ELCC – IMM Proposal

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IMM Proposal

- The IMM supports using the Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) method to determine the capacity values for intermittent resources.
- The ELCC analysis incorporates the random nature of intermittent resources and a well designed ELCC analysis should be consistent with the energy market.
- But implementing ELCC is complex and there are multiple stages.
 - Creating an ELCC curve or surface
 - Integrating ELCC curve into market clearing





IMM Proposal

- The IMM proposal is based on competitive market principles:
 - Marginal determination of the ELCC capacity value
 - Dynamic, market based ELCC capacity values will change as the resource mix changes
- The PJM proposal is not based on competitive market principles.
- The joint stakeholder proposal is not based on competitive market principles.



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Economic Fundamentals

- RPM Demand Curve for ELCC MW
 - Defines a willingness to pay for every MW
- Supply Curve for ELCC MW
 - Defines the least cost combination of resource types based on offers and interactions among the resource types for every total MW point of ELCC supply
 - Supply curve is based on a production function using multiple inputs
 - Provides a single price at every point on the curve reflecting the marginal price of ELCC MW at every MW level





PJM RPM



- Production function for load carrying capacity using input a and input b: Q = Q(a, b)
- $Q_a > 0$ and $Q_b > 0$
- Price of a is a function of a: $P_a(a)$
- Price of b is a function of b: $P_b(b)$
- Cost of production (purchasing input a and input b): $C = aP_a(a) + bP_b(b)$
- Subject to an output constraint: $Q(a, b) = Q_0$
- Objective is to minimize cost for a given output level
- The Lagrangian: L= $aP_a(a) + bP_b(b) + \mu(Q_0 Q(a, b))$



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• To minimize cost, need to satisfy these first order conditions (notation is simplified):

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$$L_{\mu} = aP_a + bP_b + \mu(Q_0 - Q(a, b))$$

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$$L_a = P_a + \mu Q_a = 0$$

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$$L_b = P_b + \mu Q_b = 0$$

• Note, this result indicates: $\frac{P_a}{Q_a} = \frac{P_b}{Q_b} = \mu$



- At the optimal (least cost) solution the input price/marginal product ratio must be the same for each input.
- The Lagrange multiplier (the shadow price of the production constraint) is the marginal production cost in the optimal (least cost) solution.
- This is the marginal price of capacity (the clearing price)
- In the optimal solution every input is paid the same in terms of their marginal contribution to output.



- $\frac{P_a}{Q_a} = \frac{P_b}{Q_b} = \mu$
- This can be rewritten again as:
- $\frac{P_a}{P_b} = \frac{Q_a}{Q_b}$
- At the cost minimizing solution, the marginal rate of technical substitution (MRTS= $\frac{Q_a}{Q_b}$) equals the ratio of input prices ($\frac{P_a}{P_b}$).
- In the optimal solution every input is paid the same in terms of their marginal contribution to output.



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- $\frac{P_a}{P_b} = \frac{Q_a}{Q_b}$
- (MRTS= $\frac{Q_a}{Q_b}$) equals the negative slope of the isoquant (different combinations of a and b provide the same level of capacity output).
- $\frac{P_a}{P_b}$ equals the negative slope of an isocost (different combinations of a and b have the same total cost).
- Where the two curves are tangent, result is the least cost solution for the combination of a and b in the production function.





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RPM Market Clearing

 Objective is to maximum consumer welfare – the area between the VRR curve and the supply curve Consumer Welfare = VRR – Supply(ELCC(T,W, S))

where T is the MW from a thermal resources, W is the unadjusted MW from wind resources (ICAP), S is the unadjusted MW associated with a solar resource (ICAP)





Performance Obligation

- Performance obligation of intermittent resources should be consistent with the ELCC analysis
- For each intermittent class an expected 24 hour profile is an input to ELCC analysis
- The performance obligation for an individual generator is the expected 24 hour profile for the generators unadjusted capacity.



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Marginal ELCC

- The ELCC function will be an input into the capacity auction
- The ELCC curve will be used in the market clearing optimization to dynamically determine the cost and the contribution to meeting the reliability requirement of offers from intermittent resources.
- In the final optimal market solution, the marginal cost is equal to the marginal benefit for intermittent resources.
- The marginal ELCC will define the market clearing ELCC for all cleared intermittent resources.





Average ELCC

- Use of an average ELCC is not consistent with an efficient market clearing.
- Use of an average ELCC will result in:
 - an inefficient market outcome
 - with over procurement
 - over payment of intermittent resources
 - an inefficient displacement of traditional resources



Total ELCC Curve



Marginal and Average ELCC Curves



Marginal ELCC Example

- Auction clears with 400 MW of nameplate capacity
 - Marginal ELCC is 12.46 percent
 - Average ELCC is 18.00 percent
- The market would clear UCAP MW equal to the area under the marginal ELCC curve, 72 MW in this example
- Note that the Average ELCC x 400 MW = 72 MW
 - There are no missing MW





Marginal ELCC Example



Supply curve for Wind after ELCC adjustments



ELCC Surface



Marginal ELCC



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Vintage Treatment / Transition Period

- Fixed or predefined ELCC capacity values through a vintage policy or a transition phase will result in inefficient outcomes and an increased cost to load
- Fixed or predefined ELCC capacity values will favor older technology over newer technology
- Fixed or predefined ELCC capacity values will lead to over procurement of specific resource types, displacement of more efficient resources and incorrect proportions of resources
- Fixed or predefined ELCC capacity values will make the system less reliable than the ELCC analysis predicts

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Vintage Treatment / Transition Period

- Vintage treatment or a transition period will shift risk from resource owners to customers.
- The point of markets is to assign risk to market participants best able to manage it.
- Resource owners can manage the risks they face.
- Vintage treatment would require customers to pay for costs associated with outdated technology and with overstated capacity value.
- PJM would need to make ad hoc adjustments at customers' expense to maintain target reliability.



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