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# Use of Phasor Data for Real-Time Operations

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# Agenda

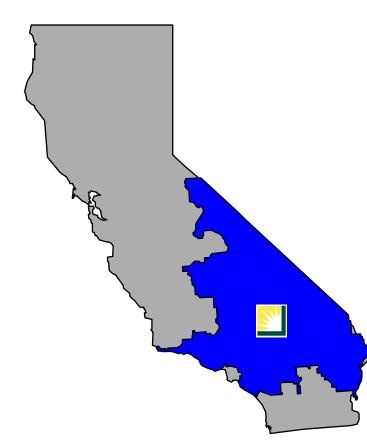
- Disturbance Examples
- Operational Perspective
- Barriers
- SCE approach
- The Future





#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE)

One of the Largest Electrical Utilities in the U.S.



- 50,000 Square Mile Territory
- Serving 430 Cities and Communities
- 4.7+ Million Customers
- 70,000 New Customers Per Year
- 850 Substations
- 23,303 MW Average Load
- 5400 Transmission & Distribution Circuits
- 3281Transformers:
  - 59 AA Banks
  - 188 A Banks
  - 3034 B Banks



### **Disturbances**

- November 1998 Breaker Failure SCE Sustained Low Voltage
  - System stressed
  - Normal load
  - Market generation dispatch
  - High path flows
  - Event results in path overload
  - Sustained load voltage
  - Action necessary to prevent voltage collapse
  - Potential cascading event
- January 2008 System Oscillations
  - Loss of transformer 500 kV transformer initiating event
  - System swings lasted over an hour
  - Pacific DC ramped down and subsequently to zero to resolve problem
  - Unfortunately phasor provided data was not the diagnostic used to determine there was a problem
- What problem are we trying to solve?
  - Lets recognize we may not be able to solve all problems
  - We can't boil the ocean



#### **One Operators Opinion**

- Since 1996 we have known in WECC that planning studies do not reflect real time conditions
- What do I do with phasor information?
  - Pre-contingency?
  - Post-contingency?
  - Who has agreed to these actions?
  - Are we all looking at the same information?
  - Can we all agree what the solution is?
  - Who ultimately directs the corrective action?
  - Who is responsible for the economic consequences of these actions?



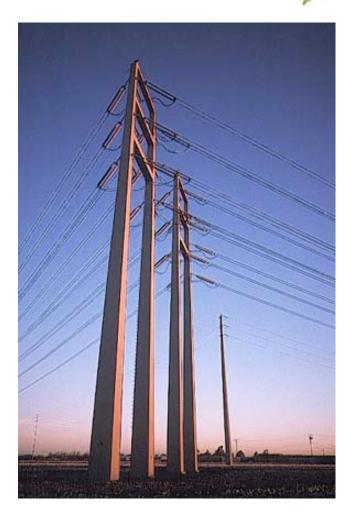
### **Operational Perspective**

- Lets walk before we run
  - We need to know what problem we are trying to solve
  - All disturbances are not created equal
- SCADA versus PMU data
  - Integration or separation
  - How can the operators determine solutions
  - When is SCADA latency good enough
  - Intelligent alarming possibilities
- When should we take action?
- When should we wait?



### **Barriers**

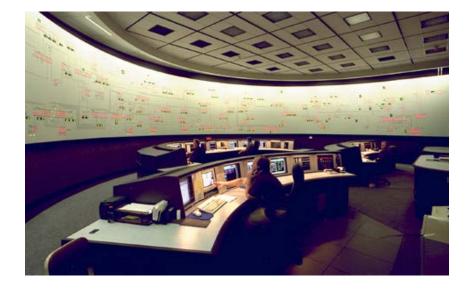
- Engineers and Operators
  - Communication
  - Who carries the torch
- Industry
  - Expectations
  - Buy in on solutions
  - Economic impact of path reductions and generation re-dispatch
- Funding
  - The time is right
  - What are the right projects to work on
- Markets
  - Consideration to market implications
  - What is the price for operating more reliably





# **SCE Approach**

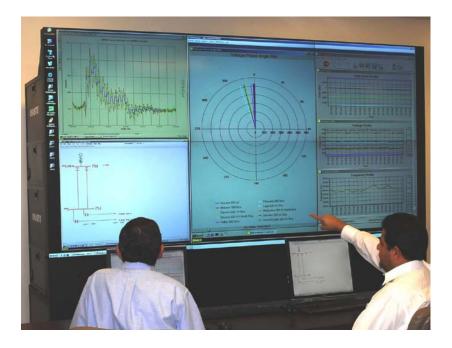
- Control Center Changes
  - Introduction of applications
  - Visual presentation
  - EMS State Estimation enhanced with phasor data
- Engineering Engagement
  - Workshops
  - Training
- Collaborative Solutions
  - Situational awareness
  - New tools
  - SCE Smart Grid initiative





### **The Future**

- Lets work together to deliver a solution
  - Improve the accuracy of existing tools
  - Provide a compelling interconnection wide case to affected entities that proactive response is warranted
  - Give engineers information they need to determine how to improve reliability
  - That will give operators what they need to maintain reliability





# **QUESTIONS?**

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

