

# REM and Regulation: Separate Products or Practical Substitutes?

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# When are Products Separate?

- Two situations in which products are differentiated:
  1. *For reserves: when time scales of response are appreciably different*
    - Regulation  $\leftrightarrow$  Spin  $\leftrightarrow$  Replacement ( $\leftrightarrow$  RA)
    - Cascading substitutability (higher quality for lower in co-optimization)
  2. *Qualitatively different services*
    - E.g., reactive power vs. black start vs. reserves
- Issue:
  - *REM and normal regulation both provide same service*
    - At least within 1.5 intervals, if REM starts at set-point
    - So neither Situation #1 or #2 apply
  - *But with different constraints*
    - REM generally faster ramp
    - REM requires RTD back to operating point after use, and has tighter energy limits
  - *With different constraints, there are other system impacts that may lead to operator preferring one or the other*
    - Given same bid per MW per hour, which preferred?
    - Ambiguous – can depend on system conditions

# Example of REM Impacts During Extended RegUp Dispatch: *Battery that can deliver/take 20 MW, store 5 MWh*

**Storage Set Point**

Interval	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Time	:00 - :05	:05 - :10	:10 - :15	:15 - :20	:20 - :25	:25 - :30	:30 - :35	:35 - :40
Charge at Start, MWh	2.5 <sup>v</sup>							
RTD Schedule MW	0	0						
+ RegUp Gen MW								
= Gen MW								

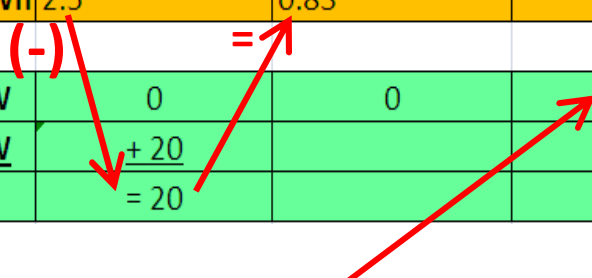
RTD Scheduling					
Process MW					
(Reason)					

# Example of REM Impacts During Extended RegUp Dispatch: *RegUp Generation Required*

RegUp



Interval	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Time	:00 - :05	:05 - :10	:10 - :15	:15 - :20	:20 - :25	:25 - :30	:30 - :35	:35 - :40
Charge at Start, MWh	2.5	0.83						
RTD Schedule MW	0	0	-20					
+ RegUp Gen MW	+ 20							
= Gen MW	= 20							



RTD Scheduling Process MW	Schedule -20 for Interval 3
(Reason)	(Anticipate 0.83 MW charge at 3:10)

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Time	:00 - :05	:05 - :10	:10 - :15	:15 - :20	:20 - :25	:25 - :30	:30 - :35	:35 - :40
Charge at Start, MWh	2.5	0.83	0					
RTD Schedule MW	0	0	-20	-10				
+ RegUp Gen MW	+ 20	+ 20 (0 = 10 mean)						
= Gen MW	= 20	= 10						

RTD Scheduling Process MW	Schedule -20 for Interval 3	Schedule -10 for Interval 4
(Reason)	(Anticipate 0.83 MW charge at 3:10)	(Anticipate 1.67 MW charge at 3:15)

# Example of REM Impacts During Extended RegUp Dispatch



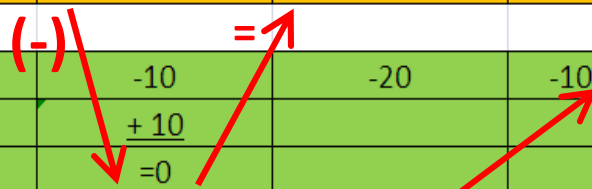
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Charge at Start, MWh	2.5	0.83	0	0				
RTD Schedule MW	0	0	-20	-10	-20			
+ RegUp Gen MW	+ 20	+ 20 / 0 = 10 mean	+ 20					
= Gen MW	= 20	= 10	= 0					

RTD Scheduling Process MW	Schedule -20 for Interval 3	Schedule -10 for Interval 4	Schedule -20 for Interval 5
(Reason)	(Anticipate 0.83 MW charge at 3:10)	(Anticipate 1.67 MW charge at 3:15)	(Anticipate 0.83 MW charge at 3:20)

# Example of REM Impacts During Extended RegUp Dispatch

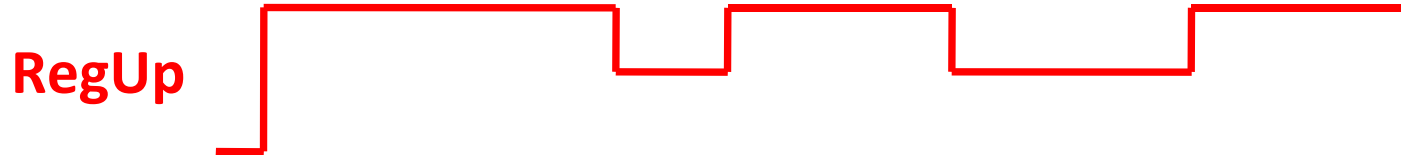


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Charge at Start, MWh	2.5	0.83	0	0	0			
RTD Schedule MW	0	0	-20	-10	-20	-10		
+ RegUp Gen MW	+ 20	+ 20 / 0 = 10 mean	+ 20	+ 10				
= Gen MW	= 20	= 10	= 0	= 0				



RTD Scheduling Process MW	Schedule -20 for Interval 3	Schedule -10 for Interval 4	Schedule -20 for Interval 5	Schedule -10 for Interval 6
(Reason)	(Anticipate 0.83 MW charge at 3:10)	(Anticipate 1.67 MW charge at 3:15)	(Anticipate 0.83 MW charge at 3:20)	(Anticipate 0.83 MW charge at 3:25)

# Example of REM Impacts During Extended RegUp Dispatch



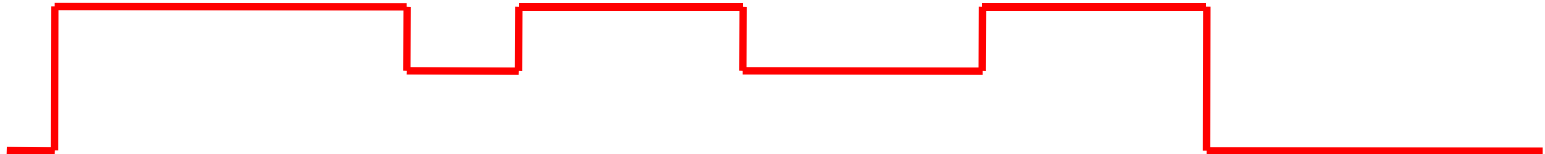
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Charge at Start, MWh	2.5	0.83	0	0	0	0		
RTD Schedule MW	0	0	-20	-10	-20	-10	-20	
+ RegUp Gen MW	+ 20	+ 20 / 0 = 10 mean	+ 20	+ 10	+ 20			
= Gen MW	= 20	= 10	= 0	= 0	= 0			

RTD Scheduling Process MW	Schedule -20 for Interval 3	Schedule -10 for Interval 4	Schedule -20 for Interval 5	Schedule -10 for Interval 6	Schedule -20 for Interval 7
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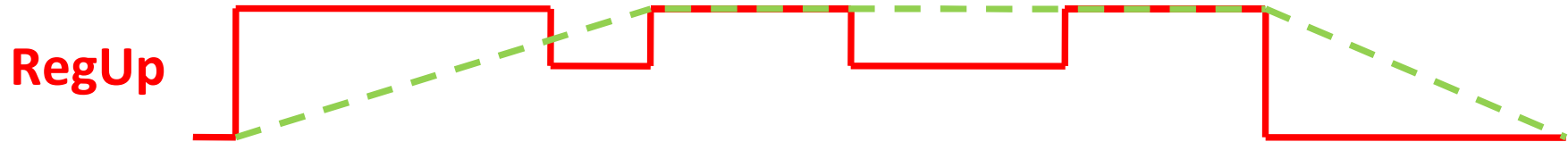
# Example of REM Impacts: *Return to Set Point*

RegUp



Interval	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Time	:00 - :05	:05 - :10	:10 - :15	:15 - :20	:20 - :25	:25 - :30	:30 - :35	:35 - :40
Charge at Start, MWh	2.5	0.83	0	0	0	0	0.83	7.5
RTD Schedule MW	0	0	-20	-10	-20	-10	-20	
+ RegUp Gen MW	+ 20	+ 20 / 0 = 10 mean	+ 20	+ 10	+ 20	+ 0	+ 0	
= Gen MW	= 20	= 10	= 0	= 0	= 0	= -10	= -20	

# Characteristics of Rem RegUp Profile during Sustained RegUp Period



- Rapid ramp-up (good)
  - Cf. thermal resource
- Inability to sustain 20 MW (not good)
- Real-Time recharge load during period of RegUp generation (not good)
- *Is this a different product? More or less desirable than normal regulation? Depends on:*
  - *Frequency of extended RegUp, RegDown*
  - *Value of fast ramp*

# Questions to Consider

- *How often do such extended periods occur?*
  - E.g., X% of days experience one or more RegUp generation periods where RegUp energy is >80% of RegUp capacity
  - Y% of days will result in REM hitting either storage constraint (full/empty)
  - Possibly rarely; need to confirm
- *What is value of REM ramp capability?*
- *What is experience elsewhere?*
- *Can we wait and see?*
  - Monitor: If operational problems experienced, limit REM as fraction of RegUp, RegDown, and/or spin
  - If binding, yields separate (lower) price for REM
    - Not a separate product, but the same product subject to a constraint and priced differently
    - Analogous to energy delivered to different places, or CAISO vs imported reserves