

# Using PFE for Term Trading Decisions

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#### **Risk Management**



#### "The art of foreseeing hindsight" -Jos Berkemeijer



#### **Perspective: Credit Risk Management**





#### **Credit Exposure**

#### **Default Probability**



# **Roseville Electric Utility**

- Located in Northern California
- Population: approximately 130,000
- Over 57,000
   customers
- High residential rooftop PV penetration
- Peak load: 330 MW in 2015
- Annual load: over 1.1 million MWh

# California





## **Motivation**



#### **Roseville Today**

- Debt Service Coverage = 2.9
- Cash on Hand = 275 days
- Bonds upgraded to AA- by rating agencies
  City already AA
- 3 year fixed price hedging policy



# **Managing Tradeoffs**





## **PFE Overview—Future M2M**

#### 25,000 MMBtu/day, Calendar 2009



#### **Simulated Future Spot Market**



## **Simulated Future Spot Market**





## **Simulated Future Forward Curves**



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#### **Future M2M**





## **M2M Distributions**



#### **Transaction PFE**

#### • 25 MW 7x24 Q4 2017, 80% PFE





# **Counterparty PFE**





# **Roseville Credit Management**

- Trade power and natural gas
- WSPP, NAESB for short-term
  - With one exception, uncollateralized
- ISDA w/ PA/GA for long term
  - Almost all with collateral threshold table
- No exchange trading
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party provides counterparty evaluations and credit recommendations
- Often results in working credit limit < contract collateral threshold



Time Period	Product	Quantity	Units	Total Volume	Units	Unit Price	Estimated Cost
Jan-2017	Elec	25	MW (7x24)	18,600	MWh	\$40.542	\$754,072
Feb-2017	Elec	25	MW (7x24)	16,800	MWh	\$38.140	\$640,744
Q4 2017	Elec	25	MW (7x24)	55,200	MWh	\$36.870	\$2,035,224
Q1 2018	Elec	25	MW (HLH)	30,800	MWh	\$39.000	\$1,201,200
Q3-Q4 2018	Elec	25	MW (7x24)	110,400	MWh	\$36.070	\$3,982,128
Q1-Q2 2019	Elec	25	MW (7x24)	108,600	MWh	\$31.450	\$3,415,470
Q3 2019	Gas	5,000	MMBtu/day	460,000	MMBtu	\$3.240	\$1,490,400
			Total Electricity	340,400			\$12,028,838
			Total Gas	460,000			\$1,490,400
						Grand Total	\$13,519,238



## **Previous Credit Processes**

- Credit Management 1.0: Old School
  - Stop trading when M2M > working credit limit (if uncollateralized)
  - Stop trading if we're getting "close" to posting
- Credit Management 1.1: PFE lite
  - Add 1 standard deviation to forward curve
  - Don't award CP tranches if tranche + 1 SD causes to exceed working credit limit
- Credit Management 2.0: PFE pilot
  - Optimization model assigns awards



#### **Tranche PFEs**





#### **Tranche PFEs Stacked**





# **Counterparty PFE + Tranche PFEs**





# **Optimization Problem**

- If Counterparty PFE + awarded tranche PFEs exceeds credit limit
  - Which tranches to award
  - Who to award the other tranches to
- Optimization
  - Linear program
  - Minimize cost of all awards
  - Award all tranches to one (and only one) CP
  - CP PFE + awarded tranche PFEs don't violate high or low credit limit



# **Pilot Program**

- Executed one trade using the system
- Worked smoothly
- No constraints were violated by bids
  - Optimization unnecessary
  - Had it been necessary, model could tell the cost of the credit constraints
- Will continue to use and refine



## Art vs. Science



- Market simulation
  - Principle components analysis
- Exposure calculations
- Optimization



- Credit limits
- Percentile to use
- Hard vs. soft constraints



#### **Percentiles and Credit Limits**



# **Understanding Risk Tolerance**

- Need to align exposure \* default risk with enterprise risk tolerance
- Hard to ask decision-makers what their risk tolerance is
- Explicit
  - Policies and procedures
  - Insurance, etc.
- Implicit
  - Revealed through behaviors/decisions
- Remember the tradeoffs



## **Is There Value to Credit Headroom?**

- Two counterparties, each w/ \$1.5M limit
- Counterparty A wins all tranches by \$1000 ea.
- Award them all to A?
- Is there value to keeping A in play for the future?



# **How to Trade Off Against Price?**

- Two counterparties, each w/ \$1M limit
- Counterparty A wins the one tranche by \$100,000
- Award to B because A is slightly over 80% PFE?



#### What's Next?

- Continue pilot program
- Continue to explore the "art"
- Talk to interested colleagues
- Formalize process and update risk policies, as necessary

