ARRs and FTRs. Issues and Next Steps

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ARRs and FTRs

- Two parts of current design
 - ARRs
 - FTRs
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 - A mechanism to assign congestion rights to load.
- FTRs
 - A mechanism to permit load to sell its rights to congestion.
 - Load can sell the rights to an uncertain level of congestion for a fixed payment.





ARRs

- It is possible to define who pays congestion.
- That should be the goal.



FTRs

- When congestion is defined and the rights to congestion are assigned, a market mechanism is needed to permit load to sell its rights to congestion
- That market mechanism is the FTR auction(s)
- The FTR auction should allow load to sell their congestion rights.
- FTR auction design can take many forms
 - The FTR auction design can look a lot like the current design
 - The FTR auction design can include paths
 - The FTR design cannot pay out more than actual congestion





Issues

- Load does not have the rights to congestion revenues under the current design.
- Load cannot receive rights to all congestion under the current design.
- Load does not have the ability to set the sale price (reservation price) of the rights to congestion revenues under the current design.
- Congestion is not defined by the bill.





Issues

- The fact that load could engage in a risky transaction to sell an FTR is not the same thing as having the rights to congestion revenues and selling those rights for a defined price.
- The recent history of FTRs, ARRs and congestion revenues does not demonstrate that the underlying design is correct.



Next Steps

- Agree on the definition of congestion.
- Agree on the calculation of congestion payments by customers/locations.
- Agree on how to assign the rights to congestion.
- Develop FTR auction design options to permit load to sell the rights to congestion in a flexible way.
- Develop FTR auction design options to create useful products for market participants.





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