Reserve Subzones

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Purpose of Reserves

- Maintain resource and demand balance and frequency in response to the loss supply (BAL-002)
- PJM requires additional online generation, not otherwise required or economic, to protect reliability from the potential loss of a generator
- Reserves are deliverable to load
 - If the loss of a specific generator is not supported by existing reserves, a new reserve area is necessary.

Examples of Reserve Areas

- RTO wide reserves support loss of a generator that is not behind a constraint.
- MAD Subzone, or other large area subzones, support loss of a generator that is constrained by a wide area IROL.
- Smaller constrained areas in PJM also require provision of reserves inside that area
 - BGE/PEPCO, Delmarva South
 - PSEG, Cleveland

Current Practices

- Reliability commitments
 - High uplift
- Closed loop interfaces
 - Lack of transparency
 - Negative balancing congestion
- Unit contingencies
 - Based on natural gas pipelines
 - Pricing would function like closed loop interfaces.

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