# **Market Monitor Report**

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### Reasons Cited by PJM for Pricing Reform

- Need to recognize contribution of baseload
- Negative offers have pernicious effects on baseload retirement
- Falling energy net revenues for baseload
- Desire to shift revenue from capacity to energy
- Flattening supply curve decreases net revenue
- Reducing uplift
- PJM's reasons amount to administratively picking winners and losers in the market.

### **PJM Price Formation Proposal**

- Allow all inflexible units to set the energy price
  - Extending concept to must run baseload units
- Inflexible units are not marginal in the efficient market solution.
- The design would require two market solutions:
  - 1. Efficient dispatch solution
  - 2. Pricing solution
- Uplift required for the true (dispatch solution) marginal units to follow dispatch instructions.

#### **Theoretical Points**

- Valuing inflexibility is at odds with valuing flexibility.
- A direct increase in consumer costs results from PJM's proposal to have inflexible units set price.
- Pricing nonconvex offers as if they were convex is not necessary for market efficiency.
- PJM's proposal is not consistent with ELMP design in other markets.
- Difficult to predict behavioral responses.

## **Improving Energy Price Formation**

- Better alternatives to improving price formation
  - Pricing transmission scarcity
  - Improve scarcity pricing
  - Evaluation of reserve products
  - Pay uplift using parameters of efficient technology
  - Improve CC modeling

### **Fuel Cost Policy Update**

- Fuel cost policies require a detailed review and discussions with Market Sellers.
- The IMM will continue to review FCPs, provide feedback to Market Sellers and provide input to PJM before and after the November 1 deadline.
- Blanket approval of currently effective FCPs is not consistent with the introduction of hourly offers even for units opting out.

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