

# Argus Fuel Indexing Failure - Update on Impacts

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#### **Background**

- NYISO's process for retrieving updated fuel price information from its outside vendor, Argus, did not function as expected on the evening of December 6<sup>th</sup> due to site switching issues on the vendor's system
- Impacted RT (HB0-HB16 for Oil; HB10-HB16 for Natural Gas) for December 7<sup>th</sup> and DAM (all hours) for December 8<sup>th</sup>
- NYISO continued to use best available fuel index information, and no tariff violation occurred. However, due to potential market impacts, it was deemed to be a Market Problem (MST, Section 3.5.1).
- Preventive controls implemented to address similar circumstances going forward.
- NYISO has followed the tariff provisions pertaining to Market Problems in noticing the FERC, its MMU and it Market Participants.
  - Market Participants notified at MC on December 15th
- Final step in process is to develop and present estimates of market impact



#### **Fuel Index Updates Not Reflected**

- Due to the connectivity issues the fuel index updates were not reflected in supplier reference levels in RT (12/7) or DAM (12/8)
- Natural Gas indices increases:
  - Transco Zone 6 NY (\$1.275/mmbtu or 24%)
  - Algonquin (\$1.135/mmbtu or 21%)
  - Iroquois Waddington (\$0.71/mmbtu or 14%)
  - Dominion North (\$0.22/mmbtu or 5%)
  - Dominion South (\$0.34/mmbtu or 6%)
  - Niagara (\$0.315/mmbtu or 6.6%)
  - Texas Eastern M3 (\$0.515/mmbtu or 11%)
- Fuel Oil and Kerosene indices decreased less than 1%



#### Real-Time Market Impacts: Complete

- Due to higher natural gas prices (not incorporated in reference levels), greatest potential would be for overmitigation of suppliers
- Review identified only one unit mitigated in realtime during the affected hours (HB10-HB15)
  - Rest-of-State unit
  - Mitigated for its MinGen \$ bid
  - No impact on LBMPs
  - Unit has submitted consult request; RT BPCG could be increased, if appropriate



# Real-Time Market Impacts: Complete

- Due to only slightly lower fuel oil and kerosene prices (not incorporated in reference levels), significantly lower risk of undermitigation exists
- No impacts on RT LBMP
  - AMP limited to NYC units
  - Reviewed RLS Fuel Types for all NYC units
  - No NYC fuel oil/kerosene units dispatched
  - Potential impact for units with fuel blends swamped by natural gas increase
- No impacts on RT BPCG payments
  - Reviewed fuel oil/kerosene units receiving RT BPCG payments (three, Rest of State)
  - Identified no impact on mitigation

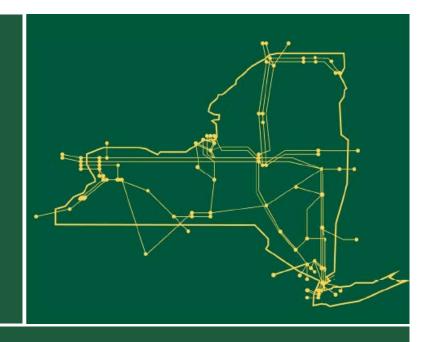


#### Day Ahead Market Impacts: In Progress

- 13 units potentially overmitigated
  - 1 for Start-up \$
  - 5 for Minimum generation \$
  - 11 for Incremental Energy \$
- Final impacts pending completion of DAM Model re-run with revised reference levels
- Results to be presented in subsequent MIWG



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