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# The Capacity Crunch, Part One: Reliability and Decarbonization in the Short Term

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The capacity crunch brings with it a host of issues and tensions, particularly between the concepts of reliability and decarbonization in the short term. In part one of this three-part series, Troutman Pepper Partner Brian Harms and Associate Josh Combs discuss the practical considerations and current opportunities that utilities, developers, and other stakeholders should consider as the country transitions to stronger decarbonization goals while still keeping the lights on.

- What is the capacity crunch?
- The impact of stakeholder decision-making.
- The “all of the above” strategy.
- Utility planning and forecast updates.
- The IRA’s new paths for meeting demand.
- Advantages of PPAs vs. self-build.
- Legacy resources: a bridge to innovation.
- Meeting competing pressures and obligations.
- Key near-term developments and considerations.

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