

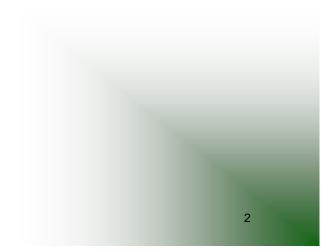
Operating Reserve Cost Allocation

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Agenda

- Optimization Process
- Resource Costs
- Settlement Mechanisms





Optimization Process

- Software algorithm selects the least total production cost mix of resources to satisfy energy, and reserve, regulation and transmission reliability criteria over the commitment horizon.
- Prices for energy, reserve and regulation set simultaneously (co-optimized solution) by the marginal providers of the products.
 - Resource selection not based solely on peak load conditions, nor marginal costs of providers



Resource Costs

- Costs associated with resource selection:
 - Scheduling costs -
 - Costs associated with operating resources at particular schedules
 - Costs incurred specific to the dispatch period
 - Captured in the energy, reserve and regulation clearing prices
 - Commitment costs -
 - Costs associated with having the resources on-line
 - Costs incurred specific to the commitment horizon and cost recovery period (e.g. 24 hours)
 - Captured in BPCG cost-recovery mechanisms
 - Energy and reserve products treated consistently



Issue Discussion

- Should Off-Peak Load Pay for Peak Load Reserve Scheduling?
 - Competitive market design requires short-run pricing signals to be set by marginal providers of services to ensure:
 - Consistent incentives for all providers of services
 - Cost recovery in the short run
 - Average costing models do not fully capture the value of services in the price signals



Settlement Mechanisms

- Short term price signals should be consistent between payers and providers of services:
 - Scheduling costs incurred in hour and allocated to withdrawals in that hour
 - Commitment costs incurred over day and allocated to withdrawals in that day
 - Energy and reserve products treated consistently