

# Virtual Trading

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## E-Learning Module

# Virtual Trading

## MODULE OBJECTIVES:

- Explain the basic concepts that apply to Virtual Transactions
- Describe the Bidding process for Virtual Transactions
- Identify the Credit requirements for Virtual Load (VL) and Virtual Supply (VS) bids
- Calculate the Financial Settlements associated with Virtual Transactions

# Presentation Roadmap



# Virtual Trading Basics

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- Financial transactions only:
  - Virtual Supplier sells in Day-Ahead Market and then buys back in real time
  - Virtual Load buys in the Day-Ahead Market and then sells back in real time

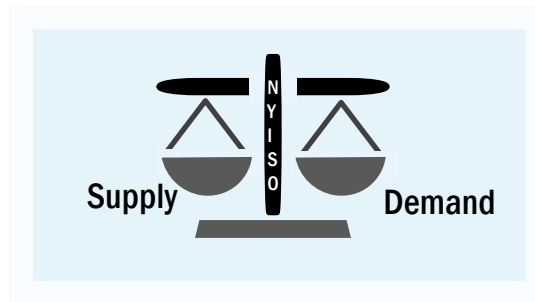


# Virtual Trading Basics

- **No effect on real time physical energy consumption**
  - No actual production or consumption of energy
- **Does not compromise physical commitment of energy resources for system reliability**
- **Virtual bidding impacts Day-Ahead LBMP calculation**
  - Virtual bids can set price

# Virtual Trading Basics

In Pass 1 of the Security Constrained Unit Commitment  
( for the Day-Ahead Market)



$$\text{Physical Supply} = \text{Physical Load} + \text{Virtual Load} - \text{Virtual Supply}$$

Virtual Bids compete with the physical bids and can affect unit commitment

# Virtual Bids/Offers and SCUC Passes

## Pass 1 of SCUC

Solves for Bid Load, Virtual Load and Virtual Supply



## Pass 2 of SCUC

Commits additional units used to supply Forecast Load; Load bids (physical & virtual) and Virtual Supply bids are NOT considered in this pass



## Pass 3 of SCUC

Reserved for future use



## Pass 4 of SCUC

Forecast Load Re-dispatch; Dispatches units committed in Pass 2



## Pass 5 of SCUC

Final dispatch determined to supply Load Bid, Virtual Load and Virtual Supply; Final Day Ahead LBMPs are established



# Effect of Virtual Bids on Day-Ahead Market Price

Virtual Load is greater than Virtual Supply (VL > VS)

Day-Ahead Market Load	MWh
Physical Load Bid	200
(+) Virtual Load Bid	0
(-) Virtual Supply Bid	0
Day-Ahead Load =	200
Supply stack that supplies Load:	
Resource A 50 MW @ \$20	50
Resource B 50 MW @ \$25	50
Resource C 110 MW @ \$30	100
Resource D 150 MW @ \$40	
	200
Marginal Energy Cost is \$30 in the DAM	

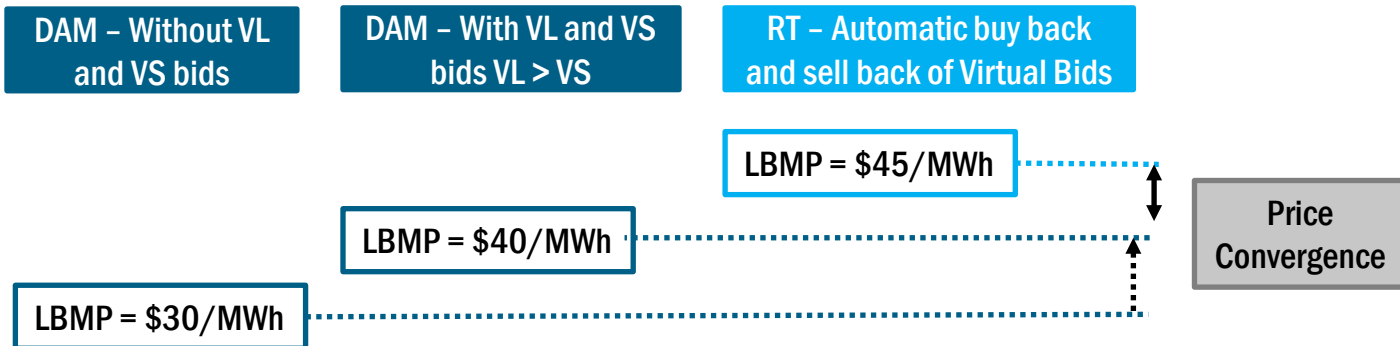
Day-Ahead Market Load	MWh
Physical Load Bid	200
(+) Virtual Load Bid	+150
(-) Virtual Supply Bid	-50
Day-Ahead Load =	300
Supply stack that supplies Load:	
Resource A 50 MW @ \$20	50
Resource B 50 MW @ \$25	50
Resource C 110 MW @ \$30	110
Resource D 150 MW @ \$40	90
	300
Marginal Energy Cost is \$40 in the DAM	

# Price Convergence

- Facilitates price convergence between Day-Ahead and Real-Time Market prices

Scenario: Virtual Load is greater than Virtual Supply ( $VL > VS$ )

VL Bidders speculate that RT LBMP will be higher than DAM LBMP



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Day-Ahead Market Load	MWh
Physical Load Bid	200
+ Virtual Load Bid	+50
- Virtual Supply Bid	-175
Day-Ahead Load =	75
Supply stack that supplies Load	
Resource A 50 MW @ \$20	50
Resource B 50 MW @ \$25	25
Resource C 110 MW @ \$30	
Resource D 150 MW @ \$40	
	75
Marginal Energy Cost is \$25 in the DAM	

# Price Convergence

- Facilitates price convergence between Day-Ahead and Real-Time Market prices

Scenario: Virtual Supply is greater than Virtual Load (VS > VL)

VS Bidders speculate that RT LBMP will be lower than DAM LBMP

DAM – Without VL and VS bids

DAM – With VL and VS bids VS > VL

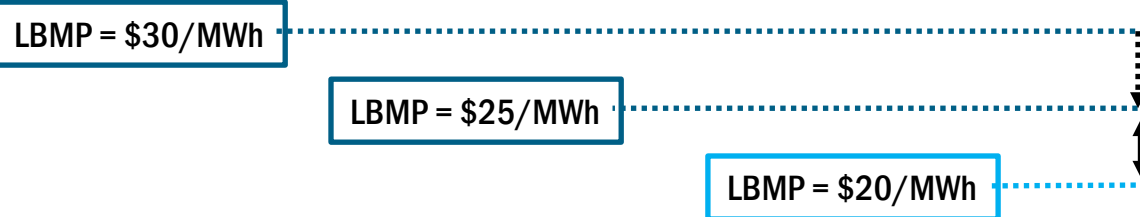
RT – Automatic buy back and sell back of Virtual Bids

LBMP = \$30/MWh

LBMP = \$25/MWh

LBMP = \$20/MWh

Price Convergence



# Virtual Supply and Virtual Load Bidding

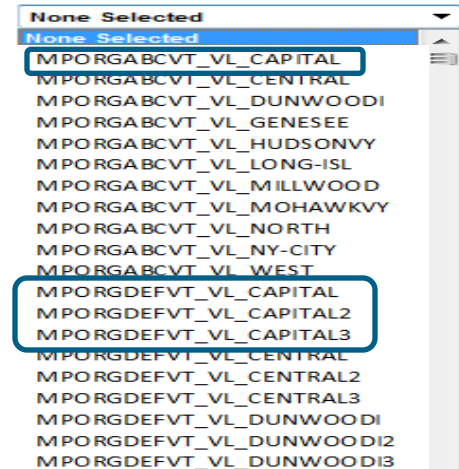
# Bidding Requirements

- **Pass Virtual Trading Competency Exam**
  - Before NYISO activates bidding rights for MP
  - Self-learning training module available on the NYISO's website
- **Pass Credit Evaluation**
  - Bids that receive an initial bid status of Validation Passed will be subject to a Virtual Bid credit evaluation
  - Occurs at the zonal level
  - Credit requirements are based on the historical price differential between the energy prices in the DAM and RT market
  - Insufficient credit to cover exposure of all the submitted bids and offers will fail the credit check

# Virtual Trading Bid Process

- Bidding is done at the zonal level
- Bids submitted at the bus level specific to a zone
  - 999 MW bid cap on each virtual bus for each hour if credit qualified
  - Allowed up to 3 VL and 3 VS buses per zone
  - Bus naming convention:

Example: MPORGNAMVT\_VL(VS)\_Zone



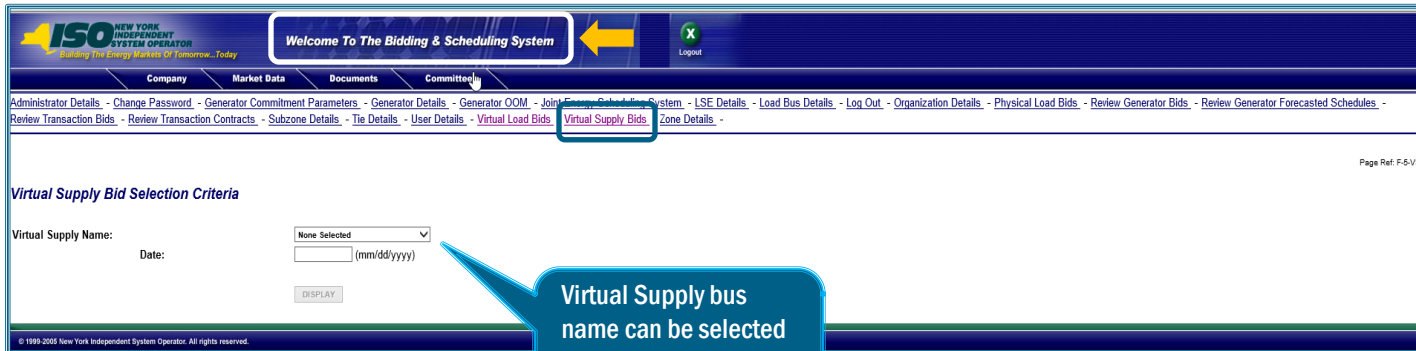
# Virtual Supply Bid Process

## Market Evaluation

- **Sell Day-Ahead Market**
  - Places up to 3 DAM Price Capped Bids per VS bus
  - Bid represents minimum price VS Bidder is willing to be paid at DAM Price
  - Bids due by 5 AM
- **Buy Real-Time Market**
  - No action required (or possible)
  - Automatically buy back @ RT Price



# Virtual Supply Bidding



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### Virtual Supply Bid Selection Criteria


Virtual Supply Name:


Date:  (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Virtual Supply bus name can be selected from the drop down menu

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 Logout
 

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## MP can enter up to 3 bids for each hour, per bus

Virtual Supply Name:  Date:  (mm/dd/yyyy)

Time	Price Cap #1		Price Cap #2		Price Cap #3		Bid Status	Schedule		
	MW	\$/MW	MW	\$/MW	MW	\$/MW		Price Cap	Inter Fixed MW	Inter Price Cap MW
00:00	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text" value="23.00"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	BID ACCEPTED	-50		
01:00	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text" value="25.00"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	BID REJECTED			
02:00	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text" value="27.00"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	BID ACCEPTED	-50		
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# Virtual Supply Bid Example

Virtual Supply	DAM Bids		DAM LBMP	Accepted/Rejected
Price Cap Bid #1	50 MW	\$28/MWh	\$30/MWh	Accepted
Price Cap Bid #2	50 MW	\$29/MWh		Accepted
Price Cap Bid #3	50 MW	\$32/MWh		Rejected
<b>Total Accepted DAM MWs</b>				
<b>Virtual Supply</b>			<b>100 MWs</b>	

# Virtual Load Bid Process

## Market Evaluation

- Buy Day-Ahead Market
  - Places up to 3 DAM Price Capped Bids per VL bus
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- Sell Real-Time Market
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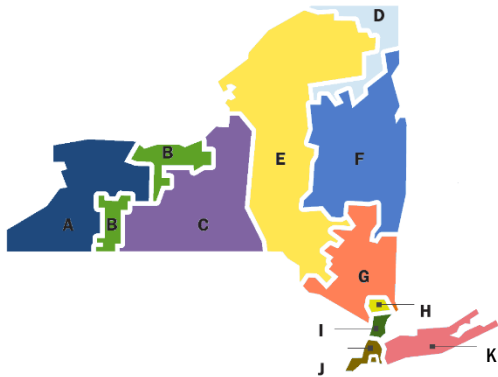
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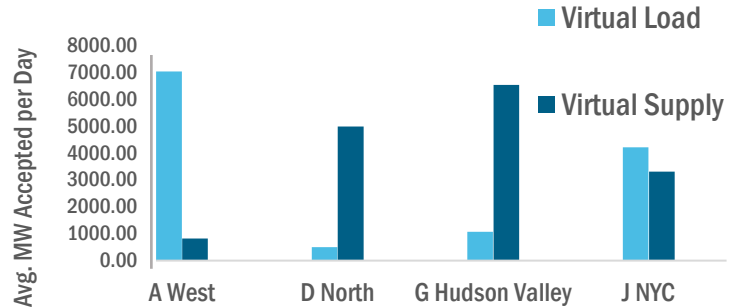
# Bid Submittal Status/Message

Bid Status	Bid Message	Action
Validation Passed	Valid. Passed subject to credit evaluation	Bid passed validation pending credit approval
Validation Passed	Credit evaluation processing	Credit check in progress
Validation Failed	Valid. Failed due to Insufficient Credit	Failed Credit Check; Bid is released
Validation Passed	None	Credit Check is complete
Evaluating	None	SCUC evaluation in progress
Bid Accepted	n/a	Accepted by SCUC; Credit is held
Bid Rejected	n/a	Rejected by SCUC; credit is released

# Virtual Supply and Load Bids: Bidding by Internal Zones, Example Month



Representative Month - May 2019



	West A	North D	Hudson Val G	NYC J
Virtual Supply and Load, May 2019: Average MWs Accepted per Day				
Virtual Load	7022	498	1064	4207
Virtual Supply	818	4977	6518	3305

# Virtual Trading – Credit Requirements



# Credit Requirements

- Credit requirements are based on the price differential between the energy prices in the DAM and the RT market

$$\text{Credit limit for Virtual Transactions /hour (\$)} = \text{Price Differential} \times \text{MWh}$$

- Credit evaluation occurs at the zonal level
  - Bids submitted at a bus for a specific zone
  - MWhs from bids for multiple VL (or VS) buses for the same zone and hour are summed by zone, credit evaluation then occurs
- Distinction between Virtual Load (VL) and Virtual Supply (VS) credit requirements

# Credit Requirements

- Stratification of credit requirements based on grouping transactions with similar risk characteristics
  - Virtual Supply credit requirements vary based on:

Load Zone	- A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K		
Time of year	- Summer (May to Aug) - Winter (Dec – Feb) - Rest of year (Mar-Apr and Sept-Nov)		
Time of day (on peak/off peak)	<b>Summer:</b> HB 07-09, HB 10-12, HB 13-17, HB 18, HB 19-20, HB 21-22 Weekend/Holiday (HB 07-08) Weekend/Holiday (HB 09-12) Weekend/Holiday (HB 13-14) Weekend/Holiday (HB 15-16) Weekend/Holiday (HB 17-18) Weekend/Holiday (HB 19-22) Night (HB 23, HB 00) Night (HB 01-06)	<b>Winter:</b> HB 08-09, HB 10-12, HB 13-15, HB 16-17, HB 18-20, HB 21-22 Weekend/Holiday (HB 16-20) Weekend/Holiday (Other HB 07-22) Night (HB 00,01, 23) Night (HB 02-05) Night (HB 06-07)	<b>Rest of year:</b> HB 07-10, HB 11 – 14, HB 15-19, HB 20-22 Weekend/Holiday (HB 17-20) Weekend/Holiday (other HB 07-22) Night (HB 00, 06, 23) Night (HB 01-05)

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# Credit Requirements

Credit requirements for VL and VS for the same day, hour and zone will be offset as follows:

## Upon submittal of bids:

- Credit requirements for offsetting bid positions will equal the greater of the VL credit req. or the VS credit req.

- Example:

VS Requirement = \$209

VL Requirement = \$429

Credit Requirement based on VL requirement of \$429

## Upon acceptance of bids:

- Credit requirements will be based on net MW position of VL and VS bids

- Example:

Accepted VS Bid = 10 MW

Accepted VL Bid = 15 MW

Credit requirement based on VL of 5 MW

\* Reminder: Credit evaluation occurs at zonal level. Multiple VL (or VS) bus bids in the same zone for the same hour by the MP will be summed before credit evaluation

# Credit Requirements, Example #1

A Market Participant (MP) has \$10,000 in credit posted with NYISO  
MP intends to bid as a Virtual Supplier (VS)  
MP submits VS bids totaling 100 MW in Zone G (Hudson Valley), for HB 07, 08 and 09 for dispatch day of May 6<sup>th</sup> (weekday)  
The current VS price differential for the summer, for Zone G, for HB 07, 08 and 09 is \$22.94

Will the VS Bids pass Credit Evaluation?

Assume the following:

MP makes no other bids for the hours mentioned, and zone; MP has no other bids that have not yet settled, and MP has no unpaid losses on Virtual Transactions

**Calculation:**

Credit Limit for the VS transaction =  $100 \text{ MW} \times 3 \text{ hrs} \times \$22.94 = \underline{\$6,682}$

This bid submittal requires \$6,682 in credit support

**MP has sufficient credit posted to support bids and the VS bids will pass credit evaluation**

# Credit Requirements, Example #2

A Market Participant (MP) has \$10,000 in credit posted with NYISO

Current Virtual Transaction credit requirements total \$5,000

(\$10,000 - \$5,000 = \$5,000 available in credit support)

MP enters VS Bids totaling 100 MW, in Zone G (Hudson Valley), for HB 07, 08 and 09 for dispatch day of May 6<sup>th</sup> (weekday)

The current VS price differential for the summer, for Zone G, for HB 07, 08 and 09 is \$22.94

Will the VS Bids pass Credit Evaluation?

Calculation:

Credit Limit for the VS transaction = 100 MW x 3 hrs x \$22.94 = \$6,882

This bid submittal requires \$6,882 in credit support

The VS bid will not pass credit evaluation

Total credit requirement = \$5,000 + \$6,882 = \$11,882, greater than the posted credit support of \$10,000. MP has insufficient credit posted to support bids

# Credit Requirements, Example #3

A Market Participant (MP) has \$10,000 in credit posted with NYISO

Current Virtual Transaction credit requirements total \$3,000

$(\$10,000 - \$3,000 = \$7,000)$  available in credit support)

MP enters VS Bids totaling 100 MW, in Zone G (Hudson Valley), for HB 07, 08 and 09 for dispatch day of May 6<sup>th</sup> (weekday)

The current VS price differential for the summer, for Zone G, for HB 07, 08 and 09 is \$22.94

Will the VS Bids pass Credit Evaluation?

Calculation:

Credit Limit for the VS transaction =  $100 \text{ MW} \times 3 \text{ hrs} \times \$22.94 = \underline{\$6,682}$

This bid submittal requires \$6,882 in credit support

The VS bid will pass credit evaluation

Total credit requirement =  $\$3,000 + \$6,882 = \$9,882$ , greater than the posted credit support of \$10,000. MP has sufficient credit posted to support bids

# Credit Requirements, Example #4

A Market Participant (MP) has \$10,000 in credit posted with NYISO

MP enters VS Bids totaling 100 MW, in Zone G (Hudson Valley), for HB 07, 08 and 09 for dispatch day of May 6<sup>th</sup>.  
AND

MP also submits VL Bids totaling 90 MW in Zone G for HB 07,08 and 09 for the same day

The current VS price differential for the summer, for Zone G, for HB 07, 08 and 09 is \$22.94

The current VL price differential for the summer, for Zone G, for HB 07,08 and 09 is \$40.12

Will these Virtual Bids pass Credit Evaluation?

## Assume the following:

MP makes no other bids for the hours mentioned, and zone; MP has no other bids that have not yet settled, and MP has no unpaid losses on Virtual Transactions

## Calculation:

Credit Limit for the VS transaction = 100 MW x 3 hrs x \$22.94 = \$6,682

Credit Requirement for VL Transaction = 90 MW x 3 hrs x \$40.12 = \$10,832.40

## The VS bid will not pass credit evaluation

VS and VL Bids offset each other as they are for the same hours, same zone and same day. Bid submittal requires \$10,832.40 worth of credit support (greater of VS or VL requirement). MP has insufficient credit to support bids



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Do I have to bid every day or hour?

No, in fact you have the option of not bidding at all on any given day/hour.

## Can a bidder enter VS and VL bids in the same day?

Yes, keeping in mind that you cannot exceed your credit limit. Also, you must have the appropriate bidding privileges set up. Note: MPs can only have up to 3 VL and VS buses per zone with an allowance of up to 3 bids per virtual bus.

## What happens if I exceed my credit limit when I enter my bids?

The bids will receive a “validation failed” status and be rejected. Market Participants can provide additional collateral or allocate additional unsecured credit to support their bids. If provided and receipt is acknowledged prior to the DAM market close, the Market Participant must resubmit their bids to be considered for that day’s market close.

## If I want to trade/bid additional MWs beyond what my current credit limit is, what do I need to do?

Market Participants must have sufficient credit support available to increase participation in the Virtual Transactions market. Market Participants may utilize the Credit Management System to support additional trading activity. Note: The NYISO Credit Department does not monitor MWs; it only monitors credit requirements in dollar amounts.

## What happens if my bids receive a “bid rejected” status?

If a “bid rejected” status is received, SCUC did not schedule the bids for the day. As such, credit support for those bids will be released.

# Virtual Trading - Settlements

# Virtual Trading Settlement Process

## Virtual Supply

Sells in DAM at **DAM LBMP (\$)**

Buy back in RT at **RT LBMP (\$)**

## Virtual Load

Sells in DAM at **DAM LBMP (\$)**

Buy back in RT at **RT LBMP (\$)**

- Settlement based on Zonal Prices as follows:
  - Day-Ahead Settlement – Hourly Prices
  - Real-Time Settlement – Nominal 5 minute interval price
    - Interval settlements summed to the hour

# Virtual Supply Settlement - Exercise

HB	DAM MW Sells	DAM LBMP (\$/MW)	DAM Settlement (\$)	RT MW Buys	RT LBMP (\$/MW)	RT Settlement (\$)	Net Profit/ (Loss) (\$)
12	100	\$38.50	\$3850	100	\$24.75	(\$2475)	1375
13	100	\$44.33	\$4433	100	\$25.70	(\$2570)	1863
14	100	\$46.92	\$4692	100	\$26.10	(\$2610)	2082
15	100	\$51.41	\$5141	100	\$26.05	(\$2605)	2536
16	100	\$56.89	\$5689	100	\$26.32	(\$2632)	3057
17	100	\$53.19	\$5319	100	\$26.57	(\$2657)	2662
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$29,124</b>			<b>(\$15,549)</b>	<b>\$13,575</b>

(\$) represents a charge to the MP

**Net Profit = \$13,575**

# Virtual Load Settlement - Exercise

HB	DAM MW Buys	DAM LBMP (\$/MW)	DAM Settlement (\$)	RT MW Sells	RT LBMP (\$/MW)	RT Settlement (\$)	Net Profit/ (Loss) (\$)
14	100	\$17.55	(\$1,755)	100	\$3.38	\$338	(\$1,417)
15	100	\$18.15	(\$1,815)	100	\$9.55	\$955	(\$860)
16	100	\$20.89	(\$2,089)	100	\$16.17	\$1,617	(\$472)
17	100	\$26.14	(\$2,614)	100	\$23.12	\$2,312	(\$301)
18	100	\$26.84	(\$2,684)	100	\$26.81	\$2,681	(\$3)
19	100	\$26.69	(\$2,669)	100	\$23.47	\$2,347	(\$322)
<b>Total</b>			<b>(\$13,626)</b>			<b>\$10,251</b>	<b>(\$3,375)</b>

**Net Loss = \$3,375**

(\$ ) represents a charge to the MP

# Presentation Roadmap



**Virtual Trading  
Basics**

**Virtual Trading  
- Bids and  
Offers**

**Virtual Trading  
- Credit  
Requirements**

**Virtual Trading  
-Settlements**

# Additional Resources

- **Day-Ahead Scheduling Manual**
  
- **MST (Market Services Tariff)**
  - Attachment K : Credit Requirements
  
- **Market Participant's User's Guide (MPUG)**
  
- **Day Ahead Scheduling Manual**

# Questions?

For any future assistance, please contact NYISO Stakeholder Services at [stakeholder\\_services@nyiso.com](mailto:stakeholder_services@nyiso.com) or by phone at (518) 356-6060