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Utilizing Energy Storage as Non-Wires Alternatives

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Key Benefits of Non-Wires Alternatives

- **Reduced environmental impact:**
  - May avoid infrastructure siting concerns faced by traditional wires solutions
  - Supports renewables integration through multiple-use applications

- **Quicker deployment:**
  - Designed and constructed relatively quickly compared to traditional wires solutions

- **Reduced financial risk through modular deployment:**
  - Developed incrementally as needs emerge or change
  - Improves transmission utilization while lowering energy/congestion costs (i.e., dilutes costs of the Transmission Access Charge) through multiple-use applications

- **Easier local siting and access:**
  - Provides reliability advantages by being sited closer to load
Example: Presidio, Texas

- Presidio, TX was reliant on a single, aging transmission line

- ERCOT and Texas PUC approved a 4-MW, 32-MWh battery to support power quality on a transmission line feeding Presidio:
  - Addressed voltage fluctuations affecting power quality
  - Allowed for maintenance on a new transmission line being built from Marfa to Presidio without loss of electric service
  - 8 hours of power during an outage

- Key takeaways:
  - Project took two years from commissioning to operations
  - TX PUC set a split-rate treatment
    - Transmission cost of service for reactive-power portion of battery
    - Separate wholesale transmission rate schedule for back-up service portion of battery
Transmission Wires Can Be Unavailable Too

Thank You!

Questions?

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Appendix
Energy Storage = FACTS plus Real Power Services

- FACTS = Flexible AC Transmission System
- FACTS are common for improving transmission power flows
- Energy Storage = FACTS with Real Power (because of 4 quadrant inverters)
- Energy Storage can provide the same FACTS service, constantly, without reducing real power capability (the state of charge)
- Short duration energy storage offers additional capability to FACTS when required:
  - Frequency response, increased voltage stability, increased reliability (particularly momentary outages), additional flexibility for line maintenance and switching
  - Longer duration storage will offer additional applications

FACTS Resource: https://library.e.abb.com/public/75362d2c1aa7f86783257e0c00478a6f/SVC%20A02-0100.pdf
Energy Storage plus FACTS/STATCOM Paper: https://www.hindawi.com/journals/ape/2012/676010/
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