

Market and Infrastructure Policy

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Please provide a title for the issue.

Transmission Planning Process Enhancements

Please provide a summary description of the issue (i.e. 500 words)

The generation fleet is rapidly transitioning away from its traditional make-up of gas fired generations to a fleet that is more variable and energy limited. At present, the CAISO has acknowledged this transition but has not explored changes to its existing transmission planning processes that uses traditional generation capacity and age based retirement assumptions. This prevents the development of timely solutions that ensure reliability at least-cost for customers.

This proposal may require updates to the CAISO Tariff Section 24.3.2 and any other related sections.

Please provide any data/information available that would characterize the importance or magnitude of the issue.

The generation assumptions currently in use prevent the CAISO from considering and developing cost-effective solutions that could better avoid costly RMR designations, while actually improving overall grid reliability. The CAISO should modify its TPP methodologies to account for resources which are 1) at-risk of retirement, 2) may not be 40 years old, and 3) have an announced retirement. By developing a process to consider at-risk resources within the TPP, optimal solutions can be developed in a timely fashion to ensure reliability at least-cost.

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