



California ISO

Updated Analysis on BAA MPM Price Formation Enhancements

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Summary: Updated data & Algorithm evaluations

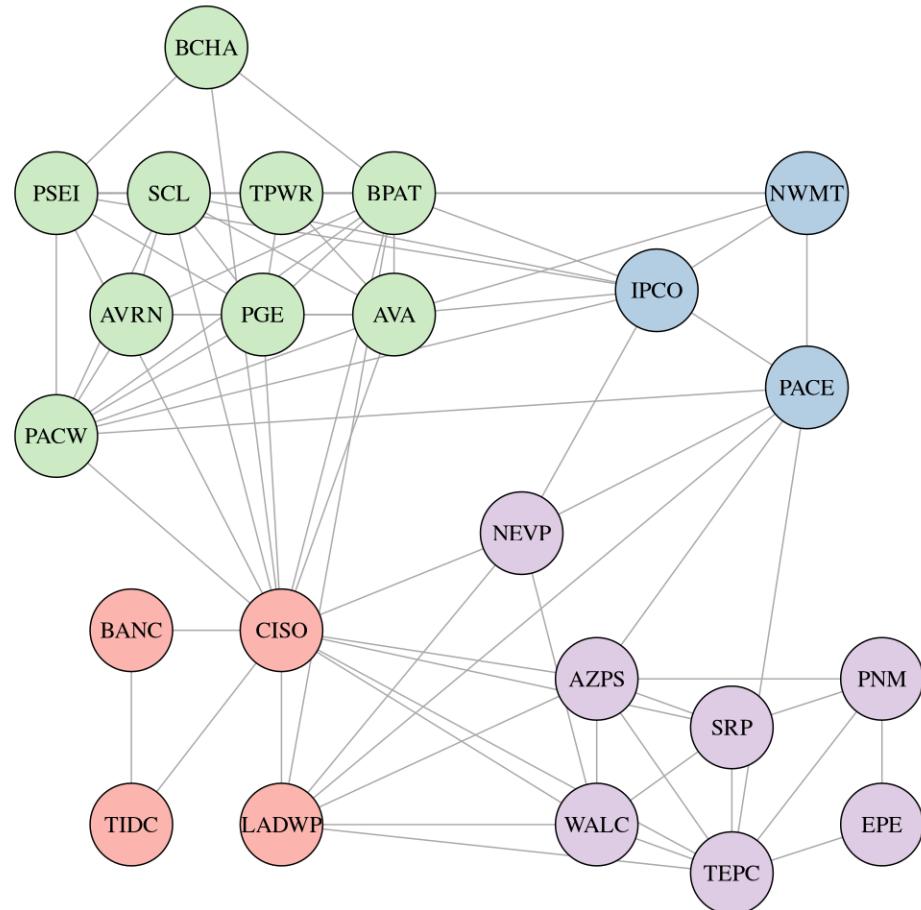
- Scope: compared 8 algorithm variants formed by combinations of 3 design factors on updated data set.
- Data: 2025 Q3 (July 1st – Sept 30th)
- Factors:
 - Adjusted grouping algorithm
 - Testing CAISO
 - Adding Load Serving Obligation (LSO) component
- Algorithm variations

| Grouping | Grouping Adjusted |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Grp + LSO | Grp Adj + LSO |
| Grp + test CAISO | Grp Adj + test CAISO |
| Grp + test CAISO + LSO | Grp Adj + test CAISO + LSO |

Grouping algorithm illustration

Counterfactual study

- FMM LMPM results
- Master file registered ETSR mapping is used as the reference for connectivity among BAAs
- Competitive LMP of a passing group is set by the lowest MEC in the group



Grouping algorithm illustration

Example

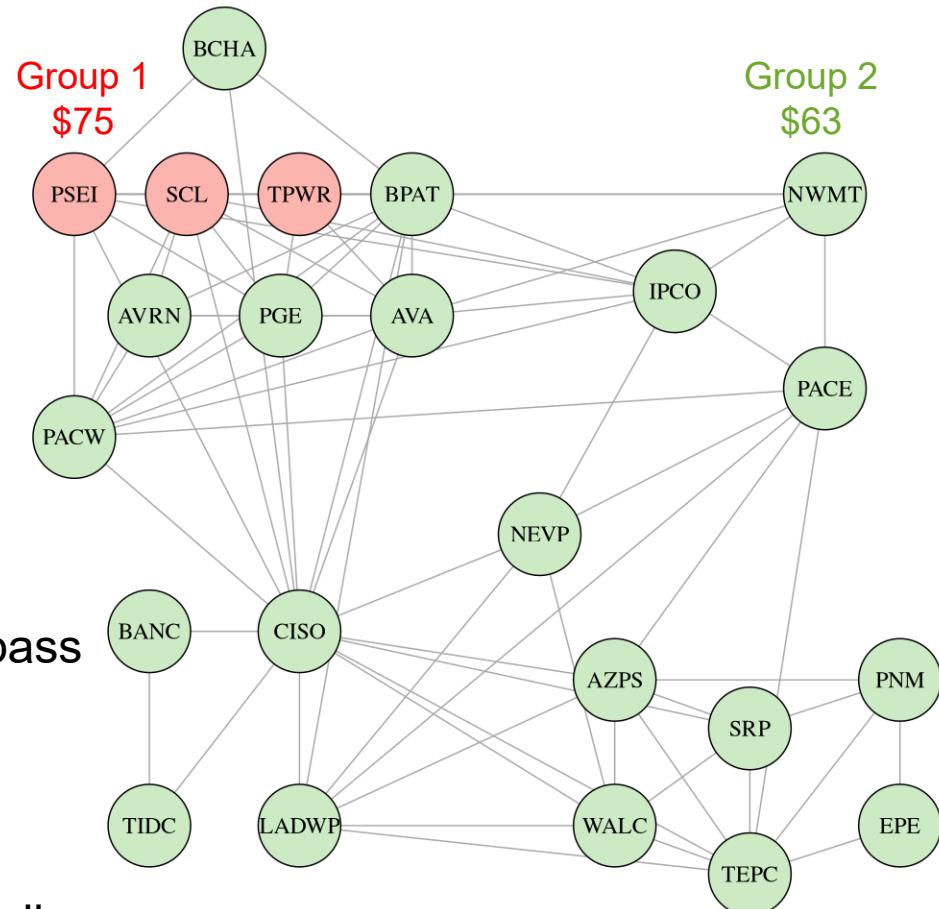
- Data: 8/11/2025 hour ending 21
- Original result:
Group 1 failed, group 2 passed

Grouping Algorithm

- 1) Test group {1}
- 2) Test group {1, 2}
- 3) Adjustment:
If step 2 fails test group {2}

Test variations:

- Grp/Grp Adj: group 1 fail, group 2 pass
- +LSO: both groups pass
- +testCAISO: both groups fail
- +LSO+testCAISO:
 - Grp: group 1 passes, group 2 fails
 - Grp Adj: both groups pass



Adding Load Serving Obligation (LSO) to BAA-MPM test

- Estimated LSO: metered load at DLAP/ELAP/CLAP
- Withheld capacity (WC)

$$WC = S_{max} - S_{min} \Rightarrow \max\{0, S_{max} - \max\{S_{min}, LSO\}\}$$

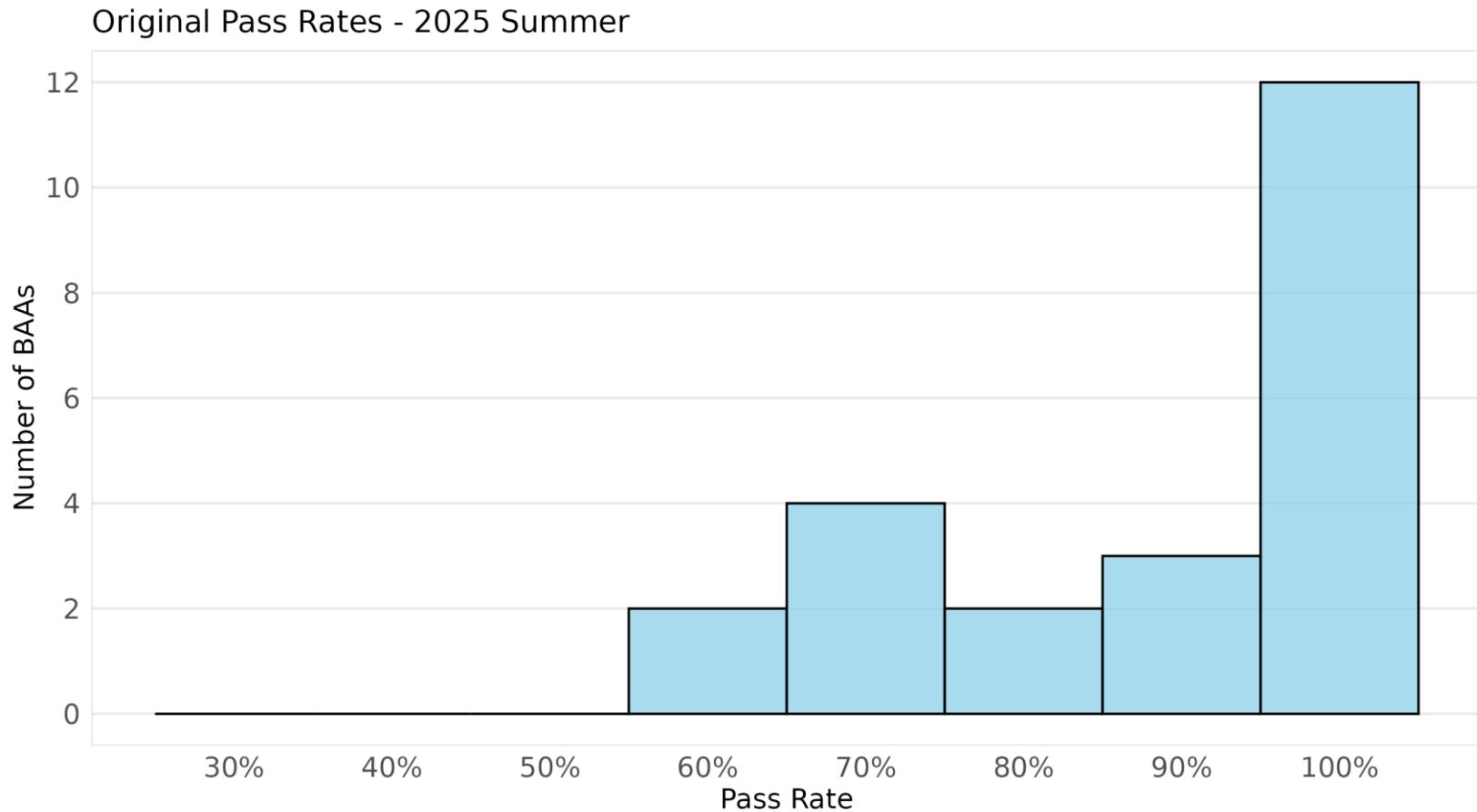
- Residual Supply Index (RSI) formulation

$$RSI_{BAA} = \frac{Supply}{Demand} = \frac{\sum_{i \in FCS} S_{i,max} + Imp + \sum_{j \in PPS} S_{j,min}}{Load + Exp}$$

> Adding LSO component changes *{Supply from PPS}*

$$\sum_{j \in PPS} S_{j,min} \Rightarrow \sum_{j \in PPS} \min\{S_{j,max}, \max\{S_{j,min}, LSO_j\}\}$$

Original pass rates from 2025 summer production: 12 BAAs in $\geq 95\%$ frequency bin.

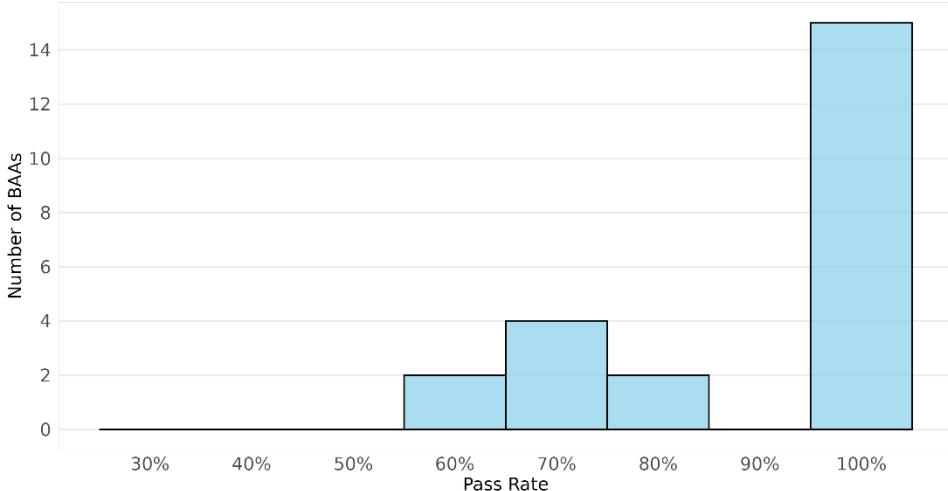


Original 2025 pass rates by BAA, and delta pass rate changes by algorithm variations

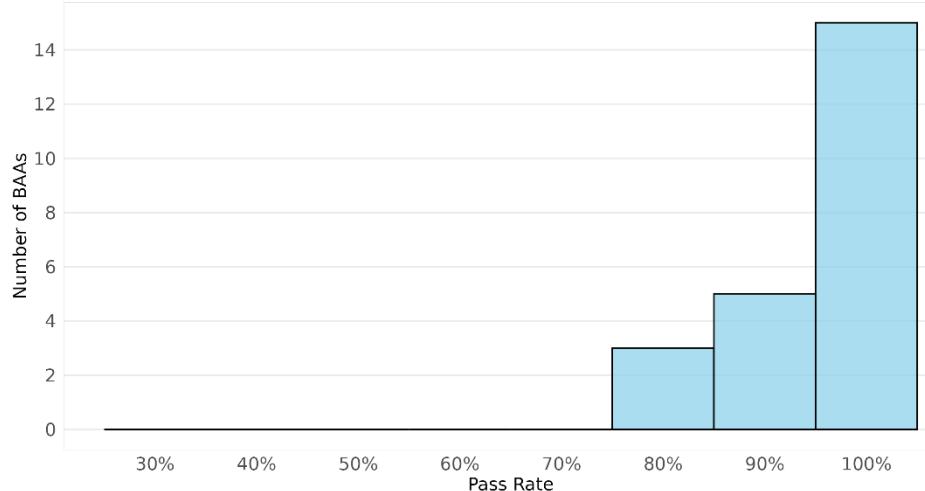
| BAA NAME | ORIGINAL | GROUPING | GRP ADJ | GRP, LSO | GRP ADJ, LSO | GRP, testCISO | GRP ADJ, testCISO | GRP, testCISO, LSO | GRP ADJ, testCISO, LSO |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| AVA | 93.4% | 2.1% | 2.1% | 6.6% | 6.6% | -1.0% | -1.0% | 5.9% | 5.9% |
| AVRN | 79.2% | 1.7% | 1.7% | 11.8% | 12.1% | -1.4% | -1.4% | 11.2% | 11.4% |
| BCHA | 60.2% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 15.6% | 17.0% | -2.2% | -2.2% | 14.8% | 16.2% |
| BPAT | 62.6% | 1.4% | 1.4% | 16.0% | 16.5% | -1.3% | -1.3% | 15.3% | 15.9% |
| PACW | 79.2% | 1.7% | 1.7% | 11.8% | 12.1% | -1.4% | -1.4% | 11.2% | 11.4% |
| PGE | 69.7% | 1.7% | 1.7% | 14.2% | 14.5% | -1.0% | -1.0% | 13.6% | 13.9% |
| PSEI | 70.5% | 1.5% | 1.5% | 20.2% | 21.4% | -1.2% | -1.2% | 19.5% | 20.8% |
| SCL | 70.5% | 1.6% | 1.6% | 20.2% | 21.3% | -1.2% | -1.2% | 19.5% | 20.8% |
| TPWR | 70.6% | 1.5% | 1.5% | 19.9% | 21.1% | -1.3% | -1.3% | 19.3% | 20.5% |
| IPCO | 93.5% | 2.1% | 2.1% | 6.5% | 6.5% | -1.0% | -1.0% | 5.7% | 5.8% |
| NWMT | 93.5% | 2.1% | 2.1% | 6.5% | 6.5% | -1.0% | -1.0% | 5.8% | 5.8% |
| PACE | 97.1% | 0.9% | 0.9% | 2.9% | 2.9% | -2.2% | -2.2% | 2.1% | 2.1% |
| AZPS | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -3.1% | -3.1% | -0.8% | -0.8% |
| EPE | 97.8% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 2.2% | 2.2% | -2.8% | -2.8% | 1.4% | 1.5% |
| NEVP | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -3.1% | -3.1% | -0.8% | -0.8% |
| PNM | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -3.1% | -3.1% | -0.8% | -0.8% |
| SRP | 97.2% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 2.7% | 2.7% | -3.0% | -3.0% | 1.9% | 1.9% |
| TEPC | 97.3% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 2.7% | 2.7% | -2.8% | -2.8% | 1.9% | 1.9% |
| WALC | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -3.1% | -3.1% | -0.8% | -0.8% |
| BANC | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -3.1% | -3.1% | -0.8% | -0.8% |
| CISO | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -3.1% | -3.1% | -0.8% | -0.8% |
| LADWP | 99.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | -3.1% | -3.1% | -0.8% | -0.7% |
| TIDC | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -3.1% | -3.1% | -0.8% | -0.8% |

Variations based on original grouping

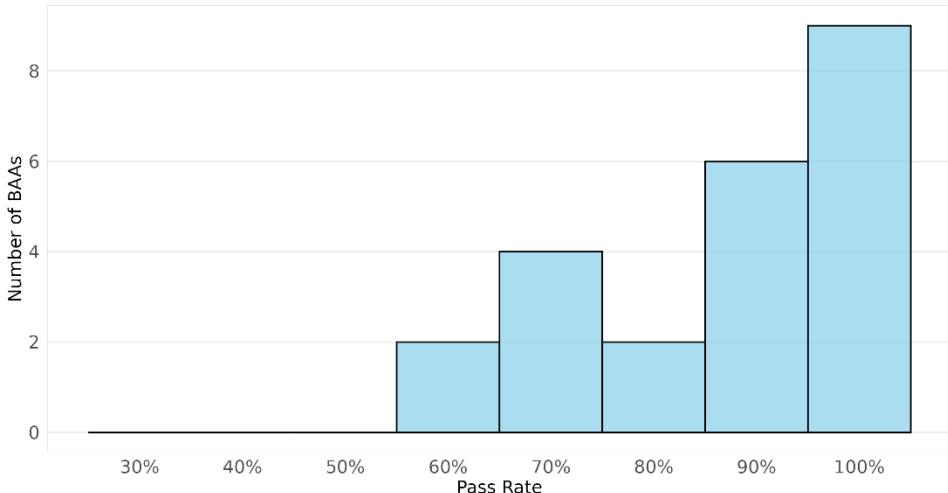
New Pass Rates - Grouping



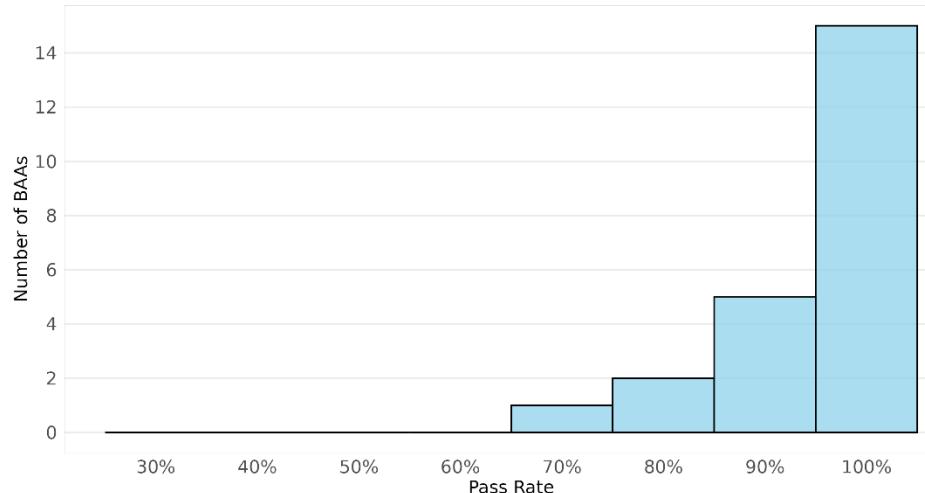
New Pass Rates - Grouping, LSO



New Pass Rates - Grouping, CAISO tested

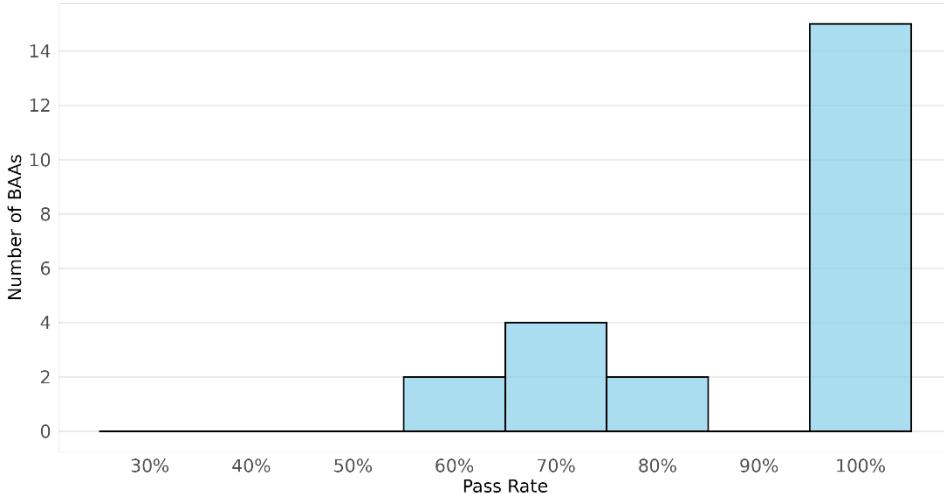


New Pass Rates - Grouping, CAISO tested, LSO

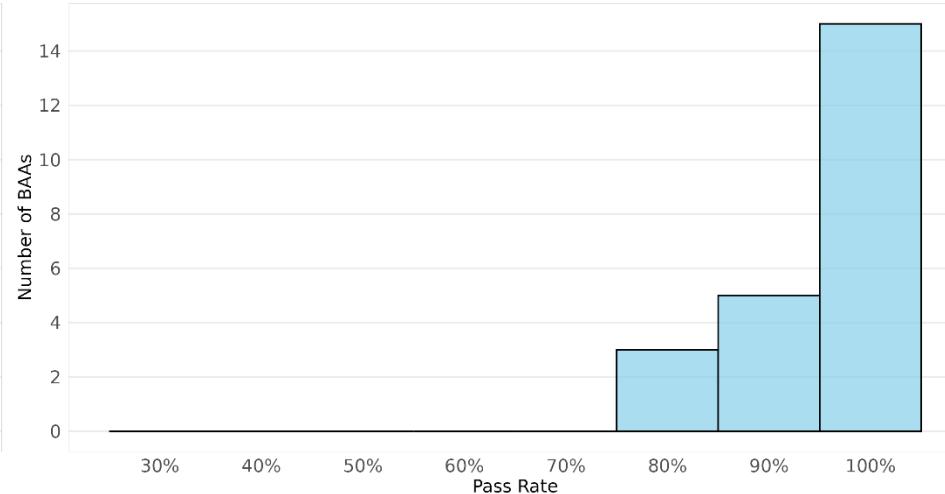


Variations based on adjusted grouping algorithm

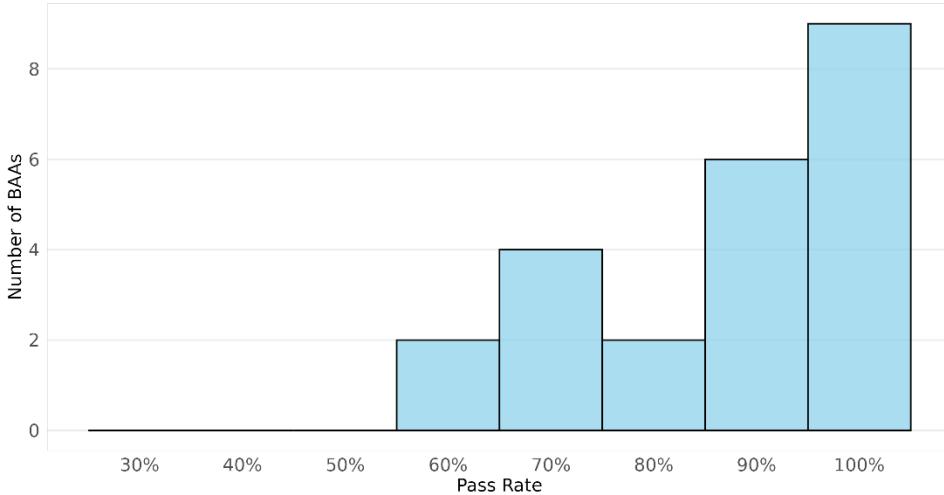
New Pass Rates - Grouping adjusted



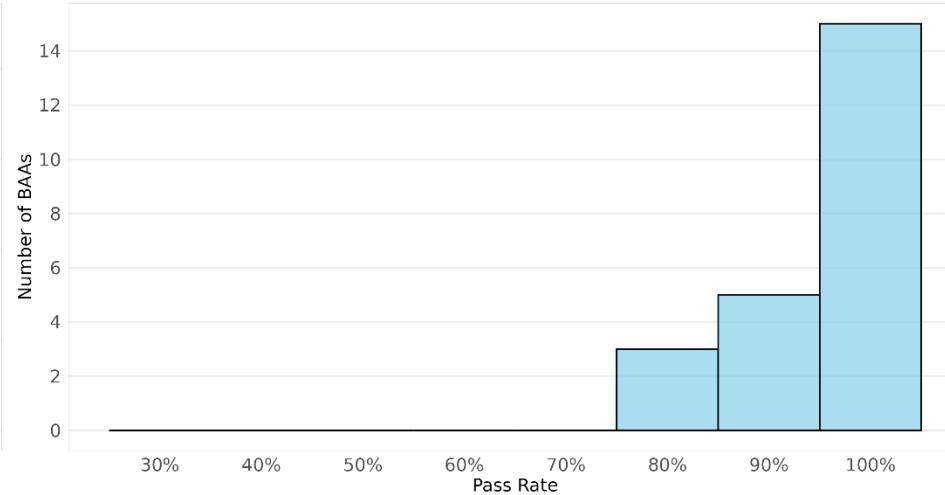
New Pass Rates - Grouping adjusted, LSO



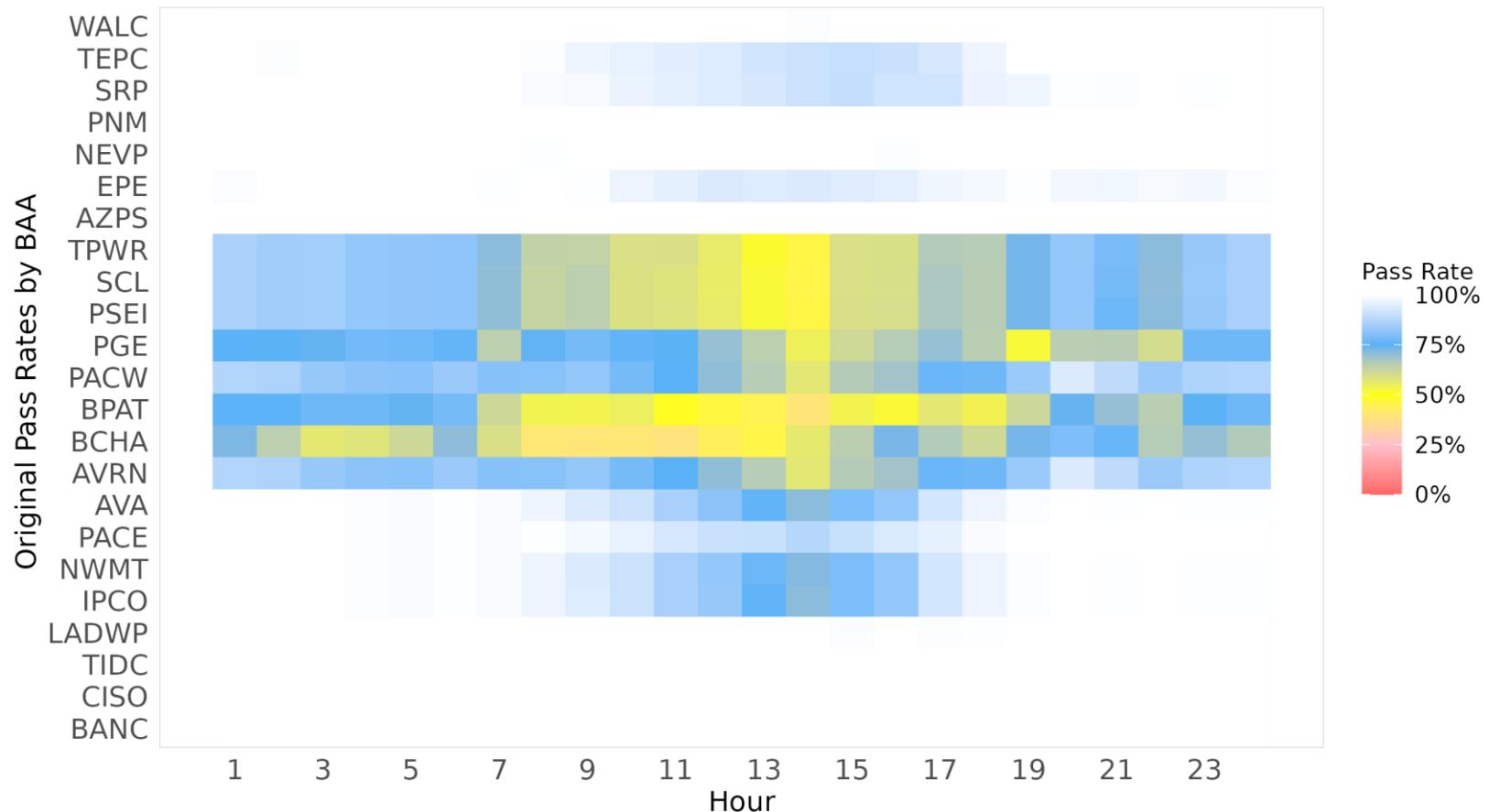
New Pass Rates - Grouping adjusted, CAISO tested



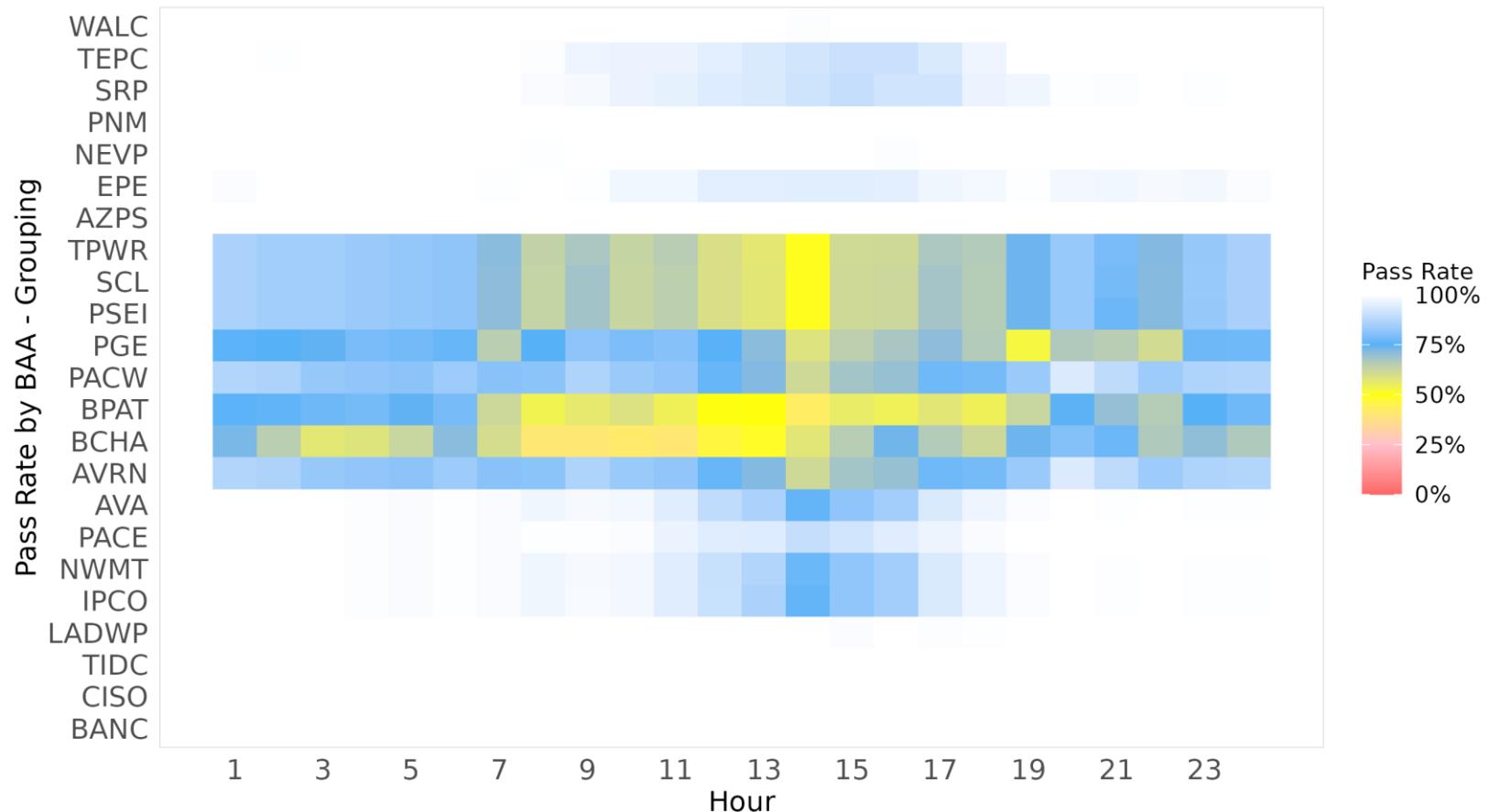
New Pass Rates - Grouping adjusted, CAISO tested, LSO



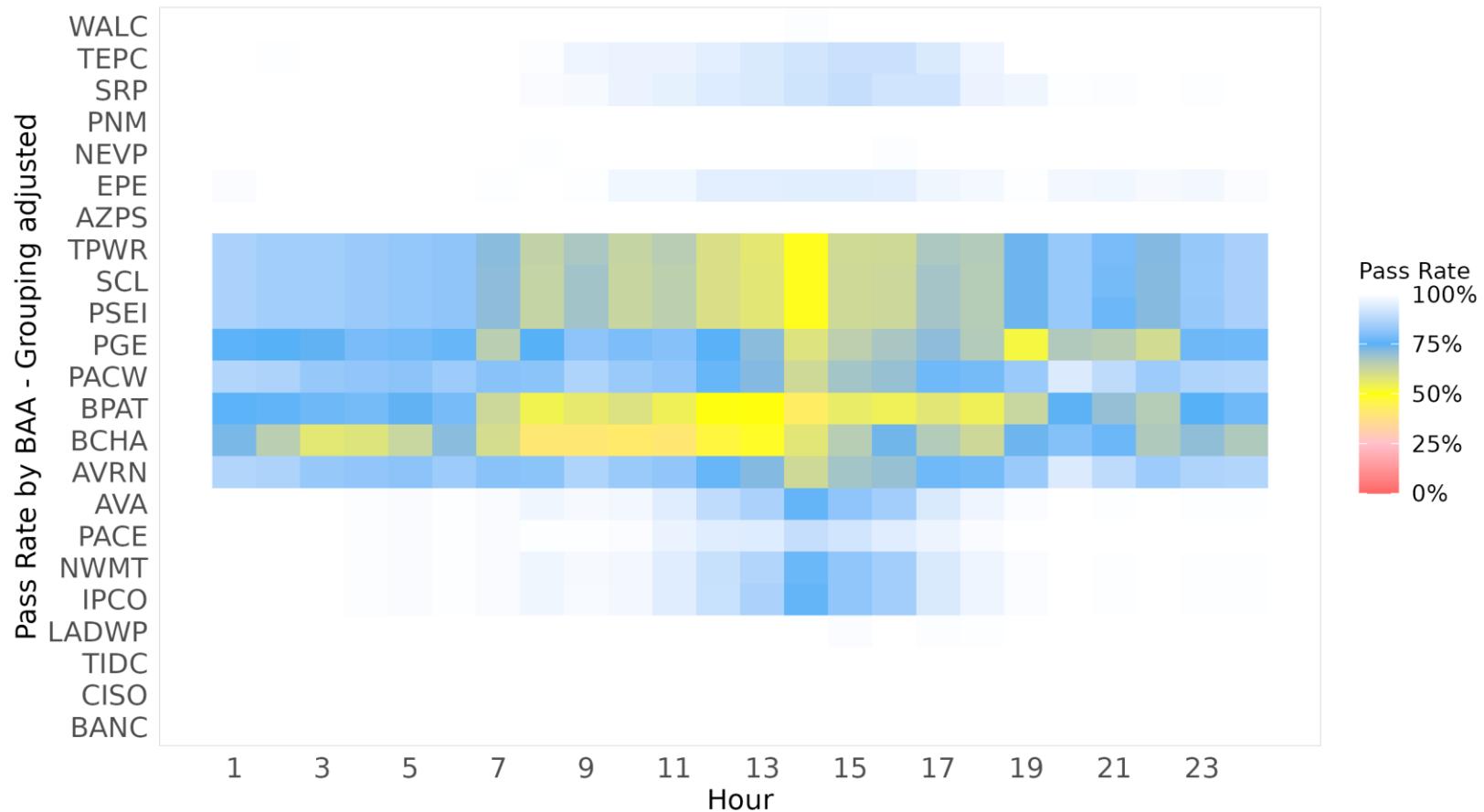
Original pass rate from 2025 summer Production: relatively lower pass rates mainly concentrated in midday hours when BAAs are import constrained.



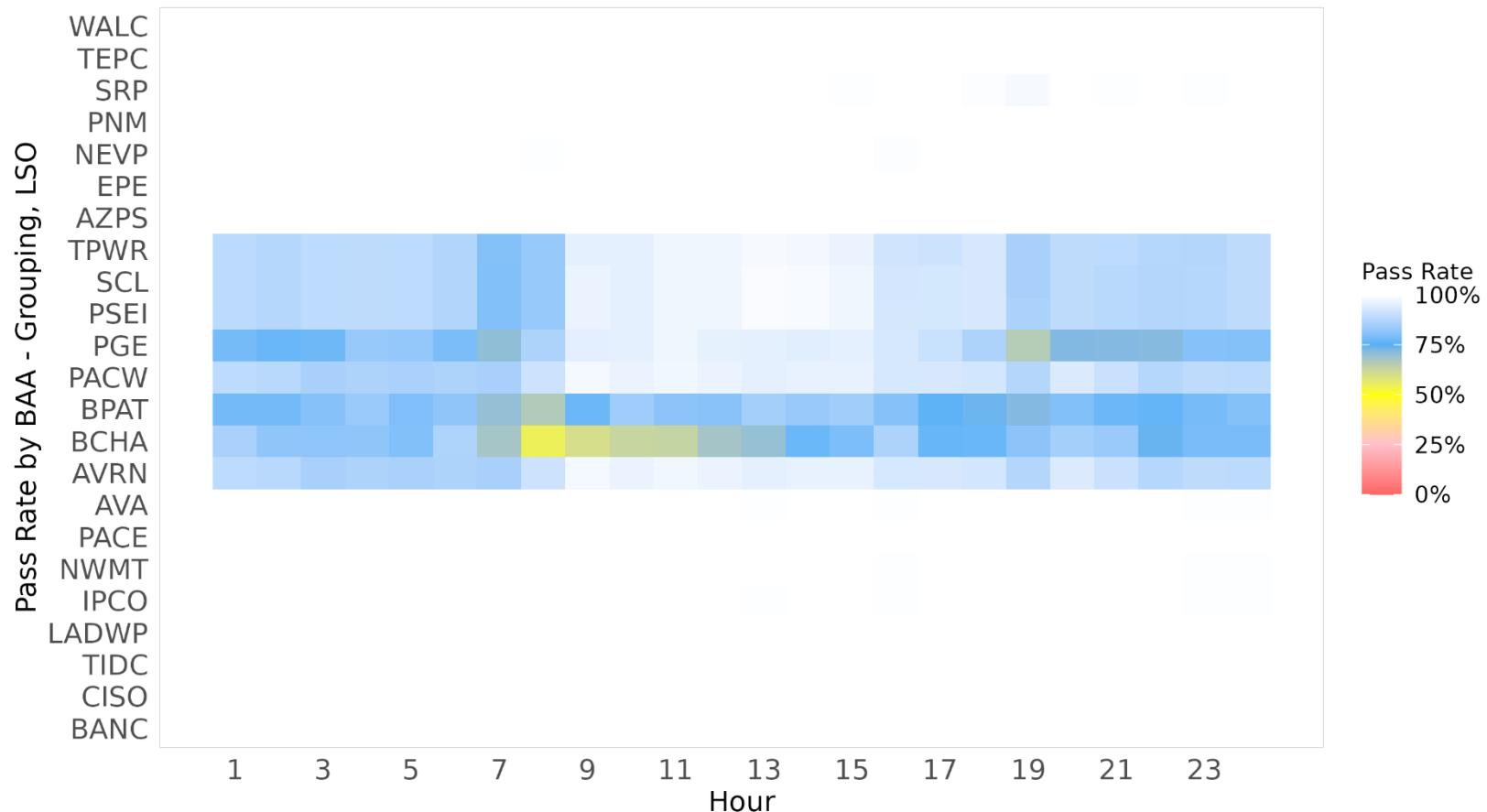
Under the grouping approach, there were increases in pass rates primarily in early morning to midday hours for Pacific Northwest and Central/Mountain regions.



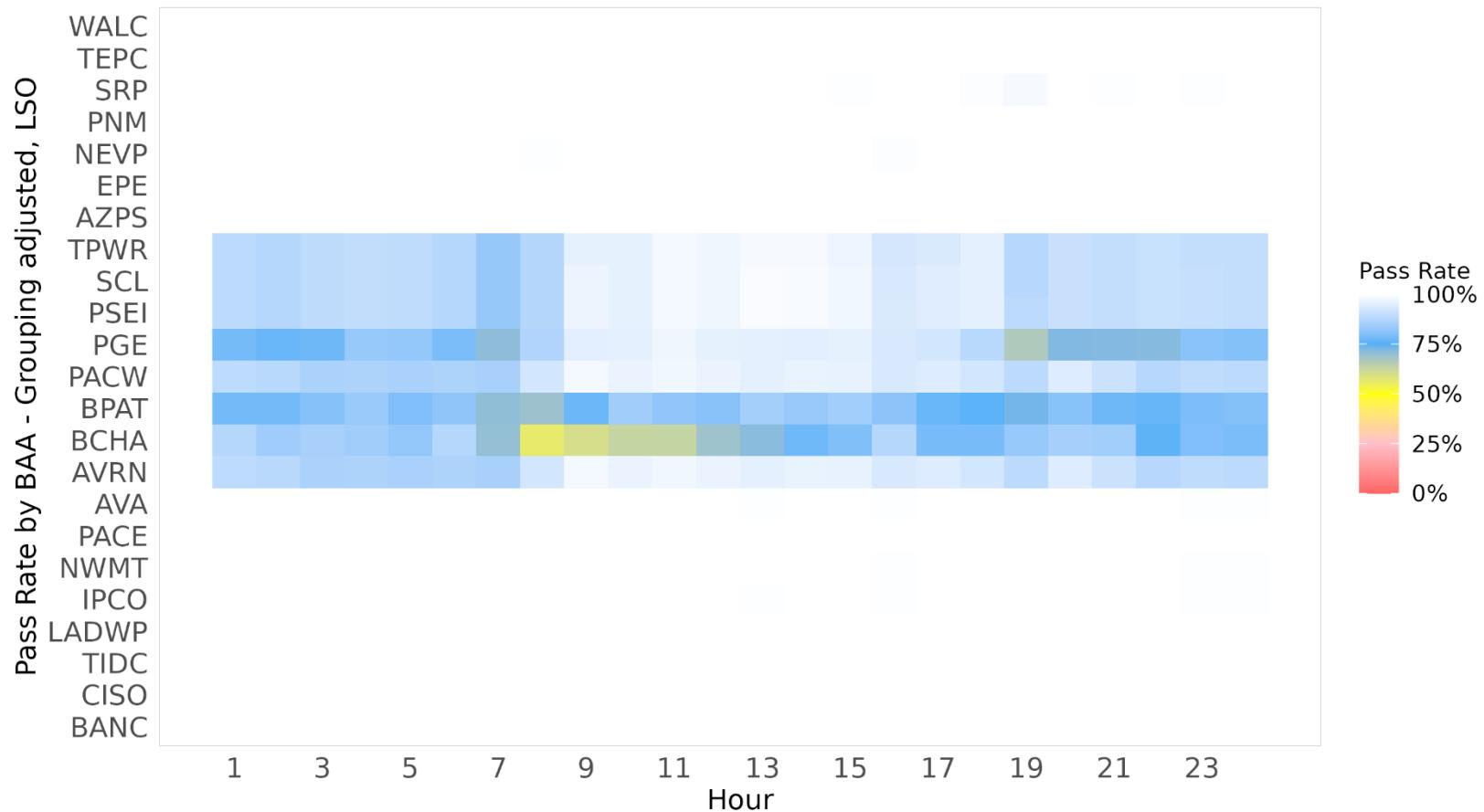
Under the adjusted grouping approach, pass rates largely remained the same as the original grouping approach.



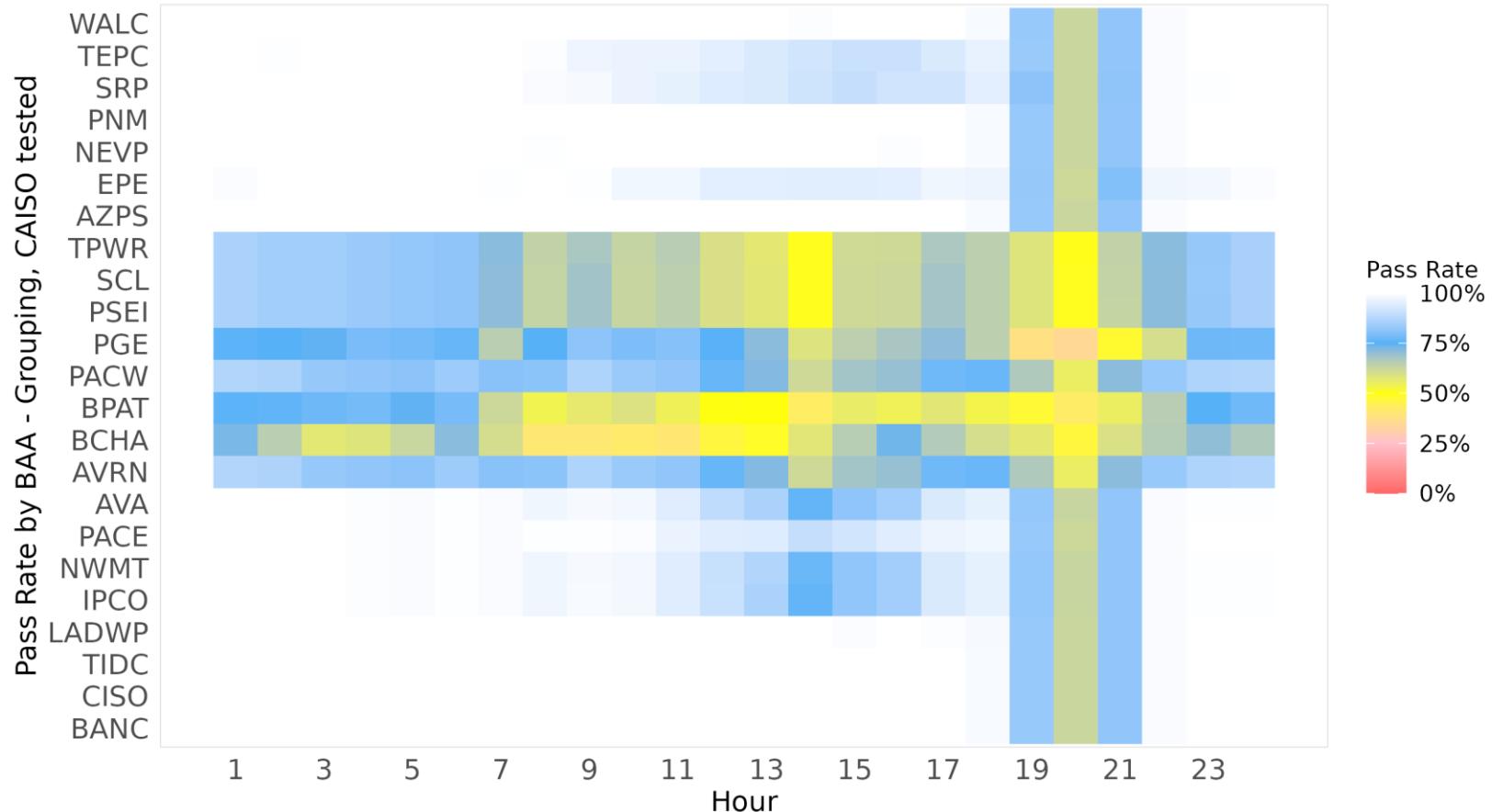
Under grouping approach adding LSO component, pass rates increased for almost all BAAs.



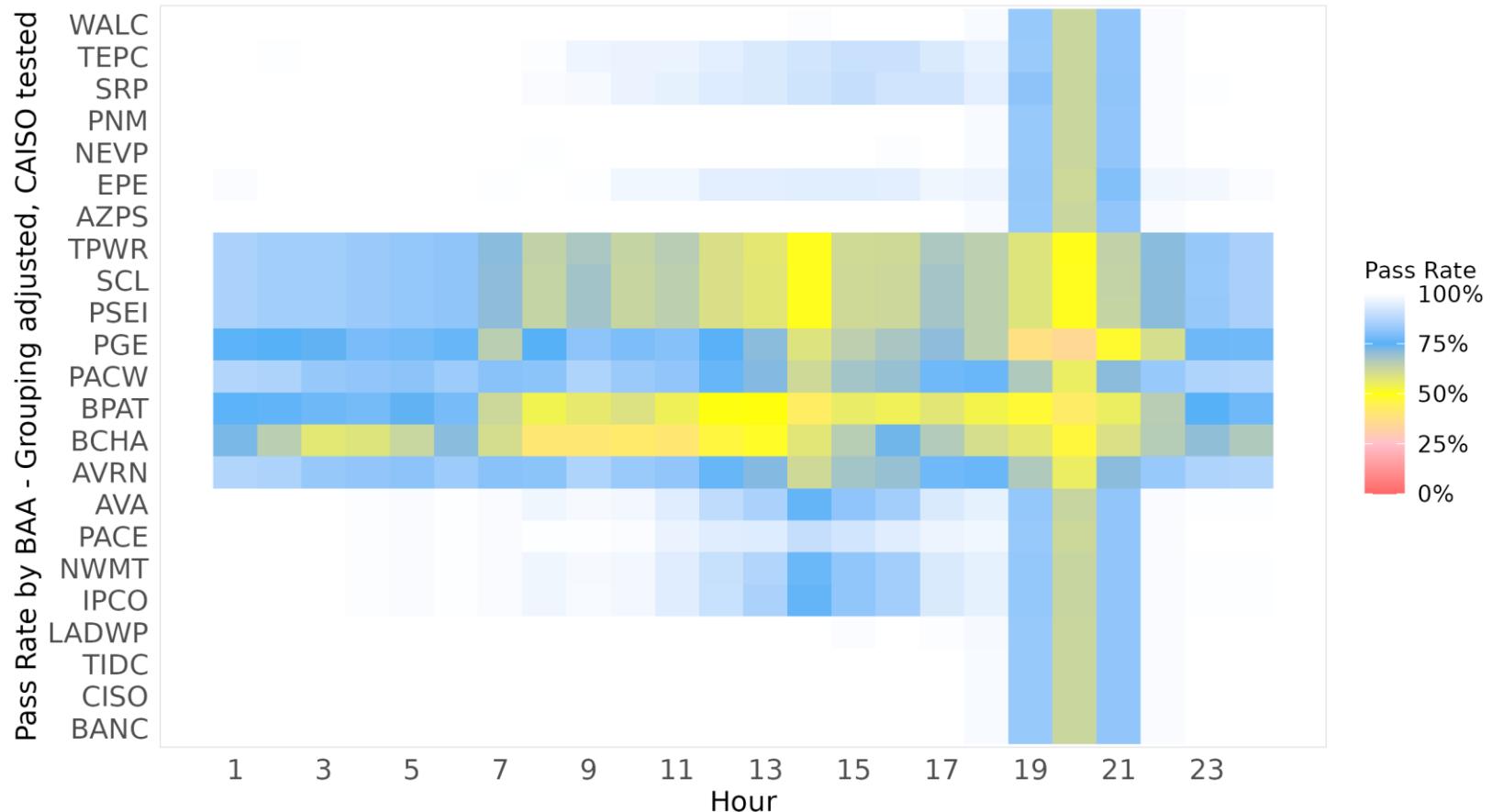
Under the adjusted grouping approach, adding LSO component further increased the overall passing rates.



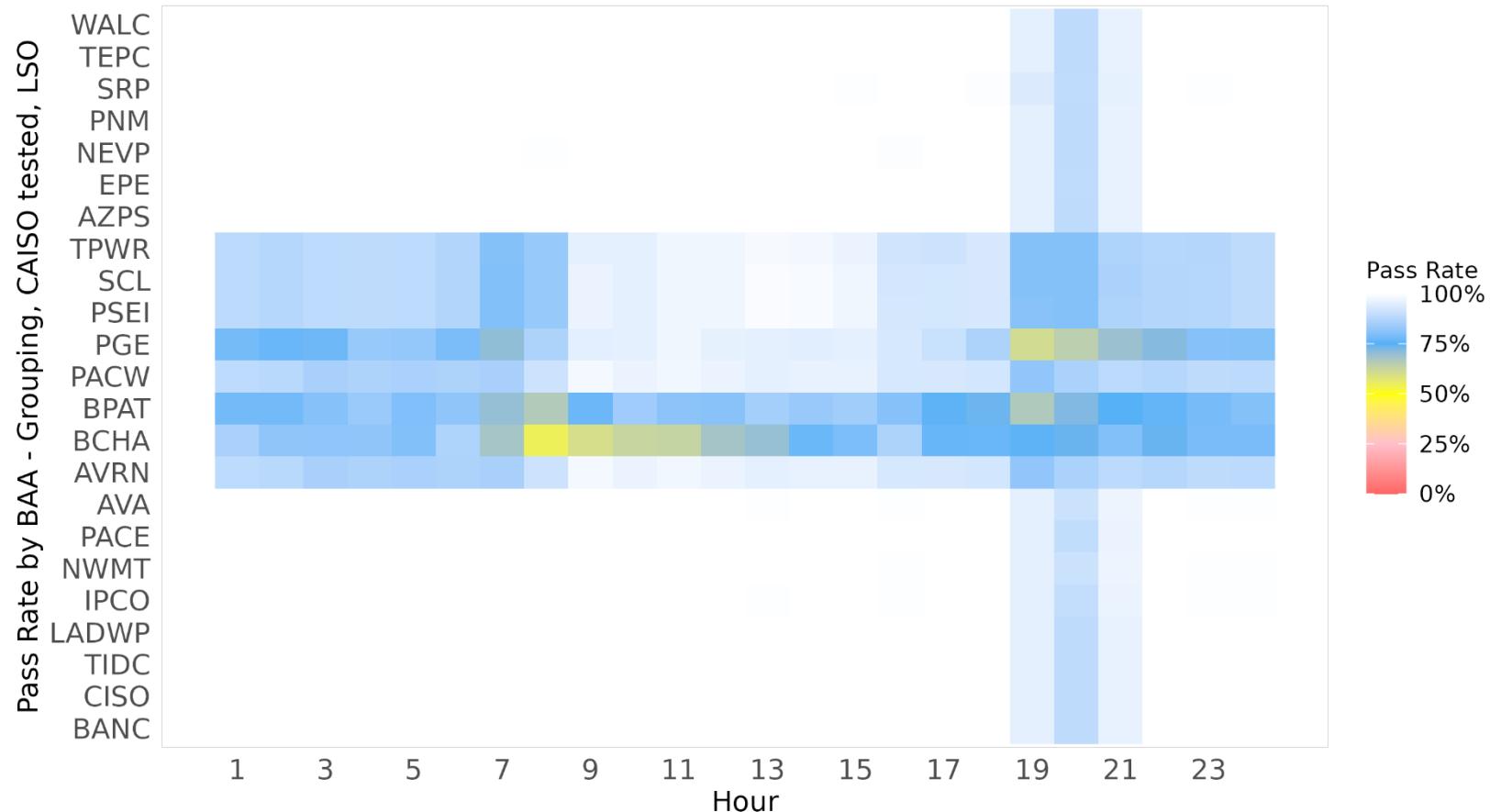
Under grouping approach with CAISO tested, pass rates dropped for all BAAs in hours ending 19 through 21



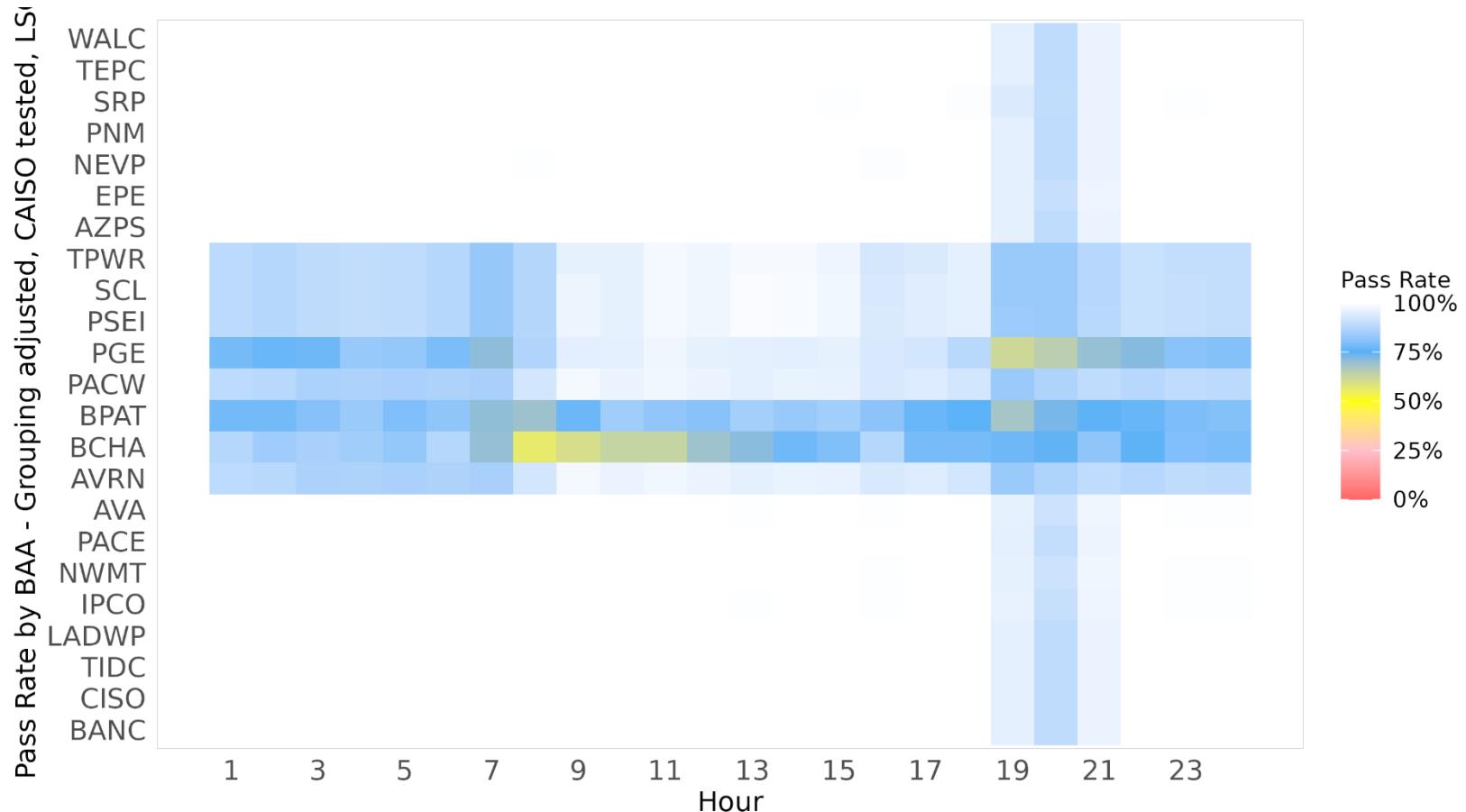
Under the adjusted grouping approach with CAISO tested, pass rates largely remained the same as the previous variation.



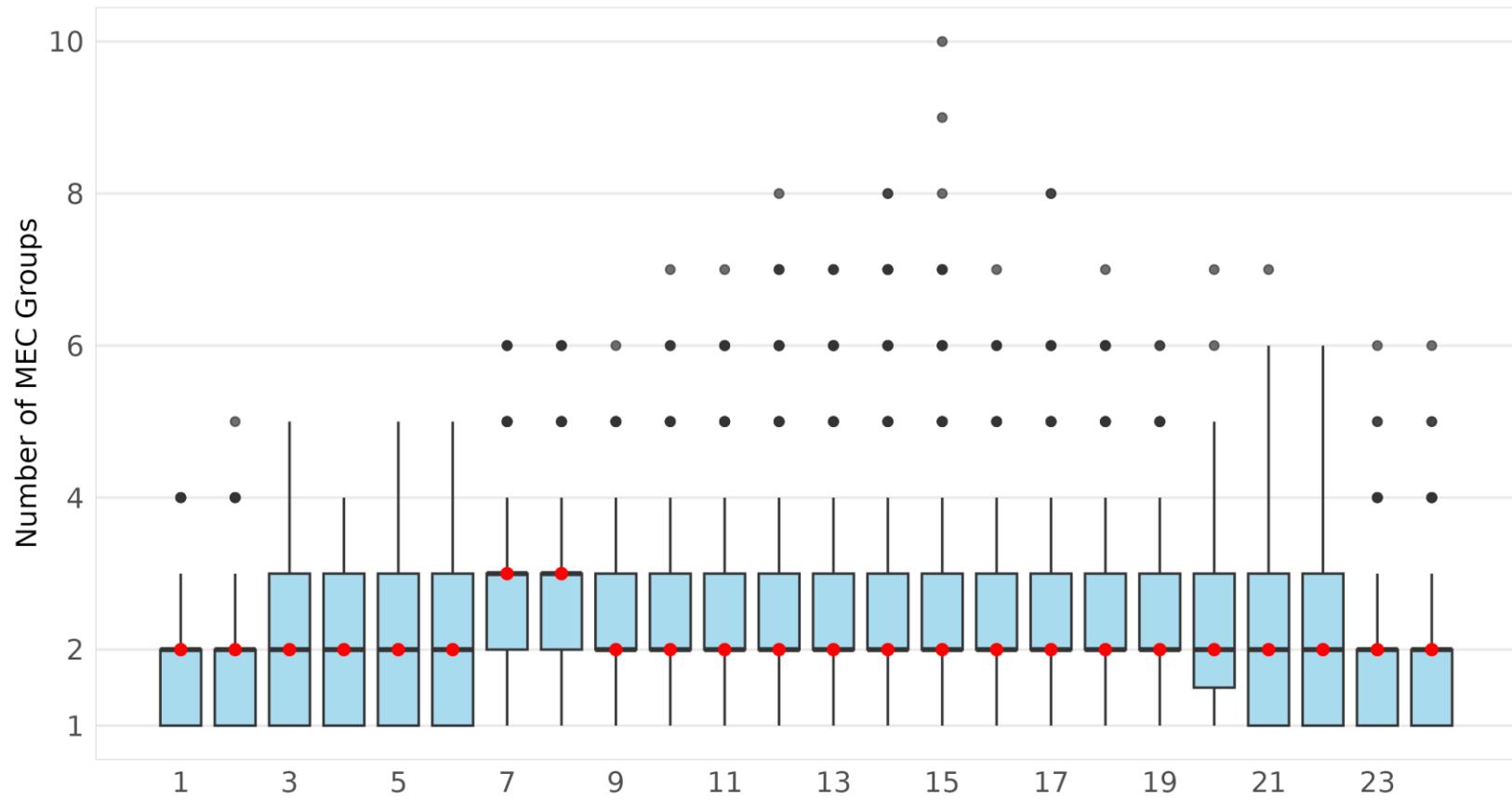
Under the grouping approach with CAISO tested and adding LSO component, pass rates increased for early morning through mid afternoon hours, and decreased for Southwest and California BAAs in hours ending 19 through 21.



Under the adjusted grouping approach with CAISO tested and adding LSO component, pass rates had marginal increase from the previous variation.

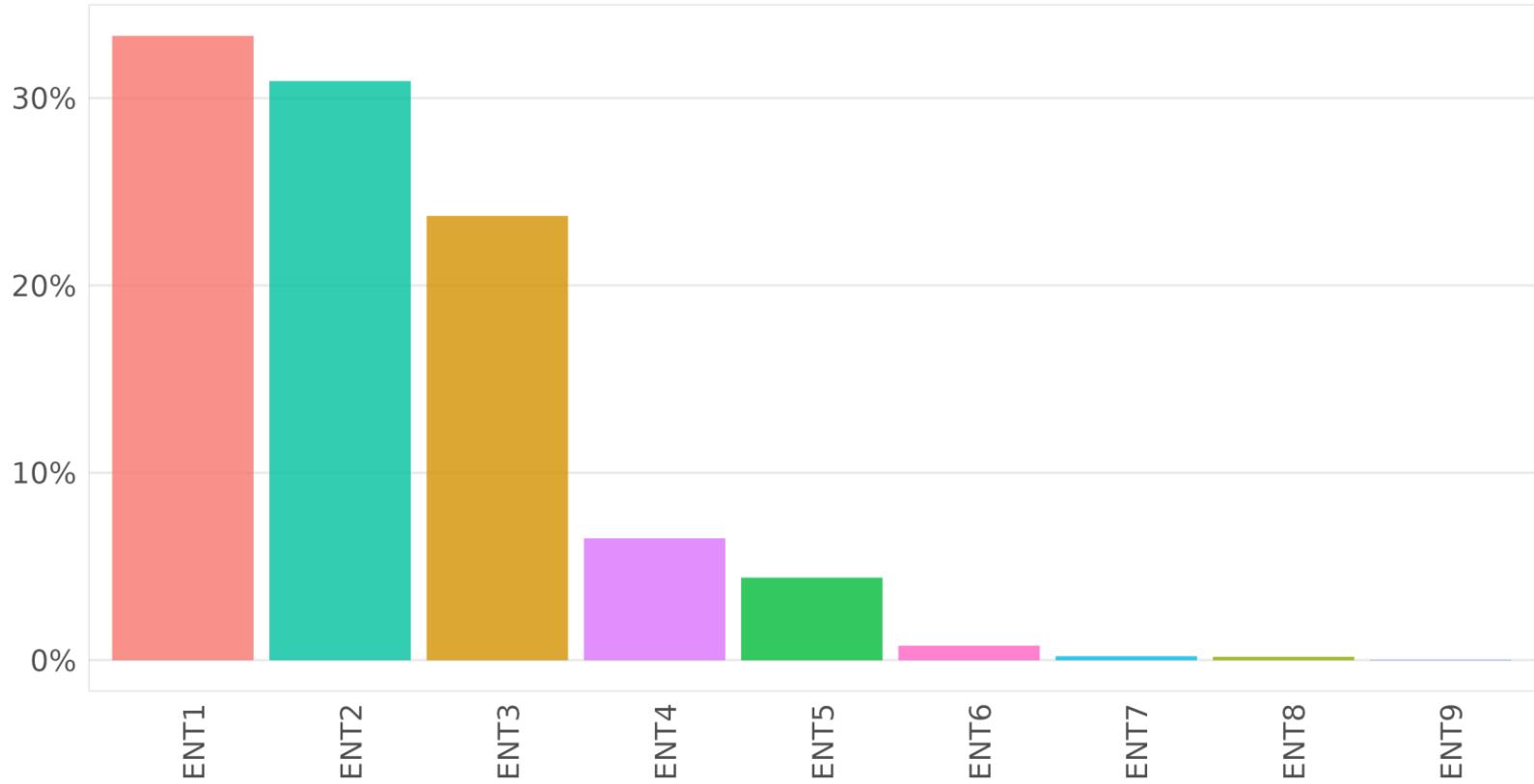


Majority of the time, all BAA MECs fall into 1 to 3 groups in 2025 summer months.

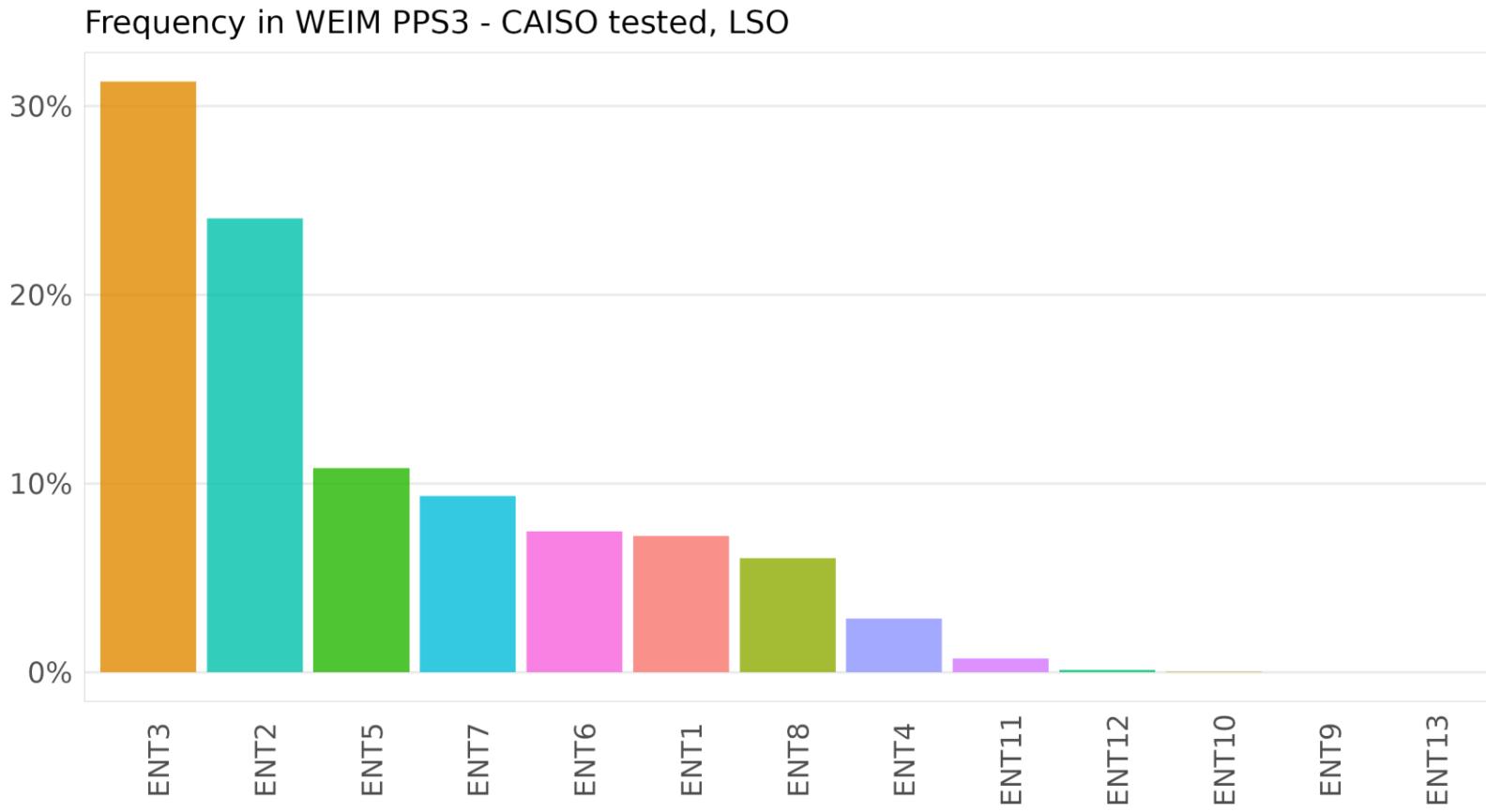


Grouping with CAISO tested: frequency of affiliations appearing in WEIM PPS3 concentrated in top three.

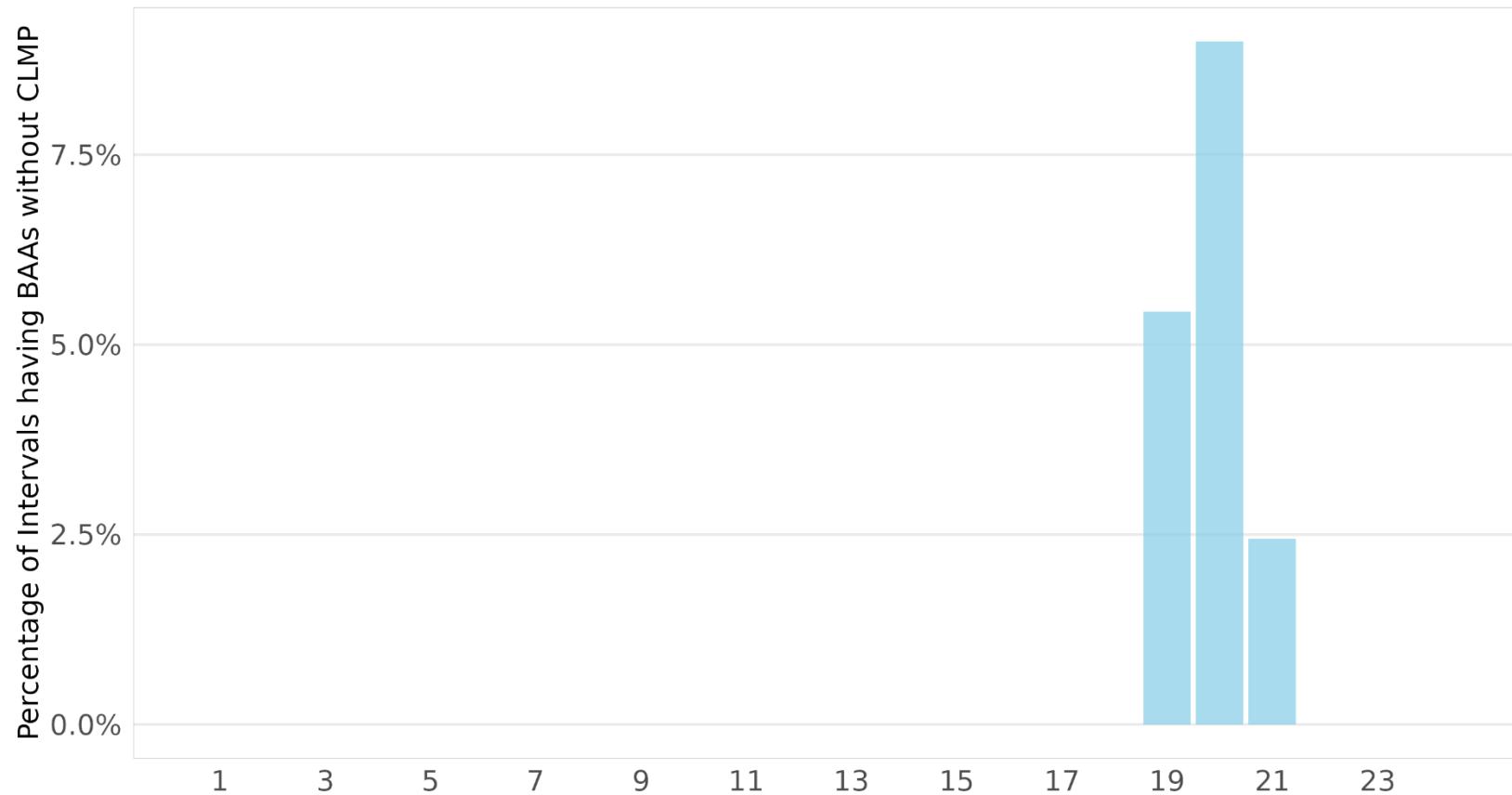
Frequency in WEIM PPS3 - CAISO tested



Grouping with CAISO tested adding LSO: frequency list expands and ranking of entities is reordered.



Under adjusted grouping with CAISO tested and adding LSO, percentage intervals having any BAA without CLMP is up to 8.99% in hour ending 20.



Under adjusted grouping with CAISO tested and adding LSO, price buckets for MEC to competitive LMP deltas for Failed tests primarily fall between \$0-\$20.

