

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*