

Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR): Impact on Supplier Reference Levels

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Background on CSAPR

- US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) finalized CSAPR rule in July 2011
- Replaces CAIR (Clean Air Interstate Rule) on January 1, 2012
- Key Provisions
 - Significant reduction in SO2 and NOx emissions from CAIR
 - Provides for limited interstate trading of emission allowances
 - Effective January 2012
 - Interstate trading of emission allowances in excess of 18% / 21% (in excess of New York State's assurance level) exposes generator to a potential two-additional-allowance-purchase penalty
 - Only if State also exceeds assurance levels



CSAPR: Technical Correction

- USEPA released Technical Correction to CSAPR on October 7th for review and comment.
- If finally adopted, revisions would result in an increase to New York's annual SO₂ budget, annual NO_x budget, and ozone season NO_x budget.
- EPA is also proposing to delay to 2014 the effective date of the penalty for purchases beyond the assurance level.
- NYISO preparing to file comments in support of Technical Correction.



Supplier Emission Costs: Current

- Emission Costs Captured in Cost-Based Reference Levels
 - Annual CO₂ (RGGI)
 - Annual NO_x (CAIR/Title IV of the Clean Air Act)
 - Seasonal NO_x (CAIR/Title V)
 - Annual SO₂ (CAIR/Title IV)
- LBMP/Bid-Based References presently indexed to fuel-costs only
 - Emission indexing previously viewed as unnecessary due to lack of variability



Supplier Emission Costs: Actions

- Suppliers should review and update as necessary the emission values in RLS to reflect in-place emission mitigation technologies
- Cost-based reference levels will capture increased allowance costs; LBMP and bid-based may not; NYISO (as always) would consider requests from Market Participants to review reference levels (in advance) to ensure costs are appropriately accounted for
- NYISO to continue to consult with MMU and Market Participants on appropriate mechanism to reflect risks of assurance penalties in reference levels beginning in 2014.

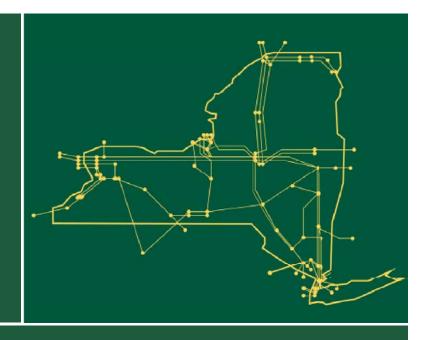


Supplier Emission Costs: CSAPR

- Beginning on January 1, 2012, NYISO will access and incorporate in cost-based references emission allowance costs for CSAPR
 - Annual No_x, Seasonal NO_x and SO₂
 - Allowance indices for on going emission purchases will be maintained
- Initially, CSAPR costs will be manually aggregated with existing emissions line items for single value per emissions type
- Software development in progress that will enable automation of retrieval and processing of CSAPR allowance costs



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