Reliability Reduction Lost Opportunity Cost

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Issue

- Wind farms have capacity interconnection rights (CIR) equal to 13 percent of maximum output, or demonstrated capacity factor during RPM peak periods.
- Energy injected above the CIR should be curtailed with no opportunity cost, as the transmission system has not been built to accommodate that energy at all times.
- Unit does not have full interconnection rights and has not paid for needed transmission upgrades to have those rights.

Issue Raised at 3/28/11 IRTF

- Conventional resources are not currently limited to CIR as a maximum for the payment of opportunity cost under this methodology.
- The MMU proposed change would apply the same rules to wind farms and conventional resources.

Proposed Solutions

- Lost opportunity cost recovery should occur only:
 - For dispatchable units
 - For wind units, when unit is curtailed from the lower of PJM forecast value, desired MW, or the CIR MW.
 - For conventional unit types, when unit is curtailed from the lower of the CIR MW value or economic maximum MW.

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