

RPM Compliance Filing Issues

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- Tariff Section 6.7 (c) addresses the conditions under which certain units do not have to provide avoidable cost data.
- Tariff Section 6.7 (c) (Sheet 610) provides that potential auction participants need not submit avoidable cost data under Section 6.7(b) if the unit is in an unconstrained LDA and "is in a resource class determined by the MMU as not likely to include the marginal price-setting resources in such auctions."
- Tariff Section 6.7 (c) further provides that, "The MMU shall determine, in its discretion, following stakeholder consultation, the resource classes and prices in the posting required by Section 6.2(a)." (The posting of the PMSS results.)







- One alternative approach is to require all market participants to submit data under Section 6.7(b).
- Second alternative approach, if participants wish to continue to have proxy or default ACR data posted:
- MMU calculates and submits to FERC the data for resource class and prices (ACR data)







- Issues:
 - Objective criteria
 - MMU role and PJM role
 - Tariff definition of avoidable costs





- FERC Order required that "objective criteria" be used by the Market Monitor in reviewing offers.
- MMU would file Avoidable Cost Rate (ACR) data and calculations with FERC
- FERC order addresses a solution to MMU discretion
- FERC did not order that PJM replace MMU in ACR calculation role





- Tariff defines avoidable costs (6.8 b) (Sheet 617)
- "For purposes of determining an Avoidable Cost Rate, avoidable expenses are incremental expenses directly required to operate a Generation Capacity Resource that a Generation Owner would not incur if such generating unit did not operate in the Delivery Year or meet Availability criteria during Peak-Hour Periods during the Delivery Year."
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- This is the definition applied by the MMU

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- Clearly different from the retirement interpretation proposed by PJM – costs avoided if the unit retires
- FERC order addresses a solution to MMU discretion
- FERC order does not address changing the definition of avoidable costs
- PJM proposes changing the definition of avoidable costs in the tariff