



**Power Alert III**  
**Measurement of Congestion**

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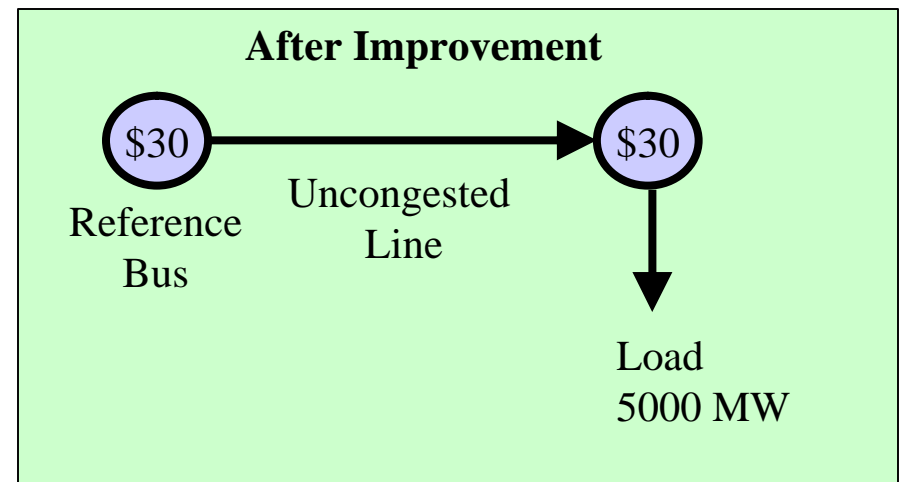
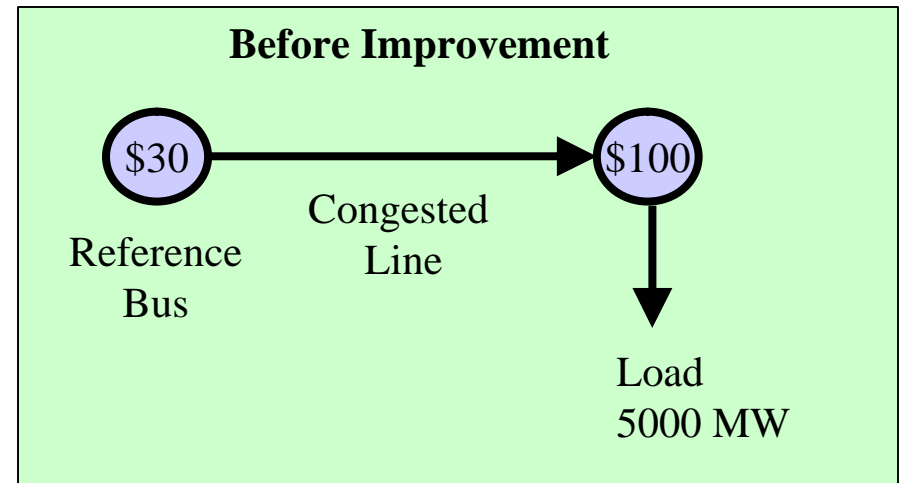
## *Power Alert III*

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- LIPA's Concern:
  - Congestion Measurement used in Power Alert III reports a huge dollar impact from congestion
  - Congestion is being reported differently by David Patton, Power Alert III and elsewhere
  - At some point transmission expansion decisions will be made based on congestion calculations
- LIPA's Recommendation
  - Market Participants and NYISO Staff should work together to develop a set of measurements that provide a balanced assessment of the impacts of congestion.

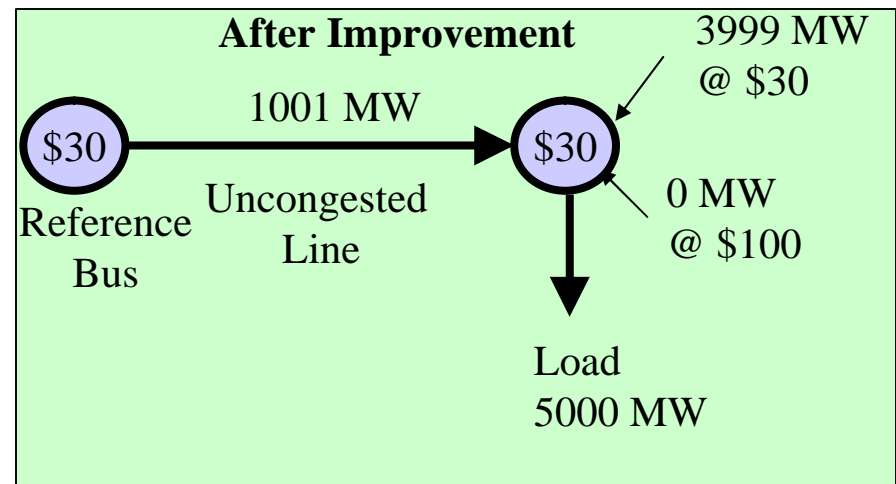
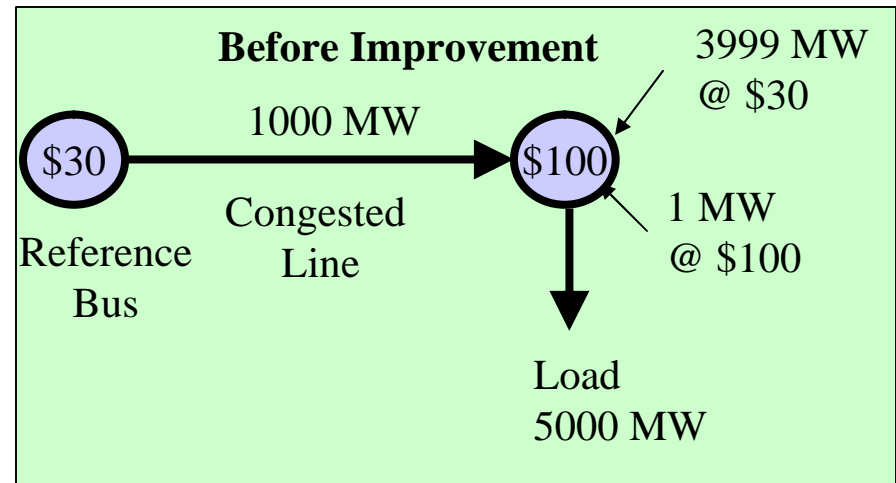
## Congestion from the Market Perspective

- Congestion Cost ( $\$100 - \$30$ ) x 5000 MW = \$350,000
- It would appear that it would be worth a carrying cost of \$350,000 to alleviate the congested line



## What goes on behind the market

- Example of one possible set of conditions that might be going on behind the market



## Where Does the \$350,000 Go?

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- \$70,000 to the holders of TCCs or to the Transmission Owners as surplus congestion revenue
  - If it goes to the Transmission Owner, revenue is used to reduce cost to load through a reduced TSC rate.
  - If it goes to TCC holders, Transmission Owners are paid either TCC auction revenues or receive payments from grandfathered transmission contracts. These revenues are used to reduce cost to load through a reduced TSC rate.
- \$279,930 goes to the generators as potential profits
  - If load has a hedge contract with the generator (either a contract for differences or a bilateral schedule), the load receives some of this revenue by not paying the full \$100 price of power.
    - About 50% of ISO energy volume is through bilateral contracts
    - About 30% of ISO energy volume is thought to be secured through contract for differences
- \$70 to pay for the higher fuel cost of running the peaking unit.

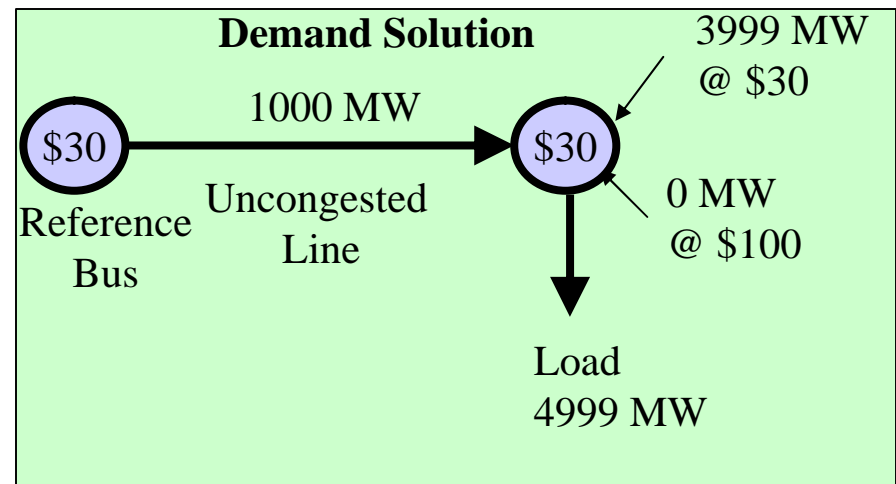
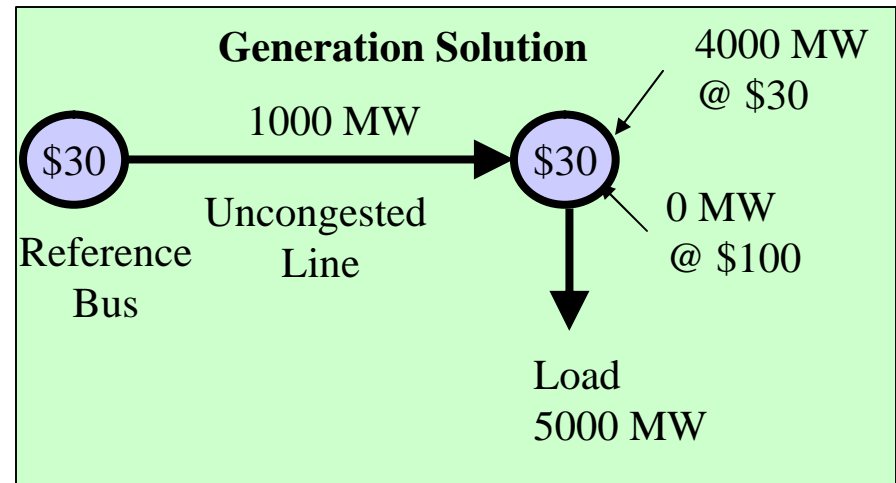
## *Congestion impacts from different viewpoints*

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- Load perspective
  - TCC revenue potentially offsets reduce impact from \$350,000 to \$280,000
  - Results of contracts for differences and bilateral contracts can reduce impact even further
- Merchant Transmission builder's perspective
  - TCC revenue associated with building facility is \$0
- Transmission Owner builder's perspective
  - Building facility and recovering charges through TSC rates is offset by decreased TCC revenues. Expansion beyond \$280,000 results in higher combined TSC rates and market cost
- Economist's perspective
  - Only cost of congestion is the \$70 charge

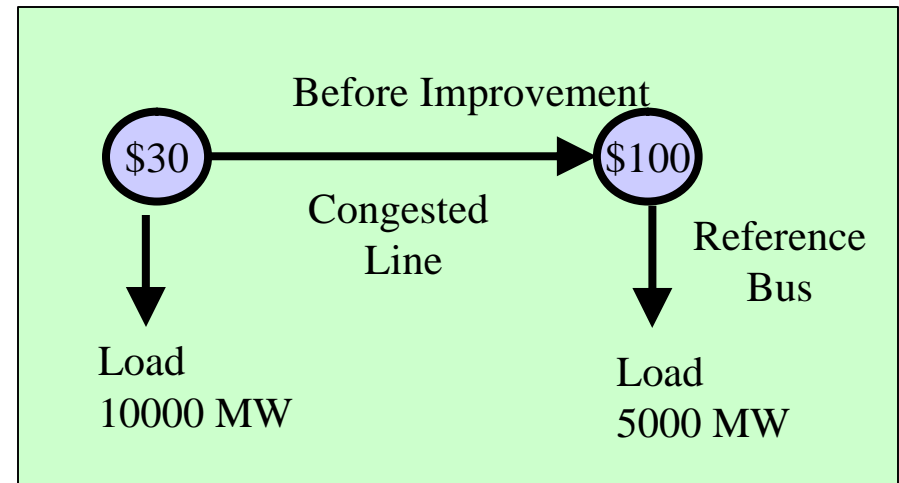
## Alternative Solutions Must be considered

- Addition of 1 MW of \$30 generation eliminates congestion
  
- Addition of 1 MW of DSM eliminates congestion



## Potential Problem with Measurement Method

- Theory says that choice of reference bus should not make a difference in functioning of market.
- Move Reference Bus to the \$100 Bus
- Congestion Cost  $(\$30 - \$100) \times 10000 \text{ MW} = -\$700,000$





## *Recommendation*

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Market Participants and NYISO Staff should work together to develop a set of measurements that provide a balanced assessment of the impacts of congestion.