

Behind the Meter Net Generation Initiative: Energy Supplier Participation Requirements

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Background

- Currently, behind the meter resources can register as a wholesale generator by:
 - Qualifying to and then selling the full capability into the wholesale markets ('coming out from behind the meter').
 - Moving the load they serve into the wholesale market via an LSE and,
 - Setting up a wholesale market bilateral contract between the generator and LSE.
- The BTM:NG model is designed to allow the generator to participate in the NYISO wholesale markets without:
 - Requiring the load to also become a wholesale customer; or
 - Requiring the generator to avail itself entirely to the NYISO wholesale market.



Background

- There have been several requests from generators that serve load behind the meter to allow them to participate in the NYISO wholesale markets as a generator.
- A behind the meter (BTM) generator has excess or 'net' generation (NG) capability after serving its retail load.
- The NYISO is proposing a set of market rule changes that would allow these generators to participate in the NYISO energy and capacity markets with this net generation.
 - The NYISO BPWG process has identified a market design deliverable for 2015.



Benefits of BTM:NG

- Access to this additional supply may improve grid reliability and operational flexibility.
- Improve awareness of resources not currently participating in the NYISO wholesale markets.
- Provide more clarity and certainty for future resource investment within New York State.



Today's Discussion

- Review the scope of current market design proposal for BTM:NG participation.
- Define a BTM:NG resource.
- Review requirements for a BTM:NG resource to participate as an energy supplier.
- Review the different configurations that are allowed for a BTM:NG resource to participate in the wholesale markets.



Scope of BTM:NG Participation

- In order to meet stakeholder requests to expedite participation of BTM:NG resource in the NYISO markets, the initial phase of this design will not permit a generator:
 - To register as a BTM:NG resource <u>and</u> as a Demand Response provider in a NYISO or Transmission Owner program or participate as a supplier in a Transmission Owner "buy-back" tariff program.
 - To register as a BTM:NG if it is an Intermittent Power Resource (solar, wind, landfill gas) or if it is a Limited Control Run-of-River Hydro Resource.
- The design for participation in other demand response programs and as intermittent resources shall be considered after the initial phase is deployed.



BTM:NG Definition

- In response to questions raised during the May 28th ICAPWG meeting, the NYISO proposes the following definition of a BTM:NG resource:
 - A facility within which a generator, or an interconnected group of generation units, regularly serves behind-the-meter load. The facility must:
 - Have its load and generation interconnected within a defined electrical boundary behind a single ISO/TO approved net injection meter point;
 - Be responsive to dispatch instructions as a single entity interfacing with the grid;
 - Be configured to allow the NYISO to dispatch all or a subset of the generation units for the duration scheduled by the NYISO;
 - Be operated to provide electricity to the behind-the-meter load, beyond station power, in the regular course of business, not only when more economic than grid provided energy.
 - All generation inside the electrical boundary that will be serving load or providing the NYISO with excess energy must be permitted to operate other than as emergency generators.



Energy Market Participation Requirements

- A BTM:NG resource must be large enough to export (inject to the grid) at least 1 MW of energy after serving its behind-the-meter load.
 - If selling capacity, a discount to its excess energy equal to the (1 + the IRM) * its connected Load (see 05/18/2015 ICAPWG presentation on BTM:NG for details) is also considered.
- The interconnection must also allow an export (injection to the grid) of at least 1 MW at the approved net injection meter point.
 - The ISO shall review and approve each plant configuration on a case by case basis for a facility seeking to participate as a BTM:NG resource.
- Using the aggregation model discussed in this presentation, a BTM:NG resource may aggregate the generation source(s) at the facility in order to export at least 1 MW of energy.
 - The generation and load at the facility must be electrically connected to each other in order to aggregate them.



BTM:NG Configurations

- Each BTM:NG in the configurations listed below shall require a net meter at each interconnection point from the BTM:NG to the distribution grid or the bulk transmission system.
- Participation at a facility will be either:
 - As a single generator serving a load (Option 1);
 - As an aggregated set of generators serving a load (Option 2); or
 - As several BTM:NGs at a single facility each serving an identified, separately metered load (Option 3).



Single generator serving a load





- Only one physical generation asset serving behind the meter load at the facility.
- In this configuration, the unit participating as a BTM:NG resource is eligible to provide spinning reserves and regulation because ramp rates can be adequately captured.
- The generator can offer to sell its excess energy up to its UOL in the DA and RT markets.
 - If qualified and bidding flexibly, reserve offers will be required.
 - If qualified and bidding flexibly, regulation service may be offered.



Aggregated set of generators serving a load





- In the aggregated model, several generation assets are aggregated behind a single PTID with a single dispatch signal to the facility. A grouped (2x1) combine cycle plant with a single PTID is modeled and treated this way in the wholesale market.
- An aggregated BTM:NG resource:
 - May offer Energy and Capacity.
 - Is required to offer non-spinning reserve up to its scheduled UOL if qualified and bidding flexibly.
- An aggregated BTM:NG resource cannot offer spinning reserves or regulation:
 - The NYISO has no view into the operating state of individual assets in the aggregation. Therefore, the NYISO assumes a BTM:NG resource with an Operating Reserve schedule may have to turn on another unit to convert the reserves to energy. Similar concerns exist if a Regulation Service schedule was awarded.



BTM:NG Configuration – Option 2, cont'd.

- An aggregated BTM:NG resource that has an offer with no load included and is not currently providing energy will be paid start-up and minimum generation costs if scheduled by the NYISO. Incremental starts will not be eligible for start-up costs.
 - Start up and min gen costs associated with the need to start an additional unit to meet the NYISO's dispatch will not be paid.



BTM:NG Configuration – Option - 2 Example

- Consider the following plant configuration:
 - Generation = Three 20 MW units.
 - Typical Load ~ 25 MW.
 - Two units ON at any given time (40 MW capacity). The BTM:NG can produce an additional 15 MW after serving its 25 MW load without incurring start up or min gen costs.
- If the BTM:NG resource is an energy-only supplier and intends for the NYISO to dispatch it above 15 MW, if economic, the unit needs to bid a gross UOL of 60 MW, and the third unit needs to be turned ON. If the facility does not intend this result, the facility would bid a gross UOL of 40 MW.



Several BTM:NG resources at the same facility



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- A facility with several generation assets each serving separately metered load may choose to register each generating unit serving discrete behind the meter load as a BTM:NG resource, each with a single PTID.
 - Load and generation must be paired for each BTM:NG resource PTID.
- In this configuration, each unit participating as a BTM:NG resource is eligible to provide spinning reserves and regulation because ramp rates can be adequately captured.
- Requires each registered generation resource and behind the meter load to have separate meters installed.
 - In addition, each BTM:NG resource PTID must have a separate net injection meter.



Next Steps

- Review energy market and capacity market design concepts with stake holders at a joint MIWG/ICAPWG meeting specifically for the BTM:NG initiative in late July.
- Present the BTM:NG concepts for energy market and capacity market participation to stake holders for concept approval during the August 12th BIC session.



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