

# Advanced Unit Commitment Phase 1 – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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## **Q1** What is a summarized description of the change?

**A1** Any generator that is logged by PJM Dispatch as an advanced scheduled unit and contains one or more cost schedules with a startup time or a notification time of > 24 hours will be impacted by this upcoming change. These cost-based offers will be prevented from being able to change their offers for the range of days logged by PJM Dispatch. However, these cost-based offers will be allowed to change in the Real-Time Market 65 minutes prior to the operating hour regardless of the startup or notification time of the cost schedule. Additionally, the cost-based offers will be modifiable starting at 6:30 p.m. after the Day-Ahead Market is cleared for the next market day. For more details pertaining to the specific market rules implemented, please refer to [Manual 11](#) (PDF), Sections 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 2.3.3.1, 2.3.3.2, 9.1.

## **Q2** Who does this change impact?

**A2** Any participant that owns generation with one or more cost schedules that have a startup time or a notification time of > 24 hours that are advanced scheduled by PJM Dispatch.

## **Q3** What happens when PJM Dispatch advance schedules my unit for one or more future days?

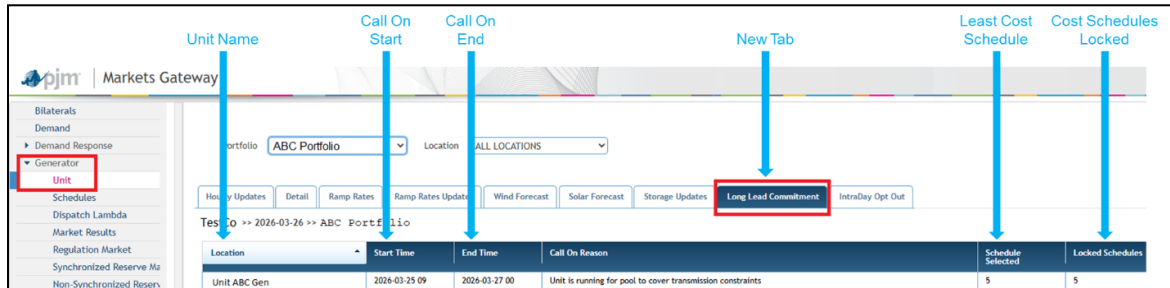
**A3** All of your cost schedule offers for the PJM Dispatch advanced scheduled units that have a > 24-hour startup or notification time will be locked for any offer changes in Markets Gateway for any days contained in the PJM Dispatch advance schedule range with the opportunity to modify those offers after the Day-Ahead Market has cleared for the Real-Time Market date.

**Example:** Let's assume today is Jan. 1, 2026, and PJM Dispatch logs your unit for an advance schedule of Jan. 3, 2026 ending at midnight of Jan. 5, 2026.

Any cost schedules for your unit having a > 24-hour startup or notification time would have their offers blocked for the days Jan. 3, 2026 -> Jan. 4, 2026. However, you would be able to modify the Jan. 3, 2026, offers beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 2, 2026, and up to 65 minutes prior to the operating hour of Jan. 3, 2026. Similarly, you would be able to modify the Jan. 4, 2026, offers starting at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2026, and up to 65 minutes prior to the operating hour of Jan. 4, 2026.

**Q4** How do I know whether any of my units were advanced scheduled by PJM Dispatch and for what days the impacted schedules are locked?

**A4** You can log into Markets Gateway and go to the Generator -> Unit -> Long Lead Commitment screen. The screen information is shown below:



**Q5** Is there any way to unlock any of my cost schedules once they become locked due to PJM Dispatch scheduling my unit in advance?

**A5** If your unit remains advanced scheduled by PJM Dispatch, then there will be no way to unlock those cost schedules during the days that PJM Dispatch has the unit scheduled.

**Q6** How long will my cost schedules remain locked, and what is the soonest that I can make modifications to any of my locked cost schedules?

**A6** You can alter your schedule offers for any cost schedule that was locked starting at 6:30 p.m. after the Day-Ahead Market has cleared for the next market day, and all during the current operating day up to 65 minutes prior to the current operating hour. If PJM Dispatch still has the unit advanced scheduled beyond the current operating day, then changes to the schedule offers for those future days will still remain locked.

**Q7** If PJM Dispatch performs an advance schedule for my unit, when are my cost schedules locked that have > 24-hour startup or notification time?

**A7** The cost schedules will become locked for any offer changes effective immediately after PJM Dispatch logs them for an advanced schedule. They are locked for the days in which PJM Dispatch has scheduled them.

**Q8** Why is my cost schedule locked for the entire day when my unit was only logged as advanced scheduled by PJM Dispatch for a couple of hours during the day?

**A8** The advance schedule logic is performed at the unit level, and not at the schedule level, and as such the > 24-hour startup or notification time schedules will be locked for the entire day.

**Q9** What screens within Markets Gateway would be impacted by this change, and where might I experience not being able to alter my schedule offer-related data?

**A9** There are five screens that may prevent you from altering your data:

1. Generator->Schedules->Offers
2. Generator->Schedules->Offer Updates
3. Generator->Schedules->Detail
4. Generator->Schedules->Detail Updates
5. Generator->Schedules->Schedule Selection

\* Regarding the Schedule Selection screen: only for the cost schedule with > 24-hour startup time or notification time.

**Q10** What else should I be made aware of with regard to these PJM Dispatch advanced scheduled units?

**A10** The units are attempted to be scheduled and run on their least-cost schedule. As a result, the unit is designated as “Switch To Cost.” The “Switch To Cost” designation is shown in Markets Gateway on the Schedules Details screen and will not be able to be unchecked.