Generator Offer Flexibility

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Objective

- Accurate reflection of costs in generator offers including incremental, no load and start costs
 - DA:
 - Gas costs may vary based on timing of gas day using current day nomination cycles
 - RT:
 - Gas costs may vary based on gas nomination cycles and market conditions
- Ensure that market power mitigation rules reflect changes in offers
- Ensure that uplift rules reflect appropriate offers







MMU Proposal

- 1. Gas fired generators only
- 2. Fuel cost components of offers only
 - No change to any other components of cost based schedules or price based schedules
 - Change in price based schedules cannot exceed change in cost based schedules



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MMU Proposal

3. Fuel cost policy must be updated

- Must be filed with the MMU and approved prior to having the ability to update offers in RT or submitting hourly offers in DA
- Must specify reproducible algorithm for determining fuel cost including the source(s) of fuel costs and any appropriate delivery adders
- Goal is to permit flexible offers and after the fact documentation and verification
- Must submit data on heat rates, VOM, start costs and no load costs and any other components of cost based offers





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- 4. Operating parameters may not be changed hourly
 - Minimum Run Time
 - Minimum Down Time
 - Max Daily Starts
 - Max Weekly Starts
 - Turn Down Ratio (Economic Max/Economic Min)
 - Start Time





Example

- Sample cost based offer data: (terms defined in M15)
 - Performance Factor (PF) = 1.04 (Actual fuel consumed/theoretical fuel consumed)
 - Total fuel related costs (TFRC) (\$/MBtu) = fuel cost + delivery cost + emissions cost + maintenance adder*
 - Cost based offer(\$/MWh) = Incremental Heat Rate x TFRC x PF
 - Due to an increase in gas costs only (not other components), TFRC increases from \$2.00/MBtu to \$2.50/MBtu.

	Incremental	Original Cost based	Updated Cost based	
Offer curve	Heat Rate	Incremental	Incremental	Difference
MW points	(MBtu/MWh)	Offer (\$/MWh)	Offer (\$/MWh)	(\$/MWh)
20	7	14.6	18.2	3.6
40	7.6	15.8	19.8	4.0
60	8.2	17.1	21.3	4.2
80	9	18.7	23.4	4.7
100	10.6	22.0	27.6	5.6

*Maintenance adder included in TFRC only for certain technology types; refer to M15



Example



Fuel Cost Increase – Cost Schedule Update





Price Schedule Update





DA Market Power Mitigation Issues

- Current:
 - If an owner fails TPS test, lower cost schedule (of the one cost and one price schedule for the day) selected based on the total cost of commitment
- Proposed:
 - TPS calculation needs to be updated to:
 - Use schedules for each hour for total cost of commitment calculation
 - Commit resources based on evaluation of lower cost schedules by hour to minimize commitment cost.
 - If a resource owner fails TPS test, then lower cost schedule selected by hour





RT Market Power Mitigation Issues

- Current:
 - Resources ramped up for transmission relief, that are already committed (in DA or RT), are not offer capped when owner fails TPS test
 - **.** Fixed daily offers are part of mitigation mechanism
 - Offer capping in RT only for units that can start quickly enough
- Proposed:
 - All resources offered by owners that fail TPS test should be offer capped if they update offers, regardless of prior status
 - TPS test results should be based on effective schedules for relevant time period



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