



#### 2030 - 2050 Dispatchable Power Requirement

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#### - Integrated Resource Plan - (IRP)

- The first IRP was developed in 2010, covering the period up to 2030.
- The IRP has been updated several times, but not published since the 2010 IRP.
- Latest update was 2018, with an additional report released in 2019 with some changes due to Eskom difficulties.
- The updated plans covered the period up to 2050. However, the 2018 report recognized the uncertainty that this period brings and declared that the later years were "indicative".
- The IRP developed "scenarios" for the Grid requirements based on fixed parameters.



#### -IRP Renewable Generation Plan

- The IRP supports a significant growth in renewable supply from wind and PV
- This growth is supported by dispatchable power to handle intermittency and replacing aging base generation
- In 2018 Wind and PV varied from meeting 0.1% to 11% of the hourly generation – showing the need for dispatchable backup





IRP 2018 Base Scenario Renewable Plan				
Resource - GW	2018	2030	2040	2050
Wind	2	13	27	50
PV	1.5	7	18	35
Min Supply	0.1%	0.7%	1.2%	1.9%
Max Supply	11%	51%	101%	161%
Dispatchable	5	10	25	40



#### -Dispatchable need

- The purpose of this analysis is to verify the premises of the IRP to determine whether the predicted dispatchable power need is reasonable and the likely range.
- The analysis is a sensitivity to understand the effects of the major premises for the forecast.
- The analysis also looks at the impact of increased, or decreased, generation from wind and PV.
- The sensitivity analysis doesn't include any economic sensitivity nor recommendation on technology – it only relates to feasibility of meeting the need.





#### Sensitivity Analysis 2030 - 2050









### -Premises for analysis

- The base information for demand and renewable supply is from Eskom for 2017 (verified for consistency with 2016 and 2018 data).
  - Forecast demand profile is as per 2017, increased by the growth factor analysed.
  - Wind and PV hourly CF's from 2017 were used and adjusted by installed capacity
- Base Generation capacity was taken from the IRP assumptions.
  - Base generation was assumed to be one unit of generation, not broken down
  - No attempt was made to cycle any of the base load (multiple daily cycling would be required). It was assumed that base generation was used or wasted.
- Existing CSP and pumped hydro storage were used as per 2017 data without change of hourly timing or capacities. (the IRP makes no provision for growth)



#### **—** Factors affecting dispatchable requirement

- Demand Growth
- Base Fleet EAF
- Decommissioning
- Wind
- PV

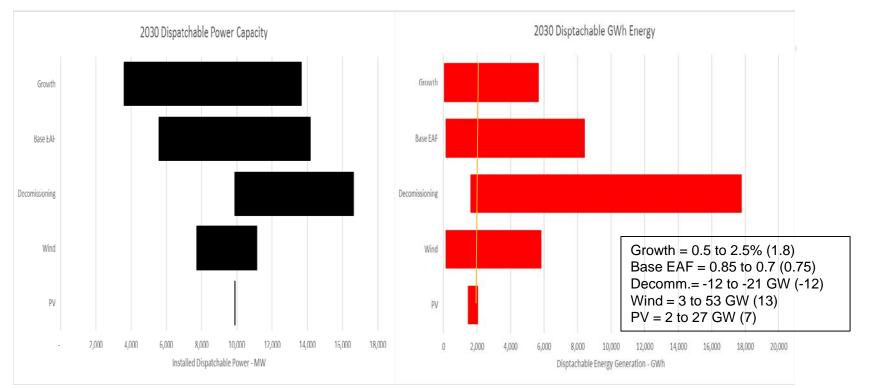




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#### -2030 sensitivities

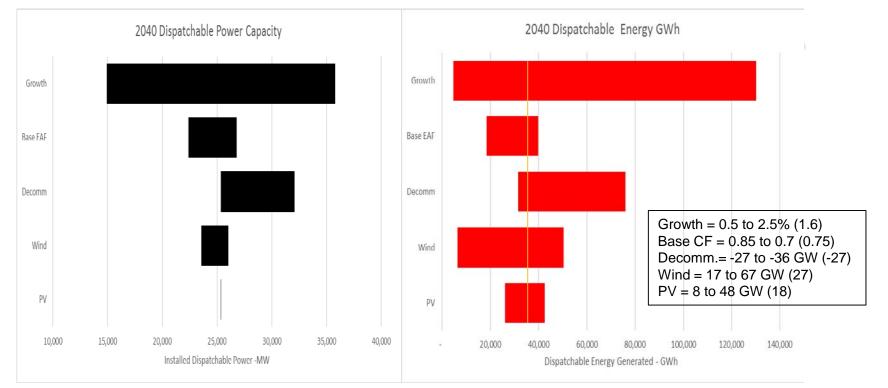








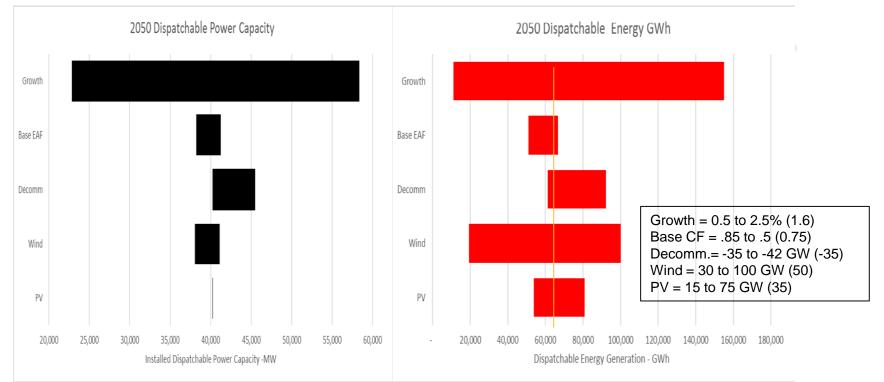


















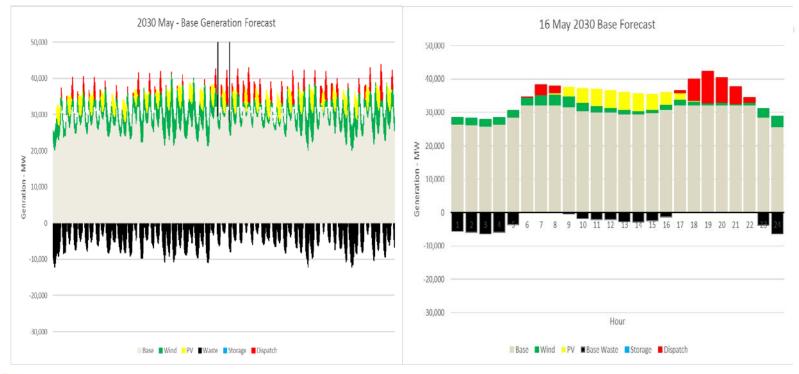
# 2030 dispatchable requirement forecast







#### -Base forecast for "May 2030"







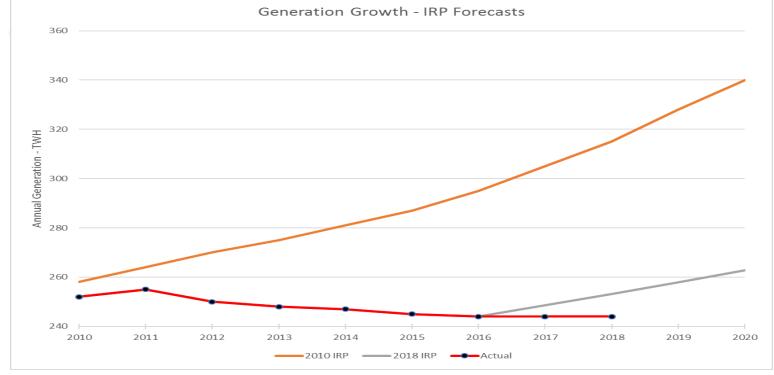


#### **Demand growth**

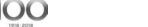




### — IRP demand growth forecast







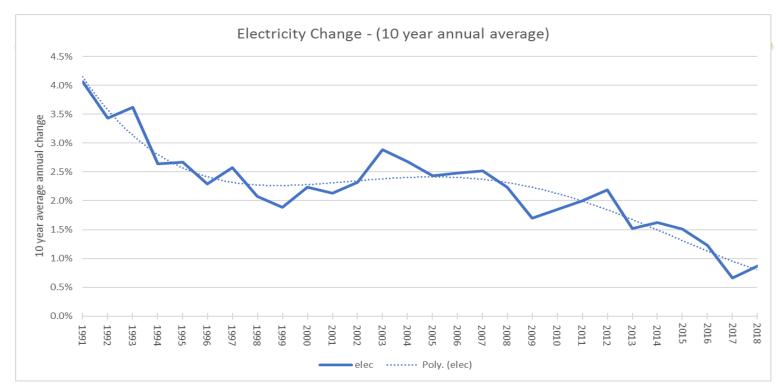
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## -Rate of demand growth since 1991

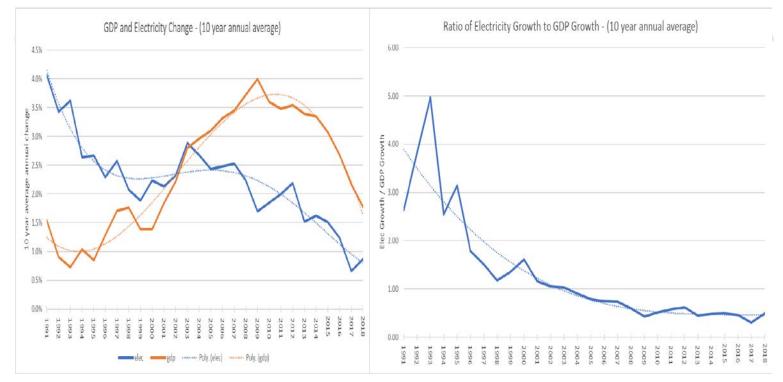








#### – GDP growth effect





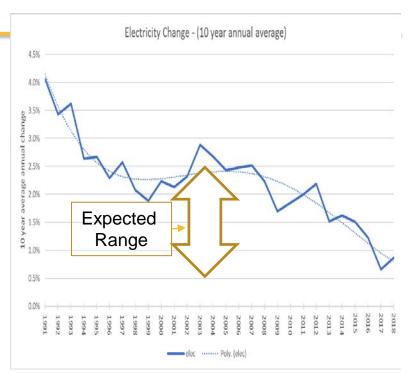






#### — Growth forecast

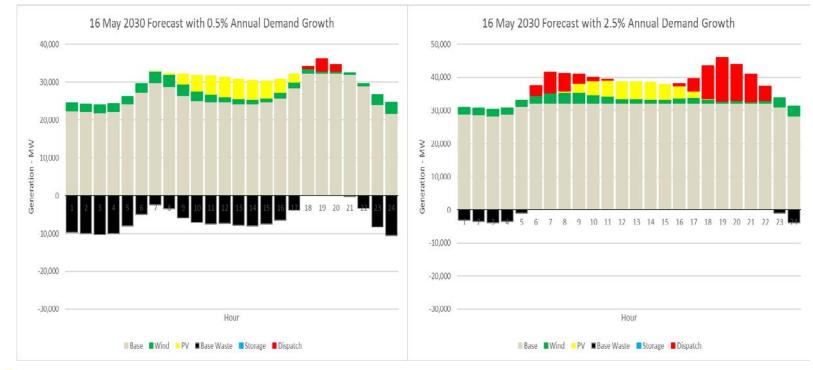
- IRP Growth Forecast 1.8%
- GDP 1% to 4%, average 2.3%
- Ratio Electricity Growth in the range of 50% of GDP
- Likely range 0.5% to 2.5%
- Expected approx. 1.2%







# Effect of growth on dispatchable need







#### **Capacity factor (EAF)**



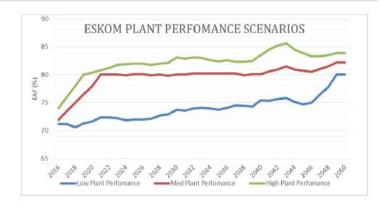






#### – EAF plan

- Internationally, an EAF for the Base Facilities is expected to be about 85%
- The Eskom plants have operated at or below 70%.
- The IRP indicated expectations that this would increase to over 80%
- A low EAF effectively removes a portion of the generating fleet.

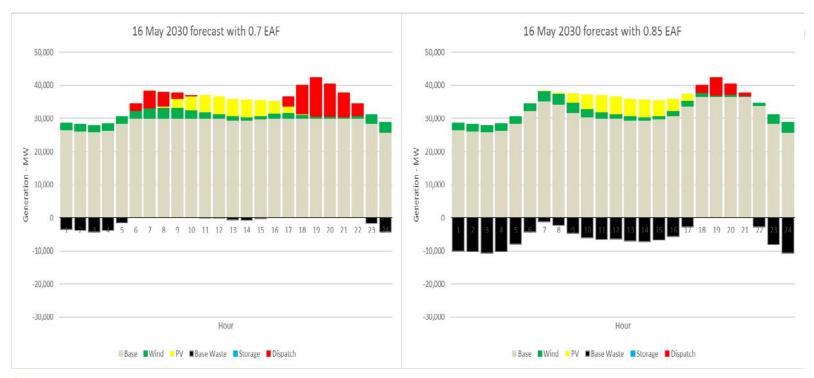








#### -Effect of EAF





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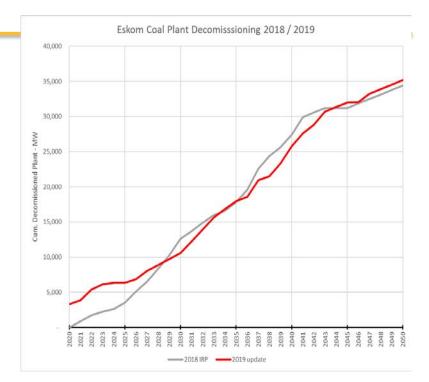
#### Decommissioning





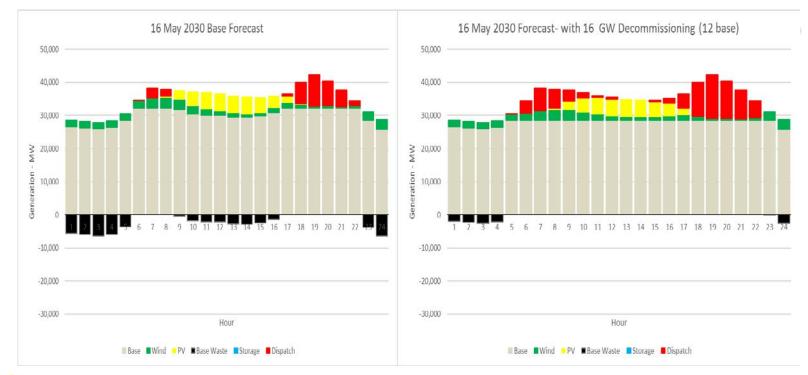
## -Decommissioning plan

- The average age of the Eskom coal generation fleet is 37 years.
- Eskom anticipates a 50 year life per plant and most plants shutdown in planning period.
- Cycling causes pre mature aging which is not captured in plan.
- Major change is short term activity, which should be the most defined
- Leads to doubt about long term plan.





# Effect of 4 GW extra decommissioning





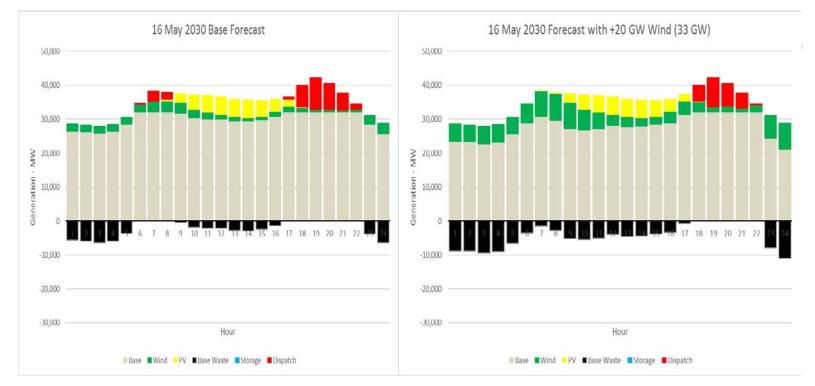


#### Wind / PV



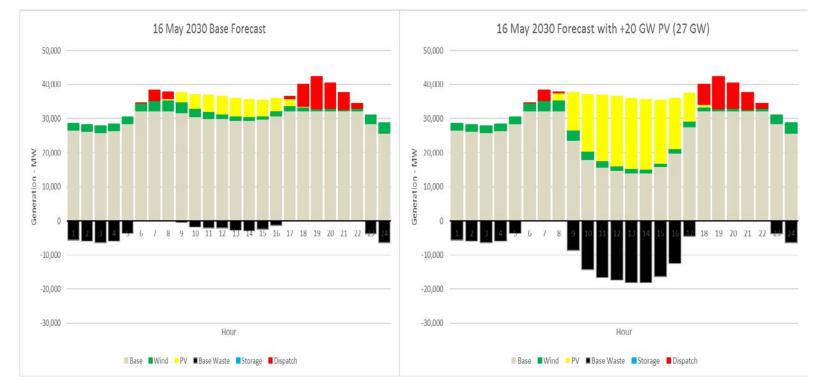


### -Effect of 20 GW additional wind





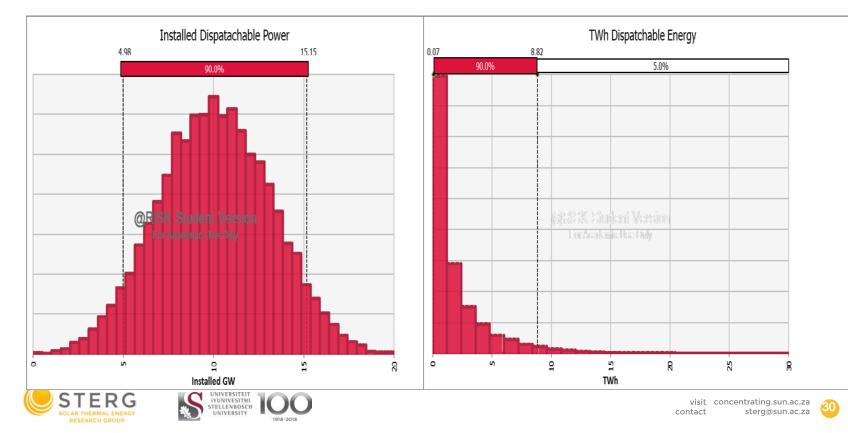
## -effect of 20 GW additional PV







### -Resulting uncertainty



#### Recommendations

- Change orientation of IRP from a "definitive" plan to a response plan to react to the developing situation going forward
- Structure the business to facilitate shorter term and flexible planning eliminate large scale base generation in favour of modular renewable generation, storage and dispatchable backup
- Take advantage of improved technology and costs as they develop
- Monitor changes to conditions to allow the plan to adjust as needed



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