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## THE VALUE OF FRONT-OF-THE-METER ENERGY STORAGE

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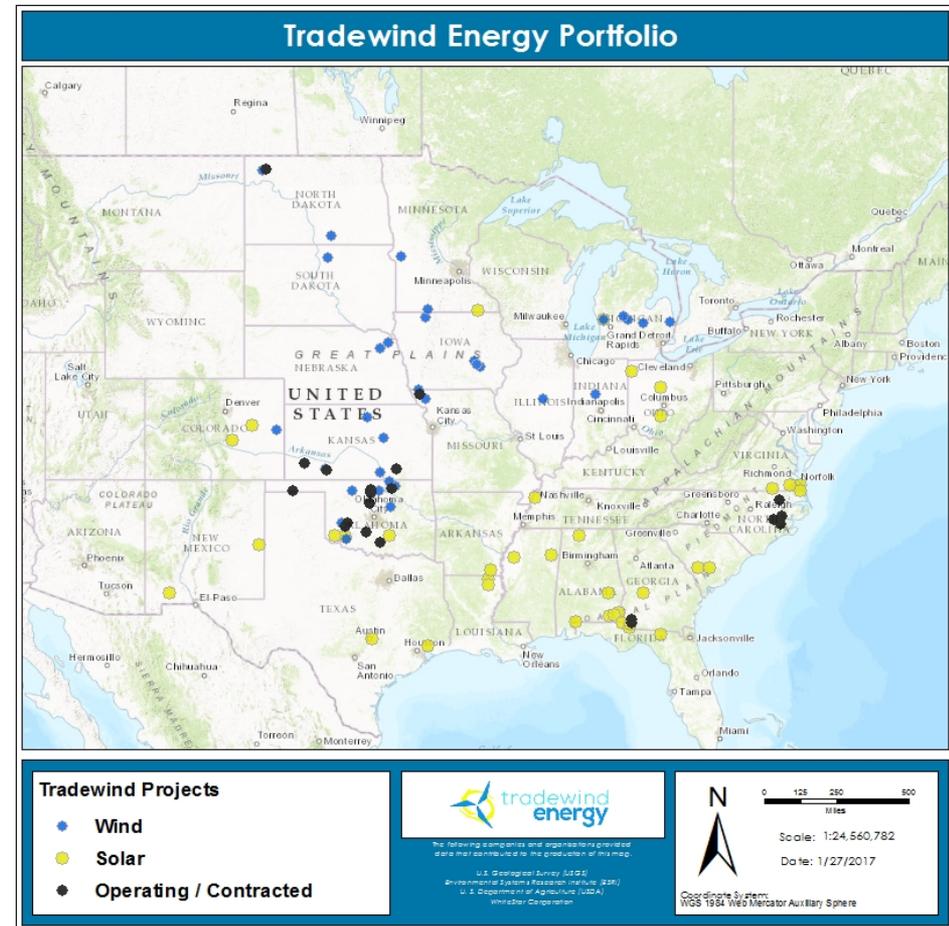
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# Tradewind Energy

Among the Largest & Most Successful Wind & Solar Development Companies in the U.S.

- **Company Info**
  - Founded in 2002
  - Headquarters in Lenexa, KS
  - 140+ full time employees
- **Current Development Portfolio**
  - Present in more than 25 states
  - #1 US Wind Developer in 2017
  - More than **8 GW** of wind assets
  - More than **3 GW** of solar assets
- **Tradewind Success**
  - **3 GW+** contracted & operating projects
  - Successes total more than \$5 Billion capital investments
  - Equivalent to powering 1 million US homes



# Customers



# AGENDA

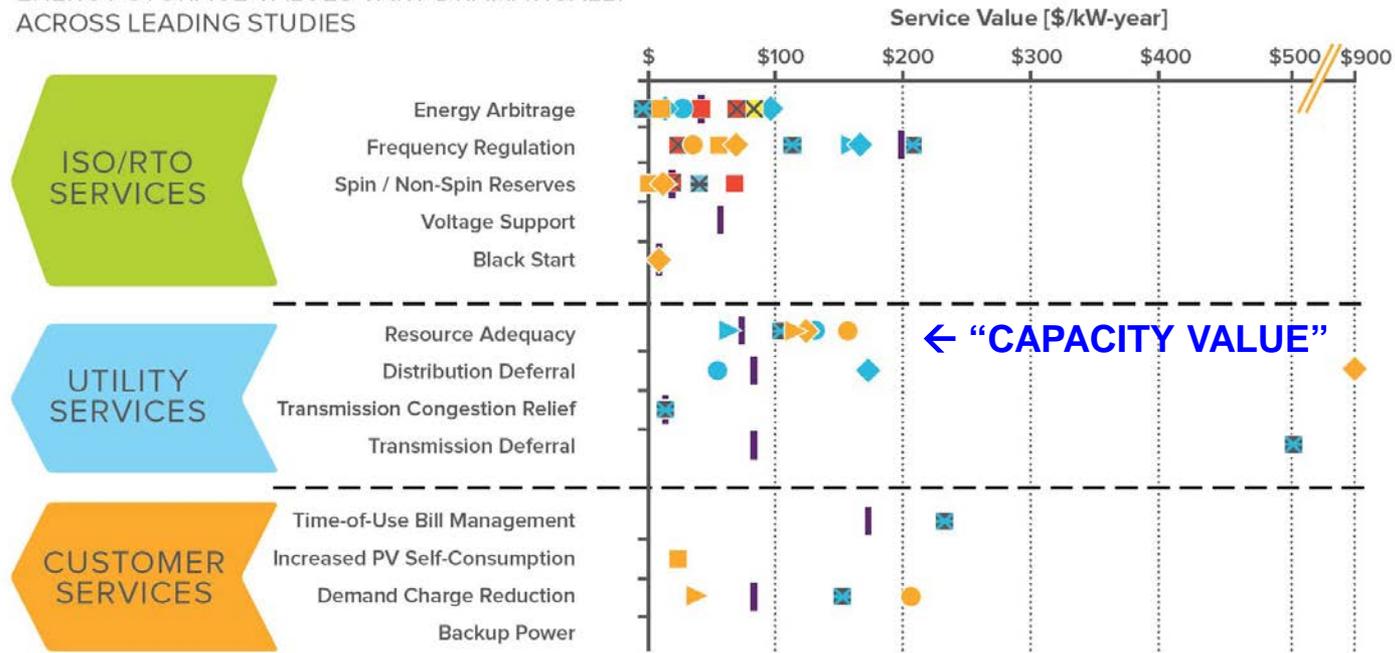
- 1. Front-of-the-Meter (FTM) Energy Storage Applications**
- 2. FTM Energy Storage Configurations**
- 3. Solar + Storage**
- 4. Current FTM Challenges**

# FTM ENERGY STORAGE KEY APPLICATIONS

1. Provide Firm Capacity to non-firm solar and wind projects
2. Act as a shock absorber to the system
  - Frequency Regulation (fast response)
3. Energy Time Shift: Load during times of excess/inexpensive generation, Generator at peak load times
4. Transmission and Distribution deferral

# FTM ENERGY STORAGE APPLICATIONS

**FIGURE ES1**  
ENERGY STORAGE VALUES VARY DRAMATICALLY  
ACROSS LEADING STUDIES



Results for both energy arbitrage and load following are shown as energy arbitrage. In the one study that considered both, from Sandia National Laboratory, both results are shown and labeled separately. Backup power was not valued in any of the reports.



# FTM ENERGY STORAGE – APPLICATION VALUES

## IN DECREASING ORDER OF MARKET VALUE\*

- 1. Frequency Regulation (Ancillary Services)**
- 2. Capacity Value (or “Resource Adequacy”)**
- 3. Transmission Deferral**
- 4. Distribution Deferral**
- 5. Energy Arbitrage (buy low, sell high)**
- 6. Spinning Reserve/ Voltage Support / Blackstart**

\*Market Values are highly location-dependent, this is a representative list of market values based on higher-end of spectrum.

# FTM ENERGY STORAGE CONFIGURATIONS

- **Stand-Alone Wholesale “Generator” & “Load”:**
  - Energy Arbitrage (Load-Following) – Charge Off-Peak, Discharge On-Peak
  - Capacity Value / FR / Spinning Reserve / Voltage Support
  - Future Ramping Products?
  - Interconnection through ISO/State generator interconnection process
- **Stand-Alone Transmission and/or Distribution Asset**
  - Transmission planning process or NWA (non-wires alternative)
  - Typically rated-based asset
  - Other compensation structures?

# FTM ENERGY STORAGE APPLICATIONS (cont.)

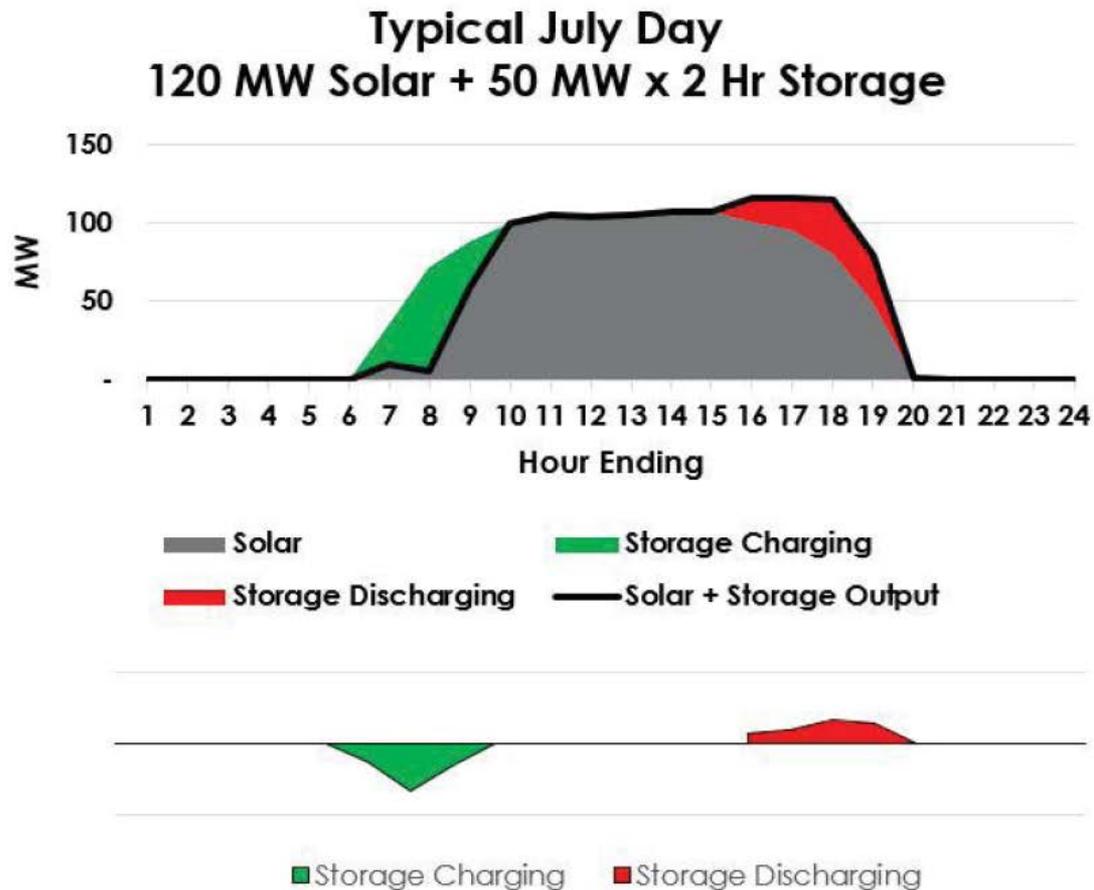
- **Co-located with Wind (Wind + Storage)**
  - Energy Arbitrage / Curtailment abatement (charge solar during curtailment)
  - Capacity Value
  - Bulk Storage options
  - Ramp Rate Control (no rapid cut-out)
  - FR/Ancillary services in off-hours
  - NOT ITC eligibility (typically)
  
- **Co-located w/Solar (Solar + Storage)**

# BENEFITS OF SOLAR + STORAGE:

## Benefits of Solar and Storage

- Firm capacity and energy from a renewable resource when coupled with solar
- Storage qualifies for the ITC when charged from solar (first five years)
- Option to charge from the grid post-ITC period
- Other revenue possibilities
  - Energy arbitrage
  - Spinning reserves
  - Frequency regulation
  - Voltage support
- Added system flexibility/black start and ramp rate control capability
- Pricing structure options
  - Fixed & variable
  - Blended \$/MWh (solar+storage)
- FERC Order 845
  - Will allow net zero addition of storage capacity without material modification to Interconnection – subject to the current ISO rule-making process

# SOLAR + STORAGE DISPATCH PROFILE:



# CURRENT FTM ENERGY STORAGE CHALLENGES:

1. **Market Participation** (FERC Order 841 to address)
2. **Interconnection Process** (FERC Order 845 to address)
3. **Proper compensation** for value provided to system (FERC Order 841 to address)
4. **Lack of predictable cash flow** (State mandates/procurements helping a lot)

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