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**CAISO TARIFF APPENDIX I**  
**Station Power Protocol**

## **STATION POWER PROTOCOL**

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## **STATION POWER PROTOCOL (SPP)**

### **1 General Conditions**

#### **1.1 Procurement**

Station Power may be voluntarily self-supplied through On-Site Self-Supply or Remote Self-Supply. Third Party Supply may serve Station Power only to the extent permissible under the rules and regulations of the applicable Local Regulatory Authority.

#### **1.2 Eligibility**

**1.2.1** Only Station Power Loads associated with Generating Units in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area that are part of an approved Station Power Portfolio may be self-supplied in accordance with this SPP. Each Generating Unit must be subject to a PGA, QF PGA, or MSS Agreement. Any generating facility outside the CAISO Balancing Authority Area owned by the same entity is eligible to provide Remote Self-Supply to Station Power Loads, subject to the terms of this SPP. Generating Units wishing to self-supply Station Power, by means other than netting permitted under Section 10.1.3 of the CAISO Tariff, shall complete the application process specified in Section 2 of this SPP.

**1.2.2** Station Power may be self-supplied by a single corporate entity, government agency, or joint powers agency or other legal entity organized under the laws of the State of California. A Station Power Portfolio may not include any facilities that are owned by the owner's corporate Affiliates. In the case of a joint powers agency, a Station Power Portfolio may not include facilities independently owned by one or more members or other legally distinct entities. If an entity owns a portion of a jointly owned Generating Unit, such ownership share may be included in a Station Power Portfolio up to the amount of the associated entitlement to Energy from the jointly-owned Generating Unit provided that: (i) the entity has the right to call upon that Energy for its own use; and (ii) the Energy entitlement is not characterized as a sale from the jointly owned Generating Unit to any of its joint owners.

**1.2.3** Net Output from generating facilities outside the CAISO Balancing Authority Area may be included in a Station Power Portfolio and used as a source of Remote Self-Supply to serve Station Power of Generating Units in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area and part of the Station Power Portfolio, so long as the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) Imports of Net Output must be submitted in Self-Schedules using a Resource ID specified by the CAISO;
- (b) HASP Intertie Schedules using such Resource ID do not exceed the available Net Output of such generating facilities in any hour;
- (c) Firm transmission service to a Scheduling Point that assures delivery into the CAISO Balancing Authority Area is secured; and
- (d) Meter Data for generating facilities located outside the CAISO Balancing Authority Area shall be subject to CAISO audit to verify performance in accordance with these requirements.

### **1.3 Limitations**

**1.3.1** Station Power supplied by contemporaneous on-site Generation is treated as permitted netting under Section 10.1.3 of this CAISO Tariff. This SPP neither expands opportunities for nor imposes additional conditions on permitted netting. In accordance with this CAISO Tariff, such contemporaneous self-supplied Station Power need not be submitted in Self-Schedules with the CAISO.

**1.3.2** Self-supply of Station Power shall be strictly voluntary. Nothing in this SPP is intended to: 1) preclude a Generating Unit from purchasing Station Power pursuant to an applicable retail rate or tariff; or 2) supersede otherwise applicable jurisdiction of a Local Regulatory Authority, except in the event of a conflict between federal and state tariff provisions, in which case the federal tariff provisions will control.

## **2 Station Power Requirements and Review**

### **2.1 Applications to Self-Supply Station Power**

**2.1.1** An application to establish a Station Power Portfolio or to modify the configuration of Station Power meters or the generating facilities included in a Station Power Portfolio must be submitted according to the process specified by the CAISO and posted on the CAISO Website, and shall include the following information:

- (a) One-line diagrams clearly showing the location and ownership of all Generating Units and Station Power meters, their connection to the CAISO Controlled Grid or distribution system, and the status of breakers and switchgear for normal system operation.
- (b) Identification of any generating facilities outside the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, to be used to provide Remote Self-Supply of Station Power within the proposed Station Power Portfolio. No loads associated with generating facilities outside the CAISO Balancing Authority Area may be supplied under this SPP.
- (c) Certification that the applicant is the sole owner of all generating facilities proposed to be included in the Station Power Portfolio, and that the applicant has the right to call on Energy for its own use from its ownership share of any jointly owned facilities that are proposed to be used to self-supply Station Power.
- (d) Demonstration that each Station Power meter is certified in accordance with the CAISO Tariff.
- (e) Verification that each Station Power meter is subject to a Meter Service Agreement for CAISO Metered Entities, and that each Generating Unit is bound to the CAISO Tariff by a PGA, QF PGA, or MSS Agreement.
- (f) Verification that the applicant has arranged for terms of service with the responsible UDC or MSS Operator for the use of any distribution facilities required to self-supply Station Power.

**2.1.2** On the CAISO's written request, the applicant will provide additional information that the CAISO reasonably determines is necessary to verify the planned operation of the Station Power Portfolio and meet the requirements of Section 2.1.1 of this SPP.

## **2.2 CAISO Monitoring and Review**

**2.2.1** The CAISO will take the following actions with respect to each application to establish a Station Power Portfolio:

- (a) The CAISO shall post on the CAISO Website a listing of the specific Station Power meters and Generating Units located in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, and any generating facilities outside the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, that compose each Station Power Portfolio, and which are eligible to participate in the self-supply of Station Power in accordance with this SPP.
- (b) The CAISO will provide the appropriate UDC or MSS Operator and the Local Regulatory Authority with one-line diagrams and other information regarding each application.
- (c) The CAISO will make a determination in consultation with the UDC or MSS Operator and the Local Regulatory Authority on the factual question of whether distribution facilities are involved in the requested self-supply of Station Power. Any disputes regarding such determinations shall be subject to the dispute resolution procedures of this CAISO Tariff.
- (d) The CAISO will verify metering schemes and assign unique Load identifiers consistent with the CAISO data templates and validation rules that the Scheduling Coordinator responsible for each meter will be required to use for scheduling and Settlement.

**2.2.2** The CAISO shall promptly review each application to establish or modify a Station Power Portfolio. Within ten (10) Business Days after the submittal of the application, the CAISO shall notify the applicant in writing that the application is complete, or shall list any specific deficiencies or additional information that the CAISO reasonably requires to complete the application. The CAISO shall use all reasonable efforts to make the changes necessary for the new or modified configurations to take effect and the Station Power Portfolio to begin self-supplying Station Power within twenty (20) Business Days after a complete application is submitted. In no event shall a Station Power Portfolio begin self-supplying Station Power until any and all required changes to the configuration of metering or other equipment are completed as required under Section 6 of this SPP. The CAISO will have an ongoing right to request additional information reasonably necessary to verify that conditions on the self-supply of Station Power as specified in this SPP are met.

## **3 Self-Supply Verification and CAISO Charges**

### **3.1 Self-Supply Verification**

At the end of each Netting Period, the CAISO will calculate the Net Output for each Generating Unit in the Station Power Portfolio. If the Net Output is positive, then all Station Power associated with that Generating Unit will have been served by On-Site Self-Supply. Any positive Net Output from facilities in the Station Power Portfolio will be available to provide Remote Self-Supply to any Generating Unit with negative Net Output. If the available Remote Self-Supply is less than the aggregate negative Net Output in the Station Power Portfolio, then such shortfall will be deemed to have been served by Third Party Supply. The CAISO will incorporate these determinations in its accounting and billing for the Netting Period by reassigning Station Power to unique Load identifiers for Remote Self-Supply and Third Party Supply, as required.

### **3.2 Charges on Metered Demand**

Station Power that is not eligible for permitted netting in accordance with Section 10.1.3 of this CAISO Tariff must be submitted in Self-Schedules in accordance with the CAISO Tariff, and will be assessed all charges applicable to metered Demand under the CAISO Tariff, except as provided in Section 4.1 of this SPP.

### **3.3 Administrative Charge**

Scheduling Coordinators of Generating Units that have Station Power meters shall be assessed an administrative charge in accordance with Schedule 5 of Appendix F.

## **4 Transmission Service**

**4.1** Station Power Load that is directly connected to the transmission facilities or directly connected to the Distribution System of a UDC or MSS Operator located in a PTO Service Territory and that is determined to have been served by On-Site Self-Supply shall be deemed not to have used the CAISO Controlled Grid and shall not be included in the Gross Load of the applicable UDC or MSS Operator. Station Power that is served by Wheeling service and that is determined to have been served by On-Site Self-Supply shall be deemed not to have used the CAISO Controlled Grid and shall not be included in the hourly Self-Schedules (in kWh) of the applicable Scheduling Coordinator that are subject to the Wheeling Access Charge.

**4.2** Station Power Load that is directly connected to the transmission facilities or directly connected to the Distribution System of a UDC or MSS Operator located in a PTO Service Territory and that is determined to have been served by Remote Self-Supply or Third Party Supply shall be included in the Gross Load of the applicable UDC or MSS Operator. Station Power that is served by Wheeling service and that is determined to have been served by Remote Self-Supply or Third Party Supply shall be included in the hourly Self-Schedules (in kWh) of the applicable Scheduling Coordinator that are subject to the Wheeling Access Charge.

**4.3** If the Generating Unit requires the use of distribution facilities or other facilities that are not part of the CAISO Controlled Grid, then the Generating Unit will be subject to the appropriate charges of the applicable UDC, MSS Operator or owner of such non-CAISO Controlled Grid facilities.

## **5 Energy Pricing**

All deviations between metered Generation or Station Power and that submitted in Self-Schedules will be settled at the resource-specific LMP at the applicable Custom LAP for the Station Power Load. The determination of Net Output and attribution of On-Site Self-Supply, Remote Self-Supply and Third Party Supply to serving Station Power under this SPP shall apply only to determine whether Station Power was self-supplied during the Netting Period and will have no effect on the price of Energy sold or consumed by any facility in the Station Power Portfolio.

## **6 Metering**

**6.1** In order to self-supply Station Power under this SPP by means other than netting permitted under Section 10.1.3 of this CAISO Tariff, a Generating Unit must be subject to a Meter Service Agreement for CAISO Metered Entities pursuant to CAISO Tariff Section 10.3.1. A meter certified in accordance with the CAISO Tariff is required for Station Power Load taken under the SPP. Separate metering is required for any on-site Load that does not meet the definition of Station Power. Under no circumstances may ineligible Loads be included in the Meter Data collected by the CAISO from a Station Power meter.

**6.2** Any costs associated with owning or operating metering or related facilities necessary to self-supply Station Power according to the terms of this SPP are the responsibility of the owner-applicant.

**6.3** A single Scheduling Coordinator must represent the unique Load identifiers assigned by the CAISO for On-Site Self-Supply and Remote Self-Supply associated with each Station Power meter.



**7 Provision Of Data To UDC Or MSS Operator**

The CAISO will provide the applicable UDC or MSS Operator with the amount of On-Site Self-Supply, Remote Self-Supply, and Third Party Supply serving Station Power at the granularity required to allow the UDC or MSS Operator to assess charges, if any, under the applicable retail tariff(s).

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**PART A**

**CERTIFICATION FOR REGULATION**

- A 1** A Generator wishing to provide Regulation as an Ancillary Service from a Generating Unit whether pursuant to a CAISO award or as part of a self-provision arrangement must meet the following operating characteristics and technical requirements in order to be certified by the CAISO to provide Regulation service unless granted a temporary exemption by the CAISO in accordance with criteria which the CAISO shall publish on the CAISO Website;
- A 1.1** **Operating Characteristics**
- A 1.1.1** the rated capacity of the Generating Unit must be 1 MW or greater unless the Generating Unit is participating in an aggregation arrangement approved by the CAISO;
- A 1.1.2** the maximum amount of Regulation to be offered must be reached within a period that may range from a minimum of 10 minutes to a maximum of 30 minutes, as such period may be specified by the CAISO and published on the CAISO Website;
- A 1.2** **Technical Requirements**
- A 1.2.1** **Control**
- A 1.2.1.1** a direct, digital, unfiltered control signal generated from the CAISO EMS through a standard CAISO direct communication and direct control system, must meet the minimum performance standards for communications and control which will be developed and posted by the CAISO on the CAISO Website;
- A 1.2.1.2** the Generating Unit power output response (in MW) to a control signal must meet the minimum performance standards for control and unit response which will be developed and posted by the CAISO on the CAISO Website. As indicated by the Generating Unit power output (in MW), the Generating Unit must respond immediately, without manual Generating Unit operator intervention, to control signals and must sustain its specified Ramp Rate, within specified Regulation Limits, for each minute of control response (MW/minute);
- A 1.2.2** **Monitoring:**
- the Generating Unit must have a standard CAISO direct communication and direct control system to send signals to the CAISO EMS to dynamically monitor, at a minimum the following:

- A 1.2.2.1** actual power output (MW);
- A 1.2.2.2** high limit, low limit and rate limit values as selected by the Generating Unit operator; and
- A 1.2.2.3** in-service status indication confirming availability of Regulation service.
- A 1.2.3** **Voice Communications:**
- CAISO approved primary and back-up voice communication must be in place between the CAISO Control Center and the operator controlling the Generating Unit at the generating site and between the Scheduling Coordinator and the operator. The primary dedicated voice communication between the CAISO Control Center and the operator controlling the Generating Unit at the generating site must be digital voice communication, as provided by a standard CAISO direct communication and direct control system; and
- A 1.3** the communication and control system and the Generating Unit must pass a qualification test to demonstrate the overall ability to provide Regulation meeting the performance requirements of the ASRP for Regulation.
- A 2** A Generator wishing to be considered for certification for Regulation service by the CAISO must make a written request to the CAISO, giving details of the technical capability of the Generating Units concerned and identifying the Scheduling Coordinator through whom the Generator intends to offer Regulation service. The Generator shall at the same time send a copy of its request to that Scheduling Coordinator. Technical review request forms will be available from the CAISO.
- A 3** No later than one week after receipt of the Generator's request, the CAISO shall provide the Generator with a listing of required interface equipment for Regulation, including a standard CAISO direct communication and direct control system. The CAISO shall send a copy of the listing to the Generator's Scheduling Coordinator.
- A 4** The Generator may propose alternatives that the Generator believes may provide an equivalent level of communication and control for consideration by the CAISO. Such proposals shall be in writing and contain sufficient detail for the CAISO to make a determination of suitability. The CAISO may request additional information, if required, to assist in its evaluation of the proposal.
- A 5** The CAISO shall respond by accepting the alternative proposal, rejecting the alternative proposal, or suggesting modifications to the alternative proposal. Such acceptance, rejection, or suggested revision must be provided not later than six weeks after the proposal is received by the CAISO. The Generator and the CAISO shall keep the Scheduling Coordinator informed of this process by each sending to the Scheduling Coordinator a copy of any written communication which it sends to the other.

- A 6** Upon agreement as to any alternative method of communication and control to be used by the Generator, the CAISO shall provisionally approve the proposal in writing providing a copy to the Generator's Scheduling Coordinator at the same time. If agreed by the CAISO, the Generator may then proceed to procure and install the equipment and make arrangements for the required communication and control.
- A 7** Design, acquisition, and installation of the CAISO-approved communication and control equipment shall be under the control of the CAISO. The CAISO shall bear no cost responsibility or functional responsibility for such equipment, except that the CAISO shall arrange for and monitor the maintenance of the communication and control system at the Generator's expense, unless otherwise agreed by the CAISO and the Generator. The CAISO shall be responsible for the design, acquisition and installation of any necessary modifications to the CAISO EMS at its own cost.
- A 8** The CAISO, in cooperation with the Generator shall perform testing of the communication and control equipment to ensure that the communication and control system performs to meet the CAISO requirements.
- A 9** When the CAISO is satisfied that the communication and control systems meet the CAISO's requirements, the Generator shall request in writing that the CAISO conduct a certification test with a suggested primary date and time and at least two alternative dates and times. The CAISO shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the Generator's request, accept a proposed time if possible or suggest at least three alternatives to the Generator. If the CAISO responds by suggesting alternatives, the Generator shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the CAISO's response, respond in turn by accepting a proposed alternative if possible or suggesting at least three alternatives, and this procedure shall continue until agreement is reached on the date and time of the test. The Generator shall inform its Scheduling Coordinator of the agreed date and time of the test.
- A 10** Testing shall be performed by the CAISO, with the cooperation of the Generator. Such tests shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- A 10.1** confirmation of control communication path performance;
- A 10.2** confirmation of primary and secondary voice circuits for receipt of Dispatch Instructions;
- A 10.3** confirmation of the Generating Unit control performance; and
- A 10.4** confirmation of the CAISO EMS control to include changing the Generating Unit output over the range of Regulation proposed at different Set Points, from minimum to maximum output, and at different rates of change from the minimum to the maximum permitted by the design of the Generating Unit.
- A 11** Upon successful completion of the test, the CAISO shall certify the Generating Unit as being permitted to provide Regulation as an Ancillary Service and shall provide a copy of the certificate to the Scheduling Coordinator at the same time. The CAISO shall change its Generating Unit data base to reflect the permission for the Generating Unit to provide Regulation service.

- A 12** The Scheduling Coordinator may submit Bids for Regulation service from the certified Generating Unit into the CAISO Markets starting with the Day-Ahead Market for the hour ending 0100 on the second Trading Day after the CAISO issues the certificate.
- A 13** The certification to provide Regulation shall remain in force until:
- (a) withdrawn by the Scheduling Coordinator or the Generator by written notice to the CAISO to take effect at the time notified in the notice, which must be the end of a Trading Day; or
  - (b) if the Generating Unit obtained CAISO certification on the basis of a prior communication and control technology, until revoked by the CAISO for failure to comply with the requirement set forth in A 13.1 that the Generating Unit install a CAISO-specified standard CAISO direct communication and direct control system (unless exempted by the CAISO).
- A 13.1** Unless exempted by the CAISO, if the Generating Unit obtained CAISO certification on the basis of a prior communication and control technology, the CAISO shall provide written notice to the Generator of the Generator's obligation to install a CAISO-specified standard direct communication and direct control system along with a required date for said work to be completed as mutually agreed upon by the CAISO and the Generator. Failure to meet the completion date shall be grounds for the revocation of certification, provided that the CAISO must provide the Generator with at least ninety (90) days advance notice of the proposed revocation.
- A 14** The certification may be revoked by the CAISO only under provisions of the ASRP or other provisions of the CAISO Tariff.

**PART B**

**CERTIFICATION FOR SPINNING RESERVE**

- B 1** A Generator wishing to provide Spinning Reserve as an Ancillary Service from a Generating Unit or System Resource whether pursuant to a CAISO award or as part of a self-provision arrangement must meet the following requirements in order to be certified by the CAISO to provide Spinning Reserve service:
- B 1.1** the rated capacity of the Generating Unit must be 1 MW or greater unless the Generating Unit is participating in an aggregation arrangement approved by the CAISO;
- B 1.2** the minimum governor performance of the Generating Unit or System Resource shall be as follows:
- B 1.2.1** 5% drop;
- B 1.2.2** governor deadband must be plus or minus 0.036Hz; and
- B 1.2.3** the power output must change within one second for any frequency deviation outside the governor deadband.
- B 1.3** the operator of the Generating Unit or System Resource must have a means of receiving Dispatch Instructions to initiate an increase in real power output (MW) within one minute of the CAISO Control Center determination that Energy from Spinning Reserve capacity must be dispatched;
- B 1.4** the Generating Unit or System Resource must be able to increase its real power output (MW) by the maximum amount of Spinning Reserve to be offered within ten minutes;
- B 1.5** CAISO approved voice communications services must be in place to provide both primary and alternate voice communication between the CAISO Control Center and the operator controlling the Generating Unit or System Resource; and
- B 1.6** The communication system and the Generating Unit or System Resource must pass a qualification test to demonstrate the overall ability to meet the performance requirements of the ASRP for Spinning Reserve.
- B 2** A Generator or System Unit wishing to be considered for certification for Spinning Reserve service by the CAISO must make a written request to the CAISO, giving details of the technical capability of the Generating Units or System Resources concerned and identifying the Scheduling Coordinator through whom the Generator or System Unit intends to offer Spinning Reserve service. The Generator or System Unit shall at the same time send a copy of its request to that Scheduling Coordinator. Technical review request forms will be available from the CAISO.
- B 3** No later than one week after receipt of the request, the CAISO shall provide the Generator or System Unit with a listing of acceptable communication options and interface equipment options for Spinning Reserve. The CAISO shall send a copy of the listing to the Generator's or System Unit's Scheduling Coordinator.



- B 4** The Generator or System Unit may elect to implement any of the approved options defined by the CAISO, and, if it wishes to proceed with its request for certification, shall give written notice to the CAISO of its selected communication option, with a copy to its Scheduling Coordinator.
- B 5** When it receives the Generator's or System Unit's notice, the CAISO shall notify the Generator or System Unit and the Scheduling Coordinator in writing no later than two weeks after receipt of the notice confirming receipt of the notice and issuing provisional approval of the selected options. Upon receipt of the CAISO acknowledgment, the Generator or System Unit may proceed as indicated below to secure the necessary facilities and capabilities required.
- B 6** The Generator or System Unit may also propose alternatives that it believes may provide an equivalent level of control for consideration by the CAISO. Such proposals shall be in writing and contain sufficient detail for the CAISO to make a determination of suitability. The CAISO may request additional information, if required, to assist in its evaluation of the proposal.
- B 7** The CAISO shall respond by accepting the alternative proposal, rejecting the alternative proposal, or suggesting modifications to the alternative proposal. Such acceptance, rejection, or suggested revision must be provided not later than six weeks after the proposal is received by the CAISO. The Generator or the System Unit and the CAISO shall keep the Scheduling Coordinator informed of this process by each sending to the Scheduling Coordinator a copy of any written communication which it sends to the other.
- B 8** Upon agreement as to the method of communication and control to be used by the Generator or System Resource, the CAISO shall provisionally approve the Generator's proposal or the System Resource's proposal in writing providing a copy to the Generator's or System Resource's Scheduling Coordinator at the same time. The Generator or System Resource may then proceed to procure and install the equipment and make arrangements for the required communication.
- B 9** Design, acquisition, and installation of the Generator's equipment or the System Resource's equipment shall be under the control of the respective Generator or System Resource. The CAISO shall bear no cost responsibility or functional responsibility for such equipment. The CAISO shall be responsible for the design, acquisition and installation of any necessary modifications to its own equipment at its own cost.
- B 10** The Generator or System Resource shall perform its own testing of its equipment to ensure that the control system performs to meet the CAISO requirements.
- B 11** When it is satisfied that its plant, equipment and communication systems meet the CAISO's requirements, the Generator or System Resource shall request in writing that the CAISO conduct a certification test with a suggested primary date and time and at least two alternative dates and times. The CAISO shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the request, accept a proposed time if possible or suggest at least three alternatives to the Generator or System Resource. If the CAISO responds by suggesting alternatives, the Generator or System Resource shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the CAISO's response, respond in turn by accepting a proposed alternative if possible or suggesting at least three alternatives, and this procedure shall continue until agreement is reached on the date and time of the test. The Generator or System Resource shall inform its Scheduling Coordinator of the agreed date and time of the test.

- B 12** Testing shall be performed under the direction of the CAISO. Such tests shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- B 12.1** confirmation of control communication path performance for Dispatch Instruction;
  - B 12.2** confirmation of primary and secondary voice circuits for receipt of Dispatch Instructions;
  - B 12.3** confirmation of the Generating Unit or System Resource performance to include changing the Generating Unit or System Resource output over the range of Spinning Reserve proposed from minimum to maximum output, and at different rates of change from the minimum to the maximum permitted by the design of the Generating Unit or System Resource; and
  - B 12.4** testing the drop characteristic of the Generating Unit or System Resource by simulating frequency excursions outside the allowed deadband and measuring the response of the Generating Unit or System Resource.
- B 13** Upon successful completion of the test the CAISO shall certify the Generating Unit or System Resource as being permitted to provide Spinning Reserve as an Ancillary Service and shall provide a copy of the certificate to the Scheduling Coordinator at the same time. The CAISO shall change the Generating Unit or System Resource data base to reflect the ability of the Generating Unit to provide Spinning Reserve.
- B 14** The Scheduling Coordinator may bid Spinning Reserve from the certified Generating Unit or System Resource into the CAISO Markets starting with the Day-Ahead Market for the hour ending 0100 on the Second Trading Day after the CAISO issues the certificate.
- B 15** The certification to provide Spinning Reserve shall remain in force until withdrawn by the Scheduling Coordinator or the Generator or System Resource by written notice to the CAISO to take effect at the time notified in the notice, which must be the end of a Trading Day.
- B 16** The certification may be revoked by the CAISO only under provisions of the ASRP or other provisions of the CAISO Tariff.

**PART C**

**CERTIFICATION FOR NON-SPINNING RESERVE**

- C 1** An Ancillary Service Provider wishing to provide Non-Spinning Reserve as an Ancillary Service from a Generating Unit or System Resource whether pursuant to the CAISO's auction or as part of a self-provision arrangement must meet the following requirements in order to be certified by the CAISO to provide Non-Spinning Reserve service:
- C 1.1** the rated capacity of the Generating Unit or System Resource must be 1 MW or greater unless the Generating Unit is participating in an aggregation arrangement approved by the CAISO;
- C 1.2** the Generating Unit must be able to increase output as soon as possible to the value indicated in a Dispatch Instruction, reaching the indicated value within ten minutes after issue of the instruction and be capable of maintaining output for 2 hours.
- C 2** An Ancillary Service Provider wishing to provide Non-Spinning Reserve as an Ancillary Service from Curtailable Demand whether pursuant to a CAISO award or as part of a self-provision arrangement must meet the following requirements in order to be certified by the CAISO to provide Non-Spinning Reserve service:
- C 2.1** the operator must be able to completely disconnect the required Load pursuant to a Dispatch Instruction within ten minutes after issue of the instruction;
- C 2.2** the minimum change in the electrical consumption of the Load must be at least 1 MW; and
- C 2.3** the Load must be capable of being interrupted for at least two hours.
- C 3** An Ancillary Service Provider wishing to provide Non-Spinning Reserve as an Ancillary Service, whether pursuant to a CAISO award or as part of a self-provision arrangement, must also meet the following requirements in order to be certified by the CAISO to provide Non-Spinning Reserve service:
- C 3.1** the operator of the Generating Unit, System Resource or the Curtailable Demand must have a means of receiving a Dispatch Instruction to initiate an increase in real power output or a reduction in Demand (MW) within one minute of the CAISO Control Center's determination that Non-Spinning Reserve capacity must be dispatched; and
- C 3.2** the communication system and the Generating Unit, System Resource or Load must pass a qualification test to demonstrate the overall ability to meet the performance requirements of the ASRP for Non-Spinning Reserve.
- C 4** An Ancillary Service Provider wishing to be considered for certification for Non-Spinning Reserve service must make a written request to the CAISO, giving details of the technical capability of the Generating Unit, System Resource or Load concerned and identifying the Scheduling Coordinator through whom the Ancillary Service Provider intends to offer Non-Spinning Reserve. The Ancillary Service Provider shall at the same time send a copy of the request to that Scheduling Coordinator. Technical review request forms will be available from the CAISO.

- C 5** No later than one week after receipt of the Ancillary Service Provider's request, the CAISO shall provide the Ancillary Service Provider with a listing of acceptable communication options and interface equipment options for Non-Spinning Reserve. The CAISO shall send a copy of the listing to the Ancillary Service Provider's Scheduling Coordinator.
- C 6** The Ancillary Service Provider may elect to implement any of the certification, the Ancillary Service Provider shall give written notice to the CAISO of its selected communication option and interface equipment option, with a copy to its Scheduling Coordinator.
- C 7** When it receives the Ancillary Service Provider's notice, the CAISO shall notify the Ancillary Service Provider and the Scheduling Coordinator in writing no later than two weeks after receipt of the notice confirming receipt of the notice and issuing provisional approval of the selected options. Upon receipt of the CAISO acknowledgment the Ancillary Service Provider may proceed as indicated below to secure the necessary facilities and capabilities required.
- C 8** The Ancillary Service Provider may also propose alternatives that it believes may provide an equivalent level of control for consideration by the CAISO. Such proposals shall be in writing and contain sufficient detail for the CAISO to make a determination of suitability. The CAISO may request additional information, if required, to assist in its evaluation of the proposal.
- C 9** The CAISO shall respond by accepting the alternative proposal, rejecting the alternative proposal, or suggesting modifications to the alternative proposal. Such acceptance, rejection, or suggested revision must be provided not later than six weeks after the proposal is received by the CAISO. The Ancillary Service Provider and the CAISO shall keep the Scheduling Coordinator informed of this process by each sending to the Scheduling Coordinator a copy of any written communication which it sends to the other.
- C 10** Upon agreement as to the method of communication and control to be used by the Ancillary Service Provider, the CAISO shall provisionally approve the proposal in writing providing a copy to the Ancillary Service Provider's Scheduling Coordinator at the same time. The Ancillary Service Provider may then proceed to procure and install the equipment and make arrangements for the required communication.
- C 11** Design, acquisition, and installation of the Ancillary Service Provider's equipment shall be under the control of the Ancillary Service Provider. The CAISO shall bear no cost responsibility or functional responsibility for such equipment. The CAISO shall be responsible for the design, acquisition and installation of any necessary modifications to the CAISO's equipment at its own cost.
- C 12** The Ancillary Service Provider shall perform its own testing of its equipment to ensure that the control system performs to meet the CAISO requirements.

- C 13** When it is satisfied that its plant, equipment and communication systems meet the CAISO's requirements, the Ancillary Service Provider shall request in writing that the CAISO conduct a certification test with a suggested primary date and time and at least two alternative dates and times. The CAISO shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the Ancillary Service Provider's request, accept a proposed time if possible or suggest at least three alternatives. If the CAISO responds by suggesting alternatives, the Ancillary Service Provider shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the CAISO's response, respond in turn by accepting a proposed alternative if possible or suggesting at least three alternatives, and this procedure shall continue until agreement is reached on the date and time of the test. The Ancillary Service Provider shall inform its Scheduling Coordinator of the agreed date and time of the test.
- C 14** Testing shall be performed under the direction of the CAISO. Such tests shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- C 14.1** confirmation of control communication path performance;
- C 14.2** confirmation of primary and secondary voice circuits for receipt of Dispatch Instructions;
- C 14.3** confirmation of the Generating Unit, System Resource or Load control performance; and
- C 14.4** confirmation of the range of Generating Unit or System Resource control to include changing the output over the range of Non-Spinning Reserve proposed.
- C 15** Upon successful completion of the test, the CAISO shall certify the Generating Unit, System Resource or Load as being permitted to provide Non-Spinning Reserve as an Ancillary Service and shall provide a copy of the certificate to the Scheduling Coordinator at the same time. The CAISO shall change its data base to reflect the permission for the Generating Unit or Load to provide Non-Spinning Reserve service.
- C 16** The Scheduling Coordinator may bid Non-Spinning Reserve service from the certified Generating Unit or Load into the CAISO Markets starting with the Day-Ahead Market for the hour ending 0100 on the second Trading Day after the CAISO issues the certificate.
- C 17** The certification to provide Non-Spinning Reserve shall remain in force until withdrawn by the Scheduling Coordinator or the Ancillary Service Provider by written notice to the CAISO to take effect at the time notified in the notice, which must be the end of a Trading Day.
- C 18** The certification may be revoked by the CAISO only under provisions of the CAISO Tariff.

**Part D**

**CERTIFICATION FOR VOLTAGE SUPPORT**

- D 1** A Generator wishing to provide Voltage Support as an Ancillary Service from a Generating Unit must meet the following requirements in order to be certified by the CAISO to provide Voltage Support service:
- D 1.1** the rated capacity of the Generating Unit must be 1 MW or greater unless the Generating Unit is participating in an aggregation arrangement approved by the CAISO;
  - D 1.2** the Generating Unit must be able to produce VARs at lagging power factors less than 0.90 and absorb VARs at leading power factors more than 0.95 within the safe operating parameters for the Generating Unit;
  - D 1.3** the Generating Unit must be able to produce or absorb VARs outside the 0.90 lag to 0.95 lead bandwidth over a range of real power outputs which the Generator expects to produce when offering Voltage Support;
  - D 1.4** the Generating Unit must be able to produce or absorb VARs at the boundary of the Generating Unit's capability curve by reducing real power output to either absorb or produce additional VARs within the safe operating parameters for the Generating Unit; and
  - D 1.5** metering and SCADA equipment must be in place to provide both real and reactive power data from the Generating Unit providing Voltage Support to the CAISO Control Center.
- D 2** A Generator wishing to be considered for certification for Voltage Support service by the CAISO must make a written request to the CAISO, giving details of the technical capability of the Generating Unit concerned and identifying the Scheduling Coordinator through whom the Generator intends to offer Voltage Support service. The Generator shall at the same time send a copy of its request to that Scheduling Coordinator. The details of the Generating Unit's technical capability must include the Generating Unit name plate data, performance limits, and capability curve. The Generator must also define the operating limitations in both real and reactive power (lead and lag) to be observed when Voltage Support is being provided to the CAISO for both normal and reduced real power output conditions. Technical review request forms will be available from the CAISO.
- D 3** No later than one week after receipt of the Generator's request, the CAISO shall provide the Generator with a listing of acceptable communication options and interface equipment options for Voltage Support. The CAISO shall send a copy of the listing to the Generator's Scheduling Coordinator.
- D 4** The Generator may elect to implement any of the approved options defined by the CAISO, and, if it wishes to proceed with its request for certification, the Generator shall give written notice to the CAISO of its selected communication option and interface equipment option, with a copy to its Scheduling Coordinator.

- D 5** When it receives the Generator's notice the CAISO shall notify the Generator and the Scheduling Coordinator in writing no later than two weeks after receipt of the notice confirming receipt of the notice and issuing provisional approval of the selected options. Upon receipt of the CAISO acknowledgment the Generator may proceed as indicated below to secure the necessary facilities and capabilities required.
- D 6** The Generator may also propose alternatives that the Generator believes may provide an equivalent level of control for consideration by the CAISO. Such proposals shall be in writing no later than two weeks after receipt of the notice and contain sufficient detail for the CAISO to make a determination of suitability. The CAISO may request additional information, if required, to assist in its evaluation of the proposal.
- D 7** The CAISO shall respond by accepting the alternative proposal, rejecting the alternative proposal, or suggesting modifications to the alternative proposal. Such acceptance, rejection, or suggested revision shall be provided not later than six weeks after the proposal is received by the CAISO. The Generator and the CAISO shall keep the Scheduling Coordinator informed of this process by each sending to the Scheduling Coordinator a copy of any written communication which it sends to the other.
- D 8** Upon agreement as to the method of communication and control to be used by the Generator, the CAISO shall provisionally approve the proposal in writing providing a copy to the Generator's Scheduling Coordinator at the same time. The Generator may then proceed to procure and install the equipment and make arrangements for the required communication.
- D 9** Design, acquisition, and installation of the Generator's equipment are under the control of the Generator. The CAISO shall bear no cost responsibility or functional responsibility for such equipment.
- D 10** The CAISO shall be responsible for the design, acquisition and installation of any necessary modifications to the CAISO's equipment at its own cost.
- D 11** The Generator shall perform its own testing of its equipment to ensure that the control system performs to meet the CAISO requirements.
- D 12** When it is satisfied that its plant, equipment and communication systems meet the CAISO's requirements, the Generator shall request in writing that the CAISO conduct a certification test with a suggested primary date and time and at least two alternative dates and times. The CAISO shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the Generator's request, accept a proposed time if possible or suggest at least three alternatives to the Generator. If the CAISO responds by suggesting alternatives, the Generator shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the CAISO's response, respond in turn by accepting a proposed alternative if possible or suggesting at least three alternatives, and this procedure shall continue until agreement is reached on the date and time of the test. The Generator shall inform its Scheduling Coordinator of the agreed date and time of the test.

- D 13** Testing shall be performed under the direction of the CAISO. Such tests shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- D 13.1** confirmation of control communication path performance;
  - D 13.2** confirmation of primary and secondary voice circuits for receipt of Dispatch Instructions;
  - D 13.3** confirmation of the Generating Unit automatic voltage regulator performance; and
  - D 13.4** confirmation of the range of Voltage Support service over a range of Generating Unit real power outputs to verify the ability to both produce and absorb reactive power at different operating levels including minimum and maximum real power output.
- D 14** Upon successful completion of the test, the CAISO shall certify the Generating Unit as being permitted to provide Voltage Support as an Ancillary Service and shall provide a copy of the certificate to the Scheduling Coordinator at the same time. The CAISO shall change the Generating Unit data base to reflect the permission for the Generating Unit to provide Voltage Support.
- D 15** The Scheduling Coordinator may bid Energy for Voltage Support from the certified Generating Unit into the market starting with the market for the hour ending 0100 on the first Trading Day after the CAISO issues the certificate.
- D 16** The certification to provide Voltage Support shall remain in force until withdrawn by the Scheduling Coordinator or the Generator by written notice to the CAISO to take effect at the time notified in the notice, which must be the end of a Trading Day.
- D 17** The certification may be revoked by the CAISO only under provisions of the ASRP or other provisions of the CAISO Tariff.



**PART E**

**CERTIFICATION FOR BLACK START**

- E 1** A Generator wishing to provide Black Start capacity from a Generating Unit as an Ancillary Service must meet the requirements stated in Appendix D of the CAISO Tariff in order to be certified by the CAISO to provide Black Start capacity. In addition, the Generating Unit must have a rated capacity 1 MW or greater unless the Generating Unit is participating in an aggregation arrangement approved by the CAISO.
- E 2** A Generator wishing to be considered for certification for Black Start service by the CAISO must make a written request to the CAISO. Such request must clearly identify the facilities related to the Generating Unit from which the Generator wishes to provide Black Start and shall identify the Scheduling Coordinator through whom the Generator wishes to offer Black Start service. The Generator shall send a copy of its request to its Scheduling Coordinator at the same time as it sends it to the CAISO. The Generator's written request must include at least the following:
- E 2.1** identification of the Generating Unit including Location Code;
- E 2.2** a single-line electrical diagram of the Generating Unit connections including auxiliary power busses and the connection to the station switchyard;
- E 2.3** a description of the fuel supply used for Black Start including on-site storage and resupply requirements;
- E 2.4** a single-line electrical diagram showing the transmission connection from the Generating Unit station switchyard to a connection point on the CAISO Controlled Grid;
- E 2.5** a description of the Generating Unit capability to provide both real and reactive power, any Start-Up and Shut-Down requirements, any staffing limitations; and
- E 2.6** a description of the primary, alternate and emergency back-up communications systems currently available to the Generator for communications to the CAISO Control Center.
- E 3** Upon receipt of the Generator's written request the CAISO shall review the information provided and respond in writing within two weeks of receipt of the request, providing a copy of its response to the Generator's Scheduling Coordinator. The CAISO response may be any of the following:
- E 3.1** acceptance of the proposal as presented;
- E 3.2** rejection of the proposal as presented with a rationale for such rejection; or
- E 3.3** a request for additional information needed by the CAISO to properly evaluate the request.

- E 4** A Generator receiving a rejection may submit a written request for reconsideration by the CAISO within 60 days of the date of the rejection notice. A request for reconsideration must address the rationale provided by the CAISO. The CAISO shall respond to a request for reconsideration within 60 days of the date of that request.
- E 5** A Generator receiving a request for additional information shall provide such information within 60 days of such request providing a copy at the same time to its Scheduling Coordinator. The CAISO shall review the information and respond within 120 days of the date of the CAISO's request for additional information providing a copy at the same time to the Generator's Scheduling Coordinator.
- E 6** Upon acceptance by the CAISO of the Generator's request and agreement as to the method of communication and control to be used by the Generator, the CAISO shall provisionally approve the proposal in writing providing a copy at the same time to the Generator's Scheduling Coordinator. The Generator may then proceed to procure and install the equipment and make arrangements for the required communication.
- E 7** Design, acquisition, and installation of the Generator's equipment shall be under the control of the Generator. The CAISO shall bear no cost responsibility or functional responsibility for such equipment. The CAISO shall be responsible for the design, acquisition and installation of any necessary modifications to its own equipment at its own cost.
- E 8** The Generator shall perform its own testing of its equipment to ensure that the Black Start system performs to meet the CAISO requirements.
- E 9** When it is satisfied that its plant, equipment and communication systems meet the CAISO's requirements, the Generator shall request in writing that the CAISO conduct a certification test with a suggested primary date and time and at least two alternative dates and times. The CAISO shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the Generator's request, accept a proposed time if possible or suggest at least three alternatives to the Generator. If the CAISO responds by suggesting alternatives, the Generator shall, within two Business Days of receipt of the CAISO's response, respond in turn by accepting a proposed alternative if possible or suggesting at least three alternatives, and this procedure shall continue until agreement is reached on the date and time of the test. The Generator shall inform its Scheduling Coordinator of the agreed date and time of the test.
- E 10** Testing shall be performed under the direction of the CAISO. Such tests shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- E 10.1** confirmation of control communication path performance;
- E 10.2** confirmation of primary, secondary, and emergency voice circuits for receipt of Dispatch Instructions;

- E 10.3** confirmation of the Generating Unit performance; and
- E 10.4** simulation of a Black Start event.
- E 11** Upon successful completion of the test, the CAISO shall certify the Generating Unit as being permitted to provide Black Start capacity as an Ancillary Service and shall provide a copy of the certificate to the Scheduling Coordinator at the same time. The CAISO shall change its Generating Unit data base to reflect the permission for the Generating Unit to provide Black Start service.
- E 12** The certification to provide Black Start shall remain in force until withdrawn by the Scheduling Coordinator or the Generator by written notice to the CAISO to take effect at the time noticed in the notice, which must be the end of a Trading Day.
- E 13** The certification may be revoked by the CAISO only under provisions of the ASRP or other provisions of the CAISO Tariff.

## CAISO TARIFF APPENDIX L

### Methodology to Assess Available Transfer Capability

#### METHODOLOGY TO ASSESS AVAILABLE TRANSFER CAPABILITY

##### L.1 Description of Terms

The following descriptions augment existing definitions found in Appendix A "Master Definitions Supplement."

**L.1.1 Available Transfer Capability (ATC)** is a measure of the transfer capability in the physical transmission network resulting from system conditions and that remains available for further commercial activity over and above already committed uses.

ATC is defined as the Total Transfer Capability (TTC) less applicable operating Constraints due to system conditions and Outages (i.e., OTC), less the Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM) (which value is set at zero), less the sum of any unused existing transmission commitments (ETComm) (i.e., transmission rights capacity for ETC or TOR), less the Capacity Benefit Margin (CBM) (which value is set at zero), less the Scheduled Net Energy from Imports/Exports, less Ancillary Service capacity from Imports.

**L.1.2 Total Transfer Capability (TTC)** is defined as the amount of electric power that can be moved or transferred reliably from one area to another area of the interconnected transmission system by way of all transmission lines (or paths) between those areas. In collaboration with owners of rated paths and the WECC Operating Transfer Capability Policy Committee (OTCPC), the CAISO utilizes rated path methodology to establish the TTC of CAISO Transmission Interfaces.

**L.1.3 Operating Transfer Capability (OTC)** is the TTC reduced by any operational Constraints caused by seasonal derates or Outages. CAISO Regional Transmission Engineers (RTE) determine OTC through studies using computer modeling.

**L.1.4 Existing Transmission Commitments (ETComm)** include Existing Contracts and Transmission Ownership Rights (TOR). The CAISO reserves transmission capacity for each ETC and TOR based on TRTC Instructions the responsible Participating Transmission Owner or Non-Participating Transmission Owner submits to the CAISO as to the amount of firm transmission capacity that should be reserved on each Transmission Interface for each hour of the Trading Day in accordance with Sections 16 and 17 of the CAISO Tariff. The types of TRTC Instructions the CAISO receives generally fall into three basic categories:

- The ETC or TOR reservation is a fixed percentage of the TTC on a line, which decreases as the TTC is derated (ex. TTC = 300 MW, ETC fixed percentage = 2%, ETC = 6 MWs. TTC derated to 200 MWs, ETC = 4 MWs);
- The ETC or TOR reservation is a fixed amount of capacity, which decreases if the line's TTC is derated below the reservation level (ex. ETC = 80 MWs, TTC declines to 60 MW, ETC = OTC or 60 MWs; or
- The ETC or TOR reservation is determined by an algorithm that changes at various levels of TTC for the line (ex. Intertie TTC = 3,000 MWs, when line is operating greater than 2,000 MWs to full capacity ETC = 400 MWs, when capacity is below 2000 MWs ETC = OTC/2000\* ETC).

Existing Contract capacity reservations remain reserved during the Day-Ahead Market and Hour-Ahead Scheduling Process (HASP). To the extent that the reservations are unused, they are released in real-time operations for use in the Real-Time Market.

Transmissions Ownership Rights capacity reservations remain reserved during the Day-Ahead Market and HASP, as well as through real-time operations. This capacity is under the control of the Non-Participating Transmission Owner and is not released to the CAISO for use in the markets.

**L.1.5 ETC Reservations Calculator (ETCC).** The ETCC calculates the amount of firm transmission capacity reserved (in MW) for each ETC or TOR on each Transmission Interface for each hour of the Trading Day.

- **CAISO Updates to ETCC Reservations Table.** The CAISO updates the ETC and TOR reservations table (if required) prior to running the Day-Ahead Market and HASP. The amount of transmission capacity reservation for ETC and TOR rights is determined based on the OTC of each Transmission Interface and in accordance with the curtailment procedures stipulated in the existing agreements and provided to the CAISO by the responsible Participating Transmission Owner or Non-Participating Transmission Owner.
- **Market Notification.** ETC and TOR allocation (MW) information is published for all Scheduling Coordinators which have ETC or TOR scheduling responsibility in advance of the Day-Ahead Market and HASP. This information is posted on the Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS).
- For further information, see CAISO Operating Procedure M-423, Scheduling of Existing Transmission Contract and Transmission Ownership Rights, which is publicly available on the CAISO Website.

**L.1.6**            **Transmission Reliability Margin (TRM)** is that amount of transmission transfer capability necessary reserved in the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) to ensure that the interconnected transmission network is secure under a reasonable range of uncertainties in system conditions. This DAM implementation avoids Real-Time Schedule curtailments that would otherwise be necessary due to:

- Demand Forecast error
- Anticipated uncertainty in transmission system topology
- Unscheduled flow
- Simultaneous path interactions
- Variations in Generation Dispatch
- Operating Reserve actions

The level of TRM for each Transmission Interface will be determined by CAISO Regional Transmission Engineers (RTE).

The ISO does not use TRMs. The TRM value is set at zero.

**L.1.7 Capacity Benefit Margin (CBM)** is that amount of transmission transfer capability reserved for Load Serving Entities (LSEs) to ensure access to Generation from interconnected systems to meet generation reliability requirements. In the Day-Ahead Market, CBM may be used to provide reliable delivery of Energy to CAISO Balancing Authority Area Loads and to meet CAISO responsibility for resource reliability requirements in Real-Time. The purpose of this DAM implementation is to avoid Real-Time Schedule curtailments and firm Load interruptions that would otherwise be necessary. CBM may be used to reestablish Operating Reserves. CBM is not available for non-firm transmission in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area. CBM may be used only after:

- all non-firm sales have been terminated,
- direct-control Load management has been implemented,
- customer interruptible Demands have been interrupted,
- if the LSE calling for its use is experiencing a Generation deficiency and its transmission service provider is also experiencing transmission Constraints relative to imports of Energy on its transmission system.

The level of CBM for each Transmission Interface is determined by the amount of estimated capacity needed to serve firm Load and provide Operating Reserves based on historical, scheduled, and/or forecast data using the following equation to set the maximum CBM:

$$\text{CBM} = (\text{Demand} + \text{Reserves}) - \text{Resources}$$

Where:

- Demand = forecasted area Demand
- Reserves = reserve requirements
- Resources = internal area resources plus resources available on other Transmission Interfaces

The ISO does not use CBMs. The CBM value is set at zero.

**L.2 ATC Algorithm**

The ATC algorithm is a calculation used to determine the transfer capability remaining in the physical transmission network and available for further commercial activity over and above already committed uses. The CAISO posts the ATC values in megawatts (MW) to OASIS in conjunction with the closing events for the Day-Ahead Market and HASP Real-Time Market process.

The following OASIS ATC algorithms are used to implement the CAISO ATC calculation for the ATC rated path (Transmission Interface):

$$OTC = TTC - CBM - TRM - \text{Operating Constraints}$$

ATC Calculation For Imports:

$$ATC = OTC - \text{AS from Imports} - \text{Net Energy Flow} - \text{Hourly Unused TR Capacity.}$$

ATC Calculation For Exports:

$$ATC = OTC - \text{Net Energy Flow} - \text{Hourly Unused TR Capacity.}$$

ATC Calculation For Internal Paths 15 and 26:

$$ATC = OTC - \text{Net Energy Flow}$$

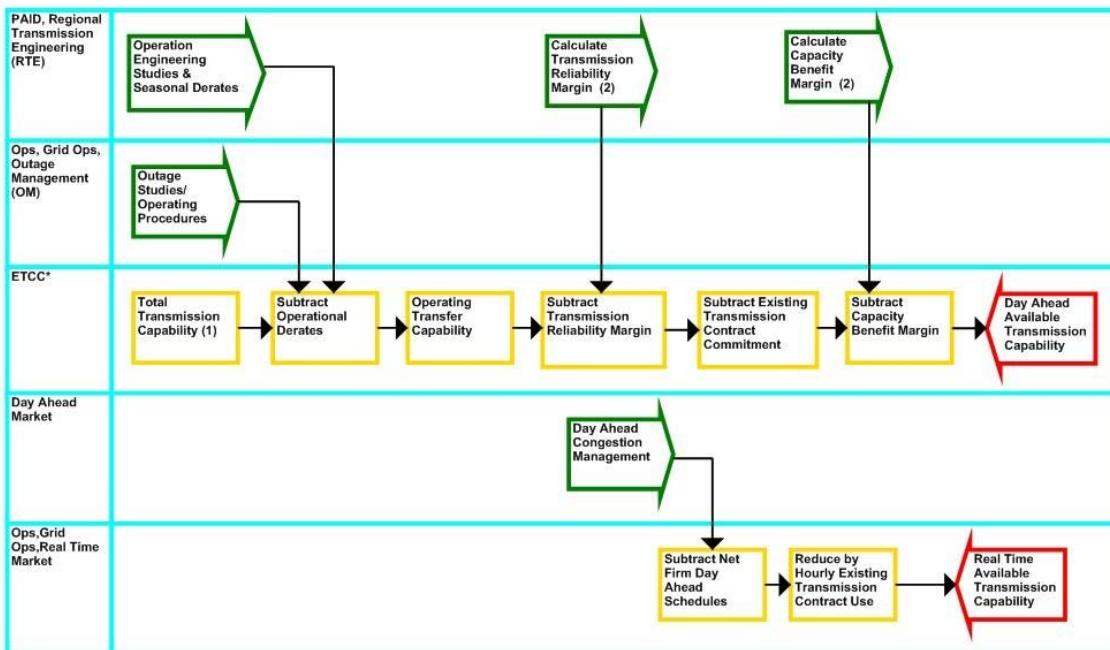
The specific data points used in the ATC calculation are each described in the following table.

ATC	ATC MW	Available Transfer Capability, in MW, per Transmission Interface and path direction.
Hourly Unused TR Capacity	USAGE_MW	The sum of any unscheduled existing transmission commitments (scheduled transmission rights capacity for ETC or TOR), in MW, per path direction.
Scheduled Net Energy from Imports/Exports (Net Energy Flow)	ENE IMPORT MW	Total hourly net Energy flow for a specified Transmission Interface.
AS from Imports	AS IMPORT MW	Ancillary Services scheduled, in MW, as imports over a specified Transmission Interface.
OTC	OTC MW	Hourly Operating Transfer Capability of a specified Transmission Interface, per path direction, with consideration given to known Constraints and operating limitations.
Constraint	Constraint MW	Hourly transmission Constraints, in MW, for a specific Transmission Interface and path direction.
CBM	CBM MW	Hourly Capacity Benefit Margin, in MW, for a specified Transmission Interface, per Path Direction.
TRM	TRM MW	Hourly Transmission Reliability Margin, in MW, for a specified Transmission Interface, per path direction.
TTC	TTC MW	Hourly Total Transfer Capability, in MW, of a specified Transmission Interface, per path direction.



**L.3 ATC Process Flowchart**

**Available Transmission Capability**



\* ETCC - Existing Transmission Contract Calculator  
 (1) WECC rated path methodology  
 (2) S- 322

**L.4 TTC – OTC Determination**

All transfer capabilities are developed to ensure that power flows are within their respective operating limits, both pre-Contingency and post-Contingency. Operating limits are developed based on thermal, voltage and stability concerns according to industry reliability criteria (WECC/NERC) for transmission paths. The process for developing TTC or OTC is the same with the exception of inclusion or exclusion of operating Constraints based on system conditions being studied. Accordingly, further description of the process to determine either OTC or TTC will refer only to TTC.

**L.4.1** Transfer capabilities for studied configurations may be used as a maximum transfer capability for similar conditions without conducting additional studies. Increased transfer capability for similar conditions must be supported by conducting appropriate studies.

**L.4.1.2** At the CAISO, studies for all major inter-area paths (mostly 500 kV) OTC are governed by the California Operating Studies Subcommittee (OSS) as one of four sub-regional study groups of the WECC OTCP (i.e., for California sub-region), which provides detailed criteria and methodology. For transmission system elements below 500 kV the methodology for calculating these flow limits is detailed in Section L.4.3 and is applicable to the operating horizon.

**L.4.2** Transfer capability may be limited by the physical and electrical characteristics of the systems including any one or more of the following:

- **Thermal Limits** – Thermal limits establish the maximum amount of electric current that a transmission line or electrical facility can conduct over a specified time-period as established by the Transmission Owner.
- **Voltage Limits** – System voltages and changes in voltages must be maintained within the range of acceptable minimum and maximum limits to avoid a widespread collapse of system voltage.
- **Stability Limits** – The transmission network must be capable of surviving disturbances through the transient and dynamic time-periods (from milliseconds to several minutes, respectively) following the disturbance so as to avoid generator instability or uncontrolled, widespread interruption of electric supply to customers.

**L.4.3** **Determination of transfer capability** is based on computer simulations of the operation of the interconnected transmission network under a specific set of assumed operating conditions. Each simulation represents a single “snapshot” of the operation of the interconnected network based on the projections of many factors. As such, they are viewed as reasonable indicators of network performance and may ultimately be used to determine Available Transfer Capability. The study is meant to capture the worst operating scenario based on the RTE experience and good engineering judgment.

**L.4.3.1** **System Limits** – The transfer capability of the transmission network may be limited by the physical and electrical characteristics of the systems including thermal, voltage, and stability consideration. Once the critical Contingencies are identified, their impact on the network must be evaluated to determine the most restrictive of those limitations. Therefore, the  $TTC_1$  becomes:

$$TTC_1 = \text{lesser of } \{\text{Thermal Limit, Voltage Limit, Stability Limit}\} \text{ following } N-1_{\text{worst}}$$

**L.4.3.2** Parallel path flows will be considered in determining transfer capability and must be sufficient in scope to ensure that limits throughout the interconnected network are addressed. In some cases, the parallel path flows may result in transmission limitations in systems other than the transacting systems, which can limit the TTC between two transacting areas. This will be labeled  $TTC_2$ . Combined with **Section L.4.3.1** above TTC becomes:

$$TTC = \text{lesser of } \{TTC_1 \text{ or } TTC_2\}$$

## **L.5** **Developing a Power Flow Base-Case**

**L.5.1** **Base-cases** will be selected used to model reality to the greatest extent possible including attributes like area Generation, area Load, Intertie flows, etc. At other times (e.g., studying longer range horizons), it is prudent to stress a base-case by making one or more attributes (Load, Generation, line flows, path flows, etc.) of that base-case more extreme than would otherwise be expected.

**L.5.2. Power Flow Base-Cases Separated By Geographic Region**

The standard RTE base-cases are split into five geographical regions in the CAISO Controlled Grid including the Bay Area, Fresno Area, North Area, SDG&E Area, and SCE Area.

**L.5.3. Power Flow Base-Cases Selection Methodology**

The RTE determines the studied geographical area of the procedure. This determines the study base-cases from the Bay Area, Fresno Area, North Area, SCE Area, or SDG&E Area.

The transfer capability studies may require studying a series of base-cases including both peak and off-peak operation conditions.

**L.5.4 Update a Power Flow Base-Case**

After the RTE has obtained one or more base-case studies, the base-case will be updated to represent the current grid conditions during the applicable season. The following will be considered to update the base-cases:

- Recent transmission network changes and updates
- Overlapping scheduled and Forced Outages
- Area Load level
- Major path flows
- Generation level
- Voltage levels
- Operating requirements

**L.5.4.1 Outage Consideration**

Unless detailed otherwise, the RTE considers modeling Outages of:

- Transmission lines, 500 kV
- Transformers, 500/230 kV
- Large Generating Units
- Generating Units within the studied area
- Transmission elements within the studied area

At the judgment of the RTE, only the necessary Outages will be modeled to avoid an unnecessarily burdensome and large number of base-cases.

**L.5.4.2 Area Load Level**

Base-case Demand levels should be appropriate to the current studied system conditions and customer Demand levels under study and may be representative of peak, off-peak or shoulder, or light Demand conditions. The RTE estimates the area Load levels to be utilized in the peak, partial-peak and/or off-peak base-cases. The RTE will utilize the current CAISO Load forecasting program (e.g., ALFS), ProcessBook (PI) or other competent method to estimate Load level for the studied area. Once the RTE has determined the correct Load levels to be utilized, the RTE may scale the scale the base-case Loads to the area studied, as appropriate.

**L.5.4.3 Modify Path Flows**

The scheduled electric power transfers considered representative of the base system conditions under analysis and agreed upon by the parties involved will be used for modeling. As needed, the RTE may estimate select path flows depending on the studied area. In the event that it is not possible to estimate path flows, the RTE will make safe assumptions about the path flows. A safe assumption is more extreme or less extreme (as conservative to the situation) than would otherwise be expected. If path flow forecasting is necessary, if possible the RTE will trend path flows on previous similar days.

**L.5.4.4 Generation Level**

Utility and non-utility Generating Units will be updated to keep the swing Generating Unit at a reasonable level. The actual unit-by-unit Dispatch in the studied area is more vital than in the un-studied areas. The RTE will examine past performance of select Generating Units to estimate the Generation levels, focusing on the Generating Units within the studied area. In the judgment of the RTE, large Generating Units outside the studied area will also be considered.

**L.5.4.5 Voltage Levels**

Studies will maintain appropriate voltage levels, based on operation procedures for critical buses for the studied base-cases. The RTE will verify that bus voltage for critical busses is within tolerance. If a bus voltage is outside the tolerance band, the RTE will model the use of voltage control devices (e.g., synchronous condensers, shunt capacitors, shunt reactors, series capacitors, generators).

**L.6 Contingency Analysis**

The RTE will perform Contingency analysis studies in an effort to determine the limiting conditions, especially for scheduled Outages, including pre- and post-Contingency power flow analysis modeling pre- and post-Contingency conditions and measuring the respective line flows, and bus voltages.

Other studies like reactive margin and stability may be performed as deemed appropriate.

**L.6.1 Operating Criteria and Study Standards**

Using standards derived from NERC and WECC Reliability Standards and historical operating experience, the RTE will perform Contingency analysis with the following operating criteria:

**Pre-Contingency**

- All pre-Contingency line flows shall be at or below their normal ratings.
- All pre-Contingency bus voltages shall be within a pre-determined operating range.

**Post-Contingency**

- All post-Contingency line flows shall be at or below their emergency ratings.
- All post-Contingency bus voltages shall be within a pre-determined operating range.

**The RTE models the following Contingencies:**

- Generating Unit Outages (including combined cycle Generating Unit Outages which are considered single Contingencies).
- Line Outages
- Line Outages combined with one Generating Unit Outage
- Transformer Outages
- Synchronous condenser Outages
- Shunt capacitor or capacitor bank Outages
- Series capacitor Outages
- Static VAR compensator Outages
- Bus Outages – bus Outages can be considered for the following ongoing Outage conditions.
  - For a circuit breaker bypass-and-clear Outage, bus Contingencies shall be taken on both bus segments that the bypassed circuit breaker connects to.
  - For a bus segment Outage, the remaining parallel bus segment shall be considered as a single Contingency.
  - Credible overlapping Contingencies – Overlapping Contingencies typically include transmission lines connected to a common tower or close proximity in the same right-of-way.

**L.6.2 Manual Contingency Analysis**

If manual Contingency analysis is used, the RTE will perform pre-Contingency steady-state power flow analysis and determines if pre-Contingency operating criteria is violated. If pre-Contingency operating criteria cannot be preserved, the RTE records the lines and buses that are not adhering to the criteria. If manual post-Contingency analysis is used the RTE obtains one or more Contingencies in each of the base cases. For each Contingency resulting in a violation or potential violation in the operating criteria above, the RTE records the critical post-Contingency facility loadings and bus voltages.

**L.6.3 Contingency Analysis Utilizing a Contingency Processor**

For a large area, the RTE may utilize a Contingency processor.

**L.6.4 Determination of Crucial Limitations**

After performing Contingency analysis studies, the RTE analyzes the recorded information to determine limitations. The limitations are conditions where the pre-Contingency and/or post-Contingency operating criteria cannot be conserved and may include a manageable overload on the facilities, low post-Contingency bus voltage, etc. If no crucial limitations are determined, the RTE determines if additional studies are necessary.

**L.7 Traditional Planning Methodology to Protect Against Violating Operating Limits**

After performing Contingency analysis studies, the RTE next develops the transfer capability and develops procedures, Nomograms, RMR Generation requirements, or other Constraints to ensure that transfer capabilities respect operating limits.

**L.8 Limits for Contingency Limitations**

Transfer limits are developed when the post-Contingency loading on a transmission element may breach the element's emergency rating. The type of limit utilized is dependent on the application and includes one of the following limits:

- Simple Flow Limit - best utilized when the derived limit is repeatable or where parallel transmission elements feed radial Load.
- RAS or SPS – existing Remedial Action Schemes (RAS) or special protection systems (SPS) may impact the derivation of simple flow limits. When developing the limit, the RTE determines if the RAS or SPS will be in-service during the Outage and factors the interrelationship between the RAS or SPS and the derived flow limit. RTE will update the transfer limits in recognition of the changing status and/or availability of the RAS or SPS.