

# DEVELOPING VALUATION GUIDANCE FOR PUMPED STORAGE PROJECTS



Presented by:

**VLADIMIR KORITAROV**

Principal Investigator

ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY

630-252-6711

koritarov@anl.gov

**EPRI Hydropower Flexibility Workshop**

**April 17, 2019 – Niagara Falls, NY**

*Work supported by the U.S. Department  
of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency &  
Renewable Energy, Water Power  
Technologies Office*

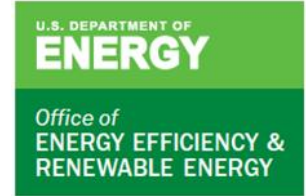
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

Office of  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY &  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## Valuation Guidance and Techno-Economic Studies for Pumped-Storage Hydropower

- Study funded by Department of Energy's (DOE's) Water Power Technologies Office (WPTO)
- Initiated by Congressional budget language setting aside \$3M for the analysis of value of PSH at two sites in areas with high RE generation
- Carried out by a collaborative comprised of five DOE National Laboratories



# PROJECT TEAM

## Valuation Guidance and Techno-Economic Studies for Pumped-Storage Hydropower



**Argonne National Laboratory (Argonne) (Project Lead)**



**Idaho National Laboratory (INL)**



**National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)**



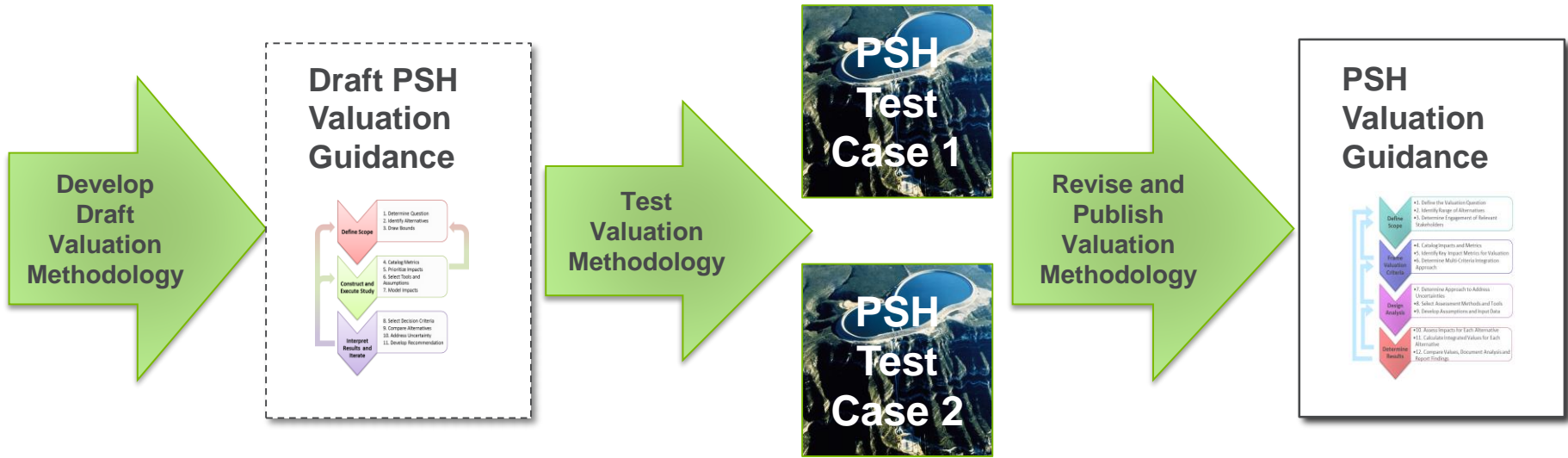
**Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)**



**Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)**

# THE BIG PICTURE

## Key project activities



# TWO PSH PROJECTS WERE SELECTED THROUGH COMPETITIVE “NOTA” PROCESS

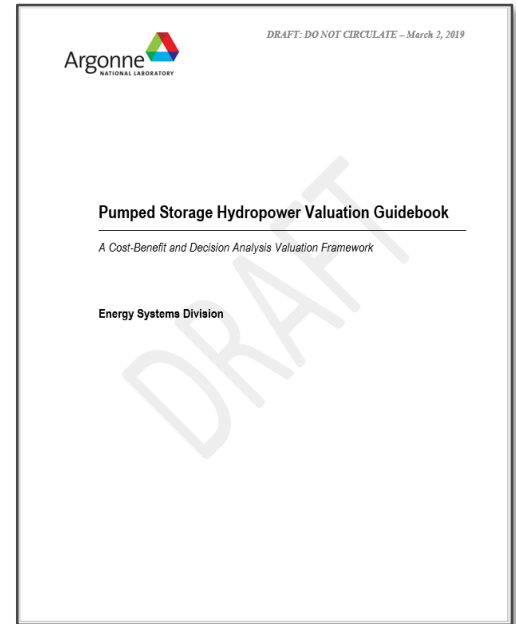
Congressional budget language called for two PSH sites in areas with high penetration of variable renewable generation

- DOE/WPTO announced NOTA selection in December 2018:
  - **Banner Mountain PSH**
  - **Goldendale PSH**
- Project Team and NOTA participants are currently establishing CRADA agreements for techno-economic studies
- Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has also been established to provide advice and guidance to the Project Team

NOTA – Notice of Opportunity for Technical Assistance

# KEY PROJECT TASKS

- ✓ Conduct valuation literature review (Completed)
- ✓ Perform a cost and performance comparison of PSH and competing technologies (Completed)
- ✓ Develop draft PSH valuation guidance (Completed)
  - Conduct techno-economic studies for two selected PSH projects
  - Analyze potential market revenues of two PSH projects
  - Conduct two valuation case studies to test the guidance and its underlying methodology
  - Revise PSH valuation guidance and document study findings



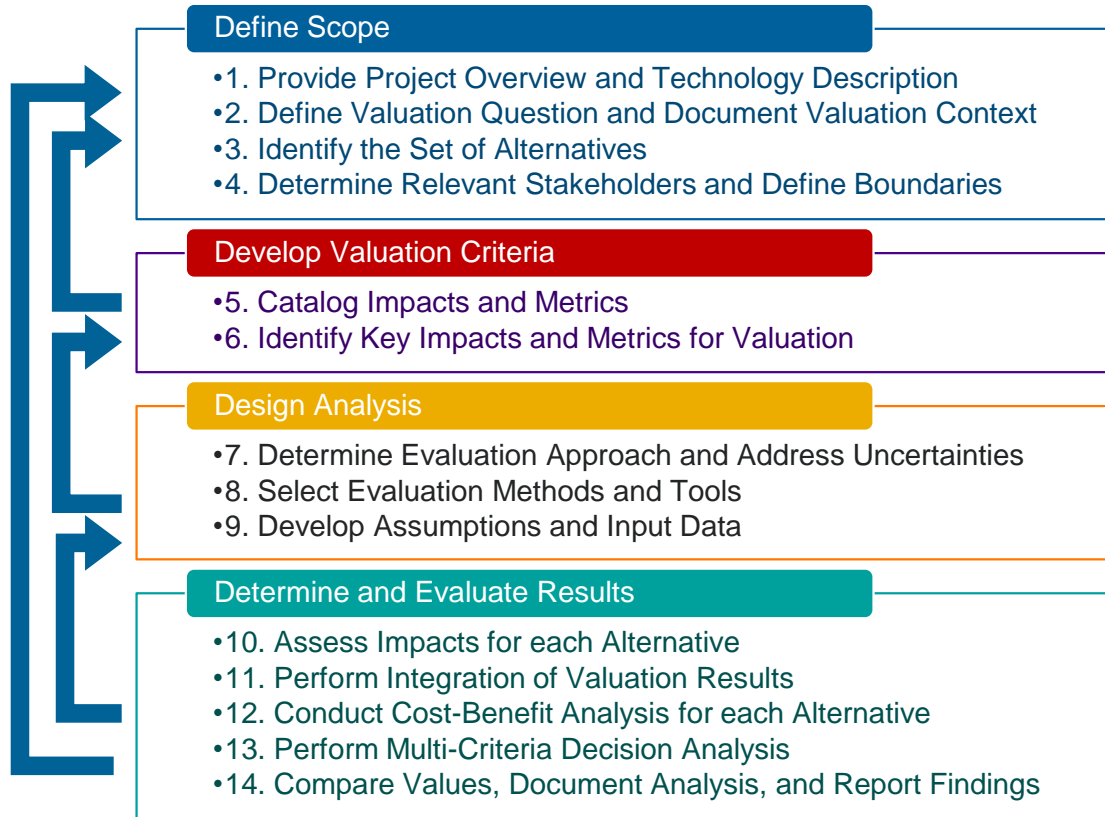
# TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDIES

**A variety of analyses will be carried out to assess the costs and benefits of various PSH services and contributions to the grid**

- Bulk power capacity and energy value over PSH lifetime
- Value of PSH ancillary services (regulation service, contingency reserves, etc.)
- Power system stability services (inertial response, governor response, transient and small signal stability, voltage support)
- PSH impacts on reducing system cycling and ramping costs
- Other indirect (system-wide or portfolio) effects of PSH operations (e.g., PSH impacts on decreasing overall power system production costs, benefits for integration of variable energy resources, and impacts on power system emissions)
- PSH transmission benefits (transmission congestion relief, transmission investments deferral)
- PSH non-energy services (water management services, socioeconomic benefits, and environmental impacts)

# PROPOSED PSH VALUATION PROCESS

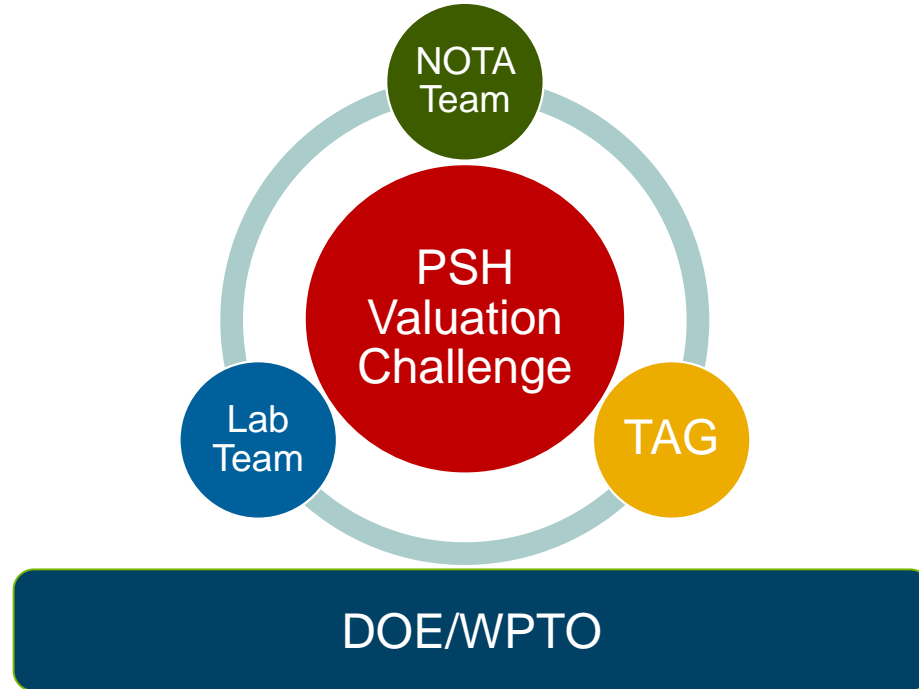
## A Cost-Benefit and Decision Analysis Valuation Framework





# COLLABORATIVE FORCES

Addressing the challenge of PSH valuation



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**  
**QUESTIONS?**