Electric and Gas Coordination

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Task Force

- The MMU supports improved coordination among pipelines, PJM and generators.
- The MMU supports modeling improvements that better reflect generators' actual operations (e.g. soak time, combined cycle modeling).
- The MMU does not support customer guaranteed payments during emergencies or at any time.

Task Force

- The MMU does not support the transfer of pipeline or generator risk to customers.
- The assignment of gas availability and price risk to capacity resources should be clarified.
- The obligations of capacity resources to obtain gas supply and pipeline transportation with defined reliability characteristics should be clarified.
- PJM should have full information about the pipeline and gas supply arrangements and dual fuel supply arrangements of all generators.

Existing Market Design

- Generators offers can be based on price and cost.
 - Price offers are limited by the greater of cost or \$1,000/MWh.
 - Cost based offers that affect LMP are limited to \$2,000/MWh.
- Day ahead cost offers reflect the expected or actual cost of next day gas.
- Generators have the ability to update their cost offers in real time to reflect intraday gas prices.
- Offers can be submitted hourly to reflect the differences between gas days and power days.

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Existing Market Design

- Generator offers also include operating parameters.
- Cost and price PLS offers have limits on their operating parameters.
- These limits are based on the operational capabilities of the generators.
- Under the existing rules, exceptions are allowed to reflect contractual constraints, such as pipeline ratable takes.

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Issues

- Gas market issues include:
 - Pricing transparency
 - Weekend pricing
 - Market power
- Pipeline issues include:
 - Definitions of pipeline restrictions
 - Definitions of characteristics of pipeline service
 - Pipeline charges (e.g. balancing)
 - Ownership of pipeline capacity
 - Market power

Issues

- PJM market issues include:
 - Gas pricing in day-ahead offers
 - Definition of fuel related unavailability/outages
 - Obligations of capacity resources

Pricing Transparency

- Limited transparency in the natural gas spot market.
- More transactions based on indices vs fixed prices.
- Offers of gas generators in PJM are based primarily on estimates of gas costs.
- Estimates of gas costs are based primarily on fixed price transactions.
- Fewer fixed price transactions may mean less reliable estimates of gas costs.
- More generators rely on independent third party quotes.

Pricing Transparency

- On critical days, the source of third party quotes is concentrated among a few suppliers.
- This creates the potential for the exercise of market power in gas supply.

Definitions of Pipeline Restrictions

- Pipelines have different criteria for declaring conditions in which services are limited.
- On some days, these limitations are not consistent with the observed market prices.

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Weekend Pricing

- On weekends, holidays and end of the month, the most common next day gas product is a package that includes multiple days.
 - For example, a Friday trade covers Sat/Sun/Mon.
- This price may not be reflective of market conditions,
 e.g. a cold Monday after a mild weekend.
- Little market activity that reflects the value of gas on the individual weekend days.

Fuel Availability

- Gas fired units declare gas unavailability when:
 - Notified by pipeline/LDC/supplier.
 - Asked by PJM to run and not able to procure gas.
- Day-ahead offers frequently based on estimate of gas cost without purchase/option of gas supply.
- There is an incentive to overstate fuel cost in the dayahead offer.
 - Reduce the probability of a PJM commitment
 - Reduce need to declare a forced outage

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Summary

- Significant gas related issues cannot be addressed by PJM market design: natural gas market; pipelines.
 - Stakeholder recommendations to FERC are important.
 - Market power in the gas market should be addressed.
- Increased gas generation has increased significance of gas/electric issues.
- Definition of capacity resource obligations need to be clarified.
 - Assignment of risk clarified.
 - Clear guidelines needed declaring gas fired units unavailable due to lack of fuel.

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