AGENDA #5

Northeast Seams Report

Update on Northeast Seams Issues

Business Issues Committee March 11, 2003





Status of Seams Projects

Current Quarter Deliverables

Project	Due Date	Status
1. Controllable Line Scheduling	 January 28th Complete 	 SCUC changes implemented to optimize scheduling of controllable lines with IMO to better reflect available real-time control actions
 Open Scheduling System (OSS) 	 Oracle 9i - March 9th Complete OSS - Week of April 7th 	 OSS Delivery dependent on Oracle 9i deployment and subsequent testing of OSS application with the new version
3. ISO-NE - SMD 1.0	 March 1st Complete 	 SMD markets operational as of March 1st
4. ISO-NE - ICAP Market	 March deployment 	 ICAP auctions to be initiated for an effective date of April 1st
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Other Seams Related Activity Recent Initiatives

Activity Description Issue 1. Elimination of Initial meetings have been held with NYS PSC and NYTOs. Initial contacts have been made with PJM, ISO-NE, and the IMO on Rate this issue Pancaking 2. Regional Presentation and discussion with NY Stakeholders on concept on Jan 14th Dispatch LECG presentation on concept to ISO-NE Markets Committee on Coordination Feb 11th Work is underway to further revise the concept and report back to stakeholders 3. Scarcity NYISO Implementation underway for 2003 ISONE staff presentation to Markets Committee proposing \$1000 Pricing 10-min reserve shortage pricing based on David Patton proposal on Feb 11th New England is further investigating potential implementation for Summer '03 consistent with NYISO plans

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Other Seams Related Activity

Recent Initiatives (continued)

Issue	Activity Description
4. Regional Resource Adequacy Model (RAM)	 ISONE-PJM-NYISO submitted joint comments to FERC in response to the SMD NOPR supporting central market framework on Jan 10th Draft RFP has been developed for a consultant to develop the central resource market design RAM Group, all-stakeholder meeting to present schedule for development and solicit stakeholder input on the draft RFP tentatively scheduled for March 14th
5. Open Scheduling System (OSS)	 Meeting w/ISO-NE to discuss OSS integration options on Jan 7th Presentation and discussions with NY Stakeholders on potential Phase II deliverables on Feb 18th Development efforts under way with PJM to provide PJM Ramp Data Anticipate delivery of PJM ramp data shortly after Phase I deployment
6. Seams (General)	 Joint meeting of Northeast ISO VPs to review objectives for the upcoming year, held on Jan 28th Next ISO/Stakeholder meeting scheduled for March 28th

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Estimated Value of Seams Improvements for 2001-2002

- The Market Advisor has evaluated efficiency improvements for 2001 and 2002 relative to a year 2000 base
- The cumulative efficiency savings on a regional basis each year, relative to 2000 are:
 - 2001, \$21 million
 - 2002, \$56 million
- The cumulative savings above represents production cost savings in the northeast...
 - Through displacement of high cost generation in one area with low cost generation in an adjacent area
 - And represents approximately ½ of the savings that could be achieved through perfect arbitrage

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