

### 40.10.3 Flexible Capacity Categories

#### 40.10.3.1 Flexible Capacity Category Calculation

A resource qualifies to provide Flexible RA Capacity in each Flexible Capacity Category for which it meets the qualifications set forth in this Section 40.10.3.

#### 40.10.3.2 Flexible Capacity Category – Base Ramping Resources

- (a) **Resource Criteria.** Base ramping resources must meet all of the following criteria, except as provided in Sections 40.10.3.2(b) and (c) –
- (1) The resource must be capable of providing Flexible RA Capacity to the CAISO Markets through Economic Bids for Energy and Economic Bids for Ancillary Services that are not flagged as Contingency Only in the Day-Ahead Market, if and to the extent the resource is certified to provide Ancillary Services, submitted daily for the 17-hour period from 5:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m.;
  - (2) The resource must be capable of providing Energy for a minimum of six hours up to its full Effective Flexible Capacity value including PMin;
  - (3) The resource must be capable of being available seven days a week;
  - (4) The resource must be able to provide the minimum of (i) two Start-Ups per day for every day of the month or sixty Start-Ups per month, or (ii) the number of Start-Ups allowed by its operational limits, including minimum up and minimum down time; and
  - (5) The resource must not have annual or monthly limitations on the number of Start-Ups or the amount of energy produced that, on a daily basis, are lower than the requirements in Section 40.10.3.2(a)(1) through (4).
- (b) **Use-Limited Resource**
- (1) A Use-Limited Resource may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.2(a), except that use-limited resources providing Flexible RA Capacity are not required to submit bids for Ancillary Services in the Day-Ahead Market or the Real-Time Market.

- (2) A Load Serving Entity may include in this category a combined resource consisting of two Use-Limited Resources that do not individually meet the minimum operational and availability requirements but in combination meet the criteria in Section 40.10.3.2(a).
  - (3) The Flexible RA Capacity amount for the combined resource will be less than or equal to the lowest Effective Flexible Capacity value shown on the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for a resource in the combination.
  - (4) The combined resource shall be subject to the must-offer obligation in Section 40.10.6.1(e)(2) for the Flexible RA Capacity amount shown on the monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for the combination.
- (c) **Non-Generator Resource.** A Non-Generator Resource that elects to provide Flexible RA Capacity may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.2(a). A Non-Generator Resource that elects to provide Flexible RA Capacity and Regulation Energy Management is not eligible to be included in this category.

**40.10.3.3 Flexible Capacity Category – Peak Ramping Resources**

- (a) **Resource Criteria.** Peak ramping resources must meet all of the following criteria, except as provided in Sections 40.10.3.3(b) and (c) --
- (1) The resource must be capable of providing Flexible RA Capacity to the CAISO Markets through Economic Bids for Energy and Economic Bids for Ancillary Services that are not flagged as Contingency Only in the Day-Ahead Market, if and to the extent the resource is certified to provide Ancillary Services, which must be submitted daily for a five-hour period to be determined by the CAISO on a seasonal basis;
  - (2) The resource must be capable of providing Energy for a minimum of three continuous hours up to its full Effective Flexible Capacity value including PMin;
  - (3) The resource must be capable of being available seven days a week.
  - (4) The resource must be capable of at least one Start-Up per day; and
  - (5) The resource must not have annual or monthly limitations on the number of unit

Start-Ups or the amount of energy produced that, on a daily basis, are lower than the requirements in Section 40.10.3.3(a)(1) through (4).

(b) **Use-Limited Resource.**

- (1) A Use-Limited Resource may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.3(a), except that use-limited resources providing Flexible RA Capacity are not required to submit bids for Ancillary Services in the Day-Ahead Market or the Real-Time Market.
- (2) A Load Serving Entity may include in this category a combined resource consisting of two Use-Limited Resources that do not individually meet the minimum operational and availability requirements but in combination meet the criteria in Section 40.10.3.3(a).
- (3) The Flexible RA Capacity amount for the combined resource will be less than or equal to the lowest Effective Flexible Capacity value shown on the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for a resource in the combination.
- (4) The combined resource shall be subject to the must-offer obligation in Section 40.10.6.1(e)(2) for the Flexible RA Capacity amount shown on the monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for the combination.

(c) **Non-Generator Resource.** A Non-Generator Resource that elects to provide Flexible RA Capacity may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.3(a). A Non-Generator Resource that elects to provide Flexible RA Capacity and Regulation Energy Management is not eligible to be included in this category.

(d) **Base Ramping Resource.** A resource that meets the qualifications of the Flexible Capacity Category for base ramping resources also qualifies to be included in this category as a peak ramping resource; however, a resource that meets only the qualifications of a peak ramping resource does not qualify as a base ramping resource.

**40.10.3.4 Flexible Capacity Category – Super-Peak Ramping Resources.**

(a) **Resource Criteria.** Super-peak ramping resources must meet all of the following criteria, except as provided in Sections 40.10.3.4(b), (c) and (d) --

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- (1) The resource must be capable of providing Flexible RA Capacity to the CAISO Markets through Economic Bids for Energy and Economic Bids for Ancillary Services Bids that are not flagged as Contingency Only in the Day-Ahead Market, if and to the extent the resource is certified to provide Ancillary Services, which must be submitted each weekday that is not holiday, for a five-hour period to be determined by the CAISO on a seasonal basis;
  - (2) The resource must be capable of providing Energy for a minimum of three continuous hours up to its full Effective Flexible Capacity value including PMin;
  - (3) The resource must be capable of being available on weekdays that are not holidays, as defined in the Business Practice Manual;
  - (4) The resource must be capable of at least one Start-Up per day; and
  - (5) The resource must be capable of responding to at least five CAISO dispatches per month, during the five-hour period of the must offer obligation, for the resource to Start-Up.
- (b) **Use-Limited Resource.**
- (1) A Use-Limited Resource may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.4(a), except that use-limited resources providing Flexible RA Capacity are not required to submit bids for Ancillary Services in the Day-Ahead Market or the Real-Time Market.
  - (2) A Load Serving Entity may include in this category a combined resource consisting of two Use-Limited Resources that do not individually meet the minimum operational and availability requirements but in combination meet the criteria in Section 40.10.3.4(a).
  - (3) The Flexible RA Capacity amount for the combined resource will be less than or equal to the lowest Effective Flexible Capacity value shown on the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for a resource in the combination.
  - (4) The combined resource shall be subject to the must-offer obligation in Section 40.10.6.1(e)(2) for the Flexible RA Capacity amount shown on the monthly

Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for the combination.

- (c) **Non-Generator Resource.** A Non-Generator Resource may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.4(a) and is not registered in the CAISO's Master File as a Regulation Energy Management resource.
- (d) **Non-Generator Resource, Regulation Energy Management.** A Non-Generator Resource that is a Regulation Energy Management resource may be included in this category if it meets the following criteria –
  - (1) The resource must be capable of providing Regulation Energy Management to the CAISO Markets through Economic Bids for Regulation Up and Regulation Down submitted daily for a 17-hour period from 5:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m.;
  - (2) The resource shall not submit bids to provide Energy;
  - (3) The resource must be capable of being available seven days a week;
  - (4) The resource must be capable of unlimited Start-Ups per day; and
  - (5) The resource must be registered as a Non-Generator Resource providing Regulation Energy Management in the CAISO's Master File.
- (e) **Base Ramping and Peak Ramping Resources.** A resource that meets the qualifications of the Flexible Capacity Category for base ramping resources or peak ramping resources also qualifies to be included in this category as a super-peak ramping resource; however, a resource that meets only the qualifications of a super-peak ramping resource does not qualify as a base ramping resource or a peak ramping resource.

#### 40.10.3.5 Flexible Capacity Category by Resource

The CAISO will provide to the Scheduling Coordinator of each resource a non-binding determination of the Flexible Capacity Category with the highest qualifications for which the resource qualifies to provide Flexible Capacity, as provided in Section 40.10.4.

#### 40.10.3.6 Non-Eligible Resources

Intertie resources and imports, other than Pseudo-Ties and Dynamic Scheduled resources, are not eligible to provide Flexible RA Capacity. [Hydroelectric Generating Units are not eligible to provide Flexible RA Capacity unless they are capable of producing Energy consistently for 6 hours based upon](#)

the resource's physical storage capacity.

#### 40.10.4 Effective Flexible Capacity

The CAISO shall calculate the Effective Flexible Capacity value for each resource. The CAISO shall publish the draft and final lists of the Effective Flexible Capacity values for such resources and the Flexible Capacity Categories for which each resource qualifies to provide Flexible Capacity on the CAISO Website each year in accordance with the schedule for publishing the Net Qualifying Capacity values, as set forth in the BPM, for use in the next calendar year.

##### 40.10.4.1 Effective Flexible Capacity Calculation

- (a) **Flexible Resources.** The CAISO will calculate the Effective Flexible Capacity value of a resource, for use (i) if a Local Regulatory Authority has not established criteria for calculating the Effective Flexible Capacity value for eligible resource types, and (ii) for determining if a cumulative deficiency exists under Sections 43.2.7(a) and (b), as follows, except as provided in Sections 40.10.4.1 (b) through (f) –

- (1) If the Start-Up Time of the resource is greater than 90 minutes, the Effective Flexible Capacity value shall be the weighted average ramp rate of the resource calculated from PMin to Net Qualifying Capacity multiplied by 180 minutes. The Effective Flexible Capacity shall not exceed the difference between the PMin and PMax of the resource.
- (2) If the Start-Up Time of the resource is less than or equal to 90 minutes, the Effective Flexible Capacity value shall be the resource's PMin plus the weighted average ramp rate of the resource calculated from PMin to Net Qualifying Capacity multiplied by the difference between 180 minutes and the resource's Start-Up Time. ~~weighted average ramp rate of the resource calculated from zero to Net Qualifying Capacity multiplied by 180 minutes.~~ The Effective Flexible Capacity shall not exceed the Net Qualifying Capacity of the resource.

- (b) ~~**[Not Used]Hydroelectric Generating Unit.** The Effective Flexible Capacity of a hydroelectric generating unit will be the amount of capacity from which the resource can~~

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~~produce Energy consistently for 6 hours based upon the resource's physical storage capacity, which shall not exceed its Net Qualifying Capacity.~~

- (c) **Proxy Demand Resource.** The Effective Flexible Capacity of a Proxy Demand Resource will be based on the resource's actual MWs of load modification in response to a dispatch by the CAISO during a test event. In determining the Effective Flexible Capacity of a Proxy Demand Resource, the CAISO will –
- (1) conduct the test at a random time during the flexible capacity must-offer obligation period for the resource;
  - (2) use the applicable baseline load data, as described in the CAISO Tariff or Business Practice Manual, to measure the load modification of the Proxy Demand Resource being tested; and
  - (3) pay the resource's bid price for the testing period.
- (d) **Energy Storage Resource.** The Effective Flexible Capacity value for an energy storage resource will be determined as follows –
- (1) for an energy storage resource that provides Flexible RA Capacity but not Regulation Energy Management, the Effective Flexible Capacity value will be the MW output range the resource can provide over three hours of charge/discharge while constantly ramping.
  - (2) for an energy storage resource that provides Flexible RA Capacity and Regulation Energy Management, the Effective Flexible Capacity value will be the resource's 15-minute energy output capability.
- (e) **Multi-Stage Generating Resource.** The Effective Flexible Capacity value for a Multi-Stage Generating Resource will be calculated using the longest Start-Up Time of the resource's configuration that has the lowest PMin.
- (f) **Combined Heat and Power Resource.** The Effective Flexible Capacity value of a Combined Heat and Power Resource will be the lesser of (i) the resource's Net Qualifying Capacity, or (ii) the MW difference between the CHP resource's maximum output and its minimum operating level, such quantity not to exceed the quantity of

generating capacity capable of being delivered over a three-hour period.

**40.10.4.2 EFC Omission or Correction**

- (a) **Draft List.** The posted draft list of Effective Flexible Capacity values may be modified only as follows –
- (1) If the Scheduling Coordinator for a resource that was not included on the draft list of Effective Flexible Capacity values seeks to have the resource included on the list, it must no later than September 1 submit a request to the CAISO either showing that the resource meets the criteria in Section in 40.10.4.1 or is capable of meeting the criteria, and provide documentation to enable the CAISO to determine the resource's Effective Flexible Capacity pursuant to the criteria in Section 40.10.4.1.
  - (2) If the Scheduling Coordinator for a resource that was included on the draft list of Effective Flexible Capacity values seeks to change the value for that resource, it must submit documentation no later than September 1 that supports such a change.
  - (3) The CAISO will review the information submitted and notify the Scheduling Coordinator whether the change was accepted at least 15 days prior to posting the final list of Effective Flexible Capacity values on the CAISO Website.
- (b) **Final List.** The CAISO will post on the CAISO Website the final list of Effective Flexible Capacity values for resources that are in service and the Flexible Capacity Categories for which each resource qualifies to provide Flexible Capacity. The final list shall be used for the next calendar year and shall not be changed during that year, except as follows –
- (1) If the Net Qualifying Capacity or PMax of a resource included on the final list increases or decreases during the year, and that value is changed in the Master File, the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource may request that the Effective Flexible Capacity value be recalculated to account for the change; or
  - (2) If a new resource, achieves commercial operation during the year, the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource may request that the CAISO calculate

and add its Effective Flexible Capacity value and the Flexible Capacity Categories for which the resource qualifies to provide Flexible Capacity to the final list as an in-service resource.

- (c) **Disputes.** Any disputes as to the CAISO's determination regarding Effective Flexible Capacity shall be subject to the CAISO ADR Procedure.