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Appendix R

UDP Aggregation Protocol

1 SCOPE

There are two types of UDP Aggregation classifications:

- (1) Basic UDP Aggregations: composed of Generating Units connected at the same substation and stepping up to the same voltage level bus bar, or
- (2) Custom UDP Aggregations: composed of Generating Units connected at different substations and/or different voltage levels, particularly where the Generating Units to be aggregated are separated by CAISO Controlled Grid facilities. Examples of a proposed custom UDP Aggregation include hydroelectric units operating on a common watershed (but having multiple different interconnection points), or geothermal units fed from a common geothermal steam supply.

2 SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR UDP AGGREGATION

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

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

3 CAISO REVIEW OF A UDP AGGREGATION REQUEST

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

3.1 Criteria for Reviewing a Request

3.1.1 Scheduling Coordinator and Interconnection Point

Uninstructed Deviations may be aggregated for resources that are:

- (1) Represented by the same Scheduling Coordinator and
- (2) Connected to the same CAISO Controlled Grid bus and voltage level. The CAISO will consider, on a case-by-case basis, requests to aggregate Uninstructed Deviations among resources represented by the same Scheduling Coordinator but not sharing a common CAISO Controlled Grid bus and voltage

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level based on a CAISO review of impact on the CAISO Controlled Grid. In particular, the CAISO will consider whether the request concerns resources related by a common flow of fuel which cannot be interrupted without a substantial loss of efficiency of the combined output of all components; whether the Energy production from one resource necessarily causes Energy production from other resource(s); and whether the operational arrangement of resources determines the overall physical efficiency of the combined output of all of the resources.

3.1.2 Additional Criteria

Additional eligibility criteria for a UDP Aggregation are as follows:

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

3.1.3 Approval of a Request

If a UDP Aggregation request is approved, the CAISO shall create a new unique Resource ID, which reflects the identity or location of the units and stipulates the UDP Aggregation, but which cannot be used for scheduling purposes. The CAISO shall inform the Scheduling Coordinator of the approval and ask the Scheduling Coordinator to confirm the desired start date of the UDP Aggregation. When that confirmation has been received, the new aggregation will be entered into the CAISO systems. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Scheduling Coordinator and the CAISO, the UDP Aggregation will become effective on the first day of the month following approval. The units in an approved UDP Aggregation are obligated to follow their individual Schedules and instructions at all times.

3.1.4 Rejection of a Request

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

4 MODIFICATIONS TO AN EXISTING UDP AGGREGATION

4.1 Status of UDP Aggregation

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

4.2 Suspension by the CAISO

The CAISO may temporarily suspend any UDP Aggregation as needed to ensure reliability. The CAISO may also suspend previously approved UDP Aggregations if, due to changes to the grid, to the aggregated Generating Units, or to the facilities connecting aggregated Generating Units to the grid, the UDP Aggregation no longer meets the criteria set forth in Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 of this Appendix R.

If the CAISO must suspend the UDP Aggregation due to a Forced Outage or other unanticipated event, the CAISO shall provide notice that the UDP Aggregation has been suspended as soon as practical after the affecting event, but in no case longer than seventy-two (72) hours after that event. If the CAISO must suspend the UDP Aggregation due to future changes, the CAISO shall notify the affected Scheduling Coordinator (1) that the UDP Aggregation will be suspended and (2) when the UDP Aggregation will be suspended as soon as practical after the CAISO determines the UDP Aggregation must be suspended.

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

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

4.3 Request for Modification by a Scheduling Coordinator

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