

# Basic Congestion Concepts

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# Congestion

- **Congestion = The difference between total charges to load and total payments to generation caused by binding transmission constraints.**
  - **Binding transmission constraints cause price differences on the system**
  - **With binding constraints, load pays more for energy than generation gets paid for energy**
  - **Generation upstream of generation is paid lower prices than generation downstream of congestion**
  - **Load downstream of congestion pays the higher (upstream price) for all of its energy**
  - **The difference in payments from load to generators is congestion**

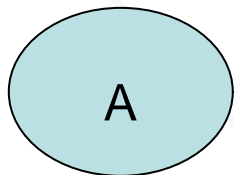
# Simple System Example: No Congestion

A

Load: 0  
Gen: 50

Gen MC = \$5

LMP = \$5



100 MW

50 MW flow from A to B

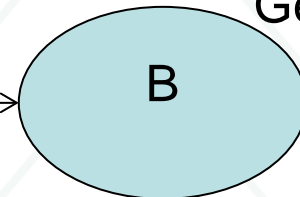
Line AB does not constrain flow from A to B

B

Load: 50  
Gen: 0

Gen MC = \$15

LMP = \$5



What are the LMPs at A and B?

	A	Constraint	B	
LMP	\$5	---->	\$5	
	Zone A		Zone B	
Load MW	0		50	
Marginal Price of Power	\$5.00		\$5.00	
(LMP x MW)	Zone A		Zone B	Total
Load Charges	\$0.00		\$250.00	\$250.00
Generation Credits	\$250.00		\$0.00	\$250.00
Total Credits/Charges	(\$250.00)		\$250.00	\$0

Congestion = Load Charges – Gen Credits

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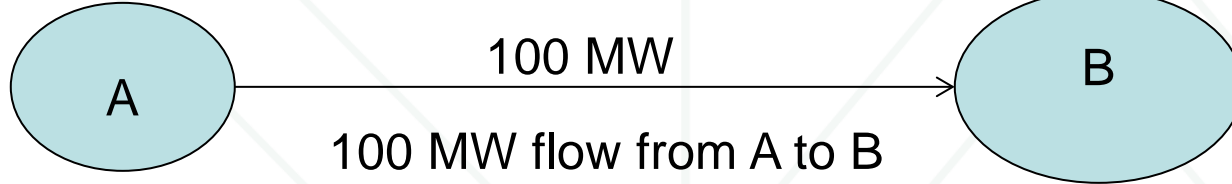
# Simple System Example: Congestion

A  
Load: 0  
Gen: 100

B  
Load: 150  
Gen: 50

Gen MC = \$5

Gen MC = \$15



What are the LMPs at A and B?

LMP = \$5

Line AB constrains the flow from A to B  
Gen at B is needed to meet some of load.

LMP = \$15

	A	Constraint	B		
LMP	\$5	---->	\$15		
	Zone A		Zone B		
Load MW	0		150		
Marginal Price of Power	\$5.00		\$15.00		
(LMP x MW)	Zone A		Zone B		Total
Load Charges	\$0.00		\$2,250.00		\$2,250.00
Generation Credits	\$500.00		\$750.00		\$1,250.00
Total Credits/Charges	(\$500.00)		\$1,500.00		\$1,000

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# Path Based FTR vs. Direct Allocation of Congestion FTR

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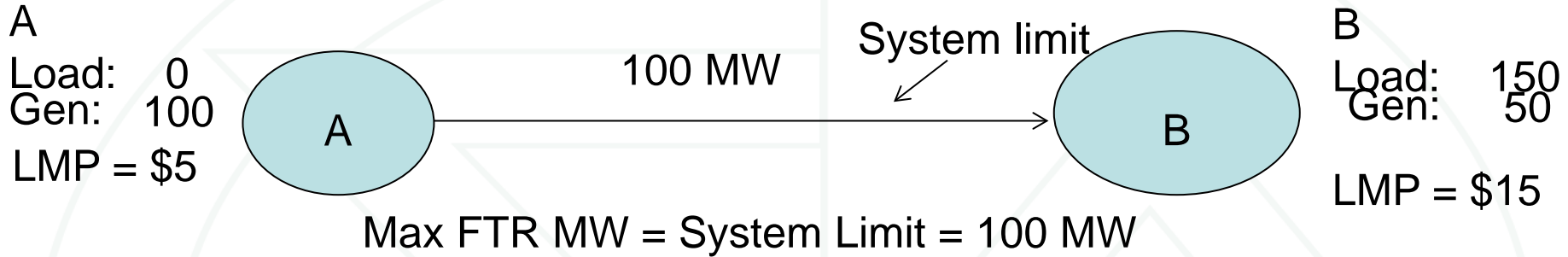


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## Congestion Allocation: FTR or Direct

- **Congestion = The difference between total charges to load and total payments to generation caused by binding transmission constraints.**
- **Congestion belongs to load**
- **If congestion is returned to load, load gets credit for the access to upstream generation made available by transmission.**
- **If congestion is returned to the load that paid it, the average cost of power realized by the load will equal the actual average cost of energy that served that load.**
- **Load has the rights to congestion but can sell that right**
  - **In the current system load can claim or passively sell path based, modeled path based rights to congestion**
  - **Under proposed construct, load can keep or sell actual congestion (network based)**

# FTR vs Direction Allocation



- PJM can make 100 MW available on line AB as an FTR
- Load can self schedule and claim the FTR or passively sell and get the auction revenue from the sale (ARR)
- Maximum potential value of FTR from A to B = (FTR MW) x (Price difference between B and A)

$$\text{FTR Target Allocation} = (\text{LMP Sink} - \text{LMP Source}) \times \text{FTR MW}$$

If FTR MW = 100 MW, then FTR Target Allocation = \$1,000

Congestion assigned to FTR = \$1,000

If Congestion is assigned to load directly, Congestion assigned = \$1,000

# FTR vs. Direction Allocation

- **Load has the rights to congestion but can sell that right**
  - **In the current system load can claim or passively sell path based, modeled path based rights to congestion**
    - **In this example FTR claims \$1,000 in congestion**
    - **In a simple one line system, perfect alignment in model and actual system capability (and single settlement market) results in FTR being the right to actual congestion**
    - **Simple one line system eliminates cross subsidy and leakage issue than cause a misalignment of target allocations and actual congestion**
  - **Under proposed construct, load can keep or sell actual congestion (network based)**
    - **In this example, the FTR, defined as the direct allocation of actual congestion, claims \$1,000 in congestion**
    - **Direct allocation FTR always results in the allocation of actual congestion based on actual network.**



# Allocation of congestion: Affect on Average Cost of Load

	A	Constraint	B
LMP	\$5	---->	\$15
SMP	\$5		\$5
CLMP	\$0		\$10
	Reference Bus	100	
Load MW	0		150
Gen MW	100		50
CLMP x MW	Zone Based A	Zone Based B	Total Congestion
Load Charges	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Gen Credits	\$0	\$500	\$500
Total Charges	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Zone A	Zone B	
Load MW	0	150	
Marginal Price of Power	\$5.00	\$15.00	
Total Load Charges	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	
Average Cost of Power	\$5.00	\$15.00	
Congestion Allocation	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Net Load Charges	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	
Marginal Price of Power	\$5.00	\$15.00	
Average Cost of Power	NA	\$8.33	

Marginal Price does not change

With correct congestion allocation, average cost of power reflects actual average cost for serving zone

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