17.1.4 Determination of Transmission Shortage Cost

The applicable Transmission Shortage Cost depends on whether a particular transmission Constraint is associated with a transmission facility or Interface that includes a non-zero constraint reliability margin value. The ISO shall establish constraint reliability margin values for transmission facilities and Interfaces. Non-zero constraint reliability margin values established by the ISO shall be are normally equal to or greater than 20 MW. The ISO shall post to its website a list of transmission facilities and Interfaces assigned a constraint reliability margin value other than 20 MW.

For transmission facilities and Interfaces with a non-zero constraint reliability margin value, SCUC, RTC and RTD shall include consideration of a two step demand curve consisting of up to an additional 5 MW of available resource capacity at a cost of \$350/MWh and up to an additional 15 MW of available resource capacity at a cost of \$1,175/MWh when evaluating transmission Constraints associated with such facilities and Interfaces. In no event, however, shall the Shadow Price for such transmission Constraints exceed \$4,000/MWh.

For transmission facilities and Interfaces with a constraint reliability margin value of zero, the Shadow Price for transmission Constraints associated with such facilities and Interfaces shall not exceed \$4,000/MWh. SCUC, RTC and RTD shall not include consideration of the available resource capacity provided by the two step demand curve described above for such transmission Constraints.

In evaluating all transmission Constraints, the ISO will determine whether sufficient available resource capacity exists to solve each transmission Constraint at its applicable limit. If sufficient available resource capacity does not exist to solve the transmission Constraint at its otherwise applicable limit, the ISO shall increase the applicable limit for such transmission

Constraint to an amount achievable by the available resource capacity plus 0.2 MW. For transmission facilities and Interfaces with a non-zero constraint reliability margin value, the ISO shall account for the 20 MW of available resource capacity from the two step demand curve described above in determining: (i) whether sufficient available resource capacity exists to solve transmission Constraints associated with such facilities and Interfaces at their otherwise applicable limit; and (ii) the extent of any limit adjustment required to solve such transmission Constraints.

The ISO may periodically evaluate the Transmission Shortage Cost to determine whether it is necessary to modify the Transmission Shortage Cost to avoid future operational or reliability problems. The ISO will consult with its Market Monitoring Unit after it conducts this evaluation. If the ISO determines that it is necessary to modify the Transmission Shortage Costs in order to avoid future operational or reliability problems the resolution of which would otherwise require recurring operator intervention outside normal market scheduling procedures, in order to avoid among other reliability issues, a violation of NERC Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits or System Operating Limits, it may temporarily modify it for a period of up to ninety days, provided however the NYISO shall file such change with the Commission pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act within 45 days of such modification. If circumstances reasonably allow, the ISO will consult with its Market Monitoring Unit, the Business Issues Committee, the Commission, and the PSC before implementing any such modification. In all circumstances, the ISO will: (i) consult with those entities as soon as reasonably possible after implementing a temporary modification and shall explain the reasons for the change; and (ii) notify Market Participants of any temporary modification.

The responsibilities of the ISO and the Market Monitoring Unit in evaluating and modifying the Transmission Shortage Cost, as necessary are addressed in Attachment O, Section 30.4.6.8.1 of this Market Services Tariff ("Market Monitoring Plan").