

ICAP Automation Enhancements Suggested by Market Participants

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Background

- ◆ These comments were provided to the NYISO over the last several weeks by market participants
- ◆ The NYISO takes no position on the characterization of these issues, but will consider them along with any other identified issues/enhancements

Improvements to the User's Guide and/or Training Material

Section 4 on Certification needs to be explained in language that non-computer people can easily follow. Market Participants should be given a Word version of the document so that they might try creating a redline that is easier to follow. More examples are needed. When corrections to the draft spreadsheet are made and a final spreadsheet is created, it could be made available electronically so that Market Participants can use it as a training tool and can more easily see how the “View Market Position” screen works.

Enhancements to the Existing Automated ICAP Market

1. Currently the ISO only allows insertion and confirmation of bilateral transactions for one month at a time (i.e., May transactions cannot be entered until after April 1, June transactions cannot be entered until after May 1, etc.) Market Participants would prefer to enter the full term of the transaction on one day. Even entry for just one Capability Period at a time would be a big improvement.
2. The 2-day window for auction entries should be expanded to seven days, if possible. If it is not possible then a written explanation from the ISO would be appropriate. If there is a credit issue for buyers, then at least expand the window for sellers.

Changes to the Software

1. Previously the NYISO provided a statement showing an entire capability period broken down for each month by specific location (ROS, NYC, LI). On this statement the NYISO displayed the MWs (sold/purchased), price and amount owed/due. The Automated ICAP Market apparently requires Billing personnel to look at multiple views in order to get all the data. In order for Billing personnel to efficiently tie out the UCAP transactions with the NYISO, one View in the “Billing” section needs to display the following for each individual transaction
 - *MWs sold or purchased*
 - *Price*
 - *Amount due for each transaction*
 - *Grand Total*

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2. A one page summary of the full Capability Period is desired. It should look similar to the certification form that is no longer used. Many market participants still use the old certification form and compare it to the “View Market Position” screen to verify the accuracy of the latter.

3. Under certain circumstances one generator PTID may actually represent an aggregation of two or more small generators. The ISO has listed the Test Date as “various” in its DMNC report to generating companies. The current ICAP Automation system does not seem to allow the entry of DMNC tests for each of these small generators. The DMNC tests must be aggregated and put on one line, even though the tests were not done on the same day or hour. Is there another way to do this entry or is a software improvement allowing multiple entries needed?