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# State of the Market Report for PJM

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## Preface

The PJM Market Monitoring Plan provides:

The Market Monitoring Unit shall prepare and submit contemporaneously to the Commission, the State Commissions, the PJM Board, PJM Management and to the PJM Members Committee, annual state-of-the-market reports on the state of competition within, and the efficiency of, the PJM Markets, and quarterly reports that update selected portions of the annual report and which may focus on certain topics of particular interest to the Market Monitoring Unit. The quarterly reports shall not be as extensive as the annual reports. In its annual, quarterly and other reports, the Market Monitoring Unit may make recommendations regarding any matter within its purview. The annual reports shall, and the quarterly reports may, address, among other things, the extent to which prices in the PJM Markets reflect competitive outcomes, the structural competitiveness of the PJM Markets, the effectiveness of bid mitigation rules, and the effectiveness of the PJM Markets in signaling infrastructure investment. These annual reports shall, and the quarterly reports may include recommendations as to whether changes to the Market Monitoring Unit or the Plan are required.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, Monitoring Analytics, LLC, which serves as the Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) for PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM),<sup>2</sup> and is also known as the Independent Market Monitor for PJM (IMM), submits this *2019 Quarterly State of the Market Report for PJM: January through March*.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) Attachment M (PJM Market Monitoring Plan) § VI.A. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning provided in the OATT, PJM Operating Agreement, PJM Reliability Assurance Agreement or other tariffs that PJM has on file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission).

<sup>2</sup> OATT Attachment M.

<sup>3</sup> All references to this report should refer to the source as Monitoring Analytics, LLC, and should include the complete name of the report: *2019 Quarterly State of the Market Report for PJM: January through March*.



## Introduction

### 2019 Q1 in Review

The goal of competition is to provide customers wholesale power at the lowest possible price, but no lower. The results of the energy market were competitive in the first three months of 2019. The PJM markets work, even if not perfectly. The results of the base capacity auction run in 2018 for 2021/2022 were not competitive and the underlying issues need to be addressed. The PJM markets bring customers the benefits of competition. But the PJM markets, and wholesale power markets in the U.S., face new challenges that potentially threaten the viability of competitive markets. It is the job of the MMU to defend competitive markets.

The basic design of both the energy market and the capacity market face significant uncertainty. On March 29, 2019, PJM made a filing challenging the fundamentals of the energy market design. The price formation filing effectively deems the energy market design unjust and unreasonable, although the filing directly asserts only that the reserve market design is unjust and unreasonable. The performance of the energy and reserve markets in the first three months of 2019 does not indicate a market design flaw, as PJM asserts. PJM has also made a filing to change the fundamentals of the capacity market design, which is pending at the Commission. The Commission has determined that the capacity market design is unjust and unreasonable. PJM is expected to propose further changes to the capacity market design in the name of fuel security that are inconsistent with the competitive market design. PJM's energy market design proposal will break the tight link between energy and capacity markets that has been essential to the success of the PJM market design by ignoring the impact on the capacity market of the increases in the net energy and ancillary services offsets that would result.

PJM is not an energy only market. Revenue adequacy in PJM results from the interactions of the energy and capacity markets. The PJM price formation filing is a solution to a problem that does not exist. PJM does not require a dramatic administrative expansion of the Operating Reserve Demand Curve (ORDC) to increase energy market revenues or provide revenue adequacy.

Energy only markets are not more competitive than or conceptually preferable to markets with both energy and capacity markets. ORDCs are more administrative and more subjective than capacity markets. The notion that capacity markets are inherently more complex than energy only markets is not correct. Both capacity markets and ORDC based energy only markets require core administrative determinations. ORDCs are an attempt to directly manage energy prices at levels that exceed LMP on a consistent basis. PJM's price formation filing illustrates the increase in the required complexity of already complex rules governing the interactions between day-ahead and real-time markets and associated settlements, uplift, locational scarcity, and the parameters of the ORDC. The higher energy prices result in higher revenues that reward inflexible units contrary to the stated intent. Rather than alter prices through an administrative scarcity adder from the ORDC, PJM should focus on fundamental improvements to energy market efficiency including efficiency improvements to the market software used to commit resources, dispatch resources, mitigate market power, and calculate uplift payments.

In order to attract and retain adequate resources for the reliable operation of the energy market, revenues from PJM energy, ancillary services and capacity markets must be adequate for those resources. That adequacy requires a capacity market. The capacity market plays the essential role of equilibrating the revenues necessary to incent competitive entry and exit of the resources needed for flexibility and reliability, given that the revenues from the energy market are most directly affected by nonmarket sources. It is essential that the equilibrating role of the capacity market not be weakened or eliminated.

Energy prices in PJM are not too low. There is no evidence to support the need for a significant change to the level of energy market revenues. The objective of efficient short run price signals in the energy market is to minimize system production costs, not to minimize uplift or to ensure a predefined level of revenues in the energy market. The market design issue that should be addressed directly is scarcity pricing, including the impact of operator actions on scarcity. Current energy and reserve prices do not reflect market conditions when the market is tight and when scarcity exists. Rather than raising prices in most hours as the ORDC would do, it would make more sense to directly

incorporate the operators' demand for additional MW in the reserve demand curves and to implement scarcity pricing when there is actual scarcity.

One of the benefits of competitive power markets is that changes in input prices and changes in the balance of supply and demand are reflected immediately in energy prices. PJM real-time energy market prices decreased significantly in the first three months of 2019 compared to the first three months of 2018. The load-weighted, average real-time LMP was 39.0 percent lower in the first three months of 2019 than in the first three months of 2018, \$30.16 per MWh versus \$49.45 per MWh. Of the \$19.29 per MWh decrease, 40 percent was a result of lower fuel costs. The balance of the decrease was a result of decreased load, adjusted dispatch, and lower markups.

Net revenue from the energy and capacity markets is a key measure of overall market performance as well as a measure of the incentive to invest in new generation to serve PJM markets. Net revenues decreased for all unit types in the first three months of 2019 as a result of lower energy prices. In the first three months of 2019, average energy market net revenues decreased by 65 percent for a new combustion turbine (CT), 42 percent for a new combined cycle (CC), 85 percent for a new coal plant (CP), 37 percent for a new nuclear plant (NP), 93 percent for a new diesel (DS), 40 percent for a new on shore wind installation, 36 percent for a new off shore wind installation and 22 percent for a new solar installation compared to the first three months of 2018.

The PJM energy market remains fuel diverse. In 2018, natural gas-fired energy output exceeded coal-fired energy output for the first time. The fuel diversity index for energy output increased. The market provides incentive for entry and for exit. Based on public data about unit costs, and on forward prices for energy and known forward prices for capacity, three of 18 nuclear plants in PJM would not cover their annual avoidable costs over the next three years (2019 through 2021). The three plants are Davis Besse, Perry, and Three Mile Island. In May 2017, TMI requested deactivation in 2019. In March 2018, Davis Besse and Perry requested deactivation in 2021. All three plants are

single unit sites which have higher operating costs per MWh than multiple unit plants.

Net revenues for nuclear power plants increased significantly in 2018 as a result of higher LMPs and decreased in the first three months of 2019. But there are some nuclear power plants in PJM that are not economic at expected levels of energy and capacity market clearing prices. The decisions on how to proceed belong to the owners of those plants. The fact that some plants are uneconomic does not call into question the fundamentals of PJM markets. Many generating plants have retired in PJM since the introduction of markets and many generating plants have been built since the introduction of markets.

The level of potential retirements of coal and nuclear units does not imply a reliability issue in PJM and does not imply a fuel security issue in PJM. A comparison of the total units at risk and the current excess capacity in PJM suggests that, ignoring local reliability issues, the current and expected excess capacity is of the same order of magnitude as the units at risk. PJM had excess reserves of more than 9,000 MW on June 1, 2018, and will have excess reserves of almost 13,000 MW on June 1, 2019, based on current positions. There are currently 124,143 MW in the PJM generator interconnection queues. Based on historical completion rates, 34,184 MW of new generation in the queue are expected to go into service.

The wholesale power grid is clearly resilient. The focus should be on ensuring that ongoing policy initiatives affecting wholesale power markets, including those about resilience, are analyzed and addressed within a market framework. The real resilience question is whether the market construct itself is resilient. Can markets, and the market based regulatory construct, coexist with efforts to define and implement resilience and fuel security based on a planning rather than a market approach? Can markets, and the market based regulatory construct, coexist with efforts to increase the role of renewable resources through nonmarket revenue? Can markets, and the market based regulatory construct, coexist with efforts to support specific uneconomic nuclear resources through nonmarket revenue? Can markets, and the market based

regulatory construct, coexist with efforts to alter the efficient market design to create market revenue streams to favored technologies and fuel types?

Market solutions are neutral with respect to technology and energy source. Market solutions are different than engineering and planning solutions that administratively alter efficient market outcomes. The use of administrative constraints in market software to procure reserves or capacity beyond the demand expressed by customers and for different resources than demanded by customers is not a market solution, especially when administrative pricing distorts prices from the efficient level.

Fuel security is a legitimate concern and fuel security should be analyzed and addressed within the market framework. The interactions between the power industry and the gas industry business and regulatory models require substantial rethinking. Issues of fuel security for gas-fired units have a basis in the somewhat incompatible models. Those issues can and should be addressed in a manner that is consistent with the interests of participants in both the power industry and the gas industry. Arbitrary determinations of the risk associated with gas as a fuel should be avoided in the interests of a fuel neutral approach.

The markets solution must recognize the role of competitive markets and that competitive markets need internally consistent rules in order to provide the incentives necessary for the markets to work. It is essential that any approach to the PJM markets incorporate a consistent view of how the preferred market design is expected to provide competitive results in a sustainable market design over the long run. A sustainable market design means a market design that results in appropriate incentives to competitive market participants to retire units and to invest in new units over time such that reliability is ensured as a result of the functioning of the market. The MMU calls this approach the Sustainable Market Rule (SMR).

A sustainable competitive wholesale power market must recognize, and accept, and incorporate in the market design three salient structural elements: nonmarket revenues for renewable energy from state programs; a significant

level of generation resources subject to cost of service regulation; and the structure and performance of the existing market based generation fleet. The relatively recent provision of nonmarket revenues to specific uneconomic existing resources, primarily nuclear power plants, is also a fact, but this is rent seeking by resources owners and not a structural element of markets. Subsidies to specific resources that are uneconomic as a result of competition are an effort to reverse market outcomes with no commitment to a regulatory model and no attempt to mitigate negative impacts on competition. The unit specific subsidy model is inconsistent with the PJM market design and inconsistent with the market paradigm and constitutes a significant threat to both. The events of the last 15 months have demonstrated that subsidies are contagious but also that antivirals exist.

With a significant level of zero marginal cost resources, a core goal of a competitive market design should be to ensure that the resources required to provide flexibility and reliability receive appropriate competitive market incentives for entry and for ongoing investment and for exit when uneconomic. The capacity market plays a central role which cannot be played by arbitrary price increases based on a subjective ORDC. Price suppression below the competitive level in the capacity market should not be acceptable and is not consistent with a competitive market design. Harmonizing the relationship between increased zero marginal cost resources and additional resources required for flexibility and reliability means maintaining a capacity market design to account for these energy market impacts, clearly limiting the impact of nonmarket revenues on the capacity market and ensuring competitive outcomes in the capacity market and thus in the entire market.

Before market outcomes are rejected in favor of nonmarket choices, the capacity market should be permitted to work. The capacity market design should provide strong incentives for flexibility and reliability. The capacity market has not been permitted to reveal the underlying supply and demand fundamentals in prices. It is more critical than ever to get capacity market prices correct. A number of capacity market design elements resulted in a substantial suppression of capacity market prices for multiple years and prices were increased above the competitive level in the 2021/2022 base auction.

To the extent that there are shared broader goals related to PJM markets, they should also be addressed. If society determines that carbon is a pollutant with a negative value, a market approach to carbon is preferred to a technology or unit specific subsidy approach. Unit specific subsidies are not an efficient approach. Implementation of a carbon price is a market approach which would let market participants respond in efficient and innovative ways to the price signal rather than relying on planners to identify specific technologies or resources to be subsidized. It would be helpful to the states if PJM would offer to model the impact of various levels of carbon prices on the dispatch and economic viability of units in PJM and the associated flow of dollars to states in the form of carbon revenue. With this information, the states could determine whether there is a form of carbon pricing and carbon revenue distribution that all the states could agree to.

The PJM markets and PJM market participants from all sectors face significant challenges. PJM and its market participants will need to continue to work constructively to address these challenges to ensure the continued effectiveness of PJM markets in providing customers wholesale power at the lowest possible price, but no lower.

## PJM Market Summary Statistics

Table 1-1 shows selected summary statistics describing PJM markets.

**Table 1-1 PJM Market Summary Statistics: January through March, 2018 and 2019<sup>1</sup>**

	Jan - Mar, 2018	Jan - Mar, 2019	Percent Change
Average Hourly Load (MW)	92,761	91,962	(0.9%)
Average Hourly Generation (MW)	95,491	97,010	1.6%
Peak Load (MW)	133,851	134,060	0.2%
Installed Capacity at March 31 (MW)	183,837	185,585	1.0%
Load Weighted Average Real Time LMP (\$/MWh)	\$49.45	\$30.16	(39.0%)
Total Congestion Costs (\$ Million)	\$660.99	\$163.91	(75.2%)
Total Uplift Charges (\$ Million)	\$82.32	\$19.57	(76.2%)
Total PJM Billing (\$ Billion)	\$14.52	\$10.98	(24.4%)

<sup>1</sup> The load reported in this table is the accounting load plus net withdrawals at generator buses. The average hourly accounting load is reported in Section 3, "Energy Market."

## PJM Market Background

The PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) operates a centrally dispatched, competitive wholesale electric power market that, as of March 31, 2019, had installed generating capacity of 185,585 megawatts (MW) and 1,026 members including market buyers, sellers and traders of electricity in a region including more than 65 million people in all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia (Figure 1-1).<sup>2 3 4</sup>

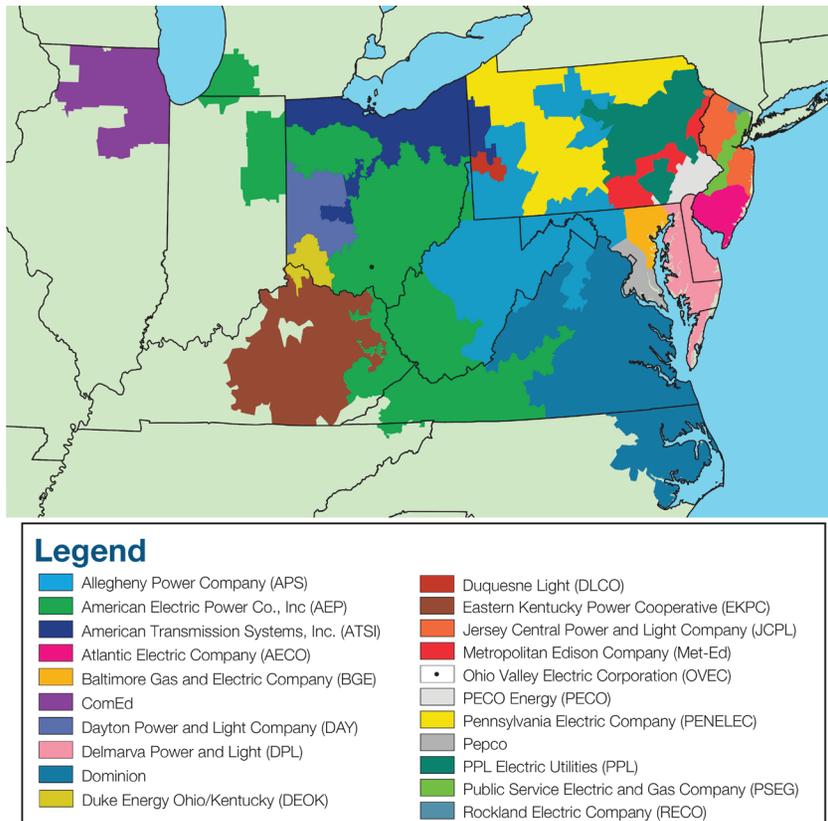
As part of the market operator function, PJM coordinates and directs the operation of the transmission grid and plans transmission expansion improvements to maintain grid reliability in this region.

<sup>2</sup> See PJM. "Member List," which can be accessed at: <<http://pjm.com/about-pjm/member-services/member-list.aspx>>.

<sup>3</sup> See PJM. "Who We Are," which can be accessed at: <<http://pjm.com/about-pjm/who-we-are.aspx>>.

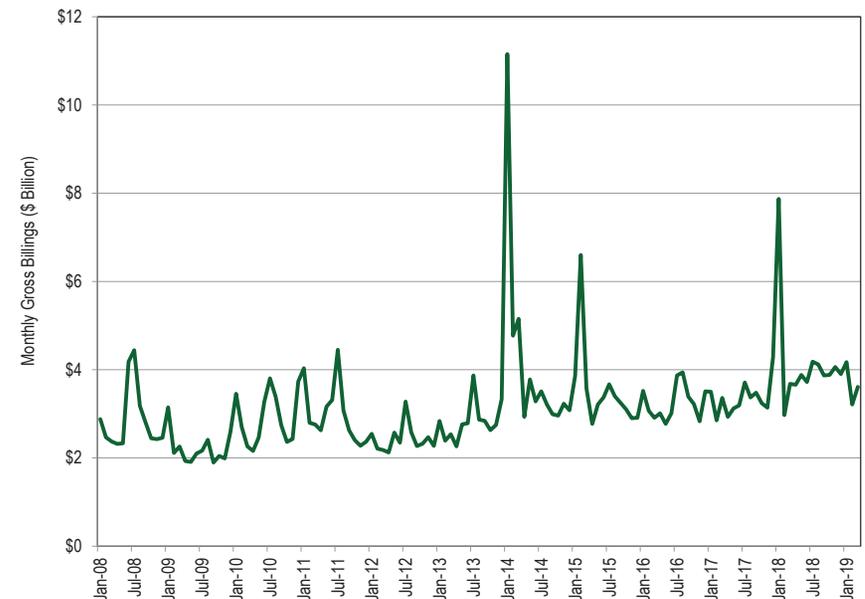
<sup>4</sup> See the *2018 State of the Market Report for PJM*, Volume II, Appendix A: "PJM Geography" for maps showing the PJM footprint and its evolution prior to 2019.

Figure 1-1 PJM's footprint and its 21 control zones



In the first three months of 2019, PJM had total billings of \$10.98 billion, a decrease of 24.4 percent from \$14.52 billion in the first three months of 2018 (Figure 1-2).<sup>5</sup> The total for the first three months of 2018 total was affected by unusually cold January weather.

Figure 1-2 PJM reported monthly billings (\$ Billion): 2008 through March 2019



PJM operates the Day-Ahead Energy Market, the Real-Time Energy Market, the Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) Capacity Market, the Regulation Market, the Synchronized Reserve Market, the Day-Ahead Scheduling Reserve (DASR) Market and the Financial Transmission Rights (FTRs) Markets.

PJM introduced energy pricing with cost-based offers and market-clearing nodal prices on April 1, 1998, and market-clearing nodal prices with market-based offers on April 1, 1999. PJM introduced the Daily Capacity Market on

<sup>5</sup> Monthly and year to date billing values are provided by PJM.

January 1, 1999, and the Monthly and Multimonthly Capacity Markets for the January through May 1999 period. PJM implemented FTRs on May 1, 1999. PJM implemented the Day-Ahead Energy Market and the Regulation Market on June 1, 2000. PJM modified the Regulation Market design and added a market in Synchronized Reserve on December 1, 2002. PJM introduced an Auction Revenue Rights (ARR) allocation process and an associated Annual FTR Auction effective June 1, 2003. PJM introduced the RPM Capacity Market effective June 1, 2007. PJM implemented the DASR Market on June 1, 2008. PJM introduced the Capacity Performance capacity market design effective on August 10, 2015, with the Base Residual Auction for 2018/2019.<sup>6 7</sup>

## Conclusions

This report assesses the competitiveness of the markets managed by PJM in the first three months of 2019, including market structure, participant behavior and market performance. This report was prepared by and represents the analysis of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, also referred to as the Market Monitoring Unit or MMU.

For each PJM market, the market structure is evaluated as competitive or not competitive, and participant behavior is evaluated as competitive or not competitive. Most important, the outcome of each market, market performance, is evaluated as competitive or not competitive.

The MMU also evaluates the market design for each market. The market design serves as the vehicle for translating participant behavior within the market structure into market performance. This report evaluates the effectiveness of the market design of each PJM market in providing market performance consistent with competitive results.

<sup>6</sup> See also the *2018 State of the Market Report for PJM*, Volume 2, Appendix B: "PJM Market Milestones."

<sup>7</sup> Analysis of 2019 market results requires comparison to prior years. During calendar years 2004 and 2005, PJM conducted the phased integration of five control zones: ComEd, American Electric Power (AEP), The Dayton Power & Light Company (DAY), Duquesne Light Company (DLCO) and Dominion. In June 2011, PJM integrated the American Transmission Systems, Inc. (ATS) Control Zone. In January 2012, PJM integrated the Duke Energy Ohio/Kentucky (DEOK) Control Zone. In June 2013, PJM integrated the Eastern Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC). In December 2018, PJM integrated the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC.) By convention, control zones bear the name of a large utility service provider working within their boundaries. The nomenclature applies to the geographic area, not to any single company. For additional information on the integrations, their timing and their impact on the footprint of the PJM service territory prior to 2019, see *2018 State of the Market Report for PJM*, Volume 2, Appendix A: "PJM Geography."

Market structure refers to the cost, demand, and ownership structure of the market. The three pivotal supplier (TPS) test is the most relevant measure of market structure because it accounts for the ownership of assets and the relationship among the pattern of ownership, the resource costs, and the market demand using actual market conditions with both temporal and geographic granularity. Market shares and the related Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) are also measures of market structure.

Participant behavior refers to the actions of individual market participants, also sometimes referred to as participant conduct.

Market performance refers to the outcomes of the market. Market performance results from the behavior of market participants within a market structure, mediated by market design.

Market design means the rules under which the entire relevant market operates, including the software that implements the market rules. Market rules include the definition of the product, the definition of short run marginal cost, rules governing offer behavior, market power mitigation rules, and the definition of demand. Market design is characterized as effective, mixed or flawed. An effective market design provides incentives for competitive behavior and permits competitive outcomes. A mixed market design has significant issues that constrain the potential for competitive behavior to result in competitive market outcomes, and does not have adequate rules to mitigate market power or incent competitive behavior. A flawed market design produces inefficient outcomes which cannot be corrected by competitive behavior.

## Energy Market Conclusion

The Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) analyzed measures of market structure, participant conduct and market performance, including market size, concentration, pivotal suppliers, offer behavior, and price. The MMU concludes that the PJM energy market results were competitive in the first three months of 2019.

**Table 1-2 The Energy Market results were competitive**

Market Element	Evaluation	Market Design
Market Structure: Aggregate Market	Partially Competitive	
Market Structure: Local Market	Not Competitive	
Participant Behavior	Competitive	
Market Performance	Competitive	Effective

- The aggregate market structure was evaluated as partially competitive because the aggregate market power test based on pivotal suppliers indicates that the aggregate day-ahead market structure was not competitive on every day. The hourly HHI (Herfindahl-Hirschman Index) results indicate that the PJM energy market in the first three months of 2019 was unconcentrated by FERC HHI standards in 99 percent of market hours and moderately concentrated in one percent of market hours. Average HHI was 765 with a minimum of 602 and a maximum of 1075 in the first three months of 2019. The PJM energy market peaking segment of supply was highly concentrated. The fact that the average HHI is in the unconcentrated range and the maximum hourly HHI is in the moderately concentrated range does not mean that the aggregate market was competitive in all hours. As demonstrated for the day-ahead market, it is possible to have pivotal suppliers in the aggregate market even when the HHI level is not in the highly concentrated range. It is possible to have an exercise of market power even when the HHI level is not in the highly concentrated range. The number of pivotal suppliers in the energy market is a more precise measure of structural market power than the HHI. The HHI is not a definitive measure of structural market power.
- The local market structure was evaluated as not competitive due to the highly concentrated ownership of supply in local markets created by transmission constraints and local reliability issues. The results of the three pivotal supplier (TPS) test, used to test local market structure, indicate the existence of market power in local markets created by transmission constraints. The local market performance is competitive as a result of the application of the TPS test. While transmission constraints create the potential for the exercise of local market power, PJM's application of the three pivotal supplier test identified local market power and resulted in

offer capping to force competitive offers, correcting for structural issues created by local transmission constraints. There are, however, identified issues with the application of market power mitigation to resources whose owners fail the TPS test that need to be addressed because unit owners can exercise market power even when they fail the TPS test.

- Participant behavior was evaluated as competitive because the analysis of markup shows that marginal units generally make offers at, or close to, their marginal costs in both Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy Markets, although the behavior of some participants both routinely and during periods of high demand represents economic withholding and the markups of those participants affected LMP.
- Market performance was evaluated as competitive because market results in the energy market reflect the outcome of a competitive market, as PJM prices are set, on average, by marginal units operating at, or close to, their marginal costs in both Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy Markets, although high markups for some marginal units did affect prices.
- Market design was evaluated as effective because the analysis shows that the PJM energy market resulted in competitive market outcomes. In general, PJM's energy market design provides incentives for competitive behavior and results in competitive outcomes. In local markets, where market power is an issue, the market design identifies market power and causes the market to provide competitive market outcomes in most cases although issues with the implementation of market power mitigation and development of cost-based offers remain. The role of UTCs in the Day-Ahead Energy Market continues to cause concerns.
- PJM markets are designed to promote competitive outcomes derived from the interaction of supply and demand in each of the PJM markets. Market design itself is the primary means of achieving and promoting competitive outcomes in PJM markets. One of the MMU's primary goals is to identify actual or potential market design flaws.<sup>8</sup> The approach to market power mitigation in PJM has focused on market designs that promote competition (a structural basis for competitive outcomes) and on limiting market power mitigation to instances where the market structure is not

<sup>8</sup> OATT Attachment M (PJM Market Monitoring Plan).

competitive and thus where market design alone cannot mitigate market power. In the PJM energy market, this occurs primarily in the case of local market power. When a transmission constraint creates the potential for local market power, PJM applies a structural test to determine if the local market is competitive, applies a behavioral test to determine if generator offers exceed competitive levels and applies a market performance test to determine if such generator offers would affect the market price.<sup>9</sup> There are, however, identified issues with the application of market power mitigation to resources whose owners fail the TPS test that can result in the exercise of local market power even when market power mitigation rules are applied. These issues need to be addressed. There are issues related to the definition of gas costs includable in energy offers that need to be addressed. There are issues related to the level of variable operating and maintenance expense includable in energy offers that need to be addressed. There are currently no market power mitigation rules in place that limit the ability to exercise market power when aggregate market conditions are tight and there are pivotal suppliers in the aggregate market. Aggregate market power needs to be addressed. Now that generators are allowed to modify offers hourly, market design must reflect appropriate incentives for competitive behavior, the application of local market power mitigation needs to be fixed, the definition of a competitive offer needs to be fixed, and aggregate market power mitigation rules need to be developed. The importance of these issues is amplified by the new rules permitting cost-based offers in excess of \$1,000 per MWh.

## Capacity Market Conclusion

The Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) analyzed market structure, participant conduct and market performance in the PJM Capacity Market, including supply, demand, concentration ratios, pivotal suppliers, volumes, prices, outage rates and reliability.<sup>10</sup> The conclusions are a result of the MMU's evaluation of the last Base Residual Auction, for the 2021/2022 delivery year.

<sup>9</sup> The market performance test means that offer capping is not applied if the offer does not exceed the competitive level and therefore market power would not affect market performance.

<sup>10</sup> The values stated in this report for the RTO and LDAs refer to the aggregate level including all nested LDAs unless otherwise specified. For example, RTO values include the entire PJM market and all LDAs. Rest of RTO values are RTO values net of nested LDA values.

**Table 1-3 The Capacity Market results were not competitive**

Market Element	Evaluation	Market Design
Market Structure: Aggregate Market	Not Competitive	
Market Structure: Local Market	Not Competitive	
Participant Behavior	Not Competitive	
Market Performance	Not Competitive	Mixed

- The aggregate market structure was evaluated as not competitive. For almost all auctions held from 2007 to the present, the PJM region failed the three pivotal supplier test (TPS), which is conducted at the time of the auction.<sup>11</sup> Structural market power is endemic to the capacity market.
- The local market structure was evaluated as not competitive. For almost every auction held, all LDAs have failed the TPS test, which is conducted at the time of the auction.<sup>12</sup>
- Participant behavior was evaluated as not competitive. Market power mitigation measures were applied when the Capacity Market Seller failed the market power test for the auction, the submitted sell offer exceeded the defined offer cap, and the submitted sell offer, absent mitigation, would increase the market clearing price. But the net CONE times B offer cap under the capacity performance design, in the absence of performance assessment hours, exceeds the competitive level and should be reevaluated for each BRA. In the 2021/2022 RPM Base Residual Auction, some participants' offers were above the competitive level. The MMU recognizes that these market participants followed the capacity market rules by offering at less than the stated offer cap of Net CONE times B. But Net CONE times B is not a competitive offer when the expected number of performance assessment intervals is zero or a very small number and the non-performance charge rate is defined as Net CONE/30. Under these circumstances, a competitive offer, under the logic defined in PJM's capacity performance filing, is net ACR. That is the way in which most market participants offered in this and prior capacity performance auctions.

<sup>11</sup> In the 2008/2009 RPM Third Incremental Auction, 18 participants in the RTO market passed the TPS test. In the 2018/2019 RPM Second Incremental Auction, 35 participants in the RTO market passed the test.

<sup>12</sup> In the 2012/2013 RPM Base Residual Auction, six participants included in the incremental supply of EMAAC passed the TPS test. In the 2014/2015 RPM Base Residual Auction, seven participants in the incremental supply in MAAC passed the TPS test.

- Market performance was evaluated as not competitive. Although structural market power exists in the Capacity Market, a competitive outcome can result from the application of market power mitigation rules. The outcome of the 2021/2022 RPM Base Residual Auction was not competitive as a result of participant behavior which was not competitive, specifically offers which exceeded the competitive level.
- Market design was evaluated as mixed because while there are many positive features of the Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) design and the capacity performance modifications to RPM, there are several features of the RPM design which still threaten competitive outcomes. These include the definition of DR which permits inferior products to substitute for capacity, the replacement capacity issue, the definition of unit offer parameters, the inclusion of imports which are not substitutes for internal capacity resources, and the definition of the default offer cap.

## Tier 2 Synchronized Reserve Market Conclusion

The MMU analyzed measures of market structure, conduct and performance for the PJM Synchronized Reserve Market, the PJM DASR Market, and the PJM Regulation Market for the first three months of 2019.

**Table 1-4 The tier 2 synchronized reserve market results were competitive**

Market Element	Evaluation	Market Design
Market Structure: Regional Markets	Not Competitive	
Participant Behavior	Competitive	
Market Performance	Competitive	Mixed

- The tier 2 synchronized reserve market structure was evaluated as not competitive because of high levels of supplier concentration.
- Participant behavior was evaluated as competitive because the market rules require competitive, cost-based offers.
- Market performance was evaluated as competitive because the interaction of participant behavior with the market design results in competitive prices.

- Market design was evaluated as mixed. Market power mitigation rules result in competitive outcomes despite high levels of supplier concentration. However, tier 1 reserves are inappropriately compensated when the nonsynchronized reserve market clears with a nonzero price.

## Day-Ahead Scheduling Reserve Market Conclusion

**Table 1-5 The day-ahead scheduling reserve market results were competitive**

Market Element	Evaluation	Market Design
Market Structure	Not Competitive	
Participant Behavior	Mixed	
Market Performance	Competitive	Mixed

- Although market participants passed the three pivotal supplier test in all cleared hours in the first three months of 2019, the day-ahead scheduling reserve market structure remains evaluated as not competitive based on persistent structural issues.
- Participant behavior was evaluated as mixed because while most offers were equal to marginal costs, a significant proportion of offers reflected economic withholding.
- Market performance was evaluated as competitive because there were adequate offers in every hour to satisfy the requirement and the clearing prices reflected those offers, although there is concern about offers above the competitive level affecting prices. Offers above \$0.00 were part of the clearing price in 96.2 percent of cleared hours when the clearing price was above \$0.00, but the clearing price was greater than \$0.00 in only 78 hours.
- Market design was evaluated as mixed because the DASR product does not include performance obligations. Offers should be based on opportunity cost only, to ensure competitive outcomes and that market power cannot be exercised.

## Regulation Market Conclusion

**Table 1-6 The regulation market results were competitive**

Market Element	Evaluation	Market Design
Market Structure	Not Competitive	
Participant Behavior	Competitive	
Market Performance	Competitive	Flawed

- The regulation market structure was evaluated as not competitive because the PJM Regulation Market failed the three pivotal supplier (TPS) test in 82.4 percent of the hours in the first three months of 2019.
- Participant behavior in the PJM Regulation Market was evaluated as competitive for the first three months of 2019 because market power mitigation requires competitive offers when the three pivotal supplier test is failed and there was no evidence of generation owners engaging in noncompetitive behavior.
- Market performance was evaluated as competitive, despite significant issues with the market design.
- Market design was evaluated as flawed. The market design has failed to correctly incorporate a consistent implementation of the marginal benefit factor in optimization, pricing and settlement. The market results continue to include the incorrect definition of opportunity cost. The result is significantly flawed market signals to existing and prospective suppliers of regulation.

## FTR Auction Market Conclusion

**Table 1-7 The FTR auction markets results were competitive**

Market Element	Evaluation	Market Design
Market Structure	Partially Competitive	
Participant Behavior	Partially Competitive	
Market Performance	Competitive	Flawed

- Market structure was evaluated as partially competitive because while purchasing FTRs in the FTR Auction is voluntary, issues have been identified with the assignment of system capability between ARR and FTRs as well as the accuracy of modeling in the Long Term FTR Auctions. The ownership structure of Long Term FTRs, particularly the three year product, is highly concentrated.
- Participant behavior was evaluated as partially competitive based on the behavior of GreenHat Energy, LLC.
- Market performance was evaluated as competitive because it reflected the interaction between participant demand behavior and the expected system capability that PJM made available for sale as FTRs. It is not clear, in a competitive market, why FTR purchases by financial entities remain persistently profitable. The fact that load is not able to define its willingness to sell FTRs or the prices at which it is willing to sell FTRs also raises questions about the competitive nature of this market.
- Market design was evaluated as flawed because there are significant flaws with the basic ARR/FTR design. The market design is not an efficient or effective way to ensure that all congestion revenues are returned to load. ARR holders' rights to congestion revenues are not defined clearly enough. ARR holders cannot determine the price at which they are willing to sell rights to congestion revenue. Ongoing PJM subjective intervention in the FTR market that affects market fundamentals is also an issue.

## Role of MMU

The FERC assigns three core functions to MMUs: reporting, monitoring and market design.<sup>13</sup> These functions are interrelated and overlap. The PJM Market Monitoring Plan establishes these functions, providing that the MMU is responsible for monitoring; compliance with the PJM Market Rules; actual or potential design flaws in the PJM Market Rules; structural problems in the PJM Markets that may inhibit a robust and competitive market; the actual or potential exercise of market power or violation of the market rules by a Market

<sup>13</sup> 18 CFR § 35.28(g)(3)(ii); see also *Wholesale Competition in Regions with Organized Electric Markets*, Order No. 719, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,281 (2008) ("Order No. 719"), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 719-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,292 (2009), *reh'g denied*, Order No. 719-B, 129 FERC ¶ 61,252 (2009).

Participant; PJM's implementation of the PJM Market Rules or operation of the PJM Markets; and such matters as are necessary to prepare reports.<sup>14</sup>

## Reporting

The MMU performs its reporting function primarily by issuing and filing annual and quarterly state of the market reports; regular reports on market issues; such as RPM auction reports; reports responding to requests from regulators and other authorities; and ad hoc reports on specific topics. The state of the market reports provide a comprehensive analysis of market structure, participant conduct and market performance for the PJM markets. State of the market reports and other reports are intended to inform PJM, the PJM Board, FERC, other regulators, other authorities, market participants, stakeholders and the general public about how well PJM markets achieve the competitive outcomes necessary to realize the goals of regulation through competition, and how the markets can be improved.

The MMU presents reports directly to PJM stakeholders, PJM staff, FERC staff, state commission staff, state commissions, other regulatory agencies and the general public. Report presentations provide an opportunity for interested parties to ask questions, discuss issues, and provide feedback to the MMU.

## Monitoring

To perform its monitoring function, the MMU screens and monitors the conduct of Market Participants under the MMU's broad purview to monitor, investigate, evaluate and report on the PJM Markets.<sup>15</sup> The MMU has direct, confidential access to the FERC.<sup>16</sup> The MMU may also refer matters to the attention of state commissions.<sup>17</sup>

The MMU monitors market behavior for violations of FERC Market Rules and PJM Market Rules, including the actual or potential exercise of market power.<sup>18</sup> The MMU will investigate and refer "Market Violations," which refer

<sup>14</sup> OATT Attachment M § IV; 18 CFR § 1c.2.

<sup>15</sup> OATT Attachment M § IV.

<sup>16</sup> OATT Attachment M § IV.K.3.

<sup>17</sup> OATT Attachment M § IV.H.

<sup>18</sup> OATT § I.1 ("FERC Market Rules" mean the market behavior rules and the prohibition against electric energy market manipulation codified by the Commission in its Rules and Regulations at 18 CFR §§ 1c.2 and 35.37, respectively; the Commission-approved PJM Market Rules and any related proscriptions or any successor rules that the Commission from time to time may issue, approve or otherwise

to any of "a tariff violation, violation of a Commission-approved order, rule or regulation, market manipulation, or inappropriate dispatch that creates substantial concerns regarding unnecessary market inefficiencies..."<sup>19 20 21</sup> The MMU also monitors PJM for compliance with the rules, in addition to market participants.<sup>22</sup>

An important component of the monitoring function is the review of inputs to mitigation. The actual or potential exercise of market power is addressed in part through *ex ante* mitigation rules incorporated in PJM's market clearing software for the energy market, the capacity market and the regulation market. If a market participant fails the TPS test in any of these markets its offer is set to the lower of its price-based or cost-based offer. This prevents the exercise of market power and ensures competitive pricing, provided that the cost-based offer accurately reflects short run marginal cost.

If the cost-based offer does not accurately reflect short run marginal cost, the market power mitigation process does not ensure competitive pricing in PJM markets. The MMU evaluates the fuel cost policy for every unit as well as the other inputs to cost-based offers. PJM Manual 15 does not clearly or accurately describe the short run marginal cost of generation. Manual 15 should be replaced with a straightforward description of the components of cost offers based on short run marginal costs and the correct calculation of cost offers. The MMU evaluates every offer in each capacity market (RPM)

establish... "PJM Market Rules" mean the rules, standards, procedures, and practices of the PJM Markets set forth in the PJM Tariff, the PJM Operating Agreement, the PJM Reliability Assurance Agreement, the PJM Consolidated Transmission Owners Agreement, the PJM Manuals, the PJM Regional Practices Document, the PJM-Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator Joint Operating Agreement or any other document setting forth market rules.")

<sup>19</sup> The FERC defines manipulation as engaging "in any act, practice, or course of business that operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any entity." 18 CFR § 1c.2(a)(3). Manipulation may involve behavior that is consistent with the letter of the rules, but violates their spirit. An example is market behavior that is economically meaningless, such as equal and opposite transactions, which may entitle the transacting party to a benefit associated with volume. Unlike market power or rule violations, manipulation must be intentional. The MMU must build its case, including an inference of intent, on the basis of market data.

<sup>20</sup> OATT § I.1.

<sup>21</sup> The MMU has no prosecutorial or enforcement authority. The MMU notifies the FERC when it identifies a significant market problem or market violation. OATT Attachment M § IV.I.1. If the problem or violation involves a market participant, the MMU discusses the matter with the participant(s) involved and analyzes relevant market data. If that investigation produces sufficient credible evidence of a violation, the MMU prepares a formal referral and thereafter undertakes additional investigation of the specific matter only at the direction of FERC staff. *Id.* If the problem involves an existing or proposed law, rule or practice that exposes PJM markets to the risk that market power or market manipulation could compromise the integrity of the markets, the MMU explains the issue, as appropriate, to the FERC, state regulators, stakeholders or other authorities. The MMU may also participate as a party or provide information or testimony in regulatory or other proceedings.

<sup>22</sup> OATT Attachment M § IV.C.

auction using data submitted to the MMU through web-based data input systems developed by the MMU.<sup>23</sup>

The MMU also reviews operational parameter limits included with unit offers, evaluates compliance with the requirement to offer into the energy and capacity markets, evaluates the economic basis for unit retirement requests and evaluates and compares offers in the Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy Markets.<sup>24 25 26 27</sup>

The MMU reviews offers and inputs in order to evaluate whether those offers raise market power concerns. Market participants, not the MMU, determine and take responsibility for offers that they submit and the market conduct that those offers represent. If the MMU has a concern about an offer, the MMU may raise that concern with the FERC or other regulatory authorities. The FERC and other regulators have enforcement and regulatory authority that they may exercise with respect to offers submitted by market participants. PJM also reviews offers, but it does so in order to determine whether offers comply with the PJM tariff and manuals. PJM, in its role as the market operator, may reject an offer that fails to comply with the market rules. The respective reviews performed by the MMU and PJM are separate and non-sequential.

The PJM Markets monitored by the MMU include market related procurement processes conducted by PJM, such as for Black Start resources included in the PJM system restoration plan.<sup>28 29</sup>

The MMU also monitors transmission planning, interconnections and rules for vertical market power issues, and with the introduction of competitive transmission development policy in Order No. 1000, horizontal market power issues.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>23</sup> OATT Attachment M-Appendix § II.E.  
<sup>24</sup> OATT Attachment M-Appendix § II.B.  
<sup>25</sup> OATT Attachment M-Appendix § II.C.  
<sup>26</sup> OATT Attachment M-Appendix § IV.  
<sup>27</sup> OATT Attachment M-Appendix § VII.  
<sup>28</sup> OATT Attachment M-Appendix § II(p).  
<sup>29</sup> OATT Attachment M-Appendix § III.  
<sup>30</sup> OA Schedule 6 § 1.5.

## Market Design

In order to perform its role in PJM market design, the MMU evaluates existing and proposed PJM Market Rules and the design of the PJM Markets.<sup>31</sup> The MMU initiates and proposes changes to the design of such markets or the PJM Market Rules in stakeholder or regulatory proceedings.<sup>32</sup> In support of this function, the MMU engages in discussions with stakeholders, State Commissions, PJM Management, and the PJM Board; participates in PJM stakeholder meetings or working groups regarding market design matters; publishes proposals, reports or studies on such market design issues; and makes filings with the Commission on market design issues.<sup>33</sup> The MMU also recommends changes to the PJM Market Rules to the staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Market Regulation, State Commissions, and the PJM Board.<sup>34</sup> The MMU may provide in its annual, quarterly and other reports "recommendations regarding any matter within its purview."<sup>35</sup>

## New Recommendations

Consistent with its core function to "[e]valuate existing and proposed market rules, tariff provisions and market design elements and recommend proposed rule and tariff changes,"<sup>36</sup> the MMU recommends specific enhancements to existing market rules and implementation of new rules that are required for competitive results in PJM markets and for continued improvements in the functioning of PJM markets.

In this *2019 Quarterly State of the Market Report for PJM: January through March*, the MMU includes three new recommendations made in the first three months of 2019.<sup>37</sup>

<sup>31</sup> OATT Attachment M § IV.D.

<sup>32</sup> *Id.*

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

<sup>34</sup> *Id.*

<sup>35</sup> OATT Attachment M § VI.A.

<sup>36</sup> 18 CFR § 35.28(g)(3)(ii)(A); see also OATT Attachment M § IV.D.

<sup>37</sup> New recommendations include all MMU recommendations that were reported for the first time in the *2019 Quarterly State of the Market Report for PJM: January through March*.

## New Recommendation from Section 3, Energy Market

- The MMU recommends that PJM not approve temporary exceptions that are based on pipeline tariff terms that are not routinely enforced, and based on inferior transportation service procured by the generator. (Priority: Medium. New recommendation. Status: Not adopted.)

## New Recommendation from Section 5, Capacity Market

- The MMU recommends that the maximum price on the VRR curve be defined as net CONE. (Priority: Medium. New recommendation. Status: Not adopted.)

## New Recommendation from Section 12, Planning

- The MMU recommends, to increase the role of competition, that the exemption of end of life projects from the Order No. 1000 competitive process be terminated and that end of life transmission projects should be subject to a transparent, robust and clearly defined mechanism to permit competition to build such projects. (Priority: Medium. New recommendation. Status: Not adopted.)

## Total Price of Wholesale Power

The total price of wholesale power is the total price per MWh of purchasing wholesale electricity from PJM markets. The total price is an average price and actual prices vary by location. The total price includes the price of energy, capacity, ancillary services, and transmission service, administrative fees, regulatory support fees and uplift charges billed through PJM systems. Table 1-8 shows the average price, by component, for the first three months of 2018 and 2019.

Each of the components is defined in PJM's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) and PJM Operating Agreement and each is collected through PJM's billing system.

## Components of Total Price

- The Energy component is the real-time load-weighted, average PJM locational marginal price (LMP).
- The Capacity component is the average price per MWh of Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) payments.
- The Transmission Service Charges component is the average price per MWh of network integration charges, and firm and nonfirm point to point transmission service.<sup>38</sup>
- The Energy Uplift (Operating Reserves) component is the average price per MWh of day-ahead and balancing operating reserves and synchronous condensing charges.<sup>39</sup>
- The Reactive component is the average cost per MWh of reactive supply and voltage control from generation and other sources.<sup>40</sup>
- The Regulation component is the average cost per MWh of regulation procured through the PJM Regulation Market.<sup>41</sup>
- The PJM Administrative Fees component is the average cost per MWh of PJM's monthly expenses for a number of administrative services, including Advanced Control Center (AC<sup>2</sup>) and OATT Schedule 9 funding of FERC, OPSI, CAPS and the MMU.
- The Transmission Enhancement Cost Recovery component is the average cost per MWh of PJM billed (and not otherwise collected through utility rates) costs for transmission upgrades and projects, including annual recovery for the TrAIL and PATH projects.<sup>42</sup>
- The Capacity (FRR) component is the average cost per MWh under the Fixed Resource Requirement (FRR) Alternative for an eligible LSE to satisfy its Unforced Capacity obligation.<sup>43</sup>
- The Emergency Load Response component is the average cost per MWh of the PJM Emergency Load Response Program.<sup>44</sup>

<sup>38</sup> OATT §§ 13.7, 14.5, 27A & 34.

<sup>39</sup> OA Schedules 1 §§ 3.2.3 & 3.3.3.

<sup>40</sup> OATT Schedule 2 and OA Schedule 1 § 3.2.3B. The line item in Table 1-8 includes all reactive services charges.

<sup>41</sup> OA Schedules 1 §§ 3.2.2, 3.2.2A, 3.3.2, & 3.3.2A; OATT Schedule 3.

<sup>42</sup> OATT Schedule 12.

<sup>43</sup> RAA Schedule 8.1.

<sup>44</sup> OATT PJM Emergency Load Response Program.

- The Day-Ahead Scheduling Reserve component is the average cost per MWh of Day-Ahead scheduling reserves procured through the Day-Ahead Scheduling Reserve Market.<sup>45</sup>
- The Transmission Owner (Schedule 1A) component is the average cost per MWh of transmission owner scheduling, system control and dispatch services charged to transmission customers.<sup>46</sup>
- The Synchronized Reserve component is the average cost per MWh of synchronized reserve procured through the Synchronized Reserve Market.<sup>47</sup>
- The Black Start component is the average cost per MWh of black start service.<sup>48</sup>
- The RTO Startup and Expansion component is the average cost per MWh of charges to recover AEP, ComEd and DAY's integration expenses.<sup>49</sup>
- The NERC/RFC component is the average cost per MWh of NERC and RFC charges, plus any reconciliation charges.<sup>50</sup>
- The Economic Load Response component is the average cost per MWh of day ahead and real time economic load response program charges to LSEs.<sup>51</sup>
- The Transmission Facility Charges component is the average cost per MWh of Ramapo Phase Angle Regulators charges allocated to PJM Mid-Atlantic transmission owners.<sup>52</sup>
- The nonsynchronized reserve component is the average cost per MWh of non-synchronized reserve procured through the Nonsynchronized Reserve Market.<sup>53</sup>
- The Emergency Energy component is the average cost per MWh of emergency energy.<sup>54</sup>

45 OA Schedules 1 § 3.2.3A.01 & OATT Schedule 6.

46 OATT Schedule 1A.

47 OA Schedule 1 § 3.2.3A.01; PJM OATT Schedule 6.

48 OATT Schedule 6A. The line item in Table 1-8 includes all Energy Uplift (Operating Reserves) charges for Black Start.

49 OATT Attachments H-13, H-14 and H-15 and Schedule 13.

50 OATT Schedule 10-NERC and OATT Schedule 10-RFC.

51 OA Schedule 1 § 3.6.

52 OA Schedule 1 § 5.3b.

53 OA Schedule 1 § 3.2.3A.001.

54 OA Schedule 1 § 3.2.6.

Table 1-8 shows that Energy, Capacity and Transmission Charges are the three largest components of the total price per MWh of wholesale power, comprising 97.7 percent of the total price per MWh in the first three months of 2019.

**Table 1-8 Total price per MWh by category: January through March, 2018 and 2019<sup>55 56</sup>**

Category	Jan-Mar 2018 \$/MWh	Jan-Mar 2018 (\$ Millions)	Jan-Mar 2018 Percent of Total	Jan-Mar 2019 \$/MWh	Jan-Mar 2019 (\$ Millions)	Jan-Mar 2019 Percent of Total	Percent Change
Load Weighted Energy	\$49.45	\$9,903	68.9%	\$30.16	\$5,989	54.7%	(39.0%)
Capacity	\$11.23	\$2,248	15.6%	\$13.80	\$2,741	25.0%	23.0%
Capacity	\$11.18	\$2,239	15.6%	\$13.78	\$2,735	25.0%	23.2%
Capacity (FRR)	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Capacity (RMR)	\$0.05	\$9	0.1%	\$0.03	\$5	0.0%	(41.2%)
Transmission	\$9.28	\$1,858	12.9%	\$9.93	\$1,971	18.0%	7.0%
Transmission Service Charges	\$8.58	\$1,719	12.0%	\$9.31	\$1,848	16.9%	8.4%
Transmission Enhancement Cost Recovery	\$0.60	\$120	0.8%	\$0.53	\$105	1.0%	(11.5%)
Transmission Owner (Schedule 1A)	\$0.09	\$19	0.1%	\$0.09	\$18	0.2%	(4.3%)
Transmission Seams Elimination Cost Assignment (SECA)	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Transmission Facility Charges	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Ancillary	\$0.89	\$177	1.2%	\$0.67	\$133	1.2%	(24.5%)
Reactive	\$0.43	\$85	0.6%	\$0.44	\$88	0.8%	4.4%
Regulation	\$0.28	\$56	0.4%	\$0.10	\$20	0.2%	(63.8%)
Black Start	\$0.08	\$17	0.1%	\$0.08	\$16	0.1%	(4.6%)
Synchronized Reserves	\$0.07	\$15	0.1%	\$0.04	\$8	0.1%	(45.5%)
Non-Synchronized Reserves	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Day Ahead Scheduling Reserve (DASR)	\$0.02	\$4	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	(93.3%)
Administration	\$0.52	\$104	0.7%	\$0.51	\$101	0.9%	(1.3%)
PJM Administrative Fees	\$0.48	\$97	0.7%	\$0.48	\$94	0.9%	(1.9%)
NERC/RFC	\$0.03	\$6	0.0%	\$0.03	\$6	0.1%	7.7%
RTO Startup and Expansion	\$0.00	\$1	0.0%	\$0.00	\$1	0.0%	0.0%
Energy Uplift (Operating Reserves)	\$0.38	\$77	0.5%	\$0.10	\$19	0.2%	(74.7%)
Demand Response	\$0.01	\$1	0.0%	\$0.00	\$1	0.0%	(56.7%)
Load Response	\$0.01	\$1	0.0%	\$0.00	\$1	0.0%	(56.7%)
Emergency Load Response	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Emergency Energy	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Price	\$71.74	\$14,367	100.0%	\$55.17	\$10,954	100.0%	(23.1%)
Total Load (GWh)	200,271			198,546			(0.9%)
Total Billing (\$ Billions)	\$14.37			\$10.95			(23.8%)

<sup>55</sup> Note: The totals in this table include after the fact billing adjustments and may not match totals presented in past reports.

<sup>56</sup> The total billing in this table does not match the PJM reported total billing due to differences in calculation methods. For example, PJM accounts for all adjustments in the month billed, whereas the totals presented in these tables account for those adjustments in the month for which the adjustment was applied.

Table 1-9 shows the inflation adjusted average price, by component, for January through March, 2018 and 2019. To obtain the inflation adjusted average prices, the individual components' prices are deflated using the US Consumer Price Index for all items, Urban Consumers (with a base period of January 1998).<sup>57</sup>

**Table 1-9 Inflation adjusted total price per MWh by category: January through March, 2018 and 2019<sup>58</sup>**

Category	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2019	Percent Change
	\$/MWh	(\$ Millions)	Percent of Total	\$/MWh	(\$ Millions)	Percent of Total	
Load Weighted Energy	\$32.17	\$6,442	69.0%	\$19.28	\$3,828	54.7%	(40.1%)
Capacity	\$7.29	\$1,460	15.6%	\$8.82	\$1,751	25.0%	21.0%
Capacity	\$7.26	\$1,454	15.6%	\$8.80	\$1,748	25.0%	21.2%
Capacity (FRR)	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Capacity (RMR)	\$0.03	\$6	0.1%	\$0.02	\$3	0.0%	(41.9%)
Transmission	\$6.03	\$1,207	12.9%	\$6.34	\$1,260	18.0%	5.3%
Transmission Service Charges	\$5.57	\$1,116	12.0%	\$5.95	\$1,181	16.9%	6.7%
Transmission Enhancement Cost Recovery	\$0.39	\$78	0.8%	\$0.34	\$67	1.0%	(13.0%)
Transmission Owner (Schedule 1A)	\$0.06	\$12	0.1%	\$0.06	\$11	0.2%	(5.8%)
Transmission Seams Elimination Cost Assignment (SECA)	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Transmission Facility Charges	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Ancillary	\$0.58	\$115	1.2%	\$0.43	\$85	1.2%	(25.8%)
Reactive	\$0.28	\$55	0.6%	\$0.28	\$56	0.8%	2.7%
Regulation	\$0.18	\$37	0.4%	\$0.06	\$13	0.2%	(64.5%)
Black Start	\$0.05	\$11	0.1%	\$0.05	\$10	0.1%	(6.2%)
Synchronized Reserves	\$0.05	\$10	0.1%	\$0.03	\$5	0.1%	(46.7%)
Non-Synchronized Reserves	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Day Ahead Scheduling Reserve (DASR)	\$0.01	\$3	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	(93.4%)
Administration	\$0.34	\$67	0.7%	\$0.33	\$65	0.9%	(2.9%)
PJM Administrative Fees	\$0.31	\$63	0.7%	\$0.30	\$60	0.9%	(3.5%)
NERC/RFC	\$0.02	\$4	0.0%	\$0.02	\$4	0.1%	5.7%
RTO Startup and Expansion	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Energy Uplift (Operating Reserves)	\$0.25	\$50	0.5%	\$0.06	\$12	0.2%	(75.2%)
Demand Response	\$0.00	\$1	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	(56.4%)
Load Response	\$0.00	\$1	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	(56.4%)
Emergency Load Response	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Emergency Energy	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Price	\$46.65	\$9,342	100.0%	\$35.26	\$7,001	100.0%	(24.4%)
Total Load (GWh)	200,271			198,546			(0.9%)
Total Billing (\$ Billions)	\$9.34			\$7.00			(25.1%)

<sup>57</sup> US Consumer Price Index for all items, Urban Consumers (base period: January 1998), published by *Bureau of Labor Statistics*. <<http://download.bls.gov/pub/time.series/cu/cu.data.1.AllItems>> (April 12, 2019)

<sup>58</sup> Note: The totals in this table include after the fact billing adjustments and may not match totals presented in past reports.

Table 1-10 shows the average price, by component of the total wholesale power price per MWh, for calendar years 1999 through 2018.

**Table 1-10 Total price per MWh by category: 1999 through 2018<sup>59</sup>**

Category	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	\$/MWh																			
Load Weighted Energy	\$34.07	\$30.72	\$36.65	\$31.60	\$41.23	\$44.34	\$63.46	\$53.35	\$61.66	\$71.13	\$39.05	\$48.35	\$45.94	\$35.23	\$38.66	\$53.14	\$36.16	\$29.23	\$30.99	\$38.24
Capacity	\$0.14	\$0.25	\$0.27	\$0.12	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.04	\$0.11	\$3.58	\$7.84	\$10.79	\$12.17	\$10.37	\$6.66	\$7.29	\$9.25	\$11.25	\$10.96	\$11.27	\$13.02
Capacity	\$0.14	\$0.25	\$0.27	\$0.12	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$3.53	\$7.80	\$10.78	\$12.15	\$9.71	\$6.05	\$7.13	\$9.01	\$11.12	\$10.96	\$11.23	\$12.97
Capacity (FRR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.53	\$0.52	\$0.11	\$0.20	\$0.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capacity (RMR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.08	\$0.05	\$0.04	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.13	\$0.08	\$0.06	\$0.04	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	\$0.04	\$0.05
Transmission	\$3.49	\$4.13	\$3.56	\$3.46	\$3.64	\$3.43	\$3.30	\$3.34	\$3.55	\$3.83	\$4.22	\$4.33	\$4.86	\$5.32	\$5.65	\$6.46	\$7.69	\$8.42	\$9.54	\$9.47
Transmission Service Charges	\$3.41	\$4.03	\$3.48	\$3.39	\$3.57	\$3.28	\$2.71	\$3.18	\$3.45	\$3.68	\$4.03	\$4.04	\$4.49	\$4.90	\$5.21	\$5.96	\$7.09	\$7.81	\$8.83	\$8.81
Transmission Enhancement Cost Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.06	\$0.11	\$0.20	\$0.27	\$0.34	\$0.36	\$0.41	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.64	\$0.57
Transmission Owner (Schedule 1A)	\$0.07	\$0.09	\$0.08	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.10	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.10	\$0.09
Transmission Seams Elimination Cost Assignment (SECA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.05	\$0.50	\$0.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.03)	\$0.00
Transmission Facility Charges	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ancillary	\$0.41	\$0.68	\$0.75	\$0.63	\$0.91	\$0.91	\$1.19	\$0.92	\$1.00	\$1.15	\$0.78	\$0.90	\$0.90	\$0.84	\$1.24	\$0.99	\$0.91	\$0.71	\$0.77	\$0.82
Reactive	\$0.26	\$0.29	\$0.22	\$0.20	\$0.24	\$0.26	\$0.26	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.34	\$0.36	\$0.45	\$0.41	\$0.46	\$0.76	\$0.40	\$0.37	\$0.38	\$0.43	\$0.43
Regulation	\$0.15	\$0.39	\$0.53	\$0.42	\$0.50	\$0.51	\$0.80	\$0.53	\$0.63	\$0.70	\$0.34	\$0.36	\$0.32	\$0.26	\$0.25	\$0.33	\$0.23	\$0.11	\$0.14	\$0.18
Black Start	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.04	\$0.14	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.08
Synchronized Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.11	\$0.08	\$0.06	\$0.08	\$0.05	\$0.07	\$0.09	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.12	\$0.11	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.06
Non-Synchronized Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.02
Day Ahead Scheduling Reserve (DASR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.05	\$0.10	\$0.07	\$0.05	\$0.05
Administration	\$0.23	\$0.26	\$0.73	\$0.86	\$1.05	\$1.00	\$0.73	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.41	\$0.34	\$0.39	\$0.40	\$0.46	\$0.45	\$0.46	\$0.47	\$0.46	\$0.52	\$0.50
PJM Administrative Fees	\$0.23	\$0.26	\$0.71	\$0.86	\$1.05	\$0.93	\$0.72	\$0.74	\$0.72	\$0.39	\$0.31	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.43	\$0.42	\$0.43	\$0.43	\$0.43	\$0.48	\$0.47
NERC/RFC	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	(\$0.00)	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03
RTO Startup and Expansion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.06	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Energy Uplift (Operating Reserves)	\$0.52	\$0.93	\$1.27	\$0.72	\$0.89	\$0.95	\$1.07	\$0.47	\$0.65	\$0.64	\$0.48	\$0.80	\$0.78	\$0.74	\$0.55	\$1.11	\$0.38	\$0.17	\$0.14	\$0.23
Demand Response	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.03	\$0.06	\$0.05	\$0.01	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.08	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01
Load Response	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.03	\$0.06	\$0.05	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.03	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01
Emergency Load Response	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emergency Energy	\$0.07	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Price (\$/MWh)</b>	<b>\$38.92</b>	<b>\$36.98</b>	<b>\$43.22</b>	<b>\$37.39</b>	<b>\$47.83</b>	<b>\$50.71</b>	<b>\$69.81</b>	<b>\$58.97</b>	<b>\$71.25</b>	<b>\$85.05</b>	<b>\$55.66</b>	<b>\$66.97</b>	<b>\$63.28</b>	<b>\$49.28</b>	<b>\$53.93</b>	<b>\$71.49</b>	<b>\$56.87</b>	<b>\$49.97</b>	<b>\$53.24</b>	<b>\$62.30</b>
<b>Total Load (GWh)</b>	<b>259,623</b>	<b>264,510</b>	<b>265,398</b>	<b>312,899</b>	<b>327,533</b>	<b>438,874</b>	<b>684,592</b>	<b>696,165</b>	<b>715,524</b>	<b>698,459</b>	<b>666,069</b>	<b>697,391</b>	<b>723,101</b>	<b>764,300</b>	<b>773,790</b>	<b>780,505</b>	<b>776,093</b>	<b>778,269</b>	<b>758,775</b>	<b>791,093</b>
<b>Total Billing (\$ Billions)</b>	<b>\$10.10</b>	<b>\$9.78</b>	<b>\$11.47</b>	<b>\$11.70</b>	<b>\$15.67</b>	<b>\$22.26</b>	<b>\$47.79</b>	<b>\$41.05</b>	<b>\$50.98</b>	<b>\$59.40</b>	<b>\$37.08</b>	<b>\$46.70</b>	<b>\$45.76</b>	<b>\$37.67</b>	<b>\$41.73</b>	<b>\$55.80</b>	<b>\$44.14</b>	<b>\$38.89</b>	<b>\$40.39</b>	<b>\$49.29</b>

<sup>59</sup> Note: The totals in this table include after the fact billing adjustments and may not match totals presented in past reports.

Table 1-11 shows the inflation adjusted average price, by component of the total wholesale power price per MWh, for calendar years 1999 through 2018.<sup>60</sup>

**Table 1-11 Inflation adjusted total price per MWh by category: 1999 through 2018<sup>61</sup>**

Category	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh
Load Weighted Energy	\$33.04	\$28.80	\$33.45	\$28.35	\$36.24	\$37.91	\$52.37	\$42.73	\$48.06	\$53.27	\$29.46	\$35.83	\$33.01	\$24.80	\$26.82	\$36.37	\$24.69	\$19.68	\$20.43	\$24.65
Capacity	\$0.13	\$0.23	\$0.24	\$0.11	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.03	\$0.08	\$2.77	\$5.88	\$8.12	\$9.02	\$7.46	\$4.69	\$5.06	\$6.31	\$7.66	\$7.38	\$7.43	\$8.37
Capacity	\$0.13	\$0.23	\$0.24	\$0.11	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$2.73	\$5.85	\$8.11	\$9.00	\$6.99	\$4.26	\$4.94	\$6.15	\$7.58	\$7.38	\$7.40	\$8.34
Capacity (FRR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.38	\$0.37	\$0.07	\$0.14	\$0.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capacity (RMR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.06	\$0.04	\$0.03	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.09	\$0.06	\$0.04	\$0.03	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	\$0.02	\$0.03
Transmission	\$3.38	\$3.88	\$3.25	\$3.10	\$3.20	\$2.93	\$2.73	\$2.68	\$2.76	\$2.87	\$3.18	\$3.21	\$3.49	\$3.74	\$3.92	\$4.41	\$5.24	\$5.67	\$6.29	\$6.10
Transmission Service Charges	\$3.31	\$3.79	\$3.17	\$3.04	\$3.13	\$2.80	\$2.24	\$2.55	\$2.69	\$2.76	\$3.04	\$2.99	\$3.23	\$3.45	\$3.61	\$4.07	\$4.84	\$5.26	\$5.82	\$5.67
Transmission Enhancement Cost Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$0.08	\$0.15	\$0.20	\$0.24	\$0.25	\$0.28	\$0.34	\$0.35	\$0.42	\$0.37
Transmission Owner (Schedule 1A)	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.07	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.08	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.06
Transmission Seams Elimination Cost Assignment (SECA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$0.41	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.02)	\$0.00
Transmission Facility Charges	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ancillary	\$0.40	\$0.64	\$0.68	\$0.56	\$0.80	\$0.77	\$0.98	\$0.74	\$0.78	\$0.86	\$0.59	\$0.66	\$0.64	\$0.59	\$0.86	\$0.67	\$0.62	\$0.48	\$0.51	\$0.53
Reactive	\$0.25	\$0.27	\$0.20	\$0.18	\$0.21	\$0.22	\$0.21	\$0.23	\$0.23	\$0.25	\$0.27	\$0.33	\$0.29	\$0.32	\$0.53	\$0.27	\$0.25	\$0.26	\$0.28	\$0.28
Regulation	\$0.15	\$0.37	\$0.48	\$0.38	\$0.44	\$0.43	\$0.66	\$0.42	\$0.49	\$0.52	\$0.26	\$0.27	\$0.23	\$0.18	\$0.17	\$0.22	\$0.16	\$0.07	\$0.09	\$0.12
Black Start	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.03	\$0.10	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.06	\$0.05
Synchronized Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.13	\$0.11	\$0.09	\$0.07	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.04	\$0.05	\$0.07	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.04
Non-Synchronized Reserves	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01
Day Ahead Scheduling Reserve (DASR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.04	\$0.03	\$0.04	\$0.03	\$0.07	\$0.05	\$0.03	\$0.03
Administration	\$0.22	\$0.24	\$0.66	\$0.77	\$0.93	\$0.85	\$0.61	\$0.60	\$0.58	\$0.31	\$0.25	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.33	\$0.31	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.31	\$0.34	\$0.32
PJM Administrative Fees	\$0.22	\$0.25	\$0.65	\$0.77	\$0.92	\$0.79	\$0.60	\$0.59	\$0.56	\$0.29	\$0.23	\$0.27	\$0.26	\$0.30	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.32	\$0.30
NERC/RFC	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02
RTO Startup and Expansion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.05	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Energy Uplift (Operating Reserves)	\$0.50	\$0.87	\$1.15	\$0.65	\$0.78	\$0.81	\$0.88	\$0.38	\$0.51	\$0.48	\$0.36	\$0.59	\$0.56	\$0.52	\$0.38	\$0.77	\$0.26	\$0.12	\$0.09	\$0.15
Demand Response	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.05	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00
Load Response	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.05	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emergency Load Response	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emergency Energy	\$0.07	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Price (\$/MWh)	\$37.75	\$34.68	\$39.44	\$33.54	\$42.04	\$43.36	\$57.63	\$47.23	\$55.51	\$63.71	\$41.97	\$49.63	\$45.48	\$34.69	\$37.41	\$48.90	\$38.81	\$33.64	\$35.09	\$40.13
Total Load (GWh)	259,623	264,510	265,398	312,899	327,533	438,874	684,592	696,165	715,524	698,459	666,069	697,391	723,101	764,300	773,790	780,505	776,093	778,269	758,775	791,093
Total Billing (\$ Billions)	\$9.80	\$9.17	\$10.47	\$10.50	\$13.77	\$19.03	\$39.45	\$32.88	\$39.72	\$44.50	\$27.95	\$34.61	\$32.88	\$26.52	\$28.95	\$38.17	\$30.12	\$26.18	\$26.63	\$31.74

<sup>60</sup> US Consumer Price Index for all items, Urban Consumers (base period: January 1998), published by Bureau of Labor Statistics. <<http://download.bls.gov/pub/time.series/cu/cu.data.1.AllItems>> (April 12, 2019)

<sup>61</sup> Note: The totals in this table include after the fact billing adjustments and may not match totals presented in past reports.

Table 1-12 shows the percent of average price, by component of the wholesale power price per MWh, for calendar years 1999 through 2018.

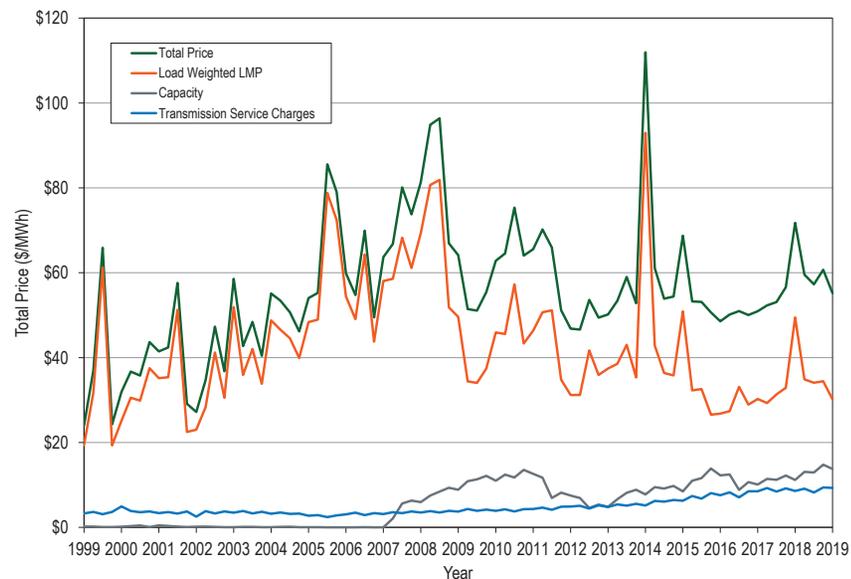
Table 1-12 Percent of total price per MWh by category: 1999 through 2018<sup>62</sup>

Category	Percent of Total Charges 1999	Percent of Total Charges 2000	Percent of Total Charges 2001	Percent of Total Charges 2002	Percent of Total Charges 2003	Percent of Total Charges 2004	Percent of Total Charges 2005	Percent of Total Charges 2006	Percent of Total Charges 2007	Percent of Total Charges 2008	Percent of Total Charges 2009	Percent of Total Charges 2010	Percent of Total Charges 2011	Percent of Total Charges 2012	Percent of Total Charges 2013	Percent of Total Charges 2014	Percent of Total Charges 2015	Percent of Total Charges 2016	Percent of Total Charges 2017	Percent of Total Charges 2018
Load Weighted Energy	87.5%	83.1%	84.8%	84.5%	86.2%	87.4%	90.9%	90.5%	86.5%	83.6%	70.1%	72.2%	72.6%	71.5%	71.7%	74.3%	63.6%	58.5%	58.2%	61.4%
Capacity	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	5.0%	9.2%	19.4%	18.2%	16.4%	13.5%	13.5%	12.9%	19.8%	21.9%	21.2%	20.9%
Capacity	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%	9.2%	19.4%	18.1%	15.4%	12.3%	13.2%	12.6%	19.6%	21.9%	21.1%	20.8%
Capacity (FRR)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Capacity (RMR)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Transmission	9.0%	11.2%	8.2%	9.3%	7.6%	6.8%	4.7%	5.7%	5.0%	4.5%	7.6%	6.5%	7.7%	10.8%	10.5%	9.0%	13.5%	16.9%	17.9%	15.2%
Transmission Service Charges	8.8%	10.9%	8.0%	9.1%	7.5%	6.5%	3.9%	5.4%	4.8%	4.3%	7.2%	6.0%	7.1%	9.9%	9.7%	8.3%	12.5%	15.6%	16.6%	14.1%
Transmission Enhancement Cost Recovery	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%	1.0%	1.2%	0.9%
Transmission Owner (Schedule 1A)	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Transmission Seams Elimination Cost Assignment (SECA)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Transmission Facility Charges	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ancillary	1.1%	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%	1.7%	2.3%	1.4%	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%
Reactive	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%	1.4%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%
Regulation	0.4%	1.1%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Black Start	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Synchronized Reserves	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Non-Synchronized Reserves	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Day Ahead Scheduling Reserve (DASR)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Administration	0.6%	0.7%	1.7%	2.3%	2.2%	2.0%	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	0.8%
PJM Administrative Fees	0.6%	0.7%	1.7%	2.3%	2.2%	1.8%	1.0%	1.3%	1.0%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%
NERC/RFC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
RTO Startup and Expansion	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Energy Uplift (Operating Reserves)	1.3%	2.5%	2.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.5%	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%	1.2%	1.2%	1.5%	1.0%	1.6%	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Demand Response	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Load Response	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Emergency Load Response	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Emergency Energy	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Price	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

<sup>62</sup> Note: The totals in this table include after the fact billing adjustments and may not match totals presented in past reports.

Figure 1-3 shows the contributions of load-weighted energy, capacity and transmission service charges to the total price of wholesale power for each quarter since 1999.

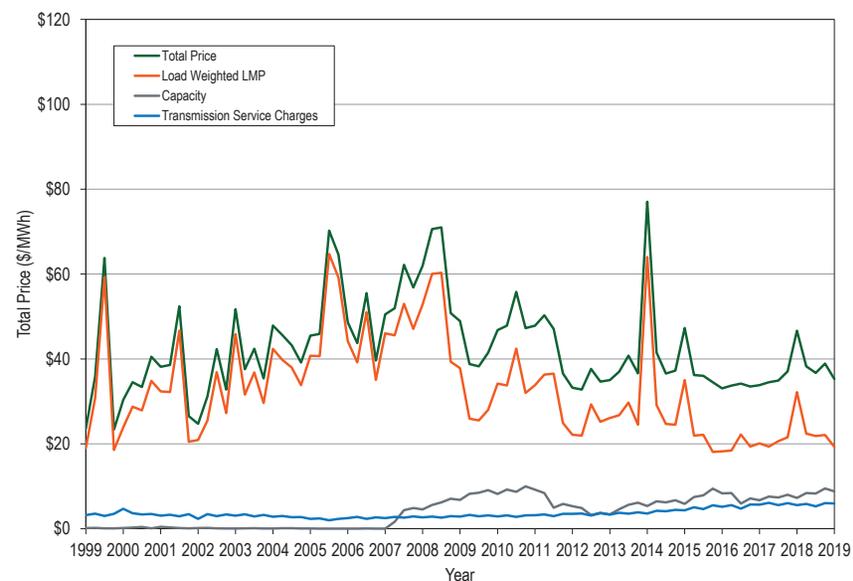
**Figure 1-3 Top three components of quarterly total price (\$/MWh): January 1999 through March 2019<sup>63</sup>**



63 Note: The totals presented in this figure include after the fact billing adjustments and may not match totals presented in past reports.

Figure 1-4 shows the inflation adjusted contributions of load-weighted energy, capacity and transmission service charges to the total price of wholesale power for each quarter since 1999.<sup>64</sup>

**Figure 1-4 Inflation adjusted top three components of quarterly total price (\$/MWh): January 1999 through March 2019<sup>65</sup>**

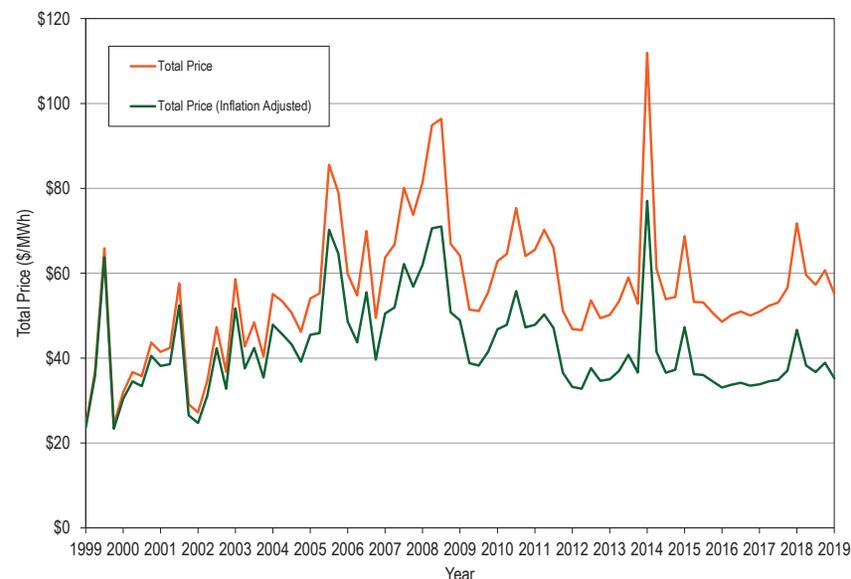


64 US Consumer Price Index for all items, Urban Consumers (base period: January 1998), published by Bureau of Labor Statistics. <<http://download.bls.gov/pub/time.series/cu/cu.data.1.AllItems>> (April 12, 2019)

65 Note: The totals presented in this figure include after the fact billing adjustments and may not match totals presented in past reports.

Figure 1-5 shows the total price of wholesale power and the inflation adjusted total price of wholesale power for each quarter since 1999.<sup>66</sup>

**Figure 1-5 Quarterly total price and quarterly inflation adjusted total price (\$/MWh): January 1999 through March 2019<sup>67 68</sup>**



<sup>66</sup> US Consumer Price Index for all items, Urban Consumers (base period: January 1998), published by Bureau of Labor Statistics. <<http://download.bls.gov/pub/time.series/cu/cu.data.1.AllItems>> (April 12, 2019)

<sup>67</sup> Note: The totals presented in this figure include after the fact billing adjustments and may not match totals presented in past reports.

<sup>68</sup> US Consumer Price Index for all items, Urban Consumers (base period: January 1998), published by Bureau of Labor Statistics. <<http://download.bls.gov/pub/time.series/cu/cu.data.1.AllItems>> (January 11, 2019)

## Section Overviews

### Overview: Section 3, Energy Market

#### Market Structure

- **Supply.** Supply includes physical generation, imports and virtual transactions. The maximum average on peak hourly offered real-time supply was 146,681 MWh for the winter of 2018–2019 and 138,347 MWh for the winter of 2017–2018. In the first three months of 2019, 581.7 MW of new resources were added and 1689.0 MW were retired.

PJM average real-time cleared generation in the first three months of 2019 increased by 1.6 percent from the first three months of 2018, from 95,491 MWh to 97,010 MWh.

PJM average day-ahead cleared supply in the first three months of 2019, including INCs and up to congestion transactions, increased by 1.3 percent from the first three months of 2018, from 120,754 MWh to 122,368 MWh.

- **Aggregate Pivotal Suppliers.** The PJM energy market at times requires generation from pivotal suppliers to meet load, resulting in aggregate market power even when the HHI level indicates that the aggregate market is unconcentrated.
- **Generation Fuel Mix.** In the first three months of 2019, coal units provided 26.9 percent, nuclear units 33.0 percent and natural gas units 33.0 percent of total generation. Compared to the first three months of 2018, generation from coal units decreased 13.1 percent, generation from natural gas units increased 25.3 percent and generation from nuclear units decreased 2.8 percent.
- **Fuel Diversity.** In the first three months of 2019, the fuel diversity of energy generation, measured by the fuel diversity index for energy ( $FDI_e$ ), increased 0.0 percent over the  $FDI_e$  for the first three months of 2018.
- **Marginal Resources.** In the PJM Real-Time Energy Market, in the first three months of 2019, coal units were 26.9 percent and natural gas units were 70.4 percent of marginal resources. In the first three months of 2018, coal units were 30.4 percent and natural gas units were 58.3 percent of

marginal resources. Among the natural gas units that were marginal in the first three months of 2019, nearly 94 percent were combined cycle units.

In the PJM Day-Ahead Energy Market, in the first three months of 2019, up to congestion transactions were 59.9 percent, INCs were 11.9 percent, DECs were 16.7 percent, and generation resources were 11.4 percent of marginal resources. In the first three months of 2018, up to congestion transactions were 76.1 percent, INCs were 6.2 percent, DECs were 10.1 percent, and generation resources were 7.5 percent of marginal resources.

- **Demand.** Demand includes physical load and exports and virtual transactions. The PJM accounting peak load in the first three months of 2019 was 134,060 MWh in the HE 0800 on January 31, 2019 which was 209 MWh, 0.2 percent, higher than the PJM peak load for the first three months of 2018, which was 133,851 MWh in the HE 1900 on January 05, 2018.

PJM average real-time demand in the first three months of 2019 decreased by 0.9 percent from the first three months of 2018, from 86,618 MWh to 90,307 MWh. PJM average day-ahead demand in the first three months of 2019, including DECs and up to congestion transactions, increased by 0.5 percent from the first three months of 2018, from 116,635 MWh to 117,251 MWh.

- **Supply and Demand: Load and Spot Market.** Companies that serve load in PJM do so using a combination of self-supply, bilateral market purchases and spot market purchases. For the first three months of 2019, 14.3 percent of real-time load was supplied by bilateral contracts, 28.6 percent by spot market purchases and 58.1 percent by self-supply. Compared to the first three months of 2018, reliance on bilateral contracts increased by 2.0 percentage points, reliance on spot market purchases decreased by 1.6 percentage points and reliance on self-supply decreased by 0.4 percentage points.

## Market Behavior

- **Offer Capping for Local Market Power.** PJM offer caps units when the local market structure is noncompetitive. Offer capping is an effective means of addressing local market power when the rules are designed and implemented properly. Offer capping levels have historically been low in PJM. In the Day-Ahead Energy Market, for units committed to provide energy for local constraint relief, offer-capped unit hours increased from 0.1 percent in the first three months of 2018 to 0.2 percent in the first three months of 2019. In the Real-Time Energy Market, for units committed to provide energy for local constraint relief, offer-capped unit hours decreased from 1.0 percent in the first three months of 2018 to 0.6 percent in the first three months of 2019. While overall offer capping levels have been low, there are a significant number of units with persistent structural local market power that would have a significant impact on prices in the absence of local market power mitigation.

In the first three months of 2019, 11 control zones experienced congestion resulting from one or more constraints binding for 25 or more hours. The analysis of the application of the TPS test to local markets demonstrates that it is working successfully to identify pivotal owners when the market structure is noncompetitive and to ensure that owners are not subject to offer capping when the market structure is competitive. There are, however, identified issues with the application of market power mitigation to resources whose owners fail the TPS test that can result in the exercise of local market power. These issues need to be addressed.

- **Offer Capping for Reliability.** PJM also offer caps units that are committed for reliability reasons, including for reactive support. In the Day-Ahead Energy Market, for units committed for reliability reasons, offer-capped unit hours remained at 0.0 percent in the first three months of 2018 and 2019. In the Real-Time Energy Market, for units committed for reliability reasons, offer-capped unit hours decreased from 0.1 percent in the first three months of 2018 to 0.0 percent in the first three months of 2019.
- **Markup Index.** The markup index is a summary measure of participant offer behavior for individual marginal units. In the first three months of

2019, in the PJM Real-Time Energy Market, 96.6 percent of marginal units had offer prices less than \$50 per MWh. The average dollar markup of units with offer prices less than \$25 was positive (\$0.76 per MWh) when using unadjusted cost-based offers. The average dollar markup of units with offer prices between \$25 and \$50 was positive (\$1.36 per MWh) when using unadjusted cost-based offers. Negative markup means the unit is offering to run at a price less than its cost-based offer, demonstrating a revealed short run marginal cost that is less than the allowable cost-based offer under the PJM market rules. Some marginal units did have substantial markups. Using the unadjusted cost-based offers, the highest markup for any marginal unit in the first three months of 2019 was more than \$300 per MWh while the highest markup in the first three months of 2018 was more than \$500 per MWh. During the period of cold weather and high demand in January 2018, several units in the PJM market were offered with high markups.

In the first three months of 2019, in the PJM Day-Ahead Energy Market, 97.6 percent of marginal generating units had offer prices less than \$50 per MWh. The average dollar markup of units with offer prices less than \$25 was positive (\$0.82 per MWh) when using unadjusted cost-based offers. The average dollar markup of units with offer prices between \$25 and \$50 was positive (\$1.52 per MWh) when using unadjusted cost-based offers. Using the unadjusted cost-based offers, the highest markup for any marginal unit in the first three months of 2019 was about \$90 per MWh, while the highest markup in the first three months of 2018 was \$200 per MWh.

- **Markup.** The markup frequency distributions show that a significant proportion of units make price-based offers less than the cost-based offers permitted under the PJM market rules. This behavior means that competitive price-based offers reveal actual unit marginal costs and that PJM market rules permit the inclusion of costs in cost-based offers that are not short run marginal costs.

The markup behavior shown in the markup frequency distributions also shows that a substantial number of units were offered with high markups,

consistent with the exercise of market power. Markup for gas fired units decreased in the first three months of 2019.

- **Frequently Mitigated Units (FMU) and Associated Units (AU).** A new FMU rule became effective November 1, 2014, limiting the availability of FMU adders to units with net revenues less than unit going forward costs. The number of units that were eligible for an FMU or AU adder declined from an average of 70 units during the first 11 months of 2014, to zero since December 2014.
- **Virtual Offers and Bids.** Any market participant in the PJM Day-Ahead Energy Market can use increment offers, decrement bids, up to congestion transactions, import transactions and export transactions as financial instruments that do not require physical generation or load. In the first three months of 2019, the average hourly increment offers submitted and cleared MW increased by 1.4 percent and 6.9 percent, from 6,100 MW and 2,745 MW in the first three months of 2018 to 6,185 MW and 2,936 MW in the first three months of 2019. The hourly average submitted decrement MW decreased by 7.5 percent and cleared decrement MW increased by 37.3 percent, from 7,265 MW and 2,580 MW in the first three months of 2018 to 6,717 MW and 3,542 MW in the first three months of 2019. The average hourly up to congestion submitted and cleared MW decreased by 15.3 percent and 0.1 percent, from 81,851 MW and 21,744 MW in the first three months of 2018 to 69,366 MW and 21,727 MW in the first three months of 2019.
- **Generator Offers.** Generator offers are categorized as dispatchable and self scheduled. Units which are available for economic dispatch are dispatchable. Units which are self scheduled to generate fixed output are categorized as self scheduled. Units which are self scheduled at their economic minimum and are available for economic dispatch up to their economic maximum are categorized as self scheduled and dispatchable. Of all generator offers by MW in the first three months of 2019, 28.7 percent were offered as available for economic dispatch, 30.9 percent were offered at their economic minimum, 4.3 percent were offered as emergency dispatch, 15.0 percent were offered as self scheduled, and 22.4 percent were offered as self scheduled and dispatchable.

## Market Performance

- **Prices.** PJM LMPs are a direct measure of market performance. Price level is a good, general indicator of market performance, although the number of factors influencing the overall level of prices means it must be analyzed carefully. Among other things, overall average prices reflect changes in supply and demand, generation fuel mix, the cost of fuel, emissions related expenses, markup and local price differences caused by congestion. PJM also may administratively set prices with the creation of closed loop interfaces related to demand side resources or reactive power, the application of transmission penalty factors, or the application of price setting logic.

PJM real-time energy market prices decreased in the first three months of 2019 compared to the first three months of 2018. The load-weighted, average real-time LMP was 39.0 percent lower in the first three months of 2019 than in the first three months of 2018, \$30.16 per MWh versus \$49.45 per MWh.

PJM day-ahead energy market prices decreased in the first three months of 2019 compared to the first three months of 2018. The load-weighted, average day-ahead LMP was 35.3 percent lower in the first three months of 2019 than in the first three months of 2018, \$30.76 per MWh versus \$47.55 per MWh.

- **Components of LMP.** In the PJM Real-Time Energy Market, in the first three months of 2019, 25.2 percent of the load-weighted LMP was the result of coal costs, 46.5 percent was the result of gas costs and 0.79 percent was the result of the cost of emission allowances.

In the PJM Day-Ahead Energy Market, in the first three months of 2019, 23.4 percent of the load-weighted LMP was the result of coal costs, 22.5 percent was the result of gas costs, 20.2 percent was the result of DEC bids, 18.3 percent was the result of INC offers, and 2.3 percent was the result of up to congestion transaction offers.

- **Markup.** The markup conduct of individual owners and units has an identifiable impact on market prices. Markup is a key indicator of the competitiveness of the energy market.

In the PJM Real-Time Energy Market in the first three months of 2019, the unadjusted markup component of LMP was \$2.23 per MWh or 7.4 percent of the PJM load-weighted, average LMP. February had the highest unadjusted peak markup component, \$3.05 per MWh, or 10.3 percent of the real-time, off peak hour load-weighted, average LMP. There were 14 hours in the first three months of 2019 where the positive markup contribution to the PJM system wide, load-weighted, average LMP exceeded \$40.00 per MWh.

In the PJM Day-Ahead Energy Market, INCs, DECs and UTCs have zero markups. In the first three months of 2019, the unadjusted markup component of LMP resulting from generation resources was \$0.67 per MWh or 2.2 percent of the PJM day-ahead load-weighted average LMP. January had the highest unadjusted peak markup component, \$1.64 per MWh.

Participant behavior was evaluated as competitive because the analysis of markup shows that marginal units generally make offers at, or close to, their marginal costs in both the Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy Markets, although the behavior of some participants represents economic withholding.

- **Price Convergence.** Hourly and daily price differences between the Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy Markets fluctuate continuously and substantially from positive to negative. The difference between the average day-ahead and real-time prices was \$1.07 per MWh in the first three months of 2018 and -\$0.52 per MWh in the first three months of 2019. The difference between average day-ahead and real-time prices, by itself, is not a measure of the competitiveness or effectiveness of the Day-Ahead Energy Market.

## Scarcity

- There were thirteen intervals with five minute shortage pricing on nine days in the first three months of 2019. In all thirteen intervals, shortage pricing was triggered due to synchronized reserves being short of the extended synchronized reserve requirement in the RTO and MAD reserve

zones. There were no intervals with primary reserve shortage in the first three months of 2019.

- There were 622 five minute intervals, or 2.4 percent of all five minute intervals in the first three months of 2019 for which at least one solved SCED case showed a shortage of reserves, and 288 five minute intervals, or 1.1 percent of all five minute intervals in the first three months of 2019 for which more than one solved SCED case showed a shortage of reserves. PJM operators used only thirteen RT SCED cases that showed a shortage of reserves in LPC to calculate real-time LMPs and ancillary service prices.
- In the first three months of 2019, PJM did not declare any emergency actions that triggered Performance Assessment Intervals (PAI).

## Section 3 Recommendations

### Market Power

- The MMU recommends that the market rules explicitly require that offers in the Day-Ahead Energy Market be competitive, where competitive is defined to be the short run marginal cost of the units. The short run marginal cost should reflect opportunity cost when and where appropriate. The MMU recommends that the level of incremental costs includable in cost-based offers not exceed the short run marginal cost of the unit. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2009. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM require that all fuel cost policies be algorithmic, verifiable, and systematic, and accurately reflect short run marginal costs. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the tariff be changed to allow units to have Fuel Cost Policies that do not include fuel procurement practices, including fuel contracts. Fuel procurement practices, including fuel contracts, may be used as the basis for Fuel Cost Policies but should not be required. (Priority: Low. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM change the Fuel Cost Policy requirement to apply only to units that will be offered with non-zero cost-based offers. The PJM market rules should require that the cost-based offers of units without an approved Fuel Cost Policy be set to zero. (Priority: Low. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that Manual 15 (Cost Development Guidelines) be replaced with a straightforward description of the components of cost-based offers based on short run marginal costs and the correct calculation of cost-based offers. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends removal of all use of FERC System of Accounts in the Cost Development Guidelines. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends the removal of all use of cyclic starting and peaking factors from the Cost Development Guidelines. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends the removal of all labor costs from the Cost Development Guidelines. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends changing the definition of the start heat input for combined cycles to include only the amount of fuel used from firing each combustion turbine in the combined cycle to the breaker close of each combustion turbine. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends the removal of nuclear fuel and nonfuel operations and maintenance costs that are not short run marginal costs from the Cost Development Guidelines. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends revising the pumped hydro fuel cost calculation to include day-ahead and real-time power purchases. (Priority: Low. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends revisions to the calculation of energy market opportunity costs to incorporate all time based offer parameters and all limitations that impact the opportunity cost of generating unit output. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Adopted, 2018.)
- The MMU recommends removing the catastrophic designation for force majeure fuel supply limitations in Schedule 2. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the rules governing the application of the TPS test be clarified and documented. The TPS test application in the Day-Ahead Energy Market is not documented. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM require every market participant to make available at least one cost schedule based on the same hourly fuel type(s) and parameters at least as flexible as their offered price schedule. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends, in order to ensure effective market power mitigation when the TPS test is failed, that markup be constant across the full MWh range of price and cost-based offers. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that in order to ensure effective market power mitigation when the TPS test is failed, the operating parameters in the cost-based offer and the price-based parameter limited schedule (PLS) offer be at least as flexible as the operating parameters in the available price-based non-PLS offer, and that the price-MW pairs in the price-based PLS offer be exactly equal to the price-based non-PLS offer. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM retain the \$1,000 per MWh offer cap in the PJM energy market except when cost-based offers exceed \$1,000 per MWh, and retain other existing rules that limit incentives to exercise market power. (Priority: High. First reported 1999. Status: Partially adopted, 1999, 2017.)
- The MMU recommends the elimination of FMU and AU adders. FMU and AU adders no longer serve the purpose for which they were created and

interfere with the efficient operation of PJM markets. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2012. Status: Partially adopted, 2014.)

- The MMU recommends that Market Sellers not be allowed to designate any portion of an available Capacity Resource's ICAP equivalent of cleared UCAP capacity commitment as a Maximum Emergency offer at any time during the delivery year.<sup>69</sup> (Priority: Medium. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)

### Capacity Performance Resources

- The MMU recommends that capacity performance resources and base capacity resources (during the June through September period) be held to the OEM operating parameters of the capacity market CONE reference resource for performance assessment and energy uplift payments and that this standard be applied to all technologies on a uniform basis. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the parameters which determine nonperformance charges and the amounts of uplift payments should reflect the flexibility goals of the capacity performance construct. The operational parameters used by generation owners to indicate to PJM operators what a unit is capable of during the operating day should not determine capacity performance assessment or uplift payments. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM not allow nuclear generators which do not respond to prices or which only respond to manual instructions from the dispatcher to set the LMPs in the real-time market. (Priority: Low. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM document how LMPs are calculated when demand response is marginal. (Priority: Low. First reported 2014. Status: Not Adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM not include the balancing ratios calculated for localized Performance Assessment Intervals (PAIs) in the capacity market default offer cap, and only include those events that

<sup>69</sup> This recommendation was accepted by PJM and filed with FERC in 2014 as part of the capacity performance updates to the RPM. See Schedule 1, Section 1.10.1A(d), Revisions to the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff and PJM Operating Agreement (Marked/Redline Format), EL15-29-000 (December 12, 2014). FERC rejected the proposed change. See 151 FERC ¶ 61,208 at P 476 (2015).

trigger emergencies for at least a defined sub-zonal or zonal level. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that PJM clearly define the business rules that apply to the unit specific parameter adjustment process, including PJM's implementation of the tariff rules in the PJM manuals to ensure market sellers know the requirements for their resources. (Priority: Low. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM update the tariff to clarify that all generation resources are subject to unit specific parameter limits on their cost-based offers using the same standard and process as capacity performance capacity resources. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM institute rules to assess a penalty for resources that choose to submit real-time values that are less flexible than their unit specific parameter limits or approved parameter limit exceptions based on tariff defined reasons. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM not approve temporary exceptions that are based on pipeline tariff terms that are not routinely enforced, and based on inferior transportation service procured by the generator. (Priority: Medium. New recommendation. Status: Not adopted.)

### Accurate System Modeling

- The MMU recommends that PJM explicitly state its policy on the use of transmission penalty factors including: the level of the penalty factors; the triggers for the use of the penalty factors; the appropriate line ratings to trigger the use of penalty factors; the allowed duration of the violation; the use of constraint relaxation logic; and when the transmission penalty factors will be used to set the shadow price. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM routinely review all transmission facility ratings and any changes to those ratings to ensure that the normal, emergency and load dump ratings used in modeling the transmission

system are accurate and reflect standard ratings practice. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Partially adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that PJM update the outage impact studies, the reliability analyses used in RPM for capacity deliverability, and the reliability analyses used in RTEP for transmission upgrades to be consistent with the more conservative emergency operations (post contingency load dump limit exceedance analysis) in the energy market that were implemented in June 2013. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM include in the tariff or appropriate manual an explanation of the initial creation of hubs, the process for modifying hub definitions and a description of how hub definitions have changed.<sup>70 71</sup> (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that all buses with a net withdrawal be treated as load for purposes of calculating load and load-weighted LMP, even if the MW are settled to the generator. The MMU recommends that during hours when a load bus shows a net injection, the energy injection be treated as generation, not negative load, for purposes of calculating generation and load-weighted LMP, even if the injection MW are settled to the load serving entity. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM identify and collect data on available behind the meter generation resources, including nodal location information and relevant operating parameters. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM increase the interaction of outage and operational restrictions data submitted by Market Participants via eDART/eGADs and offer data submitted via Markets Gateway. (Priority: Low. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)

<sup>70</sup> According to minutes from the first meeting of the Energy Market Committee (EMC) on January 28, 1998, the EMC unanimously agreed to be responsible for approving additions, deletions and changes to the hub definitions to be published and modeled by PJM. Since the EMC has become the Market Implementation Committee (MIC), the MIC now appears to be responsible for such changes.

<sup>71</sup> There is currently no PJM documentation in the tariff or manuals explaining how hubs are created and how their definitions are changed. The general definition of a hub can be found in the PJM.com Glossary <<http://www.pjm.com/Glossary.aspx>>.

## Transparency

- The MMU recommends that PJM market rules require the fuel type be identified for every price and cost schedule and PJM market rules remove nonspecific fuel types such as other or co-fire other from the list of fuel types available for market participants to identify the fuel type associated with their price and cost schedules. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM continue to enhance its posting of market data to promote market efficiency. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2005. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM clearly define the criteria for operator approval of RT SCED cases used to send dispatch signals to resources, and for pricing, to minimize operator discretion and implement a rule based approach. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

## Section 3 Conclusion

The MMU analyzed key elements of PJM energy market structure, participant conduct and market performance in the first three months of 2019, including aggregate supply and demand, concentration ratios, aggregate pivotal supplier results, local three pivotal supplier test results, offer capping, participation in demand response programs, loads and prices.

PJM average real-time cleared generation increased by 1,519 MWh, 1.6 percent, and peak load increased by 209 MWh, 0.2 percent, in the first three months of 2019 compared to the first three months of 2018. The relationship between supply and demand, regardless of the specific market, balanced by market concentration and the extent of pivotal suppliers, is referred to as the supply-demand fundamentals or economic fundamentals. The market structure of the PJM aggregate energy market is partially competitive because aggregate market power does exist for a significant number of hours. The HHI is not a definitive measure of structural market power. The number of pivotal suppliers in the energy market is a more precise measure of structural market power than the HHI. It is possible to have pivotal suppliers in the aggregate

market even when the HHI level is not in the highly concentrated range. The current market power mitigation rules for the PJM energy market rely on the assumption that the ownership structure of the aggregate market ensures competitive outcomes. This assumption requires that the total demand for energy can be met without the supply from any individual supplier or without the supply from a small group of suppliers. This assumption is not correct. There are pivotal suppliers in the aggregate energy market at times. High markups for some units demonstrate the potential to exercise market power both routinely and during high demand conditions. The existing market power mitigation measures do not address aggregate market power. The MMU is developing an aggregate market power test and will propose market power mitigation rules to address aggregate market power.

The three pivotal supplier test is applied by PJM on an ongoing basis for local energy markets in order to determine whether offer capping is required for transmission constraints.<sup>72</sup> However, there are some issues with the application of market power mitigation in the Day-Ahead Energy Market and the Real-Time Energy Market when market sellers fail the TPS test. These issues can be resolved by simple rule changes.

The enforcement of market power mitigation rules is undermined if the definition of a competitive offer is not correct. A competitive offer is equal to short run marginal costs. The significance of competition metrics like markup is also undermined if the definition of a competitive offer is not correct. The definition of a competitive offer, as interpreted by PJM, is not currently correct. Some unit owners include costs that are not short run marginal costs in offers, including maintenance costs. This issue can be resolved by simple rule changes to incorporate a clear and accurate definition of short run marginal costs.

Prices are a key outcome of markets. Prices vary across hours, days and years for multiple reasons. Price is an indicator of the level of competition in a market although individual prices are not always easy to interpret. In a competitive market, prices are directly related to the marginal cost to serve load in each market interval. The pattern of prices within days and across

<sup>72</sup> The MMU reviews PJM's application of the TPS test and brings issues to the attention of PJM.

months and years illustrates how prices are directly related to supply and demand conditions and thus also illustrates the potential significance of the impact of the price elasticity of demand on prices. Energy market results in the first three months of 2019 generally reflected supply-demand fundamentals, although the behavior of some participants both routinely and during high demand periods represents economic withholding. Economic withholding is the ability to increase markups substantially in tight market conditions. There are additional issues in the energy market including the uncertainties about the pricing and availability of natural gas, the way that generation owners incorporate natural gas costs in offers, and the lack of adequate incentives for unit owners to take all necessary actions to acquire fuel and operate rather than economically withhold or physically withhold.

Prices in PJM are not too low. There is no evidence to support the need for a significant change to the calculation of LMP. The underlying problem that fast start pricing and PJM's reserve pricing approach are attempting to address is actually scarcity pricing, including the impact of operator actions on the definition of scarcity. Prices do not reflect market conditions when the market is tight. Rather than undercutting the basic LMP logic that is core to market efficiency, it would make more sense to directly address scarcity pricing, operator actions and the design of reserve markets. Targeted increases to the demand for reserves when the market is tight would address price formation in the energy market.

When the real-time security constrained economic dispatch (RT SCED) solution does indicate a shortage of reserves, it should be used in calculating real-time prices. There are significant issues with operator discretion and reluctance to approve RT SCED cases indicating shortage of reserves, and in using these cases to calculate prices. While it is appropriate for operators to ensure that cases that use erroneous inputs are not approved and not allowed to set prices, it is essential that operator discretion not extend beyond what is necessary and that operator discretion not prevent shortage pricing when there are shortage conditions. There are also issues with the alignment of SCED cases used for resource dispatch and the SCED cases used to calculate real-time prices. PJM should fix its current operating practices and ensure transparency

regarding approval of SCED cases for resource dispatch and pricing so that market participants can have confidence in the market design to produce accurate and efficient price signals. These issues are even more critical now that PJM settles real-time energy transactions on a five minute basis.

The objective of efficient short run price signals is to minimize system production costs, not to minimize uplift. Repricing the market to reflect commitment costs would create a tradeoff between minimizing production costs and reduction of uplift. The tradeoff would exist because when commitment costs are included in prices, the price signal no longer equals the short run marginal cost and therefore no longer provides the correct signal for efficient behavior for market participants making decisions on the margin, whether resources, load, interchange transactions, or virtual traders. This tradeoff would be created by PJM's fast start pricing proposal and in a much more extensive form by PJM's convex hull pricing proposal and reserve pricing proposal.

The fast start pricing and convex hull solutions would undercut LMP logic rather than directly addressing the underlying issues. The solution is not to accept that the inflexible CT should be paid or set price-based on its commitment costs rather than its short run marginal costs. The question of why units make inflexible offers should be addressed directly. Are units inflexible because they are old and inefficient, because owners have not invested in increased flexibility or because they serve as a mechanism for the exercise of market power? The question of why this unit was built, whether it was built under cost of service regulation and whether it is efficient to retain the unit should be answered directly. The question of how to provide market incentives for investment in flexible units and for investment in increased flexibility of existing units should be addressed directly. The question of whether inflexible units should be paid uplift at all should be addressed directly. Marginal cost pricing without paying excess uplift to inflexible units would create incentives for market participants to provide flexible solutions including replacing inefficient units with flexible, efficient units.

With or without a capacity market, energy market design must permit scarcity pricing when such pricing is consistent with market conditions and constrained by reasonable rules to ensure that market power is not exercised. Scarcity pricing can serve two functions in wholesale power markets: revenue adequacy and price signals. Scarcity pricing for revenue adequacy is not required in PJM. Scarcity pricing for price signals that reflect market conditions during periods of scarcity is required in PJM. Scarcity pricing is also part of an appropriate incentive structure facing both load and generation owners in a working wholesale electric power market design. Scarcity pricing must be designed to ensure that market prices reflect actual market conditions, that scarcity pricing occurs with transparent triggers based on measured reserve levels and transparent prices, that scarcity pricing only occurs when scarcity exists, and that there are strong incentives for competitive behavior and strong disincentives to exercise market power. Such administrative scarcity pricing is a key link between energy and capacity markets.

The PJM Capacity Market is explicitly designed to provide revenue adequacy and the resultant reliability. However, the explicit balancing mechanism that included net revenues directly in unit offers in the prior capacity market design is not present in the Capacity Performance design. The nature of a direct and explicit energy pricing net revenue true up mechanism in the capacity market should be addressed if energy revenues are expected to increase as a result of scarcity events, as a result of increased demand for reserves, or as a result of PJM's inappropriate proposals related to fast start pricing and the inclusion of maintenance expenses as short run marginal costs. The true up mechanism must address both cleared auctions and subsequent auctions. There are also significant issues with PJM's scarcity pricing rules, including the absence of a clear trigger based on measured reserve levels (the current triggers are based on estimated reserves) and the lack of adequate locational scarcity pricing options.

The overall energy market results support the conclusion that energy prices in PJM are set, generally, by marginal units operating at, or close to, their marginal costs, although this was not always the case in the first three months of 2019 or prior years. This is evidence of generally competitive behavior

and competitive market outcomes, although the behavior of some participants represents economic withholding. Given the structure of the energy market which can permit the exercise of aggregate market power, the change in some participants' behavior is a source of concern in the energy market and provides a reason to use correctly defined short run marginal cost as the sole basis for cost-based offers and a reason for implementing an aggregate market power test. The MMU concludes that the PJM energy market results were competitive in the first three months of 2019.

## Overview: Section 4, Energy Uplift

### Energy Uplift Credits

- **Types of credits.** In the first three months of 2019, energy uplift credits were \$19.6 million, including \$4.1 million in day-ahead generator credits, \$11.5 million in balancing generator credits, \$1.4 million in lost opportunity cost credits, and \$2.4 million in local constraint control credits.
- **Types of units.** Coal units received 83.8 percent of all day-ahead generator credits. Combustion turbines received 79.8 percent of all balancing generator credits and 70.6 percent of lost opportunity cost credits.
- **Economic and Noneconomic Generation.** In the first three months of 2019, 80.0 percent of the day-ahead generation eligible for operating reserve credits was economic and 66.1 percent of the real-time generation eligible for operating reserve credits was economic.
- **Day-Ahead Unit Commitment for Reliability.** In the first three months of 2019, 0.2 percent of the total day-ahead generation MWh was scheduled as must run by PJM, of which 65.9 percent received energy uplift payments.
- **Concentration of Energy Uplift Credits.** The top 10 units receiving energy uplift credits received 30.8 percent of all credits. The top 10 organizations received 83.2 percent of all credits. The HHI for day-ahead operating reserves was 8509, the HHI for balancing operating reserves was 4049 and the HHI for lost opportunity cost was 6488, all of which are classified as highly concentrated.

- **Lost Opportunity Cost Credits.** Lost opportunity cost credits decreased by \$23.8 million or 94.4 percent, in the first three months of 2019 compared to the first three months of 2018, from \$25.2 million to \$1.4 million. Generation from combustion turbines and diesels scheduled day-ahead but not requested in real time, receiving lost opportunity cost credits decreased by 320 GWh or 91.1 percent in the first three months of 2019, compared to the first three months of 2018, from 351 GWh to 31 GWh.

## Energy Uplift Charges

- **Energy Uplift Charges.** Total energy uplift charges decreased by \$63.5 million, or 76.6 percent, in the first three months of 2019 compared to the first three months of 2018, from \$82.2 million to \$19.4 million.
- **Energy Uplift Charges Categories.** The decrease of \$63.5 million in the first three months of 2019 is comprised of a \$8.9 million decrease in day-ahead operating reserve charges, a \$48.6 million decrease in balancing operating reserve charges, and a \$5.9 million decrease in reactive services charges.
- **Average Effective Operating Reserve Rates in the Eastern Region.** Day-ahead load paid \$0.020 per MWh, real-time load paid \$0.035 per MWh, a DEC paid \$0.194 per MWh and an INC and any load, generation or interchange transaction deviation paid \$0.174 per MWh.
- **Average Effective Operating Reserve Rates in the Western Region.** Day-ahead load paid \$0.020 per MWh, real-time load paid \$0.031 per MWh, a DEC paid \$0.160 per MWh and an INC and any load, generation or interchange transaction deviation paid \$0.140 per MWh.
- **Reactive Services Rates.** The DPL and AP control zones were the only ones with a local voltage support rate: DPL had a rate of \$0.021 per MWh and AP had a rate of \$0.001 per MWh.

## Geography of Charges and Credits

- In the first three months of 2019, 91.9 percent of all uplift charges allocated regionally (day-ahead operating reserves and balancing

operating reserves) were paid by transactions at control zones, 1.9 percent by transactions at hubs and aggregates, and 6.2 percent by transactions at interchange interfaces.

- Generators in the Eastern Region received 65.5 percent of all balancing generator credits, including lost opportunity cost and canceled resources credits.
- Generators in the Western Region received 33.8 percent of all balancing generator credits, including lost opportunity cost and canceled resources credits.
- External generators received 0.7 percent of all balancing generator credits, including lost opportunity cost and canceled resources credits.

## Section 4 Recommendations

- The MMU recommends that uplift be paid only based on operating parameters that reflect the flexibility of the benchmark new entrant unit (CONE unit) in the PJM Capacity Market. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM not use closed loop interface constraints to artificially override nodal prices based on fundamental LMP logic in order to: accommodate rather than resolve the inadequacies of the demand side resource capacity product; address the inability of the power flow model to incorporate the need for reactive power; accommodate rather than resolve the flaws in PJM's approach to scarcity pricing; or for any other reason. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM not use CT price setting logic to modify transmission line limits to artificially override the nodal prices that are based on fundamental LMP logic in order to reduce uplift. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that if PJM believes it appropriate to implement CT price setting logic, PJM first initiate a stakeholder process to determine whether such modification is appropriate. PJM should file any proposed

changes with FERC to ensure review. Any such changes should be incorporated in the PJM tariff. (Priority: Medium. First Reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that PJM initiate an analysis of the reasons why a significant number of combustion turbines and diesels scheduled in the Day-Ahead Energy Market are not called in real time when they are economic. (Priority: Medium. First Reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends eliminating intraday segments from the calculation of uplift payments and returning to calculating the need for uplift based on the entire 24 hour operating day. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends the elimination of day-ahead operating reserves to ensure that units receive an energy uplift payment based on their real-time output and not their day-ahead scheduled output. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends enhancing the current energy uplift allocation rules to reflect the recommended elimination of day-ahead operating reserves, the timing of commitment decisions and the commitment reasons. (Priority: High. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends reincorporating the use of net regulation revenues as an offset in the calculation of balancing operating reserve credits. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2009. Status: Not adopted. Stakeholder process.)
- The MMU recommends that self-scheduled units not be paid energy uplift for their startup cost when the units are scheduled by PJM to start before the self-scheduled hours. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted. Stakeholder process.)
- The MMU recommends three modifications to the energy lost opportunity cost calculations:
  - The MMU recommends calculating LOC based on 24 hour daily periods for combustion turbines and diesels scheduled in the Day-Ahead

Energy Market, but not committed in real time. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2014. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that units scheduled in the Day-Ahead Energy Market and not committed in real time should be compensated for LOC based on their real-time desired and achievable output, not their scheduled day-ahead output. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that only flexible fast start units (startup plus notification times of 10 minutes or less) and short minimum run times (one hour or less) be eligible by default for the LOC compensation to units scheduled in the Day-Ahead Energy Market and not committed in real time. Other units should be eligible for LOC compensation only if PJM explicitly cancels their day-ahead commitment. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that up to congestion transactions be required to pay energy uplift charges for both the injection and the withdrawal sides of the UTC. (Priority: High. First reported 2011. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends eliminating the use of internal bilateral transactions (IBTs) in the calculation of deviations used to allocate balancing operating reserve charges. (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Adopted 2018.<sup>73</sup>)
- The MMU recommends allocating the energy uplift payments to units scheduled as must run in the Day-Ahead Energy Market for reasons other than voltage/reactive or black start services as a reliability charge to real-time load, real-time exports and real-time wheels. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2014. Status: Not adopted. Stakeholder process.)
- The MMU recommends that the total cost of providing reactive support be categorized and allocated as reactive services. Reactive services credits should be calculated consistent with the balancing operating reserve credit calculation. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted. Stakeholder process.)

<sup>73</sup> As of November 1, 2018, internal bilateral transactions are no longer used for the calculation of deviations for purposes of allocating balancing operating reserve charges. See the *2018 State of the Market Report for PJM*, Section 3: "Energy Market" at "Internal Bilateral Transactions" for an analysis of the impact of this change on virtual bidding activity.

- The MMU recommends including real-time exports and real-time wheels in the allocation of the cost of providing reactive support to the 500 kV system or above, in addition to real-time load. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends modifications to the calculation of lost opportunity costs credits paid to wind units. The lost opportunity costs credits paid to wind units should be based on the lesser of the desired output, the estimated output based on actual wind conditions and the capacity interconnection rights (CIRs). The MMU recommends that PJM allow wind units to request CIRs that reflect the maximum output wind units want to inject into the transmission system at any time. (Priority: Low. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM clearly identify and classify all reasons for incurring operating reserves in the Day-Ahead and the Real-Time Energy Markets and the associated operating reserve charges in order to make all market participants aware of the reasons for these costs and to help ensure a long term solution to the issue of how to allocate the costs of operating reserves. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2011. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM revise the current operating reserve confidentiality rules in order to allow the disclosure of complete information about the level of operating reserve charges by unit and the detailed reasons for the level of operating reserve credits by unit in the PJM region. (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Partially adopted.<sup>74</sup>)
- The MMU recommends that PJM pay uplift based on the offer at the lower of the actual unit output or the dispatch signal MW. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM develop and implement an accurate metric to define when a unit is following dispatch to determine eligibility to receive balancing operating reserve credits and for assessing generator deviations. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate the exemption for fast start resources (CTs and diesels) from the requirement to follow dispatch. The performance of these resources should be evaluated in a manner consistent with all other resources (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

## Section 4 Conclusion

Competitive market outcomes result from energy offers equal to short run marginal costs that incorporate flexible operating parameters. When PJM permits a unit to include inflexible operating parameters in its offer and pays uplift based on those inflexible parameters, there is an incentive for the unit to remain inflexible. The rules regarding operating parameters should be implemented in a way that creates incentives for flexible operations rather than inflexible operations. The standard for paying uplift should be the maximum achievable flexibility, based on OEM standards for the benchmark new entrant unit (CONE unit) in the PJM Capacity Market. Applying a weaker standard effectively subsidizes inflexible units by paying them based on inflexible parameters that result from lack of investment and that could be made more flexible. The result both inflates uplift costs and suppresses energy prices.

It is not appropriate to accept that inflexible units should be paid or set price based on short run marginal costs plus no load. The question of why units make inflexible offers should be addressed directly. Are units inflexible because they are old and inefficient, because owners have not invested in increased flexibility or because they serve as a mechanism for the exercise of market power? The question of why the inflexible unit was built, whether it was built under cost of service regulation and whether it is efficient to retain the unit should be answered directly. The question of how to provide market incentives for investment in flexible units and for investment in increased flexibility of existing units should be addressed directly. The question of whether inflexible units should be paid uplift at all should be addressed directly. Marginal cost pricing without paying uplift to inflexible units would create incentives for

<sup>74</sup> On September 7, 2018, PJM made a compliance filing for FERC Order No. 844 to publish unit specific uplift credits. The compliance filing was accepted by FERC on March 21, 2019. PJM will begin posting unit-specific uplift reports on May 1, 2019.

market participants to provide flexible solutions including replacing inefficient units with flexible, efficient units.

The reduction of uplift payments should not be a goal to be achieved at the expense of the fundamental logic of the LMP system. For example, the use of closed loop interfaces to reduce uplift should be eliminated because it is not consistent with LMP fundamentals and constitutes a form of subjective price setting. The same is true of what PJM terms its CT price setting logic. The same is true of fast start pricing and of convex hull pricing. The same is true of PJM's proposal to modify the ORDC in order to increase energy prices and reduce uplift.

Accurate short run price signals, equal to the short run marginal cost of generating power, provide market incentives for cost minimizing production to all economically dispatched resources and provide market incentives to load based on the marginal cost of additional consumption. The objective of efficient short run price signals is to minimize system production costs, not to minimize uplift. Repricing the market to reflect commitment costs would create a tradeoff between minimizing production costs and reduction of uplift. The tradeoff would exist because when commitment costs are included in prices, the price signal no longer equals the short run marginal cost and therefore no longer provides the correct signal for efficient behavior for market participants making decisions on the margin, whether resources, load, interchange transactions, or virtual traders. This tradeoff would be created in more limited form by PJM's fast start pricing proposal (limited convex hull pricing) and in extensive form by PJM's full convex hull pricing proposal.

When units receive substantial revenues through energy uplift payments, these payments are not transparent to the market because of the current confidentiality rules. As a result, other market participants, including generation and transmission developers, do not have the opportunity to compete to displace them. As a result, substantial energy uplift payments to a concentrated group of units and organizations have persisted for more

than ten years. FERC Order No. 844 authorized the publication of unit specific uplift payments for credits incurred after January 1, 2019.<sup>75</sup>

One part of addressing the level and allocation of uplift payments is to eliminate all day-ahead operating reserve credits. It is illogical and unnecessary to pay units day-ahead operating reserve credits because units do not incur any costs to run and any revenue shortfalls are addressed by balancing operating reserve credits.

Up to congestion transactions continue to pay no energy uplift charges, which means that all others who pay these charges are paying too much.<sup>76</sup>

PJM needs to pay substantially more attention to the details of uplift payments including accurately tracking whether units are following dispatch, identifying the actual need for units to be dispatched out of merit and determining whether local reserve zones or better definitions of constraints would be a more market based approach.

While energy uplift charges are an appropriate part of the cost of energy, market efficiency would be improved by ensuring that the level and variability of these charges are as low as possible consistent with the reliable operation of the system and consistent with pricing at short run marginal cost. The goal should be to minimize the total incurred energy uplift charges and to increase the transactions over which those charges are spread in order to reduce the impact of energy uplift charges on markets. The result would be to reduce the level of per MWh charges, to reduce the uncertainty associated with uplift charges and to reduce the impact of energy uplift charges on decisions about how and when to participate in PJM markets.

<sup>75</sup> On March 21, 2019 FERC accepted PJM's Order No. 844 compliance filing. PJM will begin posting unit-specific uplift reports on May 1, 2019.

<sup>76</sup> On October 17, 2017, PJM filed with FERC a proposed tariff change to allocate uplift to UTC transactions in the same manner in which uplift is currently allocated to other virtual transactions, as a separate injection and withdrawal deviation. FERC rejected the proposed tariff change. The rejection was without prejudice and PJM has the option to submit a new proposal. See FERC Docket No. ER18-86-000. PJM has not filed a new proposal.

## Overview: Section 5, Capacity Market

### RPM Capacity Market

#### Market Design

The Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) Capacity Market is a forward-looking, annual, locational market, with a must offer requirement for Existing Generation Capacity Resources and mandatory participation by load, with performance incentives, that includes clear market power mitigation rules and that permits the direct participation of demand-side resources.<sup>77</sup>

Under RPM, capacity obligations are annual. Base Residual Auctions (BRA) are held for Delivery Years that are three years in the future. Effective with the 2012/2013 Delivery Year, First, Second and Third Incremental Auctions (IA) are held for each Delivery Year.<sup>78</sup> Prior to the 2012/2013 Delivery Year, the Second Incremental Auction was conducted if PJM determined that an unforced capacity resource shortage exceeded 100 MW of unforced capacity due to a load forecast increase. Effective January 31, 2010, First, Second, and Third Incremental Auctions are conducted 20, 10, and three months prior to the delivery year.<sup>79</sup> Also effective for the 2012/2013 Delivery Year, a Conditional Incremental Auction may be held if there is a need to procure additional capacity resulting from a delay in a planned large transmission upgrade that was modeled in the BRA for the relevant delivery year.<sup>80</sup>

The 2019/2020 RPM Third Incremental Auction was conducted in the first three months of 2019.

On June 9, 2015, FERC accepted changes to the PJM capacity market rules proposed in PJM's Capacity Performance (CP) filing.<sup>81</sup> For a transition period during the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 Delivery Years, PJM will procure two product types, Capacity Performance and Base Capacity. PJM also procured Capacity Performance resources in two transition auctions for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 Delivery Years. Effective with the 2020/2021 Delivery Year,

PJM will procure a single capacity product, Capacity Performance. CP Resources are expected to be available and capable of providing energy and reserves when needed at any time during the delivery year.<sup>82</sup> Effective for the 2018/2019 through the 2019/2020 Delivery Years, a Base Capacity Demand Resource Constraint and a Base Capacity Resource Constraint are established for each modeled LDA. These maximum quantities are set for reliability purpose to limit the quantity procured of the less available products, including Base Capacity Generation Resources, Base Capacity Demand Resources, and Base Capacity Energy Efficiency Resources. The Capacity Performance (CP) Transition Incremental Auctions (IAs) were held as part of a five year transition to a single capacity product type in the 2020/2021 Delivery Year. Participation in the CP Transition IAs was voluntary. If a resource cleared a CP Transition IA and had a prior commitment for the relevant delivery year, the existing commitment was converted to a CP commitment, which is subject to the CP performance requirements and nonperformance charges. The Transition IAs were not designed to minimize the cost of purchasing Capacity Performance resources for the two delivery years and were not designed to maximize economic welfare for the two delivery years.

RPM prices are locational and may vary depending on transmission constraints.<sup>83</sup> Existing generation capable of qualifying as a capacity resource must be offered into RPM auctions, except for resources owned by entities that elect the fixed resource requirement (FRR) option. Participation by LSEs is mandatory, except for those entities that elect the FRR option. There is an administratively determined demand curve that defines scarcity pricing levels and that, with the supply curve derived from capacity offers, determines market prices in each BRA. RPM rules provide performance incentives for generation, including the requirement to submit generator outage data and the linking of capacity payments to the level of unforced capacity, and the performance incentives have been strengthened significantly under the Capacity Performance modifications to RPM. Under RPM there are explicit market power mitigation rules that define the must offer requirement, that define structural market power based on the marginal cost of capacity, that

<sup>77</sup> The terms *PJM Region*, *RTO Region* and *RTO* are synonymous in this report and include all capacity within the PJM footprint.

<sup>78</sup> See 126 FERC ¶ 61,275 at P 86 (2009).

<sup>79</sup> See Letter Order, FERC Docket No. ER10-366-000 (January 22, 2010).

<sup>80</sup> See 126 FERC ¶ 61,275 at P 88 (2009).

<sup>81</sup> See 151 FERC ¶ 61,208 (2015).

<sup>82</sup> See "PJM Manual 18: PJM Capacity Market," Rev. 41 (Jan. 1, 2019) § 1.5, at p 19.

<sup>83</sup> Transmission constraints are local capacity import capability limitations (low capacity emergency transfer limit (CETL) margin over capacity emergency transfer objective (CETO)) caused by transmission facility limitations, voltage limitations or stability limitations.

define offer caps, that define the minimum offer price, and that have flexible criteria for competitive offers by new entrants. Market power mitigation is effective only when these definitions are up to date and accurate. Demand resources and energy efficiency resources may be offered directly into RPM auctions and receive the clearing price without mitigation.

## Market Structure

- **RPM Installed Capacity.** During the first three months of 2019, RPM installed capacity decreased 910.9 MW or 0.5 percent, from 186,496.1 MW on January 1 to 185,585.2 MW on March 31. Installed capacity includes net capacity imports and exports and can vary on a daily basis.
- **RPM Installed Capacity by Fuel Type.** Of the total installed capacity on March 31, 2018, 41.0 percent was gas; 31.8 percent was coal; 17.6 percent was nuclear; 4.8 percent was hydroelectric; 3.4 percent was oil; 0.6 percent was wind; 0.4 percent was solid waste; and 0.3 percent was solar.
- **Market Concentration.** In the 2019/2020 RPM Third Incremental Auction all participants in the total PJM market as well as the LDA RPM markets failed the three pivotal supplier (TPS) test.<sup>84</sup> Offer caps were applied to all sell offers for resources which were subject to mitigation when the Capacity Market Seller did not pass the test, the submitted sell offer exceeded the defined offer cap, and the submitted sell offer, absent mitigation, increased the market clearing price.<sup>85 86 87</sup>
- **Imports and Exports.** Of the 4,470.4 MW of imports in the 2021/2022 RPM Base Residual Auction, 4,051.8 MW cleared. Of the cleared imports, 1,909.9 MW (47.1 percent) were from MISO.
- **Demand-Side and Energy Efficiency Resources.** Capacity in the RPM load management programs was 10,798.7 MW for June 1, 2018, as a result of cleared capacity for demand resources and energy efficiency resources

<sup>84</sup> There are 27 Locational Deliverability Areas (LDAs) identified to recognize locational constraints as defined in "Reliability Assurance Agreement Among Load Serving Entities in the PJM Region", Schedule 10.1. PJM determines, in advance of each BRA, whether the defined LDAs will be modeled in the given delivery year using the rules defined in OATT Attachment DD § 5.10(a)(ii).

<sup>85</sup> See OATT Attachment DD § 6.5.

<sup>86</sup> Prior to November 1, 2009, existing DR and EE resources were subject to market power mitigation in RPM Auctions. See 129 FERC ¶ 61,081 at P 30 (2009).

<sup>87</sup> Effective January 31, 2011, the RPM rules related to market power mitigation were changed, including revising the definition for Planned Generation Capacity Resource and creating a new definition for Existing Generation Capacity Resource for purposes of the must-offer requirement and market power mitigation, and treating a proposed increase in the capability of a generation capacity resource the same in terms of mitigation as a Planned Generation Capacity Resource. See 134 FERC ¶ 61,065 (2011).

in RPM auctions for the 2018/2019 Delivery Year (13,731.7 MW) less replacement capacity (2,933.0 MW).

## Market Conduct

- **2019/2020 RPM Third Incremental Auction.** Of the 137 generation resources that submitted Base Capacity offers, the MMU calculated offer caps for one generation resource (0.7 percent), of which one (0.7 percent) was a unit-specific offer cap. Of the 454 generation resources that submitted Capacity Performance offers, the MMU calculated unit specific offer caps for four generation resources (0.9 percent).

## Market Performance

- The 2019/2020 RPM Third Incremental Auction was conducted in the first three months of 2019. The weighted average capacity price for the 2018/2019 Delivery Year is \$172.09, including all RPM auctions for the 2018/2019 Delivery Year held 2018. The weighted average capacity price for the 2019/2020 Delivery Year is \$112.63, including all RPM auctions for the 2019/2020 Delivery Year held through 2018.
- For the 2018/2019 Delivery Year, RPM annual charges to load are \$11.0 billion.
- In the 2021/2022 RPM Base Residual Auction, market performance was determined to be not competitive as a result of noncompetitive offers that affected market results.

## Reliability Must Run Service

- Of the seven companies (23 units) that have provided RMR service, two companies (seven units) filed to be paid for RMR service under the deactivation avoidable cost rate (DACR), the formula rate. The other five companies (16 units) filed to be paid for RMR service under the cost of service recovery rate.

## Generator Performance

- **Forced Outage Rates.** The average PJM EFORD for the first three months of 2019 was 7.0 percent, a decrease from 9.0 percent for the first three months of 2018.<sup>88</sup>
- **Generator Performance Factors.** The PJM aggregate equivalent availability factor for the first three months of 2019 was 86.2 percent, an increase from 85.7 percent for the first three months of 2018.
- **Outages Deemed Outside Management Control (OMC).** In the first three months of 2019, 3.1 percent of forced outages were classified as OMC outages.

## Section 5 Recommendations<sup>89</sup>

The MMU recognizes that PJM has implemented the Capacity Performance Construct to replace some of the existing core market rules and to address fundamental performance incentive issues. The MMU recognizes that the Capacity Performance Construct addresses many of the MMU's recommendations. The MMU's recommendations are based on the existing capacity market rules. The status is reported as adopted if the recommendation was included in FERC's order approving PJM's Capacity Performance filing.<sup>90</sup>

## Definition of Capacity

- The MMU recommends the enforcement of a consistent definition of capacity resource. The MMU recommends that the requirement to be a physical resource be enforced and enhanced. The requirement to be a physical resource should apply at the time of auctions and should also constitute a commitment to be physical in the relevant Delivery Year. The requirement to be a physical resource should be applied to all resource

<sup>88</sup> The generator performance analysis includes all PJM capacity resources for which there are data in the PJM generator availability data systems (GADS) database. This set of capacity resources may include generators in addition to those in the set of generators committed as capacity resources in RPM. Data was downloaded from the PJM GADS database on April 30, 2019. EFORD data presented in state of the market reports may be revised based on data submitted after the publication of the reports as generation owners may submit corrections at any time with permission from PJM GADS administrators.

<sup>89</sup> The MMU has identified serious market design issues with RPM and the MMU has made specific recommendations to address those issues. These recommendations have been made in public reports. See Table 52.

<sup>90</sup> 151 FERC ¶ 61,208 (2015).

types, including planned generation, demand resources and imports.<sup>91 92</sup> (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that DR providers be required to have a signed contract with specific customers for specific facilities for specific levels of DR at least six months prior to any capacity auction in which the DR is offered. (Priority: High. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)

## Market Design and Parameters

- The MMU recommends that the test for determining modeled Locational Deliverability Areas (LDAs) in RPM be redefined. A detailed reliability analysis of all at risk units should be included in the redefined model. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the net revenue calculation used by PJM to calculate the net Cost of New Entry (CONE) VRR parameter reflect the actual flexibility of units in responding to price signals rather than using assumed fixed operating blocks that are not a result of actual unit limitations.<sup>93 94</sup> The result of reflecting the actual flexibility is higher net revenues, which affect the parameters of the RPM demand curve and market outcomes. (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that energy efficiency resources (EE) not be included on the supply side of the capacity market, because PJM's load forecasts now account for future EE, unlike the situation when EE was first added to the capacity market. However, the MMU recommends that the PJM load forecast method should be modified so that EE impacts immediately affect the forecast without the long lag times incorporated in the current forecast method. If EE is not included on the supply side, there is no reason to have an add back mechanism. If EE remains on the supply side, the implementation of the EE add back mechanism should be modified to ensure that market clearing prices are not affected. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)

<sup>91</sup> See also Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket No. ER14-503-000 (December 20, 2013).

<sup>92</sup> See "Analysis of Replacement Capacity for RPM Commitments: June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2017," <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2017/IMM\\_Report\\_on\\_Capacity\\_Replacement\\_Activity\\_4\\_20171214.pdf](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2017/IMM_Report_on_Capacity_Replacement_Activity_4_20171214.pdf)> (December 14, 2017).

<sup>93</sup> See PJM Interconnection, LLC, Docket No. ER12-513-000 (December 1, 2011) ("Triennial Review").

<sup>94</sup> See the 2017 State of the Market Report for PJM, Volume 2, Section 7: Net Revenue.

- The MMU recommends that PJM reduce the number of incremental auctions to a single incremental auction held three months prior to the start of the delivery year and reevaluate the triggers for holding conditional incremental auctions. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM offer to sell back capacity in incremental auctions only at the BRA clearing price for the relevant delivery year. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends changing the RPM solution method to explicitly incorporate the cost of make whole payments in the objective function. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2014. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM clear the capacity market based on nodal capacity resource locations and the characteristics of the transmission system consistent with the actual electrical facts of the grid. The current nested LDA structure used in the capacity market does not adequately represent all the capacity transfers that are feasible among LDAs. Absent a fully nodal capacity market clearing process, the MMU recommends that PJM use a nonnested model for all LDAs and specify a VRR curve for each LDA separately. Each LDA requirement should be met with the capacity resources located within the LDA and exchanges from neighboring LDAs up to the transmission limit. LDAs should price separate if that is the result of the LDA supply curves and the transmission constraints. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the maximum price on the VRR curve be defined as net CONE. (Priority: Medium. New recommendation. Status: Not adopted.)

### Offer Caps, Offer Floors, and Must Offer

- The MMU recommends use of the Sustainable Market Rule (SMR) in order to protect competition in the capacity market from nonmarket revenues.<sup>95</sup> (Priority: High. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that, as part of the MOPR unit specific standard of review, all projects be required to use the same basic modeling

<sup>95</sup> Brief of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket No. EL16-49, ER18-1314-000-001; EL18-178 (October 2, 2018).

assumptions. That is the only way to ensure that projects compete on the basis of actual costs rather than on the basis of modeling assumptions.<sup>96</sup> (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that modifications to existing resources not be treated as new resources for purposes of market power related offer caps or MOPR offer floors. (Priority: Low. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the RPM market power mitigation rule be modified to apply offer caps in all cases when the three pivotal supplier test is failed and the sell offer is greater than the offer cap. This will ensure that market power does not result in an increase in make whole payments. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the offer cap for capacity resources be defined as the net avoidable cost rate (ACR) of each unit so that the clearing prices are a result of such net ACR offers, consistent with the fundamental economic logic for a competitive offer of a CP resource. (Priority: High. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM develop a process for calculating a forward looking estimate for the expected number of Performance Assessment Intervals (H) to use in calculating the Market Seller Offer Cap (MSOC). The MMU recommends that the Nonperformance Charge Rate be left at its current level. The MMU recommends that PJM develop a forward looking estimate for the Balancing Ratio (B) during Performance Assessment Intervals (PAIs) to use in calculating the MSOC. Both H and B parameters should be included in the annual review of planning parameters for the Base Residual Auction, and should incorporate the actual observed reserve margins, and other assumptions consistent with the annual IRM study. (Priority: High. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)

<sup>96</sup> See 143 FERC ¶ 61,090 (2013) (“We encourage PJM and its stakeholders to consider, for example, whether the unit-specific review process would be more effective if PJM requires the use of common modeling assumptions for establishing unit-specific offer floors while, at the same time, allowing sellers to provide support for objective, individual cost advantages. Moreover, we encourage PJM and its stakeholders to consider these modifications to the unit-specific review process together with possible enhancements to the calculation of Net CONE.”); see also, Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket No. ER13-535-001 (March 25, 2013); Complaint of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM v. Unnamed Participant, Docket No. EL12-63-000 (May 1, 2012); Motion for Clarification of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket No. ER11-2875-000, et al. (February 17, 2012); Protest of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket No. ER11-2875-002 (June 2, 2011); Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, Docket Nos. EL11-20 and ER11-2875 (March 4, 2011).

- The MMU recommends that capacity market sellers be required to request the use of minimum MW quantities greater than 0 MW (inflexible sell offer segments) and that the requests should only be permitted for defined physical reasons. (Priority: Medium. First reported Q3, 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

### Performance Incentive Requirements of RPM

- The MMU recommends that a unit which is not capable of supplying energy consistent with its day-ahead offer reflect an appropriate outage. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2009. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that retroactive replacement transactions associated with a failure to perform during a PAH not be allowed and that, more generally, retroactive replacement capacity transactions not be permitted. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that there be an explicit requirement that capacity resource offers in the Day-Ahead Energy Market be competitive, where competitive is defined to be the short run marginal cost of the units. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)

### Capacity Imports and Exports

- The MMU recommends that all capacity imports be required to be deliverable to PJM load prior to the relevant delivery year to ensure that they are full substitutes for internal, physical capacity resources. Pseudo ties alone are not adequate to ensure deliverability. (Priority: High. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that all costs incurred as a result of a pseudo tied unit be borne by the unit itself and included as appropriate in unit offers in the capacity market. (Priority: High. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends clear, explicit and detailed rules that define the conditions under which PJM will and will not recall energy from PJM capacity resources and prohibit new energy exports from PJM capacity resources. The MMU recommends that those rules define the conditions

under which PJM will purchase emergency energy while at the same time not recalling energy exports from PJM capacity resources. PJM has modified these rules, but the rules need additional clarification and operational details. (Priority: Low. First reported 2010. Status: Partially adopted.)

### Deactivations/Retirements

- The MMU recommends that the notification requirement for deactivations be extended from 90 days prior to the date of deactivation to 12 months prior to the date of deactivation and that PJM and the MMU be provided 60 days rather than 30 days to complete their reliability and market power analyses. (Priority: Low. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that RMR units recover all and only the incremental costs, including incremental investment costs, required by the RMR service that the unit owner would not have incurred if the unit owner had deactivated its unit as it proposed. Customers should bear no responsibility for paying previously incurred costs, including a return on or of prior investments. (Priority: Low. First reported 2010. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends elimination of the cost of service recovery rate in OATT Section 119, and that RMR service should be provided under the deactivation avoidable cost rate in Part V. The MMU also recommends specific improvements to the DACR provisions. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)

### Section 5 Conclusion

The analysis of PJM Capacity Markets begins with market structure, which provides the framework for the actual behavior or conduct of market participants. The analysis examines participant behavior within that market structure. In a competitive market structure, market participants are constrained to behave competitively. The analysis examines market performance, measured by price and the relationship between price and marginal cost, that results from the interaction of market structure and participant behavior. Market

power is and will remain endemic to the structure of the PJM Capacity Market. Nonetheless a competitive outcome can be assured by appropriate market power mitigation rules.

The MMU concludes that the 2021/2022 RPM Base Residual Auction results were not competitive as a result of offers above the competitive level by some market participants. The MMU recognizes that these market participants followed the capacity market rules by offering at less than the stated offer cap of Net CONE times B. But Net CONE times B is not a competitive offer when the expected number of performance assessment intervals is zero or a very small number and the non-performance charge rate is defined as Net CONE/30. Under these circumstances, a competitive offer, under the logic defined in PJM's capacity performance filing, is net ACR. That is the way in which most market participants offered in this and prior capacity performance auctions.

The FERC approved PJM tariff defines the offer cap as Net CONE times B, rather than including the full logic supporting the definition of the offer cap under the capacity performance paradigm. If the tariff had defined the offer cap consistent with PJM's filing in the capacity performance matter, the offer cap would have been net ACR rather than Net CONE times B.

The MMU is required to identify market issues and to report them to the Commission and to market participants. The Commission decides on any action related to the MMU's findings.

The MMU found serious market structure issues, measured by the three pivotal supplier test results in the PJM Capacity Market in the last BRA and in the first three months of 2019. Explicit market power mitigation rules in the RPM construct only partially offset the underlying market structure issues in the PJM Capacity Market under RPM. In the 2021/2022 RPM Base Residual Auction, the default offer cap of net CONE times B exceeded the competitive offer for a number of resources. Some seasonal resources were paid additional make whole based on a failure of the market power rules to apply offer capping.

The MMU has identified serious market design issues with RPM and the MMU has made specific recommendations to address those issues.<sup>97 98 99 100 101 102</sup> In 2017 and 2018, the MMU prepared a number of RPM related reports and testimony, shown in Table 5-2. The capacity performance modifications to the RPM construct have significantly improved the capacity market and addressed many of the issues identified by the MMU. The MMU will continue to publish more detailed reports on the CP auctions which include more specific issues and suggestions for improvements.

The PJM markets have worked to provide incentives to entry and to retaining capacity. PJM had excess reserves of more than 9,000 ICAP MW on June 1, 2018, and will have excess reserves of more than 13,000 ICAP MW on June 1, 2019, based on current positions.<sup>103</sup> Capacity investments in PJM were financed by market sources. Of the 30,881.7 MW of additional capacity that cleared in RPM auctions for the 2007/2008 through 2017/2018 delivery years, 22,419.7 MW (72.6 percent) were based on market funding. Of the 13,718.4 MW of additional capacity that cleared in RPM auctions for the 2018/2019 through 2021/2022 delivery years, 11,772.7 MW (85.8 percent) are based on market funding. Those investments were made based on the assumption that markets would be allowed to work and that inefficient units would exit.

The issue of external subsidies, particularly for economic nuclear power plants, emerged more fully in 2017 and 2018 and the first three months of 2019. The subsidies are not part of the PJM market design but nonetheless threaten the foundations of the PJM capacity market as well as the competitiveness of PJM markets overall.

97 See "Analysis of the 2018/2019 RPM Base Residual Auction Revised," <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2016/IMM\\_Analysis\\_of\\_the\\_20182019\\_RPM\\_Base\\_Residual\\_Auction\\_20160706.pdf](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2016/IMM_Analysis_of_the_20182019_RPM_Base_Residual_Auction_20160706.pdf)> (July 6, 2016).

98 See "Analysis of the 2019/2020 RPM Base Residual Auction Revised," <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2016/IMM\\_Analysis\\_of\\_the\\_20192020\\_RPM\\_BRA\\_20160831-Revised.pdf](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2016/IMM_Analysis_of_the_20192020_RPM_BRA_20160831-Revised.pdf)> (August 31, 2016).

99 See "Analysis of the 2020/2021 RPM Base Residual Auction," <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2017/IMM\\_Analysis\\_of\\_the\\_20202021\\_RPM\\_BRA\\_20171117.pdf](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2017/IMM_Analysis_of_the_20202021_RPM_BRA_20171117.pdf)> (November 11, 2017).

100 See "Analysis of the 2021/2022 RPM Base Residual Auction - Revised," <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2018/IMM\\_Analysis\\_of\\_the\\_20212022\\_RPM\\_BRA\\_Revised\\_20180824.pdf](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2018/IMM_Analysis_of_the_20212022_RPM_BRA_Revised_20180824.pdf)> (August 24, 2018).

101 See "Analysis of Replacement Capacity for RPM Commitments: June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2016," <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2016/IMM\\_Analysis\\_of\\_Replacement\\_Capacity\\_for\\_RPM\\_Commitments\\_06012007\\_to\\_06012016\\_20161227.pdf](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2016/IMM_Analysis_of_Replacement_Capacity_for_RPM_Commitments_06012007_to_06012016_20161227.pdf)> (December 27, 2016).

102 See "Analysis of Replacement Capacity for RPM Commitments: June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2017," <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2017/IMM\\_Report\\_on\\_Capacity\\_Replacement\\_Activity\\_4\\_20171214.pdf](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Reports/2017/IMM_Report_on_Capacity_Replacement_Activity_4_20171214.pdf)> (December 14, 2017).

103 The calculated reserve margin for June 1, 2019, does not account for cleared buy bids that have not been used in replacement capacity transactions.

The Ohio subsidy proceedings, the Illinois ZEC legislation to subsidize the Quad Cities nuclear power plant, the request in Pennsylvania to subsidize the Three Mile Island and other nuclear power plants, the New Jersey legislation to subsidize the Salem and Hope Creek nuclear power plants, the potential U.S. DOE proposal to subsidize coal and nuclear power plants, and the request by FirstEnergy to the U.S. DOE for subsidies consistent with the DOE Grid Resilience Proposal, all originate from the fact that competitive markets result in the exit of uneconomic and uncompetitive generating units. Regardless of the specific rationales offered by unit owners, the proposed solution for all such generating units has been to provide out of market subsidies in order to retain such units. The proposed solution in all cases ignores the opportunity cost of subsidizing uneconomic units, which is the displacement of new resources and technologies that would otherwise be economic. These subsidies are not accurately characterized as state subsidies. These subsidies were all requested by the owners of specific uneconomic generating units in order to improve the profitability of those specific units. These subsidies were not requested to accomplish broader social goals. Broader social goals can all be met with market-based mechanisms available to all market participants on a competitive basis and without discrimination.

Subsidies are contagious. Competition in the markets could be replaced by competition to receive subsidies. Similar threats to competitive markets are being discussed by unit owners in other states and the potentially precedential nature of these actions enhances the urgency of creating an effective rule to maintain competitive markets by modifying market rules to address these subsidies. Competition to receive subsidies is now a reality and is accelerating in PJM.

It is essential that any approach to the PJM markets incorporate a consistent view of how the preferred market design is expected to provide competitive results in a sustainable market design over the long run. A sustainable market design means a market design that results in appropriate incentives to competitive market participants to retire units and to invest in new units over time such that reliability is ensured as a result of the functioning of the market. The MMU calls this approach the Sustainable Market Rule (SMR).

A sustainable competitive wholesale power market must recognize three salient structural elements: state nonmarket revenues for renewable energy; a significant level of generation resources subject to cost of service regulation; and the structure and performance of the existing market based generation fleet.

Subsidies to specific resources that are uneconomic as a result of competition are an effort to reverse market outcomes with no commitment to a regulatory model and no attempt to mitigate negative impacts on competition. The unit specific subsidy model is inconsistent with the PJM market design and inconsistent with the market paradigm and constitutes a significant threat to both.

The existing FRR approach remains an option for utilities with regulated revenues based on cost of service rates, including both privately and publicly owned (including public power entities and electric cooperatives) utilities. Such regulated utilities have had and continue to have the ability to opt out of the capacity market and provide their own capacity.

Given that states have increasingly aggressive renewable energy targets, a core goal of a competitive market design should be to ensure that the resources required to provide reliability receive appropriate competitive market incentives for entry and for ongoing investment and for exit when uneconomic. A significant level of renewable resources, operating with zero or near zero marginal costs, will result in very low energy prices. Since renewable resources are intermittent, the contribution of renewables to meeting reliability targets must be analyzed carefully to ensure that the capacity value is calculated correctly.

In order to attract and retain adequate resources for the reliable operation of the energy market, revenues from PJM energy, ancillary services and capacity markets must be adequate for those resources. That adequacy requires a capacity market. The capacity market plays the essential role of equilibrating the revenues necessary to incent competitive entry and exit of the resources

needed for reliability, with the revenues from the energy market that are directly affected by nonmarket sources.

Price suppression below the competitive level in the capacity market should not be acceptable and is not consistent with a competitive market design. Harmonizing means that the integrity of each paradigm is maintained and respected. Harmonizing permits nonmarket resources to have an unlimited impact on energy markets and energy prices. Harmonizing means designing a capacity market to account for these energy market impacts, clearly limiting the impact of nonmarket revenues on the capacity market and ensuring competitive outcomes in the capacity market and thus in the entire market.

The expected impact of the SMR design on the offers and clearing of renewable resources and nuclear plants would be from zero to insignificant. The competitive offers of renewables, based on the net ACR of current technologies, are likely to clear in the capacity market. The competitive offers of nuclear plants, based on net ACR, are likely to clear in the capacity market.

Cost of service resources have the option of using the existing FRR rules, which would allow regulated utilities to opt out of the capacity market. The expected impact of the SMR design on the offers and clearing of regulated cost of service resources that remained in the capacity market would be from zero to insignificant. The competitive offers of these resources, based on net ACR, are likely to clear in the capacity market.

To the extent that there are shared broader goals related to PJM markets, they should also be addressed, but this can happen with a slightly longer lead time. If a shared goal is to reduce carbon output, a price on carbon is the market based solution. If a shared goal is increased renewables in addition to their carbon attributes, a common approach to RECs would be a market based solution. Fuel diversity has also been mentioned as an issue. Current fuel diversity is higher than ever in PJM. If there is an issue, the real issue is fuel security and not fuel diversity. Significant reliance on specific fuels, including nuclear, coal and gas means that markets are at risk from a significant disruption in any one fuel. If fuel security for gas is a concern, a number of issues should be

considered including the reliability of the pipelines, the compatibility of the gas pipeline and the merchant generator business models, the degree to which electric generators have truly firm gas service and the need for a gas RTO to help ensure reliability.

As a result of the fact that demand side resources have contributed to price suppression in PJM capacity markets, the place of demand side in PJM should be reexamined. There are ways to ensure and enhance the vibrancy of demand side without negatively affecting markets for generation. There are other price formation issues in the capacity market that should also be examined and addressed.

## Overview: Section 6, Demand Response

- **Demand Response Activity.** Demand response activity includes economic demand response (economic resources), emergency and pre-emergency demand response (demand resources), synchronized reserves and regulation. Economic demand response participates in the energy market. Emergency and pre-emergency demand response participates in the capacity market and energy market.<sup>104</sup> Demand response resources participate in the Synchronized Reserve Market. Demand response resources participate in the Regulation Market.

In the first three months of 2019, total demand response revenue increased by \$28.4 million, 21.8 percent, from \$130.2 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$158.6 million in the first three months of 2019. Emergency demand response revenue accounted for 99.1 percent of all demand response revenue, economic demand response for 0.1 percent, demand response in the Synchronized Reserve Market for 0.4 percent and demand response in the regulation market for 0.4 percent.

Total emergency demand response revenue increased by \$30.2 million, 23.8 percent, from \$127.0 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$157.3 million in the first three months of 2019. This increase consisted entirely of capacity market revenue.<sup>105</sup>

<sup>104</sup> Emergency demand response refers to both emergency and pre-emergency demand response. With the implementation of the Capacity Performance design, there is no functional difference between the emergency and pre-emergency demand response resource.

<sup>105</sup> The total credits and MWh numbers for demand resources were calculated as of April 22, 2019 and may change as a result of continued PJM billing updates.

Economic demand response revenue decreased by \$0.7 million, 75.2 percent, from \$1.0 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$0.2 million in the first three months of 2019.<sup>106</sup> Demand response revenue in the Synchronized Reserve Market decreased by \$0.8 million, 58.7 percent, from \$1.4 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$0.6 million in the first three months of 2019. Demand response revenue in the regulation market decreased by \$0.3 million, 34.8 percent, from \$0.9 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$0.6 million in the first three months of 2019.

- **Demand Response Energy Payments are Uplift.** Energy payments to emergency and economic demand response resources are uplift. LMP does not cover energy payments although emergency and economic demand response can and does set LMP. Energy payments to emergency demand resources are paid by PJM market participants in proportion to their net purchases in the real-time market. Energy payments to economic demand resources are paid by real-time exports from PJM and real-time loads in each zone for which the load-weighted average real-time LMP for the hour during which the reduction occurred is greater than or equal to the net benefits test price for that month.<sup>107</sup>
- **Demand Response Market Concentration.** The ownership of economic demand response resources was highly concentrated in 2018 and the first three months of 2019. The HHI for economic resource reductions increased by 571 points from 7541 in 2018 to 8112 in the first three months of 2019. The ownership of emergency demand response resources was moderately concentrated in the first three months of 2019. The HHI for emergency demand response committed MW was 1433 for the 2017/2018 Delivery Year and 1922 for the 2018/2019 Delivery Year. In the 2017/2018 Delivery Year, the four largest companies owned 69.6 percent of all committed emergency demand response MW. In the 2018/2019 Delivery Year, the four largest companies owned 77.9 percent of all committed emergency demand response MW.
- **Limited Locational Dispatch of Demand Resources.** Beginning with the 2014/2015 Delivery Year, demand resources are dispatchable for mandatory

<sup>106</sup> Economic credits are synonymous with revenue received for reductions under the economic load response program.

<sup>107</sup> "PJM Manual 28: Operating Agreement Accounting," § 11.2.2, Rev. 81 (Oct. 25, 2018).

reductions on a subzonal basis, defined by zip codes, but only if the subzone is defined at least one day before it is dispatched and only until PJM removes the definition of the subzone. Nodal dispatch of demand resources in a nodal market would improve market efficiency. The goal should be nodal dispatch of demand resources with no advance notice required, as is the case for generation resources. With full implementation of the Capacity Performance rules in the capacity market starting with the 2020/2021 Delivery Year, PJM will be able to individually dispatch demand resources with no advanced notice although PJM does not know the nodal location of demand resources.

## Section 6 Recommendations

The MMU recognizes that PJM incorporated some of the recommendations related to demand response in the Capacity Performance filing. The status of each recommendation reflects the status at March 31, 2019.

- The MMU recommends, as a preferred alternative to including demand resources as supply in the capacity market, that demand resources be on the demand side of the markets, that customers be able to avoid capacity and energy charges by not using capacity and energy at their discretion, that customer payments be determined only by metered load, and that PJM forecasts immediately incorporate the impacts of demand side behavior. (Priority: High. First reported 2014. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the option to specify a minimum dispatch price (strike price) for demand resources be eliminated and that participating resources receive the hourly real-time LMP less any generation component of their retail rate. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2010. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the maximum offer for demand resources be the same as the maximum offer for generation resources. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the demand resources be treated as economic resources, responding to economic price signals like other capacity resources. The MMU recommends that demand resources not be treated

as emergency resources, not trigger a PJM emergency and not trigger a Performance Assessment Interval. (Priority: High. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that the Emergency Program Energy Only option be eliminated because the opportunity to receive the appropriate energy market incentive is already provided in the economic program. (Priority: Low. First reported 2010. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that, if demand resources remain in the capacity market, a daily energy market must offer requirement apply to demand resources, comparable to the rule applicable to generation capacity resources.<sup>108</sup> (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that demand resources be required to provide their nodal location, comparable to generation resources. (Priority: High. First reported 2011. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM require nodal dispatch of demand resources with no advance notice required or, if nodal location is not required, subzonal dispatch of demand resources with no advance notice required. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM not remove any defined subzones and maintain a public record of all created and removed subzones. (Priority: Low. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate the measurement of compliance across zones within a compliance aggregation area (CAA). The multiple zone approach is less locational than the zonal and subzonal approach and creates larger mismatches between the locational need for the resources and the actual response. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that measurement and verification methods for demand resources be modified to reflect compliance more accurately. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2009. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that compliance rules be revised to include submittal of all necessary hourly load data, and that negative values be included when calculating event compliance across hours and registrations. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM adopt the ISO-NE five-minute metering requirements in order to ensure that operators have the necessary information for reliability and that market payments to demand resources be calculated based on interval meter data at the site of the demand reductions.<sup>109</sup> (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends limited, extended summer and annual demand response event compliance be calculated on an hourly basis for noncapacity performance resources and on a five minute basis for all capacity performance resources and that the penalty structure reflect five minute compliance. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that load management testing be initiated by PJM with limited warning to CSPs in order to more accurately represent the conditions of an emergency event. (Priority: Low. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that shutdown cost be defined as the cost to curtail load for a given period that does not vary with the measured reduction or, for behind the meter generators, be the start cost defined in Manual 15 for generators. (Priority: Low. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the Net Benefits Test be eliminated and that demand response resources be paid LMP less any generation component of the applicable retail rate. (Priority: Low. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the tariff rules for demand response clarify that a resource and its CSP, if any, must notify PJM of material changes affecting the capability of the resource to perform as registered and must terminate or modify registrations that are no longer capable of responding

<sup>108</sup> See "Complaint and Motion to Consolidate of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM," Docket No. EL14-20-000 (January 27, 2014) at 1.

<sup>109</sup> See ISO-NE Tariff, Section III, Market Rule 1, Appendix E1 and Appendix E2, "Demand Response," <[http://www.iso-ne.com/regulatory/tariff/sect\\_3/mr1\\_append-e.pdf](http://www.iso-ne.com/regulatory/tariff/sect_3/mr1_append-e.pdf)>. (Accessed October 17, 2017) ISO-NE requires that DR have an interval meter with five-minute data reported to the ISO and each behind the meter generator is required to have a separate interval meter. After June 1, 2017, demand response resources in ISO-NE must also be registered at a single node.

to PJM dispatch directives at defined levels because load has been reduced or eliminated, as in the case of bankrupt and/or out of service facilities. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that there be only one demand response product in the capacity market, with an obligation to respond when called for any hour of the delivery year. (Priority: High. First reported 2011. Status: Partially adopted.<sup>110</sup>)
- The MMU recommends that the lead times for demand resources be shortened to 30 minutes with an hour minimum dispatch for all resources. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends setting the baseline for measuring capacity compliance under winter compliance at the customers' PLC, similar to GLD, to avoid double counting. (Priority: High. First reported 2010. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends the Relative Root Mean Squared Test be required for all demand resources with a CBL. (Priority: Low. First reported 2017. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PRD be required to respond during a PAI to be consistent with all CP resources. (Priority: High. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the limits imposed on the pre-emergency and emergency demand response share of the Synchronized Reserve Market be eliminated. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that 30 minute pre-emergency and emergency demand response be considered to be 30 minute reserves. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that energy efficiency MW not be included in the PJM capacity market and that PJM should ensure that the impact of EE measures on the load forecast is incorporated immediately rather than with the existing lag. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

<sup>110</sup> PJM's Capacity Performance design requires resources to respond when called for any hour of the delivery year.

## Section 6 Conclusion

A fully functional demand side of the electricity market means that end use customers or their designated intermediaries will have the ability to see real-time energy price signals in real time, will have the ability to react to real-time prices in real time and will have the ability to receive the direct benefits or costs of changes in real-time energy use. In addition, customers or their designated intermediaries will have the ability to see current capacity prices, will have the ability to react to capacity prices and will have the ability to receive the direct benefits or costs of changes in the demand for capacity in the same year in which demand for capacity changes. A functional demand side of these markets means that customers will have the ability to make decisions about levels of power consumption based both on how customers value the power and on the actual cost of that power.

In the energy market, if there is to be a demand side program, demand resources should be paid the value of energy, which is LMP less any generation component of the applicable retail rate. There is no reason to have the net benefits test. The necessity for the net benefits test is an illustration of the illogical approach to demand side compensation embodied in paying full LMP to demand resources. The benefit of demand side resources is not that they suppress market prices, but that customers can choose not to consume at the current price of power, that individual customers benefit from their choices and that the choices of all customers are reflected in market prices. If customers face the market price, customers should have the ability to not purchase power and the market impact of that choice does not require a test for appropriateness.

If demand resources are to continue competing directly with generation capacity resources in the PJM Capacity Market, the product must be defined such that it can actually serve as a substitute for generation. This is a prerequisite to a functional market design. The Capacity Performance demand response product definition in the PJM Capacity Performance capacity market design is a significant step in that direction, although performance obligations are still not identical to other capacity resources. Demand resources do not have

a must offer requirement into the day-ahead energy market, are able to offer above \$1,000 per MWh without providing a fuel cost policy, or any rationale for the offer. PJM automatically triggers a PAI when demand resources are dispatched and demand resources do not have telemetry requirements similar to other Capacity Performance resources.

In order to be a substitute for generation, demand resources should be defined in PJM rules as an economic resource, as generation is defined. Demand resources should be required to offer in the Day-Ahead Energy Market and should be called when the resources are required and prior to the declaration of an emergency. Demand resources should be available for every hour of the year. The fact that PJM currently defines demand resources as emergency resources and the fact that calling on demand resources triggers a performance assessment interval (PAI) under the Capacity Performance design, both serve as a significant disincentive to calling on demand resources and mean that demand resources are underused. Demand resources should be treated as economic resources like any other capacity resource. Demand resources should be called when economic and paid the LMP rather than an inflated strike price up to \$1,849 per MWh that is set by the seller.

In order to be a substitute for generation, demand resources should be subject to robust measurement and verification techniques to ensure that transitional DR programs incent the desired behavior. The methods used in PJM programs today are not adequate to determine and quantify deliberate actions taken to reduce consumption.

In order to be a substitute for generation, demand resources should provide a nodal location and should be dispatched nodally to enhance the effectiveness of demand resources and to permit the efficient functioning of the energy market. Both subzonal and multi-zone compliance should be eliminated because they are inconsistent with an efficient nodal market.

In order to be a substitute for generation, compliance by demand resources with PJM dispatch instructions should include both increases and decreases

in load. The current method applied by PJM simply ignores increases in load and thus artificially overstates compliance.

In order to be a substitute for generation, reductions should be calculated hourly for dispatched DR. The current rules use the average reduction for the duration of an event. The average reduction across multiple hours does not provide an accurate metric for each hour of the event and is inconsistent with the measurement of generation resources. Measuring compliance hourly would provide accurate information to the PJM system. Under the new CP rules, the performance of demand response during Performance Assessment Interval (PAI) will be measured on a five-minute basis.

In order to be a substitute for generation, any demand resource and its Curtailment Service Provider (CSP), should be required to notify PJM of material changes affecting the capability of the resource to perform as registered and to terminate or modify registrations that are no longer capable of responding to PJM dispatch directives at the specified level, such as in the case of bankrupt and out of service facilities. Generation resources are required to inform PJM of any change in availability status, including outages and shutdown status.

As a preferred alternative, demand response resources should be on the demand side of the capacity market rather than on the supply side. Rather than detailed demand response programs with their attendant complex and difficult to administer rules, customers would be able to avoid capacity and energy charges by not using capacity and energy at their discretion and the level of usage paid for would be defined by metered usage rather than a complex and inaccurate measurement protocol.

The MMU peak shaving proposal at the Summer-Only Demand Response Senior Task Force (SODRSTF) is an example of how to create a demand side product that is on the demand side of the market and not on the supply side.<sup>111</sup> The MMU proposal was based on the BGE load forecasting program

<sup>111</sup> See the MMU package within the *SODRSTF Matrix*, <<http://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/task-forces/sodrstf/20180802/20180802-item-04-sodrstf-matrix.ashx>>.

and Pennsylvania Act 129 Utility Program.<sup>112</sup> <sup>113</sup> Under the MMU proposal, participating load would inform PJM prior to an RPM auction of the MW participating, the months and hours of participation and the temperature humidity index (THI) threshold at which load would be reduced. PJM would reduce the load forecast used in the RPM auction based on the designated reductions. Load would agree to curtail demand to at or below a defined FSL, less than the customer PLC, when the THI exceeds a defined level or load exceeds a specified threshold. By relying on metered load and the PLC, load can reduce its demand for capacity and that reduction can be verified without complicated and inaccurate metrics to estimate load reductions. Under PJM's weakened version of the program, performance will be measured under the current economic demand response CBL rules which means relying on load estimates rather than actual metered load.<sup>114</sup> PJM's proposal includes only a THI curtailment trigger and not an overall load curtailment trigger.

The long term appropriate end state for demand resources in the PJM markets should be comparable to the demand side of any market. Customers should use energy as they wish and that usage will determine the amount of capacity and energy for which each customer pays. There would be no counterfactual measurement and verification.

Under this approach, customers that wish to avoid capacity payments would reduce their load during expected high load hours. Capacity costs would be assigned to LSEs and by LSEs to customers, based on actual load on the system during these critical hours. Customers wishing to avoid high energy prices would reduce their load during high price hours. Customers would pay for what they actually use, as measured by meters, rather than relying on flawed measurement and verification methods. No M&V estimates are required. No promises of future reductions which can only be verified by M&V are required. To the extent that customers enter into contracts with CSPs or

LSEs to manage their payments, M&V can be negotiated as part of a bilateral commercial contract between a customer and its CSP or LSE.

This approach provides more flexibility to customers to limit usage at their discretion. There is no requirement to be available year round or every hour of every day. There is no 30 minute notice requirement. There is no requirement to offer energy into the day-ahead market. All decisions about interrupting are up to the customers only and they may enter into bilateral commercial arrangements with CSPs at their sole discretion. Customers would pay for capacity and energy depending solely on metered load.

A transition to this end state should be defined in order to ensure that appropriate levels of demand side response are incorporated in PJM's load forecasts and thus in the demand curve in the capacity market for the next three years. That transition should be defined by the PRD rules, modified as proposed by the MMU.

This approach would work under the CP design in the capacity market. This approach is entirely consistent with the Supreme Court decision in *EPSA* as it does not depend on whether FERC has jurisdiction over the demand side. This approach will allow FERC to more fully realize its overriding policy objective to create competitive and efficient wholesale energy markets. The decision of the Supreme Court addressed jurisdictional issues and did not address the merits of FERC's approach. The Supreme Court's decision has removed the uncertainty surrounding the jurisdictional issues and created the opportunity for FERC to revisit its approach to demand side.

<sup>112</sup> Advance signals that can be used to foresee demand response days, BGE, <<https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/task-forces/sodrstf/20180309/20180309-item-05-bge-load-curtailment-programs.ashx>> (Accessed March 6, 2019).

<sup>113</sup> Pennsylvania ACT 129 Utility Program, CPower, <<https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/task-forces/sodrstf/20180413/20180413-item-03-pa-act-129-program.ashx>> (Accessed March 6, 2019).

<sup>114</sup> The PJM proposal from the SODRSTF weakened the proposal but was approved at the October 25, 2018 Members Committee meeting and PJM filed Tariff changes on December 7, 2018. See "Peak Shaving Adjustment Proposal," Docket No. ER19-511-000 (December 7, 2018).

## Overview: Section 7, Net Revenue

### Net Revenue

- Energy net revenues are significantly affected by energy prices and fuel prices. Energy prices were lower in the first three months of 2019 than in the first three months of 2018 as a result of lower gas prices in the east. Coal prices were slightly higher.
- In the first three months of 2019, average energy market net revenues decreased by 65 percent for a new CT, 42 percent for a new CC, 85 percent for a new CP, 37 percent for a new nuclear plant, 93 percent for a new DS, 40 percent for a new on shore wind installation, 36 percent for a new off shore wind installation and 22 percent for a new solar installation compared to the first three months of 2018.
- The relative prices of fuel varied during the first three months of 2019. As a result, the marginal cost of the new CC was consistently below that of the new CP in 2018, and the marginal cost of the new CT was above that of the new CP in January.
- Nuclear unit revenue is a combination of energy market revenue and capacity market revenue. Negative prices do not have a significant impact on nuclear unit revenue. Since 2014, negative prices have affected nuclear plants' annual revenues by an average of 0.1 percent.<sup>115</sup>

### Historical New Entrant CT and CC Revenue Adequacy

Total unit net revenues include energy and capacity revenues. Analysis of the total unit revenues of theoretical new entrant CTs and CCs for three representative locations shows that CT and CC units that entered the PJM markets in 2007 have not covered their total costs, including the return on and of capital, on a cumulative basis. The analysis also shows that theoretical new entrant CTs and CCs that entered the PJM markets in 2012 have covered their total costs on a cumulative basis in the eastern PSEG and BGE zones but have not covered total costs in the western ComEd Zone. Energy market revenues alone were not sufficient to cover total costs in any scenario, which

<sup>115</sup> Analysis is based on actual unit generation and received energy market and capacity market revenues. Negative prices in the DA and RT market were set to zero.

demonstrates the critical role of the capacity market revenue in covering total costs.

### Section 7 Conclusion

Wholesale electric power markets are affected by externally imposed reliability requirements. A regulatory authority external to the market makes a determination as to the acceptable level of reliability which is enforced through a requirement to maintain a target level of installed or unforced capacity. The requirement to maintain a target level of installed capacity can be enforced via a variety of mechanisms, including government construction of generation, full-requirement contracts with developers to construct and operate generation, state utility commission mandates to construct capacity, or capacity markets of various types. Regardless of the enforcement mechanism, the exogenous requirement to construct capacity in excess of what is constructed in response to energy market signals has an impact on energy markets. The reliability requirement results in maintaining a level of capacity in excess of the level that would result from the operation of an energy market alone. The result of that additional capacity is to reduce the level and volatility of energy market prices and to reduce the duration of high energy market prices. This, in turn, reduces net revenue to generation owners which reduces the incentive to invest. The exact level of both aggregate and locational excess capacity is a function of the calculation methods used by RTOs and ISOs.

Unlike cost of service regulation, markets do not guarantee that units will cover their costs. CT and CC units that entered the PJM markets in 2007 have not covered their total costs, including the return on and of capital, on a cumulative basis. CT and CC units that entered the PJM markets in 2012 have covered their total costs on a cumulative basis in the eastern PSEG and BGE zones but have not covered total costs in the western ComEd Zone. Energy market revenues alone were not sufficient to cover total costs in any scenario, which demonstrates the critical role of the capacity market revenue in covering total costs.

## Overview: Section 8, Environmental and Renewables

### Federal Environmental Regulation

- **EPA Mercury and Air Toxics Standards Rule.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Mercury and Air Toxics Standards rule (MATS) applies the Clean Air Act (CAA) maximum achievable control technology (MACT) requirement to new or modified sources of emissions of mercury and arsenic, acid gas, nickel, selenium and cyanide.<sup>116</sup> All coal steam units in PJM are compliant with the state and federal emissions limits established by MATS.
- **Air Quality Standards (NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions).** The CAA requires each state to attain and maintain compliance with fine particulate matter (PM) and ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The CAA also requires that each state prohibit emissions that significantly interfere with the ability of another state to meet NAAQS.<sup>117</sup>
- **National Emission Standards for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines.** The national emissions standards uniformly apply to all RICE.<sup>118</sup> All RICE are allowed to operate during emergencies, including declared Energy Emergency Alert Level 2 or five percent voltage/frequency deviations.<sup>119</sup>
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Rule.** On August 3, 2015, the EPA issued a final rule for regulating CO<sub>2</sub> from certain existing power generation facilities titled Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units (the Clean Power Plan).<sup>120</sup> On February 9, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay of the rule that will prevent its taking effect until judicial review is completed.<sup>121</sup> On October 10, 2017, the EPA proposed to repeal the Clean Power Plan based

a determination that the Plan exceeds the EPA's authority under Section 111 of the CAA.<sup>122</sup>

- **Cooling Water Intakes.** An EPA rule implementing Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that cooling water intake structures reflect the best technology available for minimizing adverse environmental impacts.<sup>123</sup>

### State Environmental Regulation

- **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).** The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cap and trade agreement among Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont that applies to power generation facilities. New Jersey is in the process of resuming participation.<sup>124</sup> Virginia is making preparations to join.<sup>125</sup> The auction price in the March 13, 2019, auction for the 2018/2020 compliance period was \$5.27 per ton. The clearing price is equivalent to a price of \$5.81 per metric tonne, the unit used in other carbon markets. The price decreased by \$0.08 per ton, 1.5 percent, from \$5.35 per ton from December 5, 2018, to \$5.27 per ton for March 13, 2019.
- **Carbon Price.** If the price of carbon were \$50.00 per metric tonne, the short run marginal costs would increase by \$24.52 per MWh for a new combustion turbine (CT) unit, \$16.71 per MWh for a new combined cycle (CC) unit and \$43.15 per MWh for a new coal plant (CP).

### State Renewable Portfolio Standards

Many states in PJM have enacted legislation to require that a defined percentage of retail suppliers' load be served by renewable resources, for which definitions vary. These are typically known as renewable portfolio standards, or RPS. As

<sup>116</sup> *National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Coal and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units and Standards of Performance for Fossil Fuel Fired Electric Utility, Industrial-Commercial-Institutional, and Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units*, EPA Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0234, 77 Fed. Reg. 9304 (Feb. 16, 2012).

<sup>117</sup> CAA § 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(i).

<sup>118</sup> EPA, Memorandum, Peter Tsigotis Guidance on Vacatur of RICE NESHAP and NSPS Provisions for Emergency Engines (April 15, 2016).

<sup>119</sup> See 40 CFR §§ 60.4211(f)(2)(ii)-(iii), 60.4243(d)(2)(ii)-(iii), and 63.6640(f)(2)(ii)-(iii) (Declared Energy Emergency Alert Level 2 or 5 percent voltage/frequency deviations); 40 CFR §§ 60.4211(f)(1), 60.4243(d)(1), and 63.6640(f)(1) ("There is no time limit on the use of emergency stationary ICE in emergency situations."); 40 CFR 60.4211(f)(3), 60.4243(d)(3), 63.6640(f)(3)-(4).

<sup>120</sup> *Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units*, Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0602, Final Rule *mimeo* (Aug. 3, 2015), also known as the "Clean Power Plan."

<sup>121</sup> *North Dakota v. EPA*, et al., Order 15A793.

<sup>122</sup> See *Repeal of Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units*, Proposed Rule, Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355, 82 Fed. Reg. 48035 (Oct. 16, 2017).

<sup>123</sup> See EPA, *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System—Final Regulations to Establish Requirements for Cooling Water Intake Structures at Existing Facilities and Amend Requirements at Phase I Facilities*, EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0667, 79 Fed. Reg. 48300 (Aug. 15, 2014).

<sup>124</sup> Executive Order 7; see *Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative*, State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection <<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqes/rggi.html>>.

<sup>125</sup> See Regulation for Emissions Trading, 9 VAC 5-140. The Virginia Air Pollution Control Board is developing the regulation and considering public comments.

of March 31, 2019, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC had renewable portfolio standards. Virginia and Indiana had voluntary renewable portfolio standards. Kentucky and Tennessee did not have renewable portfolio standards.

## Emissions Controls in PJM Markets

Environmental regulations affect decisions about emission control investments in existing units, investment in new units and decisions to retire units. As a result of environmental regulations and agreements to limit emissions, many PJM units burning fossil fuels have installed emission control technology. As of March 31, 2019, 93.4 percent of coal steam MW had some type of flue-gas desulfurization (FGD) technology to reduce SO<sub>2</sub> emissions, while 99.5 percent of coal steam MW had some type of particulate control, and 94.5 percent of fossil fuel fired capacity in PJM had NO<sub>x</sub> emission control technology. All coal steam units in PJM are compliant with the state and federal emissions limits established by MATS.

## Renewable Generation

Total wind and solar generation was 3.7 percent of total generation in PJM for the first three months of 2019. Tier I generation was 5.6 percent of total generation in PJM and Tier II generation was 2.2 percent of total generation in PJM for the first three months of 2019. Only Tier I generation is renewable.

## Section 8 Recommendations

- The MMU recommends that renewable energy credit markets based on state renewable portfolio standards be brought into PJM markets as they are an increasingly important component of the wholesale energy market. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2010. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the Commission reconsider its disclaimer of jurisdiction over RECs markets because, given market changes since that decision, it is clear that RECs materially affect jurisdictional rates. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that states consider the development of a multistate framework for RECs markets, for potential agreement on carbon pricing including the distribution of carbon revenues, and for coordination with PJM wholesale markets. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that jurisdictions with a renewable portfolio standard make the price and quantity data on supply and demand more transparent. (Priority: Low. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

## Section 8 Conclusion

Environmental requirements and renewable energy mandates at both the federal and state levels have a significant impact on the cost of energy and capacity in PJM markets. Renewable energy credit (REC) markets are markets related to the production and purchase of wholesale power, but FERC has determined that RECs are not regulated under the Federal Power Act unless the REC is sold as part of a transaction that also includes a wholesale sale of electric energy in a bundled transaction.<sup>126</sup> The MMU recommends that the Commission reconsider its disclaimer of jurisdiction over RECs markets because, given market changes since that decision, it is clear that RECs materially affect jurisdictional rates.

RECs clearly affect prices in the PJM wholesale power market. Some resources are not economic except for the ability to purchase or sell RECs. RECs provide out of market payments to qualifying renewable resources, primarily wind and solar. The credits provide an incentive to make negative energy offers and more generally provide an incentive to enter the market, to remain in the market and to operate whenever possible. These subsidies affect the offer behavior and the operational behavior of these resources in PJM markets and in some cases the existence of these resources and thus the market prices and the mix of clearing resources.

<sup>126</sup> See 139 FERC ¶ 61,061 at PP 18, 22 (2012) (“[W]e conclude that unbundled REC transactions fall outside of the Commission’s jurisdiction under sections 201, 205 and 206 of the FPA. We further conclude that bundled REC transactions fall within the Commission’s jurisdiction under sections 201, 205 and 206 of the FPA,.... [A]lthough a transaction may not directly involve the transmission or sale of electric energy, the transaction could still fall under the Commission’s jurisdiction because it is ‘in connection with’ or ‘affects’ jurisdictional rates or charges.”)

RECs markets are, as an economic fact, integrated with PJM markets including energy and capacity markets, but are not formally recognized as part of PJM markets. It would be preferable to have a single, transparent market for RECs operated by the PJM RTO that would meet the standards and requirements of all states in the PJM footprint including those with no RPS. This would provide better information for market participants about supply and demand and prices and contribute to a more efficient and competitive market and to better price formation. This could also facilitate entry by qualifying renewable resources by reducing the risks associated with lack of transparent market data. The MMU recommends that PJM states consider the development of a multistate framework for REC markets, for potential agreement on carbon pricing, and for coordination with PJM wholesale markets.

REC markets are not consistently or adequately transparent. Data on REC prices, clearing quantities and markets are not publicly available for all PJM states. The provision of more complete data would facilitate competition to provide energy from renewable sources.

The economic logic of RPS programs and the associated REC and SREC prices is not always clear. The price of carbon implied by REC prices ranges from \$5.53 per tonne in Washington, D.C. to \$31.12 per tonne in Pennsylvania. The price of carbon implied by SREC prices ranges from \$36.44 per tonne in Pennsylvania to \$717.49 per tonne in Washington, D.C. The effective prices for carbon compare to the RGGI clearing price in March 2019 of \$5.81 per tonne and to the social cost of carbon which is estimated in the range of \$40 per tonne.<sup>127</sup> The impact on the cost of generation from a new combined cycle unit of a \$700 per tonne carbon price would be \$233.89 per MWh. The impact of a \$40 per tonne carbon price would be \$13.37 per MWh. This wide range of implied carbon prices is not consistent with an efficient, competitive, least cost approach to the reduction of emissions.

PJM markets provide a flexible mechanism for incorporating the costs of environmental controls and meeting environmental requirements in a cost

effective manner. Costs for environmental controls are part of offers for capacity resources in the PJM Capacity Market. The costs of emissions credits are included in energy offers. PJM markets also provide a flexible mechanism that incorporates renewable resources and the impacts of renewable energy credit markets, and ensures that renewable resources have access to a broad market. PJM markets provide efficient price signals that permit valuation of resources with very different characteristics when they provide the same product.

PJM markets could also provide a flexible mechanism to limit carbon output, for example by incorporating a consistent carbon price in unit offers which would be reflected in PJM's economic dispatch. If there is a social decision to limit carbon output, a consistent carbon price would be the most efficient way to implement that decision. The states in PJM could agree, if they decided it was in their interests, with the appropriate information, on a carbon price and on how to allocate the revenues from a carbon price that would make all states better off. The MMU continues to recommend that PJM provide modeling information to the states adequate to inform such a decision making process. A carbon price would also be an alternative to specific subsidies to individual nuclear power plants and to the current wide range of implied carbon prices embedded in RPS programs and instead provide a market signal to which any resource could respond. The imposition of specific and prescriptive environmental dispatch rules would, in contrast, pose a threat to economic dispatch and efficient markets and create very difficult market power monitoring and mitigation issues. The provision of subsidies to individual units creates a discriminatory regime that is not consistent with competition. The use of inconsistent implied carbon prices by state is also inconsistent with an efficient market and inconsistent with the least cost approach to meeting state environmental goals.

<sup>127</sup> "Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis – Under Executive Order 12899," Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases, United States Government, (Aug, 2016), <[https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/sc\\_co2\\_tsd\\_august\\_2016.pdf](https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/sc_co2_tsd_august_2016.pdf)>.

## Overview: Section 9, Interchange Transactions

### Interchange Transaction Activity

- **Aggregate Imports and Exports in the Real-Time Energy Market.** In the first three months of 2019, PJM was a monthly net exporter of energy in the Real-Time Energy Market in all months.<sup>128</sup> In the first three months of 2019, the real-time net interchange was -6,731.8 GWh. The real-time net interchange in the first three months of 2018 was -1,610.2 GWh.
- **Aggregate Imports and Exports in the Day-Ahead Energy Market.** In the first three months of 2019, PJM was a monthly net importer of energy in the Day-Ahead Energy Market in January and March, and a net exporter of energy in the February. In the first three months of 2019, the total day-ahead net interchange was 742.3 GWh. The day-ahead net interchange in the first three months of 2018 was -2,917.4.
- **Aggregate Imports and Exports in the Day-Ahead and the Real-Time Energy Market.** In the first three months of 2019, gross imports in the Day-Ahead Energy Market were 371.7 percent of gross imports in the Real-Time Energy Market (121.4 percent in the first three months of 2018). In the first three months of 2019, gross exports in the Day-Ahead Energy Market were 129.9 percent of the gross exports in the Real-Time Energy Market (134.3 percent in the first three months of 2018).
- **Interface Imports and Exports in the Real-Time Energy Market.** In the first three months of 2019, there were net scheduled exports at 11 of PJM's 19 interfaces in the Real-Time Energy Market.
- **Interface Pricing Point Imports and Exports in the Real-Time Energy Market.** In the first three months of 2019, there were net scheduled exports at 8 of PJM's 17 interface pricing points eligible for real-time transactions in the Real-Time Energy Market.<sup>129</sup>
- **Interface Imports and Exports in the Day-Ahead Energy Market.** In the first three months of 2019, there were net scheduled exports at 10 of PJM's 19 interfaces in the Day-Ahead Energy Market.

<sup>128</sup> Calculated values shown in Section 9, "Interchange Transactions," are based on unrounded, underlying data and may differ from calculations based on the rounded values in the tables.

<sup>129</sup> There is one interface pricing point eligible for day-ahead transaction scheduling only (NIPSCO).

- **Interface Pricing Point Imports and Exports in the Day-Ahead Energy Market.** In the first three months of 2019, there were net scheduled exports at seven of PJM's 18 interface pricing points eligible for day-ahead transactions in the Day-Ahead Energy Market.
- **Up To Congestion Interface Pricing Point Imports and Exports in the Day-Ahead Energy Market.** In the first three months of 2019, up to congestion transactions were net exports at three of PJM's 18 interface pricing points eligible for day-ahead transactions in the Day-Ahead Energy Market.
- **Inadvertent Interchange.** In the first three months of 2019, net scheduled interchange was -6,732 GWh and net actual interchange was -6,747 GWh, a difference of 15 GWh. In the first three months of 2018, the difference was 43 GWh. This difference is inadvertent interchange.
- **Loop Flows.** In the first three months of 2019, the Northern Indiana Public Service (NIPS) Interface had the largest loop flows of any interface with -1 GWh of net scheduled interchange and -2,814 GWh of net actual interchange, a difference of 2,813 GWh. In the first three months of 2019, the SouthIMP interface pricing point had the largest loop flows of any interface pricing point with 2,387 GWh of net scheduled interchange and 8,518 GWh of net actual interchange, a difference of 6,131 GWh.

### Interactions with Bordering Areas

#### PJM Interface Pricing with Organized Markets

- **PJM and MISO Interface Prices.** In the first three months of 2019, the direction of the hourly flow was consistent with the real-time hourly price differences between the PJM/MISO Interface and the MISO/PJM Interface in 54.2 percent of the hours.
- **PJM and New York ISO Interface Prices.** In the first three months of 2019, the direction of the hourly flow was consistent with the real-time hourly price differences between the PJM/NYIS Interface and the NYISO/PJM proxy bus in 60.6 percent of the hours.
- **Neptune Underwater Transmission Line to Long Island, New York.** In the first three months of 2019, the hourly flow (PJM to NYISO) was consistent

with the real-time hourly price differences between the PJM Neptune Interface and the NYISO Neptune bus in 80.7 percent of the hours.

- **Linden Variable Frequency Transformer (VFT) Facility.** In the first three months of 2019, the hourly flow (PJM to NYISO) was consistent with the real-time hourly price differences between the PJM Linden Interface and the NYISO Linden bus in 78.0 percent of the hours.
- **Hudson DC Line.** In the first three months of 2019, the hourly flow (PJM to NYISO) was consistent with the real-time hourly price differences between the PJM Hudson Interface and the NYISO Hudson bus in 75.4 percent of the hours.

## Interchange Transaction Issues

- **PJM Transmission Loading Relief Procedures (TLRs).** PJM issued two TLRs of level 3a or higher in the first three months of 2019, compared to one such TLR issued in the first three months of 2018.
- **Up To Congestion.** On February 20, 2018, FERC issued an order limiting the eligible bidding points for up to congestion transactions to hubs, residual metered load and interfaces.<sup>130</sup> As a result, market participants reduced up to congestion trading effective February 22, 2018. The average number of up to congestion bids submitted in the Day-Ahead Energy Market decreased by 49.3 percent, from 105,194 bids per day in the first three months of 2018 to 53,376 bids per day in the first three months of 2019. The average cleared volume of up to congestion bids submitted in the Day-Ahead Energy Market decreased by less than one percent, from 521,751 MWh per day in the first three months of 2018, to 521,709 MWh per day in the first three months of 2019.
- **45 Minute Schedule Duration Rule.** Effective May 19, 2014, PJM removed the 45 minute scheduling duration rule in response to FERC Order No. 764.<sup>131</sup> <sup>132</sup> PJM and the MMU issued a statement indicating ongoing concern about market participants' scheduling behavior, and a

commitment to address any scheduling behavior that raises operational or market manipulation concerns.<sup>133</sup>

## Section 9 Recommendations

- The MMU recommends that PJM implement rules to prevent sham scheduling. The MMU recommends that PJM apply after the fact market settlement adjustments to identified sham scheduling segments to ensure that market participants cannot benefit from sham scheduling. (Priority: High. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted. Stakeholder process.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM implement a validation method for submitted transactions that would prohibit market participants from breaking transactions into smaller segments to defeat the interface pricing rule by concealing the true source or sink of the transaction. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM implement a validation method for submitted transactions that would require market participants to submit transactions on paths that reflect the expected actual power flow in order to reduce unscheduled loop flows. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM end the practice of maintaining outdated definitions of interface pricing points, eliminate the NIPSCO, Southeast and Southwest interface pricing points from the Day-Ahead and Real-Time Energy Markets and, with VACAR, assign the transactions created under the reserve sharing agreement to the SouthIMP/EXP pricing point. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate the IMO interface pricing point, and assign the transactions that originate or sink in the IESO balancing authority to the MISO interface pricing point. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM monitor, and adjust as necessary, the weights applied to the components of the interfaces to ensure that the interface prices reflect ongoing changes in system conditions. The MMU

<sup>130</sup> 162 FERC ¶ 61,139 (2018).

<sup>131</sup> Order No. 764, 139 FERC ¶ 61,246 (2012), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 764-A, 141 FERC ¶ 61,231 (2012).

<sup>132</sup> See Letter Order, Docket No. ER14-381-000 (June 30, 2014).

<sup>133</sup> See joint statement of PJM and the MMU re Interchange Scheduling issued July 29, 2014, at: <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Market\\_Messages/Messages/PJM\\_IMM\\_Statement\\_on\\_Interchange\\_Scheduling\\_20140729.pdf](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/reports/Market_Messages/Messages/PJM_IMM_Statement_on_Interchange_Scheduling_20140729.pdf)>.

also recommends that PJM review the mappings of external balancing authorities to individual interface pricing points to reflect changes to the impact of the external power source on PJM tie lines as a result of system topology changes. The MMU recommends that this review occur at least annually. (Priority: Low. First reported 2009. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that, in order to permit a complete analysis of loop flow, FERC and NERC ensure that the identified data are made available to market monitors as well as other industry entities determined appropriate by FERC. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2003. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM explore an interchange optimization solution with its neighboring balancing authorities that would remove the need for market participants to schedule physical transactions across seams. Such a solution would include an optimized, but limited, joint dispatch approach that uses supply curves and treats seams between balancing authorities as constraints, similar to other constraints within an LMP market. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2014. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM permit unlimited spot market imports as well as unlimited nonfirm point-to-point willing to pay congestion imports and exports at all PJM interfaces in order to improve the efficiency of the market. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM immediately provide the required 12-month notice to Duke Energy Progress (DEP) to unilaterally terminate the Joint Operating Agreement. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJMSettlement Inc. immediately request a credit evaluation from all companies that engaged in up to congestion transactions between September 8, 2014, and December 31, 2015. If PJM has the authority, PJM should ensure that the potential exposure to uplift for that period be included as a contingency in the companies' calculations for credit levels and/or collateral requirements. If PJM does

not have the authority to take such steps, PJM should request guidance from FERC. (Priority: Low. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that the emergency interchange cap be replaced with a market based solution. (Priority: Low. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the submission deadline for real-time dispatchable transactions be modified from 1800 on the day prior, to three hours prior to the requested start time, and that the minimum duration be modified from one hour to 15 minutes. These changes would give PJM a more flexible product that could be used to meet load in the most economic manner. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2014. Status: Partially adopted, 2015.)

## Section 9 Conclusion

Transactions between PJM and multiple balancing authorities in the Eastern Interconnection are part of a single energy market. While some of these balancing authorities are termed market areas and some are termed nonmarket areas, all electricity transactions are part of a single energy market. Nonetheless, there are significant differences between market and nonmarket areas. Market areas, like PJM, include essential features such as locational marginal pricing, financial congestion offsets (FTRs and ARRs in PJM) and transparent, least cost, security constrained economic dispatch for all available generation. Nonmarket areas do not include these features. Pricing in the market areas is transparent and pricing in the nonmarket areas is not transparent.

The MMU's recommendations related to transactions with external balancing authorities all share the goal of improving the economic efficiency of interchange transactions. The standard of comparison is an LMP market. In an LMP market, redispatch based on LMP and competitive generator offers results in an efficient dispatch and efficient prices. The goal of designing interface transaction rules should be to match the outcomes that would exist in an LMP market across the interfaces.

## Overview: Section 10, Ancillary Services

### Primary Reserve

PJM's primary reserves are made up of resources, both synchronized and nonsynchronized, that can provide energy within 10 minutes. Primary reserve is PJM's implementation of the NERC 15-minute contingency reserve requirement.<sup>134</sup>

On April 1, 2018, PJM implemented five minute settlements. PJM determines the primary reserve requirement based on the most severe single contingency every five minutes. The market solution calculates the available tier 1 synchronized reserve every five minutes. In every five minute interval, the required synchronized reserve and nonsynchronized reserve are calculated and dispatched, and there are associated clearing prices (SRMCP and NSRMCP). Scheduled resources are credited based on their five minute assignment and clearing price.

### Market Structure

- **Supply.** Primary reserve is satisfied by both synchronized reserve (generation or demand response currently synchronized to the grid and available within 10 minutes), and nonsynchronized reserve (generation currently off line but available to start and provide energy within 10 minutes).
- **Demand.** The PJM primary reserve requirement is 150 percent of the most severe single contingency. In the first three months of 2019, the average primary reserve requirement was 2,520.0 MW in the RTO Zone and 2,520.0 MW in the MAD Subzone.

### Tier 1 Synchronized Reserve

Synchronized reserve is provided by generators or demand response resources synchronized to the grid and capable of increasing output or decreasing load within 10 minutes. Synchronized reserve consists of tier 1 and tier 2 synchronized reserves.

<sup>134</sup> See PJM, "Manual 10: Pre-Scheduling Operations," § 3.1.1 Day-ahead Scheduling (Operating Reserve, Rev. 37 (Dec. 10, 2018)).

Tier 1 synchronized reserve is the capability of online resources following economic dispatch to ramp up in 10 minutes from their current output in response to a synchronized reserve event. There is no formal market for tier 1 synchronized reserve.

- **Supply.** No offers are made for tier 1 synchronized reserves. The market solution estimates tier 1 synchronized reserve as available 10 minute ramp from the energy dispatch. In the first three months of 2019, there was an average hourly supply of 2,188.8 MW of tier 1 available in the RTO Zone. In the first three months of 2019, there was an average hourly supply of 1,606.7 MW of tier 1 synchronized reserve available within the MAD Subzone.
- **Demand.** The synchronized reserve requirement is calculated for each five minute interval as the most severe single contingency within both the RTO Zone and the MAD Subzone. The requirement can be met with tier 1 or tier 2 synchronized reserves.
- **Tier 1 Synchronized Reserve Event Response.** Tier 1 synchronized reserve is paid when a synchronized reserve event occurs and it responds. When a synchronized reserve event is called, all tier 1 response is paid for increasing its output (or reducing load for demand response) at the rate of \$50 per MWh in addition to LMP.<sup>135</sup> This is the Synchronized Energy Premium Price.

Of the Degree of Generator Performance (DGP) adjusted tier 1 synchronized reserve MW estimated at market clearing, 63.3 percent actually responded during the seven synchronized reserve events of 10 minutes or longer in 2018. There were no spinning events 10 minutes or longer in the first three months of 2019.

- **Issues.** The competitive offer for tier 1 synchronized reserves is zero, as there is no incremental cost associated with the ability to ramp up from the current economic dispatch point and the appropriate payment for responding to an event is synchronized energy premium price of \$50 per MWh. The tariff requires payment of the tier 2 synchronized reserve market clearing price to tier 1 resources whenever the nonsynchronized reserve market clearing price rises above zero. This requirement is

<sup>135</sup> See PJM, "Manual 11: Energy & Ancillary Services Market Operations," § 4.2.10 Settlements, Rev. 104 (Feb. 7, 2019).

unnecessary and inconsistent with efficient markets. This change had a significant impact on the cost of tier 1 synchronized reserves, resulting in a windfall payment of \$89,719,045 to tier 1 resources in 2014, \$34,397,441 in 2015, \$4,948,084 in 2016, \$2,197,514 in 2017, \$4,732,025 in 2018, and \$557,528 in the first three months of 2019.

## Tier 2 Synchronized Reserve Market

Tier 2 synchronized reserve is part of primary reserve and is comprised of resources that are synchronized to the grid, that may incur costs to be synchronized, that have an obligation to respond, that have penalties for failure to respond, and that must be dispatched in order to satisfy the synchronized reserve requirement.

When the synchronized reserve requirement cannot be met with tier 1 synchronized reserve, PJM uses a market to satisfy the balance of the requirement with tier 2 synchronized reserve. The Tier 2 Synchronized Reserve Market includes the PJM RTO Reserve Zone and a subzone, the Mid-Atlantic Dominion Reserve Subzone (MAD).

### Market Structure

- **Supply.** In the first three months 2019, the supply of offered and eligible tier 2 synchronized reserve was 31,277.7 MW in the RTO Zone of which 8,658.1 MW was located in the MAD Subzone. 4,523.0 MW of DSR was available in the RTO Zone.
- **Demand.** The average hourly synchronized reserve requirement was 1,744.8 MW in the RTO Reserve Zone and 1,737.7 MW for the Mid-Atlantic Dominion Reserve Subzone. The hourly average cleared tier 2 synchronized reserve was 269.0 MW in the MAD Subzone and 533.0 MW in the RTO.
- **Market Concentration.** Both the Mid-Atlantic Dominion Subzone Tier 2 Synchronized Reserve Market and the RTO Synchronized Reserve Zone Market were characterized by structural market power in the first three months 2019.

In the first three months of 2019 5.0 percent of hours would have failed a three pivotal supplier test. The average HHI for tier 2 synchronized reserve in the RTO Zone was 5788 which is classified as highly concentrated.

### Market Conduct

- **Offers.** There is a must offer requirement for tier 2 synchronized reserve. All nonemergency generation capacity resources are required to submit a daily offer for tier 2 synchronized reserve, unless the unit type is exempt. Tier 2 synchronized reserve offers from generating units are subject to an offer cap of marginal cost plus \$7.50 per MW, plus opportunity cost which is calculated by PJM. PJM automatically enters an offer of \$0 for tier 2 synchronized reserve when an offer is not entered by the owner.

### Market Performance

- **Price.** The weighted average price for tier 2 synchronized reserve for all cleared hours/intervals in the Mid-Atlantic Dominion (MAD) Subzone in the first three months of 2019 was \$2.31 per MW, a decrease of \$5.00 from the same period in 2018.

The weighted average price for tier 2 synchronized reserve for all cleared hours/intervals in the RTO Synchronized Reserve Zone was \$2.57 per MW in the first three months of 2019, a decrease of \$5.33 from the same period in 2018.

## Nonsynchronized Reserve Market

Nonsynchronized reserve is part of primary reserve and includes the RTO Reserve Zone and the Mid-Atlantic Dominion Reserve Subzone (MAD). Nonsynchronized reserve is comprised of nonemergency energy resources not currently synchronized to the grid that can provide energy within 10 minutes. Nonsynchronized reserve is available to fill the primary reserve requirement above the synchronized reserve requirement. Generation owners do not submit supply offers for nonsynchronized reserve. PJM defines the demand curve for nonsynchronized reserve and PJM defines the supply curve based on nonemergency generation resources that are available to provide energy and

can start in 10 minutes or less (based on offer parameters), and on the resource opportunity costs calculated by PJM.

## Market Structure

- **Supply.** In the first three months of 2019, the average hourly supply of eligible nonsynchronized reserve was 3,918.0 MW in the RTO Zone.
- **Demand.** Demand for nonsynchronized reserve equals the primary reserve requirement minus the tier 1 synchronized reserve estimate and minus the scheduled tier 2 synchronized reserve.<sup>136</sup> In the RTO Zone, the market scheduled an hourly average of 2,522.4 MW of nonsynchronized reserve in the first three months of 2019.
- **Market Concentration.** The MMU calculates that the three pivotal supplier test would have failed in 67.1 percent of hours in the first three months of 2019. The weighted average HHI for cleared nonsynchronized reserve in the RTO Zone was 5044, which is highly concentrated.

## Market Conduct

- **Offers.** Generation owners do not submit supply offers. Nonemergency generation resources that are available to provide energy and can start in 10 minutes or less are considered available for nonsynchronized reserves by the market solution software. PJM calculates the associated offer prices based on PJM calculations of resource specific opportunity costs.

## Market Performance

- **Price.** The nonsynchronized reserve price is determined by the opportunity cost of the marginal nonsynchronized reserve unit. The nonsynchronized reserve weighted average price for all hours in the RTO Reserve Zone was \$0.13 per MW in the first three months of 2019. The price cleared above \$0.00 in 1.9 percent of hours.

<sup>136</sup> See PJM, "Manual 11: Energy & Ancillary Services Market Operations," § 5b.2.2 Non-Synchronized Reserve Zones and Levels, Rev. 104 (Feb. 7, 2019). "Because Synchronized Reserve may be utilized to meet the Primary Reserve requirement, there is no explicit requirement for non-synchronized reserves."

## Secondary Reserve

There is no NERC standard for secondary reserve. PJM defines secondary reserve as reserves (online or offline available for dispatch) that can be converted to energy in 30 minutes. PJM defines a secondary reserve requirement but does not have a goal to maintain this reserve requirement in real time.

PJM maintains a day-ahead, offer-based market for 30 minute day-ahead secondary reserve. The Day-Ahead Scheduling Reserve Market (DASR) has no performance obligations except that a unit which clears the DASR market may not be on an outage in real time.<sup>137</sup> If DASR units are on an outage in real time or cleared DASR MW are not available, the DASR payment is not made.

## Market Structure

- **Supply.** The DASR Market is a must offer market. Any resources that do not make an offer have their offer set to \$0.00 per MW. DASR is calculated by the day-ahead market solution as the lesser of the 30 minute energy ramp rate or the economic maximum MW minus the day-ahead dispatch point for all online units. In the first three months of 2019, the average available hourly DASR was 45,765.0 MW.
- **Demand.** The DASR requirement for 2019 is 5.29 percent of peak load forecast, which is up 0.01 percent from in 2018. The average hourly DASR MW purchased in the first three months of 2019 was 5,567.1 MW. This is a reduction from the 5,690.1 hourly MW in 2018.
- **Concentration.** In the first three months of 2019, the DASR Market did not fail the three pivotal supplier test in any hour.

## Market Conduct

- **Withholding.** Economic withholding remains an issue in the DASR Market. The direct marginal cost of providing DASR is zero. PJM calculates the opportunity cost for each resource. All offers by resource owners greater than zero constitute economic withholding. In the first three months of 2019, a daily average of 39.5 percent of units offered above \$0.00. A daily average of 16.6 percent of units offered above \$5.

<sup>137</sup> See PJM, "Manual 11: Energy & Ancillary Services Market Operations," § 11.2.7 Day-Ahead Scheduling Reserve Performance, Rev. 104 (Feb. 7, 2019).

- **DR.** Demand resources are eligible to participate in the DASR Market. Some demand resources have entered offers for DASR. No demand resources cleared the DASR market in the first three months of 2019.

## Market Performance

- **Price.** In the first three months of 2019, the weighted average DASR price for all hours when the DASRMCP was above \$0.00 was \$0.44.

## Regulation Market

The PJM Regulation Market is a real-time market. Regulation is provided by generation resources and demand response resources that qualify to follow one of two regulation signals, RegA or RegD. PJM jointly optimizes regulation with synchronized reserve and energy to provide all three products at least cost. The PJM regulation market design includes three clearing price components: capability; performance; and opportunity cost. The RegA signal is designed for energy unlimited resources with physically constrained ramp ability. The RegD signal is designed for energy limited resources with fast ramp rates. In the Regulation Market RegD MW are converted to effective MW using a marginal rate of technical substitution (MRTS), called a marginal benefit function (MBF). Correctly implemented, the MBF would be the marginal rate of technical substitution (MRTS) between RegA and RegD, holding the level of regulation service constant. The current market design is critically flawed as it has not properly implemented the MBF as an MRTS between RegA and RegD resource MW and the MBF has not been consistently applied in the optimization, clearing and settlement of the Regulation Market.

## Market Structure

- **Supply.** In the first three months of 2019, the average hourly eligible supply of regulation for nonramp hours was 1,178.0 performance adjusted MW (890.8 effective MW). This was an increase of 38.5 performance adjusted MW (an increase of 1.4 effective MW) from the first three months of 2018, when the average hourly eligible supply of regulation was 1,139.6 performance adjusted MW (889.4 effective MW). In the first three months of 2019, the average hourly eligible supply of regulation for ramp hours

was 1,460.3 performance adjusted MW (1,186.3 effective MW). This was an increase of 55.0 performance adjusted MW (an increase of 9.4 effective MW) from the first three months of 2018, when the average hourly eligible supply of regulation was 1,405.3 performance adjusted MW (1,176.9 effective MW).

- **Demand.** Prior to January 9, 2017, the hourly regulation demand was set to 525.0 effective MW for nonramp hours and 700.0 effective MW for ramp hours. Starting January 9, 2017, the hourly regulation demand was set to 525.0 effective MW for nonramp hours and 800.0 effective MW for ramp hours.
- **Supply and Demand.** The nonramp regulation requirement of 525.0 effective MW was provided by a combination of RegA and RegD resources equal to 472.2 hourly average performance adjusted actual MW in the first three months of 2019. This is a decrease of 16.5 performance adjusted actual MW from the first three months of 2018, when the average hourly total regulation cleared performance adjusted actual MW for nonramp hours were 488.7 performance adjusted actual MW. The ramp regulation requirement of 800.0 effective MW was provided by a combination of RegA and RegD resources equal to 712.4 hourly average performance adjusted actual MW in the first three months of 2019. This is an increase of 33.7 performance adjusted actual MW from the first three months of 2018, where the average hourly regulation cleared MW for ramp hours were 746.2 performance adjusted actual MW.

The ratio of the average hourly eligible supply of regulation to average hourly regulation demand (performance adjusted cleared MW) for ramp hours was 2.05 in the first three months of 2019. This is an increase of 8.84 percent from the first three months of 2018, when the ratio was 1.88. The ratio of the average hourly eligible supply of regulation to average hourly regulation demand (performance adjusted cleared MW) for nonramp hours was 2.49 in the first three months of 2019. This is an increase of 6.72 percent from the first three months of 2018, when the ratio was 2.33.

- **Market Concentration.** In the first three months of 2019, the three pivotal supplier test was failed in 82.4 percent of hours. In the first three months of 2019, the effective MW weighted average HHI of RegA resources was 2548 which is highly concentrated and the weighted average HHI of RegD resources was 1208 which is moderately concentrated.<sup>138</sup> The weighted average HHI of all resources was 1016, which is moderately concentrated.

## Market Conduct

- **Offers.** Daily regulation offer prices are submitted for each unit by the unit owner. Owners are required to submit a cost-based offer and may submit a price-based offer. Offers include both a capability offer and a performance offer. Owners must specify which signal type the unit will be following, RegA or RegD.<sup>139</sup> In the first three months of 2019, there were 152 resources following the RegA signal and 56 resources following the RegD signal.

## Market Performance

- **Price and Cost.** The weighted average clearing price for regulation was \$14.05 per MW of regulation in the first three months of 2019. This is a decrease of \$26.28 per MW, or 65.2 percent, from the weighted average clearing price of \$40.33 per MW in the first three months of 2018. The weighted average cost of regulation in the first three months of 2019 was \$18.45 per MW of regulation. This is a decrease of \$31.15 per MW, or 62.8 percent, from the weighted average cost of \$49.60 per MW in the first three months of 2018.
- **Prices.** RegD resources continue to be incorrectly compensated relative to RegA resources due to an inconsistent application of the marginal benefit factor in the optimization, assignment and settlement processes. If the Regulation Market were functioning efficiently, RegD and RegA resources would be paid the same price per effective MW. RegA resources are paid on the basis of dollars per effective MW of RegA. RegD resources are not paid in terms of dollars per effective MW of RegA because the marginal benefit factor is not used in settlements. When the marginal benefit factor

is above 1.0, RegD resources are generally (depending on the mileage ratio) underpaid on a per effective MW basis. When the MBF is less than one, RegD resources are generally overpaid on a per effective MW basis.

- **Marginal Benefit Factor Function.** The marginal benefit factor (MBF) is intended to measure the operational substitutability of RegD resources for RegA resources. The marginal benefit factor function is incorrectly defined and applied in the PJM market clearing. Correctly defined, the MBF function represents the Marginal Rate of Technical Substitution (MRTS) between RegA and RegD. Correctly implemented, the MBF would be consistently applied in the Regulation Market clearing and settlement. The current incorrect and inconsistent implementation of the MBF function has resulted in the PJM Regulation Market over procuring RegD relative to RegA in most hours and in a consistently inefficient market signal to participants regarding the value of RegD to the market in every hour. This over procurement of RegD can also degrade the ability of PJM to control ACE.
- **Changes to the Regulation Market.** The MMU and PJM developed a joint proposal to address the significant flaws in the regulation market design which was approved by the PJM Members Committee on July 27, 2017, and filed with FERC on October 17, 2017. The proposal addresses issues with the inconsistent application of the marginal benefit factor throughout the optimization and settlement process in the PJM Regulation Market. On March 30, 2018, this joint proposal was rejected by FERC.<sup>140</sup> The MMU and PJM have filed requests for rehearing.<sup>141</sup>

## Black Start Service

Black start service is required for the reliable restoration of the grid following a blackout. Black start service is the ability of a generating unit to start without an outside electrical supply, or is the demonstrated ability of a generating unit to automatically remain operating at reduced levels when disconnected from the grid (automatic load rejection or ALR).<sup>142</sup>

<sup>138</sup> HHI results are based on market shares of effective MW, defined as regulation capability MW adjusted by performance score and resource specific benefit factor, consistent with the way the regulation market is cleared.

<sup>139</sup> See the 2018 State of the Market Report for PJM, Vol. 2, Appendix F "Ancillary Services Markets."

<sup>140</sup> 162 FERC ¶ 61,295.

<sup>141</sup> FERC Docket No. ER18-87-002.

<sup>142</sup> OATT Schedule 1 § 1.3BB.

In the first three months of 2019, total black start charges were \$15.94 million, including \$15.93 million in revenue requirement charges and \$0.008 million in operating reserve charges. Black start revenue requirements consist of fixed black start service costs, variable black start service costs, training costs, fuel storage costs, and an incentive factor. Black start operating reserve charges are paid to units scheduled in the Day-Ahead Energy Market or committed in real time to provide black start service under the ALR option or for black start testing. Black start zonal charges in the first three months of 2019 ranged from \$0.05 per MW-day in the DLCO Zone (total charges were \$11,341) to \$4.09 per MW-day in the PENELEC Zone (total charges were \$1,102,984).

## Reactive

Reactive service, reactive supply and voltage control are provided by generation and other sources of reactive power (measured in MVar). Reactive power helps maintain appropriate voltage levels on the transmission system and is essential to the flow of real power (measured in MW).

Reactive capability revenue requirements are based on FERC approved filings that permit recovery based on a cost of service approach.<sup>143</sup> Reactive service charges are paid to units that operate in real time outside of their normal range at the direction of PJM for the purpose of providing reactive service. Reactive service charges are paid for scheduling in the Day-Ahead Energy Market and committing units in real time that provide reactive service. In the first three month of 2019, total reactive charges were \$88.32 million, a 3.1 percent increase from \$85.7 million in the first three months of 2018. Reactive capability revenue requirement charges increased from \$79.70 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$88.20 million in the first three months of 2019 and reactive service charges decreased from \$6.10 million in the first three month of 2018 to \$.12 million in 2019. Total reactive service charges in the first three months of 2019 ranged from \$0 in the RECO Zone, which has no generating units, to \$11.80 million in the AEP Zone.

<sup>143</sup> OATT Schedule 2.

## Frequency Response

On February 15, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 842, which modified the pro forma large and small generator interconnection agreements and procedures to require newly interconnecting generating facilities, both synchronous and non-synchronous, to include equipment for primary frequency response capability as a condition to receive interconnection service.<sup>144</sup> PJM filed revisions in compliance with Order No. 842 that substantively incorporated the pro forma agreements into its market rules.<sup>145</sup>

## Section 10 Recommendations

- The MMU recommends that the Regulation Market be modified to incorporate a consistent application of the marginal benefit factor (MBF) throughout the optimization, assignment and settlement process. The MBF should be defined as the Marginal Rate of Technical Substitution (MRTS) between RegA and RegD. (Priority: High. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted. FERC rejected, pending rehearing request before FERC.<sup>146</sup>)
- The MMU recommends that the lost opportunity cost in the ancillary services markets be calculated using the schedule on which the unit was scheduled to run in the energy market. (Priority: High. First reported 2010. Status: Not adopted.<sup>147</sup> FERC rejected, pending rehearing request before FERC.<sup>148</sup>)
- The MMU recommends that the lost opportunity cost calculation used in the Regulation Market be based on the resource's dispatched energy offer schedule, not the lower of its price or cost offer schedule. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2010. Status: Not adopted. FERC rejected, pending rehearing request before FERC.<sup>149</sup>)
- The MMU recommends that, to prevent gaming, there be a penalty enforced in the Regulation Market as a reduction in performance score

<sup>144</sup> See 157 FERC ¶ 61,122 (2016).

<sup>145</sup> See 164 FERC ¶ 61,224 (2018).

<sup>146</sup> FERC Docket No. ER18-87.

<sup>147</sup> This recommendation was adopted by PJM for the Energy Market. Lost opportunity costs in the Energy Market are calculated using the schedule on which the unit was scheduled to run. In the Regulation Market, this recommendation has not been adopted, as the LOC continues to be calculated based on the lower of price or cost in the energy market offer.

<sup>148</sup> FERC Docket No. ER18-87.

<sup>149</sup> *Id.*

and/or a forfeiture of revenues when resource owners elect to deassign assigned regulation resources within the hour. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted. FERC rejected, pending rehearing request before FERC.<sup>150</sup>)

- The MMU recommends enhanced documentation of the implementation of the Regulation Market design. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2010. Status: Not adopted. FERC rejected, pending rehearing request before FERC.<sup>151</sup>)
- The MMU recommends that all data necessary to perform the Regulation Market three pivotal supplier test be saved so that the test can be replicated. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Adopted, 2018.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM be required to save data elements necessary for verifying the performance of the Regulation Market. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2010. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the \$7.50 margin be eliminated from the definition of the cost of tier 2 synchronized reserve because it is a markup and not a cost. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the rule requiring that tier 1 synchronized reserve resources are paid the tier 2 price when the nonsynchronized reserve price is above zero be eliminated immediately and that, under the current rule, tier 1 synchronized reserve resources not be paid the tier 2 price when they do not respond. (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the tier 2 synchronized reserve must offer requirement be enforced on a daily and hourly basis. The MMU recommends that PJM define a set of acceptable reasons why a unit can be made unavailable daily or hourly and require unit owners to select a reason in Markets Gateway whenever making a unit unavailable either daily or hourly or setting the offer MW to 0 MW. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM be more explicit and transparent about why tier 1 biasing is used in defining demand in the Tier 2 Synchronized Reserve Market. The MMU recommends that PJM define rules for estimating tier 1 MW, define rules for the use and amount of tier 1 biasing and identify the rule based reasons for each instance of biasing. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that, for calculating the penalty for a tier 2 resource failing to meet its scheduled obligation during a spinning event, the definition of the IPI be changed from the average number of days between events to the actual number of days since the last event greater than 10 minutes. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that aggregation not be permitted to offset unit specific penalties for failure to respond to a synchronized reserve event. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate the use of Degree of Generator Performance (DGP) in the synchronized reserve market solution and improve the actual tier 1 estimate. If PJM continues to use DGP, DGP should be documented in PJM's manuals. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that a reason code be attached to every hour in which PJM market operations adds additional DASR MW. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM modify the DASR Market to ensure that all resources cleared incur a real-time performance obligation. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that offers in the DASR Market be based on opportunity cost only in order to eliminate market power. (Priority: Low. First reported 2009. Modified, 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that separate cost of service payments for reactive capability be eliminated and the cost of reactive capability be recovered in the capacity market. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2016. Status: Not adopted.)

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<sup>150</sup> *Id.*

<sup>151</sup> *Id.*

- The MMU recommends that payments for reactive capability, if continued, be based on the 0.90 power factor that PJM has determined is necessary. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that all resources, new and existing, have a requirement to include and maintain equipment for primary frequency response capability as a condition of interconnection service and that compensation is provided through the capacity and energy markets. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends for oil tanks shared with other resources that only a proportionate share of the minimum tank suction level (MTSL) be allocated to black start service. The MMU further recommends that the PJM tariff be updated to clearly state how the MTSL will be calculated for black start units sharing oil tanks. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the same capability be required of both new and existing resources. The MMU agrees with Order No. 842 that RTOs not be required to provide additional compensation specifically for frequency response. The current PJM market design provides compensation for all capacity costs, including these, in the capacity market. The current market design provides compensation, through heat rate adjusted energy offers, for any costs associated with providing frequency response. Because the PJM market design already compensates resources for frequency response capability and any costs associated with providing frequency response, any separate filings submitted on behalf of resources for compensation under section 205 of the Federal Power Act should be rejected as double recovery. (Priority: Low. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)

## Section 10 Conclusion

The current PJM regulation market design that incorporates two signals using two resource types was a result of FERC Order No. 755 and subsequent orders.<sup>152</sup>

The design of the PJM Regulation Market is significantly flawed. The market design does not correctly incorporate the marginal rate of technical substitution (MRTS) in market clearing and settlement. The market design uses the marginal benefit factor (MBF) to incorrectly represent the MRTS and uses a mileage ratio instead of the MBF in settlement. This failure to correctly and consistently incorporate the MRTS into the regulation market design has resulted in both underpayment and overpayment of RegD resources and in the over procurement of RegD resources in all hours. The market results continue to include the incorrect definition of opportunity cost. These issues are the basis for the MMU's conclusion that the regulation market design is flawed.

To address these flaws, the MMU and PJM developed a joint proposal which was approved by the PJM Members Committee on July 27, 2017, and filed with FERC on October 17, 2017.<sup>153</sup> The PJM/MMU joint proposal addresses issues with the inconsistent application of the marginal benefit factor throughout the optimization and settlement process in the PJM Regulation Market. FERC rejected the joint proposal on March 30, 2018, as being noncompliant with Order No. 755.<sup>154</sup> The MMU and PJM have separately filed requests for rehearing.<sup>155</sup>

The structure of the Tier 2 Synchronized Reserve Market has been evaluated and the MMU has concluded that these markets are not structurally competitive as they are characterized by high levels of supplier concentration and inelastic demand. As a result, these markets are operated with market clearing prices and with offers based on the marginal cost of producing the product plus a margin. As a result of these requirements, the conduct of market participants within these market structures has been consistent with competition, and

<sup>152</sup> Order No. 755, 137 FERC ¶ 61,064 at PP 197–200 (2011).

<sup>153</sup> 18 CFR § 385.211 (2017)

<sup>154</sup> 162 FERC ¶ 61,295 (2018).

<sup>155</sup> The MMU filed its request for rehearing on April 27, 2018, and PJM filed its request for rehearing on April 30, 2018.

the market performance results have been competitive. However, the \$7.50 margin is not a cost. The margin is effectively a rule-based form of market power and is therefore not consistent with a competitive outcome. The \$7.50 margin should be eliminated. Participant performance has not been adequate. Compliance with calls to respond to actual synchronized reserve events remains less than 100 percent. For the spinning events 10 minutes or longer in 2016, the average tier 2 synchronized reserve response was 85.5 percent of all scheduled MW. For the six spinning events 10 minutes or longer in 2017, the response was 87.6 percent of scheduled tier 2 MW. For the seven spinning events longer than 10 minutes in 2018, the response was 74.2 percent of scheduled tier 2 MW. There were no spinning events 10 minutes or longer in the first three months of 2019. Actual participant performance implies that the penalty structure is not adequate to incent performance.

The rule that requires payment of the tier 2 synchronized reserve price to tier 1 synchronized reserve resources when the nonsynchronized reserve price is greater than zero, is inefficient and results in a substantial windfall payment to the holders of tier 1 synchronized reserve resources. Tier 1 resources have no obligation to perform and pay no penalties if they do not perform, and tier 1 resources do not incur any costs when they are part of the tier 1 estimate in the market solution. Tier 1 resources are already paid for their response if they do respond. Tier 1 resources require no additional payment. If tier 1 resources wish to be paid as tier 2 resources, the rules provide the opportunity to make competitive offers in the tier 2 market and take on the associated obligations. Overpayment of tier 1 resources based on this rule added \$89.7 million to the cost of primary reserve in 2014, \$34.1 million in 2015, \$4.9 million in 2016, \$2.2 million in 2017, \$4.7 million in 2018, and \$0.648 million in the first three months of 2019.

The benefits of markets are realized under these approaches to ancillary service markets. Even in the presence of structurally noncompetitive markets, there can be transparent, market clearing prices based on competitive offers that account explicitly and accurately for opportunity cost. This is consistent with the market design goal of ensuring competitive outcomes that provide

appropriate incentives without reliance on the exercise of market power and with explicit mechanisms to prevent the exercise of market power.

The MMU concludes that the regulation market results were competitive, although the market design is significantly flawed. The MMU concludes that the synchronized reserve market results were competitive, although the \$7.50 margin should be removed. The MMU concludes that the DASR market results were competitive, although offers above the competitive level continue to affect prices.

## Overview: Section 11, Congestion and Marginal Losses

### Congestion Cost

- **Total Congestion.** Total congestion costs decreased by \$497.1 million or 75.2 percent, from \$661.0 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$163.9 million in the first three months of 2019.
- **Day-Ahead Congestion.** Day-ahead congestion costs decreased by \$439.5 million or 68.5 percent, from \$641.7 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$202.2 million in the first three months of 2019.
- **Balancing Congestion.** Balancing congestion costs decreased by \$57.6 million or 298.3 percent, from 19.3 million in the first three months of 2018 to -\$38.3 million in the first three months of 2019. Balancing explicit costs decreased by \$46.5 million or 154.4 percent, from \$30.1 million in the first three months of 2018 to -\$16.4 million in the first three months of 2019.
- **Real-Time Congestion.** Real-time congestion costs decreased by \$509.9 million or 72.2 percent, from \$706.5 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$196.6 million in the first three months of 2019.
- **Monthly Congestion.** Monthly total congestion costs in the first three months of 2019 ranged from \$30.9 million in February to \$100.2 million in January.

- **Geographic Differences in CLMP.** Differences in CLMP among eastern, southern and western control zones in PJM were primarily a result of congestion on the Conastone - Peach Bottom Line, the Siegfried Transformer, the AP South Interface, the East Interface, and the CPL - DOM Interface.
- **Congestion Frequency.** Congestion frequency continued to be significantly higher in the Day-Ahead Energy Market than in the Real-Time Energy Market in the first three months of 2019. The number of congestion event hours in the Day-Ahead Energy Market was about five times the number of congestion event hours in the Real-Time Energy Market.

Day-ahead congestion frequency decreased by 49.8 percent from 53,856 congestion event hours in the first three months of 2018 to 27,044 congestion event hours in the first three months of 2019 as a result of a continued decrease in up to congestion transaction (UTC) activities in response to the February 20, 2018, FERC order that limited UTC trading, effective February 22, 2018, to hubs, residual metered load, and interfaces.<sup>156</sup>

Real-time congestion frequency decreased by 20.7 percent from 6,231 congestion event hours in the first three months of 2018 to 4,944 congestion event hours in the first three months of 2019.

- **Congested Facilities.** Day-ahead, congestion event hours decreased on all types of facilities as a result of a continued decrease in UTC activities. The Conastone - Peach Bottom Line was the largest contributor to congestion costs in the first three months of 2019. With \$16.3 million in total congestion costs, it accounted for 9.9 percent of the total PJM congestion costs in the first three months of 2019.
- **CT Price Setting Logic and Closed Loop Interface Related Congestion.** CT Price Setting Logic caused -\$0.2 million of day-ahead congestion in the first three months of 2019 and -\$2.2 million of balancing congestion in the first three months of 2019. None of the closed loop interfaces was binding in the first three months of 2019 or 2018.

- **Zonal Congestion.** AEP had the largest zonal congestion costs among all control zones in the first three months of 2019. AEP had \$21.7 million in zonal congestion costs, comprised of \$27.7 million in zonal day-ahead congestion costs and -\$6.0 million in zonal balancing congestion costs. The Conastone - Peach Bottom Line, the AP South Interface, the East Interface, the Hazard Transformer, and the CPL - DOM Interface contributed \$8.9 million, or 40.9 percent of the AEP zonal congestion costs.

## Marginal Loss Cost

- **Total Marginal Loss Costs.** Total marginal loss costs decreased by \$135.6 million or 39.9 percent, from \$339.4 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$203.9 million in the first three months of 2019. The loss MWh in PJM decreased by 89.0 GWh or 2.1 percent, from 4,288.8 GWh in the first three months of 2018 to 4,199.7 GWh in the first three months of 2019. The loss component of real-time LMP in the first three months of 2019 was \$0.02, compared to \$0.03 in the first three months of 2018.
- **Monthly Total Marginal Loss Costs.** Monthly total marginal loss costs in the first three months of 2019 ranged from \$53.9 million in February to \$86.5 million in January.
- **Day-Ahead Marginal Loss Costs.** Day-ahead marginal loss costs decreased by \$127.0 million or 36.6 percent, from \$347.0 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$219.9 million in the first three months of 2019.
- **Balancing Marginal Loss Costs.** Negative balancing marginal loss costs increased by \$8.5 million or 113.1 percent, from -\$7.5 million in the first three months of 2018 to -\$16.1 million in the first three months of 2019.
- **Total Marginal Loss Surplus.** The total marginal loss surplus decreased in the first three months of 2019 by \$44.7 million or 39.8 percent, from \$112.2 million in the first three months of 2018, to \$67.5 million in the first three months of 2019.

<sup>156</sup> 162 FERC ¶ 61,139.

## Energy Cost

- **Total Energy Costs.** Total energy costs increased by \$90.3 million or 39.8 percent, from -\$226.6 million in the first three months of 2018 to -\$136.4 million in the first three months of 2019.
- **Day-Ahead Energy Costs.** Day-ahead energy costs increased by \$80.1 million or 32.5 percent, from -\$246.5 million in the first three months of 2018 to -\$166.4 million in the first three months of 2019.
- **Balancing Energy Costs.** Balancing energy costs increased by \$13.8 million or 90.9 percent, from \$15.1 million in the first three months of 2018 to \$28.9 million in the first three months of 2019.
- **Monthly Total Energy Costs.** Monthly total energy costs in the first three months of 2019 ranged from -\$59.3 million in January to -\$35.4 million in February.

## Section 11 Conclusion

Congestion is defined to be the total congestion payments by load in excess of the total congestion credits received by generation. The level and distribution of congestion reflects the underlying characteristics of the power system, including the nature and capability of transmission facilities, the offers and geographic distribution of generation facilities, the level and geographic distribution of incremental bids and offers and the geographic and temporal distribution of load.

Total congestion in the first three months of 2019 decreased significantly from the first three months of 2018. The decrease was a result of high day-ahead congestion in January 2018 which was a result of high gas costs and associated LMPs in the early part of January 2018.

The monthly total congestion costs ranged from \$30.9 million in February to \$100.2 million in January, 2019.

The impact of UTCs on the frequency of day-ahead congestion was illustrated by the significant reduction in day-ahead congestion event hours following

the decrease in up to congestion (UTC) transaction activities that resulted from the February 20, 2018, FERC order that limited UTC trading to hubs, residual metered load, and interfaces.

The current ARR/FTR design does not serve as an efficient way to ensure that load receives all the congestion revenues, and has the ability to receive the auction revenues associated with rights to all the potential congestion revenues. Total ARR and self scheduled FTR revenue offset only 74.5 percent of total congestion costs including congestion in the Day-Ahead Energy Market and the balancing energy market, for the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2016/2017 planning period, before the FERC decision to allocate balancing congestion and M2M payments to load.<sup>157</sup> For the 2017/2018 planning period, after the implementation of the FERC decision to reallocate balancing congestion and M2M payments to load, ARR and self scheduled FTR revenue offset 50.0 percent of total congestion. For the first ten months of the 2018/2019 planning period, following the FERC decision to allocate some of the surplus to load, the offset was 81.5 percent.

## Overview: Section 12, Planning

### Generation Interconnection Planning

#### Existing Generation Mix

- As of March 31, 2019, PJM had a total installed capacity of 198,422.2 MW, of which 55,919.4 MW (28.2 percent) are coal fired steam units, 47,591.6 MW (24.0 percent) are combined cycle units and 34,257.6 MW (17.3 percent) are nuclear units. This measure of installed capacity differs from capacity market installed capacity because it includes energy only units, excludes all external units, and uses nameplate values for solar and wind resources.
- The AEP Zone has the most total installed capacity of any PJM zone. Of the 198,422.2 MW of PJM total installed capacity, 31,643.0 MW (15.9 percent) are in the AEP Zone, of which 14,727.8 MW (46.5 percent) are

<sup>157</sup> On September 15, 2016, FERC ordered PJM to allocate balancing congestion to load, rather than to FTRs, to modify PJM's Stage 1A ARR allocation process and to continue to use portfolio netting. 153 FERC ¶ 61,180.

coal fired steam units, 6,990.0 MW (22.1 percent) are combined cycle units and 2,071.0 MW (6.5 percent) are nuclear units.

- Pennsylvania has the most total installed capacity of any PJM state. Of the 198,422.2 MW of installed capacity, 46,087.5 MW (23.2 percent) are in Pennsylvania, of which 9,415.7 MW (20.4 percent) are coal fired steam units, 15,021.5 MW (32.6 percent) are combined cycle units and 9,648.8 MW (20.9 percent) are nuclear units.
- Of the 198,422.2 MW of installed capacity, 74,990.0 MW (37.8 percent) are from units older than 40 years, of which 40,145.2 MW (53.5 percent) are coal fired steam units, 532 MW (0.7 percent) are combined cycle units and 16,044.9 MW (21.4 percent) are nuclear units.

### Generation Retirements<sup>158</sup>

- There are 46,436.9 MW of generation that have been, or are planned to be, retired between 2011 and 2022, of which 32,486.2 MW (70.0 percent) are coal fired steam units. Coal unit retirements are primarily a result of the inability of coal units to compete with efficient combined cycle units burning low cost gas.
- In the first three months of 2019, 1,689.0 MW of generation retired. The largest generators that retired in the first three months of 2019 were the two 830.0 MW Mansfield coal fired steam units owned by FirstEnergy Corporation and located in the American Transmission Systems Inc. (ATSI) Zone. Of the 1,689.0 MW of generation that retired, 1,660.0 MW (98.3 percent) were located in the ATSI Zone.
- There are 13,376.8 MW of generation that have requested retirement after March 31, 2019, of which 5,131.0 MW (38.4 percent) are located in the ATSI Zone. Of the ATSI generation requesting retirement, 2,960.0 MW (57.7 percent) are coal fired steam units and 2,134.0 MW (41.6 percent) are nuclear units. The largest generator pending retirement is the 1,240.0 MW Perry U1 Nuclear Generating Unit located in the ATSI Zone.

<sup>158</sup> See PJM "Generator Deactivations," at <<http://www.pjm.com/planning/services-requests/gen-deactivations.aspx>>.

### Generation Queue<sup>159</sup>

- The total MW in generation queues, in the status of active, under construction or suspended, at the end of 2018 was 114,953.7 MW. As projects move through the queue process, projects can be removed from the queue due to incomplete or invalid data, withdrawn by the market participant or placed in service. Of the 114,953.7 MW in the queue on December 31, 2018, only 67,238.1 MW were active, under construction or suspended on March 31, 2019. The total MW in queues increased by 56,905.0 MW (84.6 percent) from 67,238.1 MW at the end of 2018 to 124,143.0 MW on March 31, 2019.
- A significant shift in the distribution of unit types within the PJM footprint continues to develop as natural gas fired units enter the queue and coal fired steam units retire. As of March 31, 2019, there were 50,346.9 MW of natural gas fired capacity active, suspended or under construction in PJM queues (including combined cycle units, CTs, RICE units, and natural gas fired steam units). As of March 31, 2019, there were only 133.0 MW of coal fired steam capacity active, suspended or under construction in PJM queues.
- As of March 31, 2019, 4,334 projects, representing 548,811.2 MW, have entered the queue process since its inception in 1998. Of those, 835 projects, representing 65,091.8 MW, went into service. Of the projects that entered the queue process, 2,449 projects, representing 359,576.4 MW (65.5 percent of the MW) withdrew prior to completion. Such projects may create barriers to entry for projects that would otherwise be completed by taking up queue positions, increasing interconnection costs and creating uncertainty.
- As of March 31, 2019, 124,143.0 MW of capacity were in generation request queues in the status of active, under construction or suspended. Of the total 124,143.0 MW in the queue, 56,255.2 MW (45.3 percent) have reached at least the system impact study (SIS) milestone and 67,887.8 MW (54.7 percent) have not received a completed SIS. Based on historical completion rates, (applying the unit type specific completion rates for those projects that have reached the system impact study, facility study

<sup>159</sup> See PJM "New Services Queue," at <<https://www.pjm.com/planning/services-requests/interconnection-queues.aspx>>.

agreement or construction service agreement milestone, and using the overall completion rates for those projects that have not yet reached the system impact study milestone), 34,184 MW of new generation in the queue are expected to go into service.

## Regional Transmission Expansion Plan (RTEP)

### Backbone Facilities

- There are currently six backbone projects under development, the Surry-Skiffes Creek 500kV Line, the Loudoun-Brambleton 500kV Line, the conversion of the Marion-Bayonne and Bayway-Linden lines from 138 kV to 345 kV, the conversion of the Robinson Park-Sorenson lines to double circuit 345kV and the Meadow Lake-Reynolds 345kV Line rebuild.<sup>160</sup>

### Market Efficiency Process

- PJM's first market efficiency analysis was performed in 2013, prior to Order 1000. This analysis evaluated the reasons for congestion on 25 flowgates.<sup>161</sup> The proposal window was open from August 12, 2013, through September 26, 2013. PJM received 38 proposals from six entities. One project was approved by the PJM Board.
- Through March 31, 2019, PJM has completed two market efficiency cycles under Order No. 1000. In the first cycle, PJM received 93 proposals for 57 identified sources of congestion. In the second cycle, PJM received 96 proposals for four identified sources of congestion. The proposal window for 2018/2019 opened on November 1, 2018, and closed on February 28, 2019. PJM received 22 proposals for one identified source of congestion.
- Approved market efficiency projects periodically undergo a reevaluation process to ensure that the benefit/cost ratio continues to meet the 1.25:1 threshold. The Transource AP-South project was reevaluated in September 2017, February 2018, and again in September 2018. The project exceeded the 1.25:1 threshold in all reevaluations.

<sup>160</sup> See PJM, "2018 RTEP Process Scope and Input Assumptions White Paper," at 25. <<https://www.pjm.com/-/media/library/reports-notices/2017-rtep/20170731-rtep-input-assumptions-and-scope-whitepaper.ashx?a=en>>.

<sup>161</sup> Historical congestion drivers are identified using the historical congestion tables presented in the 2018 *State of the Market Report for PJM*, Section 11: Congestion and Marginal Losses, historical analysis of real time constraints, the NERC Book of Flowgates and PROMOD simulations.

- There are significant issues with PJM's benefit/cost analysis that should be addressed prior to approval of additional projects. PJM's benefit/cost analysis does not correctly account for the costs of increased congestion associated with market efficiency projects.

## PJM MISO Interregional Targeted Market Efficiency Process (TMEP)

- The first Targeted Market Efficiency Process (TMEP) analysis occurred in 2017 and included the investigation of congestion on 50 market to market flowgates. The study resulted in the evaluation of 13 potential upgrades, resulting in the recommendation of five TMEP projects. The five projects address \$59 million in historical congestion, with a TMEP benefit of \$99.6 million. The projects have a total cost of \$20 million, with a 5.0 average benefit/cost ratio. PJM and MISO presented the five recommended projects to their boards in December, 2017, and both boards approved all five projects.<sup>162</sup>
- The 2018 TMEP analysis included the investigation of congestion on 61 market to market flowgates. The study resulted in the evaluation of 19 potential upgrades, resulting in the recommendation of two TMEP projects. The two projects address \$25 million in historical congestion, with a TMEP benefit of \$31.9 million. The projects have a total cost of \$4.5 million, with a 7.1 average benefit/cost ratio. PJM and MISO presented the two recommended projects to their boards in December, 2018, and both boards approved the projects.<sup>163</sup>

## Supplemental Transmission Projects

- Supplemental projects are "transmission expansions or enhancements that are not required for compliance with PJM criteria and are not state public policy projects according to the PJM Operating Agreement. These projects are used as inputs to RTEP models, but are not required for reliability, economic efficiency or operational performance criteria,

<sup>162</sup> See PJM, "MISO PJM IPSAC" (January 12, 2018) <<http://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/stakeholder-meetings/ipsac/20180112/20180112-ipsac-presentation.ashx>>.

<sup>163</sup> See PJM, "MISO PJM IPSAC" (January 18, 2019) <<https://www.pjm.com/-/media/committees-groups/stakeholder-meetings/ipsac/20190118/20190118-ipsac-presentation.ashx>>.

as determined by PJM.”<sup>164</sup> Supplemental projects are exempt from the competitive planning process.

- The average number of supplemental projects in each expected in service year increased by 615.0 percent, from 20 for years 1998 through 2007 (pre Order 890) to 143 for years 2008 through 2019 (post Order 890).
- The process for designating projects as supplemental projects should be reviewed and modified to ensure that the supplement project designation is not used to exempt transmission projects from a transparent, robust and clearly defined mechanism to permit competition to build the project.

### End of Life Transmission Projects

- An end of life transmission project is a project submitted for the purpose of replacing existing infrastructure that is at, or is approaching, the end of its useful life. End of life transmission projects fall under the Transmission Owner Form 715 Planning Criteria, and are currently exempt from the competitive planning process.<sup>165</sup> End of life transmission projects are already included in the supplemental projects totals or, if included in the transmission owners’ reliability plan, will be included in the baseline project list as a reliability criteria project.
- End of life transmission projects should be subject to a transparent, robust and clearly defined mechanism to permit competition to build the project.

### Board Authorized Transmission Upgrades

- The Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee (TEAC) reviews internal and external proposals to improve transmission reliability throughout PJM. These proposals, which include reliability baseline, network, market efficiency and targeted market efficiency projects, but exclude supplemental and end of life projects, are periodically presented to the PJM Board of Managers for authorization.<sup>166</sup> On February 12, 2019, the PJM Board of Managers authorized an additional \$272.0 million in

transmission upgrades and additions. As of March 31, 2019, the PJM Board has approved \$38.5 billion in system enhancements since 1999.

### Transmission Competition

- The MMU makes several recommendations related to the competitive transmission planning process. The recommendations include improved process transparency, incorporation of competition between transmission and generation alternatives and the removal of barriers to competition from nonincumbent transmission. These recommendations will ensure that the process is an open and transparent process that results in the most cost effective solutions.
- On May 24, 2018, the PJM Markets and Reliability Committee (MRC) approved a motion that required PJM, with input from the MMU, to develop a comparative framework to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of binding cost containment proposals versus proposals without cost containment provisions.

### Qualifying Transmission Upgrades (QTU)

- A Qualifying Transmission Upgrade (QTU) is an upgrade to the transmission system that increases the Capacity Emergency Transfer Limit into an LDA and can be offered into capacity auctions as capacity.
- QTU projects are submitted and tracked through the PJM queue.<sup>167</sup> A total of 51 QTU projects have entered the queue since 2007. Of the 51 submitted QTU projects, 37 projects (72.5 percent) have been withdrawn, five (10.0 percent) are in service and nine (17.5 percent) are currently in active development.

### Transmission Facility Outages

- PJM maintains a list of reportable transmission facilities. When the reportable transmission facilities need to be taken out of service, PJM transmission owners are required to report planned transmission facility outages as early as possible. PJM processes the transmission facility

<sup>164</sup> See PJM, “Transmission Construction Status” (January 23, 2018) <<http://www.pjm.com/planning/rtep-upgrades-status/construct-status.aspx>>.

<sup>165</sup> See PJM Operating Agreement Schedule 6 § 1.5.8(o).

<sup>166</sup> Supplemental Projects, including the end of life subset of supplemental projects, do not require PJM Board of Managers authorization.

<sup>167</sup> See PJM “New Services Queue,” at <<https://www.pjm.com/planning/services-requests/interconnection-queues.aspx>>.

outage requests according to rules in PJM's Manual 3 to decide if the outage is on time or late and whether or not they will allow the outage.<sup>168</sup>

- There were 17,641 transmission outage requests submitted in the first ten months of 2018/2019 planning period. Of the requested outages, 75.8 percent of the requested outages were planned for less than or equal to five days and 8.8 percent of requested outages were planned for greater than 30 days. Of the requested outages, 49.4 percent were late according to the rules in PJM's Manual 3.

## Section 12 Recommendations

The MMU recommends improvements to the planning process:

### Generation Retirements

- The MMU recommends that the question of whether Capacity Injection Rights (CIRs) should persist after the retirement of a unit, or the conversion from CP to energy only status, be addressed. The rules need to ensure that incumbents cannot exploit control of CIRs to block or postpone entry of competitors.<sup>169</sup> (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that rules be implemented to ensure that CIRs are terminated within one year if units cannot qualify to be capacity resources and, if requested, after one CP must offer exception to permit the issue of CP status to be addressed. (Priority: Low. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

### Generation Queue

- The MMU recommends that barriers to entry be addressed in a timely manner in order to help ensure that the capacity market will result in the entry of new capacity to meet the needs of PJM market participants and reflect the uncertainty and resultant risks in the cost of new entry used to establish the capacity market demand curve in RPM. (Priority: Low. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends improvements in queue management including that PJM establish a review process to ensure that projects are removed from the queue if they are not viable, as well as a process to allow commercially viable projects to advance in the queue ahead of projects which have failed to make progress, subject to rules to prevent gaming. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2013. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends continuing analysis of the study phase of PJM's transmission planning to reduce the need for postponements of study results, to decrease study completion times, and to improve the likelihood that a project at a given phase in the study process will successfully go into service. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2014. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends outsourcing interconnection studies to an independent party to avoid potential conflicts of interest. Currently, these studies are performed by incumbent transmission owners under PJM's direction. This creates potential conflicts of interest, particularly when transmission owners are vertically integrated and the owner of transmission also owns generation. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)

### Market Efficiency Process

- The MMU recommends that PJM modify the rules governing benefit/cost analysis, the evaluation process for selecting among competing market efficiency projects and cost allocation for economic projects in order to ensure that all costs, including increased congestion costs and the risk of project cost increases, in all zones are included. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM modify the rules governing the market efficiency process benefit/cost analysis so that competing projects with different in service dates are evaluated on a symmetric, comparable basis. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

<sup>168</sup> PJM, "Manual 03: Transmission Operations," Rev. 54 (Dec. 10, 2018).

<sup>169</sup> See "Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM," Docket No. ER12-1177 (March 12, 2012) <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/Filings/2012/IMM\\_Comments\\_ER12-1177-000\\_20120312.PDF](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/Filings/2012/IMM_Comments_ER12-1177-000_20120312.PDF)>.

## Transmission Competition

- The MMU recommends, to increase the role of competition, that the exemption of supplemental projects from the Order No. 1000 competitive process be terminated and that the basis for all such exemptions be reviewed. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends, to increase the role of competition, that the exemption of end of life projects from the Order No. 1000 competitive process be terminated and that end of life transmission projects should be subject to a transparent, robust and clearly defined mechanism to permit competition to build such projects. (Priority: Medium. New recommendation. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM enhance the transparency and queue management process for nonincumbent transmission investment. Issues related to data access and complete explanations of cost impacts should be addressed. The goal should be to remove barriers to competition from nonincumbent transmission providers. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM continue to incorporate the principle that the goal of transmission planning should be the incorporation of transmission investment decisions into market driven processes as much as possible. (Priority: Low. First reported 2001. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends the creation of a mechanism to permit a direct comparison, or competition, between transmission and generation alternatives, including which alternative is less costly and who bears the risks associated with each alternative. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM establish fair terms of access to rights of way and property, such as at substations, in order to remove any barriers to entry and permit competition between incumbent transmission providers and nonincumbent transmission providers in the RTEP. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2014. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that rules be implemented to permit competition to provide financing for transmission projects. This competition could

reduce the cost of capital for transmission projects and significantly reduce total costs to customers. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)

- The MMU recommends that rules be implemented to require that project cost caps on new transmission projects be part of the evaluation of competing projects. (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)

## Cost Allocation

- The MMU recommends consideration of changing the minimum distribution factor in the allocation from 0.01 to 0.00 and adding a threshold minimum usage impact on the line.<sup>170</sup> (Priority: Medium. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)

## Transmission Facility Outages

- The MMU recommends that PJM reevaluate all transmission outage tickets as on time or late as if they were new requests when an outage is rescheduled and apply the standard rules for late submissions to any such outages. (Priority: Low. First reported 2014. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM draft a clear definition of the congestion analysis required for transmission outage requests to include in Manual 3 after appropriate review. (Priority: Low. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM modify the rules to reduce or eliminate the approval of late outage requests submitted or rescheduled after the FTR auction bidding opening date. (Priority: Low. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM not permit transmission owners to divide long duration outages into smaller segments to avoid complying with the requirements for long duration outages. (Priority: Low. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)

<sup>170</sup> See the 2015 State of the Market Report for PJM, Section 12: Generation and Transmission Planning, at p. 463, Cost Allocation Issues.

## Section 12 Conclusion

The goal of PJM market design should be to enhance competition and to ensure that competition is the driver for all the key elements of PJM markets. But transmission investments have not been fully incorporated into competitive markets. The construction of new transmission facilities has significant impacts on the energy and capacity markets. But when generating units retire or load increases, there is no market mechanism in place that would require direct competition between transmission and generation to meet loads in the affected area. In addition, despite FERC Order No. 1000, there is not yet a transparent, robust and clearly defined mechanism to permit competition to build transmission projects, to ensure that competitors provide a total project cost cap, or to obtain least cost financing through the capital markets.

The addition of a planned transmission project changes the parameters of the capacity auction for the area, changes the amount of capacity needed in the area, changes the capacity market supply and demand fundamentals in the area and may effectively forestall the ability of generation to compete. But there is no mechanism to permit a direct comparison, let alone competition, between transmission and generation alternatives. There is no mechanism to evaluate whether the generation or transmission alternative is less costly, whether there is more risk associated with the generation or transmission alternatives, or who bears the risks associated with each alternative. Creating such a mechanism should be an explicit goal of PJM market design.

Managing the generation queues is a highly complex process. The PJM queue evaluation process has been substantially improved in recent years and it is more efficient and effective as a result. The PJM queue evaluation process should continue to be improved to help ensure that barriers to competition for new generation investments are not created. Issues that need to be addressed include the ownership rights to CIRs, whether transmission owners should perform interconnection studies, and improvements in queue management to ensure that projects are removed from the queue if they are not viable, as well as a process to allow commercially viable projects to advance in the queue ahead of projects which have failed to make progress.

The PJM rules for competitive transmission development through the RTEP should build upon FERC Order No. 1000 to create real competition between incumbent transmission providers and nonincumbent transmission providers. The ability of transmission owners to block competition for supplemental projects and end of life projects and reasons for that policy should be reevaluated. PJM should enhance the transparency and queue management process for nonincumbent transmission investment. Issues related to data access and complete explanations of cost impacts should be addressed. The goal should be to remove barriers to competition from nonincumbent transmission. Another element of opening competition would be to consider transmission owners' ownership of property and rights of way at or around transmission substations. In many cases, the land acquired included property intended to support future expansion of the grid. Incumbents have included the costs of the property in their rate base, paid for by customers. Because PJM now has the responsibility for planning the development of the grid under its RTEP process, property bought to facilitate future expansion should be a part of the RTEP process and be made available to all providers on equal terms.

The process for determining the reasonableness or purpose of supplemental transmission projects that are asserted to be not needed for reliability, economic efficiency or operational performance as defined under the RTEP process needs additional oversight and transparency. If there is a need for a supplemental project, that need should be clearly defined and there should be a transparent, robust and clearly defined mechanism to permit competition to build the project. If there is no defined need for of a supplemental project for reliability, economic efficiency or operational performance then the project should not be included in rates.

The inclusion of market efficiency transmission projects in the transmission planning process, in addition to reliability projects, effectively results in direct competition between generation and transmission to address congestion issues in the wholesale power market, including congestion in the energy and capacity markets but with a bias towards the transmission option. The role of the market efficiency process and its impact on competition should be more thoroughly evaluated. But PJM fails to explicitly address this fact

in the design of the market efficiency process. While the market efficiency process and metrics require modification, for example to ensure that all congestion is measured, the role of the market efficiency process and its impact on competition should also be more thoroughly evaluated. Building transmission under cost of service regulation already provides a significant competitive advantage to transmission over generation which is built entirely based on market prices and for which investors take the risks. The risks of cost increases for transmission projects should also be incorporated in the cost benefit analysis.

There are significant issues with PJM's benefit/cost analysis that should be addressed prior to approval of additional projects. The current benefit/cost analysis for a regional project, for example, explicitly and incorrectly ignores the increased congestion in zones that results from an RTEP project when calculating the energy market benefits. All costs should be included in all zones and LDAs.

The benefit/cost analysis should also account for the fact that the transmission project costs are not subject to cost caps and may exceed the estimated costs by a wide margin. When actual costs exceed estimated costs, the cost benefit analysis is effectively meaningless and low estimated costs may result in inappropriately favoring transmission projects over market generation projects. The risk of cost increases for transmission projects should be incorporated in the cost benefit analysis.

The current rules governing the benefit/cost analysis evaluate competing projects with different in service dates on an asymmetric basis. Under the current rules, projects are evaluated on a present value, benefit/cost basis over a 15 year service horizon, starting with the in service date of the project. A better approach would be to establish a common end date for all evaluated competing projects so that the minimum included years for any evaluated project is 15 years. This means that if there were an RTEP year zero project and a RTEP year +2 project competing, the benefit/cost ratio analysis would include the benefits and costs for both projects for every year from RTEP year zero to RTEP+16. Under this approach all projects would be evaluated over an

identical term rather than an artificially truncated term and all projects would be evaluated on a present value basis at year zero.<sup>171</sup>

There are currently no market incentives for transmission owners to submit and complete transmission outages in a timely and efficient manner. Requiring transmission owners to pay does not create an effective incentive when those payments are passed through to transmission customers. The process for the submission of planned transmission outages needs to be carefully reviewed and redesigned to limit the ability of transmission owners to submit transmission outages that are late for FTR auction bid submission dates and are late for the Day-Ahead Energy Market. The submission of late transmission outages can inappropriately affect market outcomes when market participants do not have the ability to modify market bids and offers.

## Overview: Section 13, FTRs and ARRs

### Auction Revenue Rights

#### Market Structure

- **Residual ARRs.** If ARR allocations are reduced as the result of a modeled transmission outage and the transmission outage ends during the relevant planning year, the result is that residual ARRs may be available. These residual ARRs are automatically assigned to eligible participants the month before the effective date. Residual ARRs are only available on paths prorated in Stage 1 of the annual ARR allocation, are only effective for single, whole months and cannot be self scheduled. Residual ARR clearing prices are based on monthly FTR auction clearing prices. Residual ARRs with negative target allocations are not allocated to participants. Instead they are removed and the model is rerun.

In the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period, PJM allocated a total of 22,824.9 MW of residual ARRs, down from 23,884.6 MW in the 2017/2018 planning period, with a total target allocation of \$10.7 million for the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period, down from \$12.7 million for the 2017/2018 planning period.

<sup>171</sup> See "Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM," (January 11, 2019) <[http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/Filings/2019/IMM\\_Comments\\_Docket\\_No\\_ER19-80\\_20190111.pdf](http://www.monitoringanalytics.com/Filings/2019/IMM_Comments_Docket_No_ER19-80_20190111.pdf)>.

- **ARR Reassignment for Retail Load Switching.** There were 32,235 MW of ARRs associated with \$382,100 of revenue that were reassigned in the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period. There were 44,823 MW of ARRs associated with \$339,500 of revenue that were reassigned for the 2017/2018 planning period.

## Market Performance

- **Revenue Adequacy.** For the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period, the ARR target allocations, which are based on the nodal price differences from the Annual FTR Auction, were \$606.2 million, while PJM collected \$905.6 million from the combined Long Term, Annual and Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions, making ARRs revenue adequate. The new allocation of surplus congestion revenue provides for revenue adequacy for FTRs first, and any remaining revenues are allocated to ARR holders. For the 2017/2018 planning period, the ARR target allocations were \$573.8 million while PJM collected \$601.2 million from the combined Annual and Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions.
- **ARRs as an Offset to Congestion.** ARRs did not serve as an effective way to return congestion revenues to load. Total ARR and self scheduled FTR revenue offset only 74.5 percent of total congestion costs, which include congestion in the Day-Ahead Energy Market and the balancing energy market, for the 2011/2012 planning period through the 2016/2017 planning period, under the previous allocation of balancing congestion. In the 2017/2018 planning period, in which balancing congestion and M2M payments were directly assigned to load, total ARR and self scheduled FTR revenues offset 50.0 percent of total congestion costs. Under the new rules for surplus congestion revenue allocation beginning in the 2018/2019 planning periods, ARRs, self scheduled FTRs and surplus congestion revenue would offset 81.5 percent of total congestion costs. The goal of the FTR market design should be to ensure that load has the rights to 100 percent of the congestion revenues.

## Financial Transmission Rights

### Market Structure

- **Supply.** In a given auction, market participants can sell FTRs that they have acquired in preceding auctions. In the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions for the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period, total participant FTR sell offers were 7,694,829 MW, up from 4,030,595 MW for the same period during the 2017/2018 planning period.
- **Demand.** The total FTR buy bids from the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions for the first ten months of the 2018/2019 planning period increased 1.4 percent from 17,795,538 MW for the same time period of the prior planning period, to 18,037,062 MW.
- **Patterns of Ownership.** For the Monthly Balance of Planning Period Auctions, financial entities purchased 72.7 percent of prevailing flow and 82.2 percent of counter flow FTRs for January through March of 2019. Financial entities owned 71.3 percent of all prevailing and counter flow FTRs, including 63.5 percent of all prevailing flow FTRs and 82.0 percent of all counter flow FTRs during the period from January through March 2019.

### Market Behavior

- **FTR Forfeitures.** For the period of January 19, 2017, through March 31, 2019, except November 2018 which is not yet settled, total FTR forfeitures were \$13.8 million.
- **Credit.** There were no collateral defaults in the first three months of 2019. There were 46 payment defaults in 2019 not involving GreenHat Energy, LLC for a total of \$54,489. GreenHat Energy continued to accrue payment defaults of \$27.2 million in the first three months of 2019, for a total of \$104.2 million in defaults for the company, including the auction liquidation costs.

On June 21, 2018, GreenHat Energy, LLC was declared in default for two collateral calls totaling \$2.8 million and two payment defaults totaling \$3.9 million.<sup>172</sup> GreenHat held a large FTR position which, according to

172 Daugherty, Suzanne, Email sent to the MC, MRC, CS, and MSS email distribution list, "Notification of GreenHat Energy, LLC Payment Default," (June 22, 2018).

then applicable tariff provisions, must be liquidated in the FTR auctions closest to the effective dates of the positions held.<sup>173</sup> The net gain or loss on these liquidated positions would be added to the payment default amount that will then be allocated to PJM members according to OA Sections 15.1.2A(1) and 15.2.2. On January 30, 2019, FERC denied a waiver request filed by PJM on July 26, 2018, asking that FERC only require PJM to liquidate FTRs for the prompt months to allow member discussion on how to proceed with GreenHat's large FTR portfolio.<sup>174</sup> Under the assumption of a waiver, members had elected to settle GreenHat's FTR portfolio at the time the FTRs are due, so default allocation assessment charges would continue to accrue through May 2021. PJM estimated a liquidation cost to members of \$250-\$300 million under the tariff rules applicable at the time of the default.<sup>175</sup>

## Market Performance

- **Volume.** In the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions cleared 2,798,606 MW (15.5 percent) of FTR buy bids and 1,551,413 MW (20.2 percent) of FTR sell offers.
- **Price.** The weighted average buy bid cleared FTR price in the Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions for the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period was \$0.21, up from \$0.12 per MW for the same period in the 2017/2018 planning period.
- **Revenue.** The Monthly Balance of Planning Period FTR Auctions generated \$57.7 million in net revenue for all FTRs for the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period, up from \$37.4 million for the same time period in the 2017/2018 planning period.
- **Revenue Adequacy.** FTRs were paid at 100 percent of the target allocation level for the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period. This level of FTR funding was at least partially a result of FERC redefining the FTR congestion calculation to exclude balancing congestion and M2M payments.

<sup>173</sup> "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 21 (Dec. 6, 2018).

<sup>174</sup> See 166 FERC ¶ 61,072, *reh'g pending*.

<sup>175</sup> See Presentation, "Update on FERC Order Denying PJM's Request for Waiver re: Liquidating FTR Positions of Defaulted Member," MRC, February 21, 2019.

- **Profitability.** FTR profitability is the difference between the revenue received for an FTR and the cost of the FTR. In the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period, physical entities made \$239.8 million in profits, while receiving \$115.8 million in returned congestion from self scheduled FTRs, and financial entities made \$135.0 million in profits.

## Section 13 Recommendations

- The MMU recommends that the ARR/FTR design be modified to ensure that the rights to all congestion revenues are assigned to load. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the Long Term FTR product be eliminated. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that, if the Long Term FTR product is not eliminated, the Long Term FTR Market be modified so that the supply of prevailing flow FTRs in the Long Term FTR Market is based solely on counter flow offers in the Long Term FTR Market. (Priority: High. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the full capability of the transmission system be allocated as ARRs prior to sale as FTRs. Reductions for outages and increased system capability should be reserved for ARRs rather than sold in the Long Term FTR Auction. (Priority: High. First reported 2017. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that all FTR auction revenue be distributed to ARR holders monthly, regardless of FTR funding levels. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that, under the current FTR design, all congestion revenue in excess of FTR target allocations be distributed to ARR holders on a monthly basis. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that FTR auction revenues not be used to buy counter flow FTRs for the purpose of improving FTR payout ratios.<sup>176</sup> (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Not adopted.)

<sup>176</sup> See "PJM Manual 6: Financial Transmission Rights," Rev. 21 (Dec. 6, 2018).

- The MMU recommends that all historical generation to load paths be eliminated as a basis for allocating ARR. (Priority: High. First reported 2015. Status: Partially adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate portfolio netting to eliminate cross subsidies among FTR market participants. (Priority: High. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted. Rejected by FERC.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate subsidies to counter flow FTRs by applying the payout ratio to counter flow FTRs in the same way the payout ratio is applied to prevailing flow FTRs. (Priority: High. First reported 2012. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM eliminate geographic cross subsidies. (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM examine the mechanism by which self scheduled FTRs are allocated when load switching among LSEs occurs throughout the planning period. (Priority: Low. First reported 2011. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM improve transmission outage modeling in the FTR auction models, including the use of probabilistic outage modeling. (Priority: Low. First reported 2013. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM reduce FTR sales on paths with persistent overallocation of FTRs including clear rules for what defines persistent overallocation and how the reduction will be applied. (Priority: High. First reported 2013. Status: Partially adopted, 2014/2015 planning period.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM and its members continue to review the management of a defaulted member's FTR portfolio, including options other than immediate liquidation. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM continue to evaluate the bilateral indemnification rules and any asymmetries they may create. (Priority: Low. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that PJM reexamine the source and sink node combinations available in the FTR market. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the forfeiture amount from the FTR forfeiture rule be based on the correct hourly cost of an FTR, rather than a simple daily price divided by 24. (Priority: High. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)
- The MMU recommends that the direct customer request approach for creating and allocating IARR should be eliminated from PJM's tariff. (Priority: Low. First reported 2018. Status: Not adopted.)

### Section 13 Conclusion

The annual ARR allocation should be designed to ensure that the rights to all congestion revenues are assigned to firm transmission service customers, without requiring contract path physical transmission rights that are inconsistent with the network based delivery of power and the actual way congestion is generated in a security constrained LMP markets. The fixed charges paid for firm transmission services result in the transmission system which provides physically firm transmission service, which results in the delivery of low cost generation, which results in load paying congestion revenues, in an LMP market.

Revenue adequacy is misunderstood and generally incorrectly defined. Revenue adequacy has received a lot of attention in the PJM FTR Market and conclusions based on the incorrect definition have led to significant changes in the design of the ARR/FTR market that have distorted the function and purpose of ARRs and FTRs as a means of allocating congestion and congestion rights. Correctly defined, revenue adequacy for ARRs means that ARRs have the rights to 100 percent of congestion revenue. FTR holders, with the creation of ARRs, do not have a right to receive revenues equal to CLMP differentials on individual FTR paths.

The current ARR/FTR design does not serve as an efficient way to ensure that load receives the rights to all the congestion revenues and has the ability

to receive the auction revenues associated with all the potential congestion revenues. Total ARR and self scheduled FTR revenue offset only 65.3, 90.3, 100.0, 50.0 percent of total congestion costs including congestion in the Day-Ahead Energy Market and the balancing energy market for the 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 planning years. If surplus through March 2019 were distributed, total ARR and self scheduled FTR revenue would offset 81.5 percent of total congestion costs for the first ten months of the 2018/2019 planning period.

PJM has persistently and subjectively intervened in the FTR market in order to affect the payments to FTR holders. These interventions are not appropriate. For example, in the 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 planning periods, PJM significantly reduced the allocation of ARR capacity, and FTRs, in order to guarantee full FTR funding. PJM reduced system capability in the FTR auction model by including more outages, reducing line limits and including additional constraints. PJM's modeling changes resulted in significant reductions in Stage 1B and Stage 2 ARR allocations, a corresponding reduction in the available quantity of FTRs, a reduction in congestion revenues assigned to ARRs, and an associated surplus of congestion revenue relative to FTR target allocations. This also resulted in a significant redistribution of ARRs among ARR holders based on differences in allocations between Stage 1A and Stage 1B ARRs. Starting in the 2017/2018 planning period, with the allocation of balancing congestion and M2M payments to load rather than FTRs, PJM increased system capability allocated to Stage 1B and Stage 2 ARRs, but continued to conservatively select outages to manage FTR funding levels.

PJM has intervened aggressively in the FTR market since its inception in order to meet various subjective objectives. PJM should not intervene in the FTR market to subjectively manage FTR funding. PJM should fix the FTR/ARR design and then should let the market work to return congestion to load and to let FTR values reflect actual congestion.

Load should never be required to subsidize payments to FTR holders, regardless of the reason. Such subsidies have been suggested repeatedly.<sup>177</sup> The FERC order of September 15, 2016, introduced a subsidy to FTR holders

<sup>177</sup> See FERC Dockets Nos. EL13-47-000 and EL12-19-000.

at the expense of ARR holders.<sup>178</sup> The order requires PJM to ignore balancing congestion when calculating total congestion dollars available to fund FTRs. As of the 2017/2018 planning period, as a result of the FERC order, balancing congestion and M2M payments are assigned to load, rather than to FTR holders. The Commission's order shifts substantial revenue from load to the holders of FTRs and reduces the ability of load to offset congestion. This approach ignores the fact that loads must pay both day-ahead and balancing congestion, and that congestion is defined, in an accounting sense, to equal the sum of day-ahead and balancing congestion. Eliminating balancing congestion from the FTR revenue calculation requires load to pay twice for congestion. Load will pay for the physical transmission system, will pay in excess of generator revenues and will pay negative balancing congestion again. The result will be that load will get back less than total congestion.

These changes were made in order to increase the payout to holders of FTRs who are not loads. In other words, load will continue to be the source of all the funding for FTRs, while payments to FTR holders who did not receive ARRs exceed total congestion on their FTR paths and result in profits to FTR holders. Increasing the payout to FTR holders is not a supportable market objective. FTR holders should receive actual congestion on the relevant FTR paths and PJM should not artificially restrict the available paths.

Load was made significantly worse off as a result of the changes made to the FTR/ARR process by PJM based on the FERC order of September 15, 2016. ARR revenues were significantly reduced for the 2017/2018 FTR Auction, the first auction under the new rules. ARRs and self scheduled FTRs offset 50.0 percent of total congestion costs for the 2017/2018 planning period rather than the 60.5 percent offset that would have occurred under the prior rules, a difference of \$125.8 million. There was a significant amount of congestion in January 2018 which adversely affected the congestion offset value of ARRs. ARR revenue is fixed at annual auction prices, but congestion revenue varies with market conditions. If these allocation rules had been in place beginning with the 2011/2012 planning period, ARR holders would have received a total of \$1,160.0 million less in congestion offsets from the 2011/2012 through

<sup>178</sup> See 156 FERC ¶ 61,180 (2016), *reh'g denied*, 156 FERC ¶ 61,093 (2017).

the 2017/2018 planning period. The total overpayment to FTR holders for the 2011/2012 through 2017/2018 planning period would have been \$1,315.1 million.

The actual underpayment to load and the overpayment to FTR holders was a result of several rules, all of which mean the transfer of revenues to FTR holders and the shifting of costs to load. Load is required to pay for balancing congestion, which significantly increases costs to load and significantly increases revenues paid to FTR holders while degrading the ability of ARRs to provide a predictable offset to congestion costs. Surplus revenues from the FTR auction are not assigned to ARR holders, but are used by PJM to clear counter flow FTRs in the Monthly FTR Auctions in order to make it possible to sell more prevailing flow FTRs. Under the prior rules, surplus revenues in the day-ahead market were assigned to FTR holders along with surplus auction revenues.

A rule change was implemented by PJM to offset the more egregious effects of the allocation of balancing congestion to load. Beginning with the 2018/2019 planning period, surplus revenues in the day-ahead market and surplus auction revenue are assigned to FTR holders only up to revenue adequacy, and then distributed to ARR holders.<sup>179</sup>

All congestion revenue belongs to ARR holders, and PJM's new surplus congestion allocation rule is an attempt to get closer to that goal. However, under the rules, ARR holders will only be allocated this surplus after full funding of FTRs is accomplished. The new rules, while an improvement, do not fully recognize ARR holders' primary rights to surplus congestion revenue. If this rule had been in effect for the 2017/2018 planning period, ARRs and FTRs would have offset 74.3 percent of total congestion rather than 50.0 percent. For the first 10 months of the 2018/2019 planning period, if the surplus auction revenue were distributed to load on a monthly basis, load would have offset 81.5 percent of congestion costs rather than 72.3 percent of their congestion costs without the surplus.

<sup>179</sup> 163 FERC ¶61,165 (2018).

The overallocation of Stage 1A ARRs results in FTR overallocations on the same facilities. While Stage 1A overallocation has been reduced, Stage 1A ARR overallocation is a source of reduced revenue and cross subsidy.

The MMU recommends that the basis for the Stage 1A assignments be reviewed and made explicit and that the role of out of date generation to load paths be reviewed beyond the replacement of retired generation that was implemented. There is a reason that transmission is not built to address the Stage 1A overallocation issue. PJM's transmission planning process (RTEP) does not identify a need for new transmission because many of the over allocations are due to outages in the FTR model, or are flowgates, not actual system limitations. Capacity issues do not persist if the modeled outages are removed, so there is no need to expand the transmission system to support them. The Stage 1A overallocation issue is a fiction based on the use of outdated and irrelevant generation to load paths to assign Stage 1A rights that have nothing to do with actual power flows.

In addition to addressing these issues, the approach to the question of FTR funding should also examine the fundamental reasons that there has been a significant and persistent difference between day-ahead and balancing congestion. The MMU recommends that the transmission modeling in the FTR auction and persistent FTR path overallocation issues be reviewed and modifications implemented. Regardless of how these issues are addressed, funding issues that persist as a result of modeling differences and flaws in the design of the FTR Market should be borne by FTR holders operating in the voluntary FTR Market and not imposed on load through the mechanism of balancing congestion.

It is not clear, in a competitive market, why participation in the Long Term FTR Auction continues to be very low for the second and third year long term product. In a competitive market the price of Long Term FTRs would be expected to converge with the prices of Annual FTRs, but there has been a persistent, wide divergence that has made the purchase of Long Term FTRs persistently very profitable. Recent changes to improve the modeling of the next year's auction model and include an offline ARR allocation model are

steps in the right direction, but do not do enough to guarantee ARR holders' rights to the congestion being auctioned in the Long Term FTR Auction.

The MMU recommends that the Long Term FTR product be eliminated. If the Long Term FTR product is not eliminated, the MMU recommends that Long Term FTR Market be modified so that the supply of prevailing flow FTRs in the Long Term FTR Market is based solely on counter flow offers in the Long Term FTR Market. This would ensure ARR holders' rights to congestion while maintaining the ability for participants to purchase congestion offsets for future planning periods.