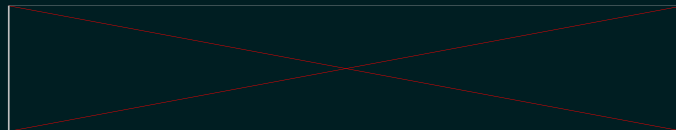


Resource Adequacy: A Multi-Metric Approach for Assessing Complex Systems

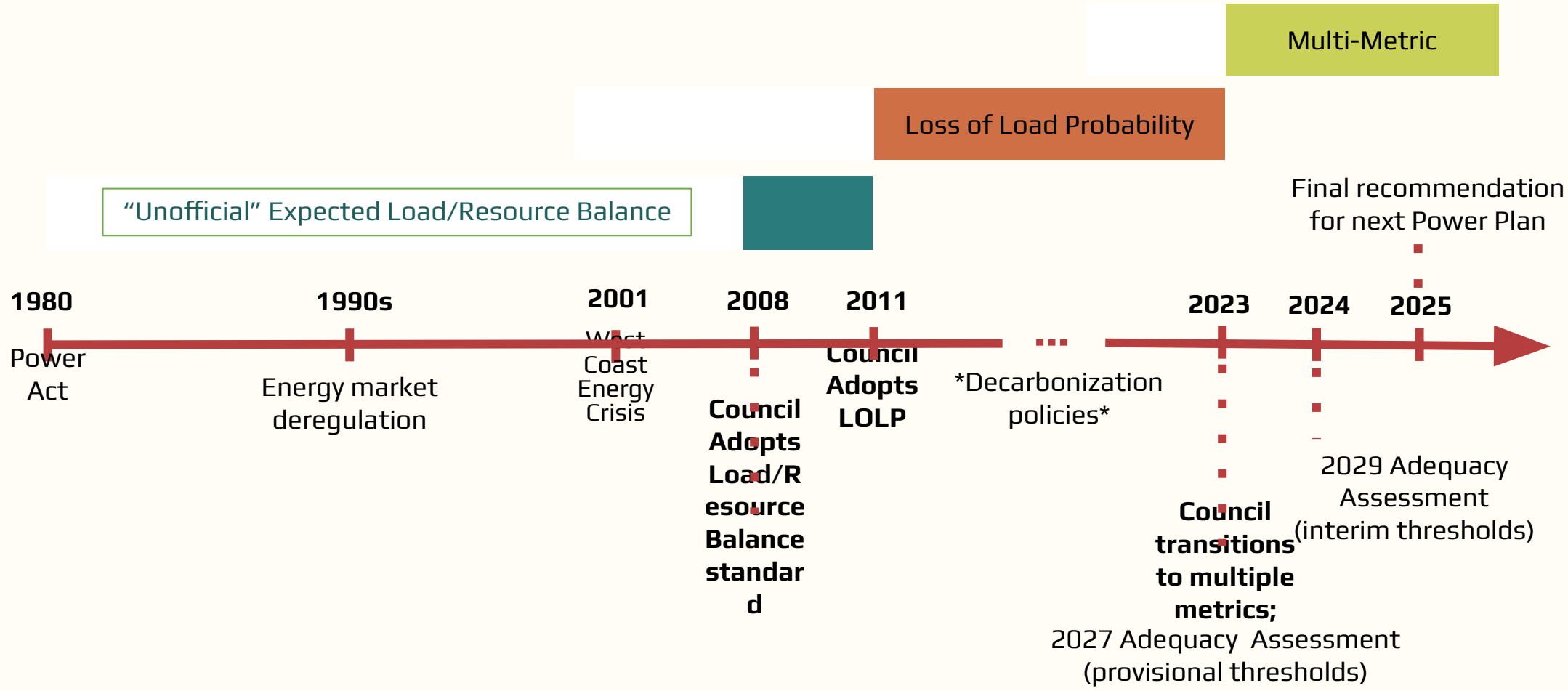
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Council's Evolving Approach to Adequacy



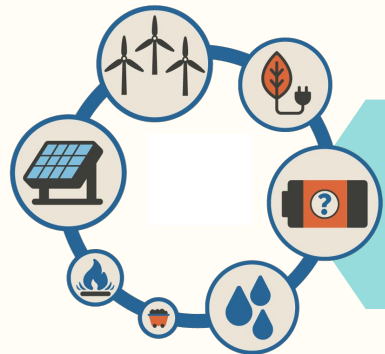
Drivers of Change



Previously, the main risk we worried about was high loads coincident with low water.



Loss of Load Probability was a sufficient risk representation



Complex System:

Now we have added risks, including coincidence of fuel availability for resources.



Risk is no longer just a question of frequency, but also duration and magnitude

Reedifying Philosophical Approach to Metric Thresholds



Emergency Capabilities

Available emergency capabilities for the region based on lower lift measures

A shortfall in the model **does not** necessitate an actual curtailment. Rather, it signals non-modeled emergency measures are necessary to avoid curtailment. **Adequacy metrics evaluate shortfalls to inform risk of using emergency measures**



Risk Tolerance

What level of risk is the aggregate emergency capabilities of the region able to protect?

No Single Criteria Tells the Full Story

- How many times would we need to rely on emergency measures? (frequency)
- How long would the emergency measures need to be available for? (duration)
- How big would the emergency measures need to be? (magnitude)
 - Their peak (MW) and energy (MWh)
- What is the risk tolerance of emergency measures to protect against?

Key takeaway:

Using multiple adequacy metrics helps better understand risk in complex systems under uncertainty

What are Emergency Measures?

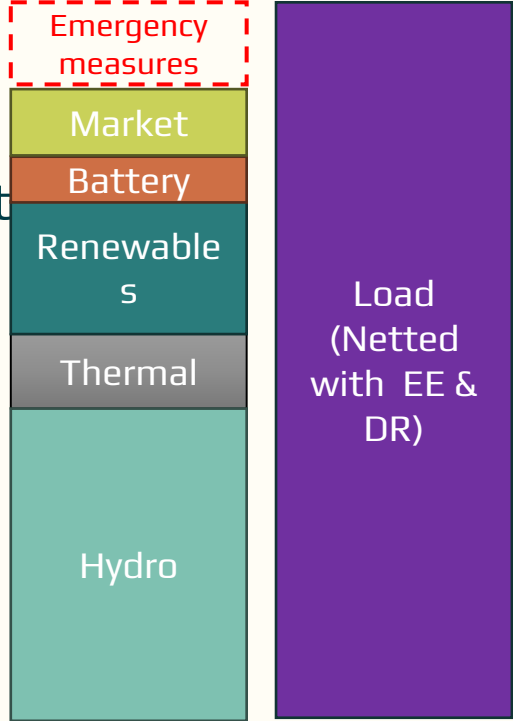
Within Utility Control
(low lift)

- High operating cost resources not in utility's active portfolio
- High-priced market purchases over max import limits
- Load buy-back provisions
- Industry backup generators

Outside Utility Control
(less desirable, heavy lift)

- Official's call for conservation
- Reduce less essential public load (e.g., gov't buildings, streetlights)
- Utility emergency load reduction protocols
- Curtail F&W hydro operations

Staff engaged with the RAAC on approximating regional aggregate emergency capabilities to inform adequacy framework.



No emergency measure is modeled in Council's adequacy model
GENESYS:
a multi-stage production cost model that co-optimizes energy and

reserves while accounting for fuel use, forecast error and system constraints

Major Objectives for a Multi-metric RA Criteria

Prevent overly frequent use of emergency resources

- Emergency resources are contingency actions taken to keep the lights on
- Frequent use of emergency resources indicates a non-cost-effective power supply
- *Objective is accomplished by limiting the frequency of simulated shortfall events*

Limit the risk of low probability, high impact events

- Because no utility plans to cover all contingencies, limits for “real” curtailments (after emergency resources are exhausted) must be set
- *Objective is accomplished by setting limits (based on what customers will tolerate) for the duration, size and frequency of high-impact shortfalls*

Adequacy Criteria for 9th Power Plan

Protection against frequent deficits

Protection against extreme (tail-end) deficits

**Frequency
(LOLEV)**

0.1 in summer

0.1 in winter

0.2 annual

Limit to 1 in 10 years

summer and winter events,
Limit to 1 in 5 years overall

Duration

8-hour

Peak

1,200 MW

Energy

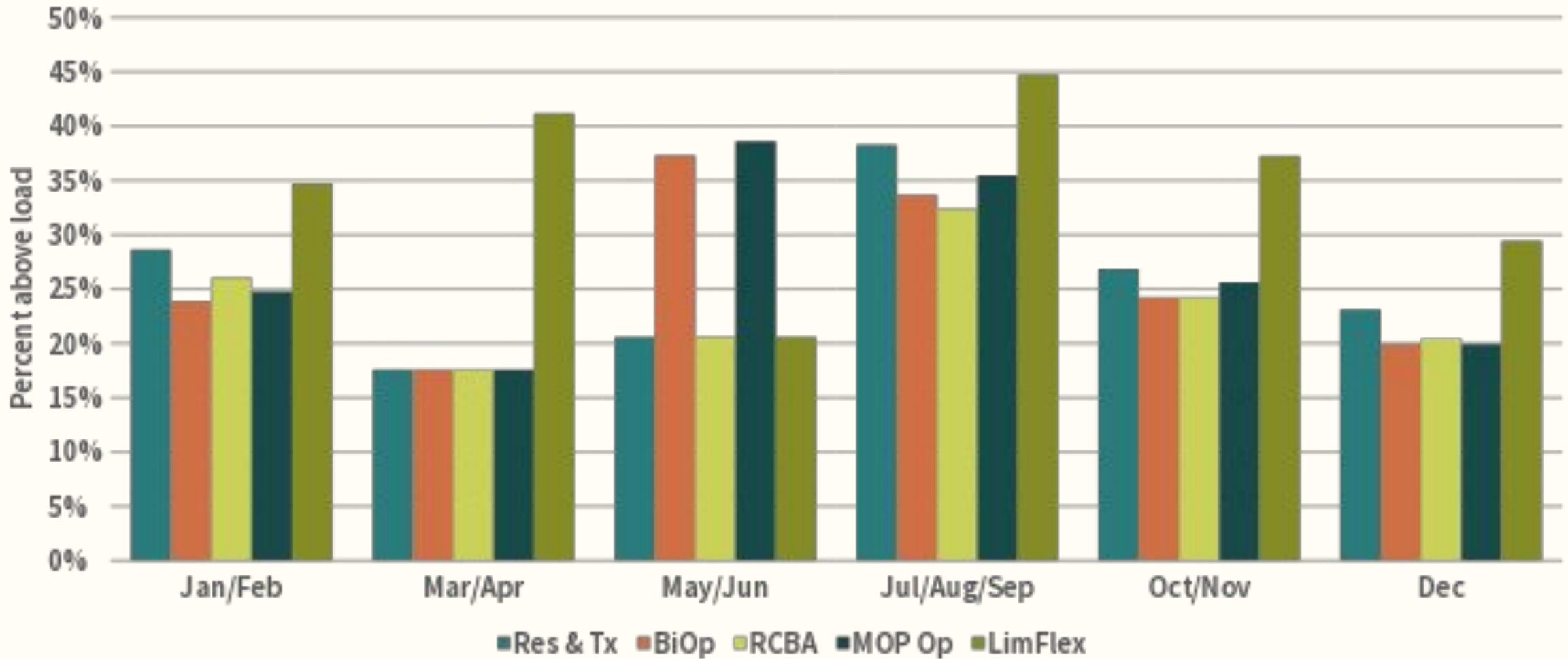
9,000 MWh

39 out of 40 years, protecting against events that are too big or too long

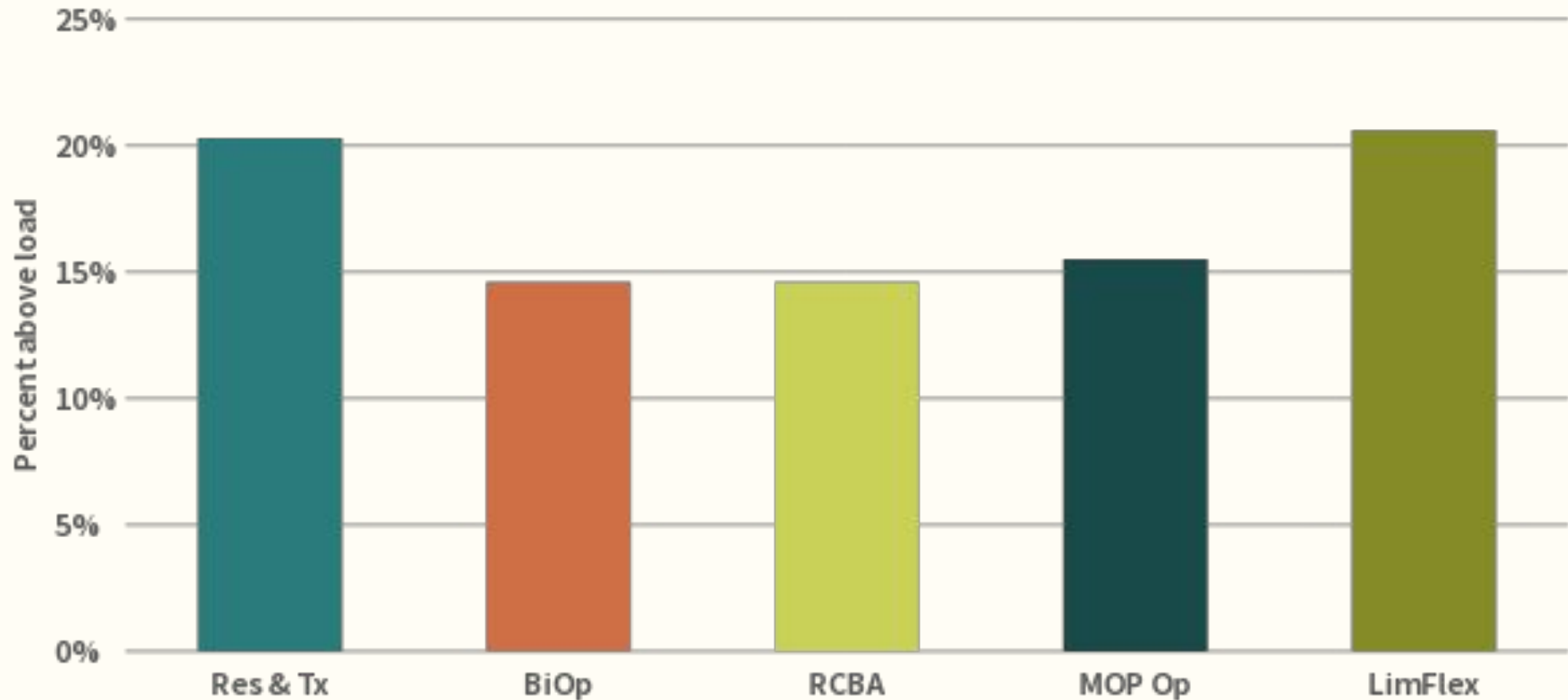
Connecting Adequacy to Capital Expansion

- With only one adequacy metric, there is only one adequacy need signal
- However, multiple metrics require multiple signals, one for each metric
- The Council developed a reserve margin methodology that focuses on peak and energy needs:
 - The implied need (MW) to satisfy frequency and peak metrics □ planning reserve margin (PRM)
 - The implied need (aMW) to satisfy duration and energy metrics □ firm energy adequacy reserve margin (ARM)
- Alongside the multi-metric adequacy criteria, the reserve margins also account for load growth and load resource balance considerations
- The resulting capital expansion strategy is one that satisfies the specific adequacy risk to mitigate the frequency, duration, and magnitude concerns (alongside economic and

9th Plan Planning Reserve Margins



9th Plan Adequacy Reserve Margin (Firm Energy)



Questions?

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