#### **Bid-in Demand**

#### Win for consumers Win for the system Win for the economy Win for the environment



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History



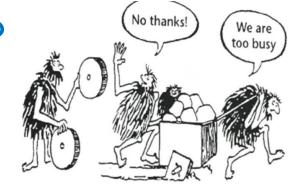
- In the U.S. power markets, prices and procedures are regulated by the FERC under the just and reasonable standard of the FPA of 1935 (amended).
- For centuries, the 'just' price has been debated in ancient Greek philosophy, the Roman Empire, the Roman Church and recently, regulatory commissions.
- Until the 1990s, in U.S., the just price was set by cost-of-service regulation
  - consumers consumed, got a monthly bill and complained to the PUC.
  - Utilities made money by owning large capital investments.
  - Generation followed load
  - Peak-load curtailment programs for load

## History of Consumer Participation

No thanks! We are too busy

- Multiple choice
- A. Switches to disable equipment (HVAC and hot water). Easily disabled; no measurement
- B. Subsidies for high efficiency equipment
- C. High latency response (eg, two hours) to comes too late
- D. Zonal response ignores transmission constraints wrong place
- E. Forecast prices and self-schedules creates market inflexibility
- F. Price-responsive demand harsh rules
- G. Comparable to generators
- H. All the above
- I. Some of the above

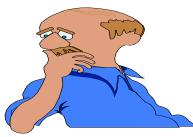
#### Is consumption negative generation? Value of <del>lost</del> curtailed load 1 in ten



- VOLL is the average capital cost of a marginal CT!!???
  - Somewhere between \$350K and \$1K/MWh
  - should value of load (VOL) be expressed by consumers
- The best way to do this is by bid-in demand; VOL < VOLL
- Reserves requirements are public goods for consumers who want to 'self consume'
- Consumers should
  - avoid high prices, for example, scarcity prices
  - take advantages of low prices
- The doubting Thomas approach to reliability (see ERCOT Feb. 2021)

# Questions and Some Answers

- No thanks! We are too busy
- Why are most consumers missing from ISO markets?
  - Tradition? They want to pay more for power? What me worry?
- What is the best way for consumers to participate?
  - bid-in demand participation comparable to generation
- What is the value of participation to the consumer? Higher value
- What is the value of participation to the system? Higher value
- What is the change in computational burden? Maybe benefit
- Is consumer participation green? Yes, less renewable curtailment
- Does bid-in demand need a capacity obligation? No
- Do low-income consumers respond to dynamic prices? Yes [Md PUC]





### Future Bid-in Demand



# WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN

- More renewables, EVs, greater consumption and weather-based reliability
- Order 2222 facilitates bid-in demand
- Load follows generation and participates in reliability
- Consumers treated comparable to generation and storage
- Start bid-in demand with large industrials
- Markets bring greater efficiency?
- Without bid-in demand electricity could become very expensive
- WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN

Thank you questions?