

**Modeling of Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs) and Demand Resources (DR) for the Outside World Areas in IRM Studies**

**Background:**

—In establishing installed reserve margin (IRM), the power systems in the Northeast design their system to the “once in ten year” or “one day in ten year” criterion which is described below for NPCC, NY and PJM:

**NPCC Areas:** The probability (or risk) of disconnecting **firm load** due to resource deficiencies shall be, on average, not more than one day in ten years as by studies conducted for each Resource Planning and Planning Coordinator Area. Compliance with this criterion shall be evaluated probabilistically, such that the loss of **load** expectation (LOLE) of disconnecting **firm load** due to resource deficiencies shall be, on average, no more than 0.1 day per year. This evaluation shall make due allowance for demand uncertainty, scheduled outages and deratings, forced outages and deratings, assistance over interconnections with neighboring Planning Coordinator Areas, transmission transfer capabilities, and capacity and/or **load** relief from available operating procedures.

**New York:** The NYSRC shall establish the IRM requirement for the NYCA such that the probability (or risk) of disconnecting firm load due to resource deficiencies shall be, on average, not more than once in ten years. Compliance with this criterion shall be evaluated probabilistically, such that the loss of load expectation (LOLE) of disconnecting firm load due to resource deficiencies shall be, on average, no more than 0.1 day per year. This evaluation shall make due allowance for demand uncertainty, scheduled outages and deratings, forced outages and deratings, assistance over interconnections with neighboring control areas, NYS Transmission System transfer capability, and capacity and/or load relief from available operating procedures. To calculate its reserve requirement NY uses the GE Multi-Area Reliably Simulation (MARS) model.

**PJM:** The PJM Reserve Requirement is defined to be the level of installed reserves needed to maintain the desired reliability index of ten years, on average, per occurrence (loss of load expectation of one occurrence every ten years) **after emergency procedures to invoke load** management. The Probabilistic Reliability Index Study Model (PRISM) program is the principal tool used to calculate the PJM Reserve Requirement. The PJM Reserve Requirement is calculated using a PRISM

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two-area model. ~~PJM is modeled in;~~ Area #1, [the entire PJM control area without internal transmission constraints](#) and, [Area #2](#), a composite World representation consisting of parts of SERC, RFC, MISO and NPCC ~~is modeled in Area #2 with no transmission constraints modeled within the areas.~~ It is not a Monte Carlo based model ~~which and doesn't have the ability to model~~ [nor is it capable of modeling transmission capability between the PJM RTO zones or between the outside world areas but models tie capability between the two larger single areas area model.](#) The PJM Installed Reserve Margin value is used in the determination of the Forecast Pool Requirement<sup>1</sup> and DR factor<sup>2</sup>. Similar to NPCC Areas, PJM is required to submit evidence that it is in compliance with its one day in 10 year criterion.

The power systems in the Northeast utilize operating procedures to mitigate shortages or scarcity of conventional generating resources to avoid LOLE events. These procedures could include [generation supplements to conventional generation](#), load control measures such as reducing interruptible loads/demand response, making public appeals to reduce demand, and/or implementing voltage reductions. Other measures could include calling on generation available under emergency conditions such as emergency purchases, and/or reducing operating reserves. Each system has its protocols as to how and when these procedures are implemented. In calculating its reserve requirements each system also makes a determination as to which of these procedures, if any, are included in its system IRM calculation as provided for in the criterion.

**For the purpose of this discussion only, these procedures will collectively be referred to or defined as scarcity resources which are resources that are utilized or deployed to avoid a LOLE event when conventional generating resources become scarce or unavailable.** Scarcity resources such as NY's [demand response \(DR\)](#) ~~and~~ [Special Case Resources \(SCRs\)](#), [ISO-NE's Active DR](#), and PJM's Pre-Emergency DR can be called in anticipation or a forecast of being short reserves or generating capacity while others scarcity resources such as PJM's emergency DR, voltage reduction and reduction of reserves generally require an emergency declaration.

Prior practice in NY, in accordance with Policy 5, has been to include NY's scarcity resources in its IRM calculation but to exclude the scarcity resources in neighboring systems from the calculation. At times, this resulted in LOLEs in external areas that

<sup>1</sup> [Forecast Pool Requirement is defined as...](#)

<sup>2</sup> [DR Factor is defined as....](#)

were higher than criterion and raised concerns as the neighboring systems appeared to be growing more dependent on scarcity resources such as DR. The organized power markets systems in the Northeast have developed robust DR markets. This is especially true in PJM where the exclusion of the scarcity resources appears to result in a LOLE that is much higher than the criterion of 0.1 days per year. For example, the 2015-16 IRM Study showed that without representing any DR programs, the PJM LOLE was 0.88 days per year. The base case represented two non-EOP types of DR, Extended and Annual (total of 5,617 MW) – for this case the PJM LOLE was 0.23 days per year. These results engendered much concern and discussion among ICS members.

As result of the concern raised by the exclusion of scarcity resources in PJM from the NYSRC IRM study, the ICS at its December 2014 meeting directed Messrs. Adamson and Adams to review Policy 5 first regarding the language for external area EOPs. External areas to NY are also referred to as outside world areas in this document. From there, they were ~~to look at the outside~~ requested to assess neighboring control areas processes to establish their IRM and determine the appropriate ~~way~~ method for the NYSRC to model neighboring EOPs, if necessary, for the 2015 IRM study. At the January meeting the study group was expanded to include Greg Drake and Sayed Ahmed.

The study group developed a scope of work which is attached as Appendix A with three primary objectives as follows:

1. Examine the present policy of not representing in the IRM study the EOPs that are available in each neighboring Outside World Area (OWA). Recommend changes for each, if warranted.
2. Establish 2016 PJM DR forecast projections for different DR categories and determine which should be considered as EOPs.
3. Based on EOP recommendation in 1, recommend modeling of DR in Outside World Areas, specifically in PJM

The scope also identified a number of fact finding actions and questions which are described in Appendix A. The balance of the report provides the results of the fact finding and questions, what conclusions can be drawn from them, as well as recommendations.

## Findings and Observations:

The first task the study team undertook was to compile information regarding the amount of DR and EOP steps available in neighboring control areas. [MW-Capacity](#) information was compiled by category of scarcity resource and in total as well as the extent the scarcity resources are included in IRM studies. Table I is a compilation of series of questions and answers which describes how ~~the outside world areas (OWA) compare to NY in~~ [NYCA neighboring control areas](#) use of EOPs and DR in ~~setting the~~ [establishing their](#) IRM. Table II is a compilation of the DR and EOP steps in NY and the OWA in terms of [MW-capacity](#) by Category and in total and as a percent of the peak load. Also, DR is reported in total and the amount that is considered as an EOP step. Table III is compilation of all the EOP steps, [excluding tie benefits or emergency purchases](#), identified in the OWA [and indicates](#) whether they are considered in the IRM study or not. ~~It excludes tie benefits or emergency purchases.~~

Table I

| Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs) and Demand Resources (DR) in the Outside World Areas VS NY regarding Use in IRM Studies        |                 |                                 |         |                  |   |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------|---|
| Question   | NY              | NE                              | Ontario | Quebec           | PJM   |
| Does the area include the LOLE benefits provided by emergency assistance or tie benefits (TB) in establishing their reserve margins? | Yes             | Yes                             | No      | Yes <sup>±</sup> | Yes   |
| Magnitude of benefit from latest study as a % and in MW?   | 8.9%<br>2,995.3 | 5.7%<br>1,624                   | n/a     | n/a              | 1.9%<br>3,500 MW  |
| Does the area include the LOLE impacts of its own EOP steps excluding reserves to zero (RTZ) and tie benefits (TB)?                  | Yes             | Yes                             | No      | Yes              | No  |
| Does the study include the LOLE benefits of EOP steps in neighboring areas?  | No              | Yes<br>But does not include PJM | No      | No               | No uses two area model. Includes TB <del>or TB</del> of 3500 <sup>±</sup> MW in its IRM study |
| Is any DR considered as an EOP step?   | No              | Yes                             | No      | Yes              | No  |
| Are EOP steps or DR considered directly in setting the IRM excluding RTZ and TB?   | Yes             | Yes                             | No      | Yes              | No  |

**Table II**

| <b>DR and EOP Steps Considered by Each Area in Reserve Margin/LOLE Calculation<sup>8</sup></b> |            |                       |                |                       |                        |
|--|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>DR/SCR</b>  | <b>NY</b>  | <b>NE</b>             | <b>Ontario</b> | <b>Quebec</b>         | <b>PJM<sup>7</sup></b> |
| Total DR/SCRs MW   | 1132.4 MW  | 2,852 <sup>9</sup> MW | 567.4          | 1,941 MW              | 14,812 <sup>7</sup> MW |
| % of Peak  | 3.4%       | 10.0%                 | 2.5%           | 4.4%                  | 9.2%                   |
| <b>EOP Step</b>  | <b>NY</b>  | <b>NE</b>             | <b>Ontario</b> | <b>Quebec</b>         | <b>PJM</b>             |
| EDRPs  | 86 MW      | -                     | -              | -                     | -                      |
| % of Peak  | 0.0%       |                       |                |                       |                        |
| 5% manual voltage reduction  | 62 MW      | -                     | -              | -                     | -                      |
| % of Peak  | 0.2%       |                       |                |                       |                        |
| 5% remote voltage reduction  | 441 MW     | 432 MW                | -              | 250 MW                | -                      |
| % of Peak  | 1.3%       | 1.5%                  |                | 0.6%                  |                        |
| Voluntary load relief <sup>3</sup>   | 210 MW     | -                     | -              | -                     | -                      |
| % of Peak  | 0.7%       |                       |                |                       |                        |
| Thirty-minute reserve to zero  | 655 MW     | 625 MW                | -              | 500 MW                | 2,765 <sup>7</sup> MW  |
| % of Peak  | 1.9%       | 2.2%                  |                | 1.1%                  |                        |
| Ten-minute reserve to zero   | 1,310 MW   | 1,550 MW <sup>4</sup> | -              | 700 MW <sup>4</sup>   | 1,300 <sup>7</sup> MW  |
| % of Peak  | 3.8%       | 5.4%                  |                | 1.6%                  |                        |
| Emergency purchases/TB   | 2,995.3 MW | 1,624 MW              | -              | 1,100 MW <sup>1</sup> | 3,500 <sup>2</sup> MW  |
| % of Peak  | 8.9%       | 5.7%                  |                | 2.5%                  | 1.9%                   |
| DR as an EOP step  | 0 MW       | 1,032 MW <sup>6</sup> | -              | 1,941 <sup>5</sup> MW | -                      |
| % of Peak  | 0.0%       | 3.6%                  |                | 4.4%                  |                        |
| Total of EOP steps   | 6,429.3 MW | 5,263 MW              | -              | 4,491 MW              | 7,565 MW               |
| % of Peak  | 19.1%      | 18.4%                 |                | 10.2%                 | 4.7%                   |
| Total EOP steps net of reserves  | 4,464.3    | 3,088 MW              | -              | 3,291 MW              | 3,500 MW               |
| % of Peak  | 13.3%      | 10.8%                 |                | 7.4%                  | 1.9%                   |

Table II Notes:

- 1) Based 2014 Quebec NPCC Comprehensive review which states that Quebec schedules emergency purchases of 1,100 MW for the winter only.
- 2) The 3,500 MW of CBM-Tie Benefits or as defined by PJM as capacity benefit margin (CBM) is specified in its Reliability Assurance Agreement
- 3) Includes voluntary industrial load curtailment, public appeals, etc.
- 4) Based on NPCC Long Range Adequacy Overview. Value is 125% of largest contingency. Based on the NE ICR report it suggest an LOLE event is recorded once reserves drop below 200 MW and appears this is the case for Quebec as well with a threshold of 250 MW
- 5) DR is Winter only as is the emergency purchase which is modeled as a planned purchase
- 6) Based on NPCC Long Range Adequacy Overview and consist of 294 MW of RT-EG and 738 MW of RT-DR
- 7) The PJM Reserve Requirement is defined to be the level of installed reserves needed to maintain the desired reliability index of ten years, on average, per occurrence (~~loss of load expectation~~ LOLE of one occurrence every ten years) after emergency procedures to invoke load management. DR is assumed to be a single, 100% available resource that is available to assist the system whenever PJM operating reserves fall below a certain margin. The operating reserve is thus the margin between load and available capacity at which DR is expected to be invoked. An operating reserve margin of 1,300 MW is assumed for the RTO. However, the IRM is established using the Probabilistic Reliability Index Model (PRISM) program without considering DR. DR is incorporated after the IRM is set through a process identified as the “DR Reliability Target Analysis Procedures”. The PJM IRM is set without utilizing any EOP steps except for tie benefits and implicitly allowing operating reserves to go to zero before an LOLE event is recorded.
- 8) A blank does not mean that the area does not have this procedure as an element of its emergency operating procedures. It only indicates that the procedure is not used in setting the reserve margin. See Table III below
- 9) ISONE’s DR breaks down is approximately 55% passive and 45% active for 2015. Active demand resources are activated only when needed within 30 minutes of receiving ISO dispatch instructions when certain steps in OP 4: Action during a Capacity Deficiency are implemented. Passive demand resources are principally designed to save electricity use at all times. Examples include energy-efficiency measures, such as the use of energy-efficient appliances and lighting, advanced cooling and heating technologies, electronic devices to cycle air conditioners on and off, and equipment to shift electricity use to off-peak hours.

**Table III**

| <b>EOP Steps Excluding Emergency Purchases and MW Identified In Neighboring Areas for Summer 2015</b> |             |          |          |           |
|---|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
|   | New England | Ontario  | Quebec   | PJM       |
| Interruptible Loads/DR  | 325 MW      | 528 MW   | -        | 14,815 MW |
| Appeals/Curtailments  | 540 MW      | 188 MW   |          | 200 MW    |
| Voltage Reduction   | 422 MW      | 477 MW   | 250 MW   | 2,201 MW  |
| Real-Time EG  | 294 MW      | -        | -        | -         |
| No 30 Minute Reserve  | 625 MW      | 473 MW   | 500 MW   | 2,765 MW  |
| No 10 Min Reserves  | 1,550 MW    | 945 MW   | 750 MW   | 1,300 MW  |
| Total   | 3,756 MW    | 2,611 MW | 1,500 MW | 21,281 MW |
| Total Less Reserves   | 1,581 MW    | 1,193 MW | 250 MW   | 17,217MW  |

Based on the information compiled during the fact finding process which includes the PJM presentation at the March 4 ICS meeting, the following observations can be made.

1. Two of the NPCC Areas (ISO-NE, Quebec) modeled by the NYSRC as an OWA in the IRM study plus NY include the LOLE benefits of EOP steps such as voltage reductions and emergency purchases in establishing their reserve margin. Quebec models their EOP steps for the winter period not summer. ISO-NE and Quebec EOP steps ~~involve the use of~~include DR while NYISO doesn't, although NYISO generally calls its SCR/DR when it expects to be short operating reserves day ahead.
2. One of the NPCC Areas (Ontario) has EOPs steps available but excludes them for the purpose of establishing their IRM.
3. PJM does not consider DR or EOP steps such as voltage reduction, public appeals in establishing its IRM because the PRISM model lacks the capability to reflect DR. However, as noted in note 7 in Table II, the PJM Reserve Requirement is defined to be the level of installed reserves needed to maintain the desired reliability index of ten years, on average, per occurrence (~~loss of load expectation~~LOLE of one occurrence every ten years)



after emergency procedures to invoke load management. They identify 14,815 MW of load management as being available. This total does not include any energy efficiency MW. Currently, a PJM DR provider can register their DR as either emergency or pre-emergency DR. Pre-emergency DR can be activated prior to the declaration of a major emergency in order to avoid the emergency situation. This ~~was the type of category includes the extended and annual capacity that was DR~~ modeled in the 2015 NYSRC IRM study and totaled 5,617 MW.

4. PJM DR whose UCAP value is determined by the DR reliability target analysis procedures participates in the capacity market. This procedure utilizes the PRISM program and program called CURTAIL. Its UCAP value and MW amount is determined in such a way that the LOLE of once in ten years is maintained at the approved reserve margin calculated with the PRISM program - i.e., the DR UCAP is calculated in such a way that calculated DR MW can be a one for one replacement to the capacity modeled in their IRM study.
5. In the ~~NYSO-NYSRC~~ 2015 IRM modeling, the initial PJM LOLE value as noted above was well above 0.1 even though PJM determines their reserve margin to meet 0.1 without including DR or EOP steps except for allowing operating reserves to go to zero. The fact that the LOLE value for PJM in the ~~NYSO NYSRC~~ modeling was so high it was a concern discussed at the March 4 ICS meeting with PJM staff. It is unclear why the modeled portion of the PJM RTO had such a high initial LOLE. ~~One thought offered by PJM is that our modeling might be understating their tie benefits since we don't model areas to their west. Other potential Potential~~ contributing factors include but are not limited to the following:

- a. ~~NYSRC models a subset of the PJM-area RTO, called the PJM Mid-Atlantic regions, that~~ Most of this portion of the PJM-RTO is adjacent to ~~our area~~ the New York Control Area (NYCA) with direct ties to Zones in the NYCA while the balance of the PJM-RTO isn't directly connected. ~~and is more~~ The ~~capacity~~ PJM Mid-Atlantic installed capacity ~~limited~~ reserve is less than its other areas of the PJM RTO. For the 2015-2016 NY IRM study, the PJM Mid-Atlantic study reserve margin was 15% but this was after 5,716 MW of Annual and Extended Summer DR were added to the resource base. As noted previously, PJM does not model DR in their IRM study. ~~The PJM Mid-Atlantic region which as indicated on page 36 of the assumption matrix is the~~

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~~part of the PJM RTO that is being modeled is tight on capacity relative to the rest of the RTO.~~ Based on capacity alone, the PJM-RTO projected reserve margin for the summer of 2015 is 21.4% which well above its required reserve of 15.6%.

- b. ~~NYSRC has a much more complex model that includes models internal transmission interfaces in the portion of the PJM-RTO that is modeled.~~ The PJM sets their reserve margin based on a two area model, PJM is modeled in Area #1 and a composite World representation consisting of parts of SERC, RFC, MISO and NPCC less the Canadian systems is modeled in Area #2. No internal transmission interfaces are modeled within either of the two areas. It is not a Monte Carlo based model and doesn't have the ability to model transmission capability between the PJM RTO zones or between the outside world areas but models tie capability between the two larger single areas. the PJM area and the external world area (discussed above in background section), while the portion of the PJM RTO that ~~utilizes the GE Monte Carlo simulation model that includes models internal transmission interfaces in the portion of the PJM-RTO that is modeled.~~ Whereas, ~~the~~ NYSRC models includes internal interface ties between zones and within the Mid-Atlantic portion of the PJM area. The PJM IRM assumption is that the PJM aggregate of generation resources can reliably serve the aggregate of PJM load. This assumption is validated through coordination with Capacity Emergency Transfer Objective (CETO) studies – i.e., this assumption is validated by showing that the generation resources modeled in the IRM study have passed PJM's load deliverability test.

6. As measured as a percent of the peak load, NY derives more LOLE benefit from the use of its EOPs than any of ~~any other of the OWAs modeled in the IRM study~~ its neighboring control areas. This especially true for emergency purchases or tie benefits which are significantly greater than any of the other OWA systems modeled in the IRM study based on the data compiled.
7. ISO-NE ~~does model~~ the neighboring control area EOPs available in the OWA in the MARS model ~~it utilizes to set~~ when establishing its IRM. It was not clear from the documentation how they have the model set up to allow those OWA EOPs to benefit ISO-NE. The MARS model can be set up such the EOPs in say in POOL A can only be called for the benefit of POOL A but once POOL A activates the EOPs, any excess remaining above pool A's need can be

shared with other POOLs depending on the transmission capability available.

#### Conclusions and Recommendations:

Based on the compiled information and observations, the study group makes the following recommendations to be implemented for the 2016-17 IRM Study:

- 1) New York's practice of not modeling the EOP steps in the OWAs or the external areas represented in its IRM study as reflected now in Policy 5, should be maintained. This conclusion is based the following considerations:
  - a) Both PJM and Ontario establish their installed reserve margin without including EOP steps such as appeals, voltage reductions, etc. PJM also excludes DR resource while Ontario includes them in the IRM study. PJM includes tie benefits in an amount equivalent to 1.9% of their peak while Ontario excludes tie benefits altogether. It would not be appropriate for NY to include EOPs steps in a neighboring area/pool in its IRM study when that area does not include it in their own IRM study.
  - b) Quebec EOPs are structured to provide load relief for their winter peak or supplement winter capacity and would not provide any benefits to a summer peaking system. In addition, the key limitation of resource benefits between NY and Quebec is the capability of the transmission ties between the two areas and modeling EOP steps/resources in Quebec would not have any material impact on NY's LOLE.
  - c) Based on NY isolated VS NY interconnected, NY "leans on the ties" as a percentage of its peak more than any other area in the Northeast. Modeling EOPs in neighboring areas will result in an increase in those LOLE reduction benefits.
  - d) Policy 5-8 indicates that EOPs are not represented in Outside World areas is because "there are uncertainties associated with the performance and availability of these resources and the ability to deliver them to NYCA boundaries during a system emergency event, as well as recognition of other unknowns in the external control area modeling representation." Although, as a result of this analysis, we now have more clarity on neighboring EOP steps and indications that they would match NY step for step, uncertainties still remain as to how events will unfold in real-time. Given this ongoing

uncertainty and analysis presented above the practice of not modeling EOP steps in OWAs in determining NY's IRM should continue.

~~In establishing NY's IRM, the LOLE of all OWAs should be modeled at approximately 0.1 days per year, but not lower than 0.1 days/year.~~

3)2) ~~The entire PJM-RTO system should be modeled in the 2016-17 IRM study, including its~~ The expanded PJM model should include internal transmission interfaces as is currently done and the ties to the west as presently represented in NPCC CP-8 studies, which include the ~~parts of SERC, RFC, and MISO-MRO-US and RFC-OTH~~ as presently represented in NPCC CP-8 studies, ~~should be modeled in the 2016-17 IRM study.~~ This revised PJM representation will help address the large difference in the LOLE observed for PJM in the IRM study VS how PJM sets their IRM which is without the explicit consideration of DR and EOP steps. If PJM DR is needed to be included in the PJM model in order to maintain a 0.1 LOLE, only the pre-emergency Extended and Annual DR types can be added, since the Limited DR type is considered an EOP step. A sensitivity study should be conducted in April to determine whether representing the entire PJM RTO ~~and its ties to SERC, RFC, and MISO~~ including its ties to the west as presently represented in NPCC CP-8 studies, which include the MRO-US and RFC-OTH would have an impact on NYCA's LOLE. If the sensitivity study determines there would be no material LOLE impact, the final report will not recommend that they be represented.

3) Policy 5 language in section 3.5.6 entitled: "Outside World Area Load and Capacity Models" on page 15 will require updating as result of this review.

Appendix A: Scope of Work  
**Modeling of Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs) and Demand Resources (DR) in the Outside World Areas**