

EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF INTRA-DAY AND EXTENDED PV AND WIND GENERATION FORECASTS ON DECISION-MAKING IN THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS OF THE JAMAICA PUBLIC SERVICE GRID SYSTEM

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OUTLINE

1. Objective and Approach
 - Key Issue: forecast value is NOT equivalent to forecast accuracy
2. Background on the Target System - Jamaica Public Service (JPS)
3. Conceptual Forecast Evaluation Approach and Metrics
4. Overview of 4 Key Types of Operational Decisions
 - Decision factors and implications
 - Relevant forecast attributes
5. Summary and Next Steps



OBJECTIVE AND APPROACH

- **Objective:** Maximize the value of wind and solar generation forecast information for operational decision-making
- Why is this an issue?
 - Most users employ forecasts that are not optimized for their applications
 - Forecast performance is typically measured with generic metrics (e.g. MAE, RMSE) that are often not strongly related to the way in which the user's applications are sensitive to forecast error
 - Most users have not determined which attributes of forecast performance are most important for their applications
- **Result:** A considerable amount of forecast value is not realized (or from another perspective: "is thrown in the trash")

• 4-part project to maximize forecast value for JPS has been initiated

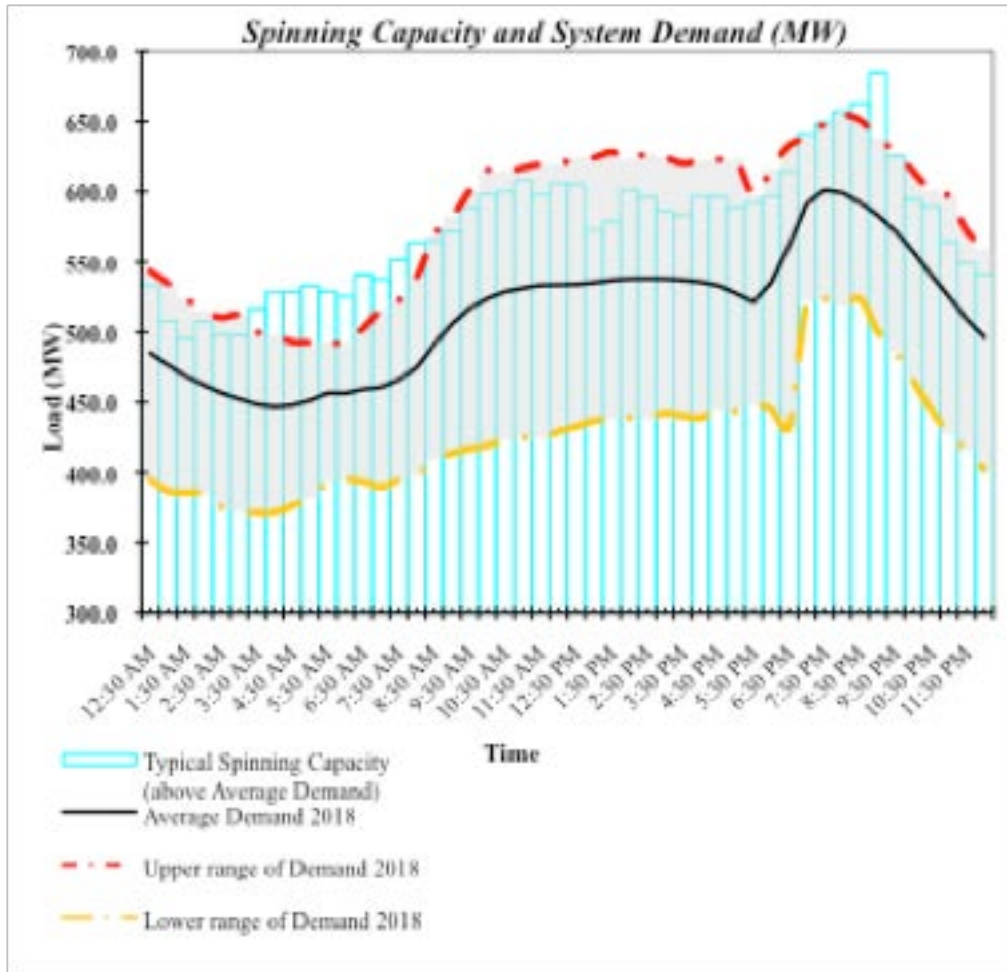
1. Define key decision-making time frames and issues (scenarios)
2. Formulate parameters that quantify the key forecast issues in each scenario
3. Evaluate forecasts of these parameters with application-customized metrics
4. Optimize forecasts to optimize performance on application-customized metrics

Focus of this presentation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

JPS Load Profiles
JPS Generation Resources
JPS Forecast System
Specifications

JPS: 2018 NET DEMAND PROFILES



- Average daily peak demand:
~600 MW
 - Typically occurs between 5 PM and 9 PM LT
 - Absolute peak for 2018: 655 MW
- Average daily minimum:
~450 MW
 - Typically occurs between 2 AM and 4 AM LT
 - Absolute min for 2018: 372 MW
- Average mid-day demand is slightly above 500 MW
 - No evidence of a mid-day minimum
 - BTM solar gen is still within the noise range of the demand

JPS: GENERATION RESOURCE PROFILE - 2018

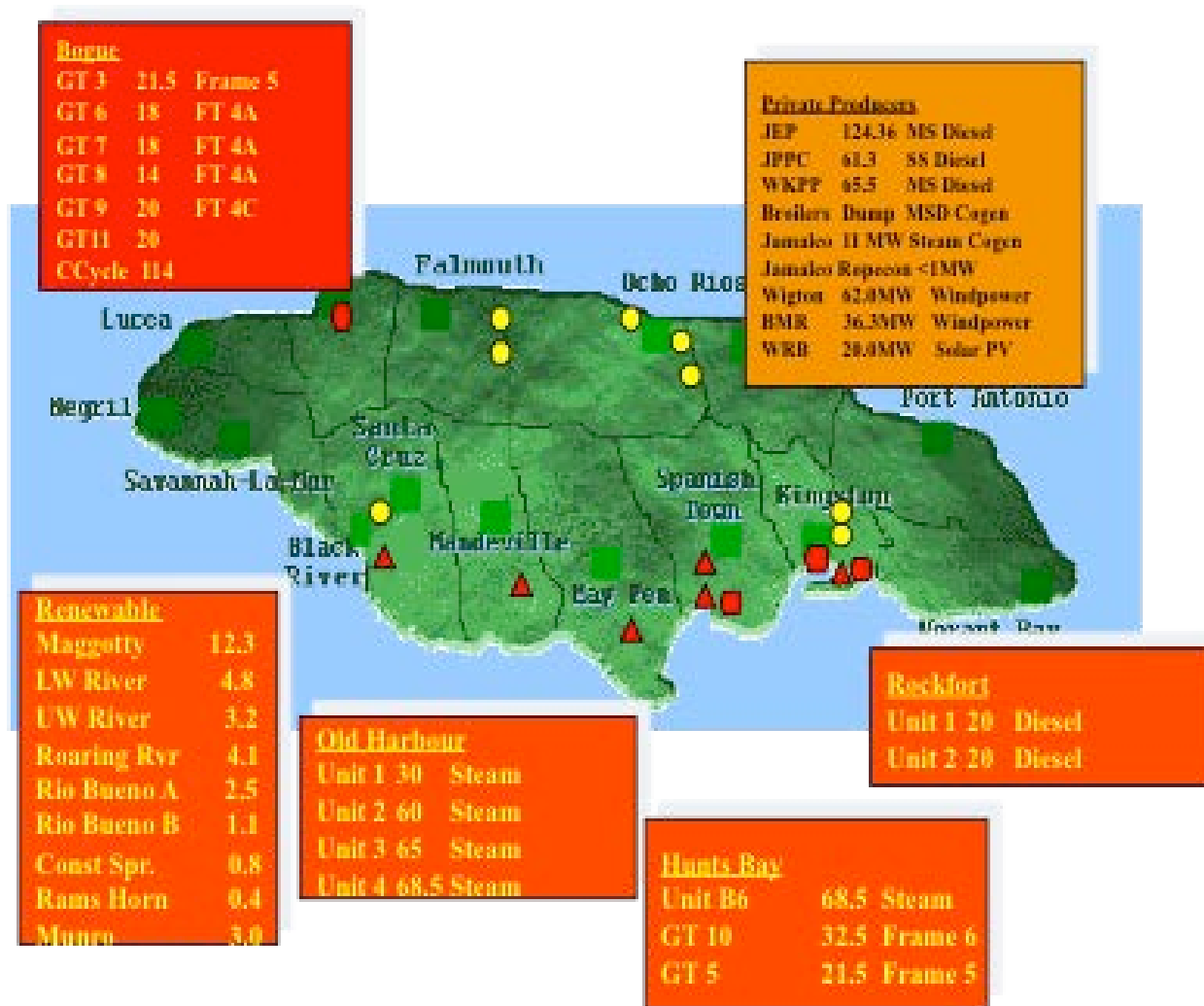
Firm
Generation
Capacity

| Station | Steam | Diesel | GT | Hydro | CC | Cogen | Total | MW |
|-------------|-------|--------|----|-------|----|-------|-------|-------|
| Bogue | | | 6 | | 1 | | 7 | 225.5 |
| Old Harbour | 4 | 11 | | | | | 15 | 347.9 |
| Hunts Bay | 1 | 6 | 2 | | | | 9 | 188.0 |
| Rockfort | | 4 | | | | | 4 | 101.3 |
| Other | | | | 10 | | 1 | 11 | 40.1 |
| Total | 5 | 21 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 902.8 |

| Facility | Type | Capacity (MW) |
|--------------------|-------|---------------|
| Wigton I | Wind | 20 |
| Wigton II | Wind | 18 |
| Wigton III | Wind | 24 |
| JPS Munro | Wind | 3 |
| BMR | Wind | 36.3 |
| Total Wind | | 101.3 |
| Content Solar | Solar | 20 |
| Total Solar | | 20 |

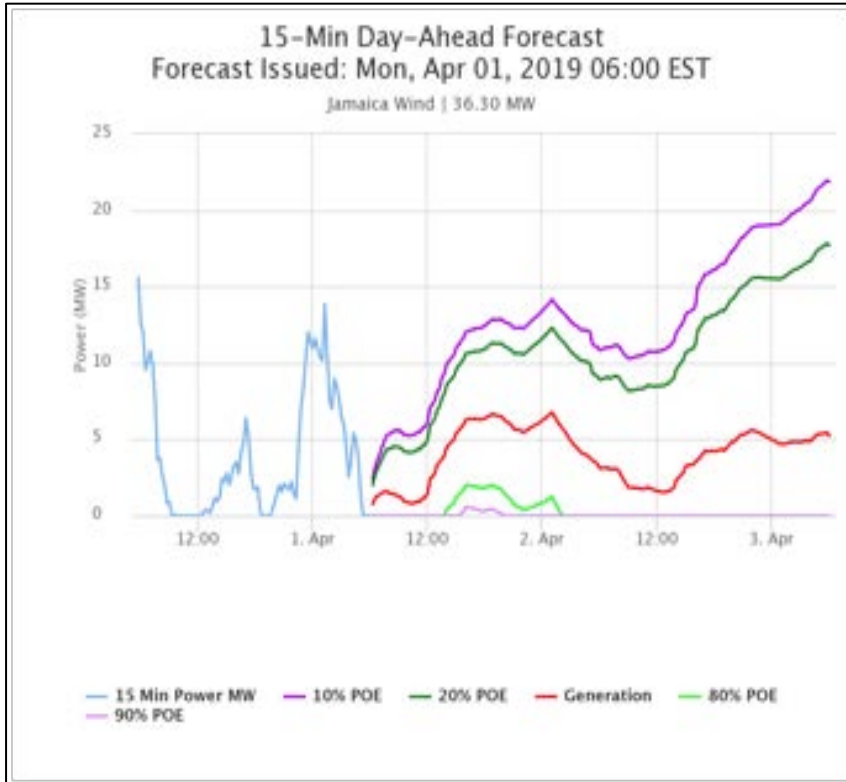


JPS: GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF GENERATION RESOURCES - 2018



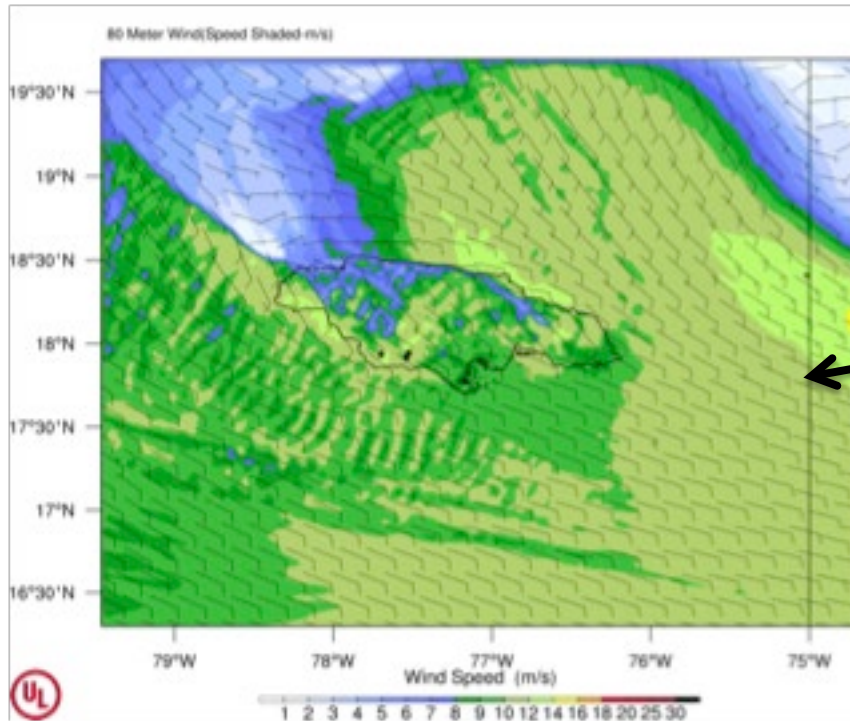
UL WIND AND SOLAR FORECAST SYSTEM: JPS

Example of a Wind Forecast Display



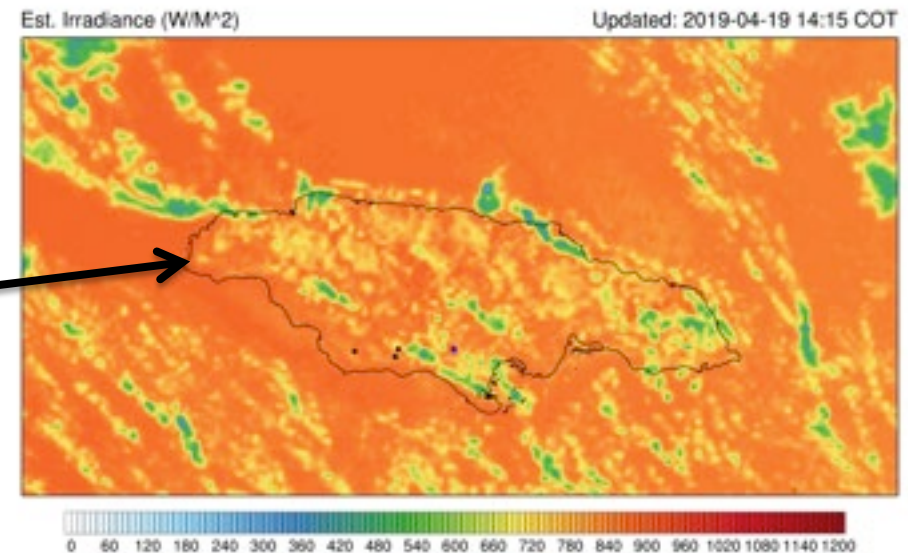
- JPS began receiving wind and solar forecasts from 2 providers in 2018
- One of the providers is AWS Truepower, a UL Company (AWST)
- AWST forecasts are produced from an ensemble of prediction-methods (physical and statistical)
- Three forecast (look-ahead) time horizons
 - Intra-day: 0-6 hrs ahead
 - ✓ 5-min updates & 5-min time steps
 - Next day: 0-midnight of next day
 - ✓ 6-hr updates & 15-min time steps
 - Long range: 0 - 14 days
 - ✓ Once per day (0600) update & 1-hr time steps
- Forecast format
 - 4 Probability of Exceedance (POE) values
 - Deterministic values (min squared error)

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: TOOLS TO MONITOR OF CURRENT WIND AND SOLAR CONDITIONS



Estimated 80-m Wind Patterns – very short-term NWP forecasts blended with available wind sensor data

Estimated Global Horizontal (Solar) Irradiance (GHI) – from visible satellite imagery calibrated with ground-based sensor data





PERFORMANCE METRICS

Traditional Metrics (bias, MAE, RMSE
etc.)

Critical Success Index (CSI)

General Skill Score (GSS)

TRADITIONAL FORECAST PERFORMANCE METRICS

- **Mean Error (bias)**
 - Average of the errors over all forecast intervals in a sample
 - Provides an indication of the systematic error (e.g. too low or too high)
- **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)**
 - Average of the absolute value of the errors over all forecast intervals in a sample
 - Provides an indication of the typical magnitude of the error
- **Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)**
 - Square root of the average of the squared errors
 - Provide an indication of typical error magnitude but heavier weighting of larger errors

- **Issues**
 - Heavily weighted towards performance under typical conditions
 - Not sensitive to performance under atypical (often the most critical) conditions
 - Often not focused on events that are most important to decision-making

CONCEPTUAL APPROACH

- HYPOTHESIS: A customized event-oriented category-based evaluation scheme would provide a more **application-relevant** assessment of forecast performance than a traditional forecast evaluation approach
 - Events defined by critical operational decision-making scenarios
 - Categories defined by operationally significant thresholds associated with the events
 - Events, categories and time frames customized for each decision-making scenario
 - Category-based performance metrics used to assess forecast performance

CATEGORY-BASED EVALUATION: CSI

| Category # | Forecasted | | | |
|------------|------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Observed | Category | Below | Typical | Above |
| | Below | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | Typical | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | Above | 7 | 8 | 9 |

- Ratios of Correct and Incorrect Outcomes
 - Hits (H) = Cat #1 + Cat #9
 - Misses (M) = Cat #2 + Cat #3 + Cat #7 + Cat #8
 - False Alarms (FA) = Cat #4 + Cat #7 + Cat #3 + Cat #6
 - Critical Success Index (CSI) = $H / (H + M + FA)$
- Issues
 - Does not account for multiple category errors
 - Does not consider relative frequency of outcomes: could provide hedging incentive
 - Does not weight relative cost of errors
 - Does a miss of a "below" event cost the same as a miss of an "above" event?
 - Is the cost of a "miss" the same as a "false alarm"?

CATEGORY-BASED EVALUATION: GSS

- General Skill Score (GSS)

- Measures skill relative to a random forecast of categories considering the relative frequencies of outcomes (0= same as a random forecast, 1= perfect)
- Can be formulated to have relative weighting for errors
- All of this accomplished through a scoring matrix: s_{ij}

$$GS = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K n(F_i, O_j) s_{ij}$$

N = Total # of fcst-outcome pairs
n(F,O) = # of pairs in each fcst-outcome bin
S = Scoring matrix (score for each bin)
K = # of forecast categories

- Example of a Scoring Matrix (s_{ij})

- Based on a 10%, 80%, 10% (below, typical, above) frequency of outcomes
- 2-category errors are penalized twice as much as a 1-category errors
- All other errors have the same weighting (misses, false alarms etc.)

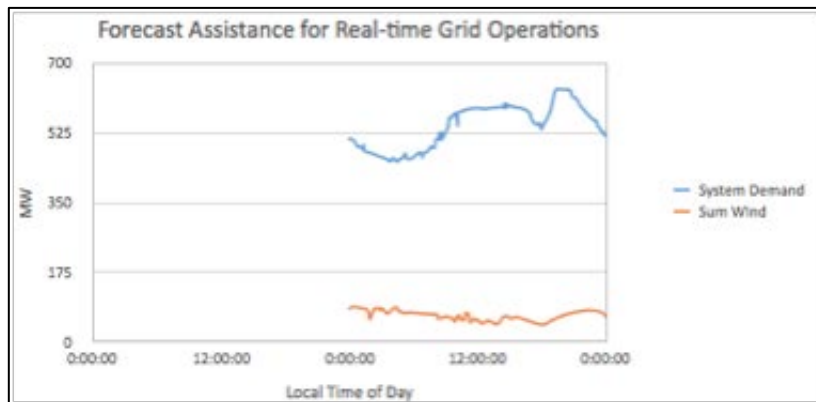
| Observed | SCORING | Forecasted | | |
|----------|----------|------------|---------|-------|
| | Category | Below | Typical | Above |
| | Below | 1 | -4 | -1 |
| | Typical | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Above | -1 | -4 | 1 |

The image shows two large white wind turbines standing on a grassy hill. The turbines are positioned on either side of the center, with their blades pointing in different directions. The hill is covered in green grass and some trees. In the background, there are rolling hills and a clear blue sky. The text "KEY DECISION MAKING TIMES AND ISSUES" is overlaid in the center of the image.

KEY DECISION MAKING TIMES AND ISSUES

SCENARIO #1: SHORT-TERM UNIT COMMITMENT FOR PEAK DEMAND PERIOD (5-9 PM LT)

- Issue: What is the minimum wind generation that will be available?
- Example: June 11, 2018 (forecast products not yet available)
 - Total actual wind generation: 40-90 MW
 - 14 MW gas turbine was committed for evening demand peak period
 - Spinning reserve was 39.6-89.8 MW
 - If reliable wind forecast available:
 - ✓ 14 MW GT would not have been committed (savings)
 - ✓ Spinning reserve would have been: 25.6-75.8



Key forecast attribute: minimum wind generation during evening peak demand period forecasted at 1 PM each day

SCENARIO #2: MID-DAY SPINNING RESERVE MANAGEMENT

- Issue: What is the amplitude of wind and solar variability in the mid-day period?
- Example: April 15, 2018 (forecast products not yet available)
 - Highly variable mid-day wind and solar generation
 - A major responsive unit offline; 3 units operational- droop control disabled on one
 - Frequent operation of Under Frequency Load Shed (UFLS) scheme
 - If reliable forecast of the mid-day variability available:
 - ✓ Ensure that droop control was enabled for responsive units
 - ✓ Bring online the most efficient gas turbine with droop control

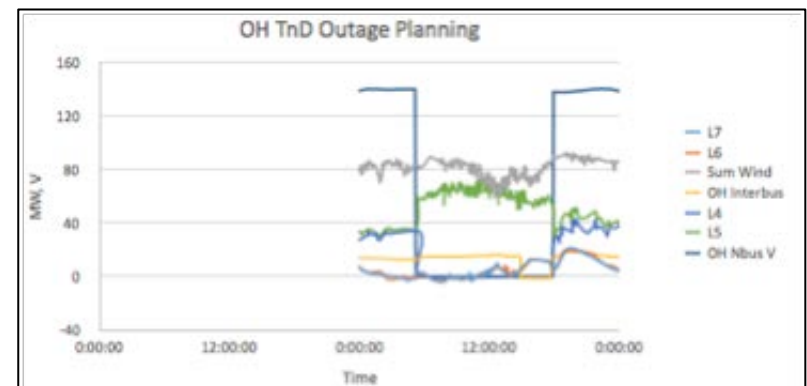


Key forecast attribute: hourly max & min of wind & solar generation during mid-day period: (1) next day outlook at 1 PM and (2) intra-day updates at hourly intervals from sunrise to mid-day

SCENARIO #3: DAY-AHEAD UNIT COMMITMENT AND T&D OUTAGE PLANNING

- Issue: What is wind and solar generation profile for the next day?
- Example: March 11, 2018 (forecast products not yet available)
 - Substation with 2 transmission lines to major load center / 100 MW wind gen capacity
 - Transmission outage scheduled and executed on one line for 5 AM – 5 PM
 - Forced transmission through remaining line; wind curtailed at 10 AM
 - If reliable wind and solar forecast during transmission planning:
 - ✓ further curtail inefficient thermal units that have long required uptime that are connected to the substation.
 - ✓ allow the acceptance of maximum output from the wind plants and any generation deficit made up by a more efficient unit at the same substation

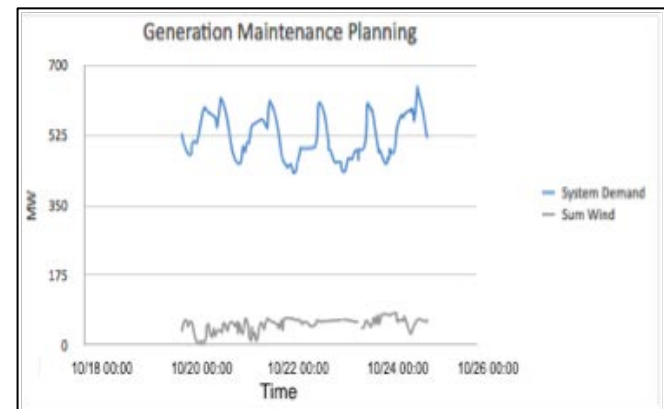
Key forecast attribute: minimum wind or solar generation for locations and periods of planned transmission lines outages provided at 1 PM of preceding day



SCENARIO #4: PLANNING FOR GENERATION MAINTENANCE

- **Issue:** will there be a sufficient contingency reserve during the peak demand period (i.e. the evening peak) to accommodate the planned outage ?
- **Example: October 19-23, 2017 (forecast products not yet available)**
 - Generation outage of 30 MW (non-renewable) unit proposed
 - 80 MW contingency reserve needed; renewable gen currently not considered
 - Reserve considerations:
 - ✓ Forecasted peak load: 625 MW
 - ✓ Capacity without proposed outage: 714 MW
 - ✓ Outage (-30 MW) results in reserve shortfall of 20 MW (outage declined)
 - ✓ HOWEVER: minimum wind gen during evening peak was 19.9 MW – consideration of wind with a reliable forecast could have resulted in granting of the outage

Key forecast attribute: (1) min wind gen during the evening demand peak and (2) min wind and solar gen for mid-day for maintenance outage period provided 7-14 days in advance





SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

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- First phase of a 4-part project is underway to optimize the value of wind and solar forecasts in electric system operations of the Jamaica Public Service
 1. Identify key decision-making scenarios and critical forecast attributes
 - 4 have been identified thus far
 2. Define operationally-relevant forecast variables and performance metrics
 - Event-oriented and category-based approach will be used (not RMSE!)
 3. Evaluate (non-customized) existing forecasts with customized metrics
 4. Customize forecasts to obtain optimal performance for the key metrics

- Next Steps:
 - Compile application-relevant performance statistics for EXISTING (not-application-optimized) forecasts
 - Customize forecasts to achieve optimal performance for application-relevant metrics
 - Calculate the application-relevant performance statistics for CUSTOMIZED forecasts