Regulation LOC and Overpayment of Uplift

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Regulation Lost Opportunity Cost

- Forgone energy market revenue resulting from the provision of regulation.
- Only for resources providing both regulation and energy.
- Calculated only within economic limits of the unit.
- No LOC for self scheduled units.
- Units can receive ramp in, ramp out, and intrahour LOC.
 - Ramp in/out are evaluated for the 3, 5-minute intervals before/after the hour in question.
 - Assigned to the first or last 5-minute interval of an hour.

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Regulation LOC Calculation

- $RegLOC = |LMP Offer_{RegSetPoint}| * |DesiredMW@LMP MW@RegSetPoint|$
 - LMP = real-time LMP of the interval
 - Offer_{RSP} = energy market offer at the MW output of the regulation set point
 - DesiredMW@LMP = MW output of unit based on their energy market offer at the current LMP
 - MW@RegSetPoint = Current regulation set point MW output

Example LOC Calculation

- A unit has been backed down from 200 MW to 180 MW to provide 20 MW of regulation.
- The real time LMP = \$25/MW
- The unit's energy offer at 180 MW is \$20/MW
- The unit's DesiredMW@LMP is 200 MW
- RegLOC = |\$25/MW \$20/MW| * |200 MW 180
 MW|
- RegLOC = \$5/MW * 20 MW = \$100

Role of Regulation LOC and Uplift

- Regulation LOC gets added to a unit's offer to create a total offer; Offer + LOC = Total Offer.
- Total offer of marginal unit sets the regulation market clearing price (RMCP).
- During settlements, RegLOC is calculated again but the RMCP is not. Each unit's final total offer is compared to the locked in RMCP.
- Units with a higher total offer than the RMCP are paid uplift.

Regulation Uplift Overpayment

- Existing PJM calculation of uplift in settlements is flawed.
- Regulation uplift does not take into account the ramp rate of the unit.
- The current rules result in the overpayment of LOC in the form of uplift in the regulation market in some cases.
- Some regulating units are paid uplift based on a target energy output that they cannot achieve based on their output and ramp rates.

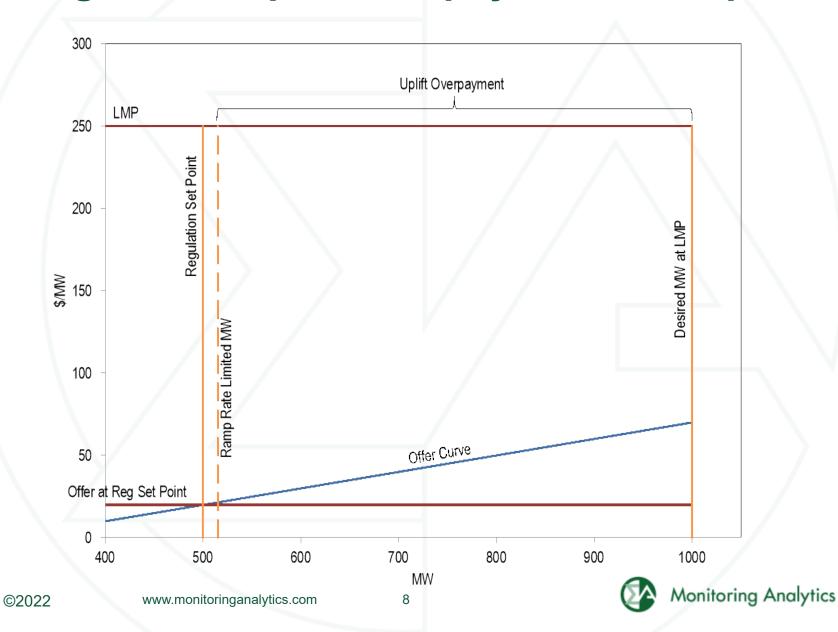
Regulation Uplift Overpayment

 PJM calculates regulation LOC and uplift based on the difference between the desired MW of the regulating unit at LMP, and the current MW output at the regulation set point:

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RegLOC
= |LMP - Offer_{RegSetPoint}|
* |DesiredMW@LMP - MW@RegSetPoint|
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- Where the DesiredMW@LMP is based on the energy offer curve but does not consider the ramp rate of the unit.
- The result is an uplift payment based on an output level that cannot be met.

Regulation Uplift Overpayment Example



Top Ten Resources Paid Regulation Uplift

					Total Regulation	Share of Total Regulation
Rank	Parent Company	Unit Name	Fuel	Туре	Uplift Credit	Uplift Credits
1	Arclight Capital Holdings LLC	PS LINDEN 1 CC	NAT	JRAL GAS	\$452,045	5.4%
2	American Electric Power Company Inc	AEP MOUNTAINEER 1 F	COA	L	\$447,128	5.3%
3	Ontario Power Generation Inc	AP LKLYN 1-4 H	HYDI	₹0	\$412,276	4.9%
4	Constellation Energy Generation LLC	PE MUDDY RUN 1-8 H	HYDI	70	\$372,410	4.4%
5	Arclight Capital Holdings LLC	PS LINDEN 2 CC	NAT	JRAL GAS	\$346,263	4.1%
6	American Municipal Power Inc	FE FREMONT ENERGY CENTER 3	CC NAT	JRAL GAS	\$321,503	3.8%
7	American Electric Power Company Inc	AEP AMOS 1 F	COA	L	\$258,421	3.1%
8	American Electric Power Company Inc	AEP BIG SANDY 1 F	NAT	JRAL GAS	\$246,706	2.9%
9	American Electric Power Company Inc	AEP MIT CHELL - KAMMER 2 F	COA	L	\$237,217	2.8%
10	American Electric Power Company Inc	AEP ROCKPORT 2 F	COA	L	\$236,984	2.8%
Total of Top 10				_	\$3,330,952	39.6%
Total Regulation	n Uplift Credits				\$8,410,168	100.0%

Impact of Regulation Uplift Overpayment

- Incorrectly increases the amount of uplift credits received by units.
- Affects Coal and Natural Gas units.
- Uplift overpayment of \$7.1M in Q1 2022.
 - Based on recalculation using a ramp rate limited DesiredMW@LMP.
- Use of the ramp rate limited MW would eliminate the overpayment.
 - Pay units for uplift based on actual lost opportunity.
 - Based on physically achievable MW output.

		Uplift overpayment			
Year	Month	Coal	Natural Gas	Total	
2022	Jan	\$1,959,942	\$2,308,232	\$4,268,174	
	Feb	\$432,077	\$1,103,635	\$1,535,711	
	Mar	\$297,947	\$990,141	\$1,288,088	
Total		\$2,689,966	\$4,402,008	\$7,091,974	