Capacity Excess Conditions
Objectives

Students will be able to:

• Identify the process and requirements for operating during capacity excess conditions
Capacity Excess Conditions

• Light Load Procedures
  – Failure of a Control Area to provide adequate generation control can result in:
    • Deviations in frequency
    • Inadvertent power flow
    • Stability issues
    • Transmission constraints

• For the RTO to meet its control requirements, it may be necessary to deviate from normal operating procedures during light load periods
## Capacity Excess Conditions

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## Minimum Generation Advisory (Actions Prior to Minimum Generation Alert)

**Purpose**

- To provide an early notification that system conditions may require the use of the PJM Emergency Procedures

- Advisory is issued when PJM is aware two or more days in advance of the event
Minimum Generation Advisory (Actions *Prior to* Minimum Generation Alert)

**PJM Actions:**

- Reviews the valley load forecasts over the next several days
  - If the RTO load is projected to be at or below 70,000MWs (Summer/Winter) or 65,000MWs (Spring/Fall), PJM Issues a *Minimum Generation Advisory* message to the Emergency Procedures site 1-2 days ahead of time to provide an informational only notice that a Min Gen Alert/Action is likely
Minimum Generation Advisory (Actions Prior to Minimum Generation Alert)

PJM Actions:

- Prepares a Minimum Generation Worksheet
  - Determine if Minimum Generation Alert criteria is met
  - Determine if Light Load Procedures are required for the upcoming scheduling period

- Formulate a scheduling strategy for the light load period
  - Hydro plant schedules are reviewed to ensure: pumping at pump storage facilities is maximized, and generation at run-of-river facilities is minimized
Minimum Generation Advisory (Actions Prior to Minimum Generation Alert)

Member Actions:

- Generation dispatchers should utilize the advanced notification provided by an Advisory in order to prepare for any action associated with a Minimum Generation Alert
**Capacity Excess Conditions**

**Minimum Generation Alert**

**Purpose**
- To provide an early alert that PJM Emergency Procedures may be required
- Issued one day in advance of the event

**Trigger**
- When the expected generation level is within 2,500 MW of normal minimum energy limits
Minimum Generation Alert

PJM Actions:

• Issues alert for specified light load period when conditions necessitate
  – Issued via All-Call and posts on selected PJM websites and the NERC RCIS

• Provides information to members:
  – Adjusted minimum generation
  – Valley load estimate
  – Margin values
**Capacity Excess Conditions**

**Minimum Generation Alert**

**Member Actions:**

– Review unit normal maximum and minimum energy limits, as well as emergency minimum limits with station operating personnel

– Generation Dispatchers compile emergency reducible information and report via eDART

– The amount reported in the “Reducible on Declaration Column” is, by region, the Emergency Reducible Generation (ERG) that will be started down when PJM issues the Minimum Generation Emergency Declaration

– The amount reported as “Total Reducible Generation” is the generation available for both the Declaration and Event. Joint-owned generation is reported by the operating company
Minimum Generation Alert

Member Actions:

– Schedule additional unit maintenance, as appropriate, during light load periods

– Renew and update resource data in PJM’s computer systems
  • Resource availability
  • Energy limits

– Contact PJM dispatch if ramp limits are prohibiting the ability to export energy from the PJM system during the projected period
  • To assist in system control, exports should coincide with load drop-out periods
Reporting Reducibles

- eDART ERG Reporting Form

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Minimum Generation Event Log
- PJM Control Area

Submit Form  Refresh  Main Menu
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Emergency Reducible Generation

• Difference between Economic Minimum and Emergency Minimum – Why is this important?

• What might happen if your emergency reducibles aren’t entered correctly?

• What if a unit’s Economic Minimum is equal to its Emergency Minimum?
Capacity Excess Conditions

You have the following Unit in your portfolio:

Example

- Economic Maximum = 250 MW
- Current Output = 200 MW
- Economic Minimum = 125 MW
- Emergency Minimum = 100 MW

How much ERG do you report for this unit? 25 MW
Actions Prior to Minimum Generation Declaration

PJM Actions:

– Re-evaluate valley load estimate and amount of Spot-in transactions
– PJM dispatcher updates the amount of emergency reducible generation available to determine the final strategy (Amount and time frame)
– Reduce units to normal minimum generation, review units assigned to regulate, then relieve units that are unable to regulate at or near normal minimum levels
– Reduce System LMP to “0” and reduce Spot-in contracts as required
Minimum Generation Emergency Declaration

Purpose

- To notify members of the Min Gen survey results and strategy, including the anticipated amount of reducible generation and forecasted time of the reduction
Minimum Generation Emergency Declaration

**PJM Actions:**

- PJM dispatcher will issue via the ALL-CALL a Minimum Generation Emergency Declaration
- Notify members of the survey results and strategy to include the amount of reducible generation (%) to be reduced and the forecast time
- Posts the Declaration on selected PJM web-sites and the NERC RCIS
Minimum Generation Emergency Declaration

**Member Actions:**

- Generation Dispatchers ensure their units are following PJM economic base points to Economic Minimum output
- Wind Generation Operators will adjust Wind Turbine Control systems or manually adjust turbine output to achieve the desired SCED base point
- Generation dispatchers reduce generation as reported via eDART on the Minimum Generation Form in the “Reducible on Declaration” column
Capacity Excess Conditions

Minimum Generation Emergency Declaration

Member Actions:

- Generation dispatchers determine the specific units that will be reduced and the sequence and timing of reductions based on the direction given by PJM

- Generation dispatchers contact PJM Master Coordinator and report additional Reducible Generation that is reduced beyond what is reported on the Minimum Generation form
Minimum Generation Event

Purpose

• Implemented when PJM dispatch can no longer match the decreasing load and utilization of emergency reducible generation is necessary

• All resources are expected to reduce proportionally based on the percentage Emergency Reducible Generation declared
Minimum Generation Event

PJM Actions:

- PJM issues via the ALL-CALL a Minimum Generation Emergency Event and requests Local Generation dispatchers to reduce Emergency Reducible Generation (ERG) minus what was reported as being reducible on declaration
- If the system is transmission constrained, follow the Guidelines for Constrained Operations
- Posts the Declaration on Selected PJM web-sites and the NERC RCIS
- Attempt to sell Emergency Energy to external systems
Capacity Excess Conditions

Minimum Generation Emergency Event

PJM Actions:

− Reduce Network External Designated purchases as required to maintain system control after all internal PJM resources are reduced to Emergency Minimum Levels (100% reducibles implemented)

− Recommend the shutdown of specific units that are not required for area protection during the current load period or the subsequent on-peak period

Example: If Member reported 200MW as total ERG with 100MW reported as Reducible on Declaration, 100MW would have been started down when PJM issued the Minimum Generation Emergency Declaration. If when issuing the Minimum Generation Event, PJM requests 20% reducibles, Member would reduce 20MW from the 100MW that was reported as targeted for reduction on the Event
Minimum Generation Emergency Event

**Member Action:**

- Generation Dispatchers follow the direction of PJM dispatcher
- Implementation of Emergency Reducible Generation Curtailments should be achieved within 15 minutes or within a timeframe that the technology permits
- PJM should be notified if curtailment is expected to exceed 15 minutes
Cancellation

- The previous steps are followed in reverse order as the PJM RTO’s load begins to exceed the generation

**PJM Actions:**

- A PJM dispatcher will cancel a Minimum Generation Emergency when actions taken under these procedures are no longer necessary

**Member Actions:**

- Generation dispatchers report actual generation that was reduced to the PJM dispatcher
Capacity Excess Conditions

Minimum Generation Alert implemented when the expected generation level is within **2,500 MW** of normal minimum energy limits.

05/21/2005 20:02
PJM issued a Minimum Generation Alert for the midnight period of Sunday May 22, 2005

Minimum Generation Alert

RequestID: 31092  
Timestamp: 05/21/2005 21:56

Period: MIDNIGHT  
Date: 05/22/2005

Notes:

NY Spots - 1940 Mw  
Other Spots - 1374 Mw  
Total Spots - 3314 Mw.

PJM Control Area

- Normal Minimum Generation: 56357
- Bath County Pumps (-): -1810
- Generation Adjustment (+): 1500
- Yard Creek Pumps (-): -409
- Muddy Run Pumps (-): -906
- Conowingo (+): 270
- Safe Harbor / Holtswood (+): 93
- Net Interchange (+/-): 1488
- Spot Market (+): 7214
- REC's (+): 45
- Smith Mountain Pumps (-): -80
- Adjusted MinGen Override Calc: -383
- Misc Hydro (+): -445
- Seneca Pumps (+): -824
- Wind Forecast (+): 53157
- Adjusted Minimum Generation: 55370
- Valley Load Estimate: -2218
- Margin: -5565

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# Min Gen Event from May 22, 2005

## Operations Log: Sunday, May 22, 2005

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Local Minimum Generation Events

- Implemented when there is an excess generation situation in a localized area or set of areas, which has the potential to result in stability issues or constrained operations.
**Local Minimum Generation Events**

**PJM Actions:**

- Request local Generation dispatchers to reduce Emergency Reducible Generation
- Curtail dispatchable contracts and Spot Market imports
- Attempt to sell Emergency Energy to external systems
- After 100% Reducible Generation, reduce Network External Designated purchases
- Direct shutdown of effective units not required for area protection
Capacity Excess Conditions

Local Minimum Generation Events

Member Actions:

- Generation dispatchers follow the direction of PJM dispatcher via eDART

*(see eDART ERG Reporting Form in Manual 13 Attachment H)*
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