Dr. Phylicia Cicilio will talk about electrical grids, the types of changes they are undergoing, and how dynamic power system modeling is performed in this space. There are numerous scenarios and problems that require dynamic power system modeling to understand their impacts and to develop mitigations, from spinning reserves needed for variable resource smoothing to power system protection to power converter harmonic instability. Understanding the problem space and time frame of these power system scenarios and problems is key to addressing them. This presentation will discuss the different problem spaces ranging from transmission systems to isolated microgrids and their dynamic phenomena whose time step can range from several seconds down to micro-seconds. Examples, tools, models, and who works on these types of problems will be discussed.

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