#### NEW YORK INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR

# Mixed Integer Programming (MIP) Validation

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# **MIP Project History**

- NYISO performed a MIP study in 2010 to evaluate feasibility for the NYISO.
- Market participants approved a 2013-2014 project to implement a complete solution.
- Improved supportability, performance and market efficiency were stated goals.
- Development completed Q4 2013.
- Expected activation on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for market day of December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### What is MIP?

- Mixed Integer linear Programming
  - MIP is a solution methodology, an algorithm
  - Linear Programs can be solved directly and efficiently
    - Economic Dispatch is a Linear Program (LP)
    - Unit Commitment (UC) is an Integer Program
  - When you introduce integer constraints the math gets hard
    - A generator cannot be 0.72386 on. It can either be 0 (OFF) or 1 (ON)
    - MIP is one of several mathematical methods and offers several advantages.



# **Goal 1 – Improved Support**

- MIP has already proven itself to be much more flexible.
  - Internal prototyping is now possible.
  - Vendor knowledge and breadth of support resources has improved greatly over our legacy solution (Lagrangian Relaxation).
  - Improved transparency by way of human readable model.



### **Goal 2 – Improved Performance**

- High Performance Computing (HPC) systems used to offload optimization 'heavy lift' computations.
  - A 300% raw computational improvement improved elapsed times by 167% over the entire Unit Commitment portion of the Day Ahead process including data read and write overhead.
  - Provides capacity for new market features in same time constraints.
    - Fixed read/write overhead.
    - Optimization is 300% faster and is most affected by new features.



#### **Goal 3 – Improve Market Efficiency**

- The objective function is identical in LR and MIP
  - Serve the load with the least total production cost while honoring transmission constraints.
  - In other words, find the mix of energy resources that can provide for the reliable delivery of power with the lowest production cost.
  - LR and MIP both observe the same physical limitations.
    - Generation operating limits, bids, transmission limitations, reserve requirements, Etc.



### Improve Market Efficiency (cont)

- Over 5,000 cases have been rerun and benchmarked
- Day Ahead (757 days validated)
  - On average, MIP produced a more optimal solution of ~\$10k per day or ~\$3.7M per year.
  - Zonal LBMPs are on average \$0.01 lower with the MIP solution or ~\$1.6M per year.
- RTC and RTD (~4,300 cases)
  - Statistically insignificant changes as generation is mostly fixed day ahead.



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