



Elements of Market Design that Support High Renewable Penetration

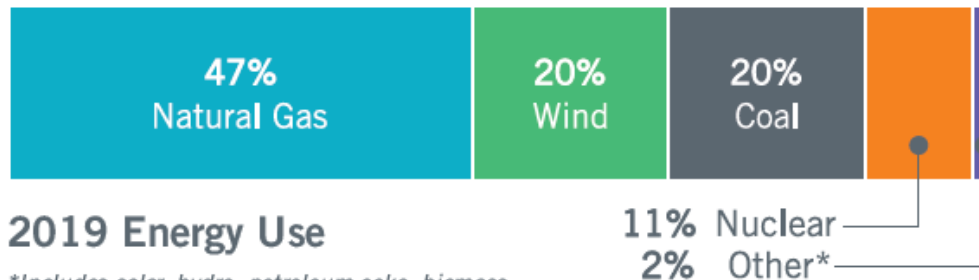
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ERCOT, Quick Facts, 2019

- Peak Demand Record: 74,820 MW (Aug. 12, 2019)
 - Installed Wind Capacity 23,860 MW
 - Installed Solar Capacity 2,2881 MW
 - Wind Generation Record: (instantaneous)
 - Output: 20,066 MW Jan. 8, 2020
 - Penetration (load served): 57.88% Nov. 26, 2019
- Total MW served by wind = 18,084 MW



2019 Energy Use

**Includes solar, hydro, petroleum coke, biomass, landfill gas, distillate fuel oil, net DC-tie and Block Load Transfer imports/exports and an adjustment for wholesale storage load*

384 billion kilowatt-hours of energy were used in 2019, a 2 percent increase compared to 2018.

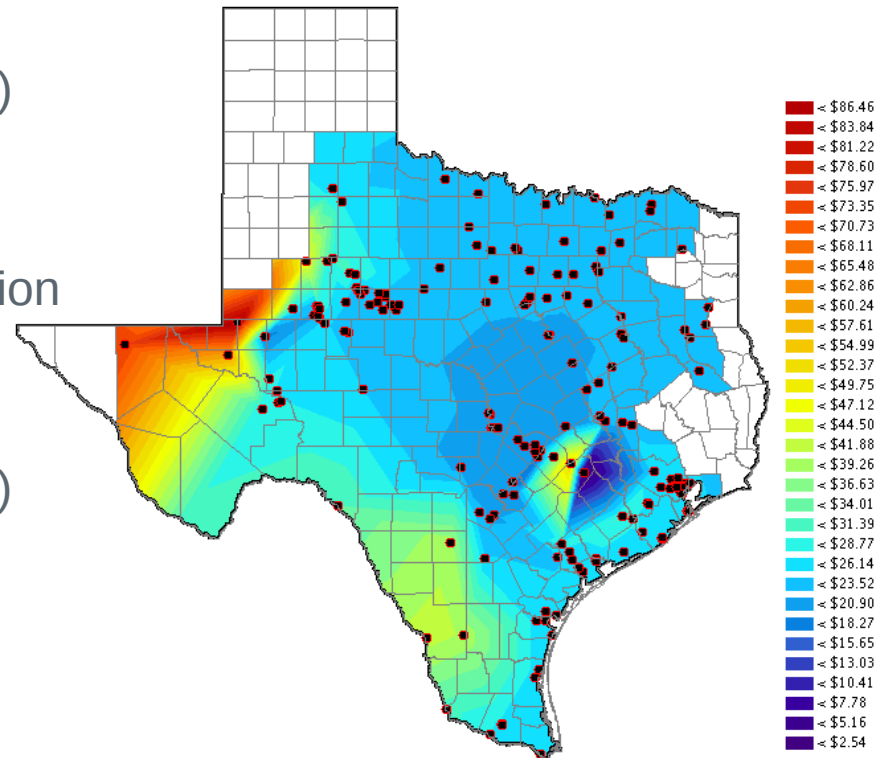


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- Reduced Uncertainty of Power Output
 - Granular Real-Time dispatch
 - Improved Forecasting
 - Dispatch of Wind and Solar Resources
- Scarcity Pricing and Power Balance Penalty Curve (incentivizes flexible generation)
- Changes to AS products and AS methodology

Nodal Energy Market, 5-min Real Time Dispatch

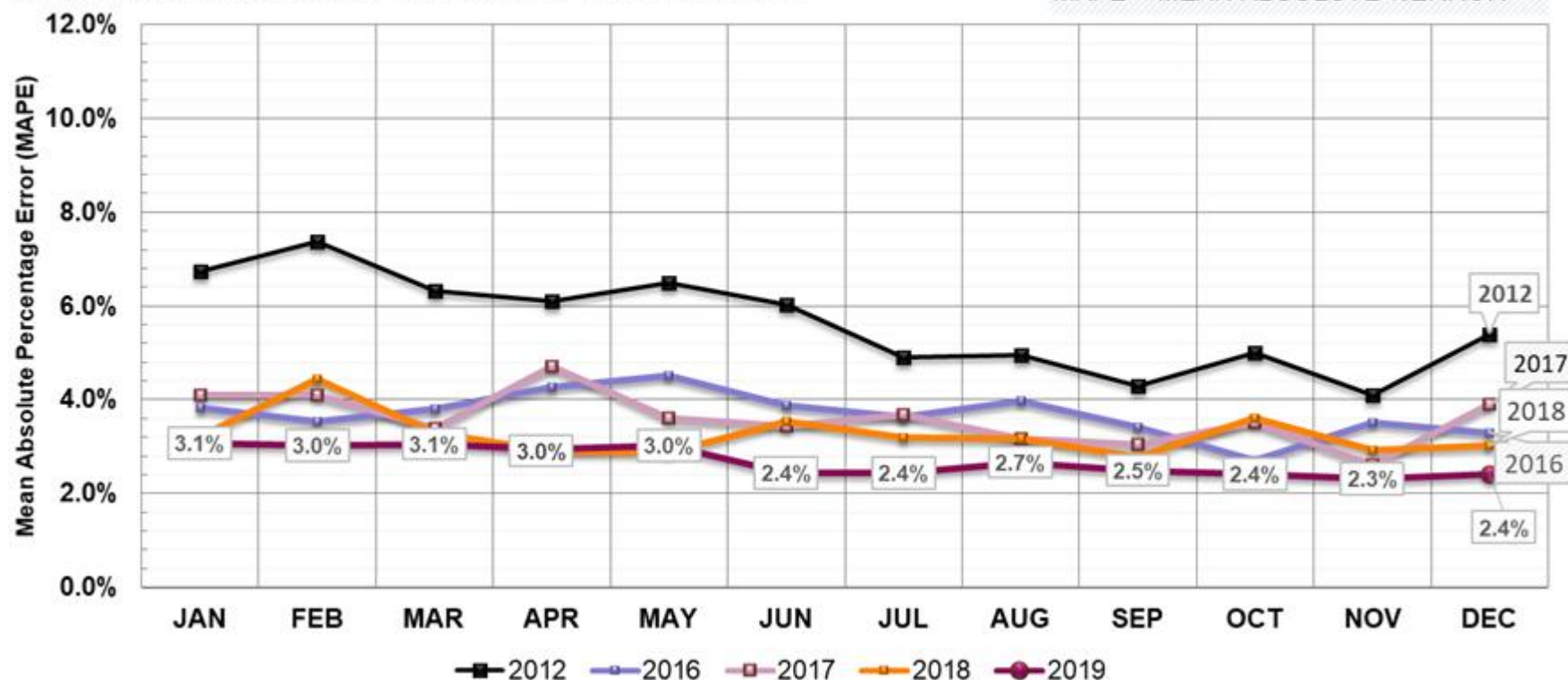
- Generator self-commitment; ERCOT makes residual reliability commitments
- Voluntary Day-Ahead Market (DAM); Ancillary Services are procured in DAM, co-optimized with energy
- All generators (including renewables) submit offers for generation output
- Real-Time market clears **every five minutes**, using the cheapest generation to serve the load, subject to transmission constraints.
- All generators (including renewables) receive output level instructions and **locational marginal prices**



Use Wind and Solar Forecasting

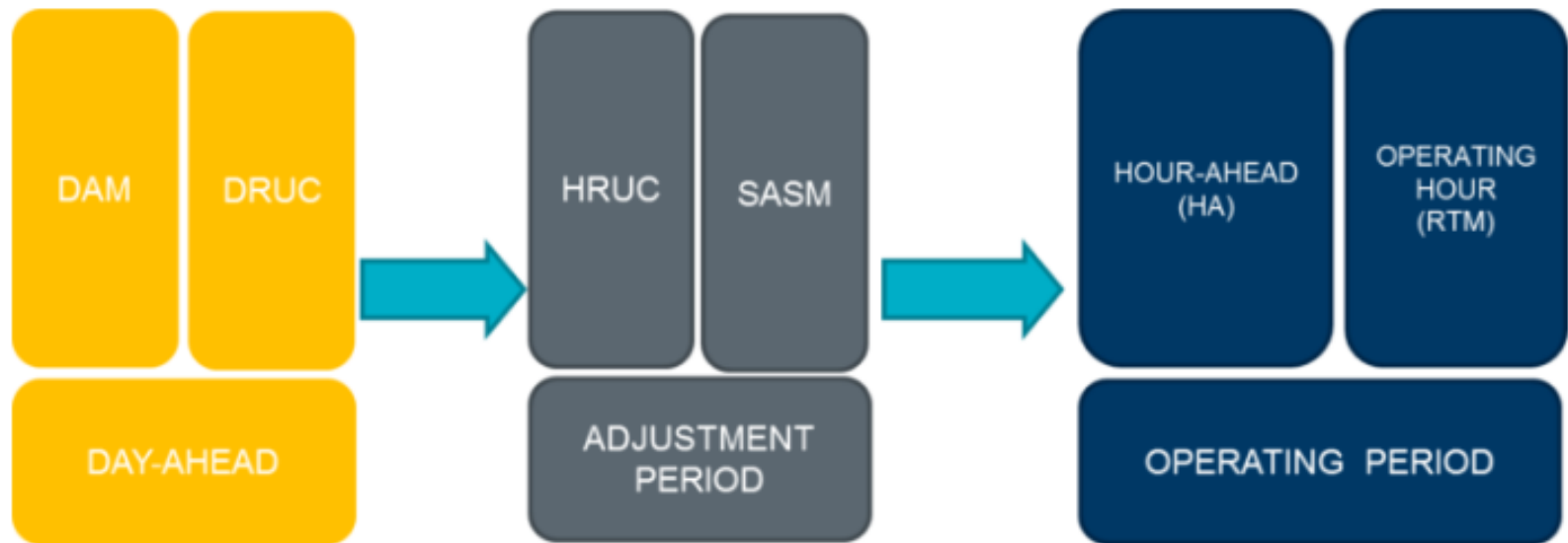
1-HOUR AHEAD WIND FORECAST PERFORMANCE

MAPE = MEAN ABSOLUTE %ERROR



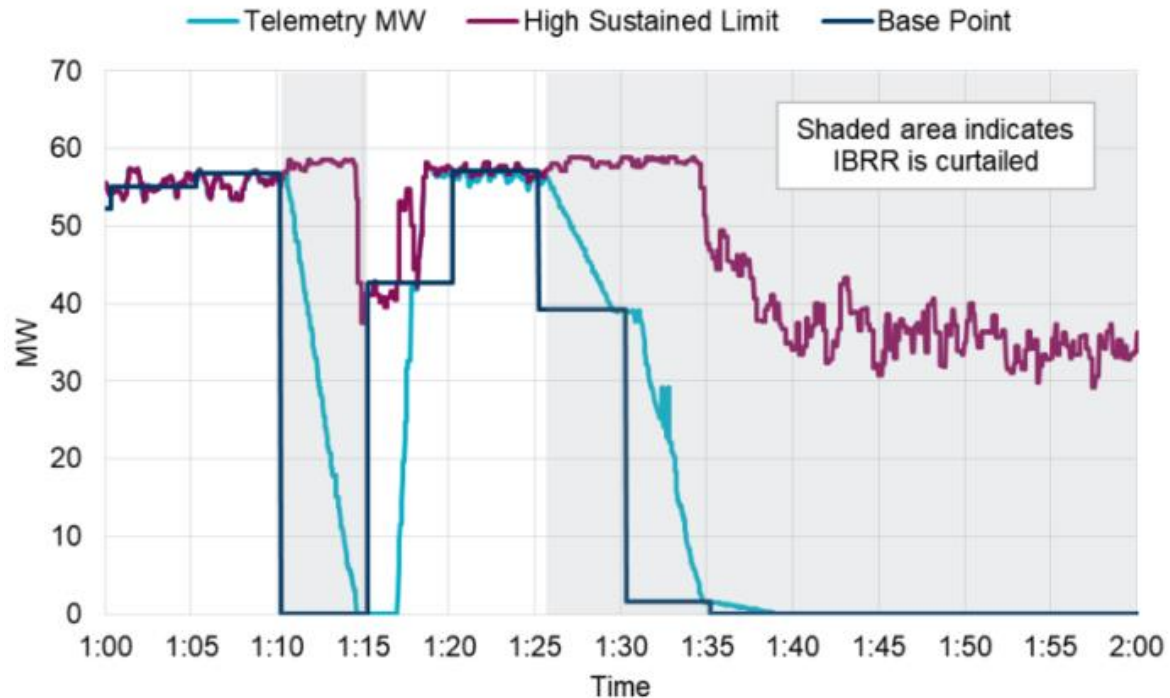
- Currently, ERCOT uses a 168-hour rolling forecast with hourly resolution for all wind/solar resources.
- Average hour ahead wind forecast error is 2.69% in 2019

Overview of ERCOT Market Processes



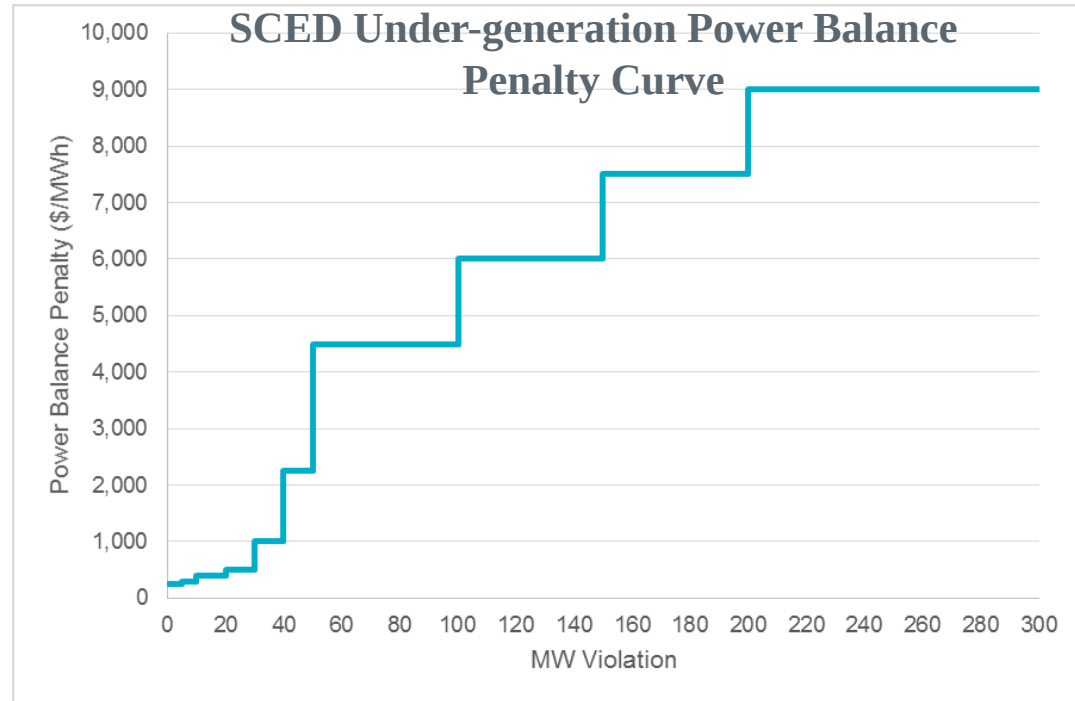
Dispatchability of Wind and Solar Resources

- Wind and Solar Resources are dispatched at their available production level, unless curtailment is needed due to transmission constraints or overproduction
- Deviation from the Dispatch Base Point only panelized during curtailment instructions, higher threshold is used than for thermal generation (10% vs 5%)

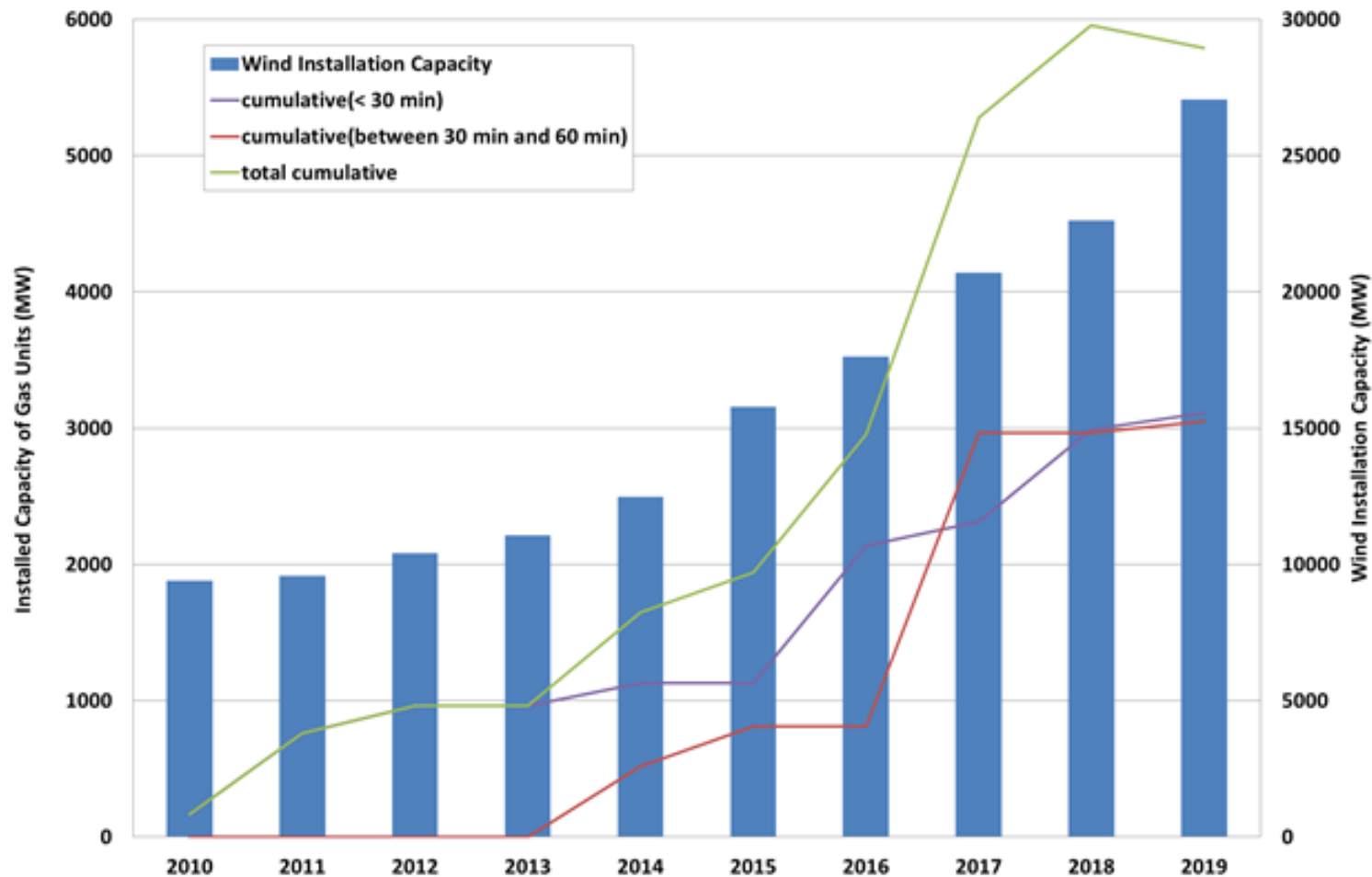


Power Balance Penalty Curve

- Power Balance Penalty Curve Creates a penalty price for excess/shortage of capacity and/or ramping capability in real time.
- The five-minute of up-ramping shortages or under generation in real-time are priced as high as \$9,000/MWh and over-generation is priced as low as -\$250/MWh.
- Combination of scarcity pricing and PBPC creates opportunities for resources that can respond to real-time shortages of ramping flexibility and/or capacity by starting within five to 10 minutes.



Installed Capacity of Fast Starting Gas Units



Revision to the AS Product Set

Previous AS Framework

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157 to 687 MW*

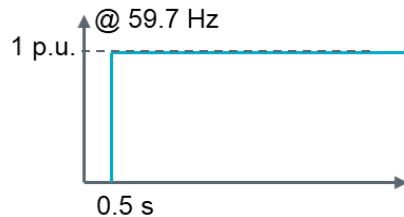
Responsive Reserve Service

1. PFR
2. Load Resources on Under Frequency Relay (UFR)
3. 10 minute ramp

2,300 to 3,200 MW*

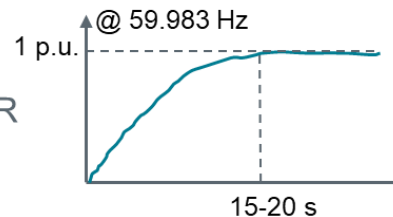
Non-Spin (30 min)

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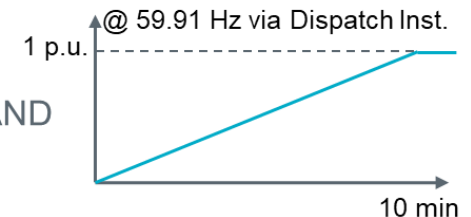
Load Resources w. UFR

OR



PFR

AND



10-min ramp

Overall A/S: 3,807 to 5,958 MW*

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Responsive Reserve Service (RRS)

Fast Frequency Response (FFR)

Load Resources on UFR

Primary Frequency Response (PFR)

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ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service (ECRS)

10 minute ramp

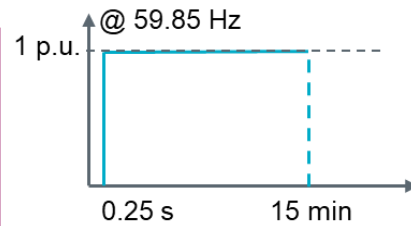
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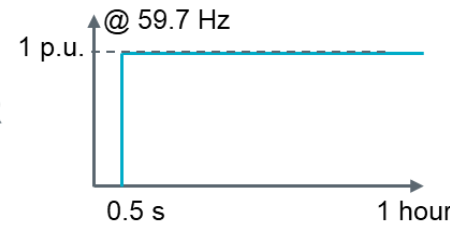
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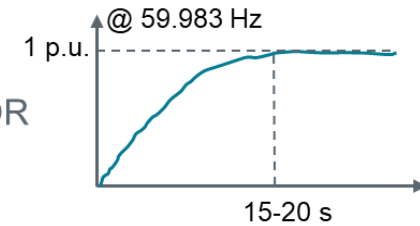
FFR

Unchanged



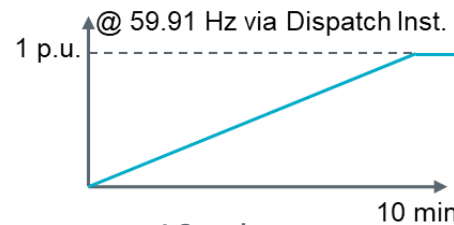
Load Resources w. UFR

Perf.-based
award limits



PFR

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Summary of Elements of Market Design that Support High Renewable Penetration in ERCOT

- Re-dispatching every five minutes to reduce uncertainty associated with wind and solar
- SCED base points being effective immediately (reduces uncertainty),
- Using power balance penalty curve, incentivizes flexibility with high penalty price for lack of ramping capability.
- Continually assessing sufficiency of committed resources in meeting demand using forecasted output of wind and solar,
- Dispatching wind and solar in real-time while taking transmission security into account.
- Redesigning Ancillary Services to better fit changing system needs and allowing new technologies with needed capabilities to participate
- Additionally, ERCOT is currently working on enhancing its market design so that in real-time both energy and ancillary services can be co-optimized every five minutes using the ancillary service demand curves.

Thank you! Questions?



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FFR implemented in March 1, 2020

ECRS will be implemented in January 2022

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No Change

FFR

- Triggered at 59.85 Hz and full response in 15 cycles
- Once deployed, sustain for up to 15 mins. Once recalled, restore within 15 mins

PFR

- PFR capable capacity reserved on generators or Controllable Load Resources (CLR)
- Minimum 1,150 MW must be provided by resources capable of PFR

Load Resources on UFR

- Triggered at 59.70 Hz and full response in 30 cycles
- Sustain until recalled. Once recalled, restore within 3 hours
- Beyond the minimum PFR, up to 60% of total RRS can come from Load Resources on UFR or FFR.

Generation

- Online or offline capacity that can be converted to energy within 10 minutes
- Dispatched by SCED

Load Resources (UFR not required)

- Up to 50% of ECRS capacity can come from Load Resources with or without UFR
- Once deployed, must respond within 10 minutes. Restoration within 3 hours

No protocol changes.

- Proposed methodology for Non-Spin Reserve Service quantities in this framework - quantities computed using 2018 A/S Methodology are reduced by ECRS quantities.

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