



Briefing on Information Release Policy for Convergence Bidding

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Information release on virtual bids was highly debated in the convergence bidding stakeholder process.

- Final design for convergence bidding included comparable treatment of physical and virtual bids
- Bid data to be released on a 90-day lag
- PG&E and SCE requested further review of convergence bidding information release

The release of nodal information on virtual bids will:

- Assist in formulating financial and physical positions;
- Accelerate price convergence and market efficiency;
- Identify nodes with high levels of virtual activity;
- Enable monitoring of the virtual markets; and
- Facilitate nodal validation of market results.

The ISO is proposing to release the following information:

- Hourly net cleared virtual quantities at each node
 - Posted at the close of the real-time market for the trade date
- Day-ahead market summary report
 - Includes overall virtual & physical market results at the close of the day-ahead market.

Stakeholders continue to be divided on nodal information release.

- Utilities, CPUC, DMM and MSC support the release of nodal information as proposed by the ISO
- Suppliers and traders support comparable treatment of virtual and physical bid data with existing 90-day lag

The proposal strikes the right balance among the competing interests.

- Information will be available to all market participants.
- The aggregated information can be released under existing tariff authority.
- Releasing the information will promote the development an efficient, effective convergence bidding.