

Valuing Changes in Resilience

Potential steps to quantify and value the effect of a measure on resilience

...where "measure" means investment, policy, etc.

- 1. Estimate the effects of the measure on the probability distribution of electricity supply outages with different durations and geographic areas
- 2. Estimate the dollar value of those effects



To Better Estimate Effects on the Probability Distribution of Outages

...further development of methods for the following would be helpful:

- 1. Estimating the probabilities and effects of uncommon natural disasters and malicious human actions
- 2. Predicting durations of outages that result from such disasters and actions
- 3. Estimating the effects of measures on those probabilities, effects, and durations.



Methods of Estimating the Dollar Value of Changes in Outage Probability Distributions

1. Blackout Case Studies

- o Relatively well-known Corwin & Miles USG study of 1977 NYC blackout: \$12/kWh
- Without arson, looting, and a little of other "indirect costs," ~\$2/kWh
- o Without securities and banking industry losses not possible elsewhere in US, ~\$1/kWh
- Emphatically non-comprehensive, and from a time when NYC real incomes 50% lower than today's US median

2. Surveys about Hypothetical Situations

- Two estimates of direct value of lost load in a US local two-week outage (USDOE, 2017, chap. 4), estimated from two Sullivan et al. reports: \$20/kWh and \$17/kWh after accounting for customer adaptation
- 3. Proxy Methods, e.g. gross regional product per day * days of outage
 - US GDP / electricity consumption = ~\$5/kWh in 2016
 - Rose et al. (2007) estimate of direct value of lost load in Los Angeles two-week outage: \$1.37/kWh after accounting for estimated 87% reduction from customer adaptation

4. Revealed Preference Methods



Thank You

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