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## Regional Wind Transmission Issues

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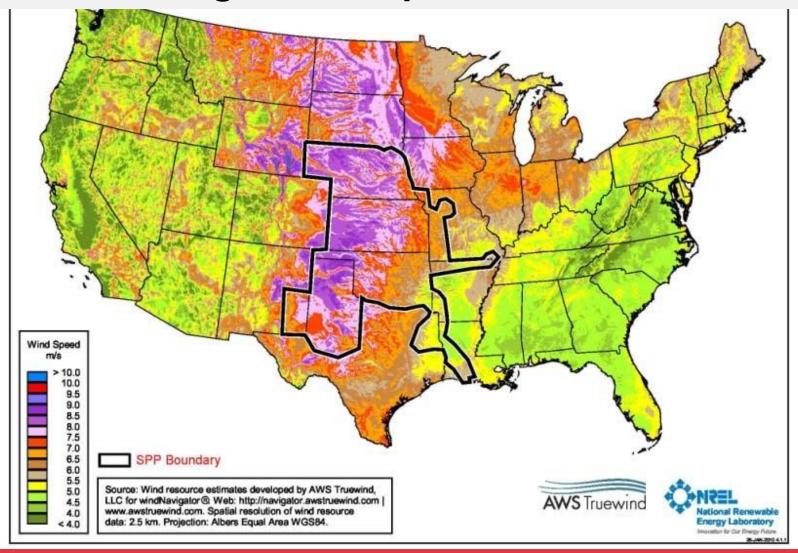


#### **Overview**

- Wind Integration / Penetration Issues are BIG in SPP:
  - 50,000 MW+ of wind farms in GI queue, Current queue 36
     GW with significantly more expected
  - Eastern Wind Integration and Transmission Study (EWITS) projects 60-95 GW of wind development in SPP
- SPP supports many wind related initiatives
  - JCSP'08 / EWITS
  - NERC IVGTF
  - NWCC
  - Nebraska Power Authority Wind Integration Study
- Focus today on three Areas of SPP Initiative



#### **Annual Average Wind Speed - 80 meters**

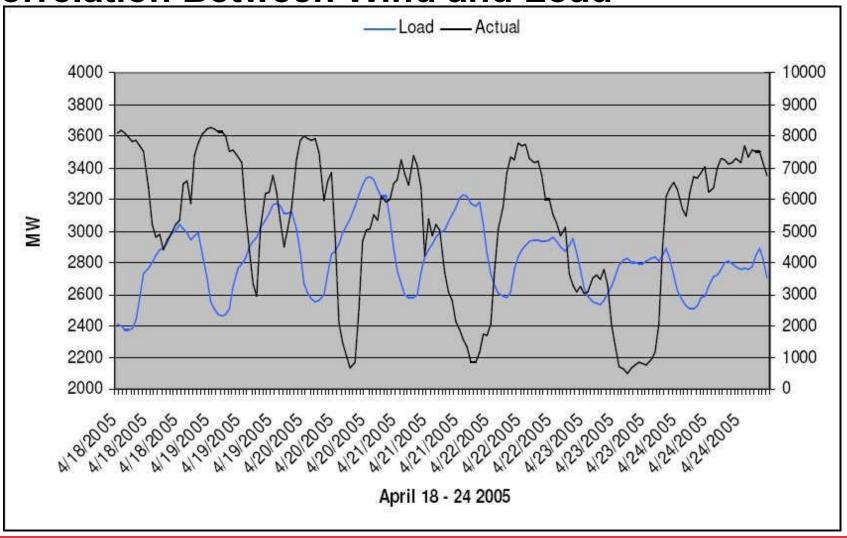


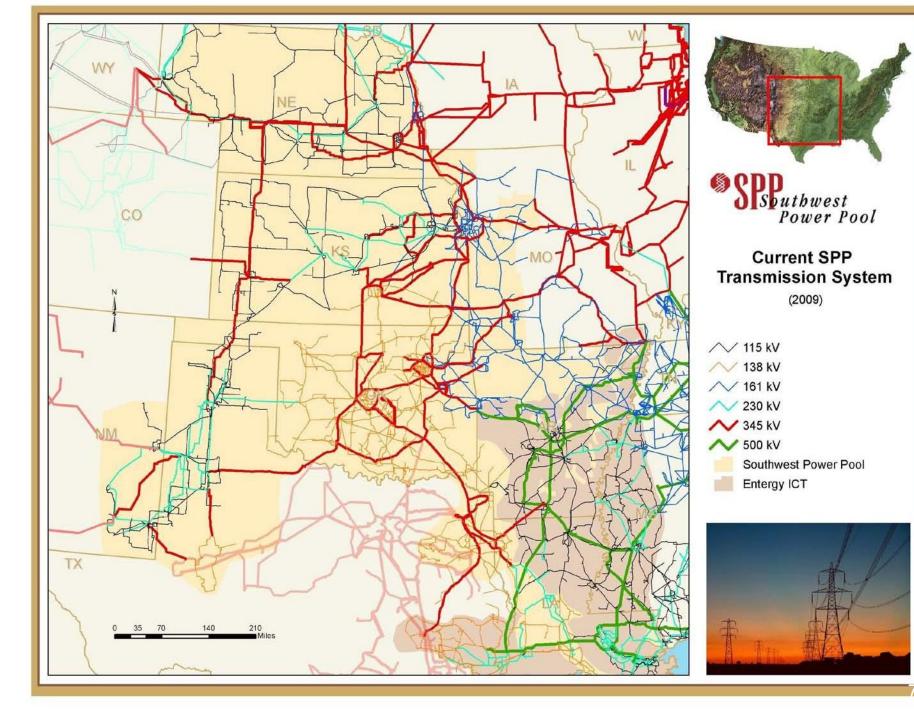
#### **Ongoing SPP Initiatives**

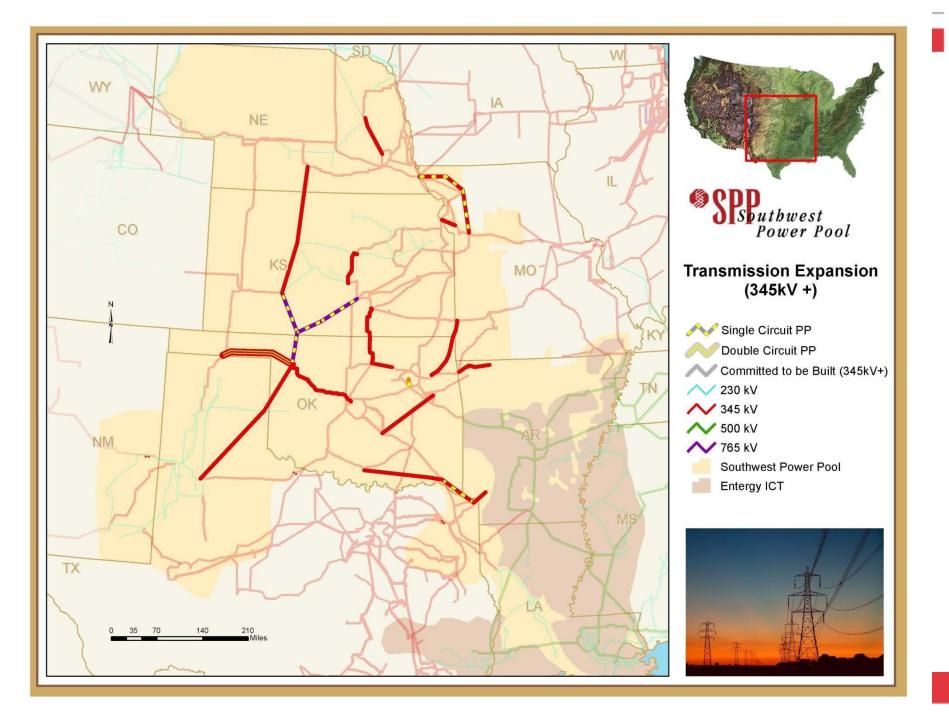
- Transmission Expansion
- Market Development
  - Energy Imbalance Market
  - Ancillary services Market
- Balancing Authority Consolidation
   Wind Integration Issues

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#### **Correlation Between Wind and Load**







#### **Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP)**

- Balance
  - long-term investment
  - congestion costs
- Forward looking and proactive
- Create efficiencies in other processes
  - Generator Interconnection
  - > Transmission Service Request
- Integrate west to east

#### ITP Principles

- Focusing on regional needs
  - ➤ Also consider local needs
- Planning the backbone transmission system
  - Serving SPP load by SPP resources in cost-effective manner
- Backbone enhances interconnections
  - west & east regions
- Strengthen ties to Eastern Interconnection and beyond

#### **ITP Principles**

- Incorporate a 20-Year physical modeling & 40-Year financial analysis
- Proactively prepare & respond to national priorities
  - Provides flexibility to adjust expansion plans
- Simplify multiple cost allocation methods
- Develop holistic, long-range view
- Authorization to Plan (ATP)



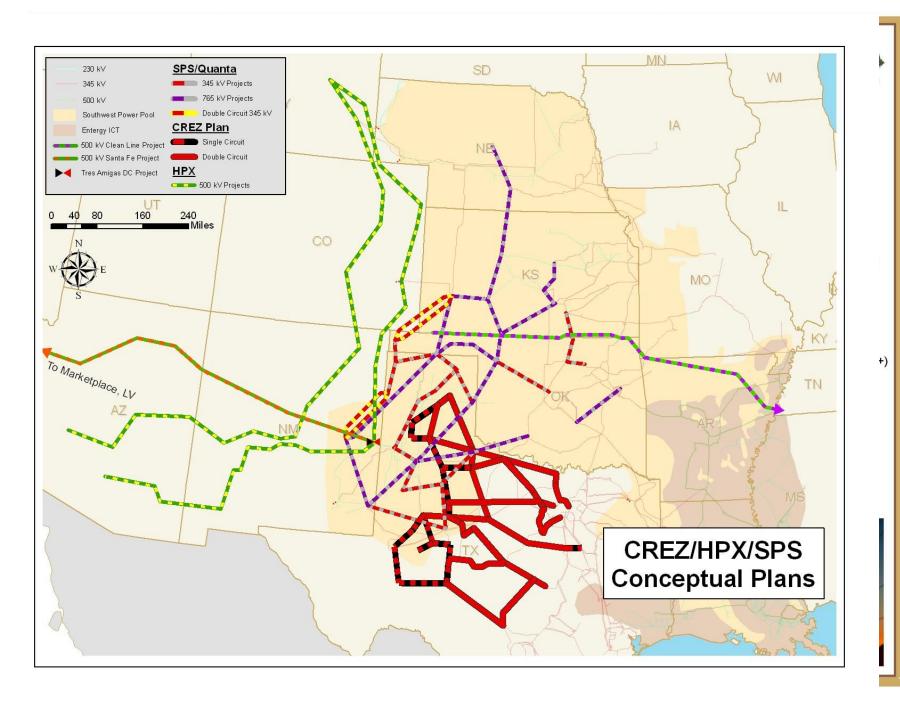
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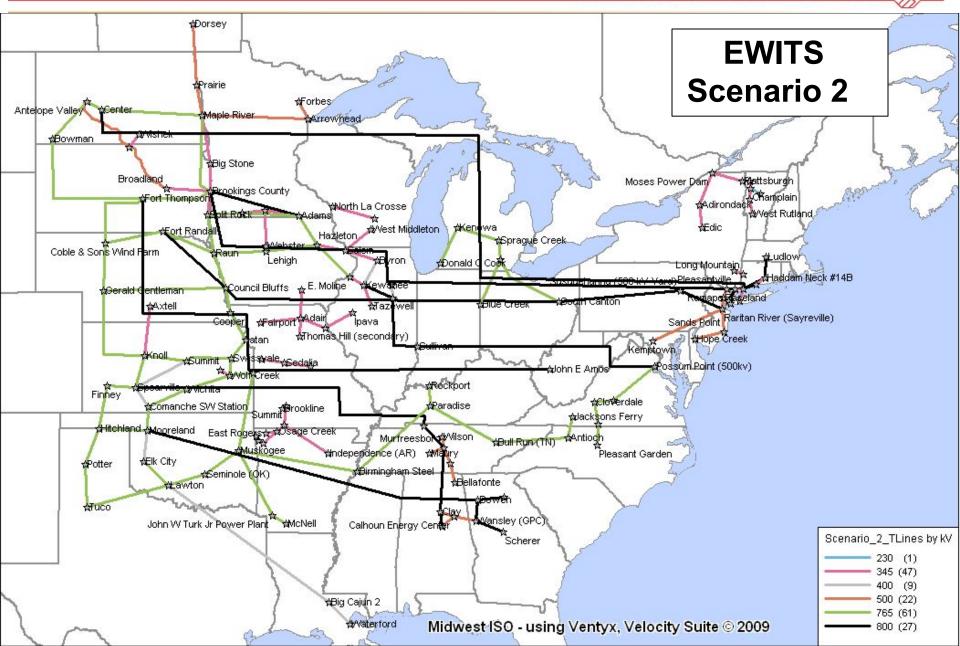
- Goal: Design transmission backbone to connect load to the most reasonable generation alternatives
  - Improve connections between SPP's east and west regions
- Horizons: 20, 10, and 4 year
- Focus: Regional, integrated with local
- Resulting in: Comprehensive list of needed projects for SPP region over next 20 years
- Underlying Value: Reliability and economics are inseparable

### **Current ITP 20 Proposal**



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