



# **Market Performance Report February 2018**

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ISO Market Quality and Renewable Integration

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## Executive Summary<sup>1</sup>

The market performance in February 2018 is summarized below.

CAISO area performance,

- Peak loads for ISO continued to be low in February due to low temperatures.
- In the integrated forward market (IFM), SCE and SDG&E prices were elevated in a few days due to transmission congestion. In the fifteen-minute market (FMM) and real-time market (RTD), SCE and SDG&E prices were also elevated in a couple of days due to transmission congestion.
- Congestion rents for interties rose to \$6.35 million from \$3.97 million in January. Majority of the congestion rents in February accrued on MALIN (60 percent) intertie and NOB (39 percent) intertie.
- In the congestion revenue rights (CRR) market, revenue adequacy was 71.71 percent, decreasing from 76.52 percent in January. The transformer 24138\_SERRANO\_500\_24137\_SERRANO contributed largely to the revenue shortfall.
- The monthly average ancillary service cost to load rose to \$0.73/MWh in February from \$0.47/MWh in January. There were five scarcity events this month.
- The cleared virtual supply was well above the cleared demand in most days of February. The profits from convergence bidding increased to \$0.86 million in February from \$0.05 million in January.
- The bid cost recovery rose to \$10.11 million from \$4.58 million in January.
- The real-time energy offset increased to \$18.24 million from \$3.52 million in January. The real-time congestion offset cost skidded to -\$6.18 million from \$1.64 million in January.
- The volume of exceptional dispatch increased to 78,846 MWh from 27,033 MWh in January. The main contributor to this volume was planned transmission outage. The monthly average of total exceptional dispatch volume as a percentage of load percentage rose to 0.50 percent from 0.15 percent in January.

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<sup>1</sup> This report contains the highlights of the reporting period. For a more detailed explanation of the technical characteristics of the metrics included in this report please download the Market Performance Metric Catalog, which is available on the CAISO web site at <http://www.caiso.com/market/Pages/ReportsBulletins/Default.aspx>.

Energy Imbalance market (EIM) performance,

- In the RTD, the prices for AZPS, NEVP and PACE were elevated on February 17 and 20 due to tight supply. In the RTD, the prices for AZPS and NEVP were elevated on February 23 due to upward load adjustment and renewable deviation.
- The monthly average prices in FMM for EIM entities (AZPS, NEVP, PACE, PACW, PGE and PSEI) were \$31.69, \$28.84, \$28.27, \$17.82, \$17.79 and \$17.61 respectively.
- The monthly average prices in RTD for EIM entities (AZPS, NEVP, PACE, PACW, PGE and PSEI) were \$35.05, \$32.15, \$25.65, \$17.01, \$16.28 and \$16.62 respectively.
- Bid cost recovery, real-time imbalance energy offset, and real-time congestion offset costs for EIM entities (AZPS, NEVP, PACE, PACW, PGE and PSEI) were \$1.94 million, -\$1.77 million and \$1.18 million respectively.

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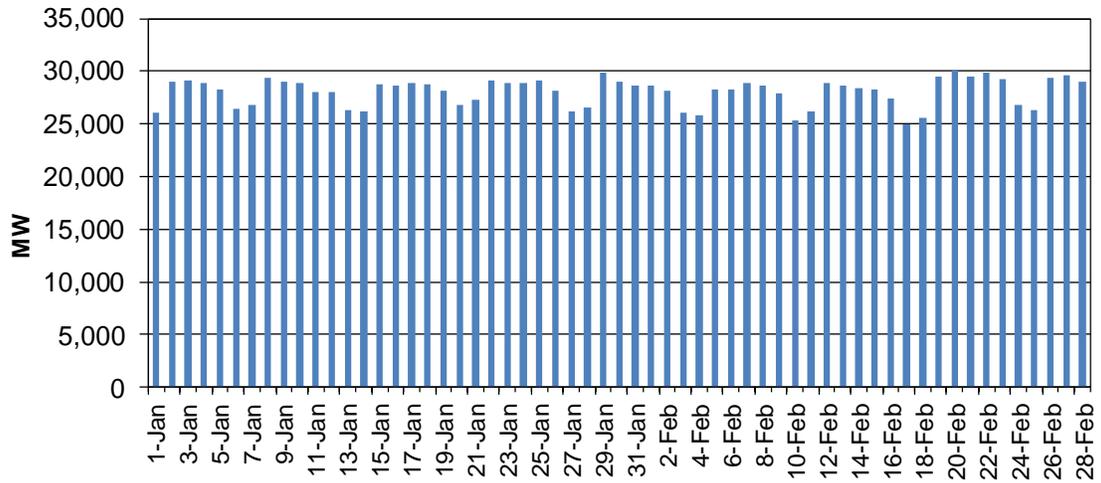
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## Market Characteristics

### Loads

Peak loads for ISO continued to be low in February due to low temperatures. The daily peak loads were below 30,000 MW for most days of the month.

**Figure 1: System Peak Load**



## Resource Adequacy Available Incentive Mechanism

Resource Adequacy Availability Incentive Mechanism (RAAIM) was activated on November 1, 2016 to track the performance of Resource Adequacy (RA) Resources. RAAIM is used to determine the availability of resources providing local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity and Flexible RA Capacity each month and then assess the resultant Availability Incentive Payments and Non-Availability Charges through the CAISO's settlements process. Table 1 below shows the monthly average actual availability, total non-availability charge, and total availability incentive payment.<sup>2</sup>

**Table 1: Resource Adequacy Availability and Payment**

|               | Average Actual Availability | Total Non-availability Charge | Total Availability Incentive Payment |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Nov-16</b> | 92.23%                      | \$3,616,895                   | -\$1,678,657                         |
| <b>Dec-16</b> | 96.25%                      | \$1,878,503                   | -\$1,878,503                         |
| <b>Jan-17</b> | 26.30%                      | \$49,188,214                  | -\$5,670                             |
| <b>Feb-17</b> | 92.31%                      | \$3,157,590                   | -\$1,867,721                         |
| <b>Mar-17</b> | 91.92%                      | \$2,975,585                   | -\$1,550,365                         |
| <b>Apr-17</b> | 89.46%                      | \$3,641,392                   | -\$1,483,548                         |
| <b>May-17</b> | 96.44%                      | \$1,017,191                   | -\$1,017,191                         |
| <b>Jun-17</b> | 95.13%                      | \$2,426,279                   | -\$1,422,549                         |
| <b>Jul-17</b> | 96.11%                      | \$1,298,826                   | -\$1,298,826                         |
| <b>Aug-17</b> | 64.11%                      | \$29,701,024                  | -\$19,051                            |
| <b>Sep-17</b> | 96.52%                      | \$1,055,396                   | -\$1,055,396                         |
| <b>Oct-17</b> | 97.42%                      | \$690,037                     | -\$690,037                           |
| <b>Nov-17</b> | 96.15%                      | \$1,483,755                   | -\$1,483,755                         |
| <b>Dec-17</b> | 96.87%                      | \$1,517,252                   | -\$1,517,252                         |
| <b>Jan-18</b> | 97.67%                      | \$911,516                     | -\$911,516                           |
| <b>Feb-18</b> | 96.00%                      | \$1,280,008                   | -\$1,280,008                         |

<sup>2</sup> On June 21, 2017, the ISO indicated in the market notice that it intended to file a petition with the FERC for a limited tariff waiver on section 40.9.6 to forego assessing any Resource Adequacy Availability Incentive Mechanism (RAAIM) charges for the period April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 due to identified implementation issues. This waiver includes April, 2017 and May 2017. The ISO is currently estimating the penalties reflected in the charge code 8830 to be zero pursuant to tariff section 11.29.10.5.

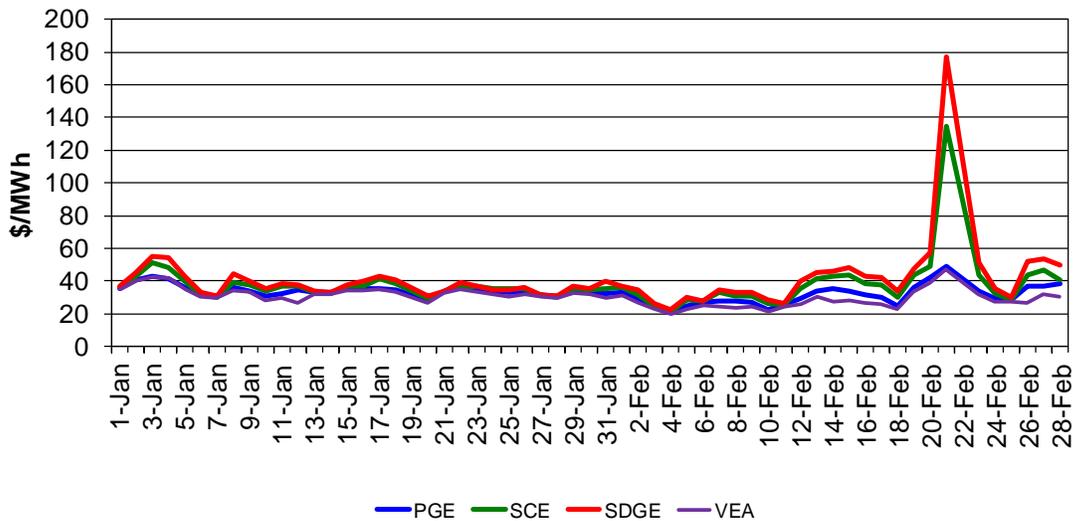
## Direct Market Performance Metrics

### Energy

#### Day-Ahead Prices

Figure 2 shows daily prices of four default load aggregate points (DLAPs). Table 2 below lists the binding constraints along with the associated DLAP locations and the occurrence dates when the binding constraints resulted in relatively high or low DLAP prices.

**Figure 2: Day-Ahead Simple Average LAP Prices (All Hours)**



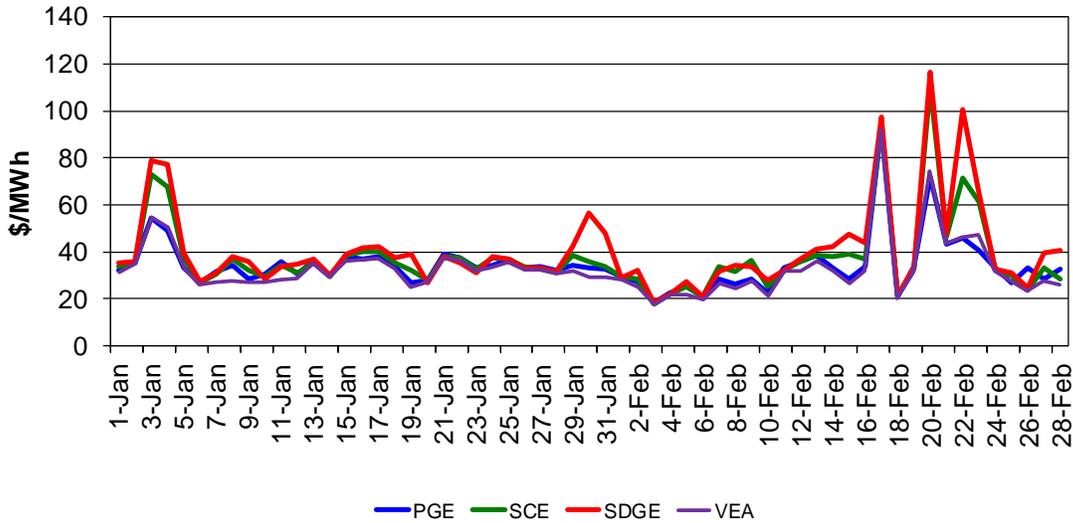
**Table 2: Day-Ahead Transmission Constraints**

| DLAP       | Date           | Transmission Constraint  |
|------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| SCE, SDG&E | February 19-23 | SERRANO-SERRANO-500 XFMR |

**Real-Time Prices**

FMM daily prices of the four DLAPs are shown in Figure 3. Table 3 lists the binding constraints along with the associated DLAP locations and the occurrence dates when the binding constraints resulted in relatively high or low DLAP prices. On February 17, all four DLAP prices were elevated due to generation outage and reduction of net import.

**Figure 3: FMM Simple Average LAP Prices (All Hours)**

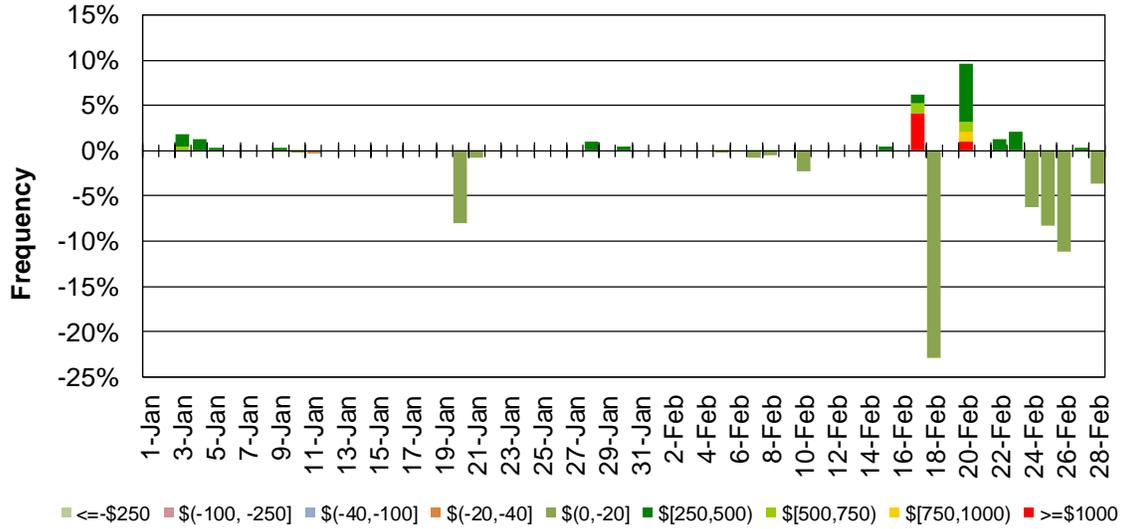


**Table 3: FMM Transmission Constraints**

| DLAP       | Date        | Transmission Constraint   |
|------------|-------------|---|
| SCE, SDG&E | February 20 | BARRE -LEWIS -230kV line,<br>BARRE -VILLA PK-230kV line,<br>CENTER S-MESA CAL-230kV line,<br>SERRANO-SERRANO-500 XFMR |
| SCE, SDG&E | February 22 | SERRANO-SERRANO-500 XFMR,<br>CENTER S-MESA CAL-230kV line   |
| SCE, SDG&E | February 23 | CENTER S-MESA CAL-230kV line  |

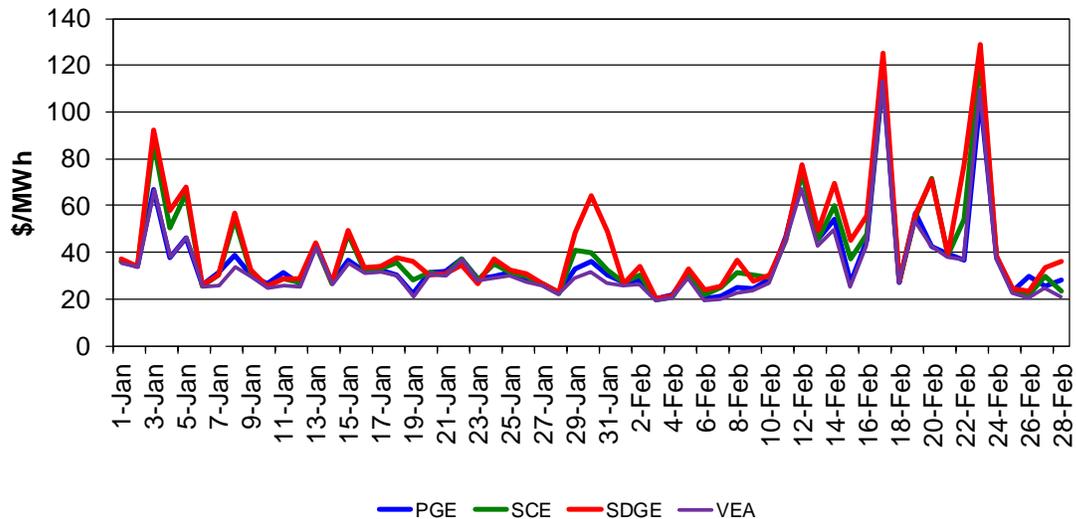
Figure 4 below shows the daily frequency of positive price spikes and negative prices by price range for the default LAPs in the FMM. The cumulative frequency of prices above \$250/MWh increased to 0.65 percent in February from 0.17 percent in January. The cumulative frequency of negative prices rose to 1.81 percent in February from 0.20 percent in January.

**Figure 4: Daily Frequency of FMM LAP Positive Price Spikes and Negative Prices**



RTD daily prices of the four DLAPs are shown in Figure 5. Table 4 lists the binding constraints along with the associated DLAP locations and the occurrence dates when the binding constraints resulted in relatively high or low DLAP prices. February 12 saw relatively high prices for all four DLAPs due to upward load adjustment, renewable deviation and generation outage. On February 17, all four DLAP prices were elevated due to reduction of net import. February 23 saw elevated prices for all four DLAPs driven by upward load adjustment and renewable deviation.

**Figure 5: RTD Simple Average LAP Prices (All Hours)**

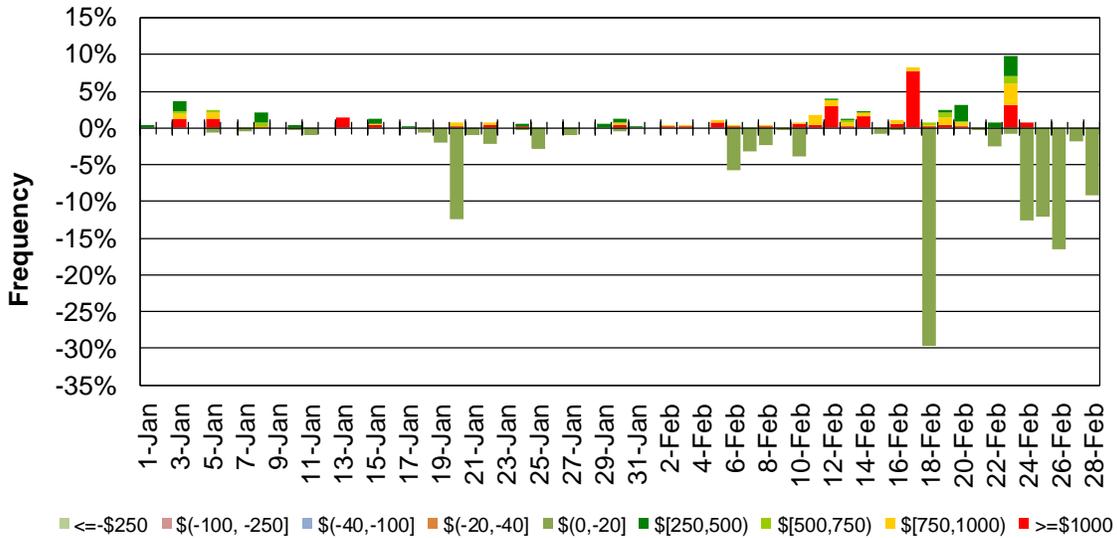


**Table 4: RTD Transmission Constraints**

| DLAP       | Date        | Transmission Constraint  |
|------------|-------------|--|
| SCE, SDG&E | February 20 | BARRE -VILLA PK-230kV line,<br>CENTER S-MESA CAL-230kV line,<br>SERRANO-SERRANO-500 XFMR |

Figure 6 below shows the daily frequency of positive price spikes and negative prices by price range for the default LAPs in RTD. The cumulative frequency of prices above \$250/MWh increased to 1.26 percent in February from 0.47 percent in January. The cumulative frequency of negative prices increased to 3.28 percent in February from 0.63 percent in January.

**Figure 6: Daily Frequency of RTD LAP Positive Price Spikes and Negative Price**



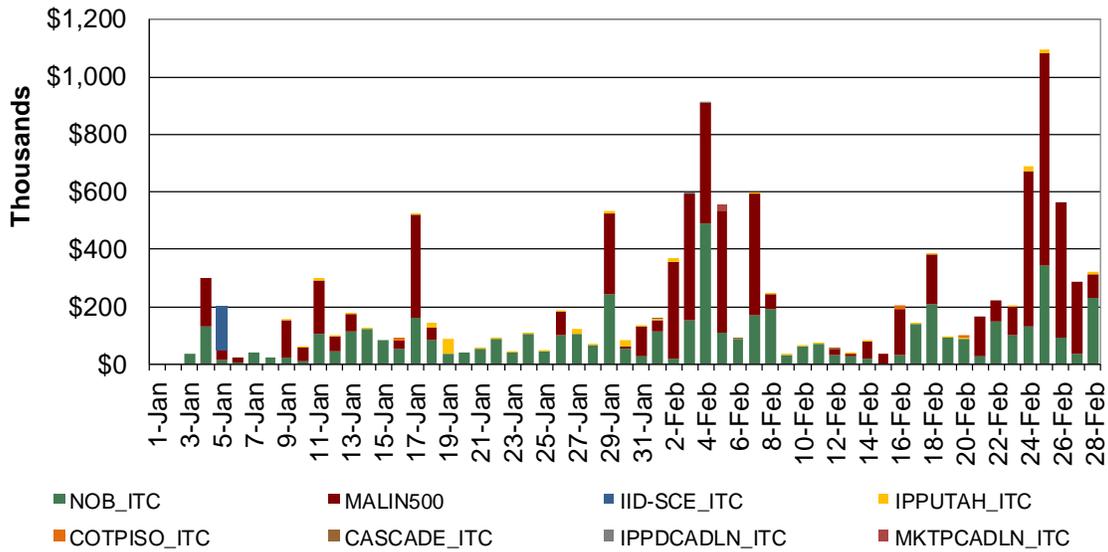
## Congestion

### Congestion Rents on Interties

Figure 7 below illustrates the daily integrated forward market congestion rents by interties. The cumulative total congestion rent for interties in February increased to \$6.35 million from \$3.97 million in January. Majority of the congestion rents in February accrued on MALIN (60 percent) intertie and NOB (39 percent) intertie.

The congestion rent on NOB increased to \$3.23 million in February from \$2.04 million in January. NOB was derated in February due to BPA various equipment outages. The congestion rent on MALIN rose to \$5.01 million in February from \$1.61 million in January. MALIN was derated this month due to various outages including the outages Table Mountain 500 kV line series capacitor and BPA various equipment.

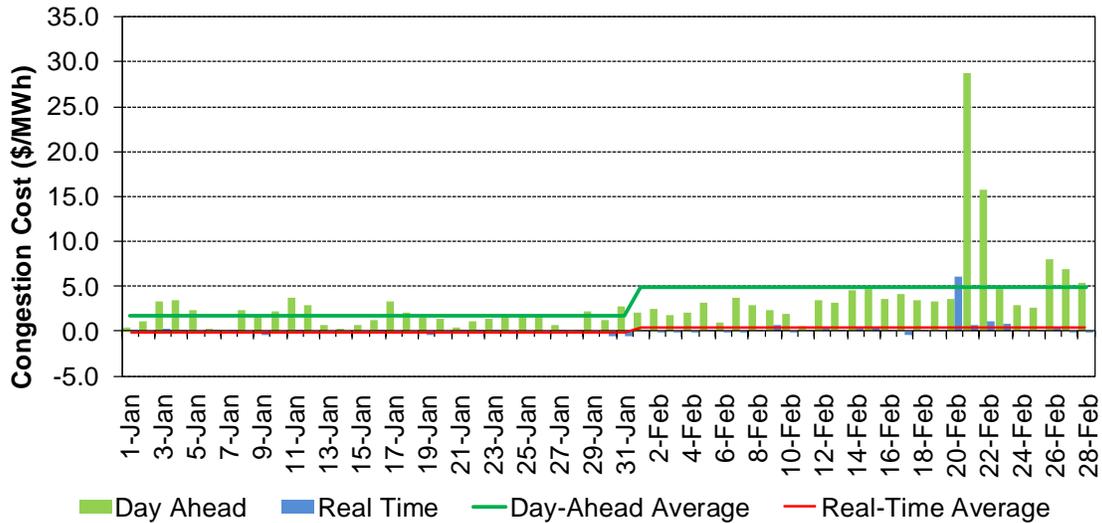
**Figure 7: IFM Congestion Rents by Interties (Import)**



### Average Congestion Cost per Load Served

This metric quantifies the average congestion cost for serving one megawatt of load in the ISO system. Figure 8 shows the daily and monthly averages for the day-ahead and real-time markets respectively.

**Figure 8: Average Congestion Cost per Megawatt of Served Load**

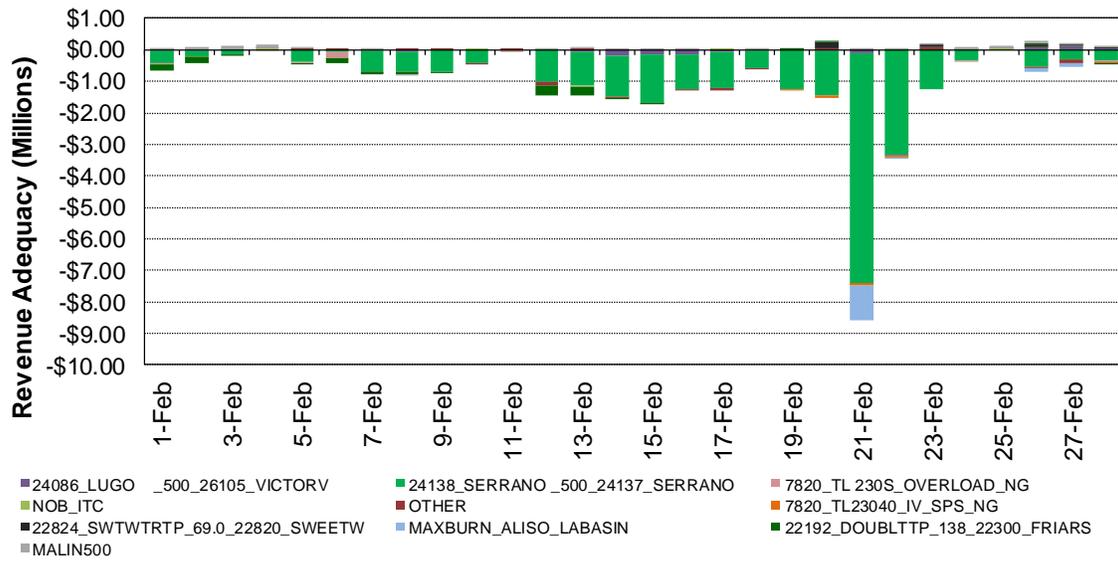


The average congestion cost per MWh of load served in the integrated forward market rose to \$4.90/MWh in February from \$1.65/MWh in January. The average congestion cost per load served in the real-time market increased to \$0.40/MWh in February from -\$0.09/MWh in January.

### Congestion Revenue Rights

Figure 9 illustrates the daily revenue adequacy for congestion revenue rights (CRRs) broken out by transmission element. The average CRR revenue deficit in February increased to \$1,075,897 from the average revenue deficit of \$281,919 in January.

**Figure 9: Daily Revenue Adequacy of Congestion Revenue Rights**

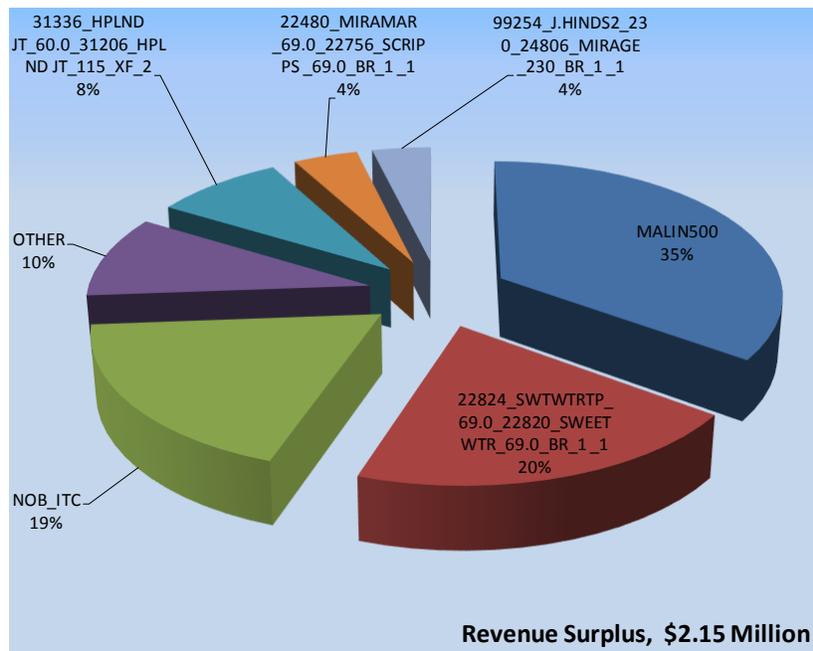
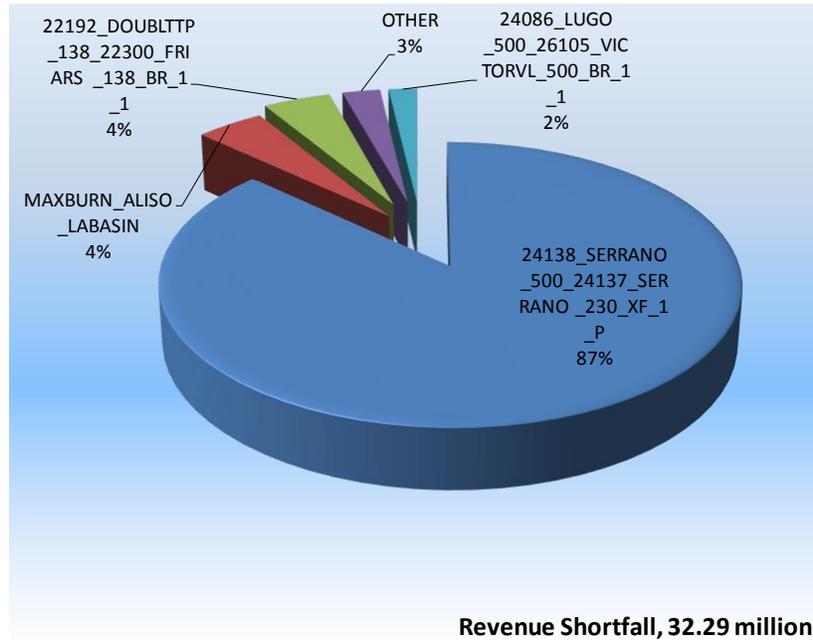


Overall, February experienced a CRR revenue deficit. Revenue shortfalls were observed in most days of February. The main reasons are

- The transformer 24138\_SERRANO \_500\_24137\_SERRANO was binding throughout this month, resulting in revenue shortfall of \$27.43 million. The congestion was driven by the Serrano bank outage.
- The line 22192\_DOUBLTTP\_138\_22300\_FRIARS was binding in 17 days of this month, resulting in revenue shortfall of \$1.39 million.

The shares of the revenue surplus and deficit accruing on various congested transmission elements for the reporting period are shown in Figure 10 and the monthly summary for CRR revenue adequacy is provided in Table 5.

**Figure 10: CRR Revenue Adequacy by Transmission Element**



Overall, the total amount collected from the IFM was not sufficient to cover the net payments to congestion revenue right holders and the cost of the exemption for existing rights. The revenue adequacy level was 71.71 percent in February. Out of the total congestion rents, 0.91 percent was used to cover the cost of existing right exemptions. Net total congestion revenues in February were in deficit by \$30.13 million, compared to the deficit of \$8.74 million in January. The auction revenues credited to the balancing account for February were \$6.62 million. As a result, the balancing account for February had a deficit of approximately \$23.40 million, which will be allocated to measured demand.

**Table 5: CRR Revenue Adequacy Statistics**

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| IFM Congestion Rents          | \$77,055,996.41  |
| Existing Right Exemptions     | -\$698,745.79    |
| Available Congestion Revenues | \$76,357,250.62  |
| CRR Payments                  | \$106,482,377.89 |
| CRR Revenue Adequacy          | -\$30,125,127.27 |
| Revenue Adequacy Ratio        | 71.71%           |
| Annual Auction Revenues       | \$3,274,297.90   |
| Monthly Auction Revenues      | \$3,348,548.99   |
| CRR Settlement Rule           | \$105,807.16     |
| Allocation to Measured Demand | -\$23,396,473.22 |

## Ancillary Services

### IFM (Day-Ahead) Average Price

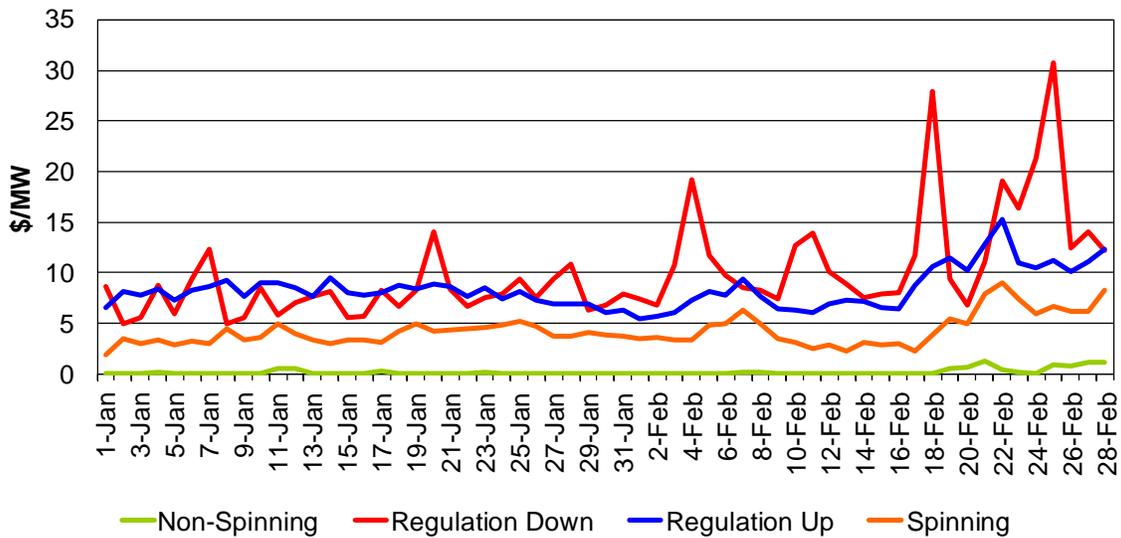
Table 6 shows the monthly IFM average ancillary service procurements and the monthly average prices. In February the monthly average procurement increased for all four types of ancillary services.

**Table 6: IFM (Day-Ahead) Monthly Average Ancillary Service Procurement**

|                       | Average Procured |        |          |              | Average Price |         |          |              |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------|----------|--------------|---------------|---------|----------|--------------|
|                       | Reg Up           | Reg Dn | Spinning | Non-Spinning | Reg Up        | Reg Dn  | Spinning | Non-Spinning |
| <b>Feb-18</b>         | 329              | 408    | 1091     | 1094         | \$8.80        | \$12.58 | \$4.73   | \$0.33       |
| <b>Jan-18</b>         | 329              | 398    | 1038     | 1038         | \$7.96        | \$7.77  | \$3.82   | \$0.14       |
| <b>Percent Change</b> | 0.06%            | 2.62%  | 5.19%    | 5.45%        | 10.54%        | 62.01%  | 23.90%   | 135.36%      |

The monthly average prices increased for all four types of ancillary services in February. Figure 11 shows the daily IFM average ancillary service prices. The average price for regulation down was elevated on February 4, 18 and 22-25 due to high opportunity cost of energy.

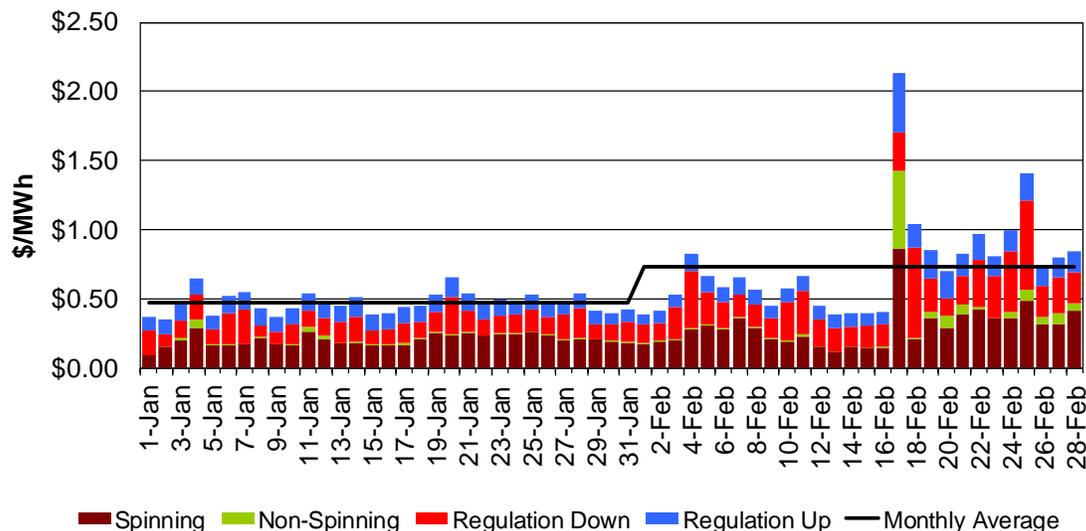
**Figure 11: IFM (Day-Ahead) Ancillary Service Average Price**



### Ancillary Service Cost to Load

The monthly average cost to load rose to \$0.73/MWh in February from \$0.47/MWh in January. February 17 saw high average cost due to high spinning and non-spinning price in real-time market driven by high opportunity cost of energy.

**Figure 12: System (Day-Ahead and Real-Time) Average Cost to Load**



### Scarcity Events

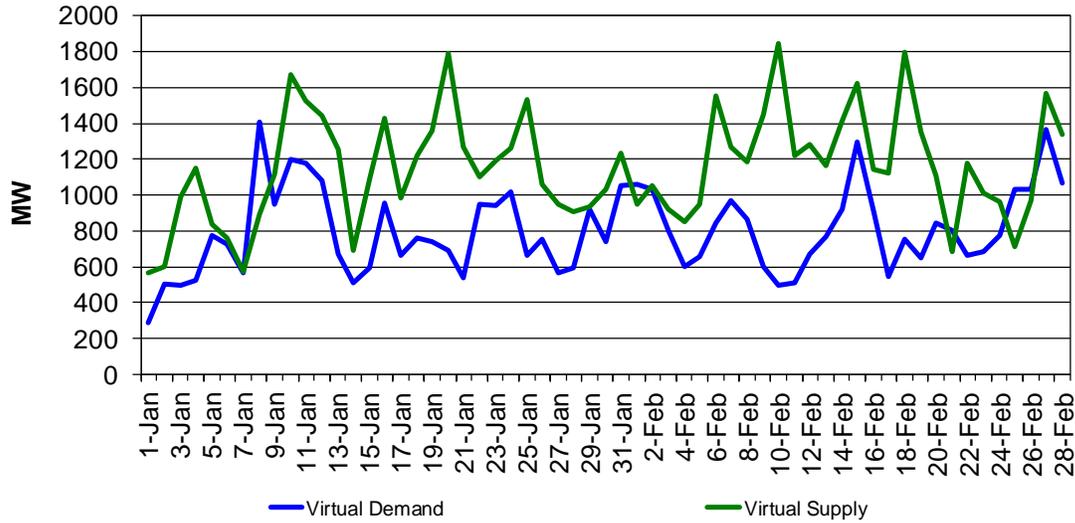
The ancillary services scarcity pricing mechanism is triggered when the ISO is not able to procure the target quantity of one or more ancillary services in the IFM and real-time market runs. On February 8, 17 and 24, scarcity events occurred and are shown in the table below.

| Date      | Hour Ending | Interval | Ancillary Service | Region    | Shortfall (MW) | Percentage of Requirement |
|-----------|-------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 2/8/2018  | 12          | 4        | Regulation Up     | NP26_EXP  | 43.39          | 41%                       |
| 2/17/2018 | 19          | 3        | Non-Spin          | CAISO_EXP | 509.76         | 44%                       |
| 2/17/2018 | 19          | 4        | Non-Spin          | CAISO_EXP | 418.88         | 36%                       |
| 2/17/2018 | 20          | 1        | Non-Spin          | CAISO_EXP | 571.94         | 46%                       |
| 2/24/2018 | 23          | 1        | Spin              | NP26_EXP  | 12.96          | 1%                        |

## Convergence Bidding

Figure 13 below shows the daily average volume of cleared virtual bids in IFM for virtual supply and virtual demand. The cleared virtual supply was well above the cleared demand in most days of February.

**Figure 13: Cleared Virtual Bids**



Convergence bidding tends to cause the day-ahead market and real-time market prices to move closer together, or “converge”. Figure 14 shows the energy prices (namely the energy component of the LMP) in IFM, hour ahead scheduling process (HASP), FMM, and RTD.

**Figure 14: IFM, HASP, FMM, and RTD Prices**

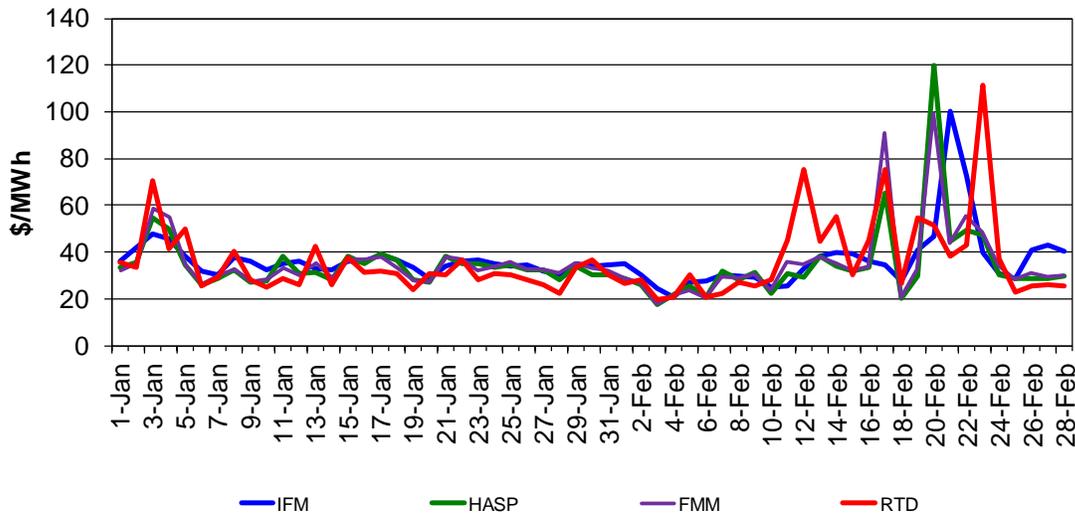
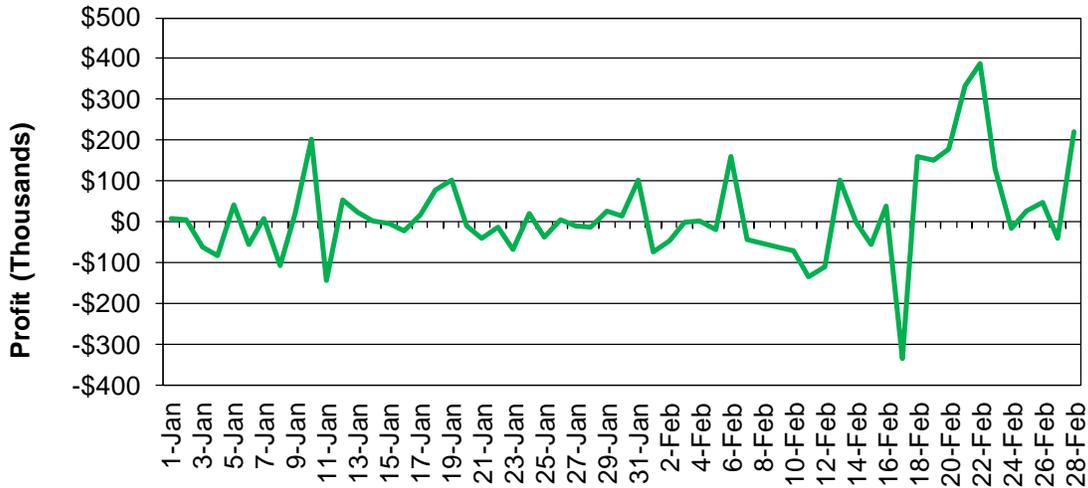


Figure 15 shows the profits that convergence bidders receive from convergence bidding. The total profits from convergence bidding increased to \$0.86 million in February from \$0.05 million in January.

**Figure 15: Convergence Bidding Profits**

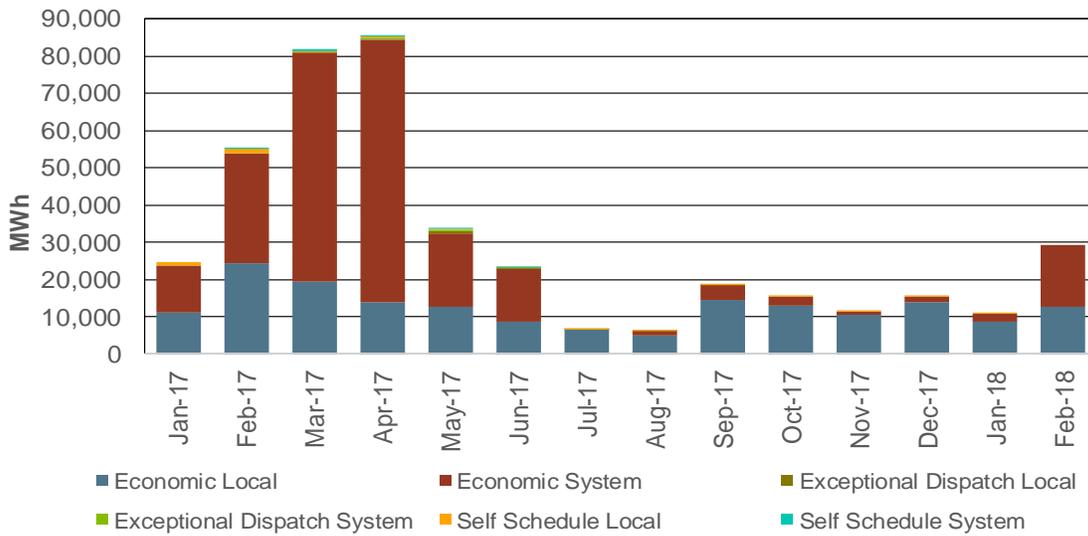


### Renewable Generation Curtailment

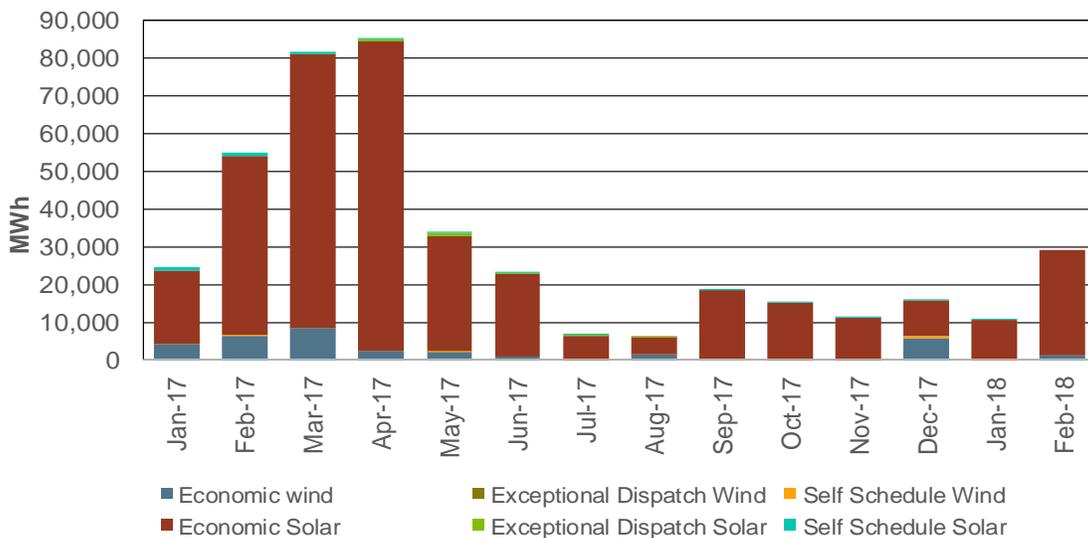
Figure 16 below shows the monthly wind and solar VERs (variable energy resource) curtailment due to system wide condition or local congestion in RTD. Figure 17 shows the monthly wind and solar VERs (variable energy resource) curtailment by resource type in RTD. Economic curtailment is defined as the resource’s dispatch upper limit minus its RTD schedule when the resource has an economic bid. Dispatch upper limit is the maximum level the resource can be dispatched to when various factors are take into account such as forecast, maximum economic bid, generation outage, and ramping capacity. Self-schedule curtailment is defined as the resource’s self-schedule minus its RTD schedule when RTD schedule is lower than self-schedule. When a VER resource is exceptionally dispatched, then exceptional dispatch curtailment is defined as the dispatch upper limit minus the exceptional dispatch value.

As Figure 16 and Figure 17 below indicate, the renewable curtailment in went up in February, but still remained low compared with last February. The majority of the curtailments was economic.

**Figure 16: Renewable Curtailment by Reason**



**Figure 17: Renewable Curtailment by Resource Type**



### Flexible Ramping Product

On November 1, 2016 the ISO implemented two market products in the 15-minute and 5-minute markets: Flexible Ramping Up and Flexible Ramping Down uncertainty awards. These products provide additional upward and downward flexible ramping capability to account for uncertainty due to demand and renewable forecasting errors. In addition, the existing flexible ramping sufficiency test was extended to ensure feasible ramping capacity for real-time interchange schedules.

### Flexible Ramping Product Payment

Figure 18 shows the flexible ramping up and down uncertainty payments. Flexible ramping up uncertainty payment inched down to \$0.26 million in February from \$0.31 million in January. Flexible ramping down uncertainty payment increased to \$32,054 in February from \$3,695 in January.

**Figure 18: Flexible Ramping Up/down Uncertainty Payment**

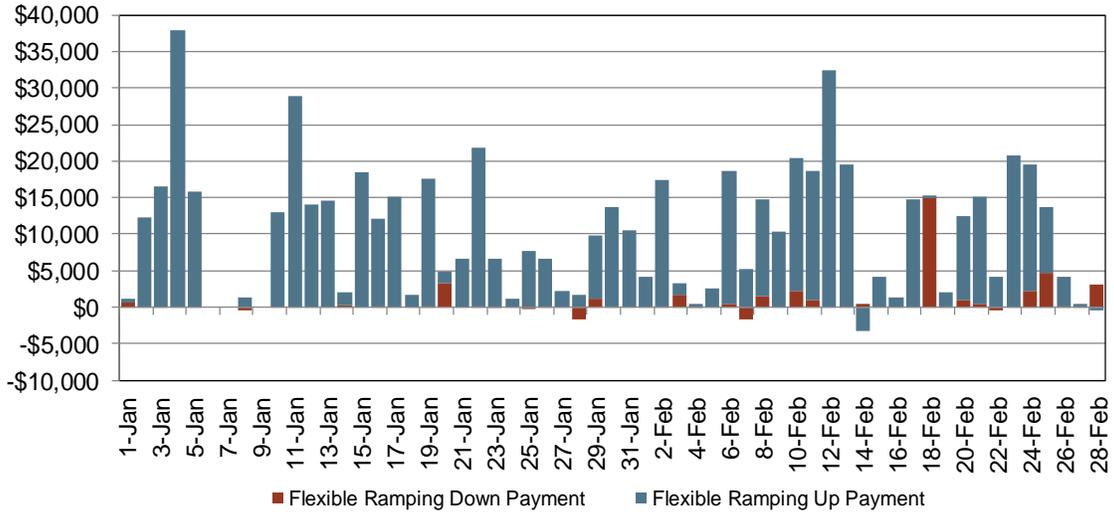
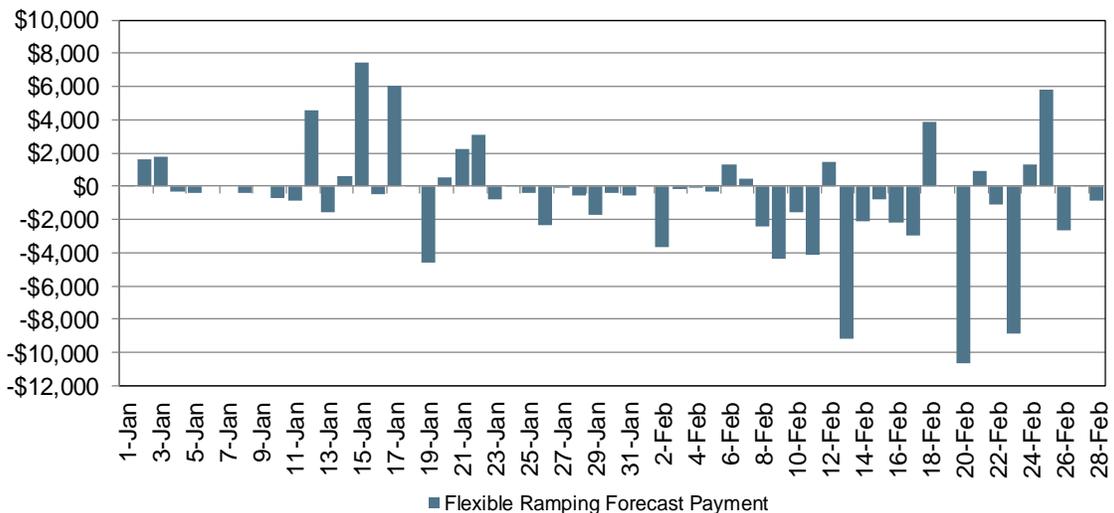


Figure 19 shows the flexible ramping forecast payment. Flexible ramping forecast payment fell to -\$42,856 this month from \$11,682 observed in January.

**Figure 19: Flexible Ramping Forecast Payment**



## Indirect Market Performance Metrics

### Bid Cost Recovery

Figure 20 shows the daily uplift costs due to exceptional dispatch payments. The monthly uplift costs in February inched up to \$0.28 million from \$0.24 million in January. February 17 saw relatively high uplift cost due to the exceptional dispatches issued for contingency dispatch.

**Figure 20: Exceptional Dispatch Uplift Costs**

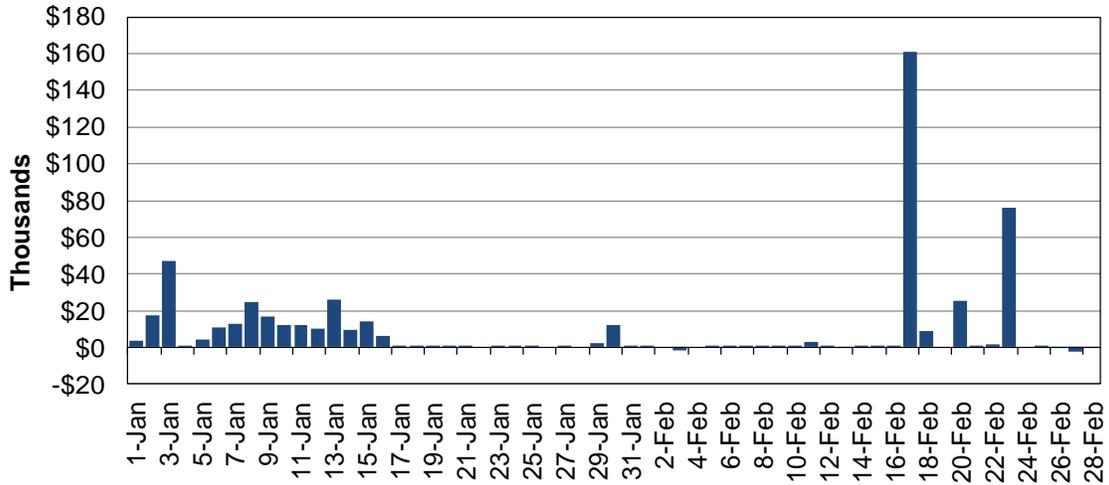


Figure 21 shows the allocation of bid cost recovery payment in the IFM, residual unit commitment (RUC) and RTM markets. The total bid cost recovery for February rose to \$10.11 million from \$4.58 million in January. Out of the total monthly bid cost recovery payment for the three markets in February, the IFM market contributed 8 percent, RTM contributed 84 percent, and RUC contributed 8 percent of the total bid cost recovery payment.

**Figure 21: Bid Cost Recovery Allocation**

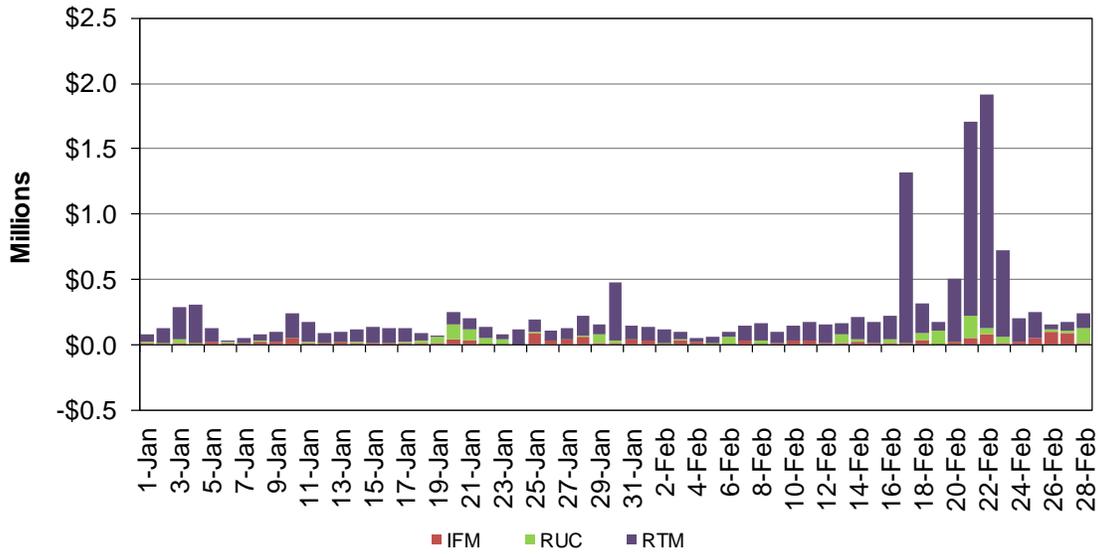
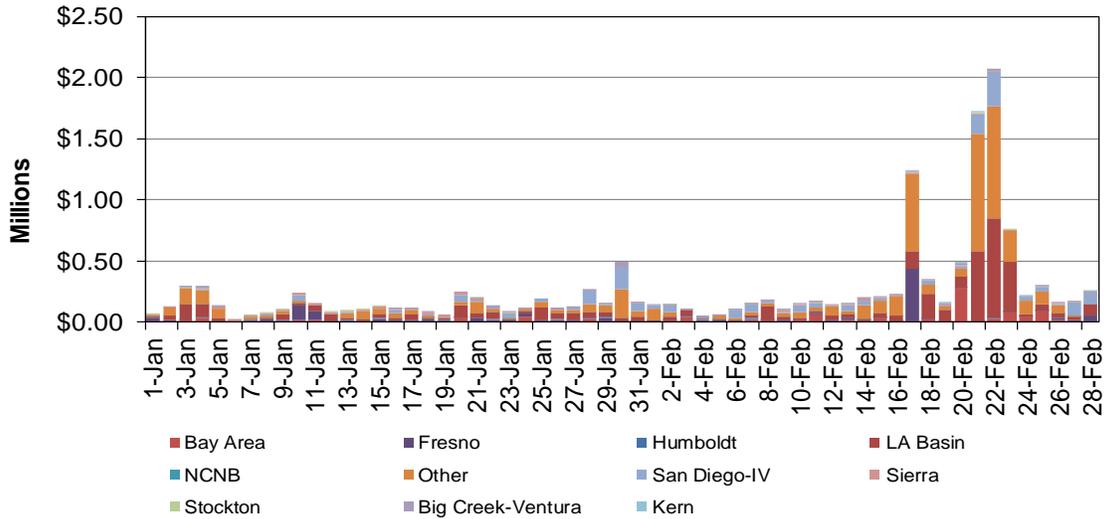


Figure 22 and Figure 23 show the daily and monthly BCR cost by local capacity requirement area (LCR) respectively.

**Figure 22: Bid Cost Recovery Allocation by LCR**



**Figure 23: Monthly Bid Cost Recovery Allocation by LCR**

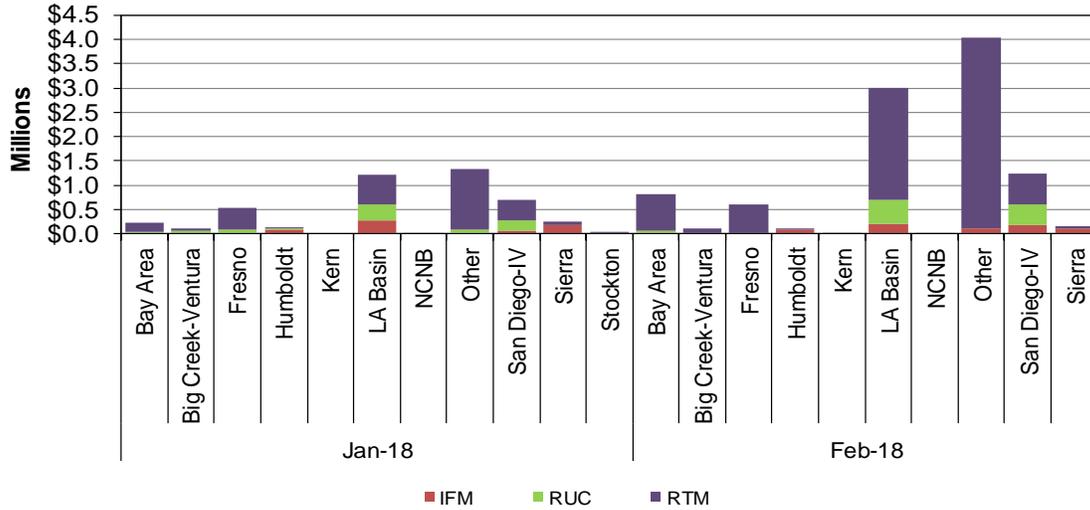
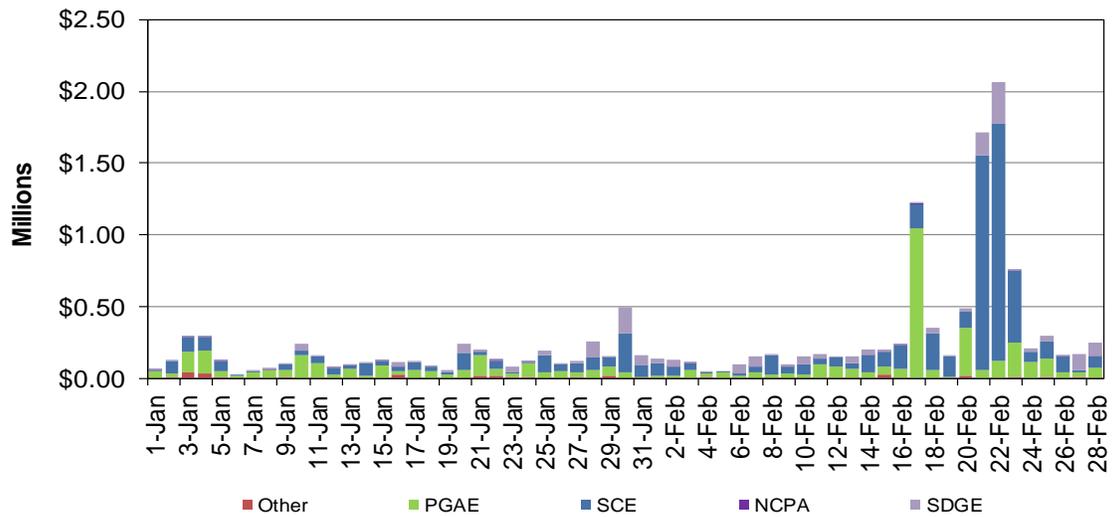


Figure 24 and Figure 25 show the daily and monthly BCR cost by utility distribution company (UDC) respectively.

**Figure 24: Bid Cost Recovery Allocation by UDC**



**Figure 25: Monthly Bid Cost Recovery Allocation by UDC**

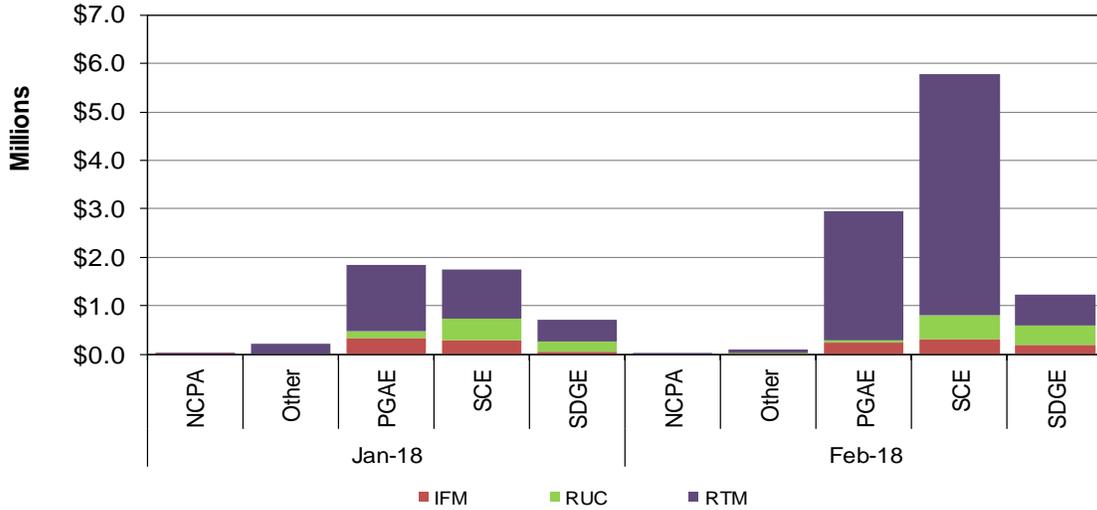


Figure 26 shows the cost related to BCR by cost type in RUC.

**Figure 26: Cost in RUC**

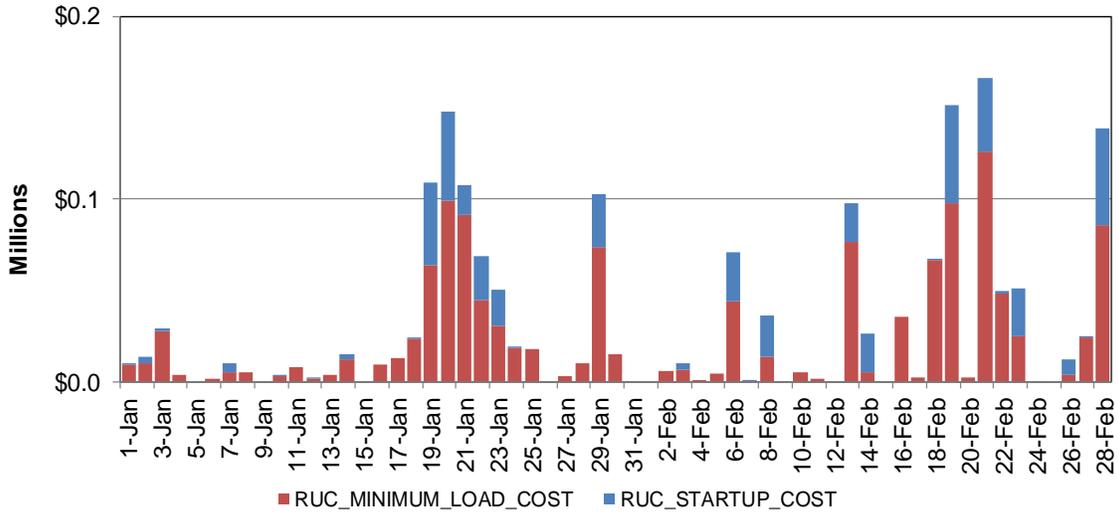
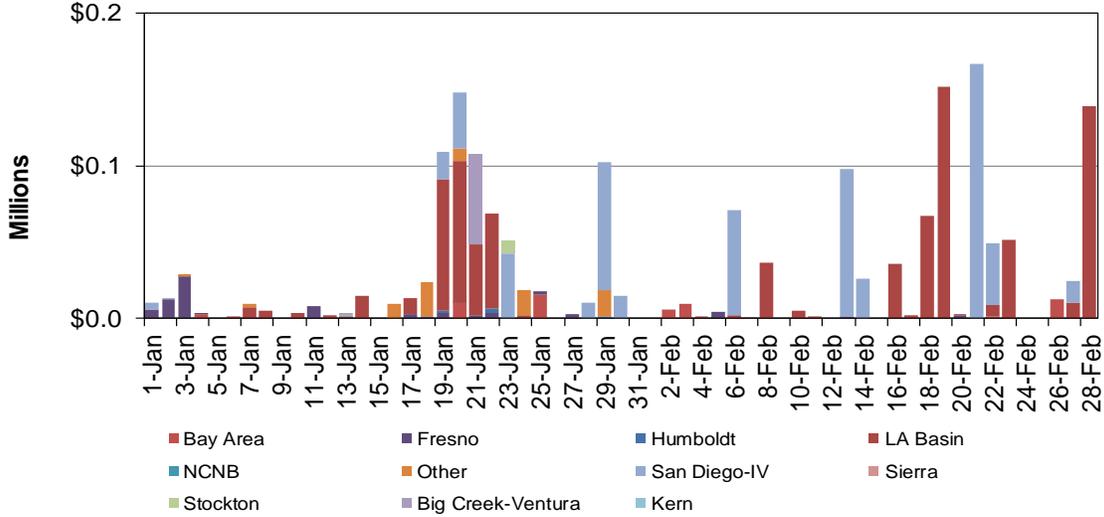


Figure 27 and Figure 28 show the daily and monthly cost related to BCR by type and LCR in RUC respectively.

**Figure 27: Cost in RUC by LCR**



**Figure 28: Monthly Cost in RUC by LCR**

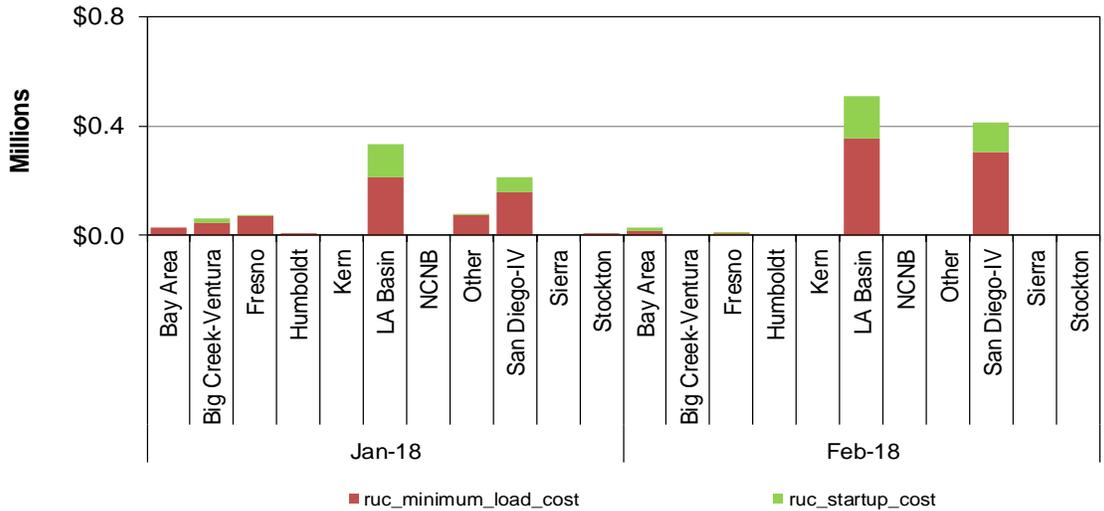
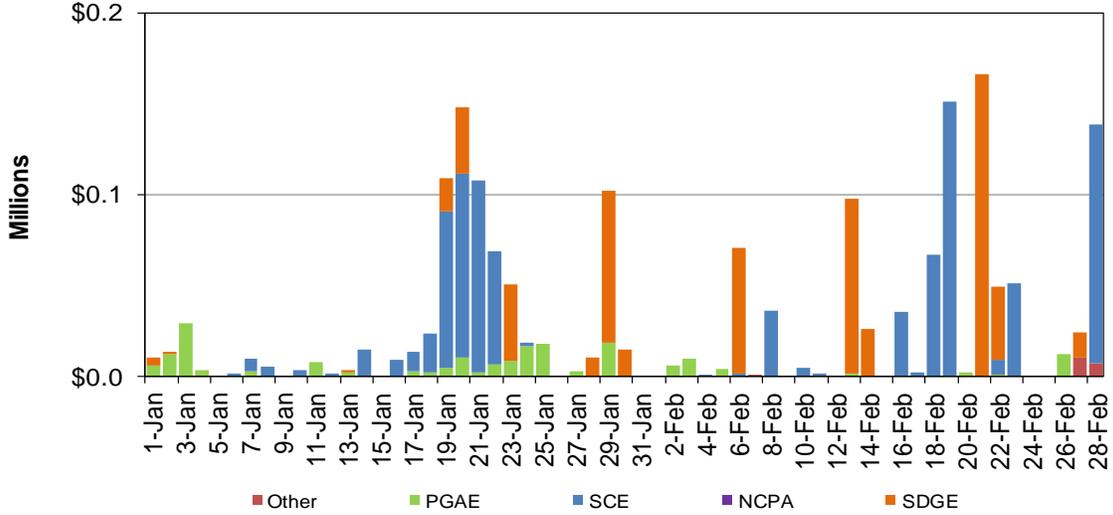


Figure 29 and Figure 30 show the daily and monthly cost related to BCR by type and UDC in RUC respectively.

**Figure 29: Cost in RUC by UDC**



**Figure 30: Monthly Cost in RUC by UDC**

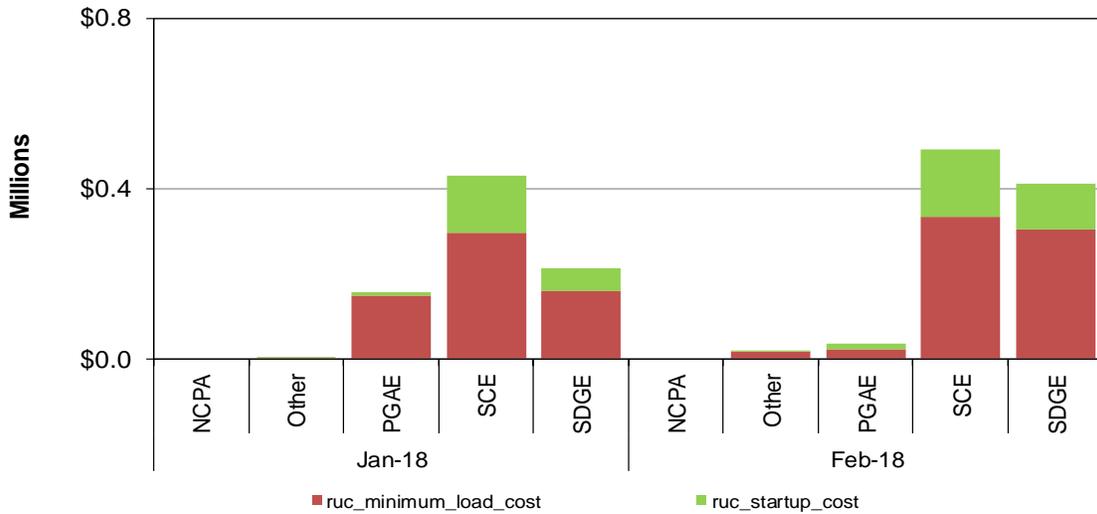


Figure 31 shows the cost related to BCR in real time by cost type. Minimum load cost and energy cost contributed mostly to the real time cost this month.

**Figure 31: Cost in Real Time**

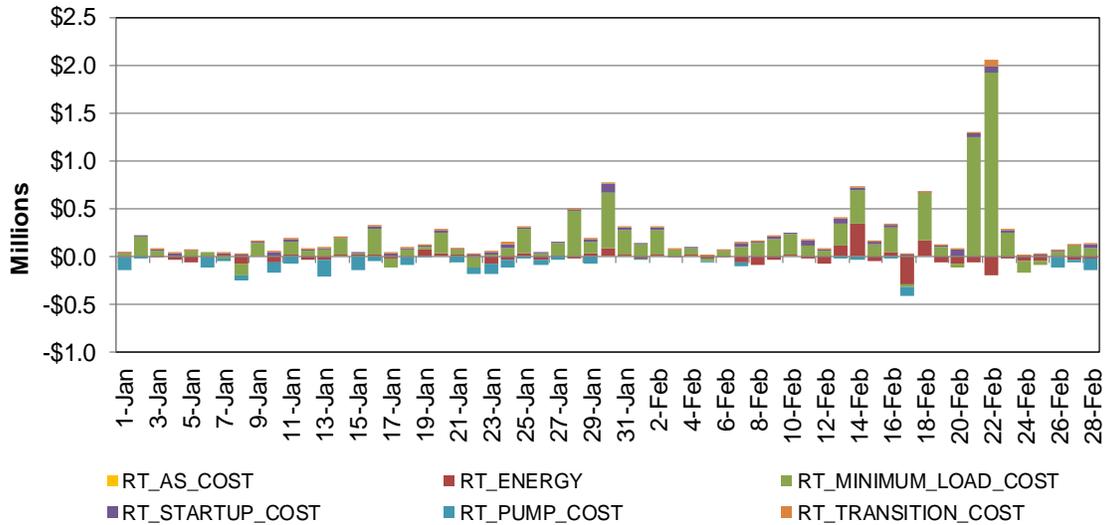
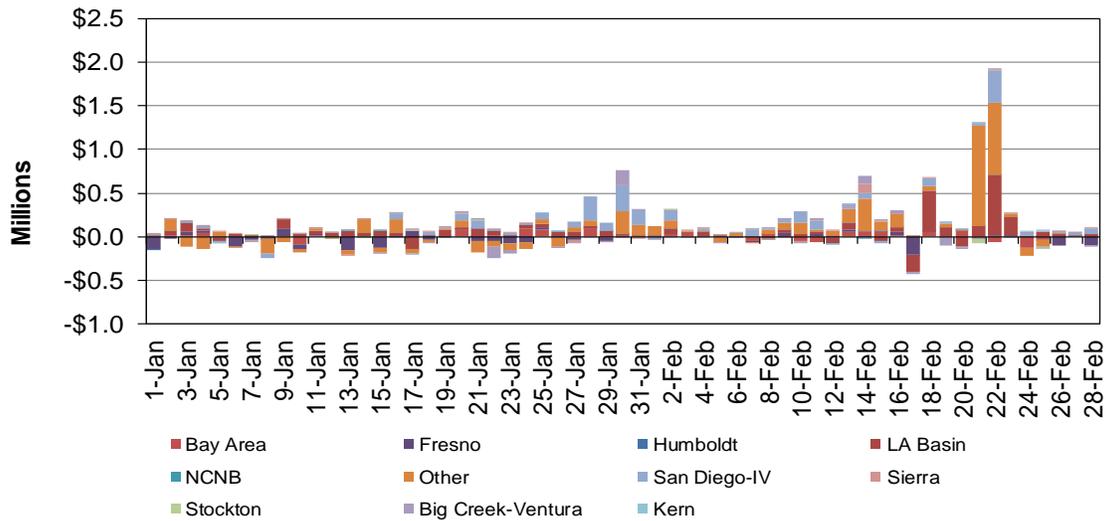


Figure 32 and Figure 33 show the daily and monthly cost related to BCR by type and LCR in real time respectively.

**Figure 32: Cost in Real Time by LCR**



**Figure 33: Monthly Cost in Real Time by LCR**

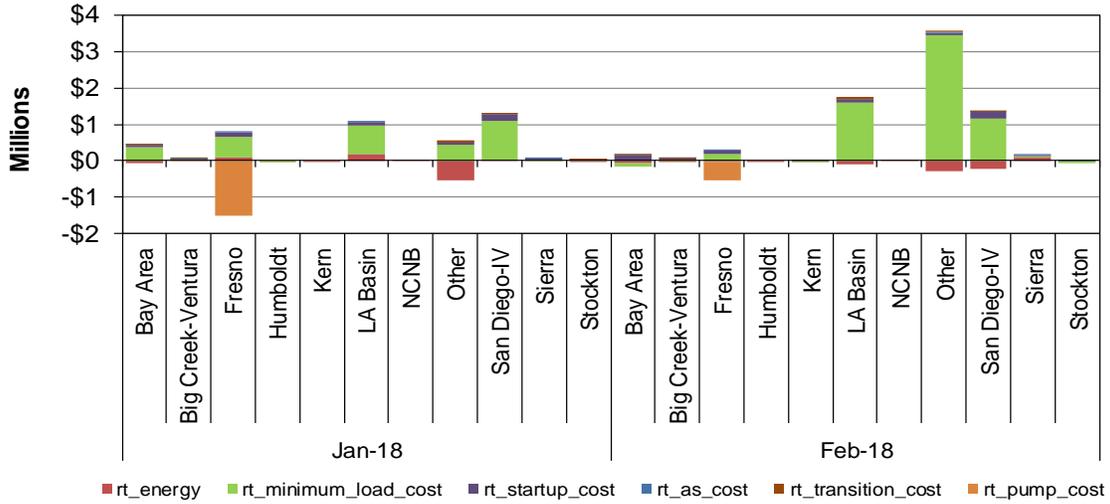
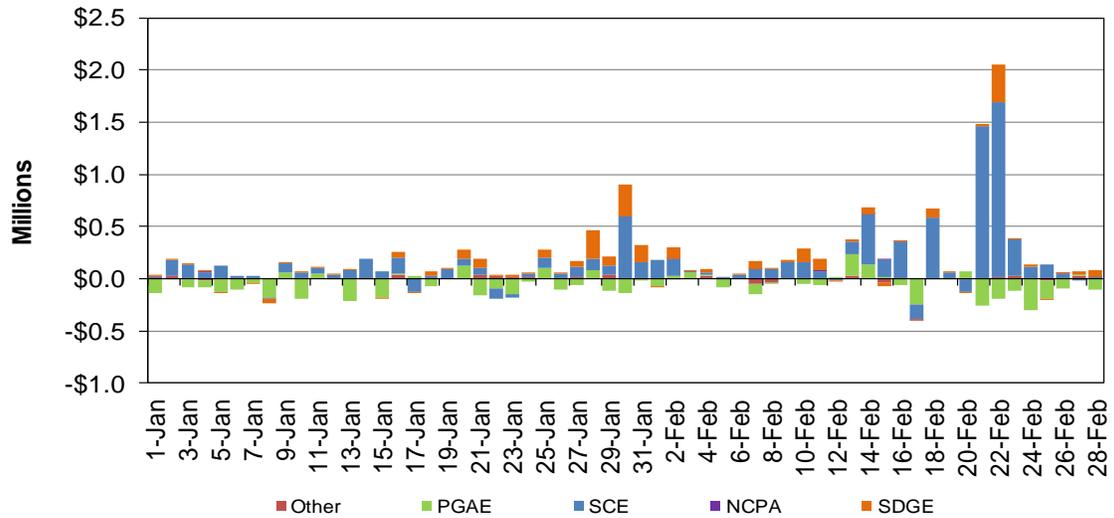


Figure 34 and Figure 35 show the daily and monthly cost related to BCR by type and UDC in Real Time respectively.

**Figure 34: Cost in Real Time by UDC**



**Figure 35: Monthly Cost in Real Time by UDC**

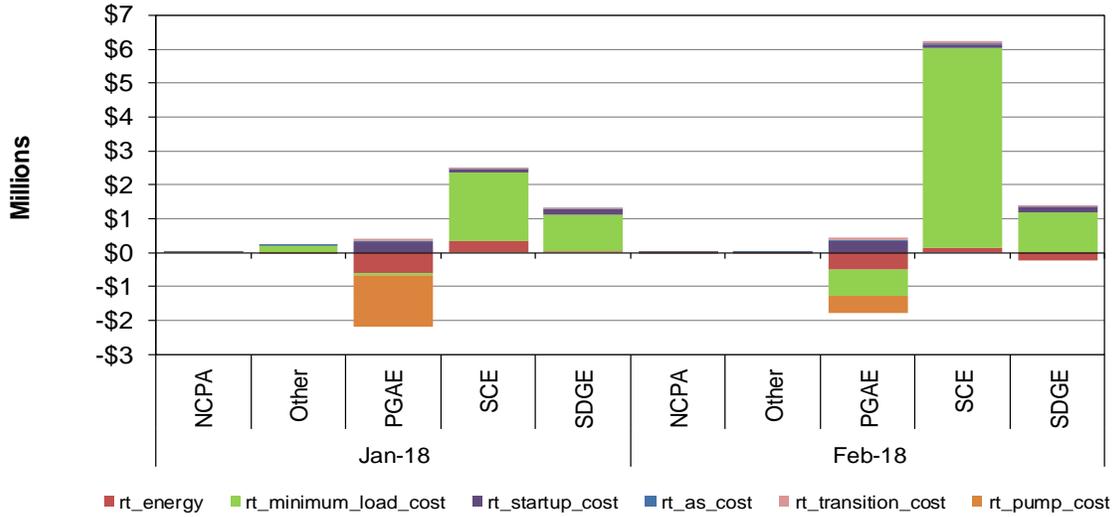


Figure 36 shows the cost related to BCR in IFM by cost type. Minimum Load cost and energy cost contributed largely to the cost in IFM this month.

**Figure 36: Cost in IFM**

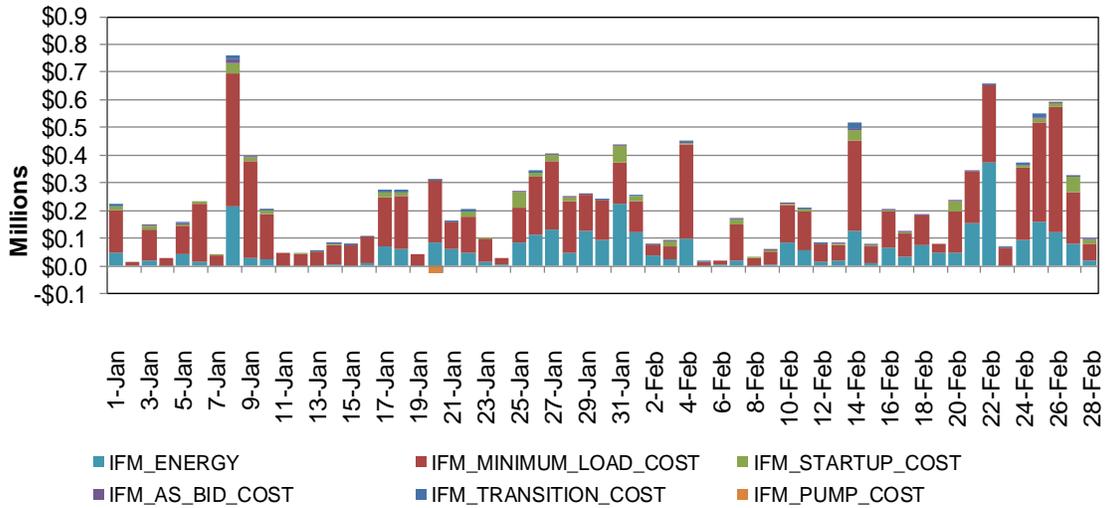
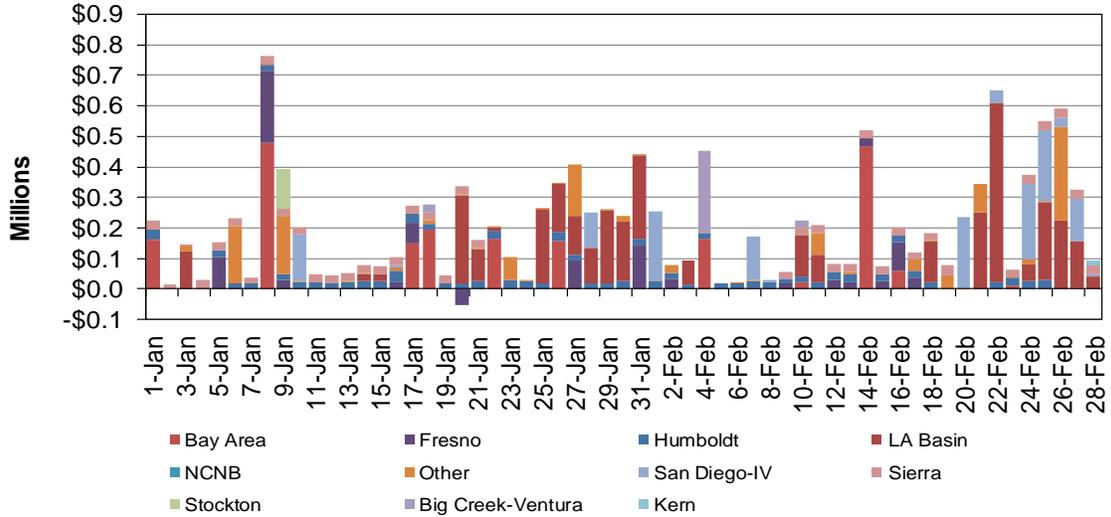


Figure 37 and Figure 38 show the daily and monthly cost related to BCR by type and location in IFM respectively.

**Figure 37: Cost in IFM by LCR**



**Figure 38: Monthly Cost in IFM by LCR**

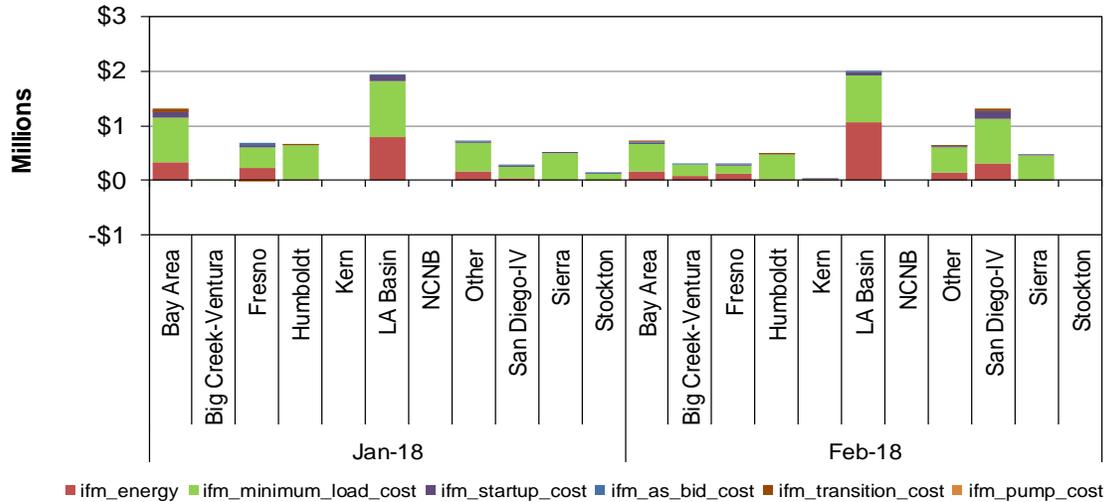
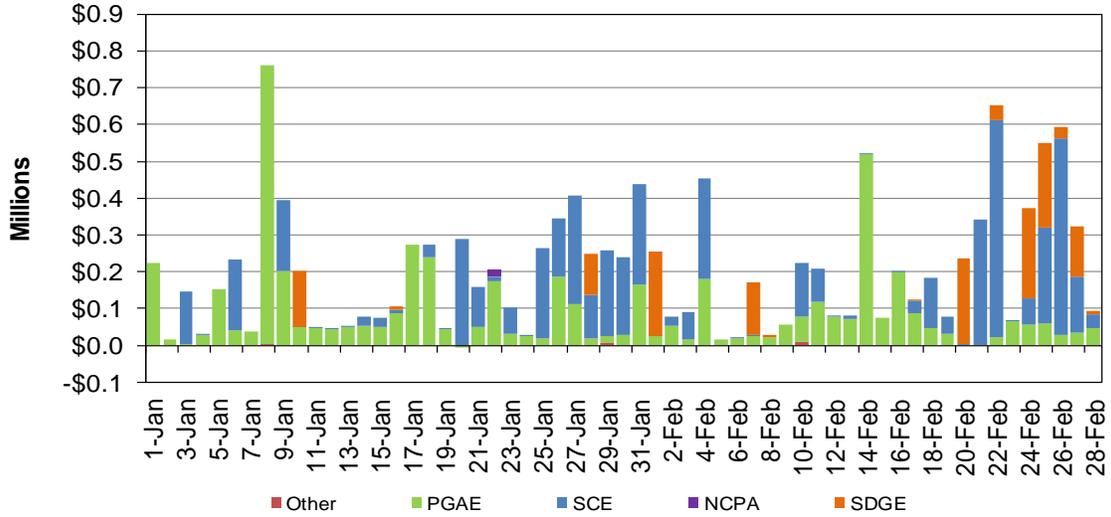
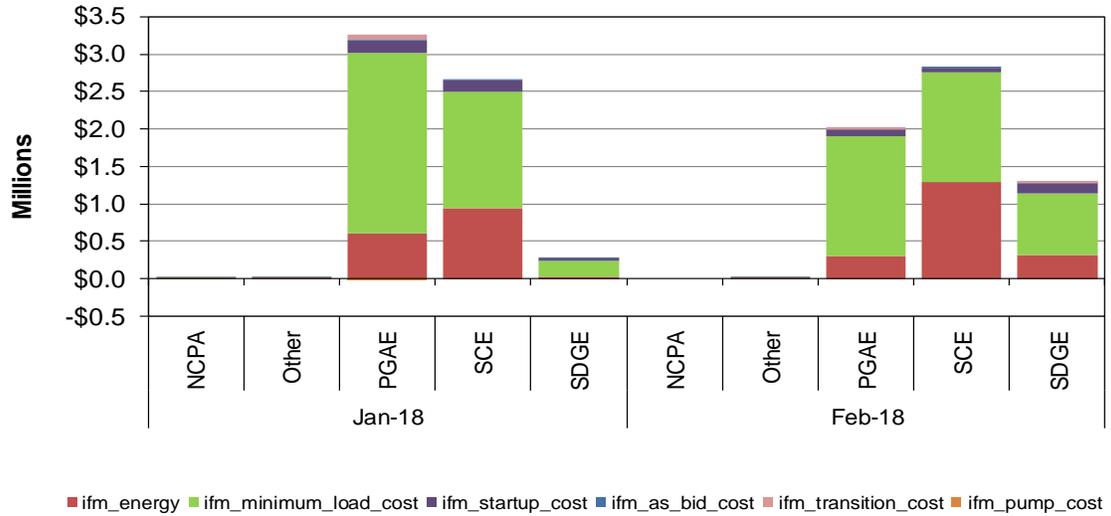


Figure 39 and Figure 40 show the daily and monthly cost related to BCR by type and UDC in IFM respectively.

**Figure 39: Cost in IFM by UDC**



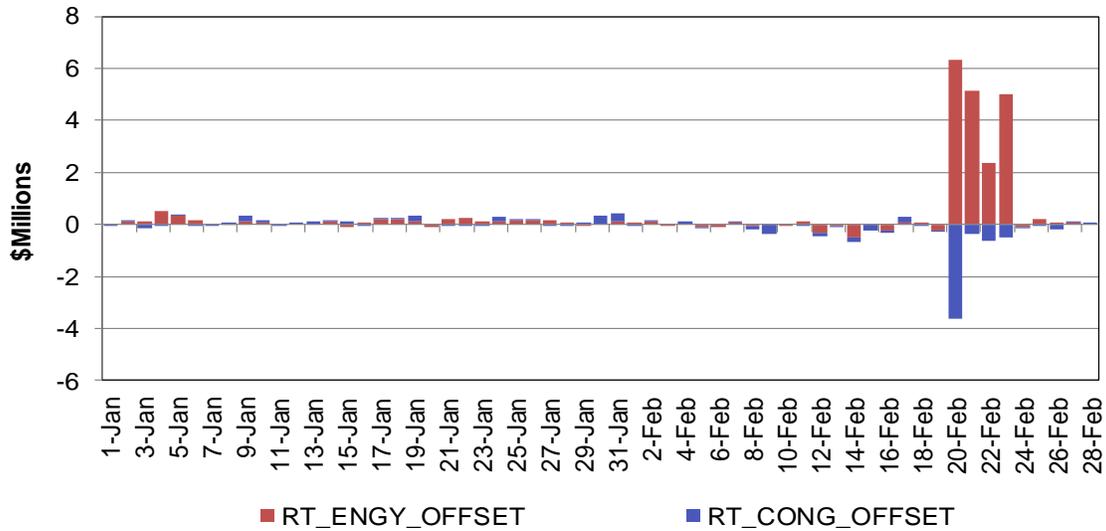
**Figure 40: Monthly Cost in IFM by UDC**



### Real-time Imbalance Offset Costs

Figure 41 shows the daily real-time energy and congestion imbalance offset costs. Real-time energy offset cost increased to \$18.24 million in February from \$3.52 million in January. Real-time congestion offset cost skidded to -\$6.18 million in February from \$1.64 million in January. The increase of offset costs occurred during the period of time when gas prices spike to record high values and the gas nomograms were activated in the markets.

**Figure 41: Real-Time Energy and Congestion Imbalance Offset**



## Market Software Metrics

Market performance can be confounded by software issues, which vary in severity levels with the failure of a market run being the most severe.

## Market Disruption

A market disruption is an action or event that causes a failure of an ISO market, related to system operation issues or system emergencies.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to section 7.7.15 of the ISO tariff, the ISO can take one or more of a number of specified actions to prevent a market disruption, or to minimize the extent of a market disruption.

There were a total of 51 market disruptions this month. Table 7 lists the number of market disruptions and the number of times that the ISO removed bids (including self-schedules) in any of the following markets in this month. The ISO markets include IFM, RUC, FMM and RTD processes.

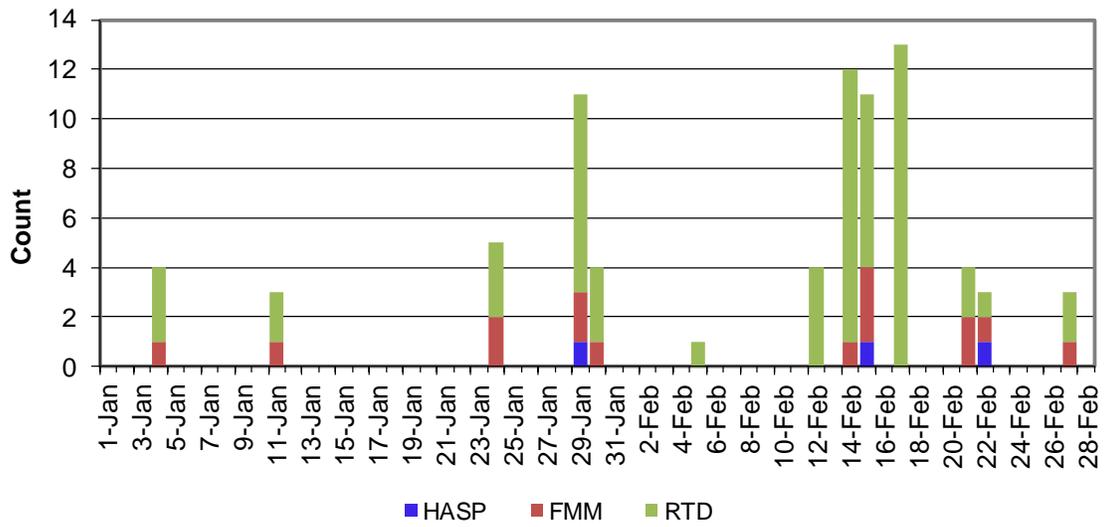
**Table 7: Summary of Market Disruption**

| Type of CAISO Market | Market Disruption or Reportable | Removal of Bids (including Self-Schedules) |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Day-Ahead</b>     |                                 |  |
| IFM                  | 0                               | 0  |
| RUC                  | 0                               | 0  |
| <b>Real-Time</b>     |                                 |  |
| FMM Interval 1       | 2                               | 0  |
| FMM Interval 2       | 2                               | 0  |
| FMM Interval 3       | 3                               | 0  |
| FMM Interval 4       | 3                               | 0  |
| Real-Time Dispatch   | 41                              | 0  |

Figure 42 shows the frequency of IFM, HASP (FMM interval 2), FMM (intervals 1, 3 and 4), and RTD failures. On February 13, 12 RTD disruptions occurred due to application problem one other RTD disruption occurred due to broadcast not being successful.

<sup>3</sup> These system operation issues or system emergencies are referred to in Sections 7.6 and 7.7, respectively, of the ISO tariff.

**Figure 42: Frequency of Market Disruption**



## Manual Market Adjustment

### Exceptional Dispatch

Figure 43 shows the daily volume of exceptional dispatches, broken out by market type: real-time incremental dispatch and real-time decremental dispatch. The real-time exceptional dispatches are among one of the following types: a unit commitment at physical minimum; an incremental dispatch above the day-ahead schedule and a decremental dispatch below the day-ahead schedule.

The total volume of exceptional dispatch in February increased to 78,846 MWh from 27,033 MWh in January.

**Figure 43: Total Exceptional Dispatch Volume (MWh) by Market Type**

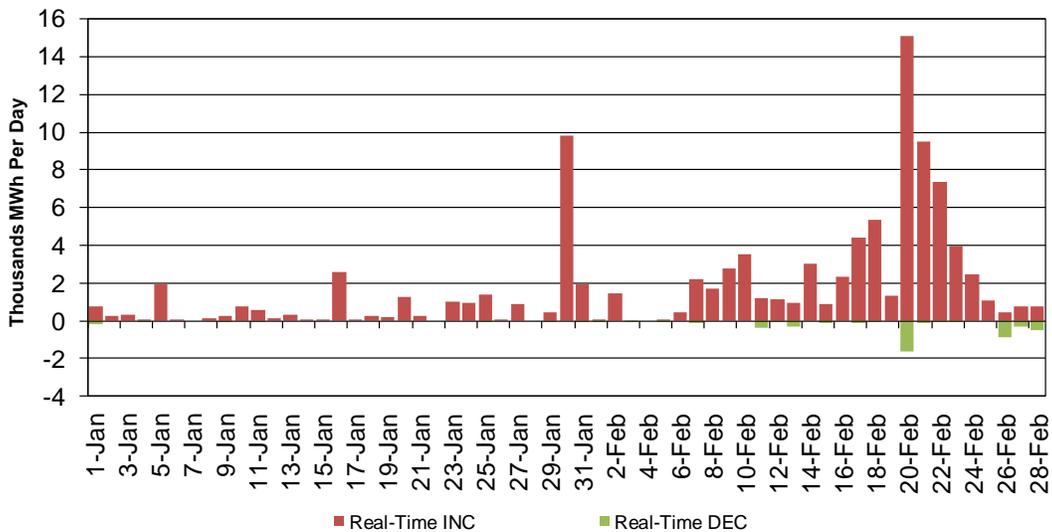


Figure 44 shows the volume of the exceptional dispatch broken out by reason.<sup>4</sup> The majority of the exceptional dispatch volumes in February were driven by planned transmission outage (36 percent), conditions beyond the control of the CAISO (20 percent), load forecast uncertainty (15 percent) and voltage support (13 percent).

<sup>4</sup> For details regarding the reasons for exceptional dispatch please read the white paper at this link: <http://www.caiso.com/1c89/1c89d76950e00.html>.

**Figure 44: Total Exceptional Dispatch Volume (MWh) by Reason**

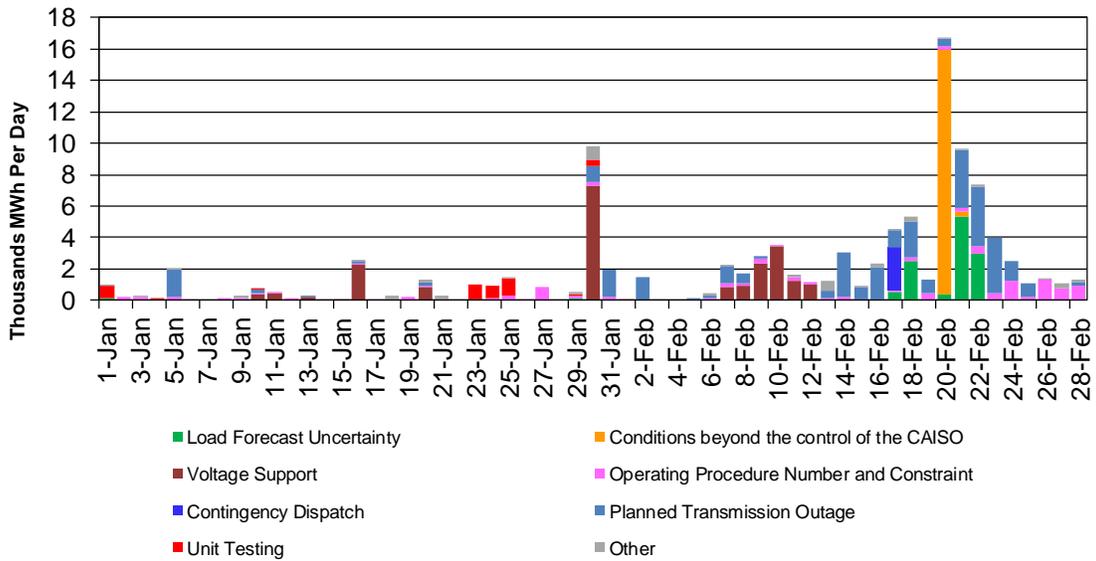
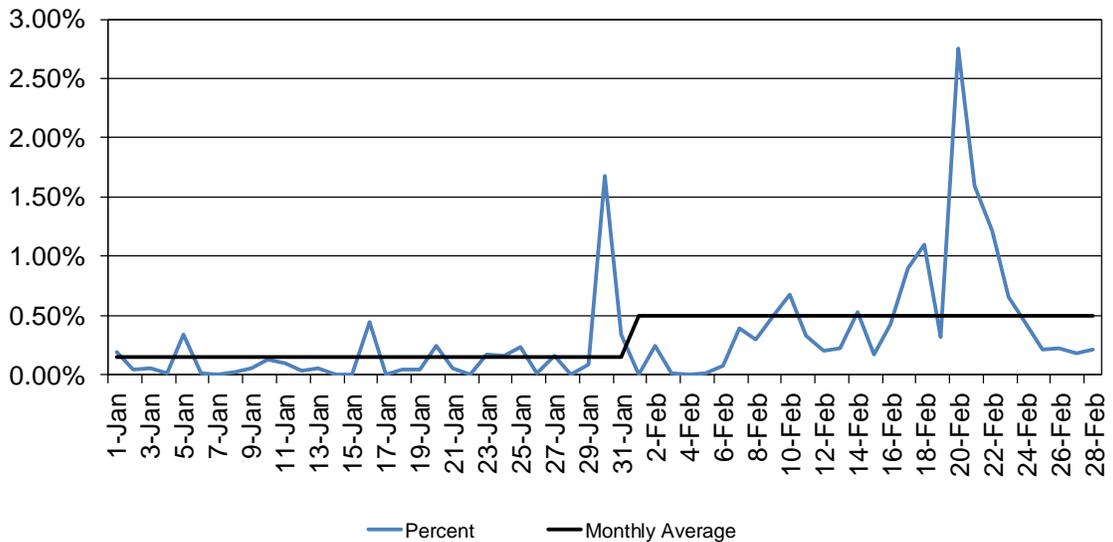


Figure 45 shows the total exceptional dispatch volume as a percent of load, along with the monthly average. The monthly average percentage rose to 0.50 percent in February from 0.15 percent in January.

**Figure 45: Total Exceptional Dispatch as Percent of Load**



## Energy Imbalance Market

On November 1, 2014, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) and Portland-based PacifiCorp fully activated the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM). This real-time market is the first of its kind in the West. EIM covers six western states: California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming.

On December 1, 2015, NV Energy, the Nevada-based utility successfully began participating in the western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM). On October 1, 2016, Phoenix-based Arizona Public Service (AZPS) and Puget Sound Energy (PSEI) of Washington State successfully began full participation in the western Energy Imbalance Market.

On October 1, 2017, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) became the fifth western utility to successfully begin full participation in the western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM). PGE joins Arizona Public Service, Puget Sound Energy, NV Energy, PacifiCorp and the ISO, together serving over 38 million consumers in eight states: California, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada.

Figure 46 shows daily simple average ELAP prices for PacifiCorp east (PACE), PacifiCorp West (PACW), NV Energy (NEVP), Arizona Public Service (AZPS), Puget Sound Energy (PSEI), and Portland General Electric Company (PGE) for all hours in FMM. The price for AZPS was elevated on February 8 and 17 due to limited supply. The prices for AZPS, NEVP and PACE were high on February 17 due to generation outage and reduction of import. February 20 saw elevated prices for AZPS, NEVP and PACE due to reduction of generation driven by gas limitation.

**Figure 46: EIM Simple Average LAP Prices (All Hours) in FMM**

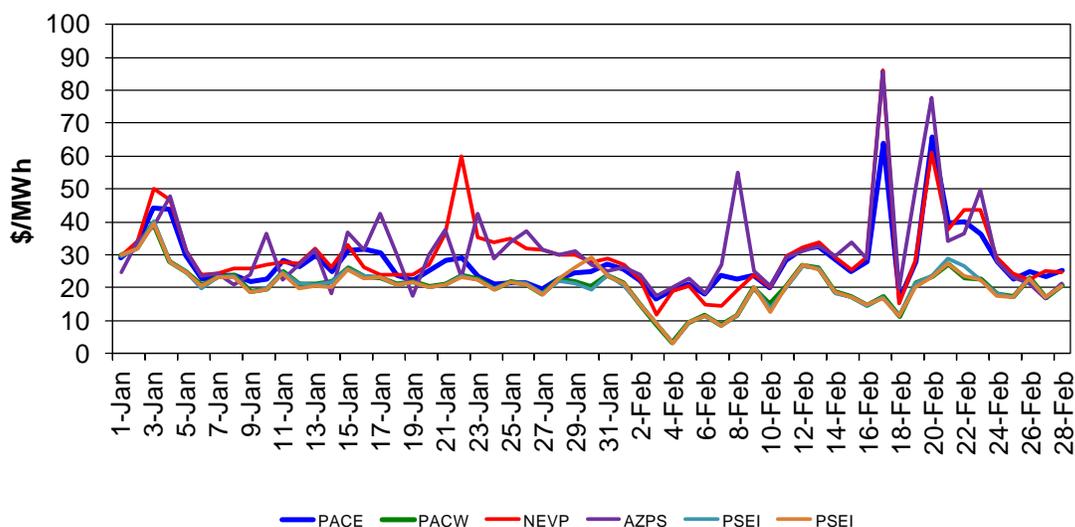


Figure 47 shows daily simple average ELAP prices for PACE, PACW, NEVP, AZPS, PSEI, and PGE for all hours in RTD. February 3 saw elevated prices for NEVP, PACE and AZPS, driven by upward load adjustment and renewable deviation. On February 23, the prices for AZPS and NEVP were elevated due to upward load adjustment and renewable deviation.

**Figure 47: EIM Simple Average LAP Prices (All Hours) in RTD**

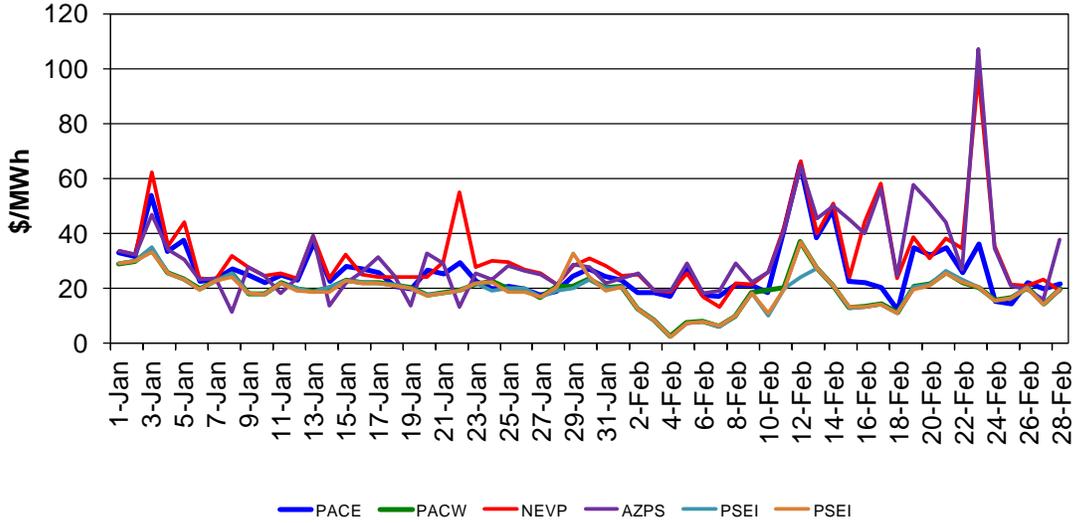


Figure 48 shows the daily price frequency for prices above \$250/MWh and negative prices in FMM for PACE, PACW, NEVP, AZPS, PSEI, and PGE. The cumulative frequency of prices above \$250/MWh edged up to 0.21 percent in February from 0.19 percent in January. The cumulative frequency of negative prices rose to 1.99 percent in February from 0.27 percent in January.

**Figure 48: Daily Frequency of EIM LAP Positive Price Spikes and Negative Prices in FMM**

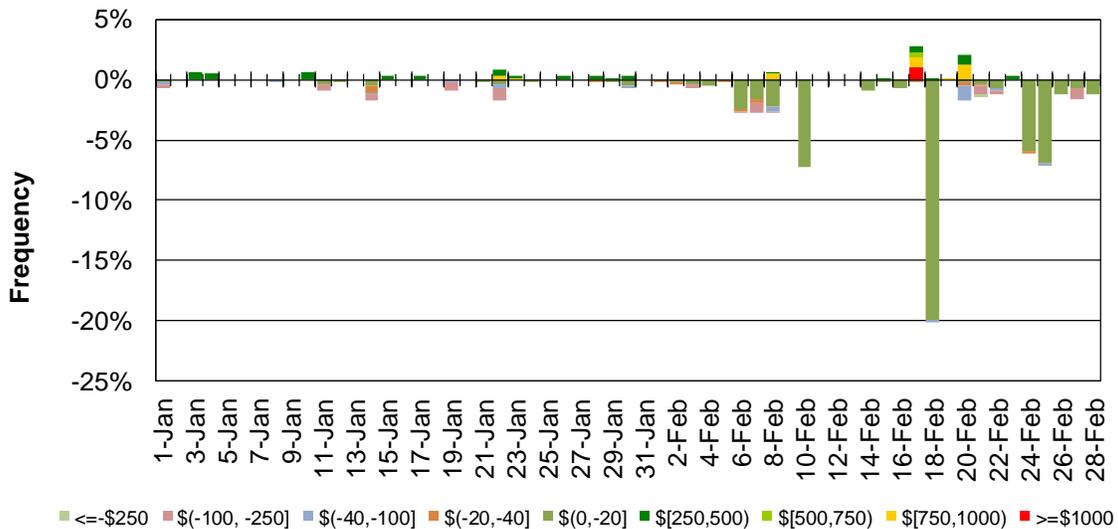


Figure 49 shows the daily price frequency for prices above \$250/MWh and negative prices in RTD for PACE, PACW, NEVP, AZPS, PSEI, and PGE. The cumulative frequency of prices above \$250/MWh inched up to 0.46 percent in February from 0.19 percent in January. The cumulative frequency of negative prices increased to 2.78 percent in February from 0.56 percent in January.

**Figure 49: Daily Frequency of EIM LAP Positive Price Spikes and Negative Prices in RTD**

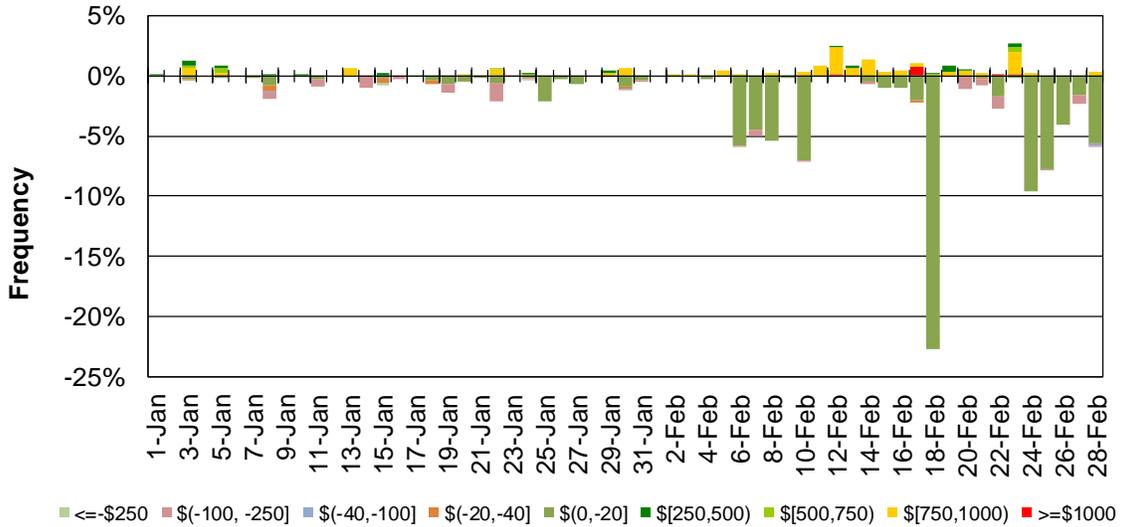


Figure 50 shows the daily volume of EIM transfer for CAISO in FMM. “Import” represents the total EIM transfer from other balancing areas (BAs) into CAISO. “Export” represents the total EIM transfer out of CAISO to other BAs in FMM.

**Figure 50: EIM Transfer for CAISO in FMM**

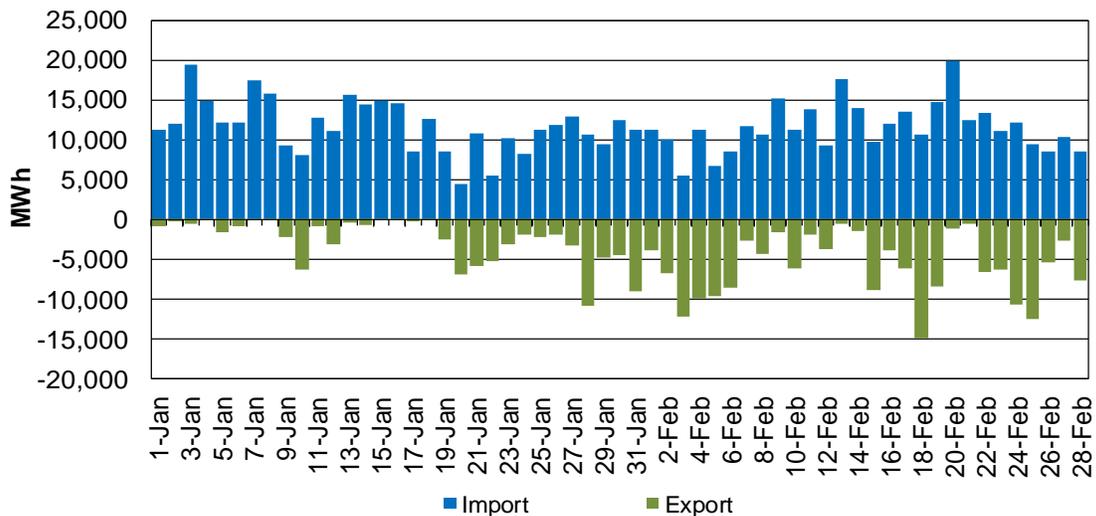
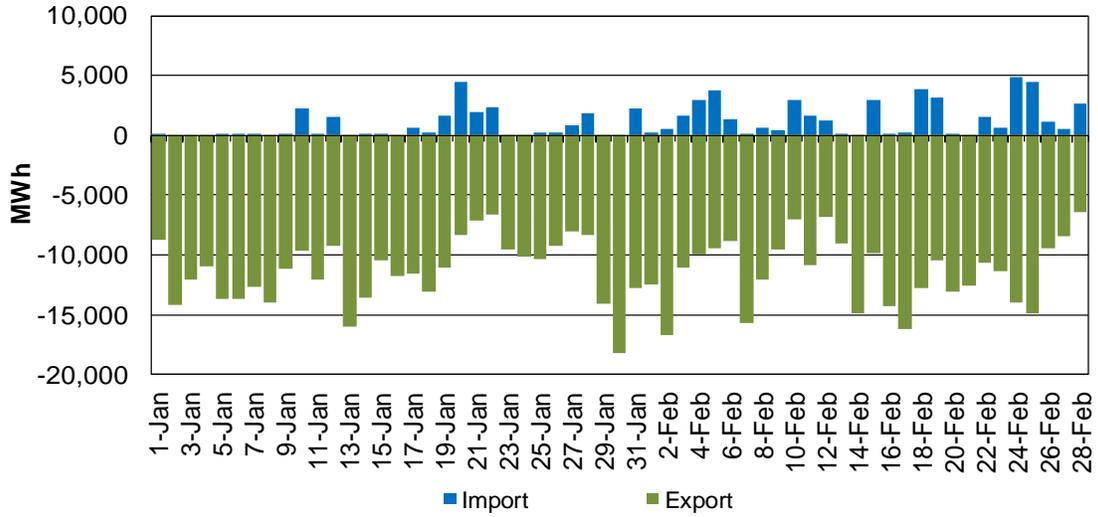


Figure 51 shows the daily volume of EIM transfer for PACE in FMM. Figure 52 shows the daily volume of EIM transfer for PACW in FMM.

**Figure 51: EIM Transfer for PACE in FMM**



**Figure 52: EIM Transfer for PACW in FMM**

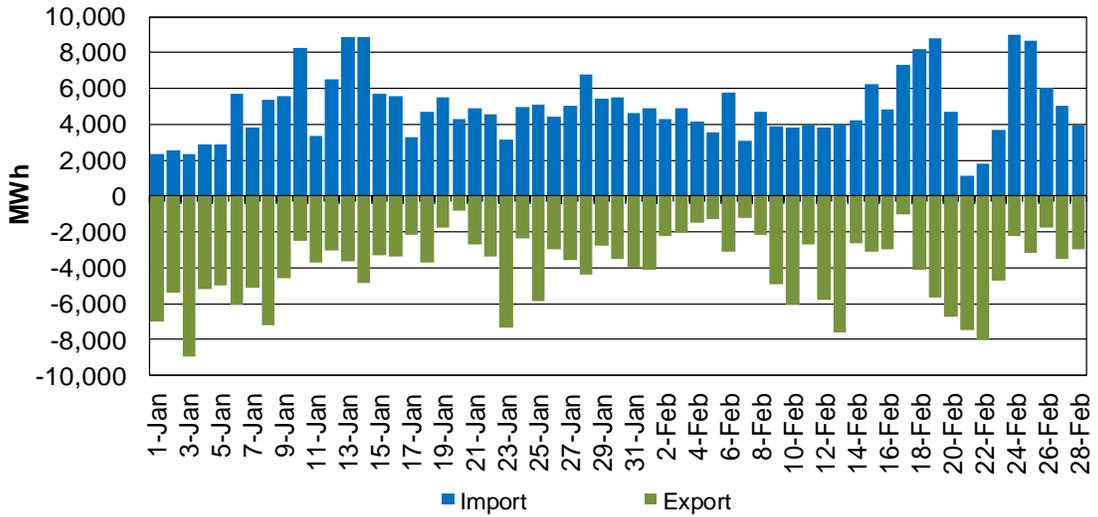


Figure 53 shows the daily volume of EIM transfer for NEVP in FMM.

**Figure 53: EIM Transfer for NEVP in FMM**

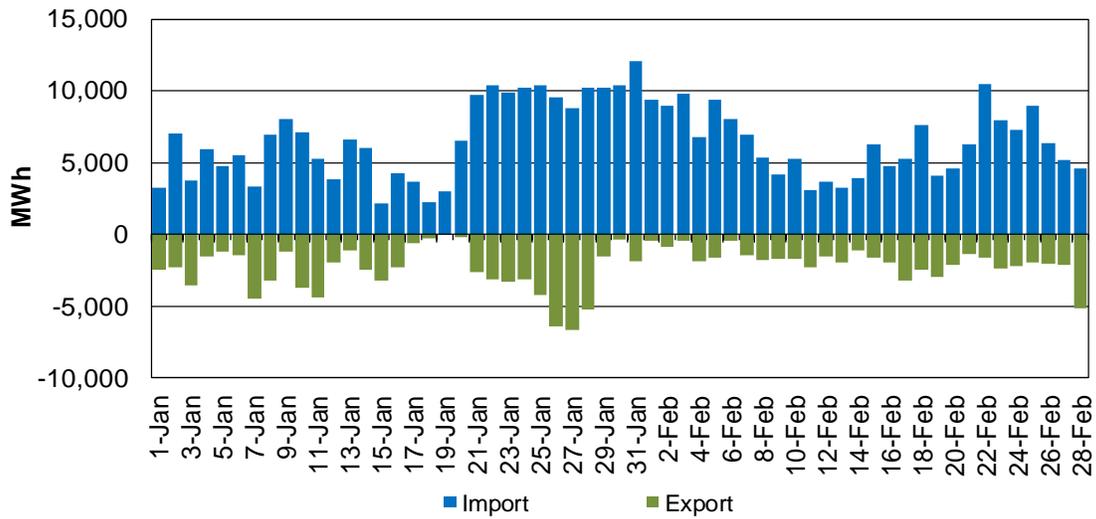


Figure 54 shows the daily volume of EIM transfer for AZPS in FMM.

**Figure 54: EIM Transfer for AZPS in FMM**

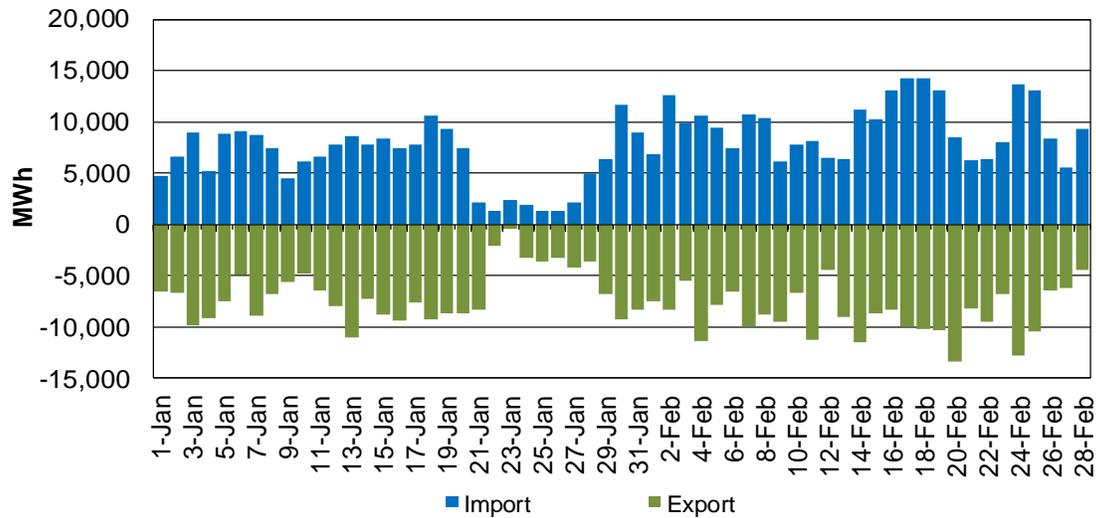


Figure 55 shows the daily volume of EIM transfer for PSEI in FMM.

**Figure 55: EIM Transfer for PSEI in FMM**

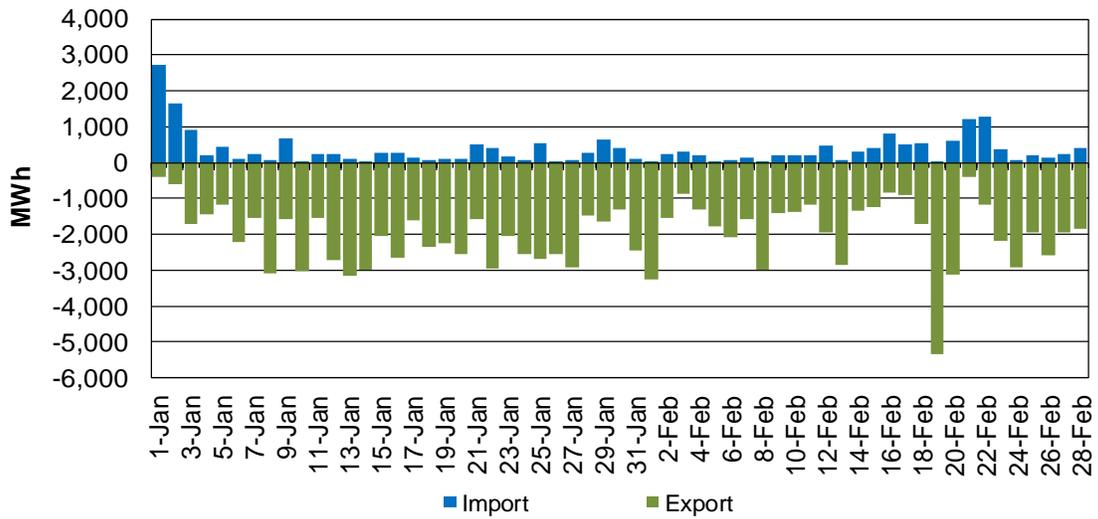


Figure 56 shows the daily volume of EIM transfer for PGE in FMM.

**Figure 56: EIM Transfer for PGE in FMM**

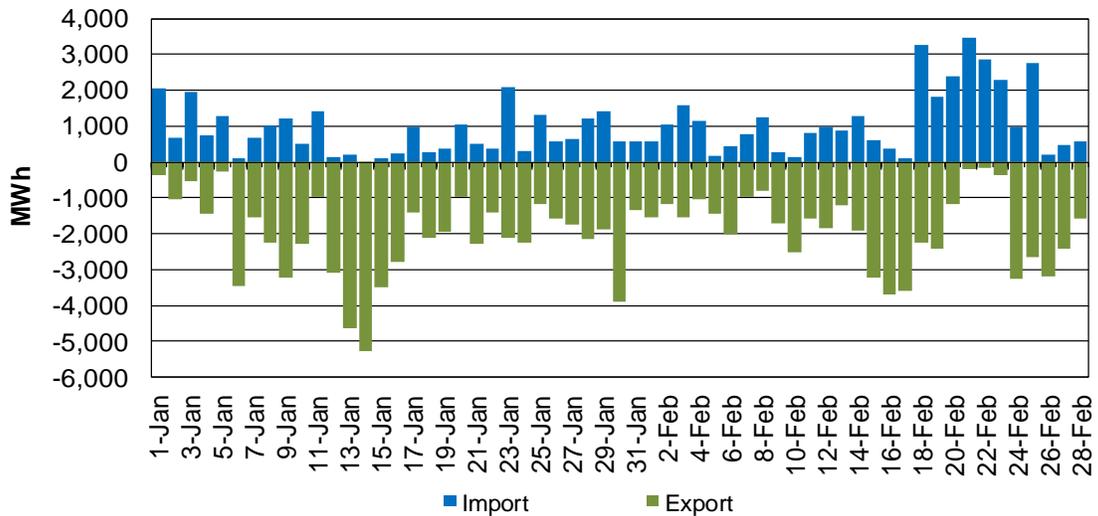


Figure 57 shows the daily volume of EIM for ISO in RTD.

**Figure 57: EIM Transfer for CAISO in RTD**

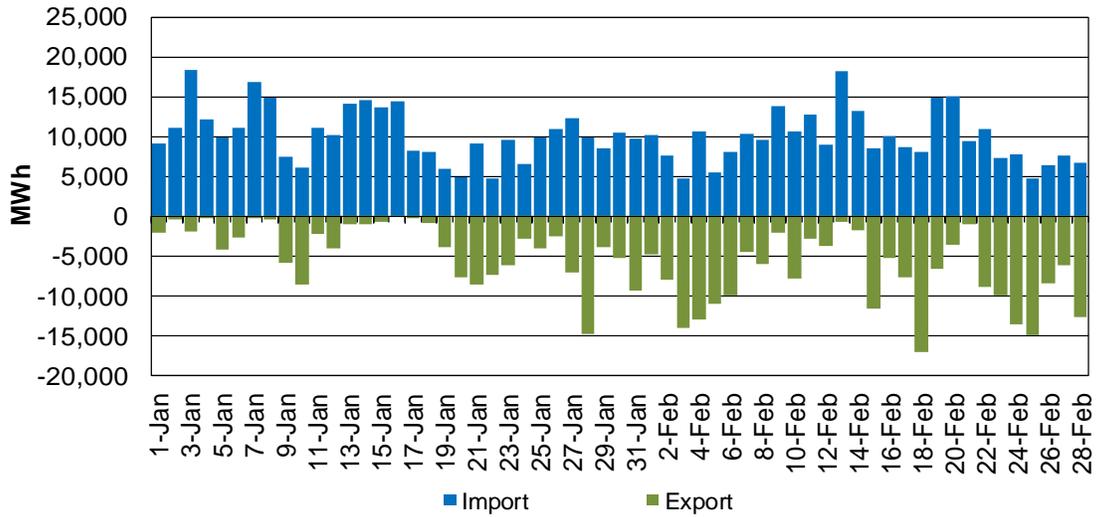
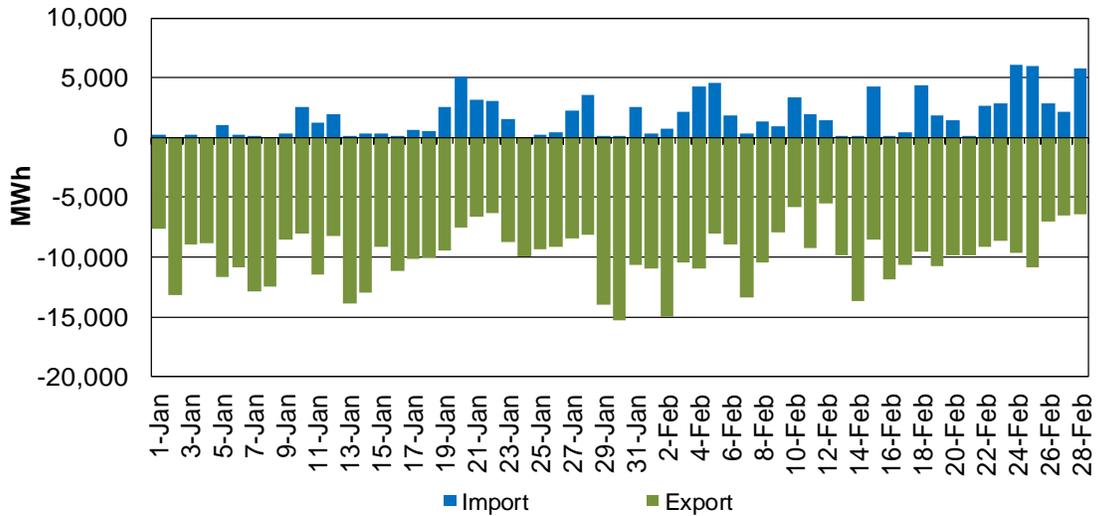


Figure 58 shows the daily volume of EIM transfer for PACE in RTD. Figure 59 shows the daily EIM transfer volume for PACW in RTD.

**Figure 58: EIM Transfer for PACE in RTD**



**Figure 59: EIM Transfer for PACW in RTD**

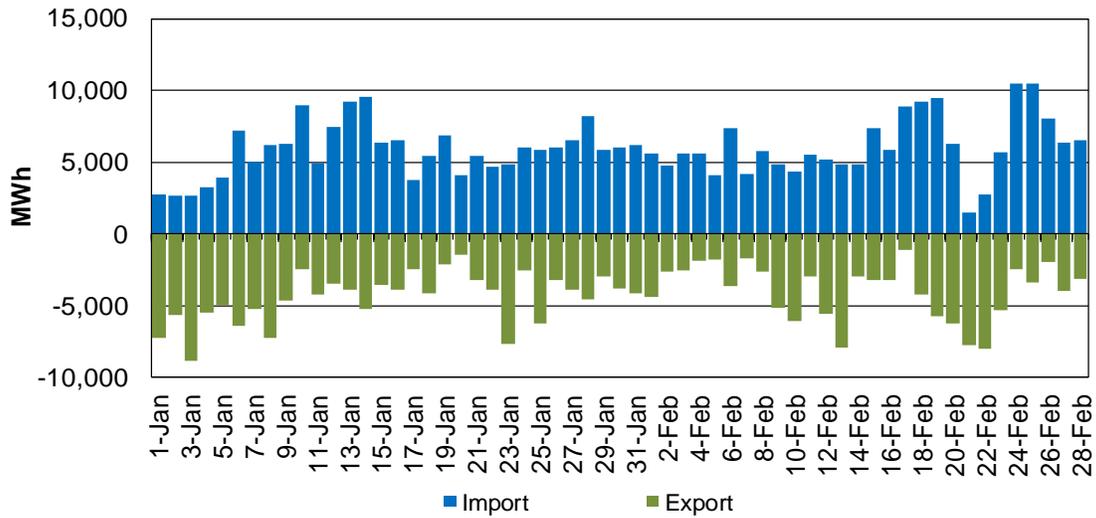


Figure 60 shows the daily EIM transfer volume for NEVP in RTD.

**Figure 60: EIM Transfer for NEVP in RTD**

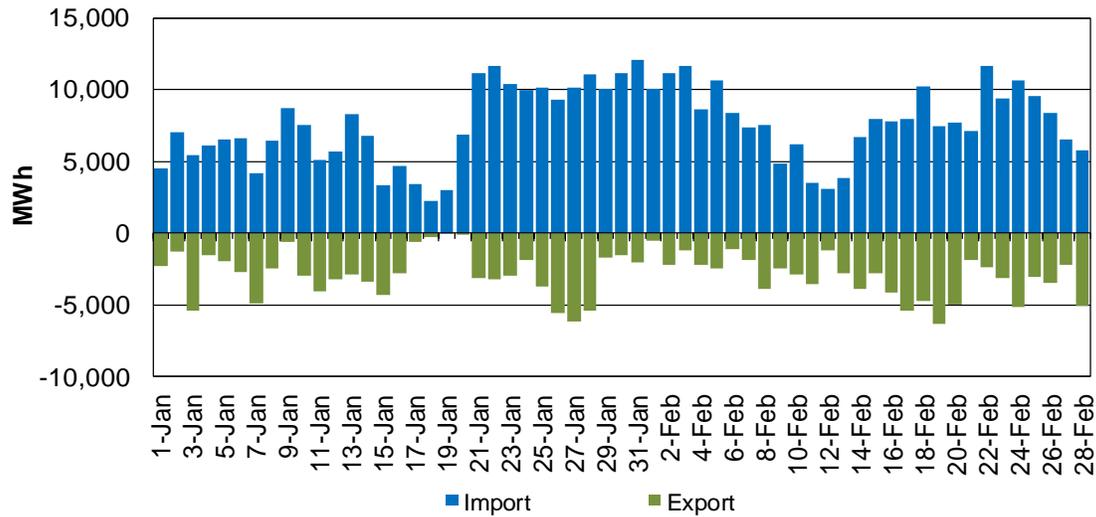


Figure 61 shows the daily volume EIM transfer for AZPS in RTD.

**Figure 61: EIM Transfer for AZPS in RTD**

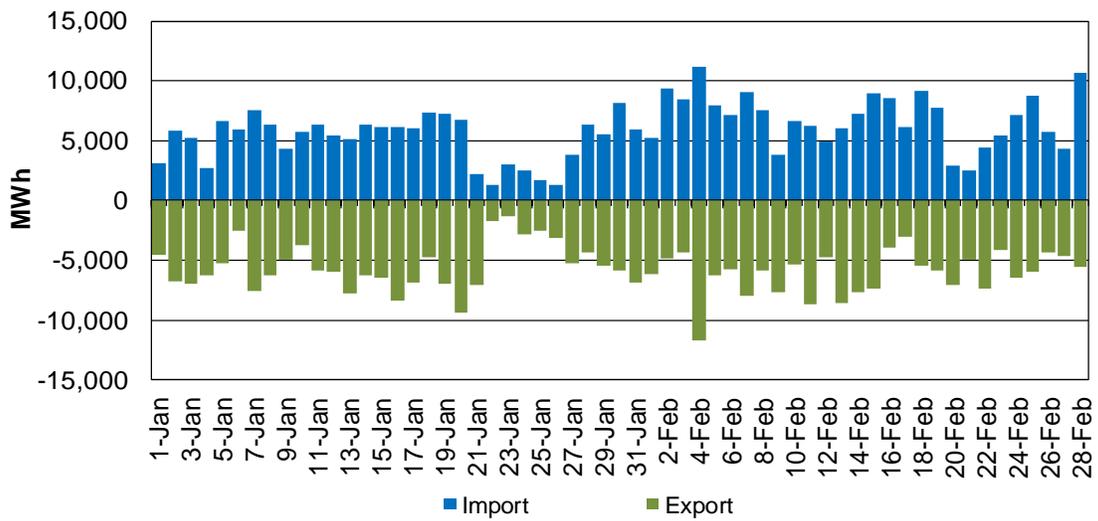


Figure 62 shows the daily volume EIM transfer for PSEI in RTD.

**Figure 62: EIM Transfer for PSEI in RTD**

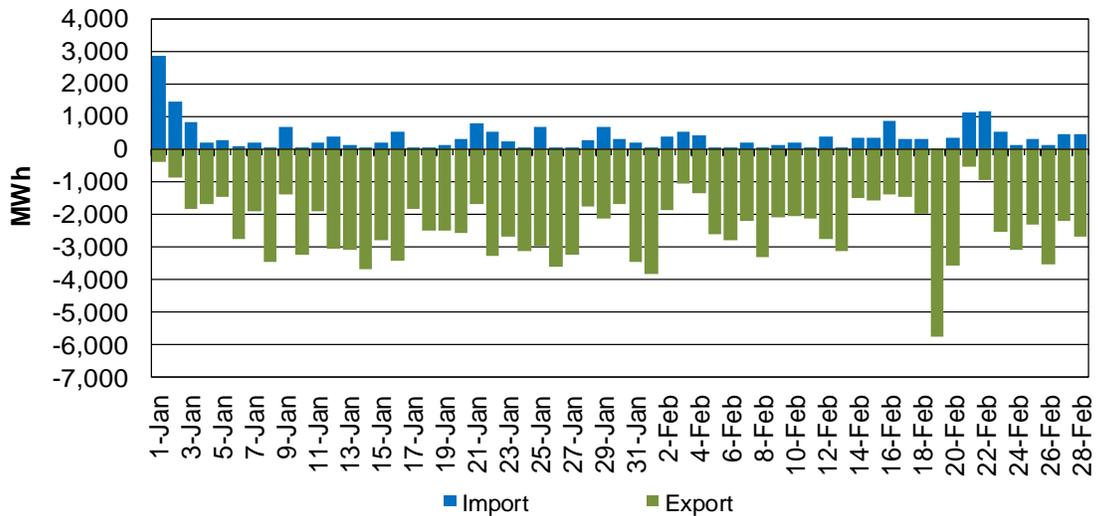


Figure 63 shows the daily volume EIM transfer for PGE in RTD.

**Figure 63: EIM Transfer for PGE in RTD**

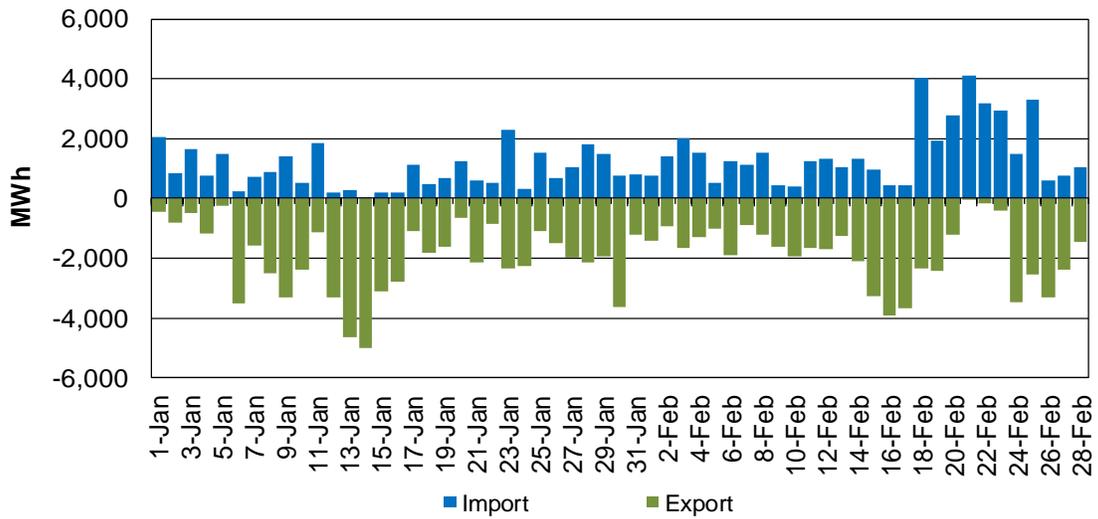


Figure 64 shows daily real-time imbalance energy offset cost (RTIEO) for PACE, PACW, NEVP, AZPS, PSEI, and PGE respectively. Total RTIEO was -\$1.77 million in February, decreasing from -\$0.39 million in January.

**Figure 64: EIM Real-Time Imbalance Energy Offset by Area**

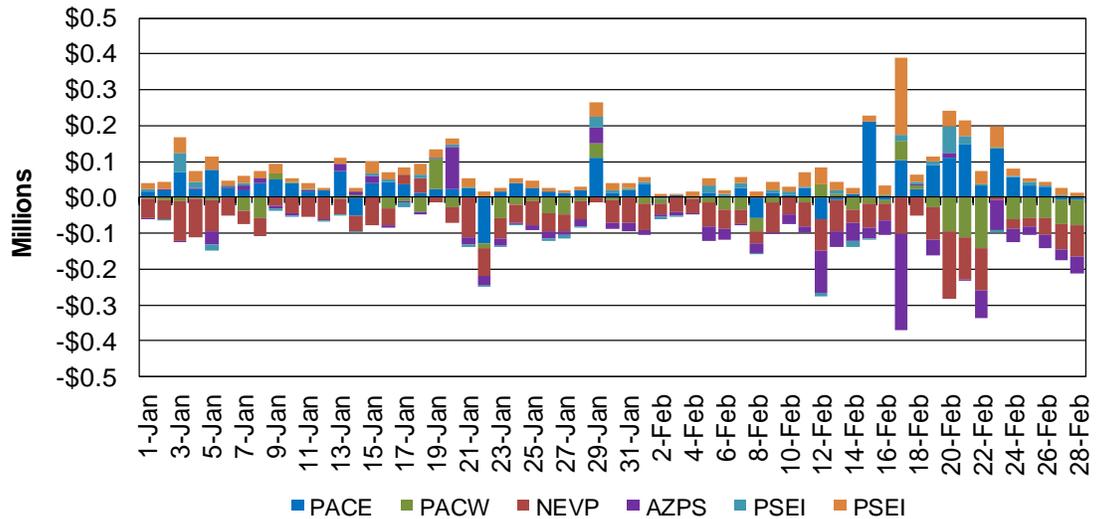


Figure 65 shows daily real-time congestion offset cost (RTCO) for PACE, PACW, NEVP, AZPS, PSEI, and PGE respectively. Total RTCO rose to \$1.18 million in February from \$0.39 million in January.

**Figure 65: EIM Real-Time Congestion Imbalance Offset by Area**

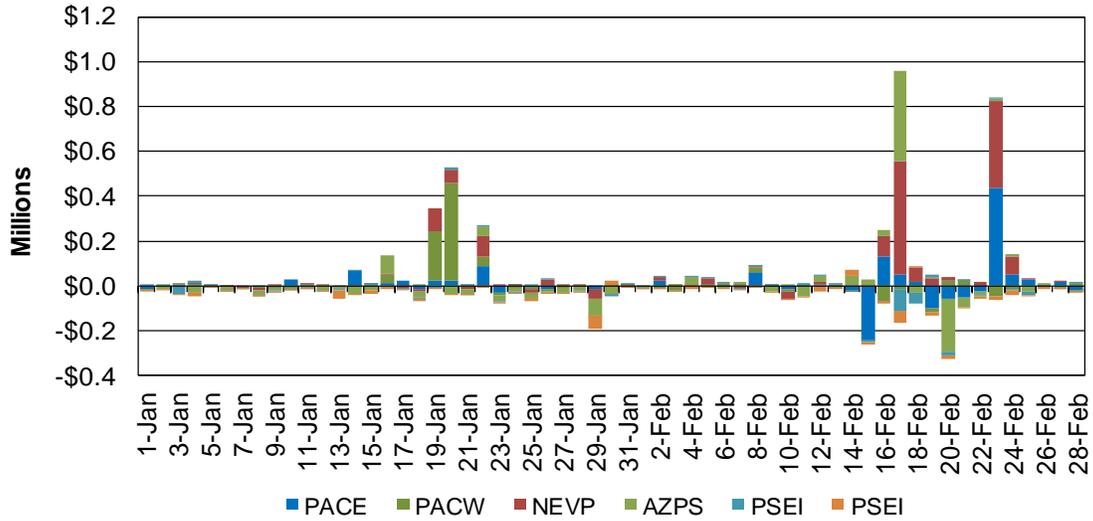


Figure 66 shows daily bid cost recovery for PACE, PACW, NEVP, AZPS, PSEI, and PGE respectively. Total BCR increased to \$1.94 million in February from \$0.92 million in January.

**Figure 66: EIM Bid Cost Recovery by Area**

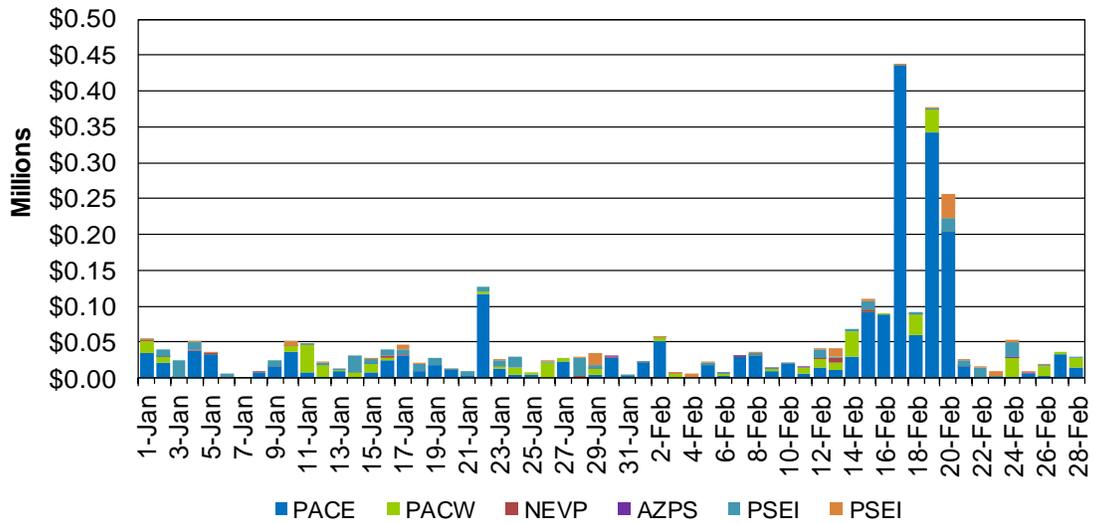


Figure 67 shows the flexible ramping up uncertainty payment for PACE, PACW, NEVP, AZPS, PSEI, and PGE respectively. Total flexible ramping up uncertainty payment in February slid to \$0.28 million from \$0.37 million in January.

**Figure 67: Flexible Ramping Up Uncertainty Payment**

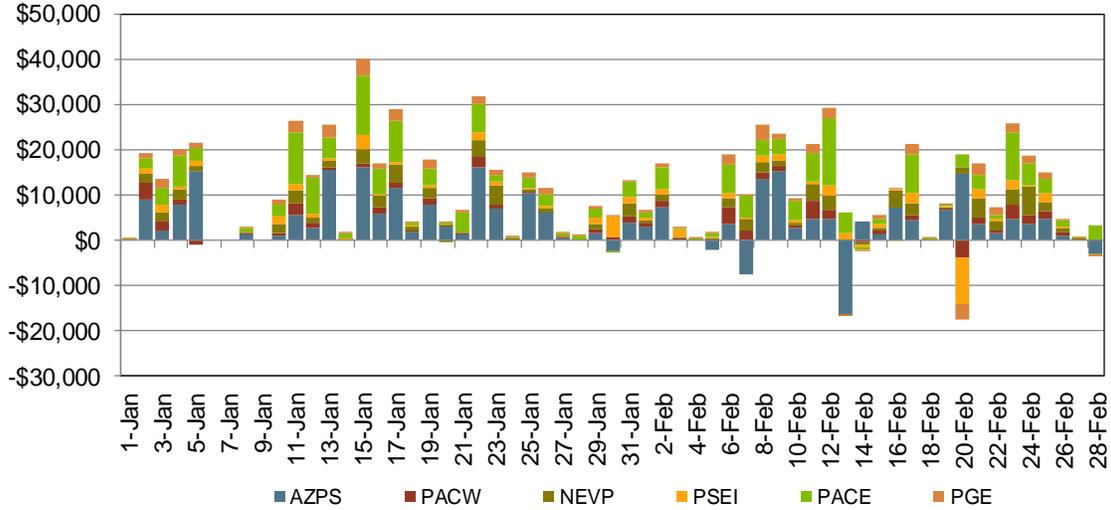


Figure 68 shows the flexible ramping down uncertainty payment for PACE, PACW, NEVP, AZPS, PSEI, and PGE respectively. Total flexible ramping down uncertainty payment in February increased to \$13,085 from \$3,024 million in January.

**Figure 68: Flexible Ramping Down Uncertainty Payment**

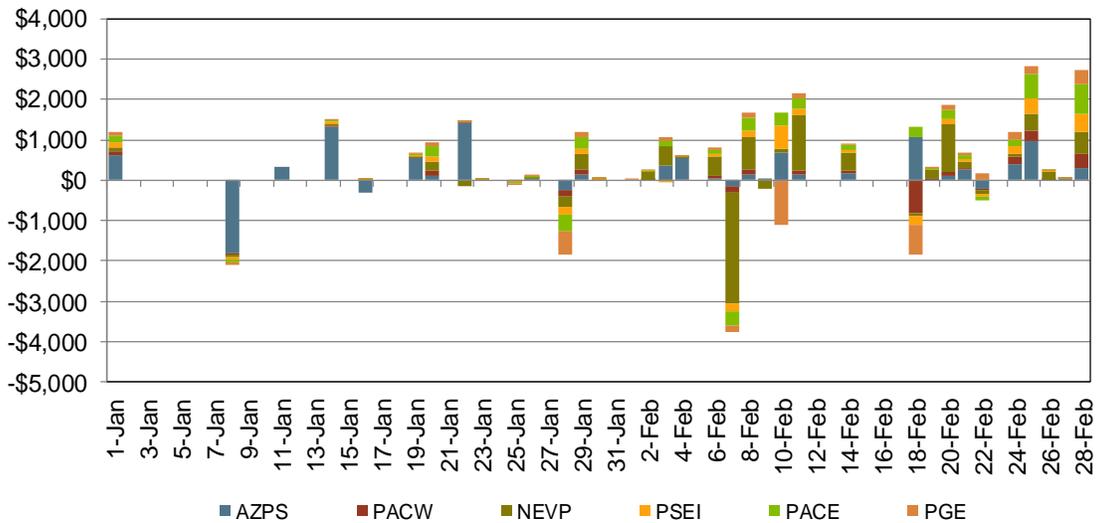
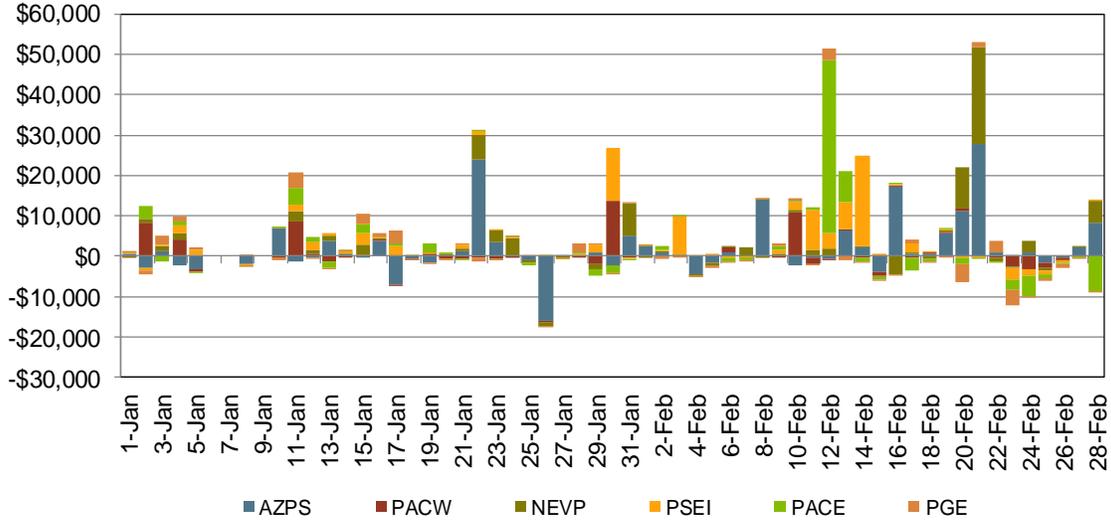


Figure 69 shows the flexible ramping forecast payment for PACE, PACW, NEVP, AZPS, PSEI, and PGE respectively. Total forecast payment in February inched up to \$0.21 million from \$0.12 million in January.

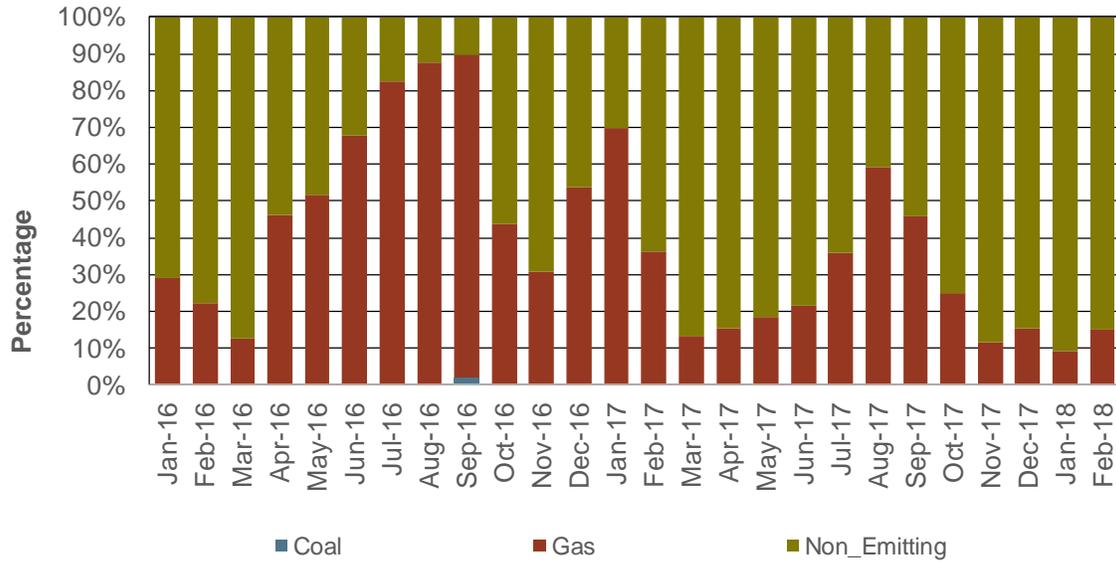
**Figure 69: Flexible Ramping Forecast Payment**



The ISO’s Energy Imbalance Market Business Practice Manual<sup>5</sup> describes the methodology for determining whether an EIM participating resource is dispatched to support transfers to serve California load. The methodology ensures that the dispatch considers the combined energy and associated marginal greenhouse gas (GHG) compliance cost based on submitted bids<sup>6</sup>.

The EIM dispatches to support transfers into the ISO were documented in Figure 70 and Table 8 below.

**Figure 70: Percentage of EIM Transfer into ISO by Fuel Type**



<sup>5</sup> See the Energy Imbalance Market Business Practice Manual for a description of the methodology for making this determination, which begins on page 42 -- [http://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Energy Imbalance Market](http://bpmcm.caiso.com/Pages/BPMDetails.aspx?BPM=Energy%20Imbalance%20Market).

<sup>6</sup> A submitted bid may reflect that a resource is not available to support EIM transfers to California.

**Table 8: EIM Transfer into ISO by Fuel Type**

| Month  | Coal (%) | Gas (%) | Non-Emitting (%) | Total |
|--------|----------|---------|------------------|-------|
| Jan-16 | 0.00%    | 28.96%  | 71.04%           | 100%  |
| Feb-16 | 0.00%    | 22.21%  | 77.79%           | 100%  |
| Mar-16 | 0.00%    | 12.72%  | 87.28%           | 100%  |
| Apr-16 | 0.00%    | 46.26%  | 53.74%           | 100%  |
| May-16 | 0.00%    | 51.63%  | 48.37%           | 100%  |
| Jun-16 | 0.00%    | 67.89%  | 32.11%           | 100%  |
| Jul-16 | 0.00%    | 82.42%  | 17.58%           | 100%  |
| Aug-16 | 0.00%    | 87.59%  | 12.41%           | 100%  |
| Sep-16 | 1.98%    | 87.68%  | 10.34%           | 100%  |
| Oct-16 | 0.00%    | 43.82%  | 56.18%           | 100%  |
| Nov-16 | 0.00%    | 30.74%  | 69.26%           | 100%  |
| Dec-16 | 0.00%    | 53.77%  | 46.23%           | 100%  |
| Jan-17 | 0.00%    | 69.88%  | 30.12%           | 100%  |
| Feb-17 | 0.00%    | 36.42%  | 63.58%           | 100%  |
| Mar-17 | 0.00%    | 13.37%  | 86.63%           | 100%  |
| Apr-17 | 0.00%    | 15.47%  | 84.53%           | 100%  |
| May-17 | 0.00%    | 18.47%  | 81.53%           | 100%  |
| Jun-17 | 0.00%    | 21.42%  | 78.58%           | 100%  |
| Jul-17 | 0.00%    | 36.08%  | 63.92%           | 100%  |
| Aug-17 | 0.00%    | 59.20%  | 40.80%           | 100%  |
| Sep-17 | 0.00%    | 45.94%  | 54.06%           | 100%  |
| Oct-17 | 0.00%    | 24.85%  | 75.15%           | 100%  |
| Nov-17 | 0.00%    | 11.57%  | 88.43%           | 100%  |
| Dec-17 | 0.00%    | 15.36%  | 84.64%           | 100%  |
| Jan-18 | 0.00%    | 9.12%   | 90.88%           | 100%  |
| Feb-18 | 0.00%    | 15.20%  | 84.80%           | 100%  |