

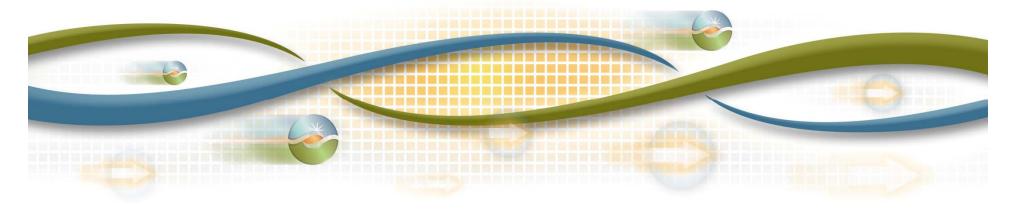
# Flexible Ramping Products and Cost Allocation

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## What is the purpose of the flexible ramping products?

- Upward product and downward product to handle imbalance difference between RTPD and RTD
  - Variability: difference due to modeling granularity difference (15 minute vs. 5 minute)
    - Load forecast profile
    - Variable energy resource profile
    - Unit startup and shutdown profile
    - Inter-tie inter-hour schedule profile
  - Uncertainty: random events happened between RTPD and RTD
    - Load forecast error
    - Variable energy resource forecast error
    - Forced outage
    - Uninstructed deviation
- Procurement target based on RTPD and RTD imbalance difference at proper confidence level, say 60% in day-ahead and 95% in RTPD



## Flexible ramping products design

- Awards based on how much a resource can ramp in 5 minutes
  - Aligned with RTD market clearing interval
  - Procurement can be fully deployed in one RTD interval if it is needed
- Allow economic flexible ramping bids (must also submit energy bids)
- Procured in day-ahead and RTPD
  - Co-optimized with energy and ancillary services
- Day-ahead awards conversion in RTPD
  - Day-ahead non-contingent spinning reserve award can partially or fully be converted into upward flexible ramping in RTPD
  - Day-ahead upward flexible ramping award can be partially or fully converted into contingent spinning reserve in RTPD
  - Direction of conversion is from lower value product to higher value product, which are determined in the optimization
- Compensation
  - Procurement payment based on marginal price in day-ahead and RTPD
  - Energy payment in RTD if deployed



### RTD deployment method

#### Release limitation

- Reason: variability and uncertainties are realized sequentially in three RTD intervals, so flexible ramping capability needs to maintained to cover future realizations
- System wide amount equal to realized imbalance difference (only enforced in RTD1 and RTD2, not in RTD3)
- One direction: upward for upward and downward for downward
- Properties of the release limitation
  - Prevent over-using flexible ramping for economic reason
  - Recover previously used flexible ramping capability
  - Do not affect RTD dispatch and energy price when it is not binding

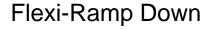
### RTD Dispatch

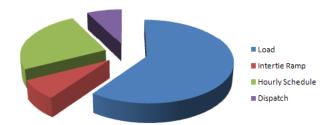
- RTD economic dispatch constrained by the release limitation
- Only consider energy bids, not consider flexible ramping bids
- If a resource's capacity is not limiting, a resource can be dispatched for energy without deploying its flexible ramping, i.e. its flexible ramping capability kept in the current RTD to be used in the next RTD

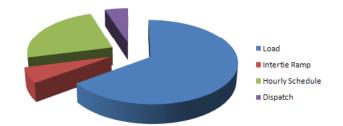


# Cost allocation and reporting

### Flexi-Ramp Up







Bucket	Deviation Metric	Cost
UP – Load	Regulation Up AS Obligation	—allocation
UP - Intertie Ramp	Absolute Value Net Hourly Schedule Change (Import - Export, Wheels Exempt)	Reporting
UP – Hourly Schedule	Negative Uninstructed Imbalance Energy 2  Negative Operational Adjustments	only
UP – Dispatch	Negative Uninstructed Imbalance Energy 1	
DOWN - Load	Regulation Down AS Obligation	Cost
DOWN – Intertie Ramp	Absolute Value Net Hourly Schedule Change (Import - Export, Wheels Exempt)	allocation
DOWN – Hourly Schedule	Positive Uninstructed Imbalance Energy 2 Positive Operational Adjustments	Reporting
DOWN - Dispatch	Positive Uninstructed Imbalance Energy 1	only

