

## Black Start Tariff Section 6.4 Proposed Changes

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- Ensure appropriate incentives for new black start units
- Ensure appropriate agreement term for new black start units
- Ensure appropriate cost recovery term for new black start units
- Goal is to match reasonable expected life of black start investment with cost recovery and commitment to purchase black start service





- Ensure that commitment by seller to provide black start service is consistent with life of black start investment
- Ensure that commitment by buyers to purchase black start service is consistent with life of black start investment





- New entry black start service generation revenue requirements
  - Actual fixed costs will be recovered over the remaining life of the associated generator up to a maximum of 20 years.
    - Apply CRF factors
  - Fixed costs include all fixed costs including return on and of capital.
  - Actual variable costs will be recovered on an annual basis.
  - Tariff provisions will provide for such cost recovery.
  - Owners retain option to file with the FERC.





- Owners recovering black start service generation revenue requirements for existing units under tariff rate
  - Will continue to recover costs under that structure.
- Owners recovering black start service generation revenue requirements under FERC approved agreements
  - Will continue to collect under those agreements until expiration of the contract term.
  - After the agreement expires, only variable costs will be collected.
  - After the agreement expires, there will be no additional collection of fixed costs unless new capital investment is required in order to continue to provide black start service.





Capital Recovery Methodology

- Capital Recovery Factor (CRF)
  - Capital will be recovered based on the remaining life of the associated generator.
  - Based on 15 year MACRS tax depreciation schedule.

Age of Existing	Remaining Life of	Levelized CBE
Unit	Plant (Years)	Levelized CRF
1 to 5	20	0.125
6 to 10	15	0.146
11 to 15	10	0.198
16 to 20	5	0.363





## CRF Example

- A generator owner invests \$1 million to enable a seven year old unit to provide black start service.
  - Life of the black start investment is 20 years.
  - From the CRF table, the default remaining age is 15 years.
  - Therefore assumed life of black start investment is 15 years.
  - The resulting CRF is 0.146.
  - The annual levelized revenue requirement for the investment in the black start unit is:

\$1 million \* 0.146 = \$146,000 per year.





Payment Alternatives

- Col 4. Full capital cost recovery in 2 years
  - Plus tariff rate for 18 years
  - Tariff rate includes capital cost recovery in excess of actual
- Col 3. Full capital cost recovery in 5 years
  - Plus tariff rate for 15 years
  - Tariff rate includes capital cost recovery in excess of actual





**Payment Alternatives** 

- Col 2. Cost-based recovery in 20 years
  - Tariff rate for 20 years per actual costs
  - Full capital and variable cost recovery
- Col 1. Cost-based recovery in 2 years
  - Variable cost recovery for 20 years
  - Full capital and variable cost recovery





## Black Start Payment Recovery Options

Year	2 Year	Cost	5 Year / Tariff	2 Year / Tariff
2007	\$500,000	\$114,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
2008	\$500,000	\$114,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
2009		\$114,000	\$250,000	\$300,000
2010		\$114,000	\$250,000	\$300,000
2011		\$114,000	\$250,000	\$300,000
2012		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2013		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2014		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2015		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2016		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2017		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2018		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2019		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2020		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2021		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2022		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2023		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2024		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2025		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2026		\$114,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
NPV	\$845,026	\$851,517	\$2,060,594	\$2,578,843

