

Energy Conversion and Power Systems

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- Energy is what people really want from a power system
- Energy Units
 - ⇒ Joule = 1 Watt-second [J]
 - ⇒ kWh → kilowatt-hour (3.6×10^6 J)
- In the U.S., the energy consumption is around 3600 billion kWh, around 13.33 MWh per person (≈ 1.5 kW power continuously)

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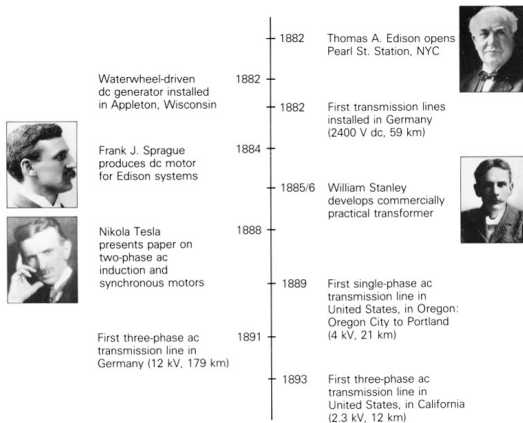


FIGURE 1.1 Milestones of the early electric utility industry [1] (H.M. Rustebakke et al., *Electric Utility Systems Practice*, 4th Ed. (New York: Wiley, 1983). Reprinted with permission of John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Photos courtesy of Westinghouse Historical Collection)

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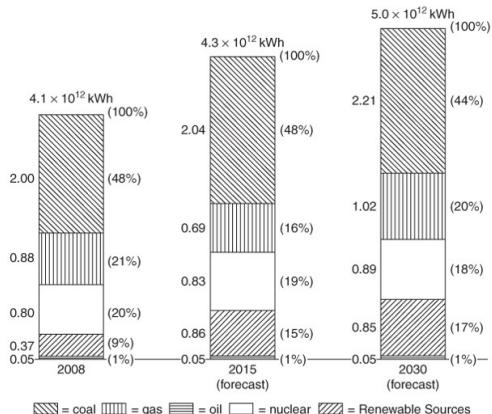
Present Trends

- The U.S. is shifting away from a dependence on the direct use of fossil fuels
- Electric power industry contributes 3% to the real gross domestic product (GDP)
- Continual use of coal due to large amount of U.S. coal reserves, sufficient for the next 500 years
- Continual consumption of natural gas in the long term as gas-fired turbines are safe, clean, and efficient

Present Trends

FIGURE 1.4

Electric energy generation in the United States, by principal fuel types [2, 3] (U.S. Energy Information Administration, Existing Capacity by Energy Source—2008, www.eia.gov; U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2010 Early Release Overview, www.eia.gov)



Renewable sources include conventional hydroelectric, geothermal, wood, wood waste, all municipal waste, landfill gas, other biomass, solar, and wind power

Future Trend: Smart Grid

- Transmission and distribution grids in the U.S. are aging and stressed by operational uncertainties
- The grid faces new challenges never envisioned when they were installed many decades ago
- Many agreed that smart grid is the solution to this situation

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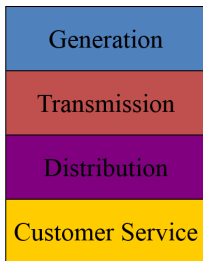
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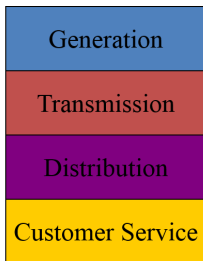
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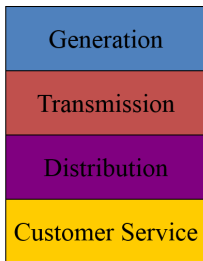
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Goal: Customer Choice



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- The objectives of electric utility restructuring are to increase competition, decrease regulation, and in the long run lower consumer prices
- The benefits of breaking up vertically integrated utilities will not be realized if the independent generating and transmission companies are able to exert **market power**
- Market power refers to the ability of seller to maintain prices above competitive levels for a significant period of time; done by collusion or deliberately creating and exploiting transmission congestion

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Computers

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- Four major programs in power system
 - ① Power-flow programs - compute the voltage magnitude, phase angles, and transmission-line power flows for a network under steady-state operating condition
 - ② Stability programs - study power systems under disturbance conditions to determine whether synchronous generators and motors remain in synchronism
 - ③ Short-circuits programs - Compute three-phase and line-to-ground faults in power system networks in order to select circuit breakers, and determine relay settings
 - ④ Transients programs - Compute the magnitudes and shapes of transient over voltages and currents that result from lightning strikes and line-switching operations

The End