



## CURRENT MARKET INITIATIVES RELEVANT TO RELIABILITY

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**The guiding principle for development of market rules at the NYISO is that Markets are consistent with and reinforce Reliability rules. The following current market design activities provide opportunities for application of this principle and may be of interest to the NYSRC.**

### Preparing the Capacity Market for the Grid in Transition

Capacity markets exist to provide efficient incentives for attracting resources needed to satisfy the resource adequacy requirements of the system. In New York, the Installed Capacity Market has performed this role well and has provided strong signals for developers to make investment or retirement decisions while maintaining a reliable resource fleet.

As the resource mix transitions to one more dependent on resources that rely on the sun or wind to produce energy or resources with energy limitations, each resources' contribution to reliability also evolves. Historically, for each MW of installed capacity, that MW could also be depended upon to provide grid operators with dispatch control to manage transmission constraints. With intermittent and energy limited resources, this one-to-one relationship no longer exists.

The resource adequacy contribution of resources that has limited energy and/or dispatch capabilities, such as being intermittent or having limited energy/fuel storage capabilities, is also very dependent on the diversity and performance of the resource mix. For example, as more solar generation is added to the grid the peak load shift to non-daylight hours therefore making it less valuable to resource adequacy.

To address these emerging concerns, the NYISO has completed the following:

- **Established a Partial Capacity Value for Limited Duration Resources** - Established a process for determining the resource adequacy contribution of limited duration and limited energy resources with its Expanding Capacity Eligibility construct; and
- **Improved Alignment of Resources' UCAP measures with Reliability Contribution** - Improved methodology and calculations of determining availability factors of intermittent and conventional resources

The NYISO believes that improving the robustness of Capacity Requirements to support Reliability, evolving the Methods for Measuring Reliability, and enhancing Capacity Accreditation Measures are key to the future success of the Installed Capacity Market as we navigate the transition of resource mix.

- **Methods for Measuring Reliability** - Improve the resource adequacy tools and models to account for the evolving critical reliability time periods, changing load shapes and load variability, new technology

operation such as energy storage, and consideration of regional conditions that may inhibit shared assistance;

- **Reform Capacity Accreditation Rules** - Expand on the principles established with Expanding Capacity Eligibility and Tailored Availability Metric to all resources; and
- **Capacity Requirements support Reliability** - Improve handling of the assumptions between the IRM and LCR setting processes and consider *Transmission Security in the ICAP Market* which will explore capacity requirements based on the resource mix's impact on transmission security considerations.

These improvements are part of a larger effort, the NYISO's Grid in Transition, which is a multi-faceted approach that focuses on i) aligning competitive markets and New York State clean energy objectives, ii) valuing resource and grid flexibility, and iii) improving capacity market valuation. By addressing the improvements above, the NYISO believes its Installed Capacity Market will continue to provide robust market signals that promote efficient decision making by developers in support of maintaining a reliable grid.

On August 5, 2021 and August 9, 2021, the NYISO discussed its existing capacity accreditation rules and guiding principles and proposed framework for improvement capacity accreditation practices with the NYISO's ICAP market. On August 30, 2021, the NYISO and its consultants discussed methods for determining ELCC and some examples that illustrate the differences between marginal and average methods for determining a resource's capacity accreditation. The NYISO also described the filing that PJM made regarding changes to its minimum offer pricing rules (MOPR). The NYISO continued to discuss its proposal for capacity accreditation and buyer-side mitigation measures throughout September and October 2021. The proposal was approved by stakeholders in November. The NYISO filed its proposal with the FERC on January 5, 2022. FERC requested more information on February 9, 2022. The NYISO filed its response with FERC on March 11, 2022. FERC accepted the filing on May 10, 2022. The NYISO continues to work with stakeholders on marginal accreditation and related process changes, as well as evaluate whether additional risks, incremental to the risks already considered in the IRM setting process, to resource availability should be considered in establishing accreditation factors. (Current)

## Efficient Markets for a Grid in Transition

The NYISO will assess the impacts of de-carbonization goals on the current NYISO markets from the high penetration of low carbon or carbon-free resources and consider whether market enhancements and/or new market products or changes to the existing market structure will be necessary to meet the anticipated reliability needs.

### **Key areas for consideration:**

- a) Understanding the additional resource flexibility that will be necessary to balance the intermittent nature of weather dependent resources; and
- b) Ensuring resources are responsive to operational instructions.

The NYISO is considering a broad spectrum of market product and structural enhancements that may be necessary to incent market participants to meet the reliability needs anticipated with the Climate

Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). The CLCPA includes 70% renewable generation by 2030 and carbon neutral electricity by 2040, 6,000 MWs of solar by 2025, 3,000 MWs of energy storage by 2030, 9,000 MWs of offshore wind by 2035, and 185 trillion BTU electricity reduction through energy efficiency. The NYISO has completed its simulation of potential market conditions and initiated discussions on possible reforms with stakeholders. Based upon these discussions, and input from the stakeholders, the NYISO has identified a series of initiatives to prepare for balancing intermittency and variability, and managing energy limited resources. The NYISO produced a whitepaper on “Reliability and Market Considerations for a Grid in Transition,” which identifies the needs for additional resource flexibility and responsiveness to balance the output from large penetrations of weather dependent resources. The NYISO is evaluating system ramping and other flexibility needs of the grid to determine whether additional market products should be developed to continue to support reliable grid operations as the resource mix and electric load profiles continue to transition in support of a decarbonized economy. (Current)

Specific efforts underway in this area are included in the NYISO Project Plan.

**Dynamic Reserves:** The NYISO procures fixed quantities of reserves in specified regions across the state. For example, the NYCA-wide reserve requirement is based on the largest single source contingency, which today is statically defined as 1,310 MW. Operationally, the largest contingency could change based on the current commitment of generation. Additionally, the static modeling of reserves, specifically locational requirements, does not optimally account for the real-time transmission flows and available transmission capability that could be used to deliver reserves from a more cost-effective reserve region. Dynamic Reserves is a novel approach that will explore more efficient scheduling of operating reserves based on system conditions and transmission system capability. This will not only allow for appropriate reserves to be procured to cover the largest source contingency that could potentially occur under the current system conditions but will also allow for more reserves to be scheduled in cost-effective regions. The NYISO issued a report on its findings regarding the feasibility of incorporating a dynamic reserves approach into its energy market software and recommended next steps on December 14, 2021. The NYISO is working with stakeholders to evaluate capturing forecast uncertainty risks into the dynamic reserves design. (Current)

**Constraint Specific Transmission Shortage Pricing:** Currently, the NYISO’s software accounts for the energy that can flow from one location to the next on the bulk electric system by accounting for transmission facility and line limits. The current transmission pricing logic relaxes certain transmission constraints assigned a zero value constraint reliability margin (CRM) without using a graduated pricing mechanism to resolve it. A 2018 study concluded that enhancements to the current transmission constraint pricing logic would be beneficial. Constraint Specific Transmission Shortage Pricing aims to develop a new pricing construct, under which transmission demand curve prices will increase with the severity of transmission overloads including extension of a graduated pricing mechanism to internal facilities that are currently assigned a zero value CRM. Additionally, it would enable the new graduated transmission demand curves (GTDC) to provide relief for flows on each facility in a quantity that matches the associated CRM. This would result in fewer occurrences of constraint relaxation and

increased use of a graduated transmission demand curve mechanism to establish pricing values for shortages that exceed applicable CRM values. This project seeks to ensure that the cost of meeting transmission constraints is better reflected in locational prices. Improved pricing outcomes can assist to incentivize investment in resources and transmission in locations which would benefit the system. The NYISO is finalizing its proposal with stakeholders and expects to complete its development of requirements to support implementation of the design by the end of 2022. (Current)

**Improve Duct Firing Modeling:** Increased intermittent resource penetration leads to variability and uncertainty in scheduling such resources. Any enhancements to market models which improve or eliminate other uncertainties can help balance the system. This effort will evaluate market software enhancements that are required to reflect the operating characteristics of a combined cycle generator in the duct-firing range. This enhancement is intended to enable more efficient scheduling of a combined-cycle resource for both energy and operating reserves. Furthermore, this enhancement could provide additional flexibility to the RTD to make cost effective dispatch decisions by more accurately reflecting the operating characteristics of such resources. (Current)

## Distributed Energy Resources

To ensure NYISO markets are capable of integrating Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) in greater numbers and to provide clarity as to how they can realize value for their services, NYISO staff has engaged Market Participants in the development of a DER program.

### **Key areas for consideration:**

- a) Managing the volume of resources interacting with the NYISO;
- b) Modeling distributed resources in IRM and long-term planning studies;
- c) Evaluating limited duration resources ability to satisfy resource adequacy needs;
- d) Capturing the impact of behind the meter resources in Load Forecasting and other system models;
- e) Ensuring resources are responsive to operational instructions; and
- f) Establishing requirements and expectations in the NYISO wholesale markets for resources that wish to simultaneously participate in retail market programs.

The NYISO and stakeholders developed a DER Participation Model to support resource integration into the wholesale markets. Stakeholders approved the market design in April and NYISO submitted its filing to FERC at the end of June 2019. FERC accepted the filing on January 23, 2020, the NYISO plans to implement the DER participation model by the end of 2022. Consistent with the FERC approved DER market design, the NYISO filed its compliance with FERC Order 2222 on July 19, 2021. The NYISO responded to an additional FERC data request regarding its Order 2222 filing on November 19, 2021. The NYISO is continuing to work with the Joint Utilities and NYTOs on telemetry, metering,

and operational coordination items for DER. Additionally, the NYISO is working with all stakeholders on finalizing its implementation details for the planning DER implementation which is expected in early 2023. **On June 17, 2022, FERC accepted the NYISO's compliance of Order 2222 subject to further revisions as directed by the Commission. (Updated)**

## Hybrid Storage Resources

Interest in opportunities for hybrid resources to participate in wholesale markets is growing. The NYISO is engaging stakeholders on market rules to support hybrid storage integration, and has developed two options, referred to as the Hybrid Co-located Model and the Hybrid Aggregation Model.

### **Key areas for consideration:**

- a. Evaluating the ability of Hybrid Resources to satisfy resource adequacy needs;
- b. Modeling Hybrid resources in IRM and long-term planning studies;
- c. Understanding the resource flexibility contribution of Hybrid Resources;
- d. Consideration of Hybrid Resources capabilities to meet operating reserve requirements; and
- e. Ensuring resources are responsive to operational instructions.

The Hybrid Co-located Model will allow energy storage resources (ESRs) and intermittent renewable power resources (IPRs) behind the same point of interconnection participate in the wholesale market as an individual ESR and IPR while respecting any point of interconnection injection or withdrawal limitation. The Hybrid Aggregation Model will focus on a model where the ESR is aggregated with other resources behind the same point of interconnection where the resources will participate in the wholesale market as a single generic dispatchable resource. The market design for the Hybrid Co-located Model was approved by stakeholders and filed with the FERC on January 28, 2021. FERC approved the Hybrid Co-located Model on March 30, 2021. Implementation of the Hybrid Co-located Model is planned for mid-December 2021. The NYISO has begun discussions with its stakeholders on the Hybrid Aggregation Model design which will continue throughout 2022. The NYISO has requested clarification from NPCC on the treatment of energy production of a resource when reserves from that same resource is converted to energy. Today, the NYISO believes the energy from the converted reserves should be considered as incremental to the base energy already being provided, however, the NYISO understands that may not be the same treatment across the US. The NYISO presented a proposed set of use cases for hybrid resource on May 11, 2022 which covers hybrid resources consisting of storage and intermittent resources, storage and limited control run of river resources, and storage and combustion turbines. (Current)

## Internal Controllable Lines

Currently, there are no internal controllable lines in operation within the NYCA. However, state and local initiatives such as New York City Local Law 97 and Tier 4 REC procurements provide incentives for developers to deliver renewable generation to constrained areas using high voltage direct current (HVDC) lines. On September 20, 2021, Governor Hochul announced selection of two new HVDC lines delivering clean energy into NYC. Clean Path NY (CPNY), a 1300MW HVDC line that will connect Frasier Substation in upstate NY to Rainey Substation in NYC, and Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE), a 1250MW HVDC line that will create a new interconnection from Quebec to Astoria Energy Center in Queens, NY.

This effort is intended to facilitate the scheduling and pricing of internal controllable lines, such as CPNY, within the wholesale energy market while supporting the state and local programs. Additionally, this effort would evaluate and revise, if necessary, the capacity market rules for Internal Unforced Capacity Deliverability Rights (UDRs). The NYISO has begun concept discussions with its stakeholders. (Current)