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**UAP 1            OBJECTIVE, DEFINITIONS, AND SCOPE**

**UAP 1.1        Objective**

The UDP will be calculated and assessed for each resource individually, except that as specified in this Protocol, resources may be aggregated.

The objective of this protocol is to describe and standardize the process for reviewing and approving or denying aggregations used in calculating the UDP. It also describes the process for making changes to, temporarily restricting, or permanently suspending an existing UDP Aggregation.

**UAP 1.2        Definitions**

**UAP 1.2.1      Master Definitions Supplement**

Any word or expression defined in the Master Definition Supplement to the ISO Tariff shall have the same meaning where used in this Protocol. A reference to a Section or Appendix is to a Section or an Appendix of the ISO Tariff. References to UAP are to this Protocol or to the stated paragraph of this Protocol.

**UAP 1.2.2      Special Definitions for this Protocol**

In this Protocol, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

“**UDP**” shall mean the penalty established in Section 11.2.4.1 of the ISO Tariff.

“**UDP Aggregation**” shall mean two or more units scheduled by the same Scheduling Coordinator with the same resource identification that are to be considered interchangeable for calculating the UDP.

“**Uninstructed Deviation**” shall mean a deviation from the resources’ Dispatch Operating Point.

**UAP 1.3        Scope**

There are two types of UDP Aggregation Classifications:

- (1) Basic UDP Aggregations: composed of Generating Units connected at the same substation and stepping up to the same voltage level bus bar, or
- (2) Custom UDP Aggregations: composed of Generating Units connected at different substations and/or different voltage levels, particularly where the Generating Units to be aggregated are separated by ISO Controlled Grid facilities. Examples of a proposed Custom UDP Aggregation include

hydroelectric units operating on a common watershed (but having multiple different interconnection points), or geothermal units fed from a common geothermal steam supply.

## **UAP 2 SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR UDP AGGREGATION**

Requests for UDP Aggregation are submitted to the ISO and must include the following documentation:

- (1) A completed UDP Aggregation Request form, which is available for downloading on the ISO website;
- (2) A simplified electrical one-line diagram, which illustrates each resource, the connection of the resources to each other and to the ISO Control Area Grid;
- (3) For Custom UDP Aggregations, a detailed description that explains physical operating interrelationships between the units, or, if there are no interrelationships, how the units are compatible and why an aggregation of these units for the purpose of calculating Uninstructed Deviation Penalties is reasonable.

## **UAP 3 ISO REVIEW OF A UDP AGGREGATION REQUEST**

Upon receipt of a completed request form and accompanying attachments, the ISO shall review the request according to the criteria outlined herein. For Basic UDP Aggregations, the ISO shall review and approve or reject it within one week of receipt. The ISO shall review and approve or reject a request for a Custom UDP Aggregation within thirty (30) days of receipt.

### **UAP 3.1 Criteria for Reviewing a Request**

#### **UAP 3.1.1 Scheduling Coordinator and Interconnection Point**

Uninstructed Deviations may be aggregated for resources that are:

- (1) Represented by the same Scheduling Coordinator and
- (2) Connected to the same ISO Controlled Grid bus and voltage level.

The ISO will consider, on a case-by-case basis, requests to aggregate Uninstructed Deviations among resources represented by the same Scheduling Coordinator but not sharing a common ISO Controlled Grid bus and voltage level. In particular, the ISO will consider whether the request concerns resources

related by a common flow of fuel which cannot be interrupted without a substantial loss of efficiency of the combined output of all components; whether the Energy production from one resource necessarily causes Energy production from other resource(s); and whether the operational arrangement of resources determines the overall physical efficiency of the combined output of all of the resources.

**UAP 3.1.2 Additional Criteria**

Additional eligibility criteria for a UDP Aggregation are as follows:

- (1) Only Generating Units shall be eligible for UDP Aggregation. As a general rule, pump-generating Units (or a Physical Scheduling Plant [PSP] containing a pump-generating Unit) cannot be part of a UDP Aggregation. However, it is possible that generating Units could form a UDP Aggregation comprised entirely of pump-generating Units whose operation is uniform, that is, Units all operating in either Generation mode or all in pump mode, but never mixed.
- (2) UDP Aggregations cannot include any of the following:
  - (a) Load;
  - (b) Condition 2 Reliability Must Run (RMR) Units;
  - (c) Participating Intermittent Resources;
  - (d) Generating Units less than 5 MW; or
  - (e) Generating Units that span active or inactive Congestion Zones.
- (3) The resources must have ISO direct telemetry and must be fully compliant with the ISO's direct telemetry standards.
- (4) The Generating Units must have the same relative effect on all network elements for which the Generating Units have at least a five (5) percent effectiveness factor, that is, for those network elements for which a 1 MW change in the output of the Generating Unit changes the flow across that element by at least 0.05 MW. For the purposes of this item (4), the "same relative effect" means that the effectiveness factors of any Generating Unit relative to a network element cannot differ by more than 10% from the midpoint effectiveness factor of all the units. The midpoint effectiveness is the arithmetic mean of the two most different effectiveness factors to be aggregated.
- (5) Custom UDP Aggregations involving units not directly connecting to the ISO Controlled Grid must recognize the transfer limits and status of the intermediate local facilities.

**UAP 3.1.3      Approval of a Request**

If a UDP Aggregation request is approved, the ISO shall create a new unique Resource ID, which reflects the identity or location of the units and stipulates the UDP Aggregation, but which cannot be used for scheduling purposes. The ISO shall inform the Scheduling Coordinator of the approval and ask the Scheduling Coordinator to confirm the desired start date of the UDP Aggregation. When that

confirmation has been received, the new aggregation will be entered into the ISO systems. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Scheduling Coordinator and the ISO, the UDP Aggregation will become effective on the first day of the month following approval. The Units in an approved UDP Aggregation are obligated to follow their individual schedules and instructions at all times.

**UAP 3.1.4 Rejection of a Request**

If the ISO determines that the proposed UDP Aggregation is likely to impact grid reliability or the reliability of transmission systems or equipment of intermediate entities between the relevant resources and the ISO grid, the request will be rejected. If the ISO rejects a request, the ISO shall inform the Scheduling Coordinator, and forward to it the reason for the rejection. The ISO may suggest alternative solutions if it has adequate time and data. The Scheduling Coordinator may choose to resubmit based on the ISO's recommendations, or to close the request.

**UAP 4 MODIFICATIONS TO AN EXISTING UDP AGGREGATION**

**UAP.4.1 Status of UDP Aggregation**

An approved UDP Aggregation shall be considered active until otherwise requested by the Scheduling Coordinator.

**UAP 4.2 Suspension by the ISO**

The ISO may suspend previously approved UDP Aggregations if, due to changes to the grid, to the aggregated Generating Units, or to the facilities connecting aggregated Generating Units to the grid, the UDP Aggregation no longer meets the criteria set forth in Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 of this ISO Protocol. If the ISO must suspend the UDP Aggregation due to a forced outage or other unanticipated event, the ISO shall provide notice that the UDP Aggregation has been suspended as soon as practical after the affecting event, but in no case longer than 72 hours after that event. If the ISO must suspend the UDP Aggregation due to future changes, the ISO shall notify the affected Scheduling Coordinator (1) that the UDP Aggregation will be suspended and (2) when the UDP Aggregation will be suspended as soon as practical after the ISO determines the UDP Aggregation must be suspended.

The ISO shall write a report that explains the reason for the suspension and that specifies the effective date and time. The ISO will forward the report to the Scheduling Coordinator and take steps to have the aggregation removed from the ISO systems.

In the event that a resource in a UDP Aggregation changes from one Scheduling Coordinator to another, the UDP Aggregation will be suspended. In order to reinstate the aggregation, the new Scheduling Coordinator must submit a new request reflecting the change.

**UAP 4.3      Request for Modification by a Scheduling Coordinator**

A Scheduling Coordinator may request a modification to an existing aggregation up to once per calendar month. A request for modification will follow the same procedures as a new request.