

# **Capacity Market Design: The PJM Experience**

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### A Review of Context

# <u>Some Context... PJM vs. ONS</u> Similarities

- Generation resources distant from load
- Retail competition among large customers
- Mix of IPPs vs. publicly-owned generation
- Long Term Purchase Power Agreements Available and Respected in the Dispatch





# Some Context...PJM vs. ONS

# Key Differences

- Predominately hydro (ONS) vs. thermal (PJM) system
- No one resource type (gas, nuclear, hydro coal) or owner dominant (PJM)
- Policies driven by both state and federal regulators (PJM)
- Most generation dependent on market revenues for recovery of costs
- Locational marginal price energy market



# Capacity Market Options and their

applications in the US:

Capacity Auctions—PJM Model



- Decentralized Obligation to Contract Capacity—
  - MISO Model/Original PJM Model Before Retail Choice
- Bundled purchase of capacity and energy
- Fixed long term contracts to agents to procure capacity
  - Municipal Purchasing Authorities/ Fixed Resource Requirements
- Strategic procurement of reserves in real time

# **PJM Forward Capacity Auction Goals:**

Send long term locational investment signal



- Send forward closure signal for inefficient units
- Provide competition in procurement of capacity
- Provide revenue stability to lower risk premiums in energy markets
- Address the 'hurdle rate' for introduction of new technologies and demand side resources
- Ensure non-discrimination as between supply and demand side resources



# Capacity Market Key Elements:

- 3 Year Forward Auction
- Call right on energy during emergencies
- Locational Pricing Based on Transmission Constraints
- All Resource Participation—Pricing to set future investment signal
- Incremental Auctions for Adjustments to Load
- Year round obligation with penalties for non-performance during emergencies
- Market Power mitigation





# Long Term PPAs vs. the Capacity Market

- Capacity Market provides a price signal to inform and value long term arrangements
- 'Contract for Differences' the principle tool to incorporate capacity market prices
- Three year forward requirement provides reasonable forward commitment while avoiding advent of uneconomic contracts driven by market design



# Capacity Market Evolution in PJM:

- Traditional Regulation—Capacity obligation in retail rate base
- Retail Choice—Obligation on new LSEs, development of daily capacity market
- RPM—Three Year Forward Market
- Demand Response and Energy Efficiency Rules
- Capacity Performance—Clarifying the Obligation
- Addressing State Subsidies—Price Suppression vs. a Natural Smaller Market



The Variable Resource Requirement (VRR) Curve is a <u>downward sloping demand</u> <u>curve</u> that relates the maximum price for a given level of capacity resource commitment relative to reliability requirements

- The price is higher when the resources are less than the reliability requirement and lower when the resources are in excess
- VRR Curves are defined for the PJM RTO and for each constrained Locational Deliverability Area (LDA) modeled within the PJM region

#### Variable Resource Requirement (VRR) Curve



A VRR Curve is defined for the PJM Region & each LDA

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# Supply Resources in RPM

Generation	Demand Resources	Energy Efficiency Resource	Aggregate Resource	Qualifying Transmission Upgrade
<ul> <li>Existing/Planned</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Existing/Planned</li> </ul>	Existing/Planned	Existing/Planned	Existing/Planned
<ul> <li>Internal/External</li> </ul>				



Market Power Mitigation

- Existing generation capacity resources must offer into each RPM Auction (prevent physical withholding)
- Application of Market Seller Offer Caps to existing generation capacity resource sell offers (prevent economic withholding)
- Application of Minimum Offer Price Rule (MOPR) to planned generation capacity resource sell offers (prevent buyer-side market power)





Demand



#### Wind & Solar Offered and Cleared (nameplate)





### **Capacity Market Results**



### **Competitive Generation Investment**





#### **Cleared Installed Capacity**



# 2021/2022 RPM Base Residual Auction RTO Clearing Prices





#### **Capacity Market Lessons Learned**



# The Good

- Market has attracted new investment and allowed for rapid turnover and de-carbonization of the fleet
- Market has encouraged development of new demand side technologies as alternatives to thermal generation
- Market has provided a home for renewables and hydro subject to deration to reflect variability



#### **Capacity Market Lessons Learned**

# The Challenges

- Pricing very sensitive to changes in grid topology
- Potential dampening of impact of shortage pricing
- "All MWs the Same" does not account for other policy goals
- Prices have been well below authorized market mitigation caps
- Seasonal vs. annual procurements
- Subsidized resources competing with non-subsidized resources

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• Impact on long term contracting



### **Electricity Policy Headaches: 2019 Version**

# **Policy Headaches Looking Forward:**

- Policy initiatives working against competitive market fundamentals
- Losing Our Way: Re-regulation by piece part









### State Legislative Actions:

- Lack of federal carbon policy or regional agreements on carbon pricing
- State parochial actions have dominated:



- Out of market state financial subsidies for specific nuclear or coal units
- Lack of political will for full re-regulation including taking on resource adequacy
- Renewable Portfolio Standards—Little consideration of cost or feasibility

### POLICY HEADACHE #2



### Re-regulation plant by plant.

- The "half slave/half free" problem
- Skewed investment signals
- Re-juggling the risk allocation formula once again
- Ignoring the lessons of the past—(stranded costs, technology risk etc.)



### **POLICY HEADACHE #3**

## Looking Further.

- Monetizing the value of Distributed Resources thru a single market
- Fuel security vs. fuel diversity
- More transparent natural gas markets
- Being mindful of our past: Keep the 'risk/reward' decision on the investor side





# An Added Complication:

# Who Decides?





- States:
  - State Energy Policies:
     Governors/legislators
  - State PUCs
- FERC
- Environmental Agencies
- Department of Energy
- Congress
- US Supreme Court



Who Decides?







### Avoiding The Quagmire Of Inaction

"Hanging in mid-air": a dangerous place





- A restructured industry or "Golden memories of yesteryear..."
  - The choice is ours







### LET'S TALK...

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