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GRU Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) PART 2 Executive Summary



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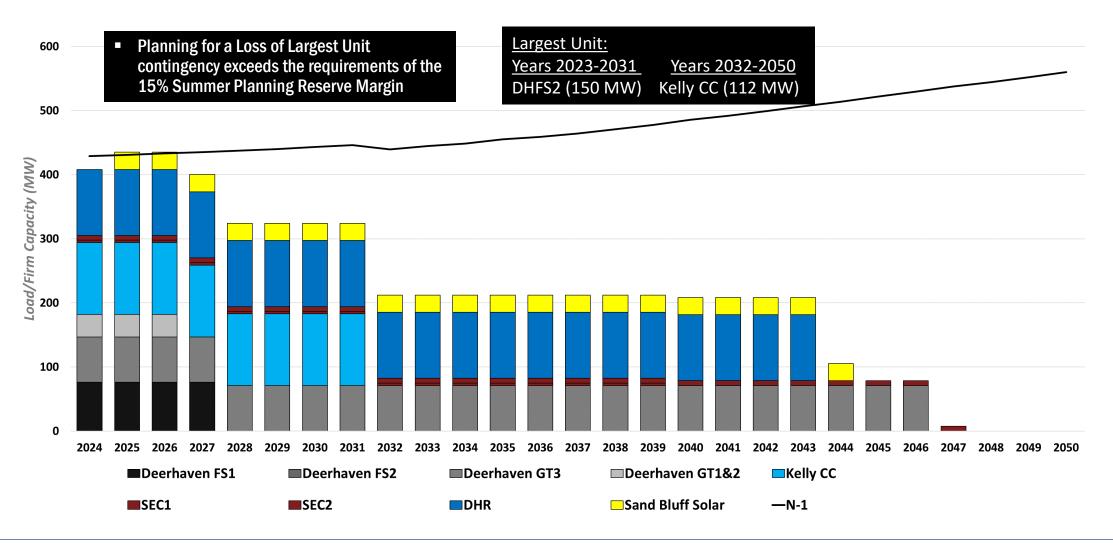


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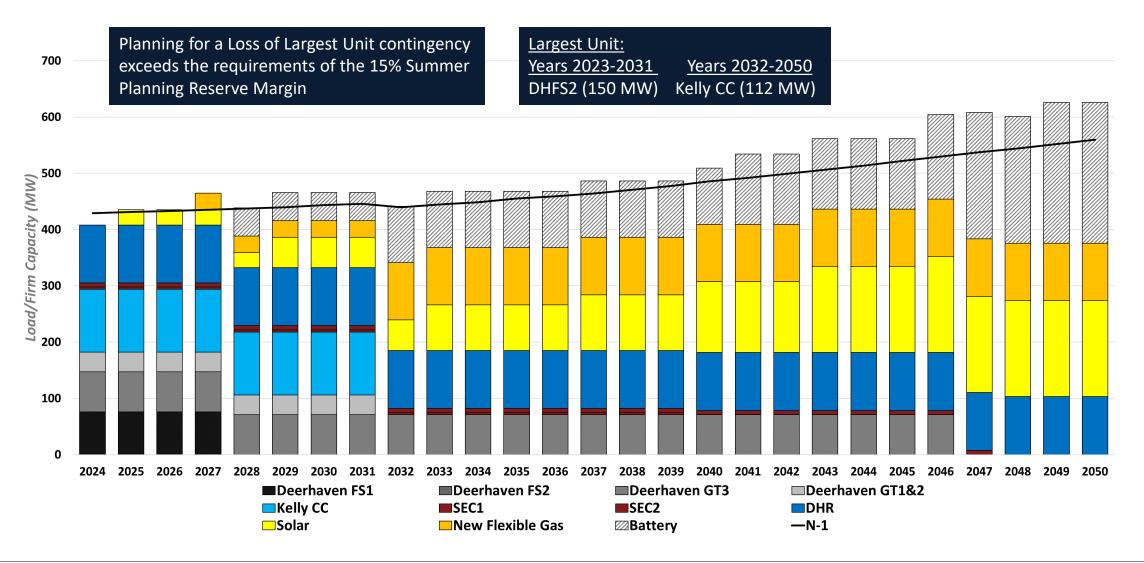
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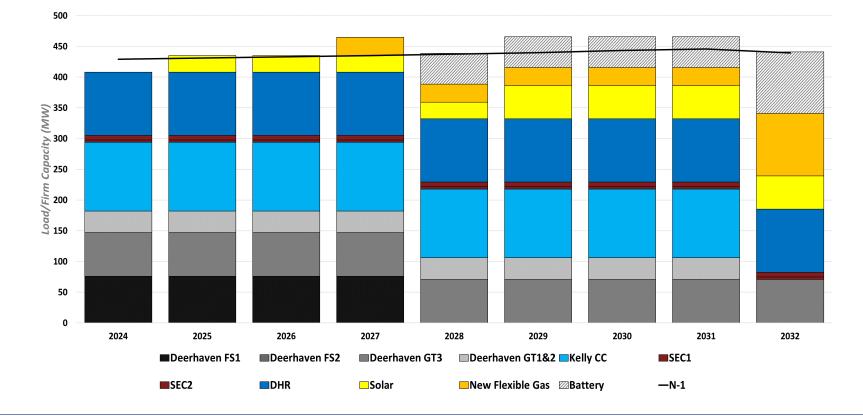


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- Current firm import capability
 - 75 MW Summer
 - Up to 200 MW beginning 2028
- Can be utilized to import solar energy or other purchased power
- Additional import capability requires transmission upgrade
 - +200 MW additional capacity (400 MW total)
 - Estimated cost of \$131M NPV (2023 dollars)
 - Modeled as an option in all scenarios and sensitivities



- Solar Integration Considerations
- Firm capacity required in conjunction with solar
 - 1:2 ratio of Firm capacity to Solar PV
 - Firm capacity options include thermal generation and batteries
- Contribution of Solar PV rated capacity available to meet peak demand
 - 36% Summer; 0% Winter
- Solar PV additions limited to 75MW
- Must be at least 4 years apart for Tier 1 (Local)
 - 1 year to familiarize use of increasing inverter-based resources (i.e. Solar PV and Battery Storage)
 - 3 years for ACE study/RFP process/permitting/construction
- Must be at least 3 years apart for Tier 2 (Imported)



Solar Integration

Resource Location	Incremental Cost	Year Ranges Solar Can be Added	Maximum Incremental Nameplate Capacity Added (MW)	Maximum Cumulative Nameplate Capacity (MW)
		2025-2028 (Sand Bluff)	75	75
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		2033-2036	75	225
		2037+	50	275
		2040-2042	75	350
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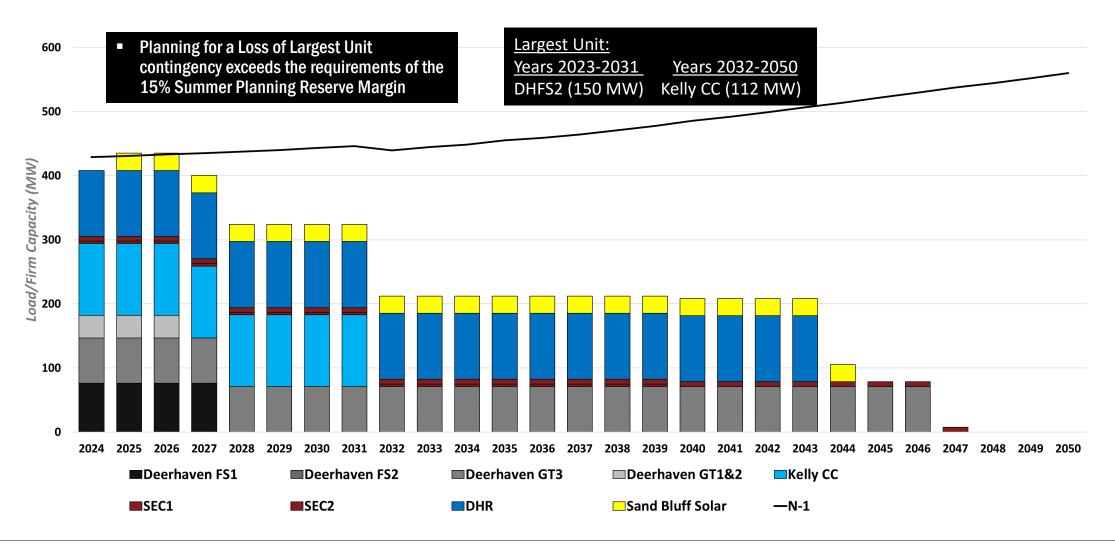


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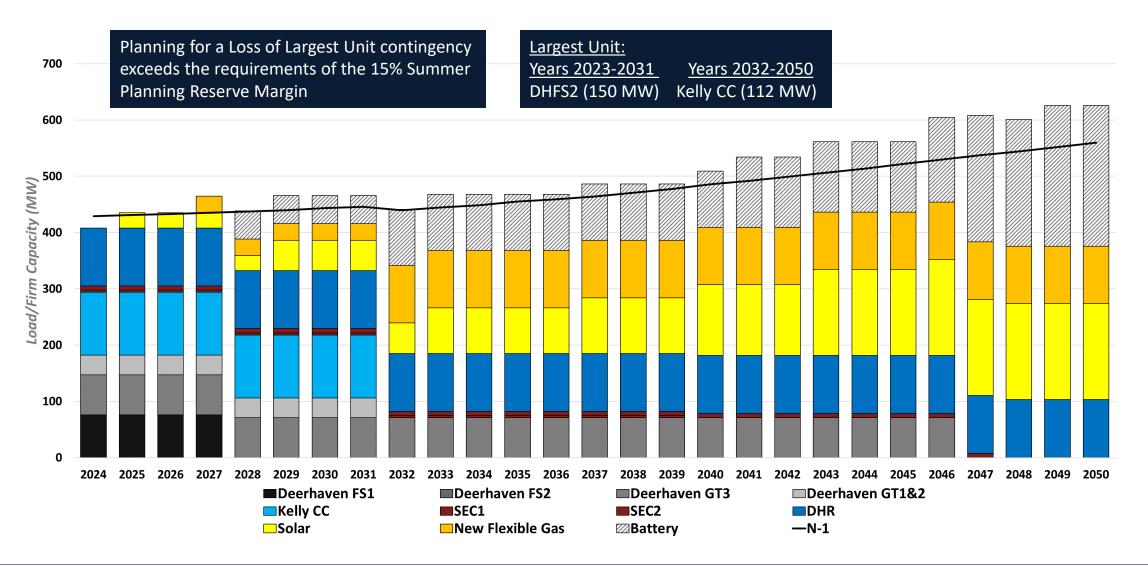


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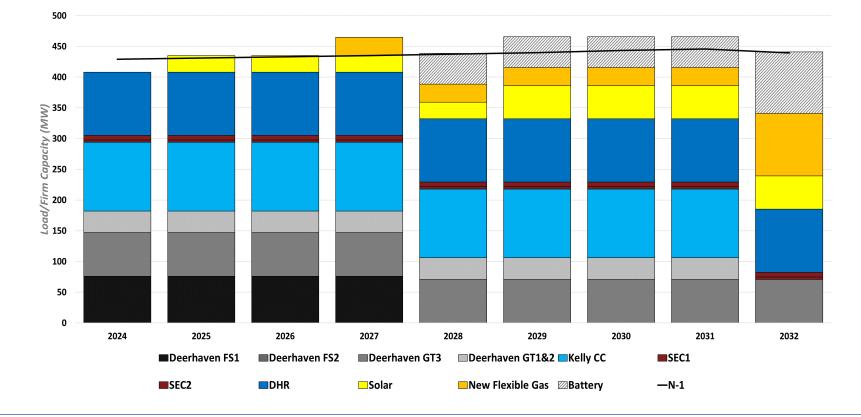


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No Solar Sensitivity

- Objective: Determine impacts of eliminating all utility-scale solar on lifecycle NPV cost
- Model constrained to not allow any solar addition
- Includes removing Sand Bluff solar farm
- Result
 - No Solar increases NPV by \$320M



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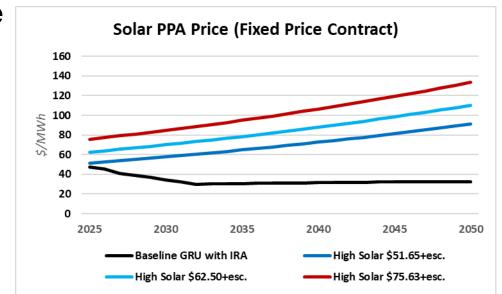
High Solar Price Sensitivity

- Objective: Determine the impact if future solar prices are higher than expected
- 3 sensitivities evaluated in addition to baseline

	Modeled	PLEXOS Result			
Scenario	2025 Price	Tier 1	Tier 2		
	\$/MWh	MW	MW		
Baseline	\$47.35	275	200		
A	\$51.65	275	25		
В	\$62.50	275	0		
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- Sand Bluff cost \$40.56/MWh
- Result: Utility scale solar price would have to increase substantially before model chooses different resources





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Market Reliance Sensitivity

- Objective: Evaluate cost impact of Market Reliance
- Retirements of existing generating units over same timeline as Baseline
- No new GRU generating units
- No new GRU solar PPA projects
- Resource needs met by firm capacity PPAs (5 yr term)
- Transmission upgrade required \$131M (2023 \$)





Reduced Capacity Pricing PPA Sensitivity

- Objective: Determine if reducing the capacity PPA price would make Capacity PPA a preferred resource
- Capacity PPA Option Selected in Only 2 Sensitivities:
 - High Natural Gas Price
 - Market Reliance No New GRU Generation
- For Reduced Capacity Pricing Sensitivity the Capacity PPA price was reduced from \$6.50/kW-mo (Baseline) to \$2.50/kW-mo (well below current market)
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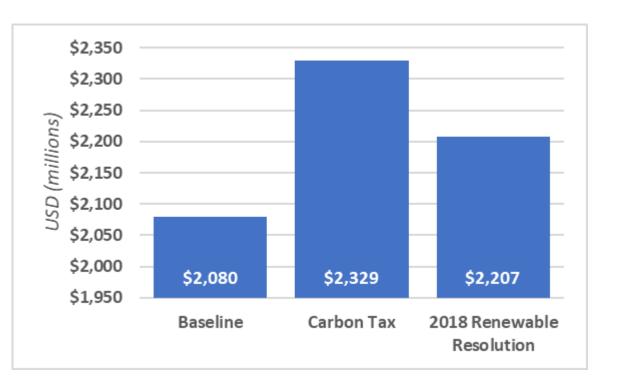
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- Firm Capacity PPA pricing based on:
 - -\$6.50/kW-month capacity charge (2023 \$)
 - Natural gas-fired combined cycle unit with 7 MMBtu/MWh heat rate and \$1.50 variable 0&M (2023 \$)
 - Delivered natural gas price (FGTZ3+usage+fuel) + \$0.55 adder (2023 \$)
 - -\$2.67/kW-month wheeling rate
- Result
 - Market Reliance increases NPV by \$380M



Impacts of Imposing Environmental Constraints

- Carbon Tax Sensitivity increases NPV \$249M but does not change the resource plan from Baseline
- Most scenarios/sensitivities reduce CO₂ emissions from 2005 levels by more than 75% (Baseline reduction is 85%)
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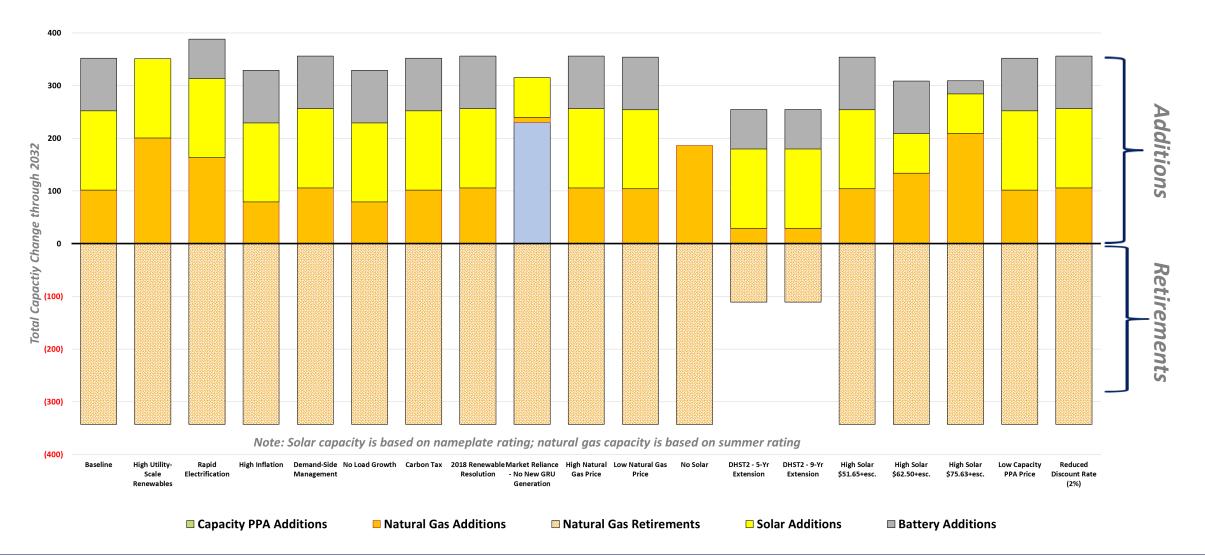


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