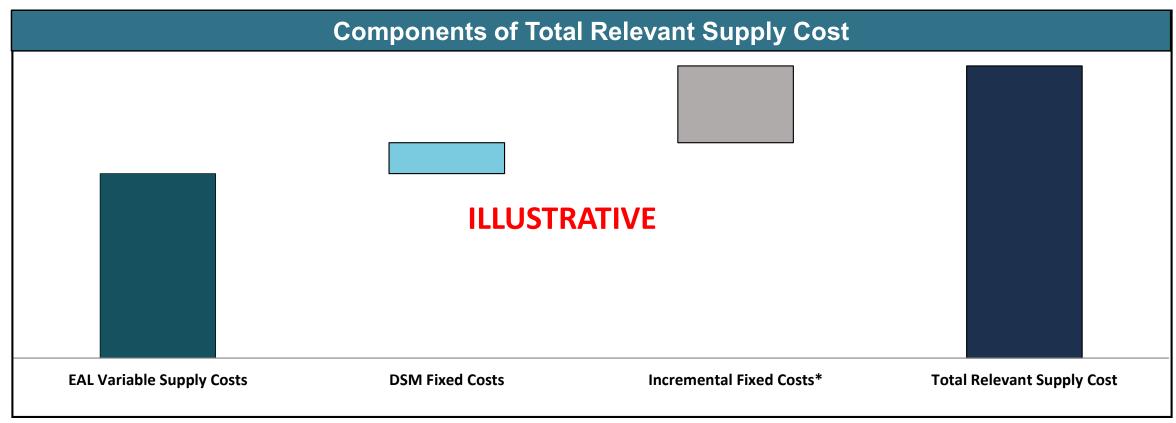
## Total Relevant Supply Cost Components 🗫

Total Relevant Supply Cost results consist of 3 major components:

**EAL Variable Supply Costs** 

- + Demand Side Management (DSM) Costs
- + Incremental Fixed Costs\*

**Total Relevant Supply Cost ("TRSC")** 



\*Incremental Fixed Costs include an adjustment for capacity purchases/sales







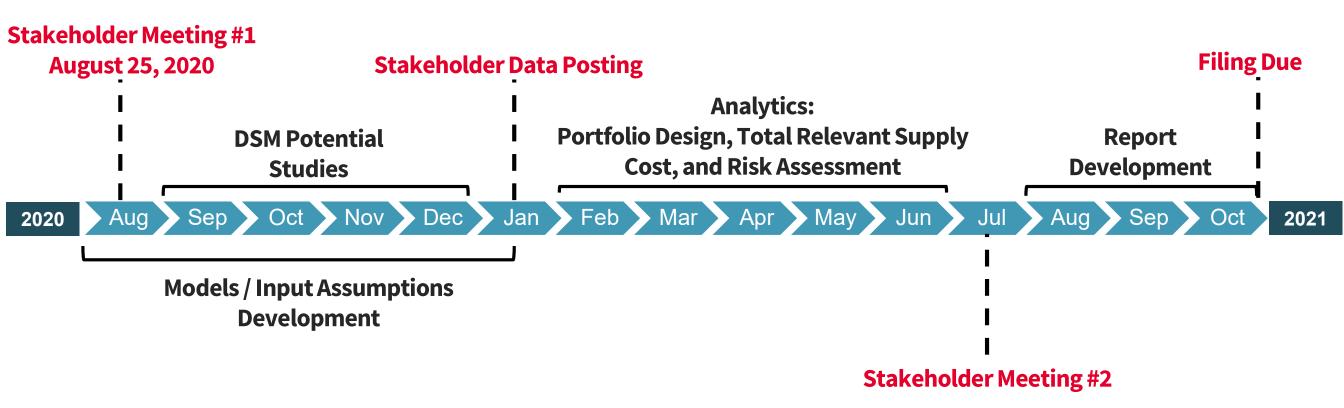
### 2021 IRP Stakeholder Timeline 稟

- Stakeholder engagement will be a cornerstone of the 2021 EAL IRP process
- Future Stakeholder meetings and data postings will be communicated via email
- In-person meetings remain TBD due to COVID-19

Activity/Milestone	Date
Stakeholder Engagement: Information Posting	June 26
Stakeholder Engagement: Meeting 1	August 25
Stakeholder Engagement: Data Posting	January 2021
Stakeholder Engagement: Meeting 2	July – August 2021
Filing	October 29, 2021



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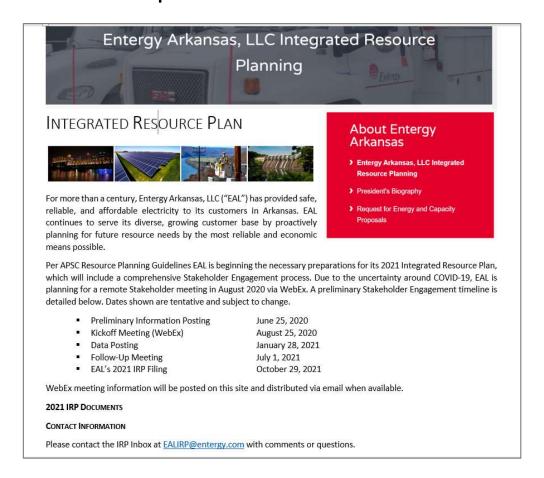


Dates shown are preliminary and subject to change.



#### 2021 IRP Website 횢

 EAL's IRP website will serve as a central point of communication and will continue to be updated with IRP materials and responses to Q&As.



https://www.entergy-arkansas.com/integrated\_resource\_planning/



