“RES forecasting from a TSO perspective”

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Agenda

1. Role of the German TSOs.
2. TenneT TSO.
3. Challenges of the energy turnaround.
4. Renewable energies development in Germany up to 2022.
5. Conclusions.
TSOs are obliged to take off the energy, bring it to market and balance the in-feed.
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First European transnational TSO

- Connected to 10 TSOs
- More than 20,000 km of high and extra voltage power lines.
- 2,300 Employees.
- Legal mandate of grid expansion
- Power transport and Security of Supply
- EPEX Power exchange
- Implementation of energy turnaround
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Challenges of the energy turnaround

1. High amount of volatile in-feed.
2. Imbalanced regional power generation of renewable energy sources (Wind/PV)

- Wind
- Photovoltaic
- Consumption

New power lines are necessary!
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Change from a “Top-Down” to “Bottom-Up” structure
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Where are we now?

Installed
Capacity
RES
(MWs)

Current situation

- Transition phase from 100% conventional power systems into a renewable energies dominated power system.
- There is an increasing need for AS from RES.
- Markets under development to add flexibility and allow RE penetration.
- Offshore challenging the power system in the coming years.
- Public opinion strongly demanding environmental friendly energy solutions.

History

- Power system based on large conventional power units.
- No system flexibility.
- Low RE penetration levels.
- Low markets development.
- Non clear RE targets.
- No large scale PV development.
- WT kW scale.
- Public opinion not clearly defined.

Future…

- Larger penetrations of RE, both centralized and dispersed.
- REs providing ancillary services, both balancing and system services.
- Markets dominated by REs and their characteristics.
- Less conventional power plants connected to the system.
- Real time control and monitoring systems, both national and cross border ones.
- Virtual Power Plants.
- E-Vehicles.
- PV and storage.
- Storage stand alone?
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RES forecast development

Combination of several forecasts within a “Meta-Forecast”

\[ P_{Meta} = w_1 P_1 + w_2 P_2 + w_3 P_3 \]

\( P_i \): Forecast \quad \( w_i \): Weight

The main differences between forecasts are:

- Weather model
- Provider

Know-How

- \( w_i \): TSO
- \( P_i \): Meteorology

Calculation of the \( w_i \)

- Amount of forecast providers.
- Analysis from historical time series.
- Dependent on weather conditions and accuracy of weather models.
- Good quality of historical data.
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Conclusions

- Real time data is required.
  - Power, availability and curtailment information.
- Structures for dealing with large amounts of data.
  - In house structures.
  - Interfaces should be clarified.
- With real time data:
  - No extrapolations would be needed.
  - Strategies for markets would be better developed (for example during those hours with negative prices).
  - Better decision support process.
  - Node level analysis would be more accurate.
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Conclusions

- Grid reinforcement already scheduled (German Network Development Plan).
- Increase overall system flexibility.
- Provision of ancillary services with renewable energies.
- New market products are needed for new technologies to be deployed.
- Improve forecasting technologies from wind and solar power.
- Smart Grids at TSO and DSO level.
- Energy storage technologies should be considered at kW, MW and GW scale.
- Demand side management.
- TSO – DSO interaction in control and monitoring.
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