

Property Tax Rate Recommendation Outside NYC for the ICAP Demand Curve Reset

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Property Tax Rate Analysis

• 2014-2017 ICAP Demand Curve Reset (DCR):

- NERA recommended and the NYISO adopted, a property tax rate of 0.75% outside NYC
- After review of stakeholder comments advocating to either increase or decrease the recommended tax rate outside NYC, FERC accepted the NYISO's proposed 0.75% rate

• Current DCR:

- Analysis Group (AG) performed an independent analysis of generator PILOT agreement payments; arriving at a median value of 0.83% with a range of 0.2% - 2.01% (based on analysis of 2014 PILOT payments for 11 natural gas fired generators)
- Due to the substantial variability in the observed tax rates, AG recommends maintaining the 0.75% property tax rate outside of NYC

Background

- At the August 19, 2016 ICAPWG meeting, the NYISO discussed its initial draft recommendations
- The NYISO indicated there were two areas that remained under evaluation, one of which was the appropriate tax rate for use outside of NYC
- This presentations provides the outcome of the NYISO's evaluation of property tax rates outside NYC

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- The NYTOs contend that the 0.75% property tax rate for outside of NYC is too high, and raise concerns regarding AG's evaluation method
 - Notably, the prior analysis conducted by the NYTOs relies solely on PILOT data for combined cycle units
- Supply-side interests advocate for a higher property tax rate outside NYC due to changes in policies and laws since the last reset

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- After further assessment of available information, the NYISO did not find sufficient evidence to move to recommend a change to AG's proposed 0.75% tax rate
 - Tax rate data shows substantial variability by project/facility
 - Observed generator tax rates within the NYCA range from nearly zero to 2.01%
 - Other methods of analysis have not demonstrated outcomes with sufficiently higher certainty
- NYISO recommends maintaining AG's recommended property tax rate outside NYC
 - AG's recommendation is within the observed range of property tax rates
 - Consistent with FERC-approved tax rate outside NYC for last reset

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