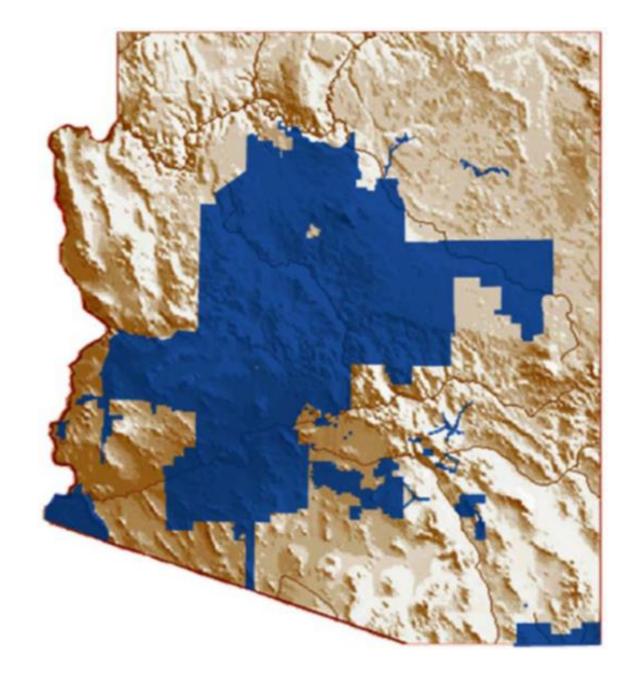
# APS: Regional Issues Forum Panel – Stressed System Conditions

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## **APS Service Territory**

- Largest Utility in AZ
- 11 of Arizona's 15 counties
- 34,646 square mile service area
- Serving more than 1.3 million customers
- Nearly 500 substations; roughly 300,000 transformers; more than 550,000 poles and structures
- Approximately 6,000 miles of transmission lines, 11,000 miles of overhead lines and 22,000 miles of underground cable
- WEIM participant since 2016





### **Stressed System Conditions**

Serving Customers with Reliable Energy

We consistently prepare to serve customers at all times
During extreme heat & intense cold

During all hours and any peaks

Holistic planning, monitoring, and adjusting are key in providing reliable service to customers

- An adequate reserve margin is critical to responding to unplanned events
- Identification & reflection of ambient derates in short term & longterm planning
- Diversity of generation and fuel sources
- □ Culture of learning
  - Conduct lessons-learned each summer and winter and implement changes for increased resilience
  - □ Tabletop exercises and joint trainings between Marketing & Balancing Authority
- □ No Touch and Constrained Operations Day declarations
  - □ Include Generation, Transmission, & IT





#### **Stressed System Conditions**

#### Challenges

□ Gas Management

No mechanism to recognize pipeline constrained/stressed conditions

- □ Extreme Cases enact ITC Limiter or full removal from market
- Load Forecasting
- MSG Management
  - □ STUC window too short to reflect minimum down times
- □ IT Update Planning
- Market structure matters constructive policy and market design are key in providing reliable service to customers
  - Confidence in committed system imports is critical
  - Clear accountability for generators and natural gas production in maintaining reliability
  - Requirements for reliability investments



