



# A CASE FOR CAPE PUMPED STORAGE 2016

IRP MOTIVATION

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# WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE CAPE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

## LEGACY

- Base load is met by long Transmission lines from the North of the country.
- Loss of 1 unit Koeberg leads to high risk of brown outs.
- VARS shortages leading to grid instability.
- Grid vulnerability environmental induced trips

## CURRENT MITIGATIONS

- Palmiet pumped storage
- OCGT
  - ✓ Very Costly (maintenance and primary energy)
  - ✓ Carbon Emission
  - ✓ Low Efficiency
  - ✓ Limited running time
- Renewables
  - ✓ Intermittent and Unpredictable
  - ✓ Lack of controllability
  - ✓ Low Efficiency
  - ✓ Storage challenge – Costs, scalability

# EMERGING PROBLEM FROM CURRENT MITIGATION

## PREDICTABILITY

- OCGT: Limited by operating design and running costs
- Renewables : Not predictable and dependent on source availability.

## BALANCE OF SUPPLY

- Renewable generate at non peak time.
- Non dispatchability generation
- Poor controllability

## STORAGE

- CSP: limited capability
- Solar PV and Wind: costs are prohibitive to the deployment of large scale storage
- No dynamic storage

# MITIGATION OPTIONS?

## BATTERY STORAGE

- Grid Scale Storage in infancy
- Distributed storage – not easily controllable

## FOSSIL GENERATORS /NUCLEAR

- fossil power or nuclear ramp-up takes hours to days
- Efficiencies of from 20% to 60%

## PUMP STORAGE

- Dynamic generation and storage capacity.
- Efficiencies of greater 80%
- Provide Network dynamic support and stability



# POTENTIAL FOR PUMP STORAGE IN CAPE





Our Argument is not whether Solar PV ,CSP or Wind are better Technology to solve our current problem

We want to create an enabling environment whereby this technologies can be deployed to provide Grid flexibility and adaptability that also empower and increase the confidence of the System Operator



THANKS

