

THE ICS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – MAY 2010

Meetings since Last Executive Committee Meeting:

May 5, 2010 – ICS Regular meeting at NYSERDA Offices

Summary

1. Upstate/Downstate Study – NYISO summarized results of its Upstate/Downstate study utilize the 2010-11 IRM representation. Results indicate higher reserve margin requirements for the Upstate zone than the Downstate zone at equilibrium risk (LOLE) conditions. It was concluded consistent with past studies Upstate is not carrying extra reserve for the benefit of Downstate. NYISO is in the process of preparing written study material and will provide a final presentation to the NYSRC at its June meeting.
2. 2011-12 IRM Study Workplan – ICS kicked off next years IRM study with a detailed review of the 2011-12 IRM Assumptions Matrix. A number of actions were identified where model updates are required including; load forecast uncertainty model, emergency operating procedure model, updated forced outage rates, outside world modeling and updated transmission topology (due June 1). ICS requested this year's transmission model include consideration of extreme weather for voltage sensitive transfer limits. It was noted the impact of extreme weather on voltage controlled transfer limits is a subject of discussion with the NYISO Reactive Power Working Group. ICS reviewed a projection of wind resources provided by NYSERDA. It was also reported NYISO forced outage rate screening analysis identified a few units with potentially anomalous data referred for further review.
3. Unified Method Improvements – Subcommittee representatives continued to discuss comments on improvements to the capacity shift methodology used to achieve LOLE=0.1 under the Unified Methodology. A final paper and presentation was discussed. ICS representatives requested NYISO perform MARS testing on the final shift methodology recommendation prior to sign off.
4. IRM Capacity Resource Mix Concern — ICS drafted a letter for NYSRC Executive Committee consideration requesting an analysis be undertaken to better understand the reliability implications associated with integrating large amounts of Special Case Resources (similar to previous wind integration studies). ICS forwarded this letter the Executive Committee for review and approval.
5. NYSRC IRM Presentation at NEPOOL Reliability Committee Meeting - In response to a request by Peter Wong, Chairman ISONE Power Supply Planning Committee (PSPC), Curt Dahl, ICS Chairman presented details of the NYCA IRM modeling process and assumptions to the ISONE Reliability Committee on April 29, 2010. Where appropriate differences in modeling assumptions and approach were highlighted for discussion. Consideration of this issue was directed to ISONE PSPC for further discussion.
6. ICS Chairman participated in DEC/NYSRC May 13, 2010 meeting.
7. The date of July ICS meeting was changed to June 23, 2010 at NYSERDA.