



**Energy Market Uplift Senior Task Force Report**  
**PJM Interconnection**  
**Markets and Reliability Committee**  
**February 23, 2015**

The [Energy Market Uplift Senior Task Force](#) (EMUSTF) met most recently on February 5, 2015. The Charter and Timeline were presented to the September 26, 2013 MRC, and the Charter was approved.

The EMUSTF began its work in July 2013 and has conducted 29 meetings. Work of the group has been parsed into two phases:

- Phase 1 – Efforts to reduce uplift costs and reflect as much of these costs in LMP as possible:
  - Identify scenarios under which PJM may commit a resource in the Day-Ahead market that results in out-of-market uplift costs and consider alternative approaches to clearing such resources consistent with reliable operations, and explore possible improvements to the PJM Day-Ahead pricing that have potential to minimize uplift costs while maintaining prices that are consistent with operational reliability needs.
  - Identify scenarios under which PJM may dispatch a resource in the Real-Time market that results in out-of-market uplift costs, consider alternative approaches to pricing, and explore changes to the PJM market mechanisms that have the potential to minimize uplift costs.
- Phase 2 – Cost allocation:
  - Explore new methodologies for the allocation of make-whole payments that may include, but are not limited to, methodologies where Operating Reserve make-whole costs are netted with other out-of-market costs and payments (e.g. balancing congestion, Marginal Loss Surplus), that are consistent with cost causation/benefit principles
  - Explore and determine appropriate methodologies for the allocation of make-whole payments that may include, but are not limited to, methodologies that create variable and fixed charge rates, with the objective of minimizing the variability of such charges, that are consistent with cost causation/benefit principles.

The initial EMUSTF effort was focused on Phase 1. A significant amount of stakeholder education regarding price formation, unit commitment, and operator action has been required to allow stakeholders to be in a position to develop potential solutions.

Concurrent with and separate from the EMUSTF exploration, beginning in December 2013 PJM staff took actions to reduce some drivers of uplift payments. These actions were aimed resolving specific situations that are the largest contributors to uplift.

Within the EMUSTF Phase 1 solution packages have been developed by PJM staff, the Independent Market Monitor, DC Energy, PSEG, Dominion and Citigroup. Evaluation of these packages is underway.



The EMUSTF developed Phase 2 solutions. Ten separate solution packages were initially proposed. These packages were split between variations on the current cost allocation methodologies, and new, "whole cloth", solutions which envision a quasi-fixed rate applied to all transactions. A poll of the Members was conducted to determine where on the spectrum of cost allocation methods (represented by the breadth of the proposed solution packages) they would prefer to concentrate, and subsequently the quasi-fixed rate proposals were dropped. The remaining packages were refined at the next few meetings.

The FERC issued an order on August 29, 2014 in Docket EL14-37 related to the application of the FTR Forfeiture Rule to Up-To Congestion (UTC) Transactions. In this order, the FERC initiated a separate Section 206 proceeding to deal with this issue, and added consideration of the allocation of uplift to UTCs. The EMUSTF discussed this, and conducted a poll as to what the appropriate course of action should be – whether related EMUSTF activities should be put on hiatus pending FERC action, should be fast-tracked or should some other path be taken. Results of the poll indicated the Members desire to maintain the current workplan.

A second poll was conducted in an effort to further refine Phase 1 and Phase 2 proposals. The results of this poll along with a review of the FERC Technical Conference were discussed at the January 14, 2015 meeting to focus the group on feasible solutions. Package proposers were asked to develop adjustments to their proposals, and the group is continuing to explore areas of common interest.

A vote is currently being conducted on a portion of of scope surrounding CT Lost Opportunity Cost and Uplift input to Transmission Planning.

Solution packages from Phase 1 may be coupled with solutions developed in Phase 2 for final proposal to the Markets and Reliability Committee. The EMUSTF is expected to complete its work in 1Q15.

Next meeting: February 25, 2015

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