

Challenges with the Integration of Large Scale Wind by a Regional Utility

Wind Forecasting And System Operations

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Columbia River Basin



CANADA

U.S.

SEATTLE

PORTLAND

SPOKANE

MISSOULA

BOISE

Mica

Duncan

Hugh Keenleyside
Arrow

Chief Joseph

Grand Coulee

Rocky Reach

Rock Is.

Wanapum

Priest Rapids

Wells

Lower Monumental

Little Goose

Lower Granite

Dworshak

Hells Canyon

Oxbow

Brownlee

John Day

The Dalles

Bonneville

McNary

Ice Harbor

Clearwater

Clearwater NF

Kootenai R.

Finlayson R.

Kootenai R.

Oregan R.

Clearwater

Snake R.

Columbia R.

BPA – A Regional Wholesale Power Provider

- **Operates in five states in the Pacific NW**
- **Customers – Public Utilities, Investor Owned Utilities & Direct Service Industries**
- **21,944 MW total capacity – 31 dams, 1 nuke, wind**
- **19,321 MW 60 minute system peak**
- **7,712 aMW annual generation**
- **15,342 miles of transmission 1000 – 115 kV**
- **May manage 2500 + MW of wind by end of 2008**



Presentation Overview

- **BPA Wind Forecasting Network – goals**
- **Wind forecasting in the mid-Columbia Basin**
- **Planned expansion of wind at BPA**
- **Within the hour wind ramps – discussion**
- **Impact of large scale wind ramps on system operations – power and transmission**
- **Prototype RD&D within-the-hour forecast system**



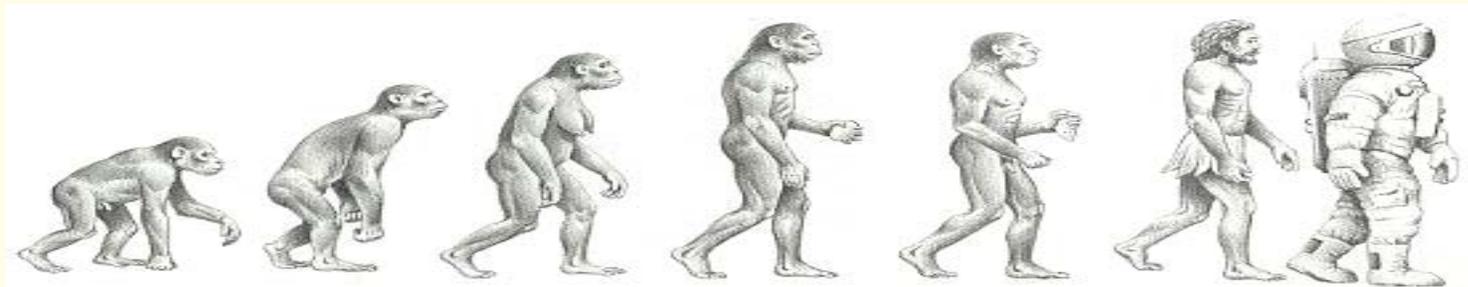
Generation and Transmission at BPA

- **In 1996, BPA functionally separated into independent generation and transmission organizations**
- **BPA remained operationally integrated**
- **A regional Pacific NW transmission operator has not materialized**
- **Planned large scale wind development is poised to impact both business lines**



Evolution of Wind at BPA

- **Responsibilities under the Power Act and FERC tariff to facilitate and integrate renewable energy**
- **1000 MW RFP (2001) – Region wakes up to wind**
- **1st wind/hydro integration study (2002) – Eric Hirst**
- **Innovative Wind Integration and Wind Storage & Shaping products (2004)**
<http://www.bpa.gov/power/pgc/wind/wind.shtml>
- **PBL 208 MW – load serving and Storage & Shaping**
- **TBL 1650 MW+ – by 2008 for loads external to BPA**



BPA Wind Forecasting Network

“Active Management of BPA (PBL) Wind”

- A Two-Year Wind/Hydro Optimization **RD&D** Project
- Supported by **DOE** & the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (**NREL**)
- Forecast wind each hour from **present time** to **seven days** into the future (**168 hours**)
- Improve the quality of wind generation forecasts for BPA’s hydro optimization models – **Columbia Vista, NRTO**



Wind Forecasting Network cont.

- Improve quality of wind generation forecasts to **inform near-term marketing decisions** (increasing revenue)
- Establish operating impacts of **Wind Integration and Wind Storage and Shaping** products (reducing costs)
- **Determine** if wind has a **capacity value** (increasing revenue) and the **capacity needed to support its uncertainty** (reducing costs), given an accurate wind forecast
- Project may evolve to **actively manage within-the hour wind**



Building the Forecasting Network

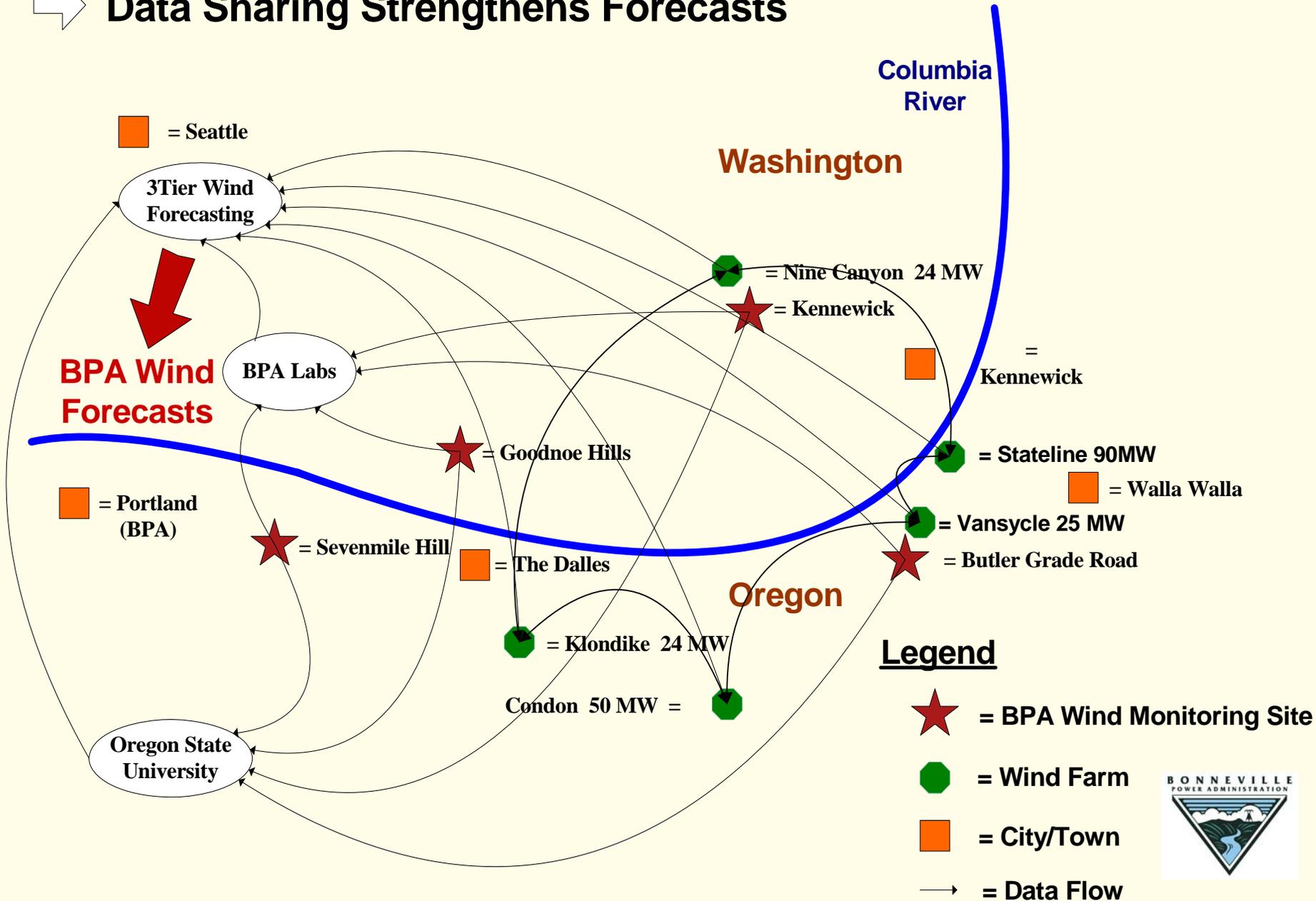
- Honeymoon with wind – Long gone!
- Wind plant owner/operators unwilling to share information – perceived FOIA threat
- Innovative data sharing arrangement negotiated
- All on-site data (wind/power) given to 3rd party – 3TIER, who forecasts for each
- Data sharing strengthens forecasts for all



BPA Wind Forecasting Network

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➔ Data Sharing Strengthens Forecasts



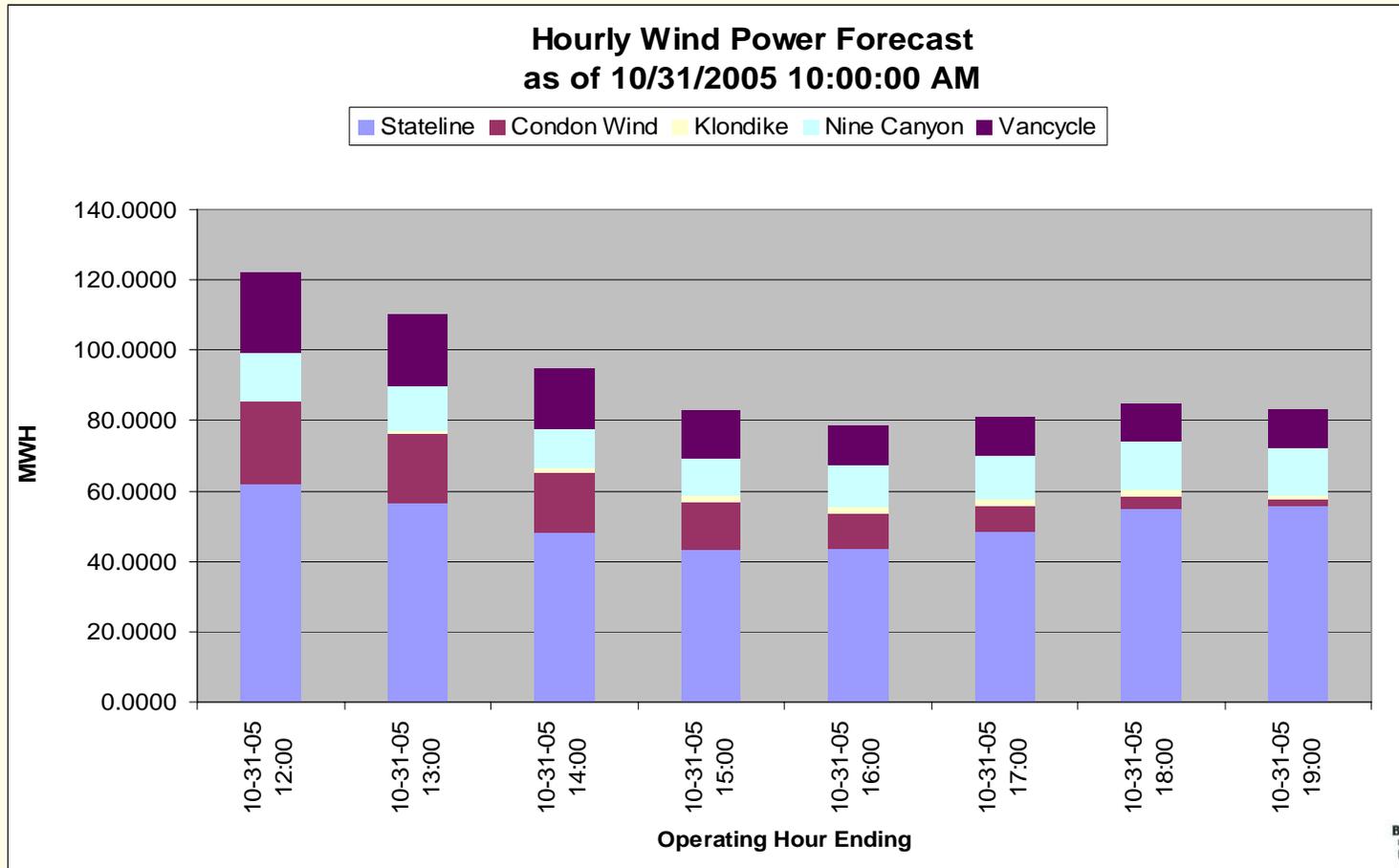
Wind Forecasts 24/7 – 365

- ***“Hour ahead” forecast:*** For the next 8 operating hours forecasts will be made and updated every 10 minutes.
- ***“Day ahead” forecast:*** For the next 60 hours forecasts will be updated at least 3 times daily at 3 a.m., at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m.
- ***“Week ahead” forecast:*** For the next 100 hours, forecasts will be provided and updated once daily by 6 a.m.
- ***“Next week” forecast:*** The historical average of wind plant output each hour after hour 168 to 336 (2nd week).



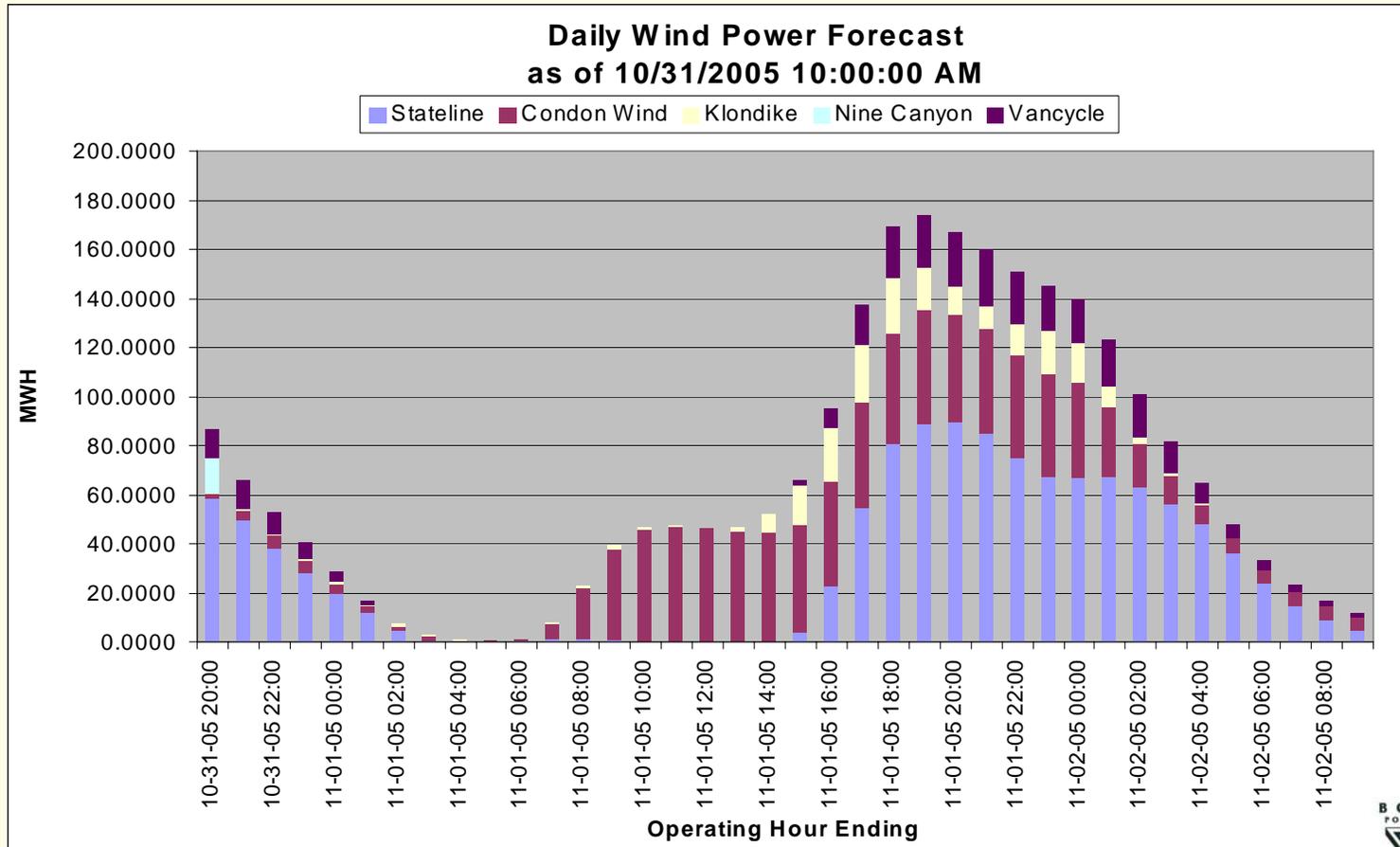
Hourly Wind Forecast

Every 10 Minutes – next 8 hours

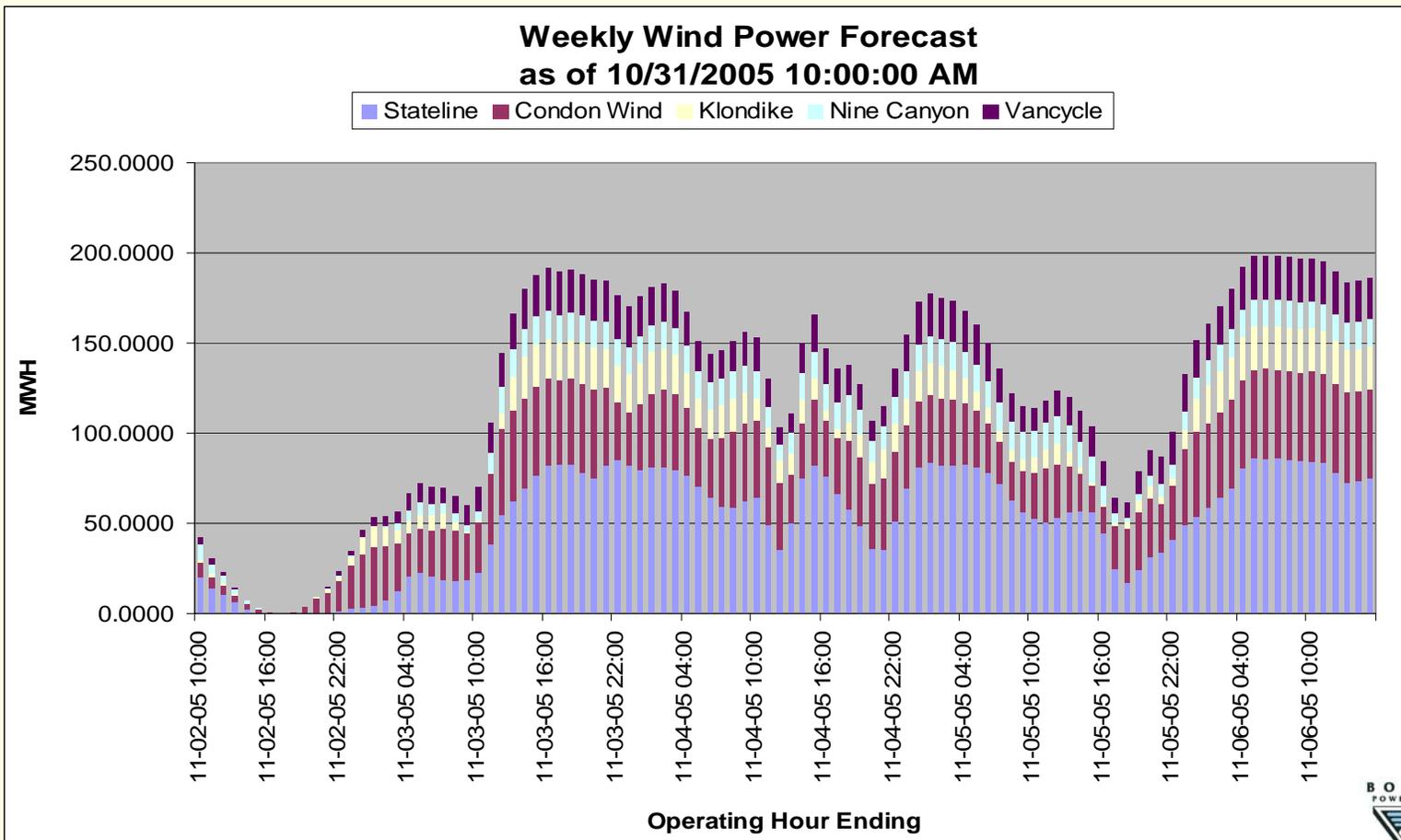


Daily Wind Forecast

Three Times Daily – 2 ½ days



Weekly Wind Forecast Once a Day – This Week



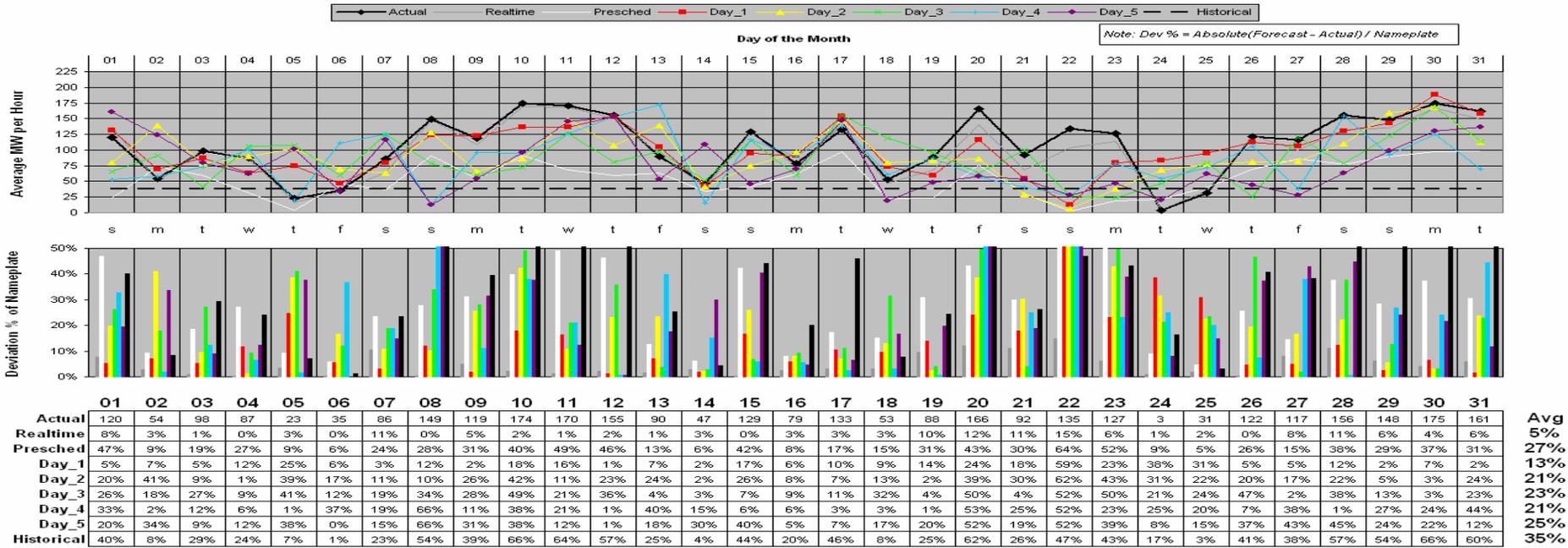
Monthly Forecast Results

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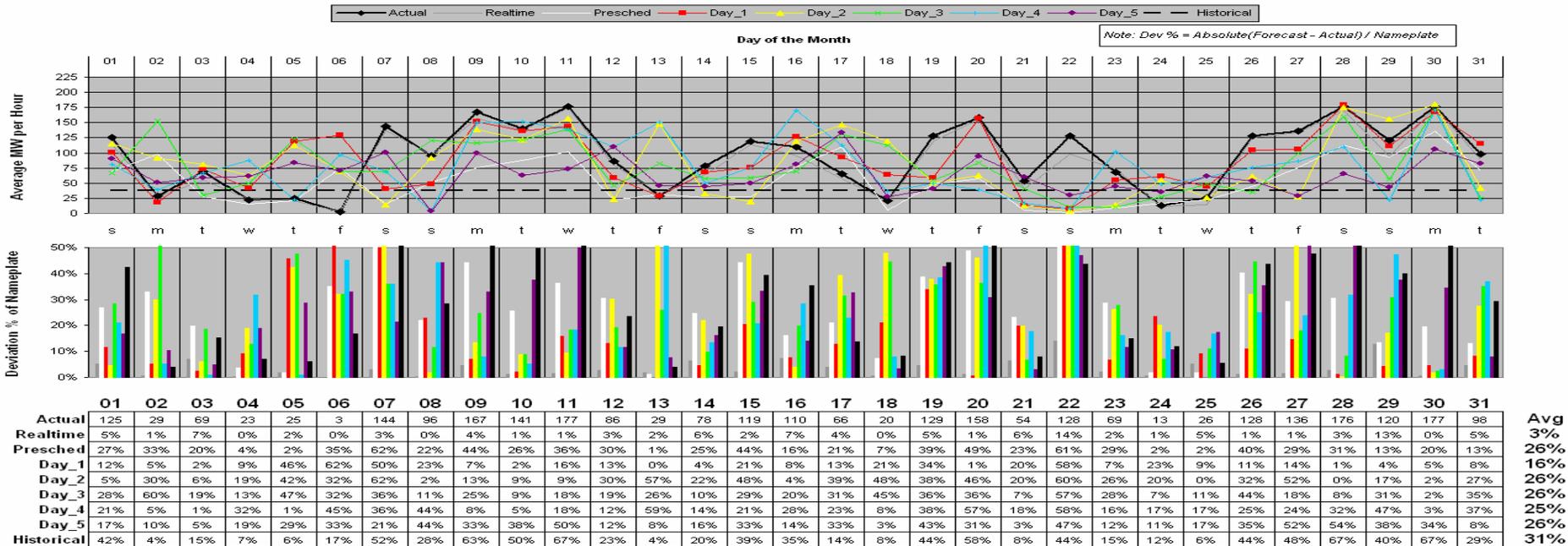
January 2006 Wind Power Forecasts to Actuals

Light Load (10PM to 6AM)



January 2006 Wind Power Forecasts to Actuals

Heavy Load (6AM to 10PM)



Weekly Forecast Results

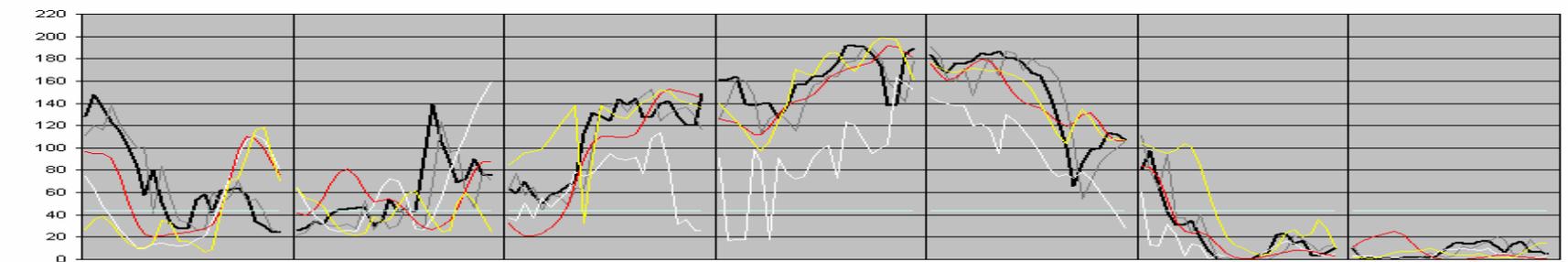
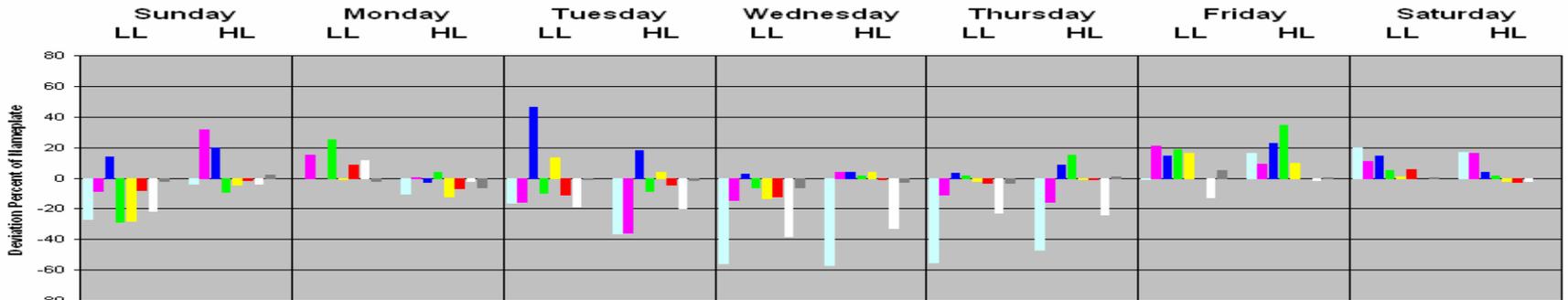
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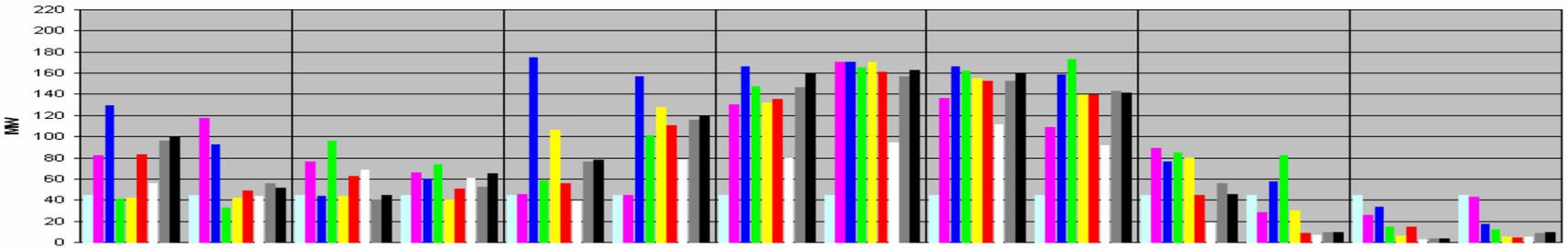
Weekly Summary Deviation

Mar 05, 2006 to Mar 11, 2006

Note:
 Light Load: 10PM - 6AM
 Heavy Load: 6AM - 10PM



■ Historical
 ■ Day -5
 ■ Day -4
 ■ Day -3
 ■ Day -2
 ■ Day -1
 ■ PreSched
 ■ Realtime
 ■ Actual



	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Absolute Average
	LL	HL	LL	HL	LL	HL	LL	HL	LL	HL	LL	HL	LL	HL	
Historical	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	25.8%
	-26.9%	-3.6%	-0.2%	-10.2%	-16.4%	-36.1%	-55.6%	-56.9%	-55.3%	-46.8%	-0.8%	16.5%	19.6%	16.7%	
Day -5	82.1	117.2	76.3	65.8	45.1	44.6	130.1	170.0	135.9	109.0	89.4	28.3	26.1	43.2	14.9%
	-8.6%	31.6%	15.2%	0.3%	-15.9%	-35.9%	-14.2%	3.7%	-11.1%	-15.6%	21.0%	8.9%	10.9%	16.3%	
Day -4	129.0	92.0	44.0	59.7	174.8	156.5	165.7	170.1	165.7	158.7	76.0	57.2	33.3	17.0	12.5%
	13.9%	19.5%	-0.3%	-2.7%	46.5%	17.9%	2.9%	3.7%	3.2%	8.3%	14.5%	22.9%	14.4%	3.7%	
Day -3	41.0	32.4	96.2	73.4	58.0	101.0	147.0	165.4	161.4	172.6	84.4	82.0	14.3	12.3	12.0%
	-28.4%	-9.2%	24.8%	3.9%	-9.7%	-8.8%	-6.1%	1.5%	1.2%	15.0%	18.6%	34.8%	5.3%	1.4%	
Day -2	41.9	42.4	43.3	40.1	106.1	127.7	131.4	170.6	155.2	139.7	79.7	29.9	5.8	5.4	8.0%
	-28.0%	-4.4%	-0.6%	-12.1%	13.4%	4.1%	-13.6%	3.9%	-1.8%	-0.8%	16.3%	9.7%	1.2%	-1.9%	
Day -1	83.2	48.7	62.7	50.8	55.6	110.2	135.1	160.5	152.7	139.9	44.8	8.5	14.9	4.3	4.7%
	-8.1%	-1.3%	8.7%	-7.0%	-10.9%	-4.3%	-11.8%	-0.9%	-3.0%	-0.7%	-0.4%	-0.6%	5.6%	-2.4%	
PreSched	55.6	43.9	68.1	60.5	39.1	78.1	80.0	94.4	111.3	92.0	18.8	6.9	2.4	4.8	15.1%
	-21.3%	-3.7%	11.3%	-2.3%	-18.8%	-19.8%	-38.3%	-32.7%	-23.0%	-23.7%	-13.0%	-1.4%	-0.5%	-2.2%	
RealTime	95.9	55.6	40.4	52.1	76.3	115.7	146.4	156.7	152.6	143.1	56.0	9.8	3.8	8.3	2.4%
	-2.0%	2.0%	-2.0%	-6.4%	-1.0%	-1.7%	-6.4%	-2.8%	-3.1%	0.8%	4.9%	0.0%	0.2%	-0.5%	
Actual	100.0	51.5	44.6	65.3	78.2	119.2	159.7	162.4	159.0	141.4	45.7	9.7	3.4	9.4	

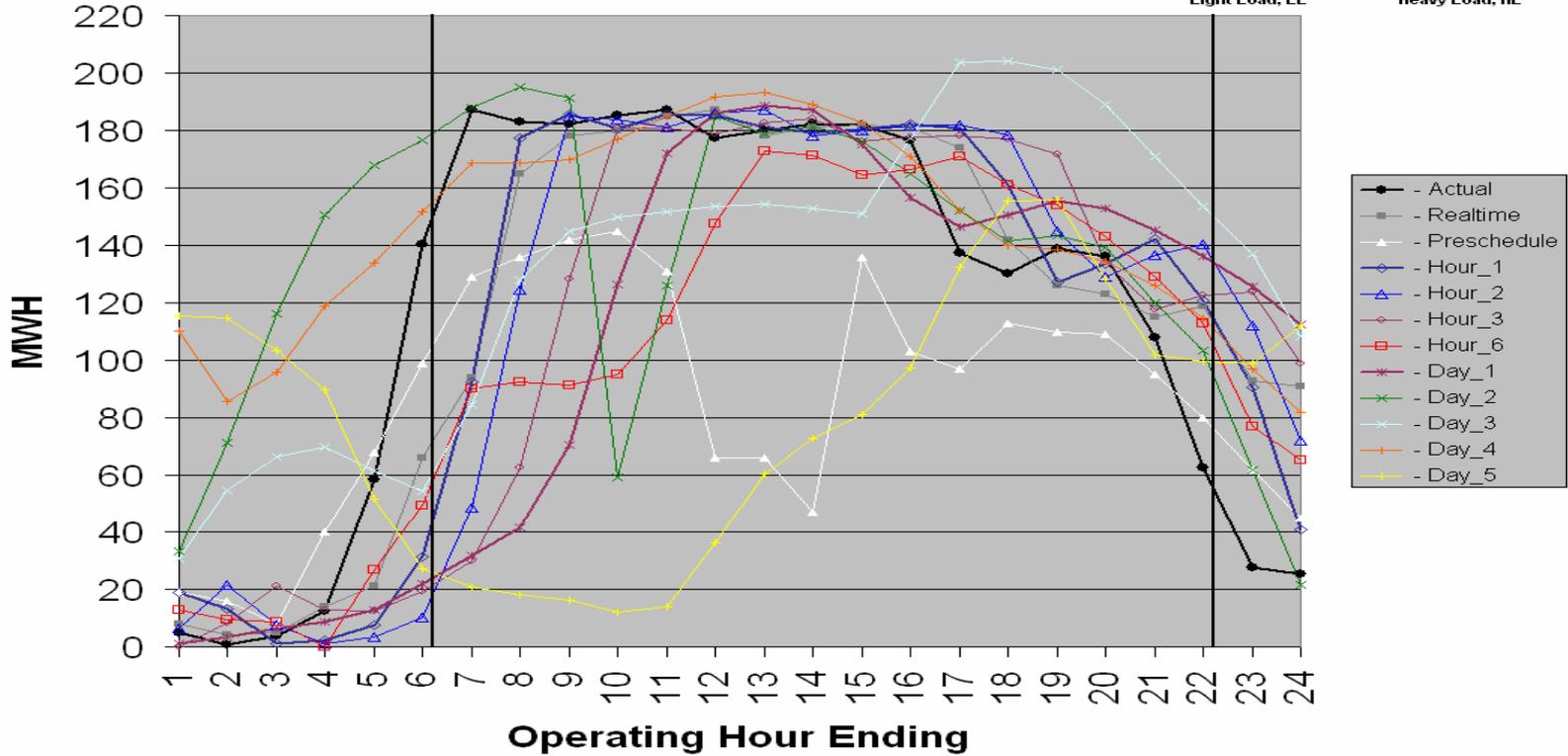
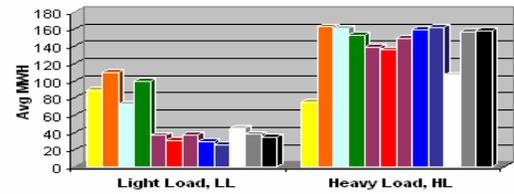
Daily Forecast Results

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Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Daily Forecasts for February 28, 2006



Forecast Percent of Actual

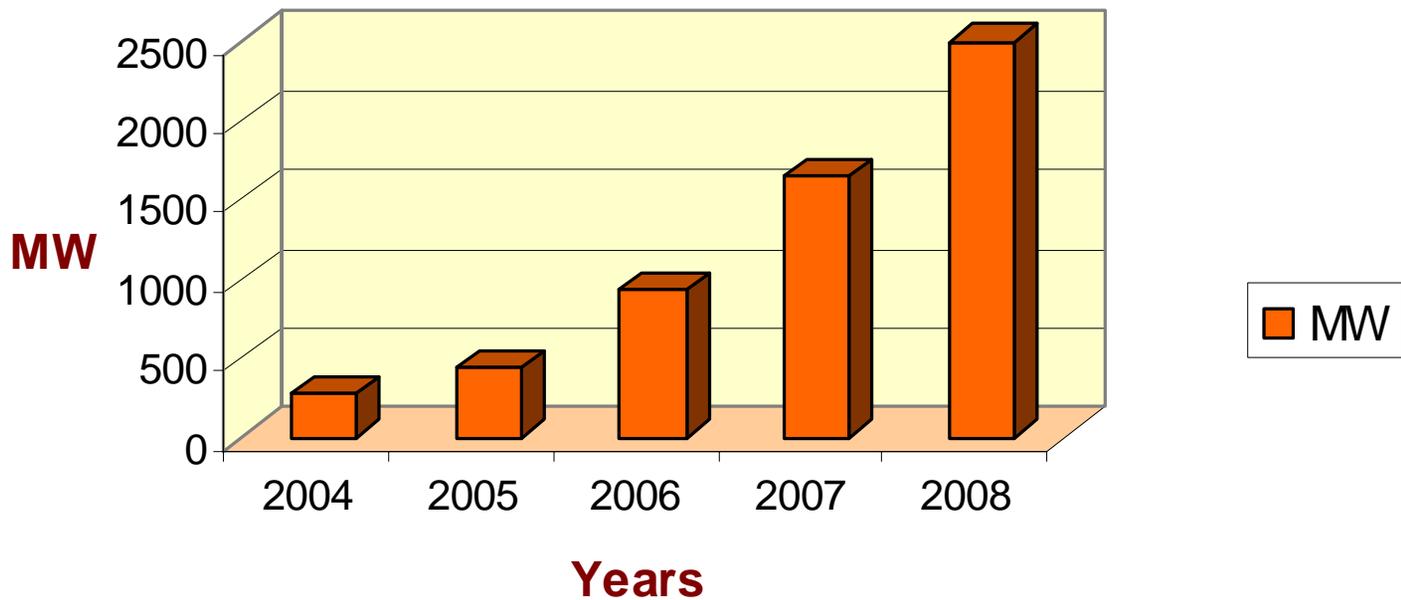
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Heavy Load: 6AM - 10PM

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	LL	HL
Realtime	162.6	425.5	136.2	113.9	36.0	47.0	50.2	90.2	97.7	97.1	98.9	105.3	98.9	99.4	100.0	102.6	126.7	109.1	90.6	90.4	106.4	189.5	336.5	360.4	110.4	99.0
Preschedule	386.1	####	217.9	325.4	116.4	70.4	68.9	74.4	78.0	78.2	70.0	37.2	36.7	25.8	74.8	58.4	70.6	86.8	79.1	80.1	87.9	127.4	224.3	178.2	130.5	67.2
Hour - 1	380.1	####	29.5	17.9	12.6	22.4	49.4	97.0	101.8	97.5	99.2	104.4	100.6	98.5	99.1	103.3	131.7	123.9	91.4	98.1	131.5	192.1	327.6	161.7	75.0	102.3
Hour - 2	129.9	####	205.2	10.2	5.6	7.3	26.0	68.2	101.5	99.2	96.9	104.7	104.0	97.8	98.9	102.8	132.4	137.2	104.3	94.8	126.5	223.5	404.9	286.0	85.6	100.4
Hour - 3	0.0	867.5	570.8	104.6	21.6	13.7	16.0	34.3	70.5	97.5	96.7	100.7	101.4	101.2	96.9	100.7	129.8	136.0	123.6	98.6	109.0	195.1	448.3	392.1	108.5	94.0
Hour - 6	258.1	992.2	241.1	0.0	45.8	35.2	48.1	50.5	50.1	51.3	60.9	83.0	96.1	94.1	90.4	94.3	124.6	123.8	110.7	105.1	119.5	179.5	278.1	258.6	91.1	85.8
(PreS) Day - 1	26.6	359.9	174.3	69.5	21.9	15.7	16.9	22.6	38.7	68.2	92.0	104.8	104.7	102.8	96.2	88.7	106.7	115.6	112.0	112.3	134.2	216.8	454.6	445.5	106.9	87.6
Day - 2	673.8	####	####	####	287.2	125.7	100.4	106.6	105.1	32.0	67.3	104.2	99.4	99.7	97.0	93.5	110.7	108.8	103.3	102.3	110.9	164.8	223.3	85.1	292.0	96.5
Day - 3	623.9	####	####	568.6	105.5	38.7	45.2	70.0	79.6	80.8	81.2	86.5	85.8	83.8	83.1	100.5	148.5	156.8	144.7	139.0	158.1	244.5	495.2	429.5	213.0	101.4
Day - 4	####	####	####	968.1	229.1	108.1	90.1	92.2	93.1	95.5	98.8	107.9	107.3	103.8	100.4	96.8	110.6	107.5	99.5	98.6	116.7	182.8	351.2	324.5	320.0	102.6
Day - 5	####	####	####	730.8	88.2	19.2	11.0	9.9	9.0	6.6	7.4	20.4	33.5	39.9	44.6	55.1	96.5	119.6	112.2	94.2	94.2	158.7	357.5	444.0	260.4	47.4



Expansion of Wind in the BPA Control Area

Expected BPA Wind Integration



Within the Hour Wind Ramps in the mid-Columbia – Business Case

- Coincidental wind regimes in the mid-Columbia basin – within the hour (Oregon State)
- Large wind plants locating in small geographic areas – a function of commercial wind and available transmission
- Documented within the hour coincident wind ramps in PBL
- Issue – **unscheduled wind energy entering the BPA control area**
- Impact – Columbia Vista, NRTO, PBL/TBL Scheduling & Operations



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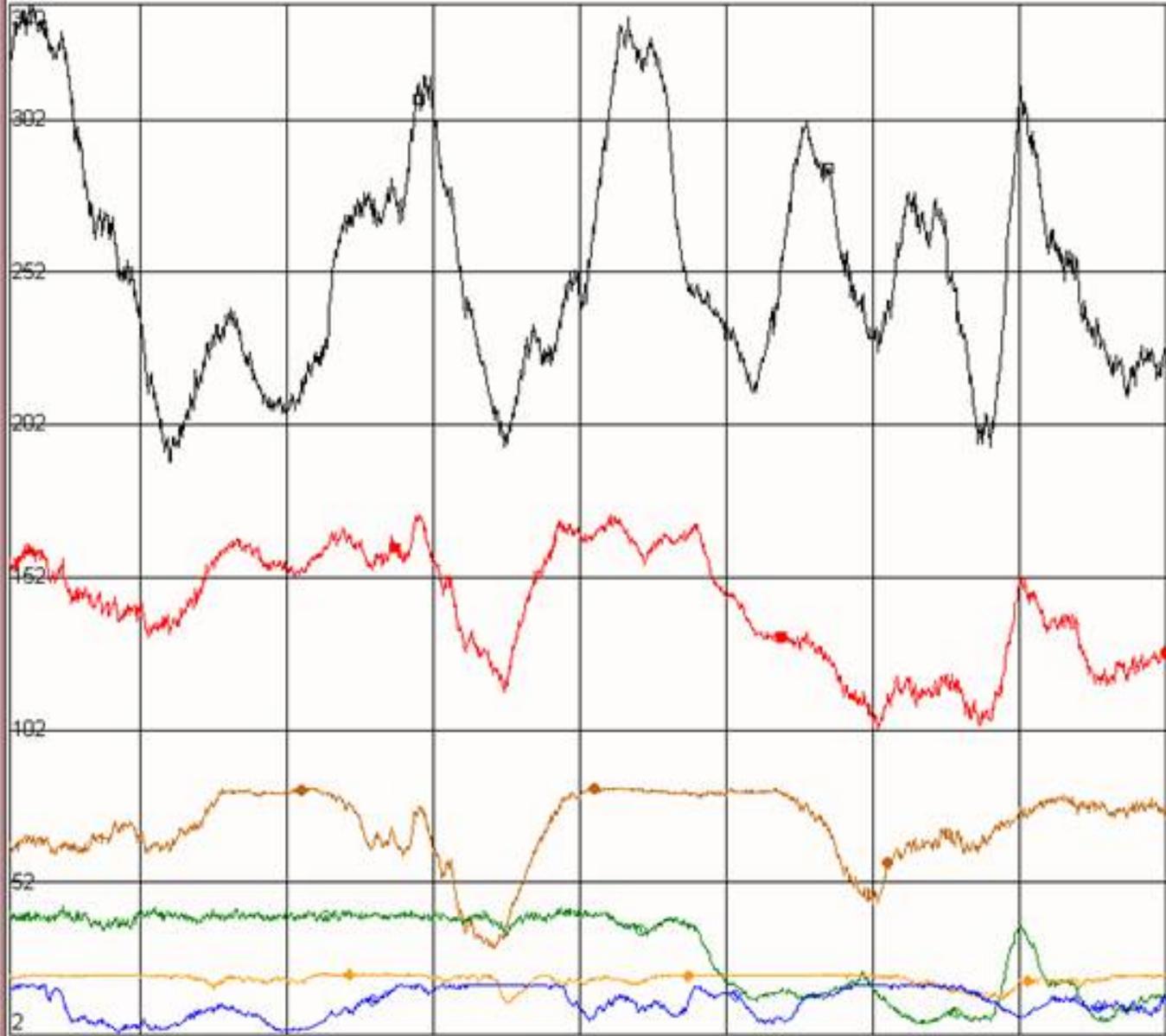
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Coordination Benefits to PBL/TBL on Wind Forecasting

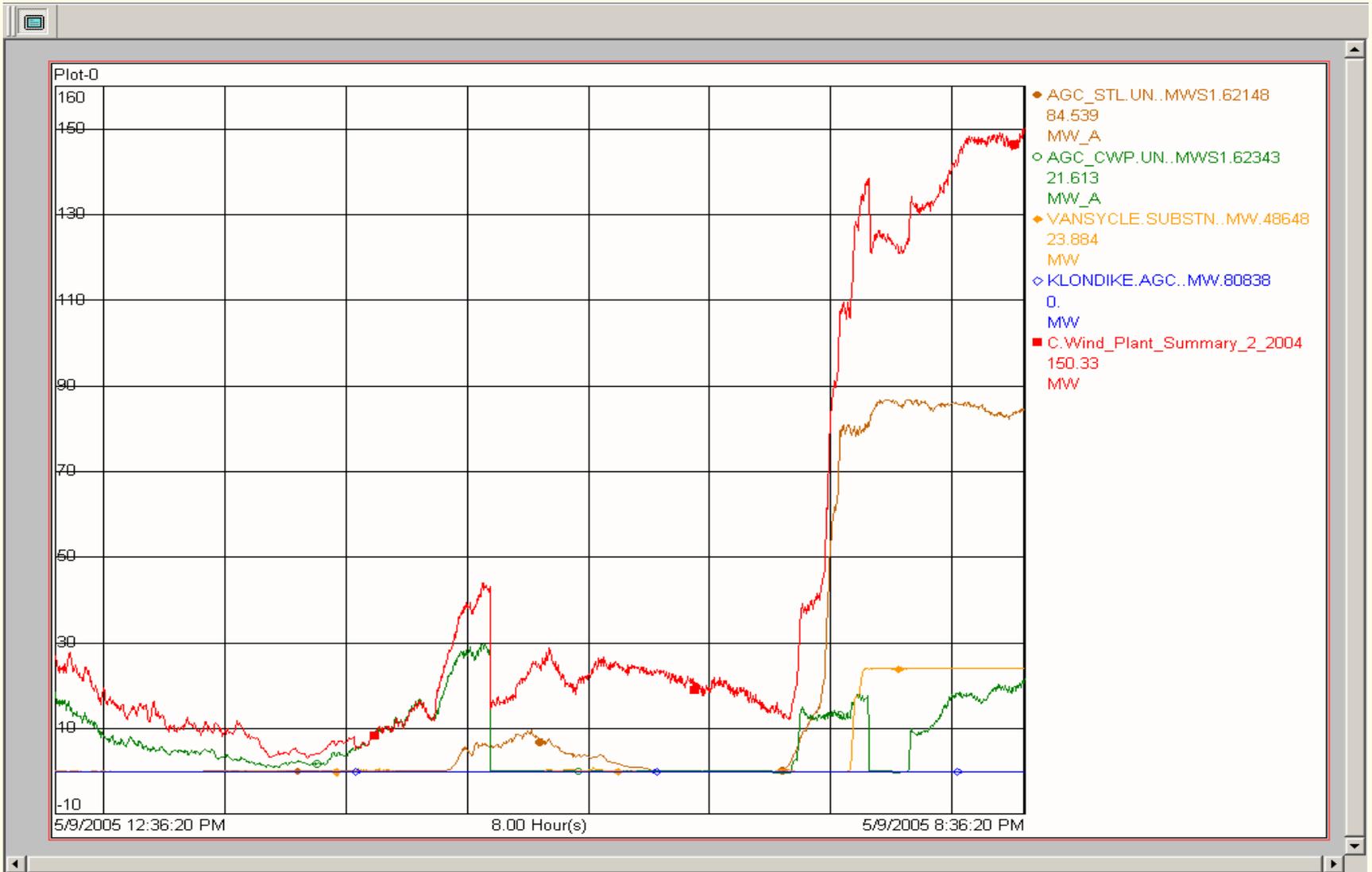
- Concurrently, given current product/tariff/risks, foreknowledge of upcoming wind, both by PBL and TBL, makes efficient use of available resources
- Less available capacity is needed (more to follow)
- Efficient use of hydro resources (PBL) – Columbia Vista & NRTO
- Efficient use of transmission assets (TBL) – congestion management, system stability, redispatch

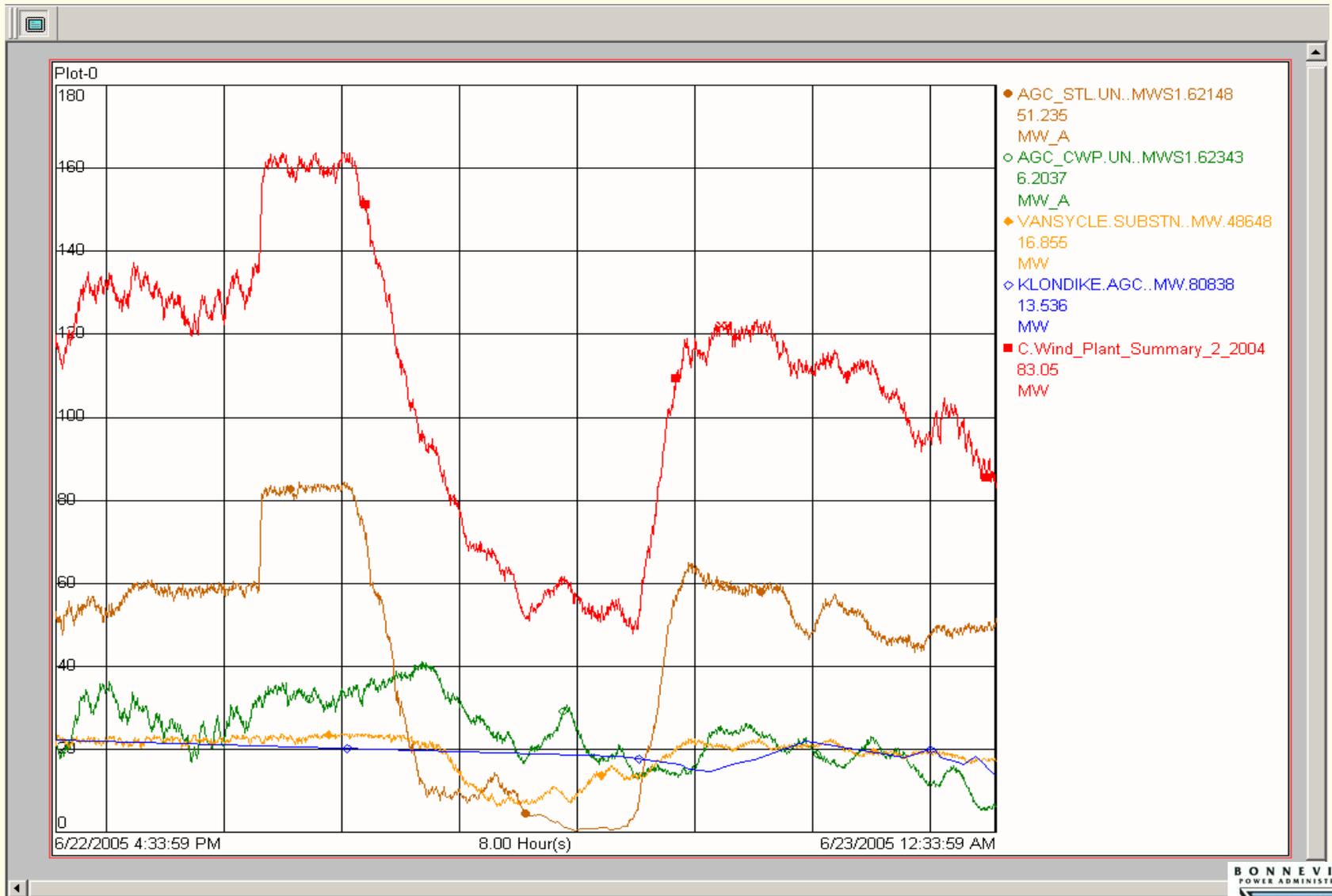


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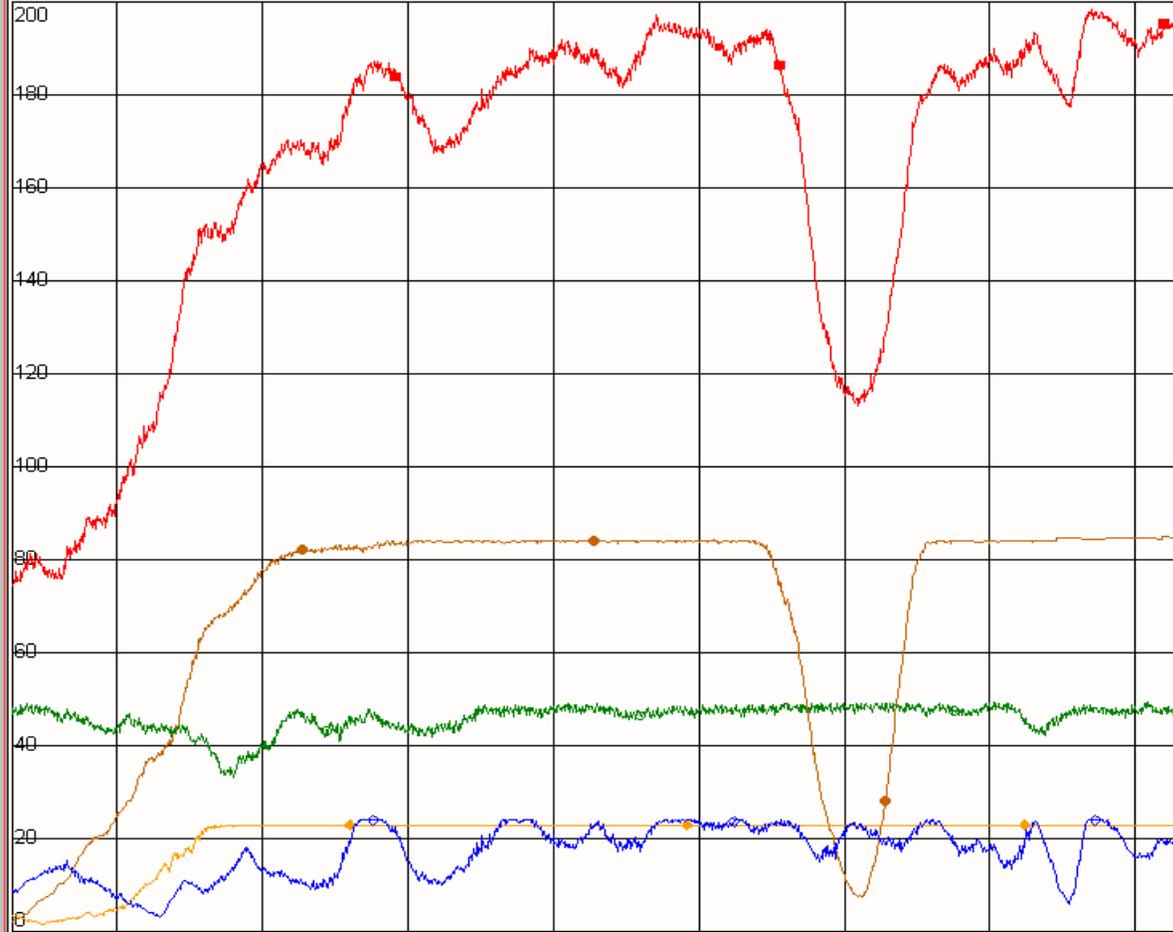
- Wind plant owner/operators may creatively schedule to minimize generation imbalance
- **Day ahead schedule may be unreliable**
- Within the hour and day ahead wind forecasting by BPA for all wind generators may help
- R/D – no within the hour wind forecasting system exists today – 3Tier prototype system
- System may take 1 ½ to 2 years to develop
- Parallel effort – SCE, CALISO & others







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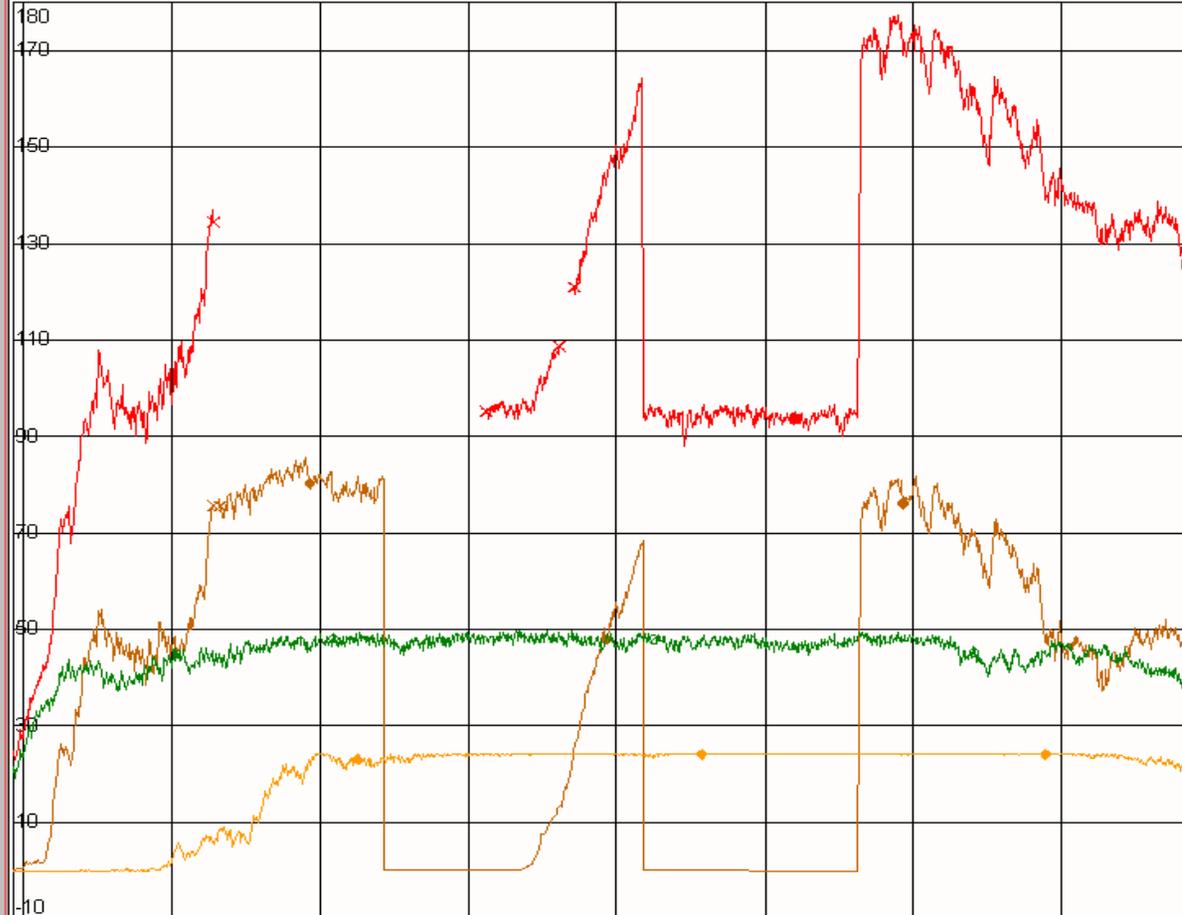
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Within the Hour Wind Ramps – Impacts to Columbia Vista and NRTO

- Unscheduled energy entering the control area
- Regulation capacity – small, but significant
- Load following capacity (NRTO) – significant
- Columbia Vista – significant up and down
- Transmission impacts – congestion management, system stability
- **Efficient use of available resources**



Prototype Wind Ramp Forecasting System

- **Current** wind energy forecasting models **never designed** to forecast within the hour wind ramps
- **Innovative techniques** will be needed – upwind sensors tuned to each wind project, ground based Radar to monitor a 50 mile (radius) area
- **Identify ramping vulnerability** in the preschedule – coordinate the generation that will needed to support it
- **Update** through out the **operating day**
- **Track real time** when the likelihood of a ramp(s) is **imminent**



Wind Forecasting – Next Steps?

- **BPA may forecast for wind plants in the control area – motivating wind plant owner/operators to schedule to the forecast**
- **Efficient use of Federal resources in the BPA control area**
- **PBL/TBL partnership to share wind energy data to serve their individual needs**
- **Finding a way to work together so SOC rules are maintained**
- **BPA’s historic role – innovative solutions that serve the Pacific Northwest**



Questions and Comments?

