# APEx Webinar "Perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic" and Annual General Meeting



9 September 2020 12:00 p.m. EDT



## Perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### Session 1: Review of COVID-19 Impacts and Business Continuity Plans (45 minutes)

Moderator: Lanny Nickell, SPP & APEx Board Director

 Panelists should share observations and analyses of the COVID-19-related impacts on system operations and markets experienced to date as well as describe specific approaches taken to assure business continuity during the pandemic.

#### <u>Panelists</u>

- Juan Carlos Olmedo (Coordinador Electrico Nacional)
- Kevin Dawson (AESO)
- Ahmed Al-Ebrahim (GCCIA)
- Ekaterina Moiseeva (Nord Pool)



## **Action plan for Control Centers (CC)**



- 1 Control Centers distributed in 3 locations
- Contingency plan
  - 1. Shift schedule (curfew management)
  - 2. 12 hours shift as contingency plan. During pandemic, reduced number of operators physically in CC.
- 3 Supply of safety and personal care elements.
- Private transport for CC crew to avoid use of public transportation.

- 6 Implementation of remote work tools for CC operators
- 7 Influenza flu vaccination for operators at CC
  - Training for engineers to replace CC Operator (Back-up)
  - Former experienced Control Center operators.
    - 2. Personnel training for CC staff replacement.

Preference for hotel lodging during shifts rounds.

9 Plan for early detection of COVID-19 contagion in CC

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# Ensure a safe and healthy environment for our workers and their families

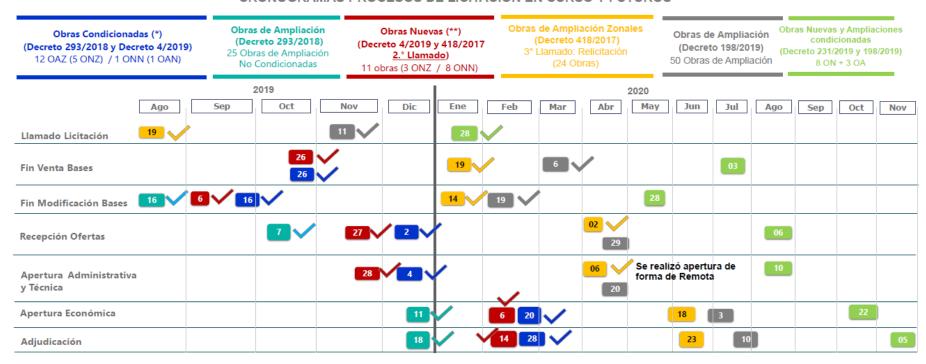


- 1. Since March 16th we started home office work.
- 2. All in-person events and meetings were canceled.
- 3. Domestic and international travels were canceled.
- 4. Personal care and safety supplies delivered to all the personnel.
- 5. We enabled permanent communication channels with all personnel.
- 6. Virtualization of physical correspondence and mail reception.
- 7. Bidding awarding process for Transmission Project Tenders done virtually via Streaming.
- 8. We requested all market agents for their contingency mitigation plans during pandemic.

## All tender processes for transmission projects have been performed normally



#### CRONOGRAMAS PROCESOS DE LICITACION EN CURSO Y FUTUROS



During 2019 and 2020, we developed 6 tender processes for 165 transmission projects.

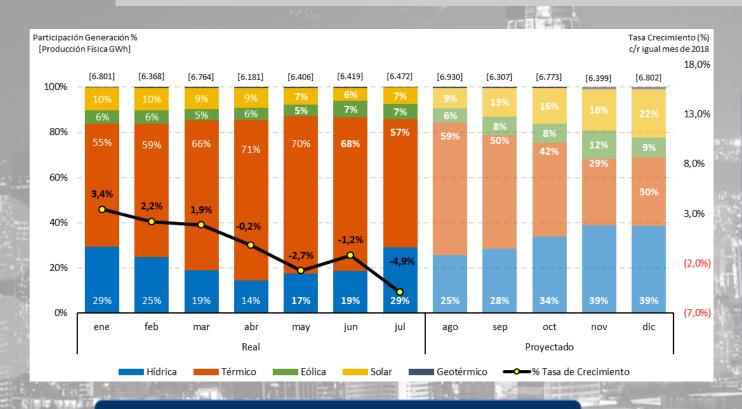


# Interconnection of new renewable projects continues with high intensity

TOTAL MW	Potencia MW		Plan de Centrales a Interconectar en 2020									
4.708	ene	feb	mar	abr	may	jun	jul	ago	sept	oct	nov	dic
Geotérmica: 33 MW	4									33		
Solar: 1.800 MW	30 (18)	135 (26)	323 (129)	224	122	47	5	108	270	302	60	175
Eólica: 1.462 MW	40	9	87	9	204	84		56	159	559	254	
Térmica: 620 MW	5		431	25	135		25					
Hídrica: 790 MW	3		19	1	18		22,4	20		7		701
Proyectos Relevantes		Granja Solar 105 MW	Andes Solar IIA 80 MW Cóndores 100 MW Llanos Blancos 150 MW	Atacama Solar II 150 MW	Cabo Leones 204 MW	Tolpán Sur 84 MW	San Javier I 25 MW	Capricornio 88 MW Digua 20 MW	126 MW	Río Escondido 145 MW PE Tchamma 155 MW	Cerro Tigre 185 MW	Alto Maipo 530 MW

For 2020, there are 122 new interconnections processes underway for power plants accounting for 4,708 MW.

#### Generation demand has been reduced by pandemic



Comparison vs. a year w/o pandemic (2019 + 2.6% growth):

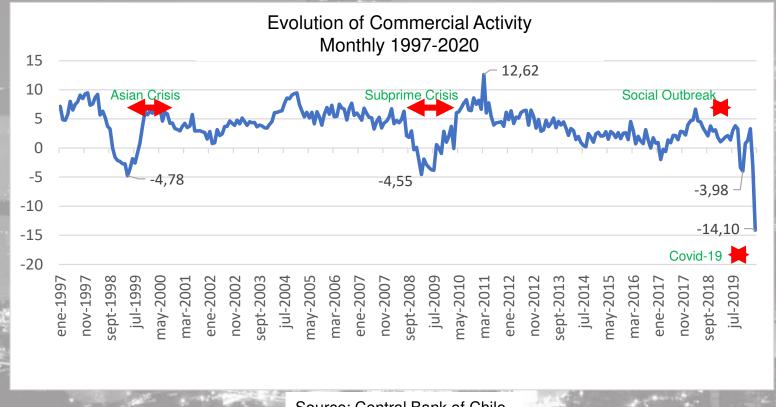
- March  $\rightarrow$  -4,5% (16 31)
- April → -2,7%
- May → -6,8%
- June → -4,1%
- July → -7,2%
- Cumulative effect from March 16th to
  August 15th → -5,1%

YTD Growth 2020/2019 (January-July)  $\rightarrow$  +0,3%

#### Demand composition:

- Disco demand is 40,9% and commercial-industry is 59,1%.
- Mining is 35% of total demand and industry is 20% (Chemical, forestry and pulp mill, food and others).
- Remaining 9.1% is retail, restaurants and offices

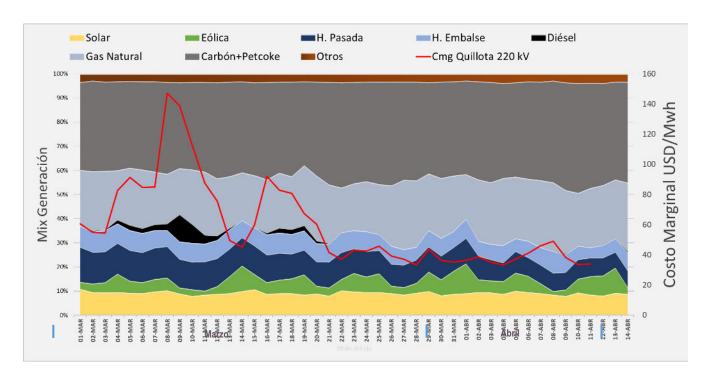
.... Demand reduction has been driven by slowdown of commercial sector (malls, retail, restaurant and offices)



Source: Central Bank of Chile







#### Generation from the start of pandemic (March/April 2020):

#### Participation in Energy Mix:

- Solar PV + Wind : 14,7%

- Hydro : 17,6% (dry year) - LNG+NG : 23,6%

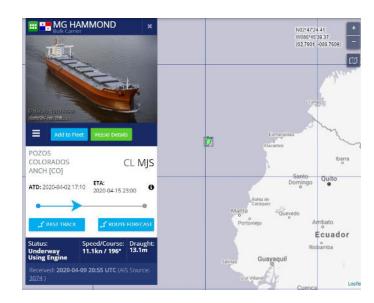
- Coal : 39,6% - Oil : 1,1%

- Others : 5,4% (Geothermal, Biomass and others)

#### Review of maintenance schedules

#### Fuel supply prices and stocks monitoring

- Daily monitoring for fuel stocks and their forecast (coal and LNG)
- There were risk factors such as Colombian port strikes and congestion in Australia.
- Instruction to all thermal power plants to report yearly fuel shipment schedule and supply risk factors for short and mid-term.
- Fuel shipment monitoring for coal and LNG.





# Review of COVID-19 Impacts and Business Continuity Plans

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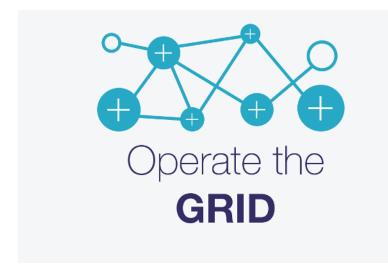
Kevin Dawson, Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO)

#### **About the AESO**







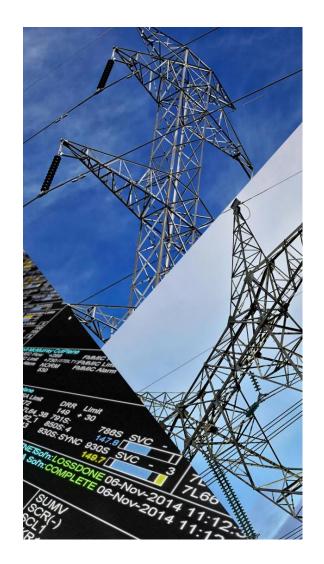




#### **AESO** mandate



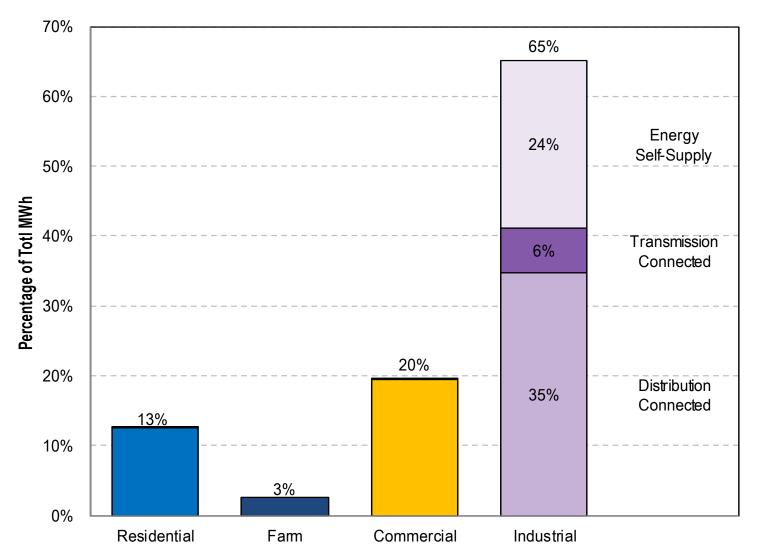
- Responsible for safe, reliable, economic planning and operation of Alberta Interconnected Electric System (AIES)
- AESO is a not-for-profit, statutory corporation; independent of government and industry:
  - Governed by independent board appointed by Minister of Energy
  - Must operate in the public interest
  - No financial interest in any generation unit, transmission or distribution infrastructure
  - No government funding; costs recovered from Alberta ratepayers
- Highest visibility of Alberta electricity sector



## Background - Industrials dominate Alberta's load



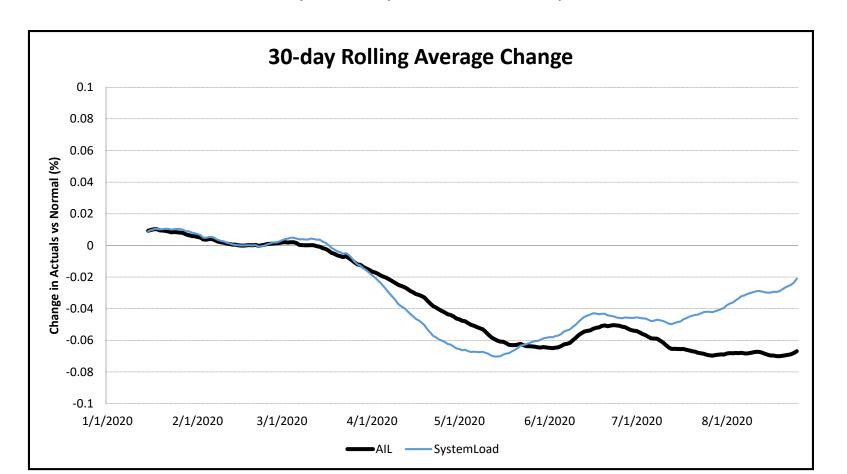
#### **Alberta Internal Load**



#### What's the impact been?



- Alberta Internal Load (AIL) has been negatively impacted by a confluence of factors:
  - Lock-down measures to control COVID-19
  - Reductions in industrial output in response to a low oil price environment

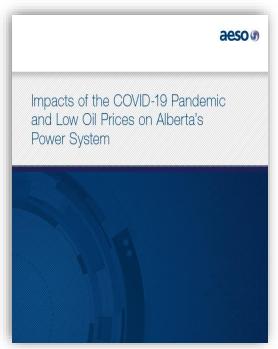


## Ongoing monitoring and reporting of the impact of COVID-19 and low oil prices



- In April 2020, the AESO provided two reports with initial observations and scenarios on load and reliability
  - Scenarios tested a range of weakened economic conditions and oil production shut-ins
  - These scenarios were designed as stress cases and no supply adequacy concerns were revealed during these simulations
- June 2020 update on load impacts with greater regional detail and forecast scenarios





#### **Ensuring Business Continuity**



#### 1) Protect staff and stakeholders – conservative approach

- Business Continuity Plan activated.
- Non-critical staff work from home mid-March
  - Will continue to work from home until the end of the year. Return to site is only voluntary at this time. Approximately 5% of AESO staff have returned to site, and most only 1-2 days per week.
  - Prior investments in technology and flexible work policies have paid off
- Only essential 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors allowed on premises
- Travel halted
- Critical operations staff:
  - Operator shifts split between two control centres. Deep clean at each location after each shift.
  - Separate crews never come in contact. Shift change performed by phone call.
  - We require operators to do temperature testing before each shift.
  - Operators are asked to wipe down their work stations before each shift, even though the stations have been cleaned.
- All external meetings and stakeholder sessions moved to virtual
- No plans to change current operating situation until sometime next year.

## **Ensuring Business Continuity**



#### 2) Create contingency plans

- We have detailed plans in the event operators begin to get sick and test positive, with a couple trigger points where we would consider sequestration.
- Sequestration would only be considered as a last resort, and at a point where we were down to about 50% of our system controllers still healthy. It also depends how quickly the situation is deteriorating as to whether or not we do this sooner.
- Multiple sequestration options considered

#### 3) Utilize and create redundancy

 Converted training centre into a fully functioning 3<sup>rd</sup> control room. Our nightshift is currently working at this site because it is behind the same fence as our primary control centre, and easier to control access in and out. Backup control room is kept as a "clean" control room in case we need to move the incoming shift due to a COVID positive case.

The pandemic has not resulted in any negative impacts to the delivery of electricity to Albertans!

#### **Contact the AESO**

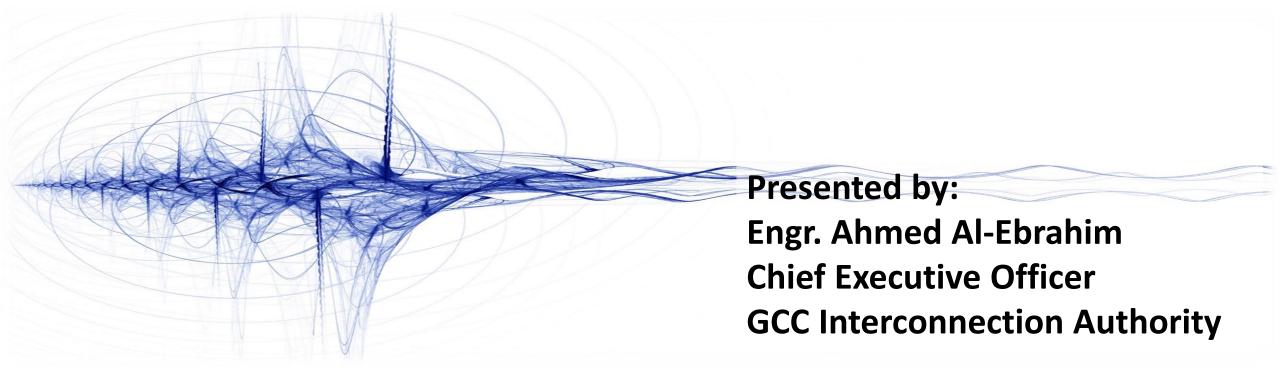


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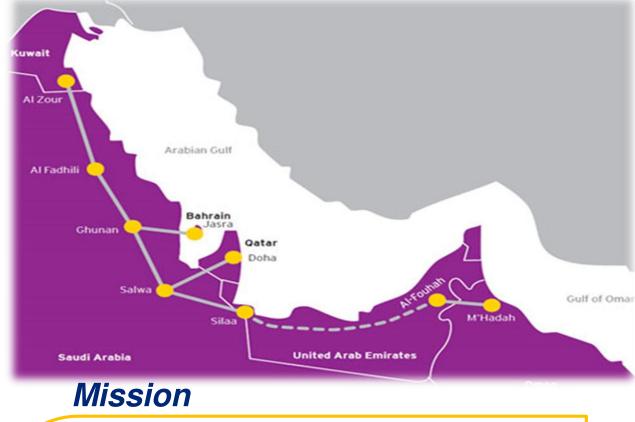
# **COVID-19 Impacts and Business Continuity Plans**





## **About GCC Interconnection Authority**





A resilient interconnection grid ensuring power security and economic benefits

Established in 2001, GCCIA has successfully built and operates the GCC interconnection 400kV super grid since 2009, connecting the 6 GCC countries, providing a new level of Energy security for the GCC through:

- I. Coordinated Operations (ICC)
- II. Sharing of reserves and Capacities (\$\$ Savings)
- III. Energy exchange during emergencies (in-kind)
- IV. Regional exchange and trade of energy (Market)

#### Vision 2025

To become a global hub in grid interconnections emphasizing on innovation, resiliency, and sustainability; and creating dynamic electricity market for the region and beyond



## Effect of COVID19 on business in GCC



Suspension of flights

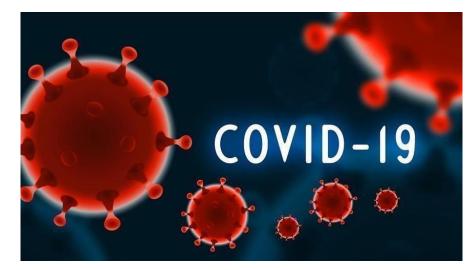
Partial and Full Curfews

Lock downs

Quarantine

Business Activities were suspended

GCC Country	Date of first Corona case Detected
KSA	02 March 2020
Bahrain	21 February 2020
Kuwait	24 February 2020
UAE	23 January 2020
Qatar	27 February 2020
Oman	24 February 2020





## Impact on GCC Load Demands



# Before Lockdown (1 Jan to 15 Mar 2020)

Energy Growth at all MS's were **positive** except **Oman**.

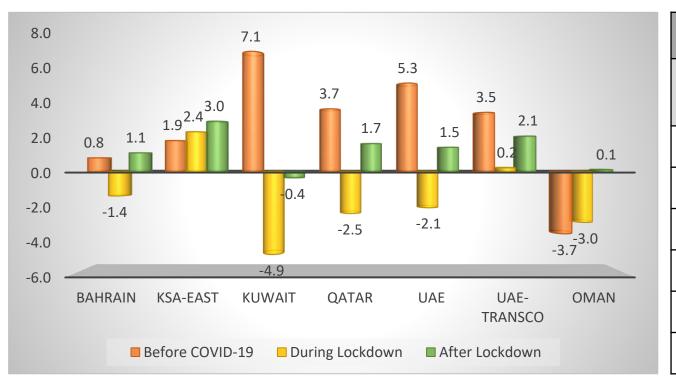
## **During Lockdown**

(16 Mar to 31 May 2020)

Energy Growth at all MS's were **negative** except at **KSA-East & Abu Dhabi** 

# After Lockdown (01 Jun to 15 Aug 2020)

Energy Growth at all MS's were **positive** except at Kuwait



2020 Energy Growth % ((GWh)						
State	Before	During	Post			
	Lockdown	Lockdown	Lockdown			
Bahrain	0.8	-1.4	1.1			
KSA-East	1.9	2.4	3.0			
Kuwait	7.1	-4.9	-0.4			
Qatar	3.7	-2.5	1.7			
UAE	5.3	-2.1	1.5			
Oman	-3.7	-3.0	0.1			



## **Sustaining Operations of the Grid**







## **GCC Electricity Market**



Members can procure installed capacity to achieve their Installed Capacity Obligations determined by the Planning Committee 5 years prior to target year

Spinning Reserve Market



Members can enter into bilateral contracts and then reserve the interconnection rights to effect the power trade transactions (VTN)

Spot "Day Ahead Market" (Continuous)



Members can submit offer / bids on GEMS platform and get best deal from the Market. GCCIA process IRO and VTN and manage settlements.

Balancing Market



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**Capacity Market** 

Member State are required to maintain their share of Spinning Reserves in GCC the interconnected system.



Bilateral Energy Market

GCCIA provides inhouse developed "GEMS" platform that accept hourly bids for the Day Ahead Market



Exchange based
Bilateral Energy
Market

The imbalances are settled in accordance with the PETA and procedures. Broadly: settlement for less than 25 MWh/h are in-kind and beyond 25 MWh/h on cash basis

Systems:

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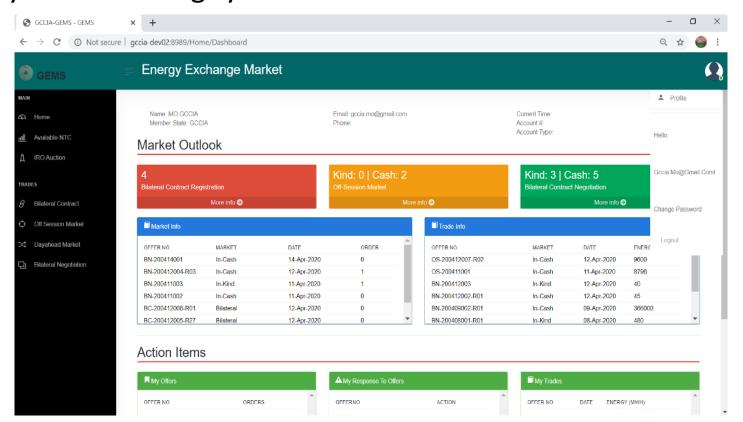
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## **Sustaining Electricity Market Operations**



- ✓ The Market Operations of GCCIA carried out its functions online without any interruption during the pandemic.
- ✓ Regular online meetings with Electricity Exchange Market Committee.
- ✓ GCCIA launched its online bilateral trading platform, which was developed Recently.
- ✓ The availability of the trading systems was 100% and the maintenance was done online.





## **GCCIA Business Continuity**



## Pre-Pandemic



# During Pandemic



Post Pandemic

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Focus	Implementation
<ul><li>Risk Management</li><li>Business Continuity</li><li>Cyber Security</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Carry out Risk Assessment for all GCCIA processes and assign mitigation plans</li> <li>✓ Certification sought with several ISO standards in Quality, Business Continuity and Cyber security.</li> <li>✓ Drills and training on Emergency procedures</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Operations continuity</li> <li>Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>Utilize Technology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Control Centre operational regimes to ensure safety while continuing operations (2 locations, separate crews, shift rotation)</li> <li>✓ More communications between teams and Management</li> <li>✓ Corona Crisis Team follow latest and recommend actions</li> <li>✓ Activate "Virtual Office" where all employees were enabled to carry out all their tasks working from home (Mar-Jun 2020).</li> <li>✓ Field operations support through contractors to mitigate curfew restrictions and closed borders</li> </ul>
	✓ Use Lessons learned to improve Business Resilience and continuity.

- Improving Business Resilience
- Digital Transformation
- ✓ Create O&M depos to mitigate curfews and cross-border issues
- ✓ Move to a full digitalization and virtualization of processes.
- ✓ Ensure resilient supply chain and availability of alternative services providers.

# COVID-19: Impacts and business continuity plans

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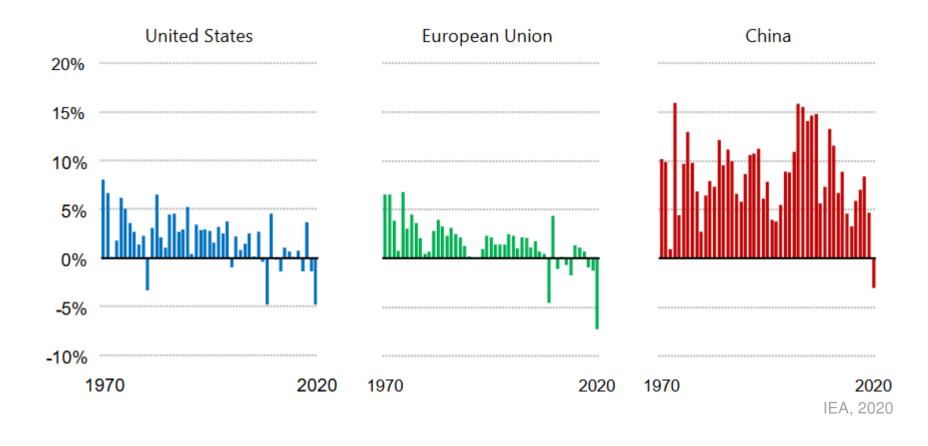
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NORD POOL



## Electricity demand to face biggest ever decline

Percentage change in electricity demand in selected regions, 1970-2020

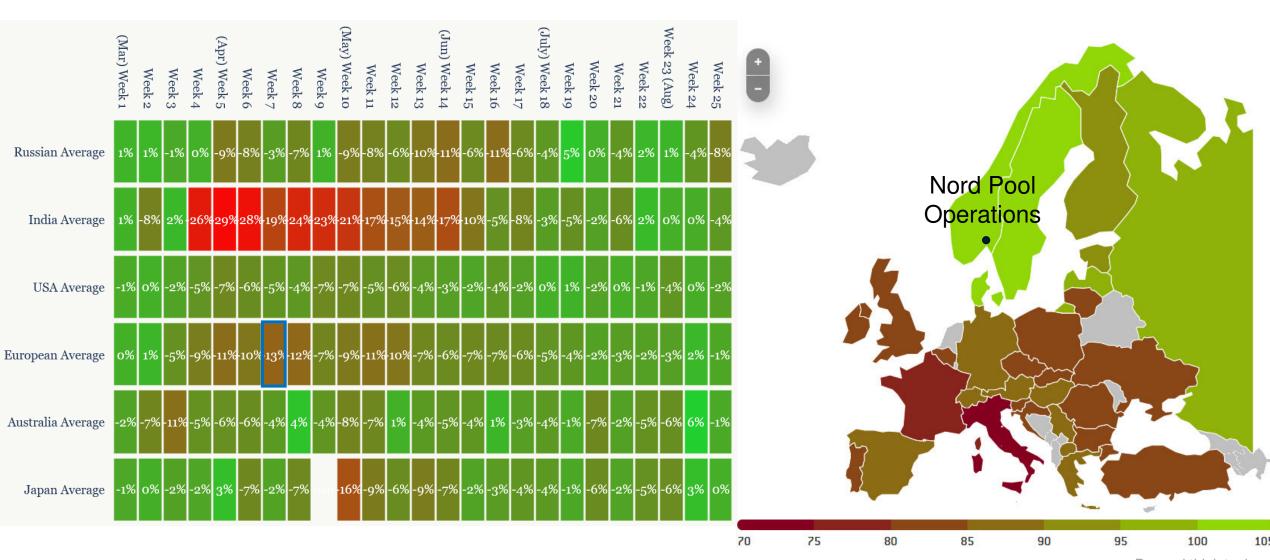


Global electricity demand is set to **fall by 5% in 2020**, the largest decline since the Great Depression. Impacts are largest in the **European Union and United states**, but extend to all corners of the world.



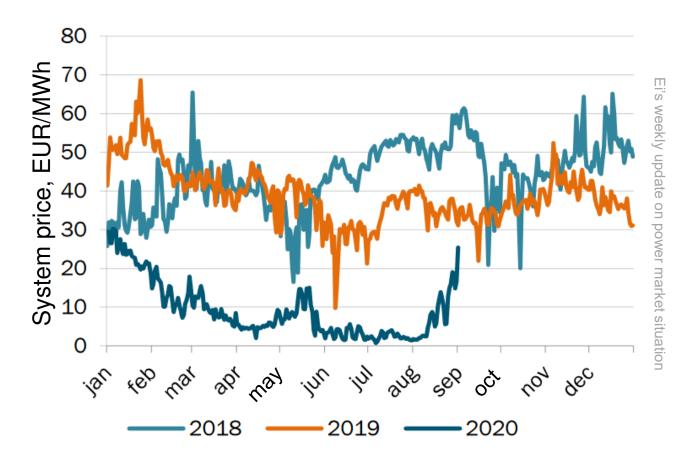
## **Consumption in Europe**

Average peak hour consumption in 2020 as a percentage of the corresponding week in 2019



## Low prices in Scandinavia

Minor effect on consumption, but other factors play a role



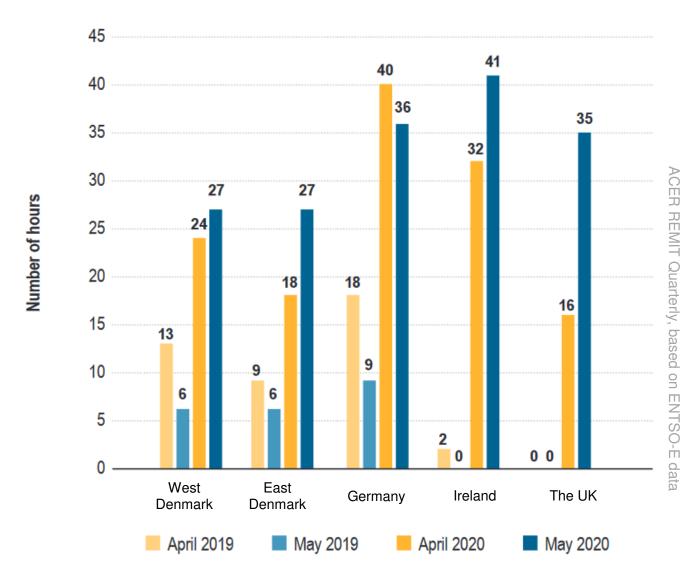
#### Factors:

- Very high reservoir levels and snow deposits,
- · High availability of nuclear power expected in Sweden,
- Very mild temperatures, significant precipitation.



## Low prices in Europe

Number of hours on the day-ahead market with negative electricity prices in April and May 2019/2020 for the most impacted bidding zones







## Thank you!

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## Perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### Session 2: Future Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Markets (40 minutes)

Moderator: Stu Bresler, PJM and APEx Board Chairman

Panelists should discuss expected near-term and long-term implications of the COVID-19 pandemic
on markets/system operations and any special market provisions or rules that should be considered to
lessen the impacts of future pandemics.

#### **Panelists**

- Philippe Vassilopoulos (EPEX)
- Cecilia Maya (XM)
- Richard Doying (Mid-Continent ISO)

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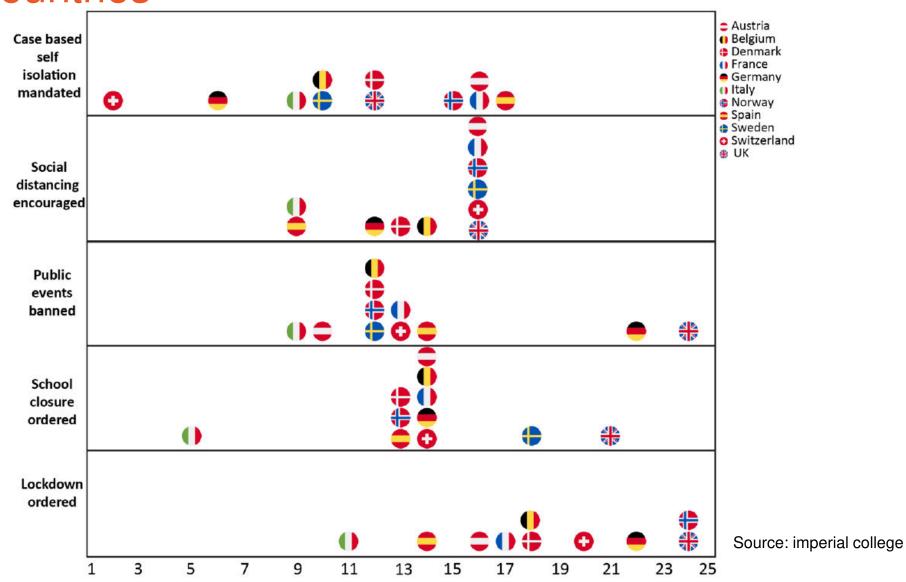


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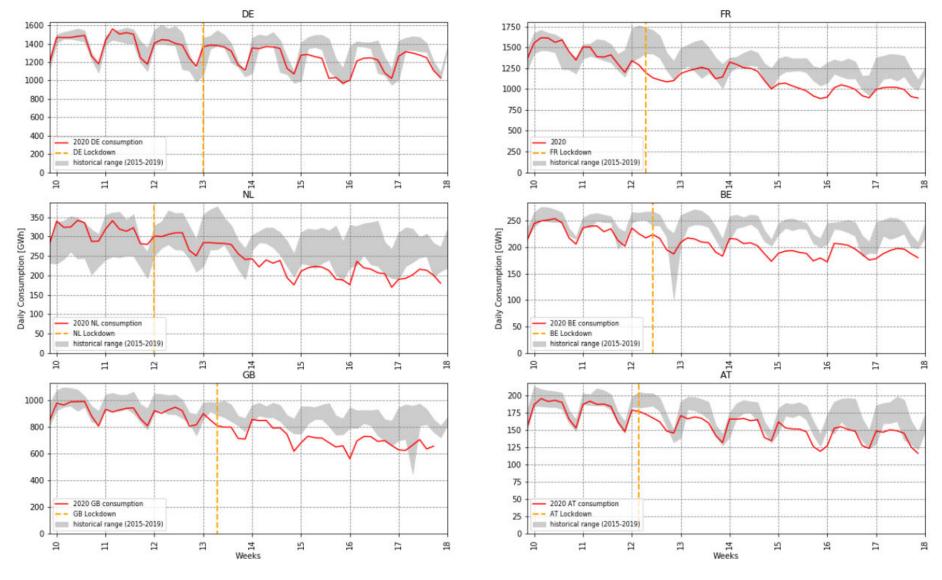
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# Lockdown imposed in several European countries



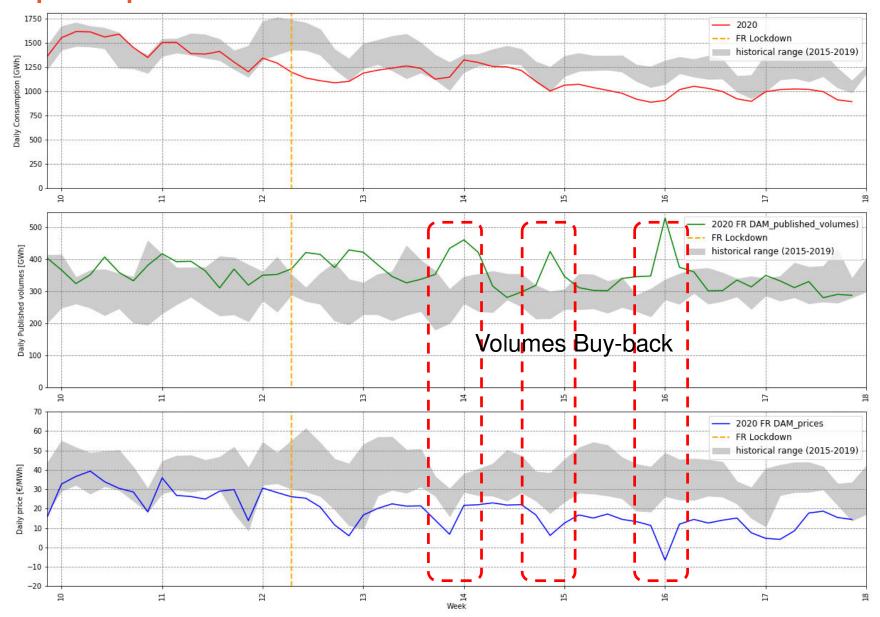
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## Electricity consumption impacted by lockdowns

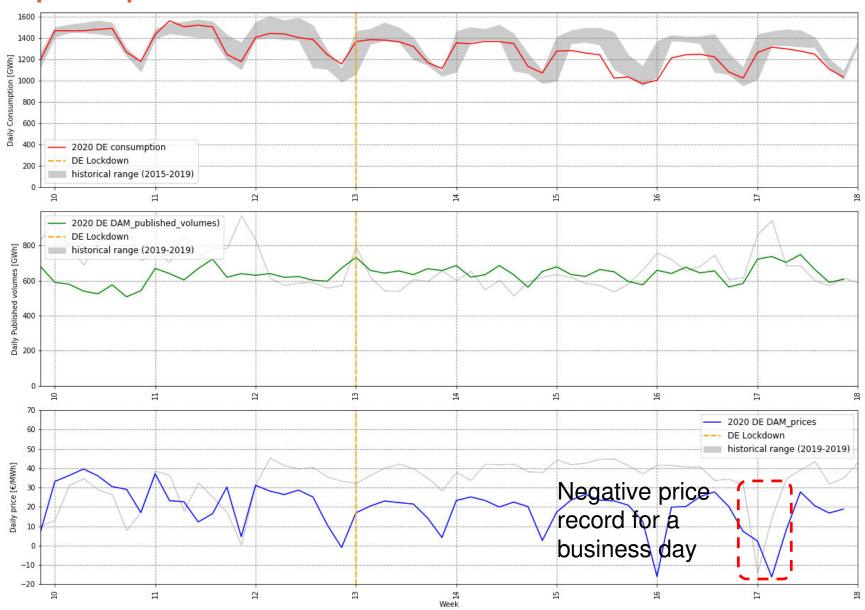


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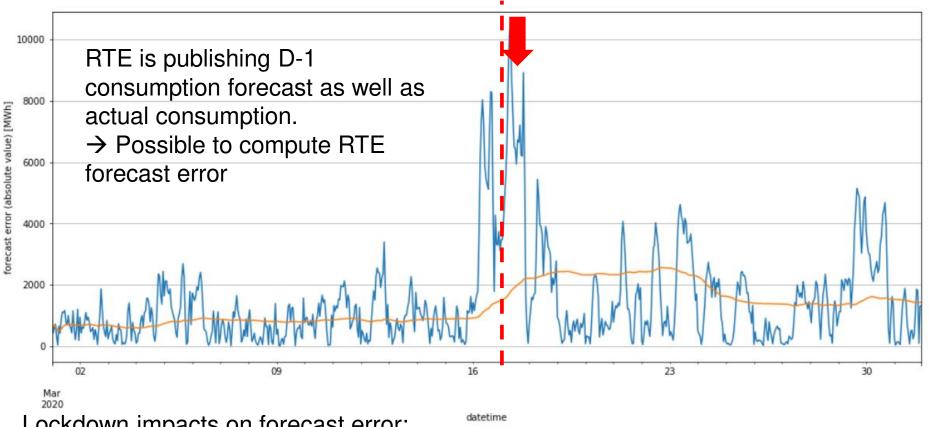


## Epexspot DAM markets – DAM DE



## Impact on consumption forecast errors

First day in lockdown in FR: March 17 (Tuesday)



Lockdown impacts on forecast error:

- -Important increase of forecast error starting one days before lockdown effective date
- -error has stabilized after 3 days but at a higher level than prior Lockdown
- -is there some impact on IDM FR volumes?...

## Impact of COVID on Capacity Market in France

- On the capacity market in France, worries have been voiced by the authorities/TSO on the risk on security of supply (and of seeing high prices due to COVID 19 in the capacity auctions).
- EDF had to reduce personnel at minimum, 20 maintenance schedules for 2020/2021 were delayed in several reactors. Risks are anticipated by EDF for next winter's security of supply (especially Q4 2020).
- This uncertainty added to the Futures price volatility (power/fuel/CO2) could make it more difficult for market participants to compute their missing money and bid into the capacity market auction.
- The Capacity Market auctions were maintained (and two additional auctions were planned). As expected, positive outcome in terms of traded volumes for 2021 and 2022 but prices much higher than in previous delivery years.

#### **EPEX Spot Capacity Auction:** Prices and numbers of

Auction Gate Closure		arantees il 2020	25 June 2020		
Underlying year	Price	Number	Price	Number	
2022	€ 1,664.17	50,323.0	€ 3,896.64	43,335.0	
2021	€ 1,922.03	42,399.0	€ 4,740.10	38,596.0	
2020	-	-	€ 4,500.08	4,982.0	
2019	-	-	€ 39.45	19,708.0	

## Thank you for your attention!

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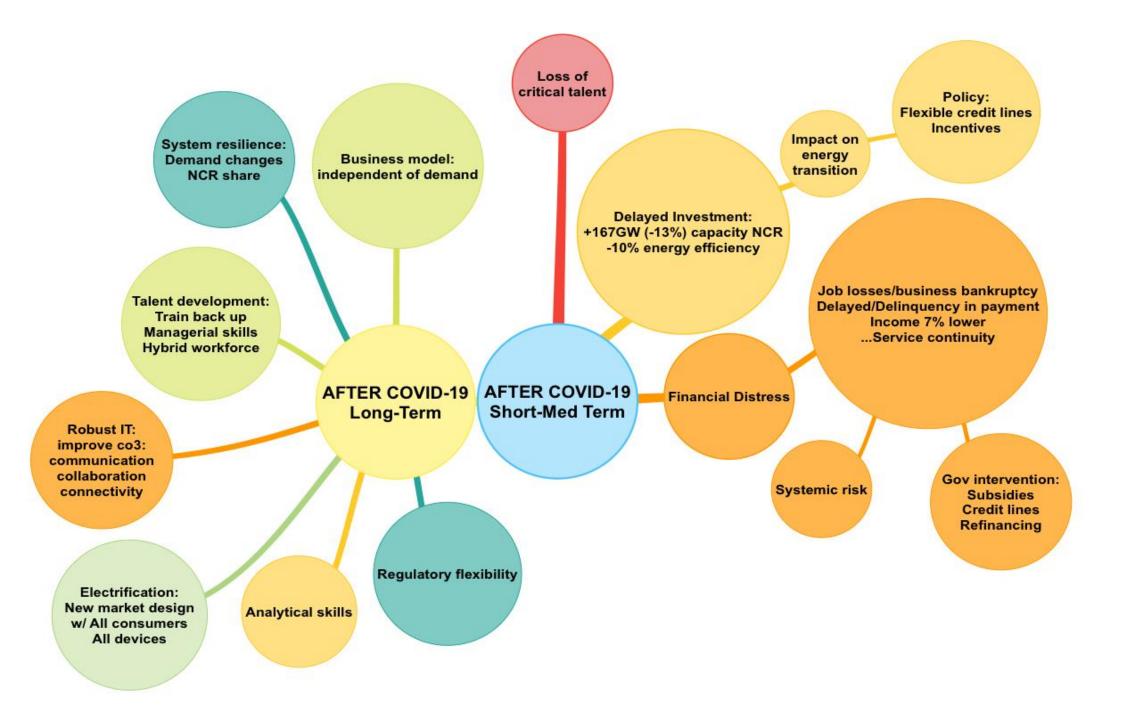
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# Future Implications of COVID-19 on Markets







#### **Stu Bresler, Chairman of APEx**

Announcements and Closing Comments

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