ELCC – IMM Proposal

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IMM Proposal

- The IMM supports using the Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) method to determine the capacity values for intermittent resources.
- The ELCC analysis incorporates the random nature of intermittent resources and a well designed ELCC analysis should be consistent with the energy market.
- The IMM proposal is based on competitive market principles:
 - Marginal determination of the ELCC capacity value
 - Dynamic, market based ELCC capacity values will change as the resource mix changes



Marginal ELCC

- The marginal ELCC curve will be an input into the capacity auction
- The ELCC curve will be used in the market clearing optimization to dynamically determine the cost and the contribution to meeting the reliability requirement of offers from intermittent resources.
- In the final optimal market solution, the marginal cost is equal to the marginal benefit for intermittent resources.
- The marginal ELCC will define the market clearing ELCC for all cleared intermittent resources.



Average ELCC

- Use of an average ELCC is not consistent with an efficient market clearing.
- Use of an average ELCC will result in:
 - an inefficient market outcome
 - with over procurement
 - over payment of intermittent resources
 - an inefficient displacement of traditional resources

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Total ELCC Curve



Marginal and Average ELCC Curves



Marginal ELCC Example

- Auction clears with 400 MW of nameplate capacity
 - Marginal ELCC is 12.46 percent
 - Average ELCC is 18.00 percent
- The market would clear UCAP MW equal to the area under the marginal ELCC curve, 72 MW in this example
- Note that the Average ELCC x 400 MW = 72 MW
 - There are no missing MW





Marginal ELCC Example



Vintage Treatment / Transition Period

- Fixed or predefined ELCC capacity values through a vintage policy or a transition phase will result in inefficient outcomes and an increased cost to load
- Fixed or predefined ELCC capacity values will favor older technology over newer technology
- Fixed or predefined ELCC capacity values will lead to over procurement of specific resource types, displacement of more efficient resources and incorrect proportions of resources
- Fixed or predefined ELCC capacity values will make the system less reliable than the ELCC analysis predicts

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Vintage Treatment / Transition Period

- Vintage treatment or a transition period will shift risk from resource owners to customers.
- The point of markets is to assign risk to market participants best able to manage it.
- Resource owners can manage the risks they face.
- Vintage treatment would require customers to pay for costs associated with outdated technology and with overstated capacity value.
- PJM would need to make ad hoc adjustments at customers' expense to maintain target reliability.





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