

# ***Economy-wide Consequences of Electricity Supply Disruptions: Analytical General Equilibrium Analyses***

Ian Sue Wing, Dept of Earth and Environment, Boston University, 617-869-4623, [isw@bu.edu](mailto:isw@bu.edu)  
Adam Rose, Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California, 814-777-6789, [adam.rose@usc.edu](mailto:adam.rose@usc.edu)

## **Overview**

Electricity service providers take many steps to increase the reliability of their systems through *mitigation* that reduces the frequency and magnitude of potential disruptions, primarily in the form of strengthening individual pieces of equipment and protecting system connectivity against outages. At the same time, direct and indirect electricity customers pursue a range of measures to reduce their losses once the disruption begins, which are termed *resilience*. This paper will present the development of a computable general equilibrium model for this purpose. The paper will also include an example showcasing the use of the model to conduct numerical assessments using the shocks and economic parameterizations from actual electric service disruptions.

## **Methods**

The CGE model combines “bottom-up” aspects of mitigation and resilience with “top-down” characterizations of the service area economy. The core of the model is a set of nested constant elasticity of substitution (CES) production functions.

## **Results**

Analysis of cost-effectiveness of various mitigation and resilience strategies to reduce the direct and indirect economic losses from electricity outages.

## **Conclusions**

Pending

## **References**

- National Research Council. (2017). *Enhancing the Resilience of the Nation's Electricity System*. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.
- Rose, A., G. Oladosu and S. Liao (2007). “Business Interruption Impacts of a Terrorist Attack on the Electric Power System of Los Angeles: Customer Resilience to a Total Blackout,” *Risk Analysis* 27: 513-31.
- Rose, A., F. Prager, Z. Chen, S. Chatterjee, D. Wei, N. Heatwole and E. Warren (2017). *Economic Consequence Analysis of Disasters: The E-CAT Software Tool*, Singapore: Springer.
- Sanstad, A. (2015). Regional Economic Modeling of Electricity Supply Disruptions: A Review, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.
- Sue Wing, I. (2008). “The synthesis of bottom-up and top-down approaches to climate policy modeling: Electric power modeling: Electric power technology detail in a social accounting framework,” *Energy Economics* 30: 547-573.

