

Applying PROBE for Congestion Analysis and Grid Planning

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Topics

- Analysis Objectives
- Nature of Congestion Cost & Cost Calculation
- What is PROBE ?
- Applying PROBE



Analysis Objectives

1. Characterize Historic Congestion

- Magnitude
 - Total Cost ???
 - Sample Periods ???
- Physical Causes
 - Transmission Constraints ???
 - Transmission Outages ???
 - Generation Outages ???
 - Other Constraints (e.g. Voltage Support, DNI, Unit Commitment) ???



Analysis Objectives

2. Perform “What if” Analysis

- Total or Sample Congestion Cost ???
- What Might Have Changes ???
 - Generation
 - Transmission
 - Bids
 - Business Rules



Analysis Objectives

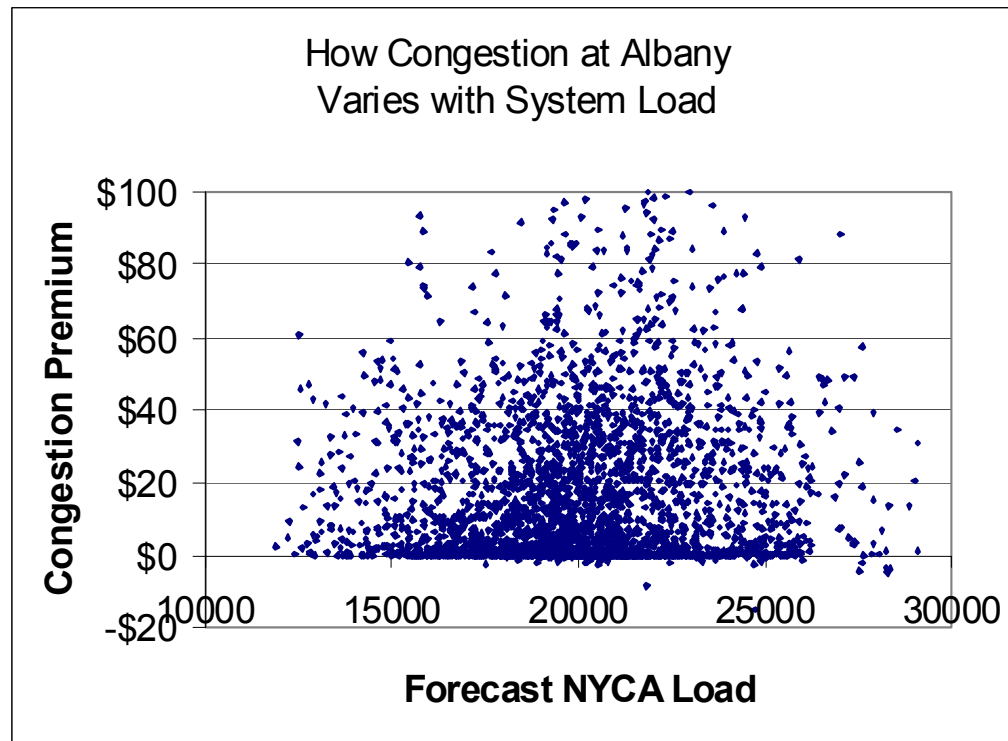
3. Doing Something About Congestion

- Informing the Market
- Seeking a Market Response
- Hedgeable & Unhedgeable Congestion
- To Address FERC Requirements

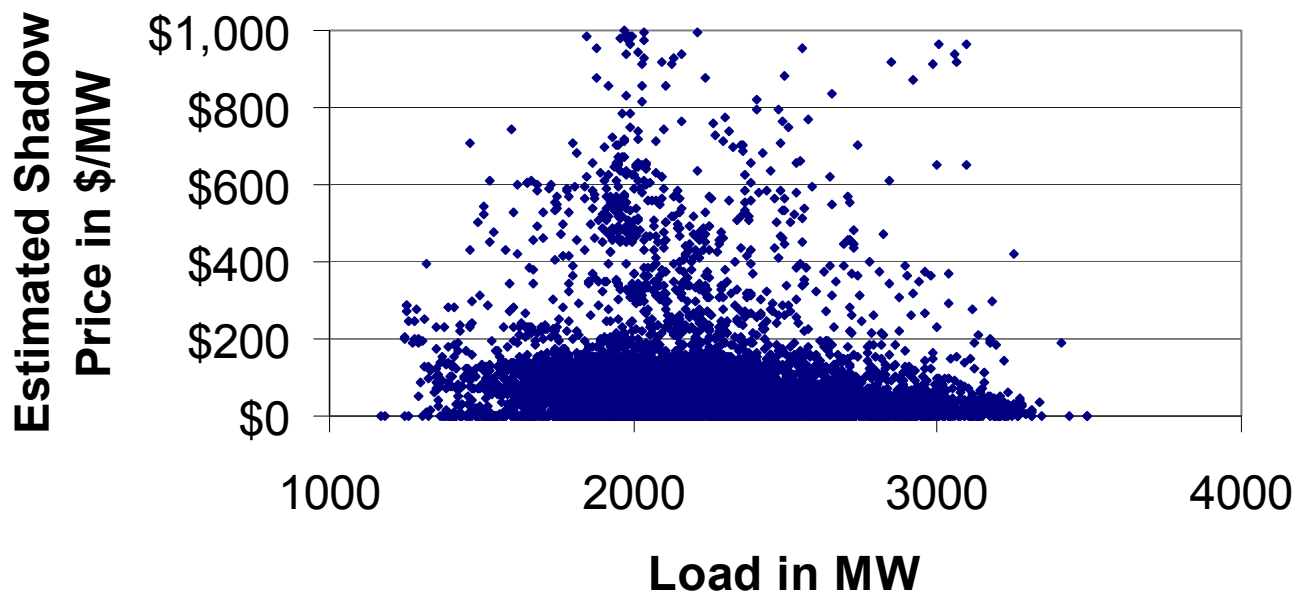


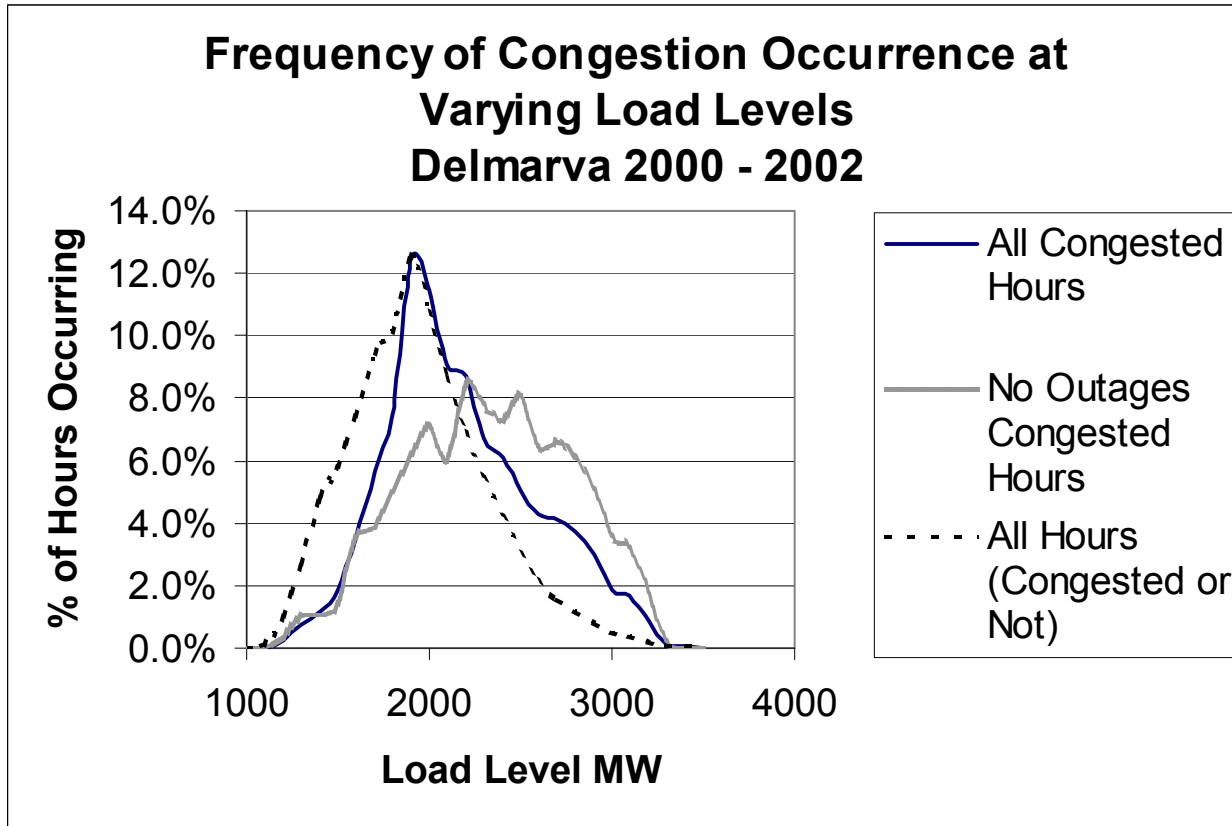
Nature of Congestion Cost

- Difficult to Predict Over Both Time and Location



Shadow Price Variation with Load Level Delmarva 2000 - 2002





- Does Congestion Increase with Increasing Load Level ?
- Generally **No !**
- Somewhat more frequent congestion with no outages at higher loads



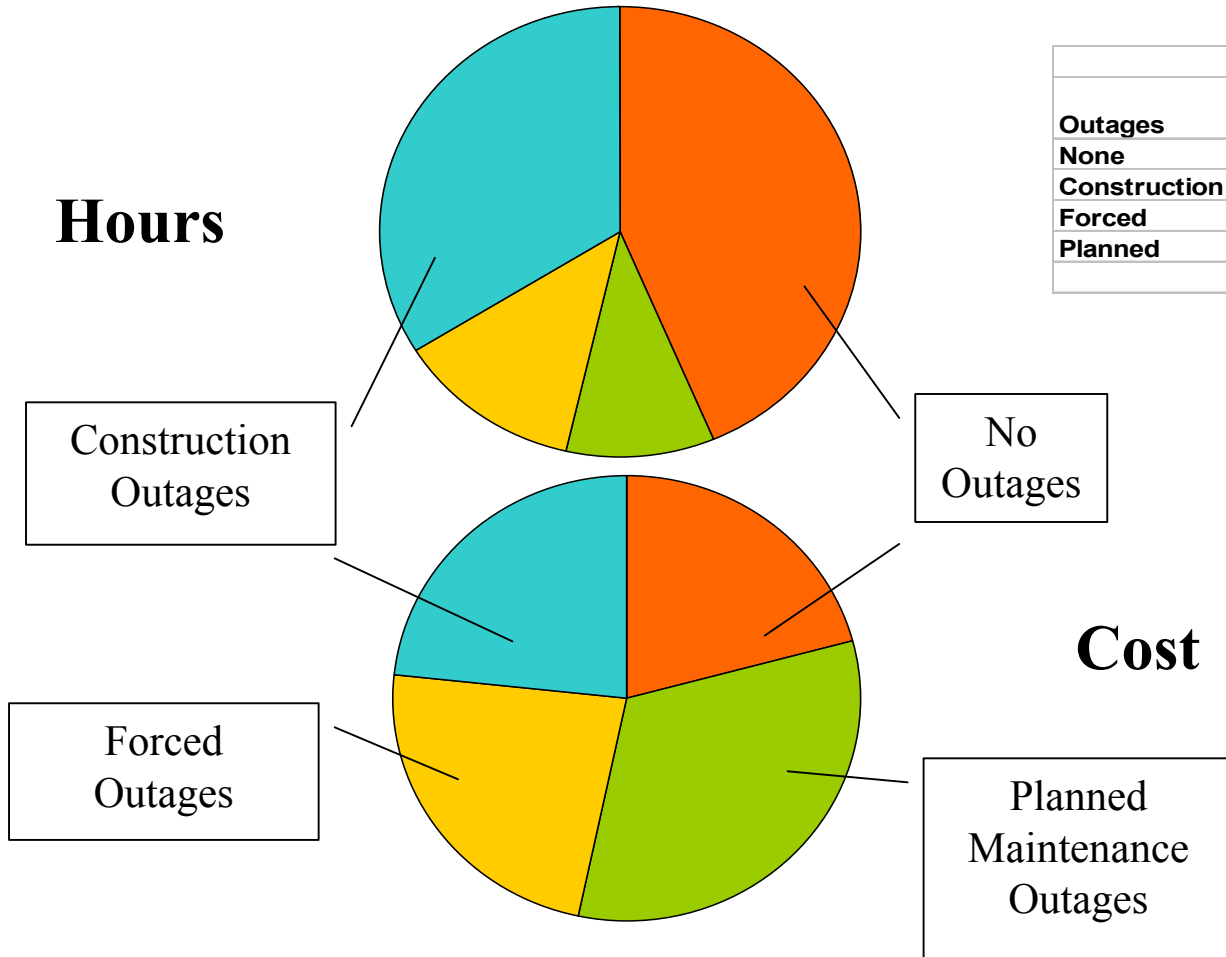
What Causes Congestion At Shoulder Load ?

- Transmission Outages
- Generation Outages
- Unit Commitment Decisions and Restrictions
 - Unit Minimums
 - Ramp Rates
 - Minimum Run Times
- Bidding Patterns & Generation Location



Delmarva Peninsula Summary of Congestion by Cause August 1999 - August 2002

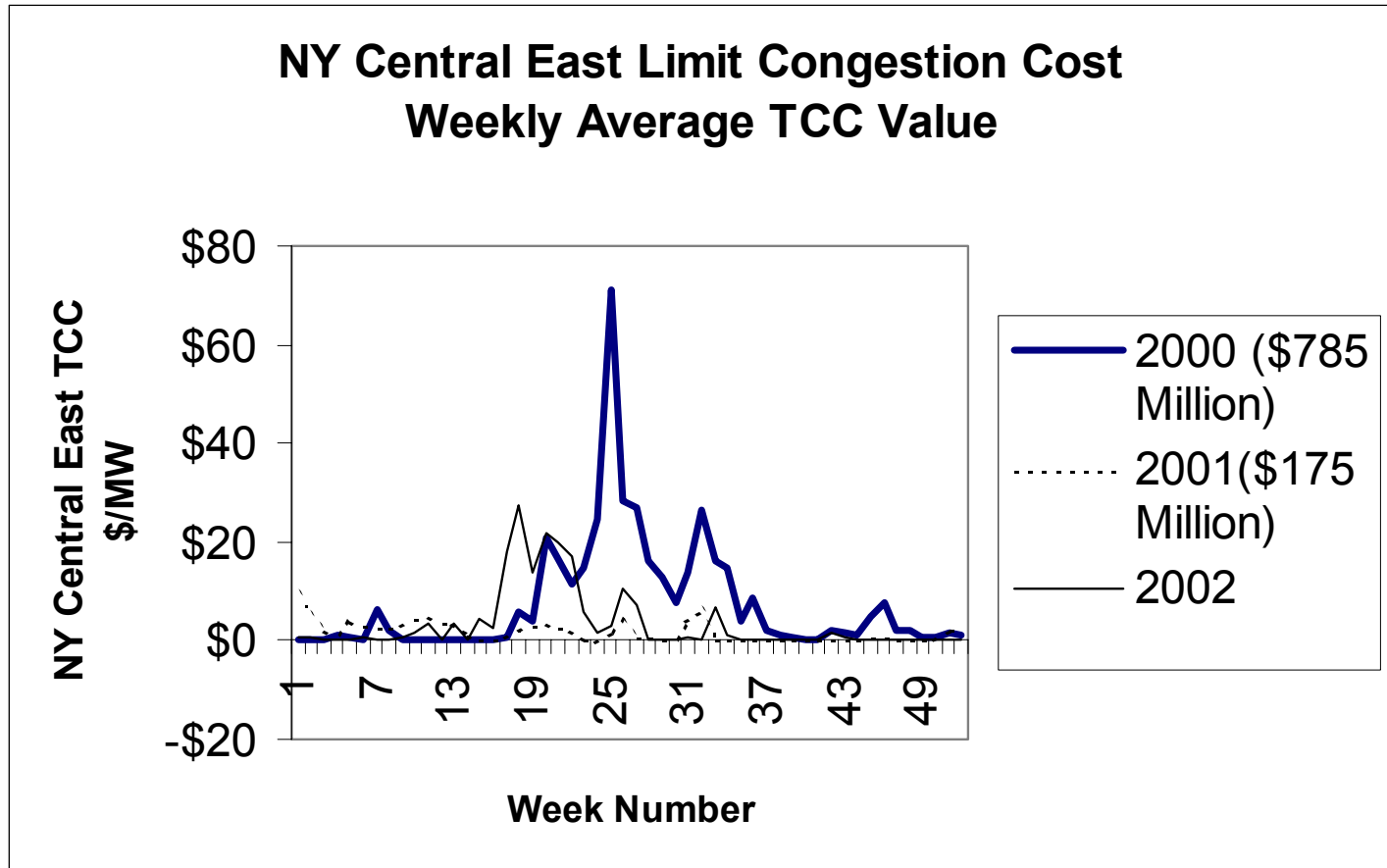
Hours



	Average \$/hour
Outages	
None	\$6,774
Construction	\$10,000
Forced	\$26,667
Planned	\$47,143



Congestion Can be Greatly Affected by Network Incidents



Calculating Historic Congestion Cost

- Use Shadow Prices
 - The Shadow Price is the Value of Constraint Relief at the Constraint
 - One Shadow Price for Each Constraint that Reflects All Constraints
 - Cost per Constraint is Shadow Price x Load Affected
 - Total Hourly Cost is Sum of All Constraints Cost
 - Total Cost is the Sum of All Hours
 - Reference Bus not an Issue Since LMP Differences are Used, not Absolutes



Calculating Historic Congestion Cost

- Difficulties Using Historic LMP Data
 - LOTS of data to manipulate
 - Shadow Prices are Not Available
 - Shadow Prices Can Be Estimated from LMP's and Distribution Factors
 - LMP's are Not Available at the Constraint Points
 - Multiple Simultaneous Constraints
- What is the True Cause ?
 - Transmission Maintenance
 - Generation Outages
 - Bidding
 - Generator Characteristics (e.g. ramp rates, min run times)
- What is the True Cost
 - Another Constraint is Likely Limiting if One is Relieved
 - Compare One Constraint at a Time
 - Compare to No Constraints Scenario (?)



Planning from Historic Data

- Will the Future Be Like Yesterday ?
- Day Ahead or Real Time ?
 - The 2 are Very Different
 - DAM Can be Artificial, but that's Where the Money Is !

Opinion – Use Day Ahead
- Simulations Need to Reflect the Realities
 - Outages
 - Bids
 - Multiple Products
 - Business Rules

Opinion – Use Historic Data if Available
- SCUC is not Set-up or Efficient for Simulation and Sensitivity Studies
PROBE is



What is PROBE ?

- PoRtfolio Ownership Bid Evaluation
- Development Begun April 2001
- Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) Application
 - Study Day Ahead Market Congestion Before Accepting Daily Bids
 - Some Application for Testing Market Rule Changes
- Used Since January 2002
- NYISO MMU Uses Routinely Today
- PJM Congestion Planning Application Now in Development



What is PROBE ?

- A “Study Mode” for the NYISO SCUC
- Driven by Same Data as the SCUC
 - Bids (real and virtual, load and generation), Hourly Network Models, Business Rules, TCC Ownership
- Produces Same Hourly Results as SCUC (LMP’s, dispatch, flows, etc.)
- MANY More Reports than SCUC

2 Modes

- SCUC Viewer
- Simulation

Same Reports are Available for Both, Plus Comparisons



PROBE Approach

- Read in SCUC Data (Bids, Unit Commitment, Initial Dispatch & More, All Automated)
- Define Portfolios by Bid and Owner (automated)
- Define TCC Ownership (automated)
- Map LMP points to Power Flow Model (automated)
- Perform LP with Given Unit Commitment
- Enforce Ramp Rate Limitations (24 hour simultaneous optimization)
- Transmission Constraints are Either Pre-set Monitored Element/Contingency Combinations or n-1 on a Voltage Level Basis
- Report in EXCEL



The screenshot shows the 'PROBE MAIN MENU' window. At the top, there are four tabs: 'Input Files', 'SCUCViewer', 'ProbeViewer', and 'Probe Setup'. Below these are various file selection fields for 'SCUC Input files' (Bid Data File, Zonal Bid Load File, Initial Unit Status, TCC contracts file) and 'Files for Mitigation' (Mitigation Data, Pre-mitigated dispatch, Pre-mitigated LMP). A 'Data Directory' field is also present. On the right, there are 'Set files for PASS' options (Default, Custom) and an 'Enforce Engine Restart' checkbox. 'Cancel' and 'Exit' buttons are at the bottom right.

PROBE menu includes four pages:

- **Input files page**
TWO application pages
- **SCUC Viewer page**
- **PROBE Viewer page**

Utility “PROBE setup” page

- **PROBE setup page**

Input files have to be defined always on loading PROBE Viewer before proceeding to other pages



The screenshot shows the 'PROBE MAIN MENU' window with several tabs: 'Input Files', 'SCUCViewer', 'ProbeViewer', and 'Probe Setup'. The 'ProbeViewer' tab is active, displaying a list of reports with checkboxes. The 'NY Zonal LBMP' report is highlighted. To the right of the list are buttons for 'Select All', 'Unselect All', and 'Create reports'. Below the list is a 'Selected Reports' section showing 'NYTotal:' and 'NY Zonal LBMP'. At the bottom, there is a 'Predefined Report set' section and a toolbar with icons for 'Select', 'Load', 'Save', 'Save As', and 'Edit'.

Callout 1 (Top Right): Different TAB provides access to the various groups of the reports

Callout 2 (Bottom Left): Reports Selection area. Only highlighted selected reports will be created on the request

Callout 3 (Bottom Right): Using this button will create reports selected only on this page



PROBE Advantages

- Much Faster then SCUC (2 Minutes vs. 2 Hours)
- Network Data is Available for Sensitivity Testing
- Many More Reports then SCUC
- Reports Out to EXCEL
- Real Shadow Prices are Calculated and Loads are Known
- Software Changes Can be Done Without Affecting Production
SCUC Tool



PROBE Reports

- Market Summaries by State, Zone
- Revenue by Type (Generation, Load, TCC, Imports, Wheels, etc.)
- Revenue by Market Participant and Portfolio
- Supply and Demand Curves
- Bid Details
- Congestion Cost by Constraint by State, Zone, or Market Participant



Sample Summary Report

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	NY Revenue Total									
	Number of bids per each bid type		Total MW*Hours offered for a day		Average Energy per hour			Percent of MW Bid Accepted		
2	Market Day [2002-01-14]					Created - Mon Jan 14 22:55:41 2002				
3	BTyp	Bids	MWOffe	Rev 1000	AvrLBMP	EnergyMWh	AvMW/H	%Utils		
4	Gen	77	77	4	2	36	9			
5	PCL	6	0	6	3	60	5			
6	Imp	9	1	0	7	17	2			
7	Exp	2	3	5	9	73	3			
8	Whl	1	0	2	3	90	6			
9	VLd	1	5	9	5	86	5			
10	VGn	0	0	0	9	08	4			
11	TCC		40	1000						
12										
13	Total Fixed Load+Losses Served. EnergyMW= 343172.3 AvMW/Hour= 14298.8									
14	Combined daily revenue in 1000\$		Average daily LBMP per bid type			Energy served during the day				
15										
16										
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18										
19										



Congestion Cost Summary Example

Report on zonal congestion cost by constraints (Load=Fixed+PCL+VL-VS). Generator weighted
 Market Day [1941-Dec-07 00:00 - 1941-Dec-07 23:00]. Created - Wed Sep 18 10:40:21 1943. Version
 Total Day Load= 570310 MW. Hour Average= 23763 MW/H

Constraint	Contingency	TotCong\$	Cong\$/MW
=== Energy+Losses		\$26,191,286	45.925
Jim 138 Boris 138 1	BASE CASE	\$2,608	0.005
Jim 138 Boris 138 2	BASE CASE	\$26,576	0.047
John__ 138 Steve 138 1	BASE CASE	\$89,318	0.157
Bill 138 Steve 138 1	BASE CASE	\$2,012	0.004
Interface	BASE CASE	\$16,513,594	28.955
John 138 Steve 138 1	TWR: 22 21 A2253	\$292,402	0.513

Total and per constraint cost is also available by hour,
 zone, market participant



PROBE Limitations

(Can Mostly be Removed as Needed)

- No Unit Commitment
 - Incremental Unit Commitment Being Added this Year
- No Ancillary Services Consideration
 - Being Added Today
- Day Ahead Market Only
- Single Day Only
- Not Configured for Multiple Periods
- Network Sensitivity Studies Capability Clumsy Today
- Previous Day's Unit Status is a Given
- Losses Handled with SCUC Loss Penalty Factors
- Somewhat Limited Contingency Specification



Congestion Cost Calculation Application

- Idea
 - Modify Software to Automate Multiple Days and Collect Data from NYISO Archives
 - Get all Data from 1/1/03 and run through PROBE
 - Summarize Results
 - Produce Monthly Summaries Going Forward
- Questions
 - All days needed ?
 - SCUC data format changes complicate going backwards too far
 - What about successively releasing constraints?
 - Get down to no constraints ?
 - What Results are Desired ?
 - By branch, Base case & contingency, By Zone



Congestion Analysis Application

- Idea
 - Modify Software to Plan/Evaluate Transmission Plans on Market Prices
 - Some of the needed changes are being done for PJM and will be available to NYISO
 - Use Actual Day Ahead Market Information (Bids, Generator Characteristics) as the Cost Basis
 - Make Network Changes and Test Effect
- Questions & Notes
 - Base Congestion Planning Evaluation on Selected Sample Days ?
 - Automating Network Changes My be Tricky Using IDEVs
 - What About “Unusual” Events

