



# **Exceptional Dispatch Report**

## **Table 1: December 2018**

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## Introduction

This report is filed pursuant to FERC's September 2, 2009, and May 4, 2010, orders in Docket No. ER08-1178. These orders require two monthly Exceptional Dispatch reports—one issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and one issued on the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month. This report provides data on the frequency and reasons for Exceptional Dispatches issued in December 2018.

## The Nature of Exceptional Dispatch

The CAISO can issue exceptional dispatch instructions for a resource as a pre-day-ahead unit commitment, which may also include an indicative exceptional dispatch energy schedule, a post-day-ahead unit commitment, or a real-time exceptional dispatch.<sup>1</sup> A pre-day-ahead commitment is an exceptional dispatch instruction that commits a resource at or above its physical minimum operating level in the day-ahead market. A post-day-ahead market commitment is an exceptional dispatch instruction that commits a resource at or above its physical minimum operating level in the real-time market. A real-time exceptional dispatch instruction is a dispatch of a resource at or above its physical minimum operating point. A real-time exceptional dispatch above the resource day-ahead award is an incremental exceptional dispatch instruction and an exceptional dispatch below the day-ahead award is a decremental dispatch instruction.

The CAISO issues exceptional dispatch instructions to maintain the reliability of the grid when the market software cannot do so. Whenever the CAISO issues an exceptional dispatch instruction, the operator logs the dispatch and the associated reason.

Many of the exceptional dispatches listed below in Table 1, were to satisfy either a local area or system reliability requirements, and are classified into local generation requirements, transmission management requirements, non-modeled transmission outages or other non-modeled constraints or requirements and intertie emergency assistance. All of the transmission procedures are available on the CAISO website.<sup>2</sup>

The following reason for exceptional dispatch instructions in December 2018 was not related to generation or transmission operating procedures: Software Limitation, when an exceptional dispatch instruction was used to bridge schedules across days for resources with a minimum down time of 24 hours, as the CAISO software does not handle multi day commitment. For instance, a resource has a day-ahead schedule from 0600 till 2300, and then is shut down in 2400. If this resource had a minimum down time of 24 hours and it is required the

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<sup>1</sup> The CAISO can issue exceptional dispatch instructions subject to authority of the CAISO Tariff Section 34.11 and in accordance with CAISO Operating Procedure 2330 (formerly M-402).

<sup>2</sup> A list of all of the CAISO's publicly available Operating Procedures are available at the following link: <http://www.caiso.com/thegrid/operations/opsdoc/index.html>

following day, then the CAISO issues an exceptional dispatch to commit this resource in 2400 so it can be dispatched economically in the following day. Software limitation reason was also used for exceptional dispatches to manually issue shut down instructions to a resource because of a temporary Automatic Dispatch System (“ADS”) failure, or similar issues. There were a few other reasons used to explain exceptional dispatch instructions in December 2018, which are self explanatory.

The data in Table 1 is based on a template specified in the September 2009 order.<sup>3</sup> Each entry in Attachment A is a summary of exceptional dispatches classified by (1) the reason for the exceptional dispatch; (2) the location of the resource by Participating Transmission Owner (“PTO”) service area; (3) the Local Reliability Area (“LRA”) where applicable; (4) the market in which the exceptional dispatch occurred (day-ahead vs. real-time); and (5) the date of the exceptional dispatch. For each classification the following information is provided: (1) Megawatts (MW); (2) Commitment (3) Inc or Dec (4) Hours; (5) Begin Time; and (6) End Time.

The MW column shows the range of exceptional dispatch instructions in MW for the classification. The Commitment column specifies if there was a unit commitment for the classification. The INC/DEC column specifies if there was an incremental dispatch or a decremental dispatch from the IFM schedule. The Begin Time column shows the start of exceptional dispatch for the classification and the End Time column shows the end of exceptional dispatch for the classification. The column Hours is the difference between end time and begin time rounded up to the next hour. The data shown is further explained by way of example in Attachment A.

Table 1 indicates there were 136 exceptional dispatches in December 2018, as compared to 180 exceptional dispatches in November 2018. Exceptional dispatches issued for the following reasons accounted for approximately 57 percent of the total exceptional dispatches during the reporting period: planned transmission outages, software limitations, load forecast uncertainty, and operating procedure number 7110 (along with 7720). Many of the exceptional dispatches with the reason “Other Reliability Requirement” were due to Real Time Contingency Analysis.

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<sup>3</sup> The data in Table 1 is principally SLIC information supplemented with data from the Market Quality System (MQS). It is the most accurate currently available and it is worth noting that this data has been through the T+38B initial statement process wherein many unresolved issues are fixed. The CAISO believes that this data will correlate well with the settlements data that will be available when the CAISO files the Table 2 report for the reporting period.

**Table 1: Exceptional Dispatches in December 2018**

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**Chart 1: Table of Exceptional Dispatches for Period 01/December/2018 - 31/December/2018**

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC_DEC	Hours	Begin Time	End Time
1	RT	Fast Start Unit Management	PGAE	NA	12/6/2018	307	No	DEC	1	15:00	16:00
2	RT	Fast Start Unit Management	PGAE	NA	12/6/2018	47 - 307	No	INC	5	10:15	15:00
3	RT	Fast Start Unit Management	PGAE	NA	12/17/2018	46.78	No	INC	6	10:30	16:00
4	RT	Incomplete or Inaccurate Transmission	PGAE	Humboldt	12/27/2018	28	No	INC	5	10:15	15:15
5	RT	Incomplete or Inaccurate Transmission	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/7/2018	100	No	INC	1	11:00	11:30
6	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	PGAE	Bay Area	12/1/2018	120 - 175	Yes	INC	12	10:05	22:00
7	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	PGAE	NA	12/2/2018	140	Yes	INC	13	11:30	0:00
8	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	PGAE	NA	12/10/2018	200 - 380	No	INC	2	8:10	10:00
9	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	SCE	LA Basin	12/1/2018	48.27 - 194	No	INC	11	10:05	21:00
10	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	SCE	LA Basin	12/2/2018	190 - 194	No	INC	7	14:15	21:00
11	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	SCE	LA Basin	12/3/2018	190 - 194	No	INC	6	14:05	20:00
12	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	SCE	NA	12/1/2018	125	No	INC	8	14:00	22:00
13	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/1/2018	225	No	INC	10	14:00	0:00
14	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/2/2018	20 - 225	No	INC	24	0:00	0:00
15	RT	Load Forecast Uncertainty	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/3/2018	155 - 225	Yes	INC	24	0:00	0:00

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC_DEC	Hours	Begin Time	End Time
16	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/6/2018	32	No	DEC	1	22:40	23:00
17	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/6/2018	32	No	INC	1	23:00	0:00
18	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/7/2018	16	No	DEC	8	1:00	8:15
19	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/7/2018	32	No	INC	13	0:00	12:15
20	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/8/2018	42	No	INC	2	22:00	0:00
21	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/9/2018	16 - 32	No	INC	15	0:00	15:00
22	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/10/2018	30	No	INC	2	22:00	23:30
23	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/12/2018	32 - 42	No	INC	17	7:35	0:00
24	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/13/2018	28 - 42	No	INC	24	0:00	0:00
25	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/14/2018	14	No	DEC	1	0:15	0:45
26	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/14/2018	28	No	INC	1	0:00	0:15
27	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/15/2018	30	No	INC	8	16:50	0:00
28	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/16/2018	32	No	INC	13	11:40	0:00
29	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/17/2018	15	No	DEC	9	0:45	9:30
30	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/17/2018	28 - 32	No	INC	15	0:00	15:00
31	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/18/2018	32	No	INC	1	6:55	7:00

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC_DEC	Hours	Begin Time	End Time
32	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/19/2018	42	No	DEC	1	21:25	22:00
33	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/19/2018	42	No	INC	2	22:00	0:00
34	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/20/2018	30 - 42	No	INC	20	0:00	20:00
35	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/22/2018	32	No	INC	14	8:15	22:00
36	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/23/2018	32	No	INC	7	17:35	23:55
37	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/26/2018	15	No	DEC	2	22:10	0:00
38	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/26/2018	30	No	INC	6	16:45	22:00
39	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/28/2018	32	No	INC	6	7:50	13:00
40	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/29/2018	14	No	INC	13	7:00	20:00
41	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/30/2018	15	No	INC	4	17:45	21:00
42	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7110)	PGAE	Humboldt	12/31/2018	15	No	INC	4	17:20	21:00
43	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/2/2018	455	No	DEC	5	18:25	23:00
44	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/2/2018	455	No	INC	3	21:00	0:00
45	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/12/2018	450 - 475	No	DEC	4	17:00	21:00
46	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/12/2018	450	No	INC	1	16:15	17:00
47	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/13/2018	465 - 475	No	DEC	4	17:25	21:00

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC_DEC	Hours	Begin Time	End Time
48	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/13/2018	465	No	INC	1	21:00	21:45
49	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/15/2018	475	No	INC	6	15:55	21:30
50	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/16/2018	475	No	DEC	4	17:00	21:00
51	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/16/2018	475	No	INC	6	16:00	22:00
52	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/19/2018	430 - 470	No	DEC	7	16:00	23:00
53	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/19/2018	430 - 470	No	INC	8	15:30	23:30
54	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/20/2018	450 - 460	No	DEC	5	17:35	22:00
55	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/21/2018	450 - 475	No	INC	7	17:05	0:00
56	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/23/2018	460	No	INC	4	16:00	20:00
57	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/27/2018	460	No	INC	5	17:25	21:30
58	RT	Operating Procedure Number and Constraint (7720)	SCE	NA	12/29/2018	465	No	DEC	4	17:00	21:00
59	RT	Other Reliability Requirement	PGAE	Humboldt	12/4/2018	84	No	DEC	6	2:50	8:00
60	RT	Other Reliability Requirement	PGAE	Humboldt	12/10/2018	32	No	DEC	1	15:00	16:00
61	RT	Other Reliability Requirement	PGAE	Humboldt	12/10/2018	32	No	INC	8	7:45	15:00
62	RT	Other Reliability Requirement	PGAE	Humboldt	12/11/2018	32	No	DEC	2	16:00	18:00
63	RT	Other Reliability Requirement	PGAE	Humboldt	12/11/2018	32	No	INC	9	7:25	16:00
64	RT	Other Reliability Requirement	PGAE	Humboldt	12/14/2018	32	No	INC	2	22:00	0:00
65	RT	Other Reliability Requirement	PGAE	Humboldt	12/15/2018	32	No	INC	2	0:00	2:00
66	RT	Other Reliability Requirement	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/4/2018	155	No	INC	10	14:00	0:00
67	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	PGAE	Bay Area	12/20/2018	175	No	INC	8	7:00	15:00



Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC_DEC	Hours	Begin Time	End Time
68	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	PGAE	Fresno	12/11/2018	134	No	DEC	1	21:10	22:00
69	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	PGAE	Humboldt	12/7/2018	64	No	DEC	3	14:00	16:45
70	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	PGAE	Humboldt	12/7/2018	64	No	INC	2	12:15	14:00
71	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	PGAE	Humboldt	12/8/2018	45	No	DEC	2	15:00	16:15
72	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	PGAE	Humboldt	12/8/2018	45	No	INC	8	7:00	15:00
73	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	PGAE	Humboldt	12/17/2018	32	No	DEC	1	21:25	22:00
74	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	PGAE	Humboldt	12/17/2018	32	No	INC	2	22:00	0:00
75	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	PGAE	Humboldt	12/18/2018	32	No	INC	8	0:00	7:15
76	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SCE	NA	12/4/2018	10 - 55	No	DEC	2	22:45	0:00
77	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SCE	NA	12/5/2018	10 - 55	No	DEC	5	0:00	5:00
78	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SCE	NA	12/7/2018	125	No	DEC	24	0:00	0:00
79	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SCE	NA	12/8/2018	125	No	DEC	24	0:00	0:00
80	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SCE	NA	12/8/2018	125	No	INC	7	8:00	15:00
81	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/6/2018	225	No	INC	2	22:00	0:00
82	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/7/2018	20 - 225	No	INC	22	0:00	22:00
83	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/8/2018	165	No	DEC	7	9:00	16:00
84	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/8/2018	44 - 96	No	INC	9	7:30	16:00
85	RT	Planned Transmission Outage	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/9/2018	20 - 63	No	INC	16	5:00	20:30
86	RT	Software Limitation	PGAE	Bay Area	12/1/2018	140	No	INC	2	0:00	2:00
87	RT	Software Limitation	PGAE	Bay Area	12/18/2018	140 - 290	No	DEC	3	16:15	19:15
88	RT	Software Limitation	PGAE	Humboldt	12/27/2018	14	No	DEC	1	15:35	16:00
89	RT	Software Limitation	PGAE	NA	12/10/2018	0	No	INC	2	9:05	10:40
90	RT	Software Limitation	SCE	NA	12/11/2018	2	No	DEC	12	12:20	0:00
91	RT	Software Limitation	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/7/2018	0	No	INC	2	22:50	0:00
92	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/19/2018	15 - 52	No	INC	9	7:00	16:00
93	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/20/2018	13 - 43	Yes	INC	9	7:00	16:00
94	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/21/2018	13 - 24	No	INC	7	8:00	15:00
95	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/22/2018	13 - 24	No	INC	7	8:00	15:00

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC_DEC	Hours	Begin Time	End Time
96	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/23/2018	15 - 36	No	INC	8	8:00	16:00
97	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/24/2018	10 - 42	No	INC	9	7:00	16:00
98	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/25/2018	10 - 39	No	INC	9	7:00	16:00
99	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/26/2018	12 - 45	No	INC	9	7:00	16:00
100	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/27/2018	10 - 42	No	INC	9	7:00	16:00
101	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/28/2018	13 - 52	No	INC	9	7:00	16:00
102	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/29/2018	13 - 51	No	INC	9	7:00	16:00
103	RT	Unit Testing	Intertie	NA	12/30/2018	12 - 45	No	INC	9	7:00	16:00
104	RT	Unit Testing	PGAE	Fresno	12/22/2018	-304	No	DEC	4	1:00	4:45
105	RT	Unit Testing	PGAE	Sierra	12/7/2018	16	No	INC	1	0:45	1:20
106	RT	Unit Testing	PGAE	Sierra	12/18/2018	16	No	INC	1	0:20	1:00
107	RT	Unit Testing	SCE	LA Basin	12/11/2018	45	No	INC	1	10:05	11:00
108	RT	Unit Testing	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/1/2018	105 - 422	No	INC	6	15:00	20:15
109	RT	Unit Testing	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/2/2018	105 - 422	No	INC	5	6:10	10:30
110	RT	Unit Testing	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/3/2018	100 - 400	Yes	INC	10	6:00	16:00
111	RT	Unit Testing	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/4/2018	105 - 422	No	INC	14	6:10	19:30
112	RT	Unit Testing	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/5/2018	105 - 422	Yes	INC	7	9:00	16:00
113	RT	Unit Testing	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/6/2018	105 - 422	No	INC	10	8:00	18:00
114	RT	Unit Testing	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/7/2018	100 - 422	Yes	INC	11	8:00	18:30
115	RT	Unit Testing	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/8/2018	105 - 316	No	INC	8	8:00	16:00
116	RT	Unit Testing	SDGE	San Diego-IV	12/11/2018	105.5 - 211	No	INC	1	21:30	22:30
117	RT	Unplanned Outage	PGAE	NA	12/7/2018	305	No	INC	9	7:00	16:00

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC_DEC	Hours	Begin Time	End Time
118	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Fresno	12/22/2018	-0.09	No	DEC	20	4:30	0:00
119	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Fresno	12/23/2018	-304.09	No	DEC	8	0:00	8:00
120	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Fresno	12/30/2018	-303	No	DEC	24	0:00	0:00
121	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Fresno	12/31/2018	-303	No	DEC	16	0:00	15:30
122	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Fresno	12/31/2018	83	No	INC	4	20:00	0:00
123	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Humboldt	12/18/2018	31 - 42	No	INC	17	7:00	0:00
124	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Humboldt	12/19/2018	28 - 42	No	INC	15	0:00	15:00
125	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Sierra	12/8/2018	42	No	INC	1	23:30	0:00
126	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Sierra	12/9/2018	42	No	INC	24	0:00	0:00
127	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Sierra	12/10/2018	42	Yes	INC	7	0:00	7:00
128	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Sierra	12/15/2018	20	No	INC	2	3:20	4:40
129	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	Sierra	12/21/2018	45	No	INC	4	14:30	18:00
130	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	NA	12/1/2018	140 - 220	Yes	INC	5	19:30	0:00
131	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	NA	12/2/2018	185	No	DEC	1	19:40	20:00
132	RT	Voltage Support	PGAE	NA	12/2/2018	140 - 213	Yes	INC	21	0:00	21:00
133	RT	Voltage Support	SCE	NA	12/3/2018	125	No	DEC	24	0:00	0:00
134	RT	Voltage Support	SCE	NA	12/4/2018	125	No	DEC	24	0:00	0:00
135	RT	Voltage Support	SCE	NA	12/5/2018	125	No	DEC	24	0:00	0:00
136	RT	Voltage Support	SCE	NA	12/6/2018	125	No	DEC	24	0:00	0:00

## Appendix A: Explanation by Example

All examples listed below are based on fictitious data.

### Example 1: Exceptional Dispatch Instructions Prior to DAM

In this fictitious example, the CAISO issued an exceptional dispatch instruction for resource A to be committed at its physical minimum (Pmin) of 50 MW from hours ending 5 through 10 for a generation procedure 7630. Similarly, the CAISO issued additional instructions to resources B and C for the same reason as shown in Table 2. Generally, exceptional dispatches prior to the day-ahead market are commitments to minimum load. Here the dispatch levels are all at minimum load.

**Table 2: Instructions Prior to Day-Ahead Market**

Date	Market	Resource	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Begin Time	End Time	Dispatch Level (MW)	Reason
01-Jul-09	DA	A	SCE	LA BASIN	05:00	10:00	50	7630
01-Jul-09	DA	B	SCE	LA BASIN	08:00	20:00	30	7630
01-Jul-09	DA	C	SCE	LA BASIN	09:00	23:00	20	7630

This data is summarized as shown in Table 3, which is the prescribed format specified in the FERC order on September 02, 2009. This summary classifies the data by reason, resource location, local reliability area, and trade date. The MW column in Table 3 is the range of MW; in this case the minimum instruction MW is 20 MW for resource C which occurs from hours ending 21 through 23. The maximum instruction occurs in hour ending 10. In this hour resource A is committed at 50 MW, resource B is committed at 30 MW and resource C is committed at 20 MW. This adds up to 100 MW. The MW column shows the minimum and maximum of the overlaps of all the exceptional dispatch instructions. The Commitment column shows whether a resource was committed between the begin time and end time. Commitments are broken out separately from energy dispatches. In the day-ahead, however the exceptional dispatches are nearly always just commitments, as in this example. The Begin Time column shows hour ending 5 as this was the hour ending for first dispatch of the day, and the End Time column shows hour ending 23, as this was the hour with last dispatch. It is also possible that there might be hours between the begin time and the end time where there might not be exceptional dispatch instructions for the given reason, meaning that the range between the begin time and end time can include null hours with no dispatch.

**Table 3: FERC Summary of Instructions Prior to DAM**

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC/DEC	Hour	Begin Time	End Time
1	DA	7630	SCE	LA Basin	1-Jul-09	20-100	Yes	N/A	19	05:00	23:00

**Example 2: Incremental Exceptional Dispatch Instructions in RTM**

In this fictitious example, the CAISO issued an exceptional dispatch instruction to resource A to be committed at its Pmin of 30 MW from hours ending 7 through 11 after completion of the day-ahead market for the transmission procedure 7110. This resource had no day-ahead award in those hours. The CAISO issued another exceptional dispatch instruction to resource B, to be dispatched at 40 MW from hours ending 8 through 9 in real-time for the transmission procedure 7110. This resource had a day-ahead schedule of 20 MW from the day-ahead market, which implies that this exceptional dispatch instruction was an incremental instruction and the exceptional dispatch MW was 20 MW. Similarly, the details of exceptional dispatch (ED) instruction for resource C are shown in Table 4.

**Table 4: Incremental Exceptional Dispatch Instructions in RTM**

Date	Market	Resource	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Begin Time	End Time	Dispatch Level (MW)	Day-Ahead Award (MW)	Commitment	INC/DEC	ED (MW)	Reason
01-Jul-09	RT	A	PG&E	Humboldt	06:00	11:00	30	0	Yes	INC	30	7110
01-Jul-09	RT	B	PG&E	Humboldt	07:00	09:00	40	20	No	INC	20	7110
01-Jul-09	RT	C	PG&E	Humboldt	12:00	15:00	50	50	No	INC	0	7110
01-Jul-09	RT	C	PG&E	Humboldt	16:00	20:00	50	40	No	INC	10	7110

This data is summarized as shown in Table 5 and is classified by reason, resource location, local reliability area, and trade date. The MW column in Table 5 is the range of MW; in this case the minimum instruction MW is 0 MW for resource C which occurs from hours ending 13 through 15. The maximum instruction occurs in hours ending 8 & 9, as during these two hours both resources A and B have an ED MW of 30MW and 20MW, respectively. This adds up to 50 MW. The MW column shows the minimum and maximum of the overlaps of all the exceptional dispatch instructions. The Commitment column shows whether a resource was committed between the begin time and end time. This column shows a commitment if there was a single commitment in the entire interval of exceptional dispatch. The Begin Time column shows the time of the first dispatch of the day. This is a time not a range. Similarly the End Time column shows a time and not a range. Exceptional dispatches occurred between these two times. Since there was a commitment between the begin time and end time then the Commitment column displays yes for the summary. Similarly, the INC/DEC column shows an INC as there was an incremental dispatch between the begin time and end time. As mentioned in the previous example it is possible that there might be hours between the begin time and end time where there were no exceptional dispatch instructions for the given reason.

**Table 5: FERC Summary of ED Instructions in RTM**

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC/DEC	Hour	Begin Time	End Time
1	RT	7110	PG&E	Humboldt	1-Jul-09	0-50	Yes	INC	15	06:00	20:00

### Example 3: Decremental Exceptional Dispatch Instructions in RTM

This example highlights decremental exceptional dispatch instructions in the real-time market. In this fictitious example the CAISO issued an exceptional dispatch instruction to resource A to be committed at its Pmin of 20 MW from hours ending 15 through 20 after completion of the day-ahead market for the transmission procedure 7430. The CAISO issued additional exceptional dispatch instructions for resources B and C; details of those instructions are shown in Table 6.

**Table 6: Decremental Exceptional Dispatch Instructions in RTM**

Date	Market Type	Resource	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Begin Time	End Time	Dispatch Level (MW)	Day-Ahead Award (MW)	Commitment	INC/DEC	ED (MW)	Reason
01-Jul-09	RT	A	PG&E	Fresno	15:00	20:00	20	0	Yes	INC	20	7430
01-Jul-09	RT	B	PG&E	Fresno	07:00	09:00	40	60	No	DEC	20	7430
01-Jul-09	RT	C	PG&E	Fresno	10:00	14:00	40	50	No	DEC	10	7430

This data is summarized according to FERC convention as shown in Table 7. This summary classifies the data by reason, resource location, local reliability area, and trade date. Please note that inc and dec are broken out separately. The inc entry is self-explanatory and similar to the previous example. Regarding the dec entry the MW column is the range of MW; in this case the minimum dec instruction is 10 MW (actually -10MW as it is a dec) for resource C which occurs from hours ending 10 through 14. The maximum instruction occurs from hours ending 7 through 9, when resource B was issued a dec instruction of 20 MW. The MW column shows the minimum and maximum of the overlaps of all the exceptional dispatch instructions. The Commitment column shows whether a resource was committed between the begin time and end time.

**Table 7: FERC Summary of Decremental ED Instructions in RTM**

Number	Market Type	Reason	Location	Local Reliability Area (LRA)	Trade Date	MW	Commitment	INC/DEC	Hour	Begin Time	End Time
1	RT	7430	PG&E	Fresno	1-Jul-09	20	Yes	INC	6	15:00	20:00
1	RT	7430	PG&E	Fresno	1-Jul-09	10-20	Yes	DEC	8	07:00	14:00