

***Vista* Workshops 2006**

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Workshop 1 – Reserve Modeling

You will learn the various “flavors” of reserve modeling in *Vista*, and how to specify a reserve constraint. In addition, you will practice the set up of a joint optimization of energy and reserves, and how to interpret output. This will be invaluable in the market bidding process.

Workshop 2 – Troubleshooting

This is the long-awaited workshop on troubleshooting! You will learn how to use the Active Constraints Report, and other techniques to unravel a problematic schedule. You will be shown examples of troubleshooting, and will be tested against your peers (in a friendly way!) with several puzzles. The session will culminate with “Do’s and Don’ts”

Workshop 3 – Wind Studies

You will learn how to set up a “without wind” base case in AUTO *Vista*, as well as an “equivalent energy case” and a combined hydro-wind case. These will be run for a small test system, for a limited duration study. The participants will also learn how to interpret comparative results.

Workshop 4 – Block Transactions

You will learn how to define a “block” purchase or sale transaction, how to make an ST *Vista* run using this new transaction format, and how to review schedule results.

Workshop 5 – IT Potpourri

This is a Q&A session that can deal with any IT issues that you have. We will be prepared to handle the following subject areas, and will endeavor to respond to any others that you raise.

- *Vista* Configuration (Hardware and Software)
- *Vista* User Setup and Application Access Control
- *Vista* Security Protocols
- *Vista* Maintenance
- DB Administration
- Bulk Load Utilities
- Daylight Savings Time
- Troubleshooting (Troubleshooting Procedures, Error Log Utilities, ST and LT *Vista* Log Files, Variance Tracking)
- Data Management
- *Vista* Service (server app)