# DMM Recommendations on Convergence Bidding



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#### **Presentation Outline**

- Key Monitoring Issues & Concerns
- Example of Seller's Choice Contract Concern
- Key Mitigation Rules
- Monitoring Requirements
- Summary of DMM Recommendations



# **Key Monitoring Issues/Concerns**

- Use of virtual bids to increase congestion to earn greater revenues from Congestion Revenue Rights (CRR)
- Impact of virtual bids on Local Market Power Mitigation (LMPM) provisions
- Potential use of uninstructed deviations in Real Time to take advantage of a position taken in the Day Ahead market using virtual bids
- Potential impact of virtual bids on congestion leading to infeasible schedules
  - e.g. Seller's Choice Contracts, Inter-tie Schedules



### **Summary of Seller's Choice Contract Concern**

- Nodal virtual bids could be used to undermine Inter-SC Trade physical validation procedures
- A Buyer could counter this by submitting virtual supply bids
- Position limits would help mitigate this concern



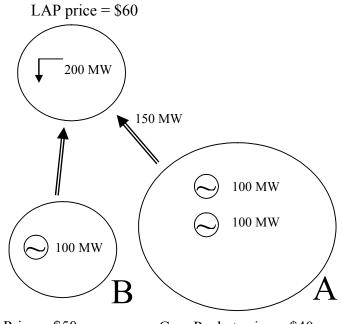
#### **Example of Seller's Choice Contract Concern**

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#### **Congestion, No Virtual Bidding**

	Seller		
	Price and Quantity	Total	
Contract (200 MW @ \$70/MW)	200 MW x \$70	\$14,000	
Integrated Forward Market	(150 MW x \$40) + (50 MW x \$50)	\$8,500	
Inter-SC Trade	-(150 MW x \$40) - (50 MW x \$50)	-\$8,500	
Real Time	0	\$0	
Net CAISO Settlement	IFM + IST + RT	\$0	
Generation Production	-(150 MW x \$40) - (50 MW x \$50)	-\$8,500	
Net Settlement		\$5,500	

	Buyer		
	Price and Quantity	Total	
Contract (200 MW @ \$70/MW)	-(200 MW x \$70)	-\$14,000	
Integrated Forward Market	-(200 MW x \$60)	-\$12,000	
Inter-SC Trade	(150 MW x \$40) + (50 MW x \$50)	\$8,500	
Real Time	0	\$0	
Net CAISO Settlement	IFM + IST + RT	-\$3,500	
Generation Production	0	\$0	
Net Settlement		-\$17,500	



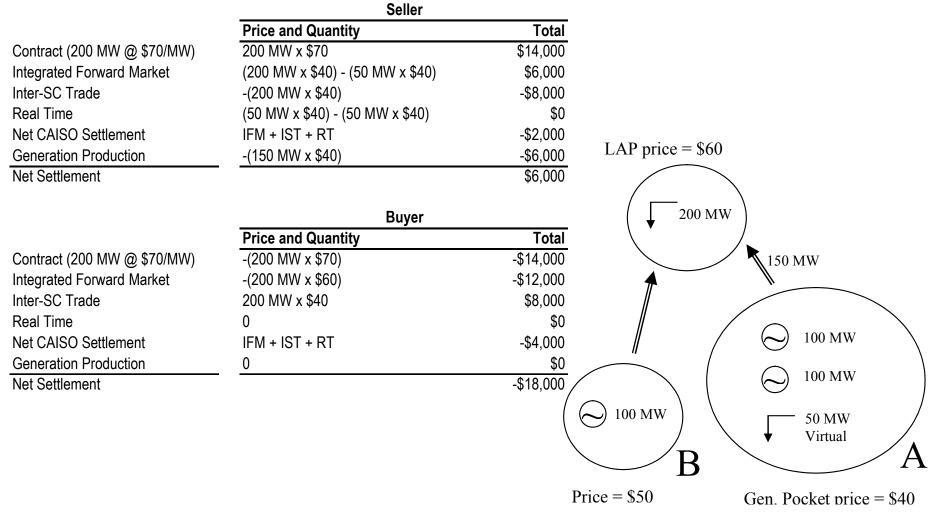
Price = \$50

Gen. Pocket price = \$40



#### **Example of Seller's Choice Contract Concern (2)**

#### Congestion, Virtual Bidding by Seller





## **Key Mitigation Rules**

- CRR Settlement Rule
- Position Limits
- Ability to Limit or Suspend Trading
- Provisions to Deter Uninstructed Deviations
- LMPM Modifications

### **Summary of CRR Settlement Rule**

The CRR settlement rule is triggered if, in any hour,

- A Participant has a Virtual Bid accepted at a node (or nearby node) that is a source or sink for a CRR that it owns AND
- The difference between the Day Ahead MCPs for the source and sink is greater than the difference between the Real Time MCPs.
- When the rule is triggered for a particular hour, the CRR is settled at the average hourly cost of the CRR (i.e., the auction price).



# **Position Limits**

- If nodal virtual bidding is pursued, DMM recommends an initial limit of 10% of the load or supply at each node.
- Justification
  - 10% level needed to limit ability of any individual supplier to significantly "move price" at one node under most conditions.
  - Assuming a competitive market with at least 4 to 6 highly active participants, 10% limit could still result in approximate level of virtual bidding in other ISOs (e.g. virtual bids = 40 to 60% of physical)
  - Assuming a less competitive market with just one or two highly active participants, 10% limit could still provide some limit on potential gaming/market power concerns
  - 10% level would allow generators significant "hedge" against undergeneration due to outages/operational problems, but would limit ability to profit from these operational problems.



# **Ability to Suspend or Limit Trading**

- ISO-NE and the NYISO have the ability to limit or suspend virtual trading.
- Additional details on behavior that would warrant such actions need to be determined.



### **Provisions to Deter Uninstructed Deviations**

- Depending on the level of position limits under a nodal design, UDPs may not be necessary.
- The Eastern ISOs have financial provisions that help to deter uninstructed deviations.
- Some additional provisions to deter uninstructed deviations may be desirable for other reasons, e.g. ineligibility for uplift payments.



### **Local Market Power Mitigation Options**

	Forecast Load	Physical Load Bids	Physical Supply Bids	Virtual Load Bids	Virtual Supply Bids
Current	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$		
FERC Req.		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
Option 1		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Option 2	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$		
Option 3	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$



#### **Local Market Power Mitigation Recommendation**

- Under either a nodal or LAP-level Convergence Bidding design, DMM recommends including virtual and physical supply and demand bids in the LMPM pass, (Option 1).
  - Including virtual bids in LMPM pass ensures that mitigation is applied to physical supply bids that most likely to clear in actual IFM run.
  - This is consistent with what is done by other ISOs.
- Even with these modifications, virtual bids could undermine LMPM in the absence of a deep and liquid virtual market.



# **Key Monitoring Requirements**

- Ability to track virtual bidding on participant portfolio level
  - Disclose & verify SC affiliations
  - Large or persistent losses from virtual bidding (which may be indicate of gaming)
  - Potential impacts on participant's CRRs
- Ability to Re-Run the DA Market (excluding virtual bids) to assess:
  - Impact on convergence (or divergence) of DA and RT prices
  - Impacts of each participant's convergence bidding on prices, congestion, and their net profits
- Monitoring/analysis of real time impacts and deviations

Initial and ongoing monitoring needs greatly increase from LAP to nodal design



# **Summary of DMM Recommendations**

Under nodal Convergence Bidding, DMM recommends

- CRR Settlement Rule
- Position Limits, at least initially
- Ability to Limit or Suspend Bidding
- LMPM Modifications
- Consider provisions to Deter Uninstructed Deviations

Under LAP-Level Convergence Bidding, DMM Recommends

Ability to Limit or Suspend Bidding

