

Interpreting Reliability Data A New Approach to Benchmarking

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Purpose of the Study

- SAIDI, SAIFI are internationally recognized indices used to describe electric service reliability at distribution level
- Used to:
 - Provide Context
 - Understand correlations
 - Improve performance
 - Estimate future performance / establish resource needs
- Public Data available (IEEE, EIA, Regulators, CEER, Utility websites etc.)

Reliability Growth Model



Performance Evaluation







Performance by System



OH contribution to total SAIDI is higher than the contribution of UG However both systems are comparable in size

Performance by Cause



Vehicle hits have higher contribution to the SAIDI however balloon caused outages are increasing





SAIDI and SAIFI

Assess SAIDI and SAIFI evolution over time

Determine second order performance change (tip-up or tip-down)

Project Status - Benchmarking



Green values are good, Amber needs to be monitored, Red is concern

Multivariate Machine Learning Algorithm based on utility data, self adjust with the "information content" of the data Overall score combines <u>all</u> features Outlier rejection included Model builds with experience Influence of individual good / bad years is minimized

Average	Average	SAIFI	SAIDI	SAIFI	SAIDI	
SAIFI	SAIDI	Trend	Trend	Tip-up/down	Tip-up/down	Score
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USA Visualization – IEEE Method



State Cooperatives Example - Median Data



State Cooperatives Example - Trending



State Cooperatives Example - Local Context



State Cooperatives Example - Benchmarking





- Multivariate Machine Learning algorithm creates a single reliability index for benchmarking purposes
- Index can be used to compare with other state cooperatives
- Can be used with peers selected by other criteria (not geographical proximity)
- Can be used with any level of granularity



Thank you for your attention!

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