Offer Capping Issue Charge

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Clarity and Education

- PJM's issue charge does not provide adequate clarity on the need to change the offer capping process or the implications.
- PJM's issue charge is significantly different from PJM's prior issue charge.
- Education is needed before proceeding with the issue charge, including:
 - How the offer capping process functions in the dayahead and real-time software;
 - Implications for the enhanced CC model;





Clarity and Education

- Education items (continued):
 - Situations when offers and parameters are or are not mitigated when a seller fails the TPS test and during emergencies and hot/cold weather alerts.
 - How fixing existing issues with the offer capping process will improve computation time;
 - Why PJM proposes to adopt the CC software developed for the MISO market model.





Purpose

- The purpose of offer capping and schedule selection is to choose the applicable offers and parameters for market power mitigation.
- PJM's issue charge would change market power mitigation to decrease market software solution time.
- A change to market power mitigation cannot proceed without consideration of the effects on exercises of market power. PJM's proposal is not well defined.
- The authority to participate in PJM's markets at market based rates relies on effective market power mitigation.



Current Offer Capping

- The current offer capping process allows sellers with market power to:
 - Set LMPs with high markups;
 - Withhold using high offers and inflexible parameters;
 - Extract unnecessary uplift from the market.
- The IMM has several longstanding recommendations to fix the offer capping process.
- This is the same process that PJM wants to change with its issue charge.
- But PJM proposes to define the IMM issues as out of scope.



Process

- It is an inefficient use of time and resources to change the offer capping process without addressing the market power mitigation issues.
- Any solution proposed to decrease computation time will have implications for market power mitigation.
 Many possible solutions would make market power mitigation worse. This is unacceptable.
- The stakeholder process cannot address computation time without affecting mitigation.
- The issue charge should clearly and explicitly incorporate both sets of issues.



Market Power Mitigation Issues

- Any change to the offer capping process needs to address these issues with the process for selecting offer schedules when the TPS test is failed:
 - Crossing curves. The current process frequently selects offers with a negative markup at low output levels and a high positive markup at higher output levels that sets price when the unit is needed for a constraint in real time.
 - Inflexible parameters. The current process frequently selects price-based offers with inflexible parameters for resources that fail the TPS test and during hot/cold alerts and emergencies.

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