# **Reactive Reserves & Unit Testing**

PJM Initial Training Program

Student Guide

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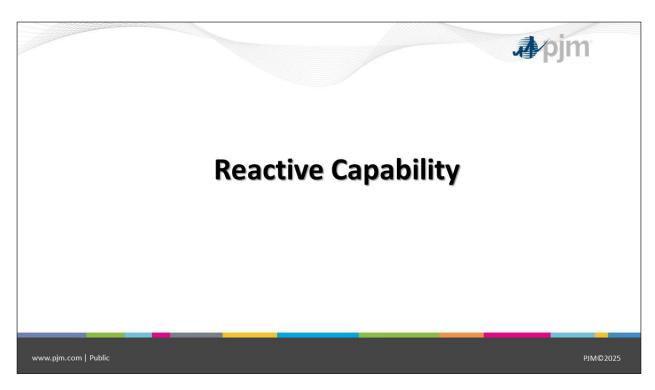
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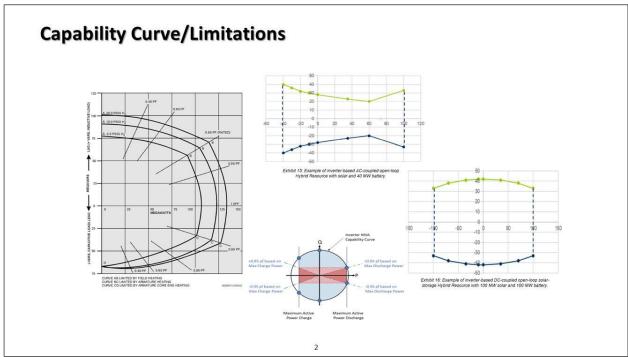
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## **Objectives**

- •Identify the process for monitoring and maintaining reactive reserves
- •Identify the reactive capability testing process and requirements

# **Capability Curve/Limitations**





#### **Reporting Reactive Capability Data to PJM**

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#### **Dispatchable Unit**

Unit Info	MW	Min MVAR	Max MVAR	Comment
Point 1	50	-80	250	Typical net ECO Min
Point 2	100	-75	240	
Point 3	150	-70	230	
Point 4	200	-65	220	
Point 5	250	-60	210	
Point 6	300	-55	190	
Point 7	350	-50	180	Typical net ECO Max
Point 8	375	-45	170	*

<sup>\*</sup>Max possible unit net output considering ideal operating conditions such as winter ambient temperatures, low cooling water temps, optimum fuel conditions, etc.

#### **Reporting Reactive Capability Data to PJM**

#### Unit that can also operate as a synchronous condenser

Unit Info	MW	Min MVAR	Max MVAR	Comment
Point 1	0	-50	150	Synchronous Condensing operating point
Point 2	70	-25	240	Typical net ECO Min
Point 3	75	-22	230	
Point 4	80	-20	220	
Point 5	85	-18	210	
Point 6	90	-15	190	
Point 7	95	-12	180	Typical net ECO Max
Point 8	100	-10	170	*

<sup>\*</sup>Max possible unit net output considering ideal operating conditions such as winter ambient temperatures, low cooling water temps, optimum fuel conditions, etc.

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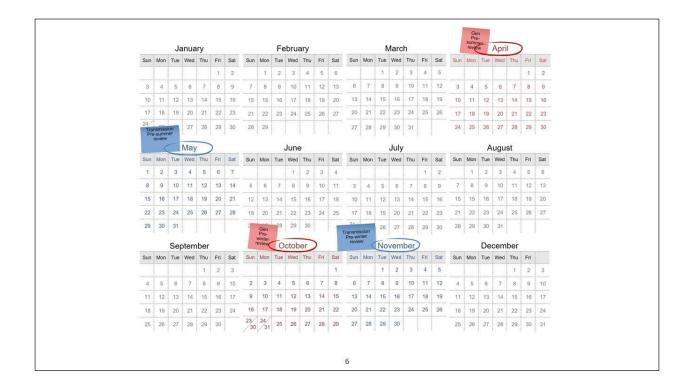
#### **Reporting Reactive Capability Data to PJM**

#### **Inverter-based Energy Storage Resource**

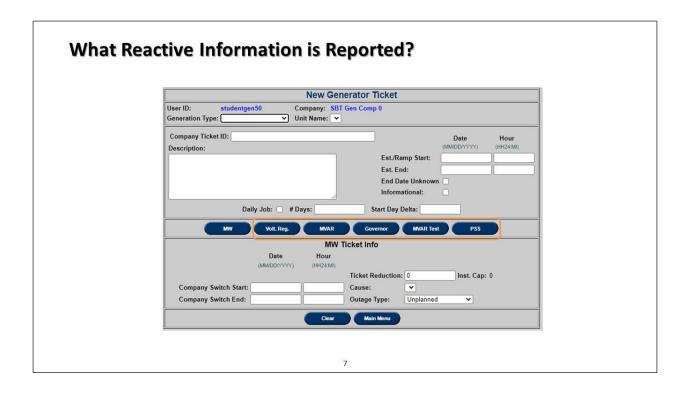
Unit Info	MW	Min MVAR	Max MVAR	Comment
Point 1	-20	-22	22	Max Active Power Charging (Min MW)
Point 2	-14	-26	26	
Point 3	-7	-29	29	
Point 4	0	-30	30	Inverter MVA Capability Curve Rating
Point 5	6	-29	29	
Point 6	12	-27	27	
Point 7	18	-24	24	
Point 8	25	-17	17	Max Active Power Discharging (Max MW)

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#### **Reactive Capability Seasonal Review**

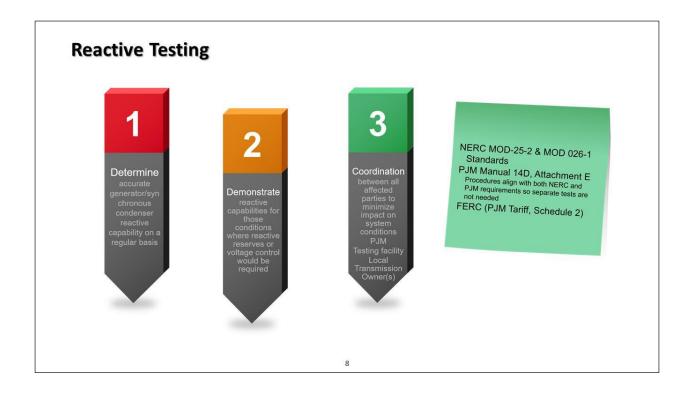


## **What Reactive Information is Reported?**



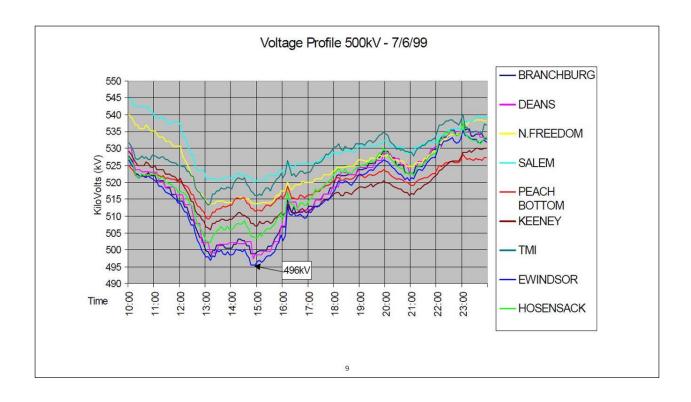
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## **Reactive Testing**

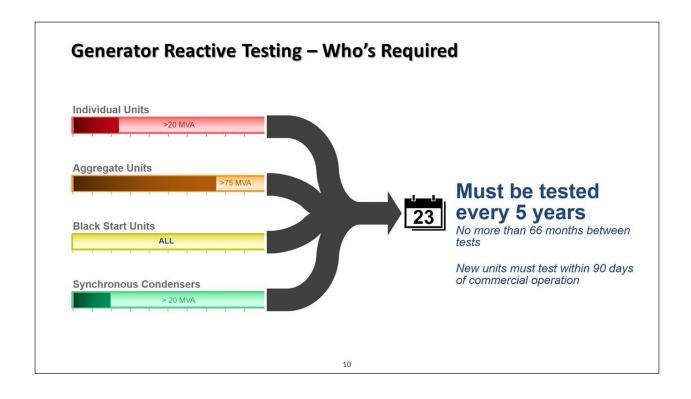


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## Voltage Profile 500kV - 7/6/99



## **Generator Reactive Testing - Who's Required**



# **Unit Types**

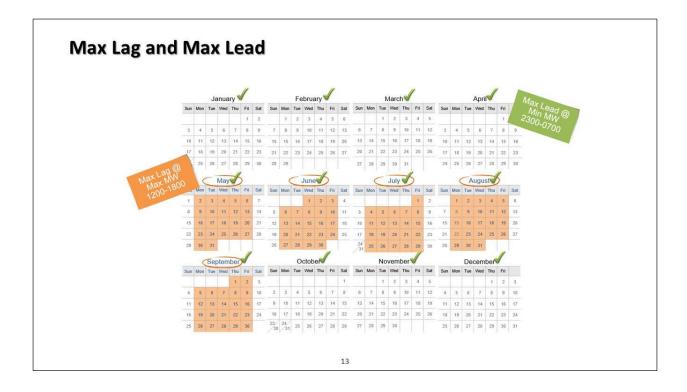
Unit Type	MW Output	MVAR Output	Test Duration
Fossil, Hydroelectric & Blackstart	Max	Max Lag	One Hour
	Max	Max Lead	When limit reached
	Min	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Min	Max Lead	When limit reached
Synchronous Condenser or Generator that	» <del>-</del>	Max Lag	One Hour
operates in the condensing mode to provide			
reactive support	-	Max Lead	When limit reached
Nuclear	Max	Max Lag	One Hour
	Max	Max Lead	When limit reached
Variable (e.g. Wind and Solar)	Variable	Max Lag	When limit reached
(Testing done with at least 90% of turbines or			
inverters on line)	Variable	Max Lead	When limit reached
Inverter based energy storage resources	Max	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Max	Max Lead	When limit reached
Max MW Output = fully discharging	Zero	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Zero	Max Lead	When limit reached
Min MW Output = fully charging	Min	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Min	Max Lead	When limit reached

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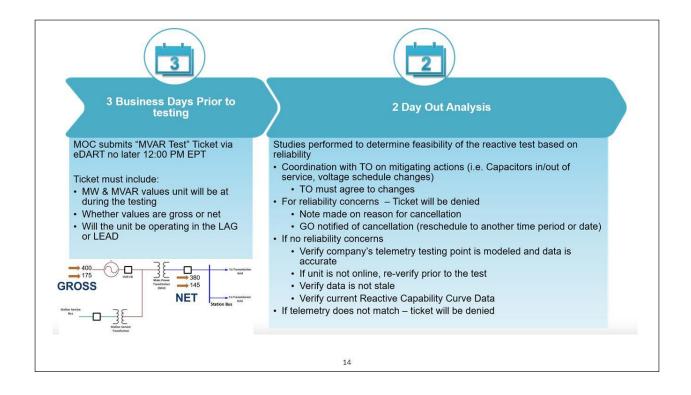
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Unit Type	MW Output	MVAR Output	Test Duration
DC-Coupled Inverter Based Hybrid Resource	Max	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Max	Max Lead	When limit reached
	Zero	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Zero	Max Lead	When limit reached
	Min	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Min	Max Lead	When limit reached
AC-Coupled Inverter Based Hybrid Resource	Max	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Max	Max Lead	When limit reached
	Max Inverter Operating Point	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Max Inverter Operating Point	Max Lead	When limit reached
	Zero	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Zero	Max Lead	When limit reached
	Min	Max Lag	When limit reached
	Min	Max Lead	When limit reached
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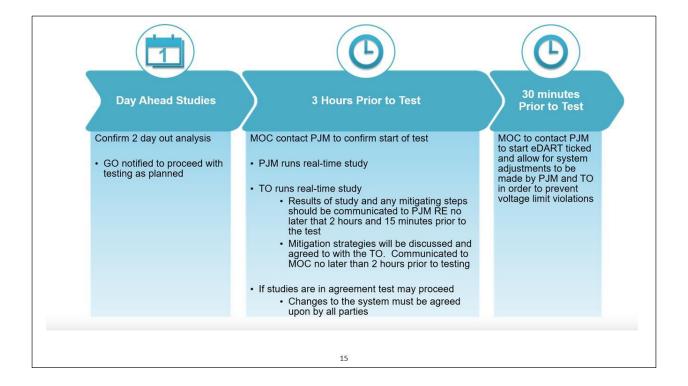
### **Max Lag and Max Lead**



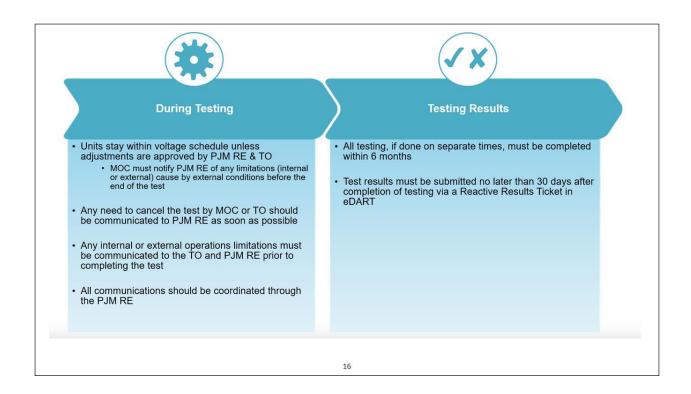
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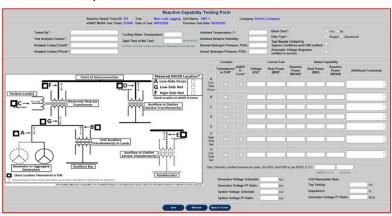
#### **Testing Process**



## **Reactive Capability Testing - Reporting Results**

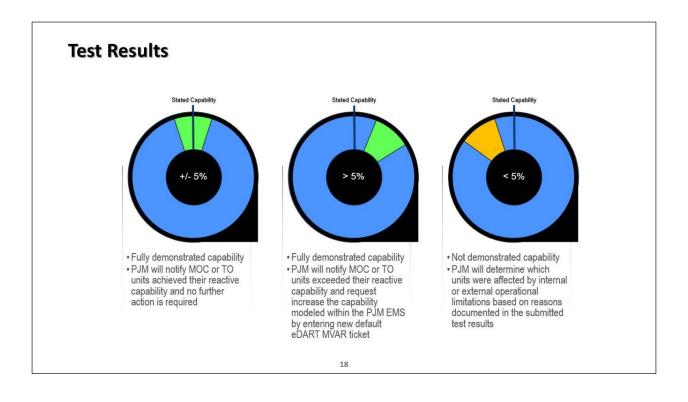
#### **Reactive Capability Testing – Reporting Results**

Generator Owner shall complete the Reactive Capability Testing Form within 30 calendar days from the test date

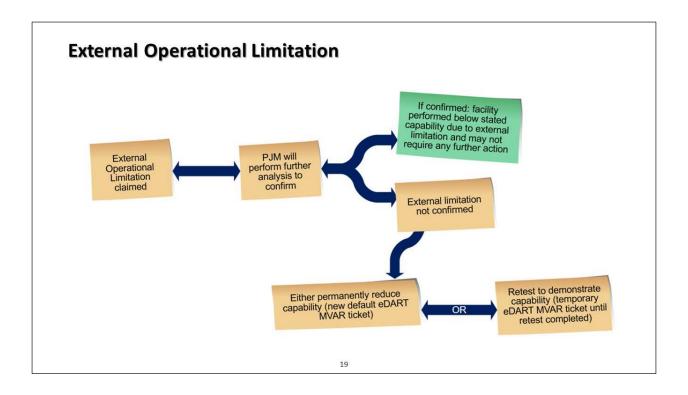


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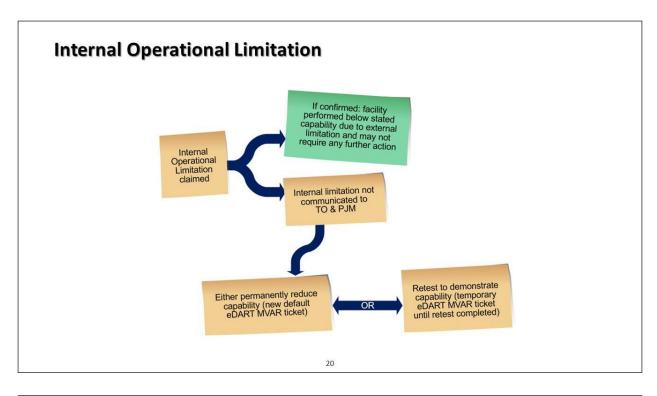
#### **Test Results**

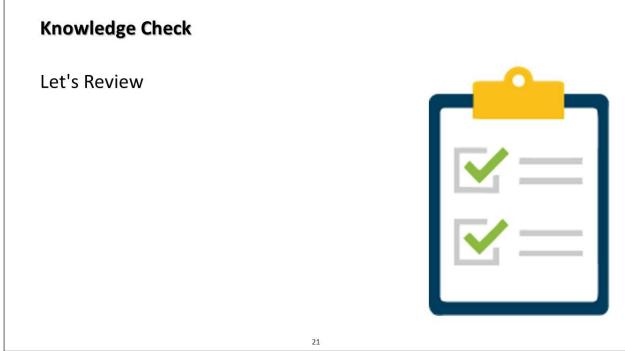


## **External Operational Limitation**



### **Internal Operational Limitation**





#### 1. All test results must be submitted to PJM within what time frame?

- a. 30 days
- b. 60 days

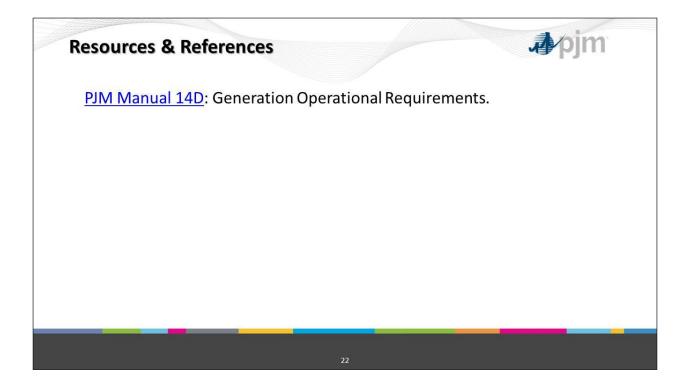
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- c. 3 months
- d. 6 months

# 2. A facility will be considered as passing its reactive capability test if it meets what criteria? (Select all that apply)

- a. Within 5% of stated limits
- b. Greater than 5% of stated limits
- c. Below 5% of stated limits

#### **Resources & References**



#### **Summary**

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In this presentation, we:

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#### **Questions**

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