Short Term Opportunity Cost Methodology

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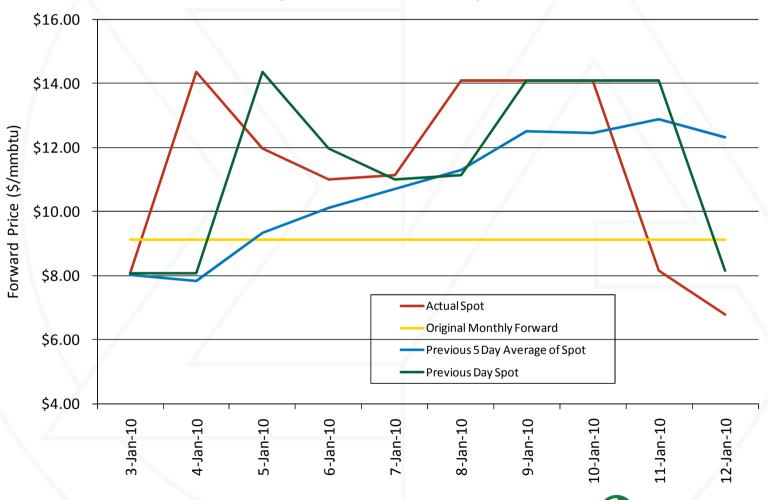
Purpose

- PJM's Example from 7/26/10 CDTF meeting showed the opportunity cost calculator worked "rationally"
 - Calculator will work "rationally" with any input provided
- Flaws in using the current methodology for short term opportunity costs
 - Fuel intra month price movements are not captured
 - Electricity intra month price movements are not captured
 - Due to short-term price volatility opportunity costs change daily
- Slides show price fluctuations can have a significant impact on opportunity cost component in short term



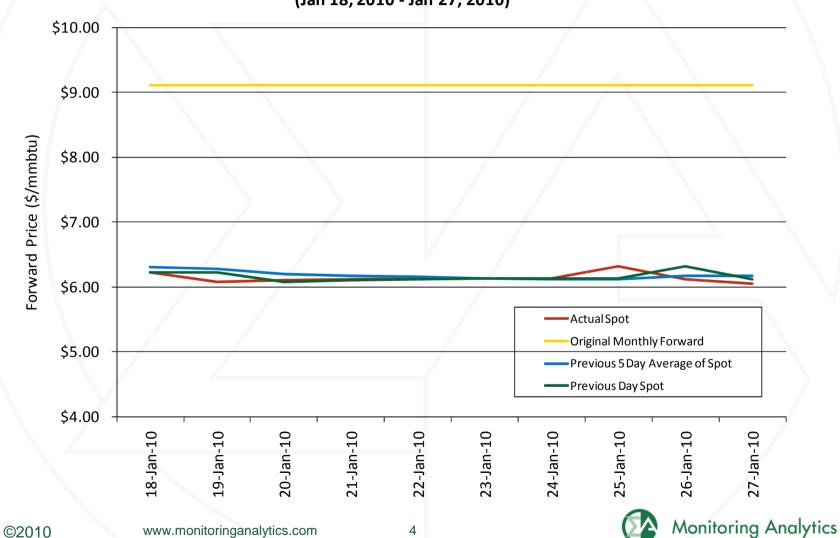
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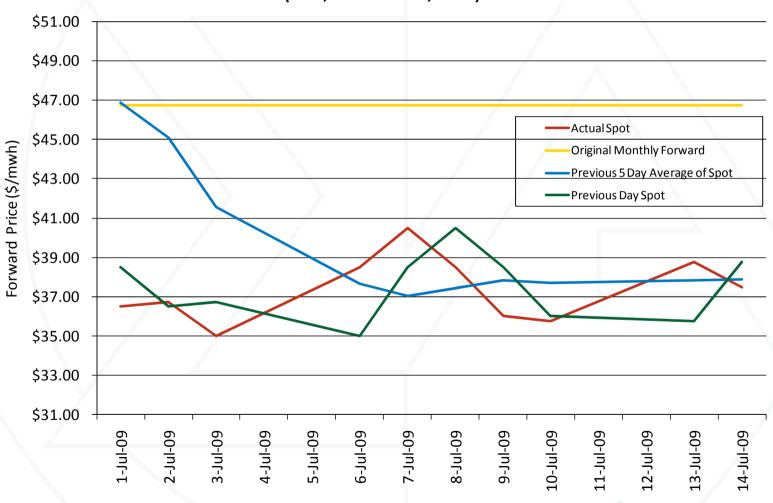
Intra Month Decrease in Fuel Price

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Intra Month Decrease in Western Hub Price

Western Hub Daily Peak Forward Price to be used in Short Term Opportunity Cost Calculator vs Actual Spot Price (Jul 1, 2010 - Jul 14, 2010)



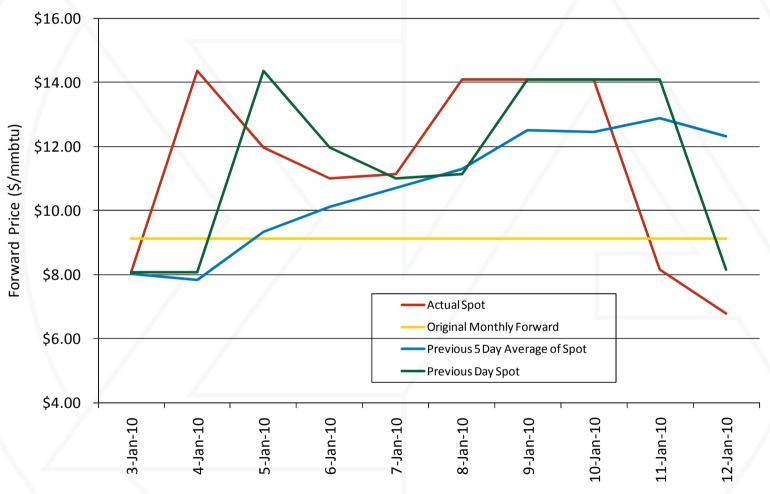
Input Example Assumptions:

On Jan 3, 2010, a natural gas CT finds out that it only can run 100 hours on gas because the unit is damaged and can not be fixed until Jan 12th, 2010.

- Forward Prices: from 12/29/2009
- CO2 Emission Rate: 337.6
- NOx Emission Rate: 1.7
- SO2 Emission Rate: 0.012
- Heat Rate: 10.3
- FMU Adder: \$0
- Fuel Type: Natural Gas Transco Zone 6 NY
- VOM: \$0
- Use Percentage Adder: No
- Use Fuel Volatility: 0
- Start Cost: 0
- Minimum Run Time: 1

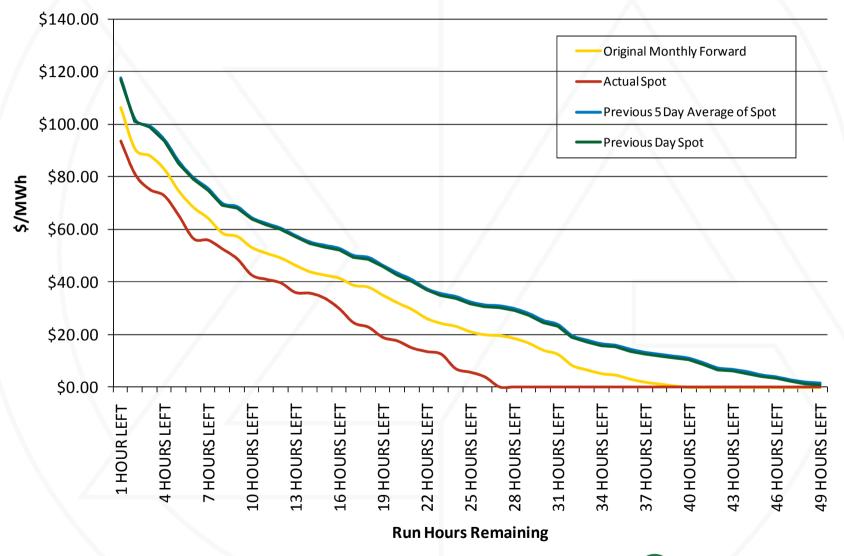


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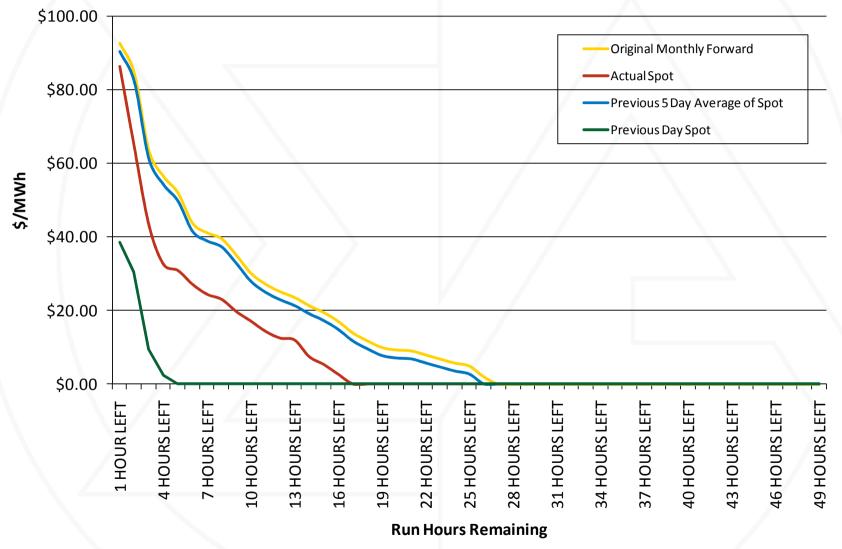




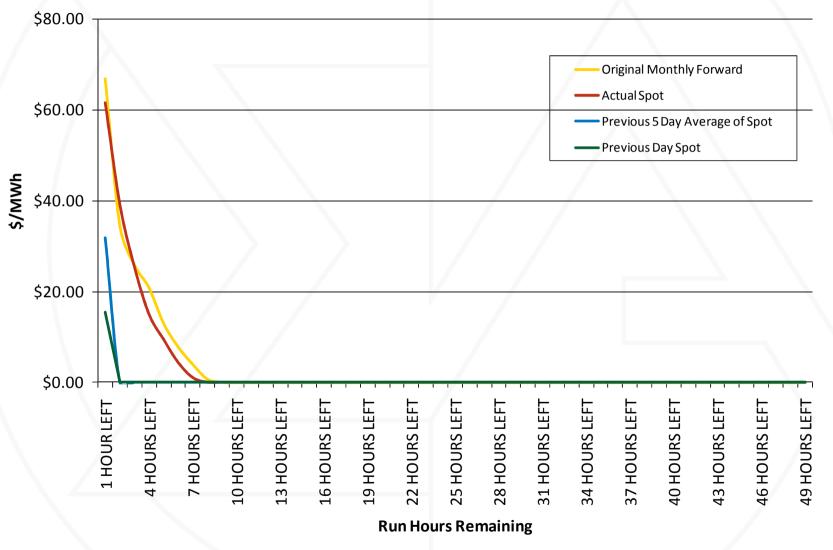
Short Term Opportunity Cost Calculated using Different Fuel Foward Methods Jan 3, 2010 - 10 Days Remaining



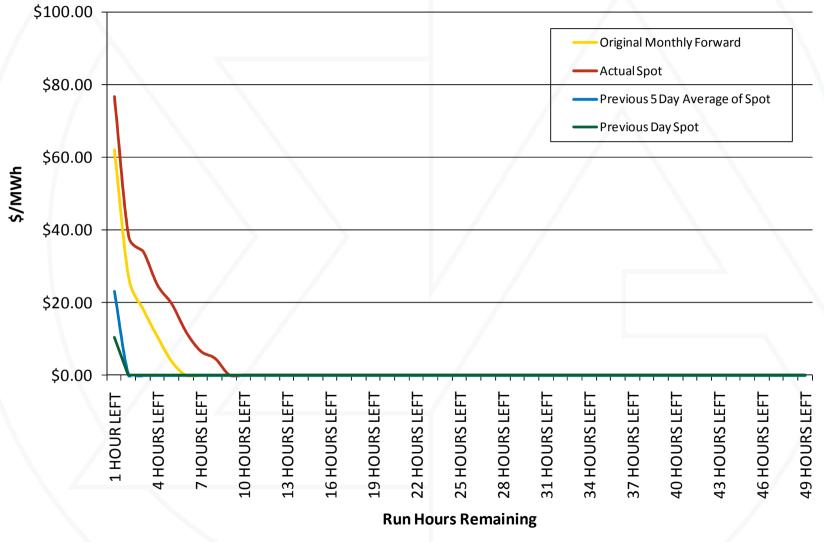
Short Term Opportunity Cost Calculated using Different Fuel Foward Methods Jan 5, 2010 - 8 Days Remaining



Short Term Opportunity Cost Calculated using Different Fuel Foward Methods Jan 9, 2010 - 4 Days Remaining



Short Term Opportunity Cost Calculated using Different Fuel Foward Methods Jan 11, 2010 - 2 Days Remaining



Conclusion for Short-Term Periods

- Forward data from previous month can miss substantial variation in fuel prices.
- Solution:
 - Use previous trading day's spot price for fuel; and
 - Use previous trading day's "PJM west" price.
- If short term opportunity cost is to be used, generation owners must be required to update opportunity cost component of offer daily due to fluctuating fuel prices.

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