

2028/2029 Quadrennial Review Proposal

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- When LS Power presented our perspective in May, we proposed that PJM take the following action as required by the tariff:
 - 1. Codify the CT as the Reference Resource using the new CT from the Brattle final CONE report
 - 2. Update CONE and Net CONE for the new CT Reference Resource
 - 3. Maintain the current shape of the VRR Curve but update the parameters to reflect the new CT
- PJM did not accept the suggestion and therefore LS Power is presenting this proposal for stakeholder consideration:
 - 1. Codify the CT as the Reference Resource using the latest technology from the Brattle final CONE report
 - 2. Update CONE and Net CONE for the new CT Reference Resource
 - 3. Maintain the current shape of the VRR Curve but update the parameters to reflect the new CT
- Keep it simple with no major changes



Why the CT?

- One of the arguments for moving to the combined cycle is that is what developers are building
- However, this needs to be put into the proper context
- The reason CCs have been developed and not CTs is CCs are mostly developed based on energy revenues and not capacity revenues
 - In any case, CCs have been developed and built under curves established using a CT reference resource
 - If the CC is the reference resource, by definition that is what will be built, because other sources of capacity become uneconomic under that curve
- CTs on the other hand cannot be developed predominantly on energy revenues since they don't operate as often as CCs and therefore require capacity revenues to support their development
 - The same is true for BESS systems, which require significant capacity revenues for their development
- Up until the most recent BRA, capacity clearing prices have not supported the development of CTs
- As the resource mix includes more intermittent resources, CTs not CCs will be required to provide the dispatchability necessary to maintain reliability as intermittents cycle on-line and off-line. Further, as NERC recently noted, BESS have demonstrated key capabilities in improving frequency response where deployed in concentration
 - Increased flexibility in the capacity market becomes more important with incorporation of seasonal differences
- The capacity market needs to reflect this reality and provide the capacity revenues to support continued investment in existing CTs, the development of new CTs, and commercialization of BESS projects
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- LS Power adopts PJM's approach to the reference resource in CONE Area 5
- Requiring accelerated depreciation to address CEJA retirement requirements, a CT reference resource likely proves less economic than using the BESS as the reference resource for that LDA
- On a Gross CONE and Net CONE ICAP basis, the CT and BESS technologies are similarly situated
 - Lower BESS ELCC value compared to CT increases the UCAP-based price points on the VRR Curve



Comparison of VRR Curve Shapes



Notes:

Curve points based on PJM-provided data from Brattle Report Table ES-2 at

https://www.pjm.com/-/media/DotCom/committees-groups/committees/mic/2025/20250411-special/item-1-02-revised-cone-report-final.pdf

