# **Generator Offer Flexibility**

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## Objective

- Accurate reflection of costs in generator offers including incremental, no load and start costs
  - DA:
    - Gas costs may vary based on timing of gas day using current day nomination cycles
  - RT:
    - Gas costs may vary based on gas nomination cycles and market conditions
- Ensure that market power mitigation rules reflect changes in offers
- Ensure that uplift rules reflect appropriate offers







### **MMU Proposal**

- 1. Gas fired generators only
- 2. Fuel cost components of offers only
  - No change to any other components of cost based schedules or price based schedules
  - Change in price based schedules cannot exceed change in cost based schedules



## **MMU Proposal**

#### 3. Fuel cost policy must be updated

- Must be filed with the MMU and approved prior to having the ability to update offers in RT or submitting hourly offers in DA
- Must specify reproducible algorithm for determining fuel cost including the source(s) of fuel costs and any appropriate delivery adders
- Goal is to permit flexible offers and after the fact documentation and verification
- Must submit data on heat rates, VOM, start costs and no load costs and any other components of cost based offers





### **MMU Proposal**

- 4. Operating parameters may not be changed hourly
  - Minimum Run Time
  - Minimum Down Time
  - Max Daily Starts
  - Max Weekly Starts
  - Turn Down Ratio (Economic Max/Economic Min)
  - Start Time





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## Example

- Sample cost based offer data: (terms defined in M15)
  - Performance Factor (PF) = 1.04 (Actual fuel consumed/theoretical fuel consumed)
  - Total fuel related costs (TFRC) (\$/MBtu) = fuel cost + delivery cost + emissions cost + maintenance adder\*
  - Cost based offer(\$/MWh) = Incremental Heat Rate x TFRC x PF
  - Due to an increase in gas costs only (not other components), TFRC increases from \$2.00/MBtu to \$2.50/MBtu.

Offer ourse	Incremental	Original Cost based	based	Difference
Offer curve	Heat Rate	Incremental	Incremental	Difference
MW points	(MBtu/MWh)	Offer (\$/MWh)	Offer (\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)
20	7	14.6	18.2	3.6
40	7.6	15.8	19.8	4.0
60	8.2	17.1	21.3	4.2
80	9	18.7	23.4	4.7
100	10.6	22.0	27.6	5.6

\*Maintenance adder included in TFRC only for certain technology types; refer to M15



#### **Example**



#### **Fuel Cost Increase – Cost Schedule Update**





#### **Price Schedule Update**





### **DA Market Power Mitigation Issues**

- Current:
  - If an owner fails TPS test, lower cost schedule (of the one cost and one price schedule for the day) selected based on the total cost of commitment
- Proposed:
  - TPS calculation needs to be updated to:
    - Use schedules for each hour for total cost of commitment calculation
    - Commit resources based on evaluation of lower cost schedules by hour to minimize commitment cost.
    - If a resource owner fails TPS test, then lower cost schedule selected by hour





## **RT Market Power Mitigation Issues**

- Current:
  - Resources ramped up for transmission relief, that are already committed (in DA or RT), are not offer capped when owner fails TPS test
    - Fixed daily offers are part of mitigation mechanism
    - Offer capping in RT only for units that can start quickly enough
- Proposed:
  - All resources offered by owners that fail TPS test should be offer capped if they update offers, regardless of prior status
  - TPS test results should be based on effective schedules for relevant time period



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