Economic Planning Considerations

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Overall Framework

- Evaluate present and expected future benefit from eliminating targeted transmission constraints
 - Based on effect on BPC impact
- Historical analysis
 - Consider most persistent / largest impact constraints
 - Select sample days
 - Uncover 'just below the surface' limitations
 - Evaluate constraint interaction.
 - Extrapolate from sample days to annual impact
- Future Analysis
 - Extrapolate from historical data and calculate a present value over a future period
 - Perform analysis of future year impact / account for planned system modifications



Successive Constraint Relaxation - Process

- Start with fully constrained (actual) system model and calculate BPC and unhedged congestion metrics
- Relax (exclude or eliminate) constraint bearing largest impact on unhedged congestion payments
- Solve modified system model
- Calculate constraint relaxation impact on BPC metric
- Successively relax largest impact constraint and repeat process

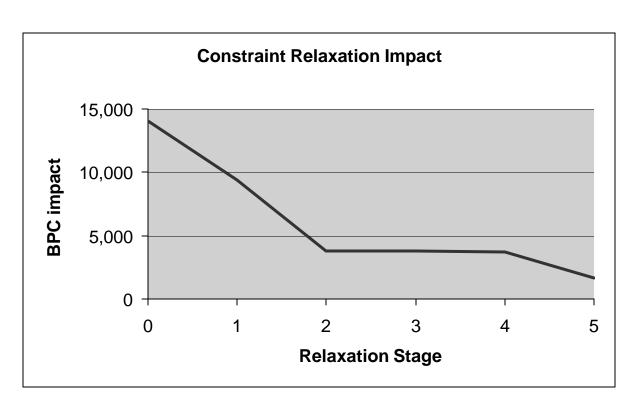


Successive Constraint Relaxation – Historical Examples

- Focus on relaxing 'Dunwoodie-Shore Road' constraint
 - Most persistent constraint
 - Largest impact on past unhedged congestion payments
- Examples for 6 days in December 2004
 - 3 days in which constraint had largest impact
 - 3 days in which constraint did not have largest impact
- Constraint relaxation involves eliminating monitoring element (assumes appropriately increased ratings)
 - Eliminate flowgate
 - Eliminate monitoring under contingency
- Successive relaxation proceeded 5 stages for illustration
- Interfaces were not considered for relaxation



Constraint Relaxation – Dec. 12, 2005



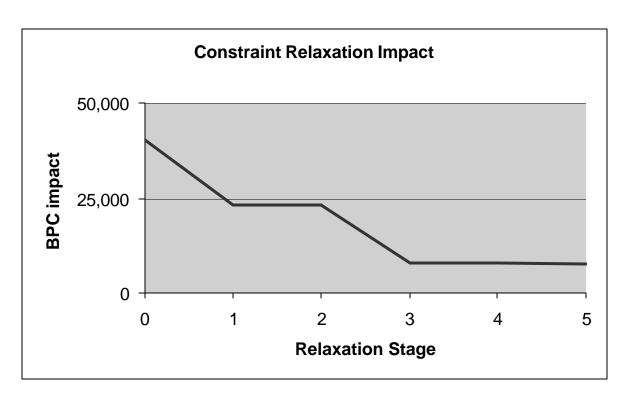
scenario

Base - fully constrained

1 - relax Dunwoodie-Shore Rd

- 2 relax E13th-W49th str
- 3 relax Rainey-Dunwoodie72
- 4 relax Rainey-Dunwoodie71
- 5 Valley Str-E. Garden City

Constraint Relaxation – Dec. 18, 2005



scenario

Base - fully constrained

1 - relax Dunwoodie-Shore Rd

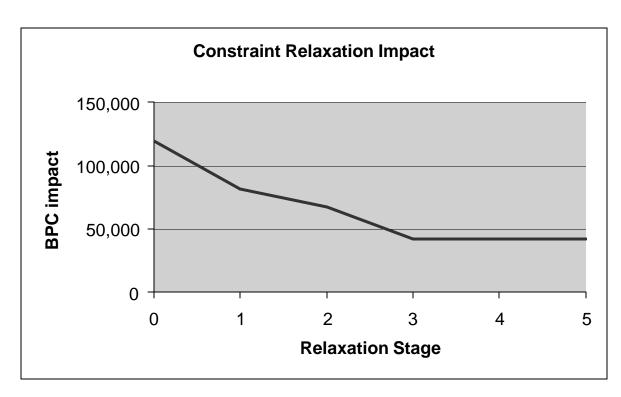
2 - relax E179th-Hellgate E.

3 - relax Sprainbrook-E. Garden City

4 - relax Shore Rd 345/138 #1

5 - relax Shore Rd 345/138 #2

Constraint Relaxation – Dec. 27, 2005



scenario

Base - fully constrained

1 - relax Dunwoodie-Shore Rd

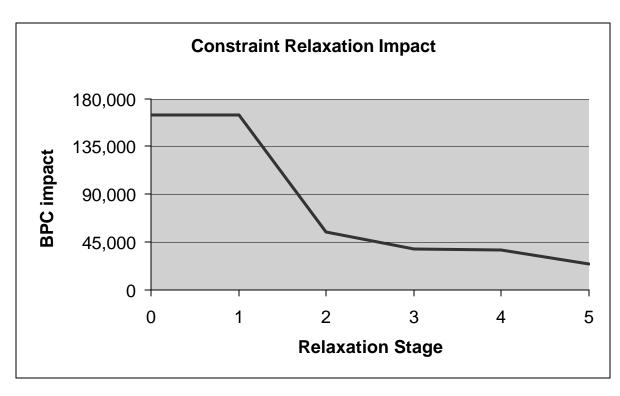
2 - relax Sprainbrook-E. Garden City

2 - relax E13th-W49th str

4 - relax Vernon-Kent Ave

5 - Valley Str-E. Garden City

Constraint Relaxation – Dec. 4, 2005

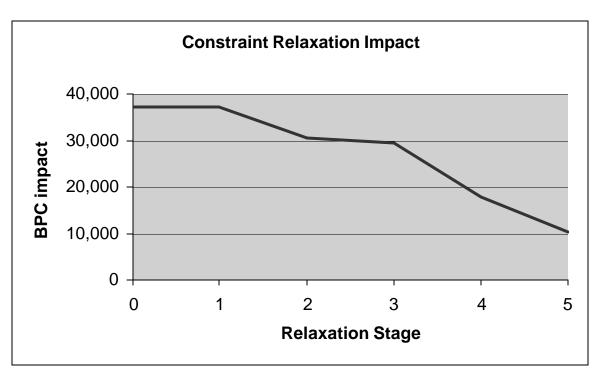


scenario

Base - fully constrained

- 1 relax E179th-Hell tap W.
- 2 relax W49th-Sprainbrook
- 3 relax Dunwoodie-Shore Rd
- 4 relax CarlPlace-E. Garden City
- 5 relax CarlPlace-Glenwood

Constraint Relaxation – Dec. 10, 2005

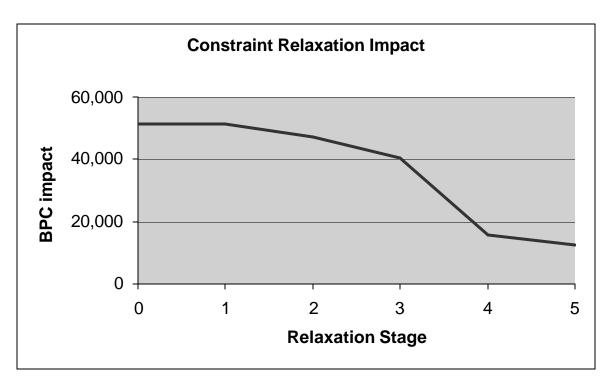


scenario

Base - fully constrained

- 1 relax Rainey-Dunwoodie71
- 2 relax Rainey-Dunwoodie72
- 3 relax CarlPlace-E. Garden City
- 4 relax Queensbridge-Vernon (1&2)
- 5 relax Dunwoodie-Shore Rd

Constraint Relaxation – Dec. 25, 2005



scenario

Base - fully constrained

- 1 relax E179th-Hellgate E.
- 2 relax E13th-W49th str
- 3 relax Dunwoodie-Shore Rd
- 4 Valley Str-E. Garden City
- 5 relax Sprainbrook-E. Garden City

Successive Relaxation – Historical Examples

		BPC impact		
	order relaxed	total daily	Dun-Shore relaxation effect	
4-Dec	3	164,106	9.25%	
10-Dec	5	37,235	20.44%	
12-Dec	1	14,029	33.37%	
18-Dec	1	40,174	42.67%	
25-Dec	3	51,295	12.71%	
27-Dec	1	119,229	31.40%	



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	order relaxed	total daily	Dun-Shore relaxation effect	
4-Dec	3	164,106	15,180	
10-Dec	5	37,235	7,611	
12-Dec	1	14,029	4,681	
18-Dec	1	40,174	17,142	
25-Dec	3	51,295	6,520	
27-Dec	1	119,229	37,438	

3 days (#1)	173,432	59,262	34.17%
3 days (not #1)	252,636	29,310	11.60%
6 days	426,068	88,572	20.79%



Observations

- Relative constraint significance (relaxation stage) seemingly a significant factor
- Constraint relaxation effect on BPC not correlated to effect on congestion payments
- Larger sample required for improved confidence



Next Steps

- Continue concentrating on single constraint
- Expand sample to two weeks (summer, winter)
 - sufficient size?
 - week per quarter?
- Develop multipliers to yearly BPC values
 - automate process?
 - consider yearly run?
- Investigate relaxation order
- Develop framework for overall process
- Report back to group with more comprehensive results