

Discussion of May 18, 2007 CRR Issues Paper

Stakeholder Conference Call May 29, 2007



Today's Topics

- Important dates
- Transfer of CRRs between Load Serving Entities to reflect load migration
- Ensuring consistency between LSE load forecasts used for CRR eligibility and for Resource Adequacy Requirements
- Modeling transmission outages in the CRR network model for monthly CRR releases
- Provision to facilitate early release of Converted Rights



Important Dates

- June 4 written comments requested (CRRComments@caiso.com)
- June 7 CAISO will post straw proposals
- June 14 meeting at CAISO to discuss straw proposals (10 am – 4 pm)
- Other activities (see 5/18 Issues Paper)
- July 18 presentation to CAISO Board for approval



CRR Transfers for Load Migration

- Foundational Issues
- Objectives and Principles
- Implementation Issues:
 - What is transferred
 - Load metric
 - Data sources
 - Frequency of transfer
 - Eligibility for renewal
 - How to count new customers since CRR allocation



Foundational Issues

- MRTU Tariff section 36.8.5.1.1 requires an LSE that loses Load through migration to transfer a percentage of its allocated Seasonal CRRs to the LSE that gained the Load, or a financial equivalent, in a quantity proportionate to the percentage of Load lost through migration.
 - Long Term CRR filing applies the same requirement, but limits financial equivalent to the calendar year for which Seasonal CRRs have already been released.
 - Alternative stakeholder proposal: Distinguish CRRs that are "ineligible" for transfer and allow load-losing LSE to transfer substitute MW of "eligible" CRRs.
- Several details are involved in implementing section 36.8.5.1.1 (renumbered 36.8.5.2 in 1/29/07 LT CRR filing)



Objectives and Principles

- Initial discussions with stakeholders identified these candidates:
 - 1. CRRs belong to the Load (consistent with filed MRTU tariff).
 - 2. A share of the actual CRR value should be transferred.
 - 3. The process should be fair to all LSEs.
 - 4. LSEs receiving CRRs need to qualify as CRR holders.
 - 5. LSE can desire retention of Long-Term (LT) CRRs that are still needed for their resource portfolios.
 - 6. There should be fair access by LSEs to recover lost CRRs.
 - 7. The CAISO should be responsible for tracking CRR migration.
 - 8. A percentage of load migration should have an equal % of CRR transfer.
 - 9. The process for transfer can't advantage or disadvantage either the losing or gaining LSE.
 - 10. The process should be supportive of new investment in generation (at least, not create disincentives).
 - 11. The solution must be practical and workable.



Implementation Issues: What Is Transferred

- Issues of transferring CRRs vs. financial equivalent:
 - How is a financial equivalent implemented: cash payment vs. future settlements?
 - What if the receiving LSE is ineligible to hold CRRs?
 - Is there a default mechanism, & how is non-default chosen?
 - Can the mechanism apply to LT CRRs?
 - Is a financial equivalent that is executed by a transfer of future settlements equivalent to transferring actual CRRs, if the receiving LSE also gets the eligibility for renewing the CRR?
 - Does "transfer" require an actual change of CRR Holder, or could CAISO issue additional CRRs (counter-flow CRR assigned to load-losing LSE)?
- Note: transfers can occur outside of SRS, but then the "holder of record" and its obligations do not change.



Implementation Issues: Other

Load metric:

- Uniform kW/customer by customer class
- Load factor by customer class, times MWh transferred
- 8760 hourly loads (maybe limited to large customers)

Alternative data sources:

- Direct Access Service Request & billing history sent by UDC
- Summary data sent by UDC
- Summary data sent by CPUC

Frequency of transfer:

- Monthly
- Daily (limited by rounding of CRR holdings to 0.1 MW)
- Eligibility of transferred CRRs for renewal in Priority Tier
- How to count new customers since CRR allocation



Consistency of Load Forecasts

- LSE load forecasts are used by CAISO to calculate monthly CRR eligible quantities
 - Load duration curve containing hourly load data
- CEC collects load forecasts from all LSEs
 - Coincident peak forecasts for CPUC-jurisdictional LSEs (IOUs, ESPs, CCAs) used to determine monthly RA requirements
 - CEC can provide non-coincident peak forecasts for CAISO CRR needs
 - Monthly non-coincident peak load forecasts are submitted to CEC by non-CPUC LSEs, in year-ahead process
- Consistency between forecasts creates a balance of incentives to produce unbiased forecasts.



Consistency of Load Forecasts

- Input requested on methodology questions:
 - What adjustments to data are appropriate to bring load duration curves submitted for CRRs into consistency with CEC peak data?
 - Related issue: How would such adjustment affect the off-peak hours of the load duration curve?
 - 2. How to address differences in forecast methods between CPUC and non-CPUC LSEs?



Modeling Transmission Outages

- Network model for monthly CRRs will incorporate transmission outages to reflect and minimize impact of outages on CRR revenue adequacy.
 - Objective is to fully fund CRRs without relying on CRR auction revenues to make up any shortfall.
- Two categories of outages:
 - Significant outages reported by PTOs 30 days prior to start of month (in time for explicit incorporation in CRR model)
 - Planned outages reported by PTOs with 72 hours notice, and unplanned outages and derates.



Modeling Transmission Outages

Issues to be resolved:

- For "30-day notice" outages
 - Specify which lines & facilities are included in this category
 - Develop rules for incorporating into CRR model
- For other outages
 - Determine an appropriate margin to reduce grid capacity available for CRRs
- For Month One of Year One February 2008
 - Determine any additional margin needed due to lack of information on 30-day notice outages.



Early Release of Converted Rights

Facts:

- Converted Rights (CVR) will receive "perfect hedge" treatment under MRTU until end of 2010.
- Load served under CVR rights is not exposed to congestion and not eligible for CRR allocation.
- Holders of CVR can increase their eligibility for CRR allocation by relinquishing some CVR early.
- Current MRTU Tariff provisions do not allow CVR holder to reclaim CVR in a subsequent CRR release once relinquished.



Converted Rights Proposal

New CVR holder proposal:

 If a CVR holder relinquishes some CVR in CRR Year 1 or 2 (2008 or 2009), the CVR holder may "reclaim" the CRR sources associated with the relinquished CVR by nominating them as CRRs in the Priority Nomination Tier (PNT) of a subsequent year (2009 or 2010).

Example:

- CVR holder has 100 MW CVR from PNode A to load, and relinquishes 40 MW in Year 1 to be able to nominate 40 MW CRR from PNode B, and receives these CRRs.
- In Year 2 the CVR holder may "reclaim" the 40 MW from PNode A by nominating 40 MW CRRs from PNode A in the PNT instead of the PNode B CRRs.