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#### **40. Resource Adequacy Demonstration for all SCs in the CAISO BAA**

##### **40.1 Applicability**

A Load Serving Entity, and its Scheduling Coordinator, shall be exempt from this Section 40 during the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year, if the metered peak Demand of the Load Serving Entity did not exceed one (1) MW during the twelve months preceding October 1 of the year preceding the Resource Adequacy Compliance Year in question. This Section 40 shall apply to all other Load Serving Entities, and CPEs, and their respective Scheduling Coordinators. For purposes of Section 40, a Load Serving Entity shall not include any entity satisfying the terms of California Public Utilities Code Section 380(k)(3).

##### **40.1.1 [Not Used]**

#### **40.2 Information Requirements for Resource Adequacy Programs**

##### **40.2.1 Requirements for CPUC Load Serving Entities and CPEs**

- (a) The Scheduling Coordinator for a CPUC Load Serving Entity or CPE must provide the CAISO with all information or data to be provided to the CAISO as required by the CPUC and pursuant to the schedule adopted by the CPUC, except that the monthly Resource Adequacy Plans or the same information as required to be included in the monthly Resource Adequacy Plans, plus any other information the CAISO requires as identified in the Business Practice Manual, shall be submitted to the CAISO no less than 45 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan, as provided in Section 40.2.1(e).
- (b) Where the information or data provided to the CAISO under Section 40.2.1(a) does not include Reserve Margin(s), then the provisions of Section 40.2.2.1(b) shall apply.
- (c) Where the information or data provided to the CAISO under Section 40.2.1(a) does not include criteria for determining qualifying resource types and their Qualifying Capacity, then the provisions of Section 40.8 shall apply.
- (d) Where the information or data provided to the CAISO under Section 40.2.1(a) does not include annual and monthly Demand Forecast requirements, then the provisions of Section 40.2.2.3 shall apply.



- (e) Where the information or data provided to the CAISO under Section 40.2.1(a) does not include annual and monthly Resource Adequacy Plan requirements that include, at a minimum, identifying Local Capacity Area Resources and Listed Local RA Capacity, or where there is a requirement to submit monthly Resource Adequacy Plans but the submission date is less than 45 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan, then Section 40.2.2.4 shall apply.

#### **40.2.2 Non-CPUC Load Serving Entities and CPEs**

##### **40.2.2.1 Reserve Margin**

- (a) The Scheduling Coordinator for a Non-CPUC Load Serving Entity must provide the CAISO with the Reserve Margin(s) adopted by the appropriate Local Regulatory Authority or federal agency for use in the annual Resource Adequacy Plan and monthly Resource Adequacy Plans listed as a percentage of the Demand Forecasts developed in accordance with Section 40.2.2.3.
- (b) For the Scheduling Coordinator for a Non-CPUC Load Serving Entity for which the appropriate Local Regulatory Authority or federal agency has not established a Reserve Margin(s) or a CPUC Load Serving Entity subject to Section 40.2.1(b), the Reserve Margin for each month shall be no less than fifteen percent (15%) of the LSE's peak hourly Demand for the applicable month, as determined by the Demand Forecasts developed in accordance with Section 40.2.2.3.

##### **40.2.2.2 Qualifying Capacity Criteria**

The Scheduling Coordinator for a Non-CPUC Load Serving Entity must provide the CAISO with a description of the criteria adopted by the Local Regulatory Authority or federal agency for determining qualifying resource types and the Qualifying Capacity from such resources and any modifications thereto as they are implemented from time to time. The LSE may elect to utilize the criteria set forth in Section 40.8.

##### **40.2.2.3 Demand Forecasts**

If the California Energy Commission does not produce a coincident peak Demand Forecast for a Load



Serving Entity, the Scheduling Coordinator for that Load Serving Entity must provide the information requested by the CAISO on the schedule and in the reporting format(s) set forth in the Business Practice Manual.

#### **40.2.2.4 Annual and Monthly Resource Adequacy Plans**

The Scheduling Coordinator for a Non-CPUC Load Serving Entity or a CPUC Load Serving Entity subject to Section 40.2.1(b), or a CPE must provide annual and monthly Resource Adequacy Plans for such Load Serving Entity or CPE, as follows:

- (a) Each annual Resource Adequacy Plan must be submitted to the CAISO on a schedule and in the reporting format(s) set forth in the Business Practice Manual. The annual Resource Adequacy Plan must, at a minimum, set forth the Local Capacity Area Resources, if any, procured by the Load Serving Entity or CPE as described in Section 40.3, and may identify a Local Capacity Area Resource as Listed Local RA Capacity.
- (b) Each monthly Resource Adequacy Plan or the same information as required to be included in the monthly Resource Adequacy Plan, plus any other information the CAISO requires as identified in the Business Practice Manual, must be submitted to the CAISO at least 45 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan, and in accordance with the schedule and in the reporting format(s) set forth in the Business Practice Manual. For Load Serving Entities, the monthly Resource Adequacy Plan must identify all resources, including Local Capacity Area Resources, the Load Serving Entity will rely upon to satisfy the applicable month's peak hour Demand of the Load Serving Entity as determined by the Demand Forecasts developed in accordance with Section 40.2.2.3 and applicable Reserve Margin. For CPEs, the monthly Resource Adequacy Plan must identify all Local Capacity Area Resources the CPE will rely upon to satisfy its Local Capacity Area Resource obligation. For each Local Capacity Area Resource identified on a monthly Resource Adequacy Plan, the Load Serving Entity or CPE also may identify RA Capacity from such resource as Listed Local RA Capacity. Resource Adequacy Plans must utilize the Net Qualifying Capacity requirements of Section 40.4. A Load Serving Entity is not obligated to commit a type of RA capacity on a monthly



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Resource Adequacy Plan if it holds a monthly obligation of less than 1 MW for that type of RA capacity but is not exempt from committing any other type of RA capacity for that month for which it holds a monthly obligation of 1 MW or greater and is not exempt for any relevant cost allocation from a CPM designation made pursuant to Section 43A associated with a monthly RA capacity obligation of less than 1 MW.

- (c) The Scheduling Coordinator for a Load Serving Entity or CPE may submit at any time from 45 days through 30 days in advance of the relevant month, a revision to its monthly Resource Adequacy Plan to correct either: (i) a discrepancy between its monthly Resource Adequacy Plan and the monthly Supply Plan of a Resource Adequacy Resource providing that Load Serving Entity or CPE with Resource Adequacy Capacity, as provided in Section 40.7(b); or (ii) a deficiency in how much Resource Adequacy Capacity was provided on the monthly Resource Adequacy Plan. The CAISO will not accept any revisions to a monthly Resource Adequacy Plan from 30 days in advance of the relevant month through the end of the month, unless the Scheduling Coordinator for the Load Serving Entity or CPE demonstrates good cause for the change and explains why it was not possible to submit the change earlier.
- (d) The Scheduling Coordinator for the Load Serving Entity or CPE that submits a revision to its monthly Resource Adequacy Plan to correct a deficiency or discrepancy must include in the revision a MW amount of Resource Adequacy Capacity for each day of the month that is no less than the MW amount of Resource Adequacy Capacity included in its original plan for each day of the month.

**40.2.3 [Not Used]**

**40.2.4 Load-Following MSS**

- (1) **Applicability.** Unless otherwise provided in Section 40, Scheduling Coordinators for Load-following MSSs are subject solely to Sections 40.2.4, 40.3, and with respect to their Local Capacity Area Resources identified in accordance with Section 40.2.4, Section 40.9, and with respect to Flexible Resource Adequacy Capacity, Section 40.10.
- (2) **Annual RA Plan.** A Scheduling Coordinator for a Load-following MSS must provide an



annual Resource Adequacy Plan that sets forth, at a minimum, the Local Capacity Area Resources, if any, procured by the Load-following MSS as described in Section 40.3.

The annual Resource Adequacy Plan shall utilize the annual coincident peak Demand determination provided by the California Energy Commission for such Load-following MSS using Demand Forecast data submitted to the California Energy Commission by the Load-following MSS, or, if the California Energy Commission does not produce coincident peak Demand Forecasts for the Load-following MSS, the annual coincident peak Demand Forecast produced by the CAISO for such Load-following MSS in accordance with its Business Practice Manual using Demand Forecast data submitted to the CAISO by the Load-following MSS.

- (3) **Monthly RA Plan and Supply Plan.** The Scheduling Coordinator for a Load-following MSS must submit a monthly Resource Adequacy Plan and Supply Plan on the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual.

#### **40.3 Local Capacity Area Resource Requirements for SCs for LSEs**

##### **40.3.1 Local Capacity Technical Study**

On an annual basis, pursuant to the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual, the CAISO will, perform, and publish on the CAISO Website the Local Capacity Technical Study. The Local Capacity Technical Study shall identify Local Capacity Areas, determine the minimum amount of Local Capacity Area Resources in MW that must be available to the CAISO within each identified Local Capacity Area, and identify the Generating Units within each identified Local Capacity Area. The CAISO shall collaborate with the CPUC, Local Regulatory Authorities within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, federal agencies, and Market Participants to ensure that the Local Capacity Technical Study is performed in accordance with this Section 40.3 and to establish for inclusion in the Business Practice Manual other parameters and assumptions applicable to the Local Capacity Technical Study and a schedule that provides for: (i) reasonable time for review of a draft Local Capacity Technical Study, (ii) reasonable time for Participating TOs to propose operating solutions, and (iii) release of the final Local Capacity Technical Study no later than 120 days prior to the date annual Resource Adequacy Plans must be submitted under this Section 40.



#### **40.3.1.1 Local Capacity Technical Study Criteria**

The Local Capacity Technical Study will determine the minimum amount of Local Capacity Area Resources needed to address the Contingencies identified in Section 40.3.1.2. The Local Capacity Technical Study also will consider hourly load shapes and system limits under emergency conditions to quantify minimum amounts of hourly capacity and energy, that Local Capacity Area Resources must be able to provide within each identified Local Capacity Area in order to resolve Contingencies identified in Section 40.3.1.2. In performing the Local Capacity Technical Study, the CAISO will apply those methods for resolving Contingencies considered appropriate for the performance level that corresponds to a particular studied Contingency, as provided in NERC Reliability Standards regarding Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements (TPL-001-4 or its successor), as augmented by CAISO Reliability Criteria in accordance with the Transmission Control Agreement and Section 24.3.1. The CAISO Reliability Criteria shall include:

- (1) Time Allowed for Manual Readjustment: This is the amount of time required for the Operator to take all actions necessary to prepare the system for the next Contingency. This time should not be more than thirty (30) minutes.
- (2) No voltage collapse or dynamic instability shall be allowed for a Contingency in Category Extreme Events [any P1 system readjusted (Common Structure) P7], as listed in TPL-001-4 in areas with load of 250 MW or more. For areas with less than 250 MW of load, mitigation will only be proposed if there is a risk of cascading beyond the area directly affected by the outage.

#### **40.3.1.2 Local Capacity Technical Study Contingencies.**

The Local Capacity Technical Study shall assess all the Contingencies and appropriate performance levels required by mandatory standards including, but not limited to, NERC, WECC and CAISO Planning Standards.

#### **40.3.2 Allocation of Local Capacity**

The CAISO will allocate Local Capacity Area Resource requirements to Scheduling Coordinators for Load Serving Entities in the following sequential manner:

- (a) The responsibility for the aggregate Local Capacity Area Resources required for all Local



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Capacity Areas within each TAC Area as determined by the Local Capacity Technical Study will be allocated to all Scheduling Coordinators for Load Serving Entities that serve Load in the TAC Area in accordance with the Load Serving Entity's proportionate share of the LSE's TAC Area Load at the time of the CAISO's annual coincident peak Demand set forth in the annual peak Demand Forecast for the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year as determined by the California Energy Commission. Expressed as a formula, the allocation of Local Area Capacity Resource obligations will be as follows:  $(\sum \text{Local Capacity Area MW in TAC Area from the Local Capacity Technical Study}) * (\text{LSE Demand in TAC Area at CAISO annual coincident peak Demand}) / (\text{Total TAC Area Demand at the time of CAISO annual coincident peak Demand})$ . This will result in a MW responsibility for each Load Serving Entity for each TAC Area in which the LSE serves Load. In no instance, however, is a Load Serving Entity with a Demand and Reserve Margin requirement for a particular TAC Area obligated to commit, on a monthly Resource Adequacy Plan, Local Capacity Area Resources in that particular TAC Area in excess of the quantity of capacity needed by that Load Serving Entity to meet its applicable Demand and Reserve Margin requirements arising from its obligations in that TAC Area for the applicable compliance month. If the CAISO determines that a Load Serving Entity would have an obligation to show Local Capacity Area Resources of less than 1 MW in a particular TAC Area, then the Load Serving Entity will have an obligation of zero (0) MWs for that TAC Area in that year. A LSE or CPE may meet its MW responsibility, as assigned under this Section, by procuring Local Capacity Area Resources in any Local Capacity Area in the TAC Area.

- (b) For Scheduling Coordinators for Non-CPUC Load Serving Entities, the Local Capacity Area Resource obligation will be allocated by default based on Section 40.3.2(a) above. The CAISO will re-allocate all or part of the Local Capacity Area Resource obligation for a Non-CPUC Load Serving Entity to a CPE if the Local Regulatory Authority notifies the CAISO of such allocation decision by the deadlines established in the Business Practice Manual. The same CPE may be re-allocated Local Capacity Area Resource obligations



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from multiple Local Regulatory Authorities.

- (c) For Scheduling Coordinators for CPUC Load Serving Entities, the CAISO will calculate the individual and total Local Capacity Area Resource obligations attributable to the CPUC jurisdictional Load Serving Entities and will transmit them to the CPUC. The CPUC may then allocate the Local Capacity Area Resource obligation to its jurisdictional LSEs or CPEs based on a method adopted by the CPUC. However, if the allocation methodology adopted by the CPUC does not fully allocate the total sum of each CPUC Load Serving Entity's proportionate share calculated under Section 40.3.2(a), the CAISO will allocate the difference to all Scheduling Coordinators for CPUC Load Serving Entities in accordance with their proportionate share calculated under 40.3.2(a). If the CPUC does not adopt an allocation methodology or does not notify the CAISO of its allocation decision by the deadlines established in the Business Practice Manual, the CAISO will allocate Local Capacity Area Resources to Scheduling Coordinators for CPUC Load Serving Entities based on Section 40.3.2(a).
- (d) By the deadline established in the Business Practice Manual, a Local Regulatory Authority that has, per section 40.3.2(b) or 40.3.2(c), assigned a local obligation to a CPE must inform the CAISO how the Local Regulatory Authority wishes to assign the system and flexible attributes of the resources expected to be shown by the CPE to the LSEs represented by the CPE. The Local Regulatory Authority may decline to provide such assignment, in which case the system and flexible attributes of the resources will remain with the CPE. If the Local Regulatory Authority provides such LSE assignment by the deadline, the CAISO will provide provisional credits to those LSEs towards their RA requirements based on the assignments provided by the Local Regulatory Authority, provided that the Local Regulatory Authority assigns total system and total flex credits equal to the MWs of system and flex RA capacity expected to be shown by the CPE. If the CPE's annual or monthly RA plans include Local Capacity Area Resources that provide more MW or fewer MWs of system or flex capacity than were assumed in assigning the provisional LSE RA credits, then the CAISO will increase or reduce,



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respectively, the LSE credits based on each LSE's proportionate share of the provisional allocation. Any LSE deficiencies created by reducing such provisional RA credits may be addressed in the cure periods established in Sections 40.7 and 40.10.5.4.

Once the CAISO has allocated the total responsibility for Local Capacity Area Resources, the CAISO will inform the CPUC and the Scheduling Coordinators for each non-CPUC jurisdictional LSE of the LSE's specific allocated responsibility for Local Capacity Area Resources in each TAC Area in which the LSE serves Load.

#### **40.3.3 Procurement of Local Capacity Area Resources by LSEs and CPEs**

Nothing in this Section 40 obligates any Scheduling Coordinator to demonstrate on behalf of a Load Serving Entity or CPE that the Load Serving Entity or CPE has procured Local Capacity Area Resources to satisfy capacity requirements for each Local Capacity Area identified in the technical study. If a Load Serving Entity or CPE has procured Local Capacity Area Resources that satisfy generation capacity requirements for Local Capacity Areas, the Scheduling Coordinator for such Load Serving Entity or CPE shall include this information in its annual and monthly Resource Adequacy Plan(s).

#### **40.3.4 [Not Used]**

### **40.4 General Requirements on Resource Adequacy Resources**

#### **40.4.1 Eligible Resources and Determination of Qualifying Capacity**

The CAISO shall use the criteria provided by the CPUC or Local Regulatory Authority to determine and verify, if necessary, the Qualifying Capacity of all Resource Adequacy Resources; however, to the extent a resource is listed by one or more Scheduling Coordinators in their Resource Adequacy Plans, which apply the criteria of more than one Local Regulatory Authority that leads to conflicting Qualifying Capacity values for that resource, the CAISO will accept the methodology that results in the highest Qualifying Capacity value. Only if the CPUC, Local Regulatory Authority, or federal agency has not established any Qualifying Capacity criteria, or chooses to rely on the criteria in this CAISO Tariff, will the provisions of Section 40.8 apply.

#### **40.4.2 Net Qualifying Capacity Report**

The CAISO shall produce an annual report posted to the CAISO Website on the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual that sets forth the Net Qualifying Capacity of all Participating Generators. All



other Resource Adequacy Resources may be included in the annual report under Section 40.4.2 upon their request. The Net Qualifying Capacity of any resource included in the annual report, once posted to the CAISO Website, shall not be reduced by the CAISO for the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year. Any change proposed to be made to a Net Qualifying Capacity value for a resource included in a prior annual report shall be explained, and any test results or analyses underlying the change provided, to the Scheduling Coordinator within ten (10) days of the CAISO's determination that a change to the resource's Net Qualifying Capacity is appropriate, which also must be at least fifteen (15) days prior to the posting on the CAISO Website of the annual report. Any disputes as to the CAISO's determination regarding Net Qualifying Capacity shall be subject to the CAISO ADR Procedures.

#### **40.4.3 General Qualifications for Supplying Net Qualifying Capacity**

Resource Adequacy Resources included in a Resource Adequacy Plan submitted by a Scheduling Coordinator on behalf of either a Load Serving Entity serving Load in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area or a CPE must:

- (1) Be available for testing by the CAISO to validate Qualifying Capacity, which can be no less than a resource's PMin as registered in the Master File even if the resource's contractual Resource Adequacy Capacity is less than its PMin, and determine Net Qualifying Capacity for the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year;
- (2) Provide any information requested by the CAISO to apply the performance criteria to be adopted by the CAISO pursuant to Section 40.4.5;
- (3) Submit Bids into the CAISO Markets as required by this CAISO Tariff;
- (4) Be in compliance, as of the date that the CAISO performs any testing or otherwise determines Net Qualifying Capacity for the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year, with the criteria for Qualifying Capacity established by the CPUC, relevant Local Regulatory Authority, or federal agency and provided to the CAISO; and
- (5) Be subject to Sanctions for non-performance as specified in the CAISO Tariff; and
- (6) For a resource with contractual Resource Adequacy Capacity less than PMin as registered in the Master File, make the PMin available to the CAISO for commitment or dispatch at PMin, subject to Section 11.8 provisions for Bid Cost Recovery, so that the



resource's Resource Adequacy Capacity can be utilized as required by this CAISO Tariff.

#### **40.4.4 Reductions for Testing**

In accordance with the procedures specified in the Business Practice Manual, the Generating Unit of a Participating Generator or other Generating Units, System Units or Loads of Participating Loads, Reliability Demand Response Resources, or Proxy Demand Resources included in a Resource Adequacy Plan submitted by a Scheduling Coordinator on behalf of a Load Serving Entity or CPE can have its Qualifying Capacity reduced, for purposes of the Net Qualifying Capacity annual report under Section 40.4.2 for the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year, if a CAISO testing program determines that it is not capable of supplying the full Qualifying Capacity amount.

#### **40.4.5 Reductions for Performance Criteria**

No later than 12 months after the effective date of this Section 40, the CAISO will issue a report outlining a proposal with respect to performance criteria for Resource Adequacy Resources. The CAISO will collaborate with the CPUC and other Local Regulatory Authorities to develop the performance criteria to be submitted to FERC. The Scheduling Coordinator for a Resource Adequacy Resource shall provide or make available to the CAISO, subject to the confidentiality provisions of this CAISO Tariff, all documentation requested by the CAISO to determine, develop or implement the performance criteria, including, but not limited to, NERC Generating Availability Data System data.

#### **40.4.6 Reductions for Deliverability**

##### **40.4.6.1 Deliverability within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area**

In order to determine Net Qualifying Capacity from Resource Adequacy Resources subject to this Section 40.4, the CAISO will determine that a Resource Adequacy Resource is available to serve the aggregate of Load by means of a deliverability study. Documentation explaining the CAISO's deliverability analysis will be posted on the CAISO Website. The deliverability study will be performed annually and shall focus on peak Demand conditions. The results of the deliverability study shall be incorporated into the Net Qualifying Capacity annual report under Section 40.4.2 and will be effective for the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year. To the extent the deliverability study shows that the Qualifying Capacity is not deliverable to the aggregate of Demand under the conditions studied, the Qualifying Capacity of the Resource Adequacy Resource will be reduced on a MW basis for the capacity that is undeliverable.



Resources will be electrically grouped in a manner consistent with the CAISO Deliverability Assessment methodology posted on the CAISO Website. For Resource Adequacy Resources in the same electrical group which have identified deliverability constraints, the Qualifying Capacity of the Resource Adequacy Resources that obtained Full Capacity Deliverability Status or partial deliverability through Section 8.2 of Appendix Y to this CAISO Tariff will be reduced prior to reducing the Qualifying Capacity of those resources which were originally provided Full Capacity Deliverability Status pursuant to inclusion in an Interconnection Study Cycle under Appendix Y to this CAISO Tariff.

#### **40.4.6.2 Deliverability of Imports**

##### **40.4.6.2.1 Available Import Capability Assignment Process**

For Resource Adequacy Plans, total Available Import Capability will be assigned on an annual basis for a one-year term to Scheduling Coordinators representing Load Serving Entities serving Load in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area and, in limited circumstances, to Scheduling Coordinators representing Participating Generators or System Resources, as described by the following sequence of steps.

**Step 1:** Determination of Maximum Import Capability on Interties into the CAISO Balancing Authority Area: The CAISO shall establish the Maximum Import Capability for each Intertie into the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, and will post those values on the CAISO Website in accordance with the schedule and process set forth in the Business Practice Manual.

**Step 2:** Determination of Available Import Capability by Accounting for Existing Contracts and Transmission Ownership Rights Held by Out-of-Balancing Authority Area LSEs: For each Intertie, the Available Import Capability will be determined by subtracting from the Maximum Import Capability established in Step 1 for each Intertie the import capability on each Intertie associated with (i) Existing Contracts and (ii) Transmission Ownership Rights held by load serving entities that do not serve Load within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area. The remaining sum of all Intertie Available Import Capability is the Total Import Capability. Total Import Capability shall be used to determine the Load Share Quantity for each Load Serving Entity that serves Load within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area.

**Step 3:** Determination of Existing Contract Import Capability by Accounting for Existing Contracts and Transmission Ownership Rights Held by CAISO Balancing Authority Area LSEs: From the



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Available Import Capability remaining on each Intertie after Step 2 above, Existing Contracts and Transmission Ownership Rights held by Load Serving Entities that serve Load within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area shall be reserved for the holders of such commitments and will not be subject to reduction under any subsequent steps in this Section. The import capability reserved pursuant to this Step 3 is the Existing Contract Import Capability.

**Step 4a:** Assignment of Pre-RA Import Commitments: From the Available Import Capability remaining on each Intertie after reserving Existing Contract Import Capability under Step 3 above, the CAISO will assign to Load Serving Entities serving Load within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability on a particular Intertie based on Pre-RA Import Commitments in effect (where a supplier has an obligation to deliver the Energy or make the capacity available) at any time during the Resource Adequacy Compliance Year for which the Available Import Capability assignment is being performed. The Pre-RA Import Commitment will be assigned to the Intertie selected by the Load Serving Entity during the submission of the import commitment data template as required per Business Process Manual, and it must be the primary Intertie upon which the Energy or capacity is anticipated to be scheduled. If a Pre-RA Import Commitment submitted on behalf of a LSE with Existing Contract Import Capability is assigned under this Section to the same Intertie on which the LSE holds Existing Contract Import Capability, the Pre-RA Import Commitment will be assumed to deliver over the Existing Contract Import Capability until exhausted, unless the LSE can demonstrate otherwise.

To the extent a particular Intertie becomes over requested with Pre-RA Import Commitments, such that the MW represented in all Pre-RA Import Commitments utilizing the Intertie exceed the Intertie's Available Import Capability in excess of that reserved for Existing Contracts and Transmission Ownership Rights under Steps 2 and 3, the Pre-RA Import Commitments will be assigned Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability, based on the Import Capability Load Share Ratio of each Load Serving Entity submitting Pre-RA Import Commitments on the particular Intertie. To the extent this initial assignment of Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability has not fully assigned the Available Import Capability of the particular over requested Intertie, the remaining Available Import Capability on the over requested Intertie will be assigned until fully



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exhausted based on the Import Capability Load Share Ratio of each Load Serving Entity whose submitted Pre-RA Import Commitment has not been fully satisfied by the previous Import Capability Load Share Ratio assignment iteration. The Available Import Capability assigned pursuant to this Step 4a is the Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability.

**Step 4b:** Assignment of New Use Import Commitments: From the Available Import Capability remaining on each Intertie after reserving Existing Contract Import Capability under Step 3 above and reserving Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability under step 4a above, the CAISO will assign to Load Serving Entities serving Load within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area New Use Import Commitment Capability on a particular Intertie based on New Use Import Commitments in effect during the Resource Adequacy Compliance Year for which the Available Import Capability assignment is being performed. The CAISO will assign the New Use Import Commitment to the Intertie selected by the Load Serving Entity in the import commitment data template as required per Business Process Manual, and it must be the primary Intertie upon which the Energy or capacity is anticipated to be scheduled. If a New Use Import Commitment submitted by an LSE with Existing Contract Import Capability is assigned under this Section to the same Intertie on which the Load Serving Entity holds Existing Contract Import Capability, the CAISO will assume the New Use Import Commitment will be delivered over the Existing Contract Import Capability until exhausted, unless the LSE can demonstrate otherwise.

To the extent a particular Intertie becomes over requested with New Use Import Commitments, such that the MW represented in all New Use Import Commitments using the Intertie exceed the Intertie's Available Import Capability in excess of that reserved for Existing Contracts and Transmission Ownership Rights under Steps 2 and 3 as well as Pre-RA Import Commitments under Step 4a, the New Use Import Commitments will be assigned New Use Import Commitment Capability, based on the Import Capability Load Share Ratio of each Load Serving Entity submitting New Use Import Commitments on the particular Intertie. To the extent the initial assignment of New Use Import Commitment Capability does not fully assign the Available Import Capability on the over requested Intertie, the CAISO will assign the remaining Available Import Capability on the over requested Intertie until fully exhausted based on the Import Capability Load



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Share Ratio of each Load Serving Entity whose submitted New Use Import Commitment has not been fully satisfied by the previous Import Capability Load Share Ratio assignment iteration. The Available Import Capability assigned pursuant to this Step 4b is the New Use Import Commitment Capability. Any New Use Import Commitment Capability shall not exceed the limitations imposed in Section 40.4.6.2.2.4.

**Step 5:** Assignment of Remaining Import Capability Limited by Load Share Quantity: The Total Import Capability remaining after Step 4 will be assigned only to Load Serving Entities serving Load within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area that have not received Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability and New Use Import Commitment Capability under Steps 3 and 4, that exceed the Load Serving Entity's Load Share Quantity. Only the MW quantity of any Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability and New Use Import Commitment Capability assigned to Existing Contract Import Capability under Step 4 that exceeds the Existing Contract Import Capability on the particular Intertie will be counted for purposes of this Step 5. The CAISO will assign Remaining Import Capability based on the following process. First, the CAISO will calculate the gross Remaining Import Capability by subtracting the sum of the MW quantity assigned to excluded LSEs from the Total Import Capability. Next, the CAISO will calculate the share of gross Remaining Import Capability based on load share ratio among the remaining eligible Load Serving Entities. Any CAISO internal Load Serving Entity with allocations received from both Steps 3 & 4 that exceed or are equal to its share of the gross Remaining Import Capability will be excluded from further allocation of Remaining Import Capability. The CAISO will re-perform this calculation until there are no excluded Load Serving Entities. Each remaining eligible Load Serving Entity will have its Remaining Import Capability calculated by subtracting its total of all allocations received under Steps 3, 4a & 4b from its share of the gross Remaining Import Capability. The Total Import Capability will be assigned until fully exhausted to those Load Serving Entities eligible to receive an assignment under this Step. The quantity of Total Import Capability assigned to the Load Serving Entity under this Step is the Load Serving Entity's Remaining Import Capability. This Step 5 does not assign Remaining Import Capability on a specific Intertie.



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**Step 6:** CAISO Posting of Assigned and Unassigned Capability: Following the completion of Step 5, the CAISO will post to the CAISO Website, in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual the following information:

- (a) The Total Import Capability;
- (b) The quantity in MW of Existing Contracts and Transmission Ownership Rights assigned to each Intertie, distinguishing between Existing Contracts and Transmission Ownership Rights held by Load Serving Entities within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area and those held by load serving entities outside the CAISO Balancing Authority Area;
- (c) The aggregate quantity in MW, and identity of the holders, of Pre-RA Import Commitments assigned to each Intertie; and
- (d) The aggregate quantity in MW of Available Import Capability after Step 4, the identity of the Interties with Available Import Capability, and the MW quantity of Available Import Capability on each such Intertie.
- (e) For each individual Intertie, the name of the holder of Existing Contracts and Transmission Ownership Rights, Pre-RA Import Commitments and New Use Import Commitments as well as maximum locked up amount, lock start date, lock expiration date and potentially other available information that provides stakeholders with transparency into the allocation process.

**Step 7:** CAISO Notification of LSE Assignment Information: Following the completion of Step 5, in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual, the CAISO will notify the Scheduling Coordinator for each Load Serving Entity of:

- (a) The Load Serving Entity's Import Capability Load Share;
- (b) The Load Serving Entity's Load Share Quantity; and
- (c) The amount of, and Intertie on which, the Load Serving Entity's Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability and New Use Import Commitment Capability, as applicable, has been assigned; and
- (d) The Load Serving Entity's Remaining Import Capability.



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**Step 8: Transfer of Import Capability:** In accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual, a Scheduling Coordinator for a Load Serving Entity shall be allowed to transfer some or all of its Remaining Import Capability to any other Scheduling Coordinator for a Load Serving Entity. The CAISO will accept transfers between Scheduling Coordinators only to the extent such transfers are reported to the CAISO, in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual and through the CAISO's Import Capability Transfer Registration Process, by the entity receiving the Remaining Import Capability who must set forth (1) the name of the counter-parties, (2) the MW quantity, (3) term of transfer, and (4) price on a per MW basis. The CAISO will post to the CAISO Website in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual the information on transfers of Remaining Import Capability received under this Step 8.

**Step 9: Initial Scheduling Coordinator Request to Assign Remaining Import Capability by Intertie:** In accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual, the Scheduling Coordinator for each Load Serving Entity shall notify the CAISO of its request to assign its post-trading Remaining Import Capability on a MW basis per available Intertie. Total requests for assignment of Remaining Import Capability by a Scheduling Coordinator cannot exceed the sum of the post-traded Remaining Import Capability of its Load Serving Entities. The CAISO will honor the requests to the extent an Intertie has not been over requested. If an Intertie is over requested, the requests for Remaining Import Capability on that Intertie will be assigned based on each Load Serving Entity's Import Capability Load Share Ratio in the same manner as set forth in Step 4. A Scheduling Coordinator for a Load Serving Entity without an Import Capability Load Share will be assigned the Import Capability Load Share equal to the average Import Capability Load Share of those Load Serving Entities from which it received transfers of Remaining Import Capability.

**Step 10: CAISO Notification of Initial Remaining Import Capability Assignments and Unassigned Capability:** In accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual, the CAISO will:

- (a) Notify the Scheduling Coordinators of accepted request(s) for assigning



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Remaining Import Capability under Step 9;

- (b) Publish on the CAISO Website aggregate unassigned Available Import Capability, if any, the identity of the Interties with unassigned Available Import Capability, and the MW quantity of Available Import Capability, on each such Intertie; and
- (c) Issue a Market Notice to advise the Scheduling Coordinators that Step 10 is complete and to specify the time at which the CAISO will begin accepting requests for the Remaining Import Capability for Step 11.

**Step 11:** Secondary Scheduling Coordinator Request to Assign Remaining Import Capability by Intertie: To the extent Remaining Import Capability remains unassigned as disclosed by Step 10, in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual, Scheduling Coordinators for Load Serving Entities shall notify the CAISO of their requests to assign any Remaining Import Capability on a MW per available Intertie basis. Step 10 must be completed before a Scheduling Coordinator may submit a request under this step for any Remaining Import Capability. Any requests received prior to the time stated in the Market Notice issued at the completion of Step 10 will not be honored by the CAISO. The CAISO will honor the timely requests received to the extent an Intertie has not been over requested. If an Intertie is over requested, the requests on that Intertie will be assigned based on each Load Serving Entity's Import Capability Load Share Ratio, as used in Steps 4 and 9.

**Step 12:** Notification of Secondary Remaining Import Capability Assignments and Unassigned Capability: In accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual, the CAISO will:

- (a) Notify the Scheduling Coordinator for each Load Serving Entity of the Load Serving Entity's accepted request(s) for assigning Remaining Import Capability under Step 11;
- (b) Publish on the CAISO Website unassigned aggregate Available Import Capability, if any, the identity of the Interties with Available Remaining Import Capability, and the MW quantity of Availability Import Capability on each such



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Intertie; and

- (c) Issue a Market Notice to advise the Scheduling Coordinator for each Load Serving Entity that Step 12 is complete and to specify the time at which the CAISO will begin accepting requests for the Balance of Year Unassigned Available Import Capability for Step 13.

**Step 13:** Requests for Balance of Year Unassigned Available Import Capability: To the extent total Available Import Capability remains unassigned as disclosed by Step 12, Scheduling Coordinators for Load Serving Entities, Participating Generators, or System Resources may notify the CAISO of a request for unassigned Available Import Capability on a specific Intertie on a per MW basis. Step 12 must be completed before a Scheduling Coordinator may submit a request under this step for any remaining unassigned Import Capability. Any requests received prior to the time stated in the Market Notice issued at the completion of Step 12 will not be honored by the CAISO. Each request must include the identity of Load Serving Entity, Participating Generator, or System Resource on whose behalf the request is made. The CAISO will accept only two (2) requests per calendar week from any Scheduling Coordinator on behalf of a single Load Serving Entity, Participating Generator, or System Resource.

Load Serving Entities with existing Resource Adequacy contracts that have not otherwise received Import Capability will receive priority over other requests received on the same day. The load serving entity will only receive priority on the branch group where the existing Resource Adequacy contract is scheduled. To receive priority, the Resource Adequacy contract cannot be fully utilized as a Pre-RA Commitment or a New Use Import Commitment. If the Resource Adequacy contract is not fully utilized as a Pre-RA Commitment or a New Use Import Commitment, then the portion of the Resource Adequacy contract that is not utilized as a Pre-RA Commitment or a New Use Import Commitment shall receive priority.

If two or more Load Serving Entities request an allocation that exceeds the amount of Available Import Capability remaining on any given branch group, the assignment will be split among each Load Serving Entity with a valid request based on the following formula:

(Total unassigned Available Import Capability at the branch group divided by the sum of capacity



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from eligible portions of applicable Resource Adequacy contracts with priority) multiplied by each Load Serving Entity's eligible Resource Adequacy contract amount.

After addressing any priority for requests associated with Resource Adequacy contracts, the CAISO will honor timely requests in priority of the time requests from Scheduling Coordinators were received until the Intertie is fully assigned and without regard to any Load Serving Entity's Load Share Quantity. Any honored request shall be for the remainder of the Resource Adequacy Compliance Year.

The CAISO shall provide an electronic means, either through the Import Capability Transfer Registration Process or otherwise, of notifying the Scheduling Coordinator of the time the request was deemed received by the CAISO and, within seven (7) days of receipt of the request, whether the request was honored. If a request made on behalf of a Load Serving Entity is honored, it shall be the responsibility of the Scheduling Coordinator and its Load Serving Entity to notify the CPUC or applicable Local Regulatory Authority of the acceptance of the request for unassigned Available Import Capability. If the request is not honored because the Intertie requested was fully assigned, the request will be deemed rejected and the Scheduling Coordinator, if it still seeks to obtain unassigned Available Import Capability, will be required to submit a new request for unassigned Available Import Capability on a different Intertie. The CAISO will update on its website the list of unassigned Available Import Capability by Intertie in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual.

This multi-step process for assignment of Total Import Capability does not guarantee or result in any actual transmission service being assigned and is only used for determining the import capability that can be credited towards satisfying the Reserve Margin of a Load Serving Entity under this Section 40. Upon the request of the CAISO, Scheduling Coordinators must provide the CAISO with information on Pre-RA Import Commitments and New Use Import Commitments as well as any transfers or sales of assigned Total Import Capability.

#### **40.4.6.2.2 Bilateral Import Capability Transfers and Registration Process**

##### **40.4.6.2.2.1 Eligibility Registration for Bilateral Import Capability Transfers**

To be eligible to engage in any bilateral assignment, sale, or transfer of Remaining Import Capability



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under Step 8 of Section 40.4.6.2.1 or Section 40.4.6.2.2.2 or transfer of Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability and New Use Import Commitment Capability under Section 40.4.6.2.2.2, a Load Serving Entity or other Market Participant must provide the CAISO through the Import Capability Transfer Registration Process the following information:

- (a) Name of the Load Serving Entity or Market Participant
- (b) E-mail contact information

The CAISO will post to the CAISO Website the information received under this Section on a monthly basis in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual. Any assignment, sale, or transfer of Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability, New Use Import Commitment Capability or Remaining Import Capability may only be made by or to a Load Serving Entity or Market Participant whose information received under this Section has been posted to the CAISO Website prior to the date of the assignment, sale, or transfer of the Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability, New Use Import Commitment Capability or Remaining Import Capability. It shall be the exclusive responsibility of the Scheduling Coordinator for the Load Serving Entity or Market Participant to ensure that the information posted to the CAISO Website under this Section is accurate and up to date.

**40.4.6.2.2.2 Reporting Process for Bilateral Import Capability Transfers**

This Section shall apply to all transfers of Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability, New Use Import Commitment Capability or Remaining Import Capability other than that provided for in Step 8 of Section 40.4.6.2.1. Any Load Serving Entity or other Market Participant that has obtained Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability, New Use Import Commitment Capability or Remaining Import Capability may assign, sell, or otherwise transfer such Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability, New Use Import Commitment Capability or Remaining Import Capability in MW increments rounded to two decimal places. The import capability subject to each transfer shall remain on the Intertie assigned pursuant to Section 40.4.6.2.1. The Scheduling Coordinator for the Load Serving Entity or Market Participant receiving the transferred Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability, New Use Import Commitment Capability or Remaining Import Capability must report the transfer to the CAISO through the CAISO's



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Import Capability Transfer Registration Process by providing the following information:

- (a) Identity of the counter-party(ies);
- (b) The MW quantity;
- (c) The Intertie on which the Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability, New Use Import Commitment Capability or Remaining Import Capability was assigned;
- (d) Term of the transfer; and
- (e) Price on a per MW basis.

The CAISO will promptly post to the CAISO Website the information on transfers received under this Section.

**40.4.6.2.2.3 Other Import Capability Information Postings**

The CAISO will post to the CAISO Website on a monthly basis in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual, for each Intertie, the holder and that holder's quantity in MW of import capability assigned on the particular Intertie as of the reporting date.

The CAISO will also post to the CAISO Website following submission of the annual Resource Adequacy Plans under Sections 40.2.1, 40.2.2.4, 40.2.3.4, and 40.2.4, for each Intertie, by a "yes" or "no" designation, whether each holder of import capability assigned on the particular Intertie has fully included the assigned import capability in the holder's annual Resource Adequacy Plans.

**40.4.6.2.2.4 Reserving import capacity as New Use Import Commitment**

An import allocation received as Remaining Import Capability (Steps 5-13) may be reserved at the branch group level by the LSE holder for the applicable RA year. To reserve an import allocation, the LSE must hold the import allocation for all 12 months of the applicable RA year. LSEs cannot reserve import allocations for partial years.

An LSE may reserve an import allocation for the term of the New Use Import Commitment by showing an applicable New Use Import Commitment, signed by May 15th of the year prior to the requested import allocation, if the New Use Import Commitment (1) identifies a specific resource or an aggregation of specific resources, consisting of Pseudo-Tie Generating Units or Dynamic Resource-Specific System Resources, that will provide capacity or energy and (2) meets all the requirements herein as well as those



described in the appropriate Business Process Manual.

A New Use Import Commitment reservation can extend for an undetermined length of time, but the reserved quantity cannot exceed future year ahead Load Share Quantity. For implementation purposes, before import allocations are given out for the next RA year, an LSE must provide the CAISO with contract priority preference to determine the order of MIC allocation reduction in the event the reserved quantity exceeds future year ahead Load Share Quantity. If an LSE chooses to partially reduce the import allocation associated with a specific contract, the LSE must maintain the entire contract unchanged for the duration of the next RA year. Any material modification to the electric or operational characteristics of the contract, as determined by the CAISO, or the sale (part or entire) of the RA contract that currently qualifies as a New Use Import Commitment by its LSE holder will result in the loss of status as New Use Import Commitment.

An LSE can reserve up to 75% of its year ahead total import allocation (representing the sum of Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability, New Use Import Commitment Capability and Remaining Import Capability as communicated by the CAISO per step 7) at the branch group level with New Use Import Commitments that meet this tariff section. The total reserved amount for each LSE represents the sum of all their Existing Contract Import Capability, Pre-RA Import Commitment Capability and New Use Import Commitment Capability.

#### **40.4.6.3 Deliverability of Distributed Generation**

The CAISO will perform an annual Deliverability Assessment, as described in Section 40.4.6.3.1, to determine MW quantities of Potential DGD at specific Nodes of the CAISO Controlled Grid for assigning Deliverability Status to Distributed Generation Facilities interconnected or seeking interconnection to the Distribution System of a Utility Distribution Company or a Metered Subsystem pursuant to the interconnection procedures of the Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem, where such interconnection and Potential Deliverability Status can be provided:

- (i) without any additional Delivery Network Upgrades (although Reliability Network Upgrades, Distribution Upgrades or other mitigation may be needed);
- (ii) without the need for the CAISO to conduct any further Deliverability Assessment; and
- (iii) without degrading the Deliverability Status of Generation in Commercial Operation,



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proposed Generating Facilities in the CAISO Interconnection queue, or the Distributed Generation Facilities of interconnection customers who have previously requested Full Capacity or Partial Capacity Deliverability Status.

Following the CAISO's publication of the nodal Potential DGD quantities resulting from the Deliverability Assessment, applicable Utility Distribution Companies and Metered Subsystems will assign Full Capacity Deliverability Status or Partial Capacity Deliverability Status to specific Distributed Generation Facilities pursuant to the rules set forth in Section 40.4.6.3.2.

This Section 40.4.6.3 is intended to supplement, and not to preclude or limit, the ability of an interconnection customer for a Distributed Generation Facility to seek and receive Full Capacity Deliverability Status or Partial Capacity Deliverability Status through applicable interconnection procedures. Nothing in this Section 40.4.6.3 is intended to relieve the interconnection customer for a Distributed Generation Facility from the requirements to request and achieve interconnection to the Distribution System through the applicable interconnection procedures. In addition, the amount of Resource Adequacy Capacity a Distributed Generation Facility may provide in any given Resource Adequacy Compliance Year is subject to the CAISO's annual Net Qualifying Capacity determination, as specified in Section 40.4.6.1.

**40.4.6.3.1 Deliverability Assessment to Determine Potential DGD**

This Section describes the annual DG Deliverability Assessment the CAISO will perform to determine nodal MW amounts of Potential DGD available to Utility Distribution Companies and Metered Subsystems for assigning Deliverability Status to Distributed Generation Facilities in accordance with Section 40.4.6.3.2. The DG Deliverability Assessment and its results will be based on the assumption that the Distributed Generation Facilities that are eventually assigned Deliverability Status under Section 40.4.6.3 complete all requirements for interconnection to the Distribution System under the applicable interconnection process and that these Distributed Generation Facilities will be supported by needed Reliability Network Upgrades, Distribution Upgrades or other mitigation that would be needed to safely and reliably interconnect to the Distribution System and deliver Energy from the Distribution System to the appropriate CAISO Controlled Grid Node.

**40.4.6.3.1.1 Developing the Assessment Model**



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To develop the base case model for the DG Deliverability Assessment, the CAISO will include:

- (i) The most recent GIP or GIDAP Queue Cluster Phase II Interconnection Study deliverability power flow base case, which includes Distributed Generation Facilities of interconnection customers with active interconnection requests who have requested Full Capacity or Partial Capacity Deliverability Status;
- (ii) Those Generating Facilities that have obtained Deliverability using the annual full capacity deliverability option under either Section 8.2 of the GIP, Section 9.2 of the GIDAP, or equivalent process(es) under the applicable Utility Distribution Company tariffs;
- (iii) Transmission additions and upgrades approved in the final comprehensive Transmission Plan for the most recent Transmission Planning Process cycle;
- (iv) Any Generating Facilities in the most recent GIDAP Phase I Interconnection Study that have been determined to be deliverable in accordance with their requested Deliverability Status (including Distributed Generation Facilities of interconnection customers with active interconnection requests who have requested Full Capacity or Partial Capacity Deliverability Status) and were not assigned any Delivery Network Upgrade costs in the Phase I Interconnection Study;
- (v) Delivery Network Upgrades that have received governmental approvals or for which Construction Activities have commenced;
- (vi) The MW amounts of resources interconnected to the Distribution System below specific Nodes of the CAISO Controlled Grid contained in the most recent Transmission Planning Process base portfolio, except that the CAISO will remove each Node (by using a zero MW value) located within electrical areas for which the most recently completed GIP or GIDAP Phase I or Phase II Interconnection Study has identified a need for a Delivery Network Upgrade or for which the most recent Phase II Interconnection Study identified and then removed a Delivery Network Upgrade to support Deliverability for MW amounts in the Interconnection queue;
- (vii) Actual distributed generation development based on the MW amount of distributed



generation in applicable Utility Distribution Company and Metered Subsystem interconnection queues including non-net-energy-metering resources requesting interconnection through state-jurisdictional interconnection processes;

- (viii) Any additional information provided by each Utility Distribution Company and Metered Subsystem regarding anticipated distributed generation development on its Distribution System; and
- (ix) Other information that the CAISO, in its reasonable discretion, determines is necessary.

#### **40.4.6.3.1.2 Performing the DG Deliverability Assessment**

The CAISO will perform the DG Deliverability Assessment using the Deliverability Assessment procedures described in GIDAP Section 6.3.2 to determine the availability of transmission system capability, as reflected in the study model described above, to provide Deliverability Status for targeted amounts of additional distributed generation at given Nodes of the CAISO Controlled Grid. Except for Nodes that the CAISO removes by assigning a zero MW value pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3.1.1(vi), the targeted amounts of additional distributed generation at each Node shall be at least as large as the maximum of the corresponding nodal MW amounts determined in accordance with Sections 40.4.6.3.1.1(vi), 40.4.6.3.1.1(vii) or 40.4.6.3.1.1(viii). The CAISO may use larger targeted amounts as it deems appropriate to enhance the information provided by the DG Deliverability Assessment. The DG Deliverability Assessment will preserve modeled transmission system capability to provide requested levels of deliverability for the Generating Facilities of Interconnection Customers or the Distributed Generation Facilities of interconnection customers under a wholesale distribution access tariff who have previously requested Full Capacity or Partial Capacity Deliverability Status. Therefore, at each Node where all modeled Generating Facilities, including the distributed generation target amounts, cannot be simultaneously dispatched to the modeled output levels corresponding to their Full Capacity or Partial Capacity Deliverability Status without violating operating limits of the CAISO Controlled Grid, the CAISO will reduce the modeled distributed generation target amounts as needed to achieve a feasible Dispatch.

#### **40.4.6.3.1.3 Publishing Results of the DG Deliverability Assessment**

The CAISO will publish the results of the DG Deliverability Assessment by posting on the CAISO Website. The results will identify all Nodes modeled in the assessment with the corresponding nodal MW amounts



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of Potential DGD that (a) were studied as targeted amounts in the DG Deliverability Assessment; (b) were found to be deliverable in the DG Deliverability Assessment; and (c) are available for use by Utility Distribution Companies and Metered Subsystems to assign Deliverability Status to Distributed Generation Facilities in accordance with Section 40.4.6.3.2. The nodal MW amounts of Potential DGD available for assignment of Deliverability Status by Utility Distribution Companies and Metered Subsystems to individual Distributed Generation Facilities will be denominated in 0.01 MW increments and will not exceed the maximum of the corresponding nodal MW amounts determined in accordance with Sections 40.4.6.3.1.1(vi), 40.4.6.3.1.1(vii) or 40.4.6.3.1.1(viii), even though the amounts that were studied and found to be deliverable may be larger.

With respect to those Nodes at which more than one Utility Distribution Company's or Metered Subsystem's Distribution System is connected, the CAISO will publish, at the same time it publishes the results of the DG Deliverability Assessment, each Utility Distribution Company's or Metered Subsystem's respective share of the Potential DGD available to provide Deliverability Status to Distributed Generation Facilities at these Nodes based on the ratio of Load served via the facilities of each affected Utility Distribution Company and Metered Subsystem at such Nodes.

**40.4.6.3.1.4 Bilateral Transfers of Potential DGD at Shared Nodes**

A Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem shall be entitled to transfer all or a portion of its MW share of Potential DGD at a Node that is shared with the Distribution System of another Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem, in quantities no smaller than 0.01 MW. A Utility Distribution Company that is also an IOU Participating Transmission Owner shall be entitled to transfer a MW share of Potential DGD to another Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem only to the extent that the total MW quantity associated with Distributed Generation Facilities connected or seeking interconnection to the IOU Participating Transmission Owner's Distribution System at the Node that are eligible to receive Deliverability Assignments pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3.2.2.1 is less than the available Potential DGD for that Node as indicated in the DG Deliverability Assessment for the current cycle. Both Utility Distribution Companies or Metered Subsystems participating in a transfer pursuant to this Section 40.4.6.3.1.4 shall notify the CAISO of the transfer. Utility Distribution Companies and Metered Subsystems may engage in such transfers during the period from the date they received notification of their shares of Potential DGD



at shared Nodes under Section 40.4.6.3.1.3 through the date on which Deliverability Status assignments must be provided to the CAISO, pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3.2.

#### **40.4.6.3.2 Assignment of Deliverability Status to Distributed Generation Facilities**

After completion of the DG Deliverability Assessment associated with the current cycle of the process described in Section 40.4.6.3, and in accordance with a Market Notice setting out the schedule for the cycle, each Utility Distribution Company and Metered Subsystem will assign Deliverability Status to individual Distributed Generation Facilities interconnected, or seeking interconnection, to the Distribution System of the Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem below each Node where the CAISO's DG Deliverability Assessment for the current cycle has indicated the availability of Potential DGD, consistent with the rules set forth in this Section 40.4.6.3.2, and will report all such assignments to the CAISO in accordance with the schedule for the cycle.

Upon receipt of this information the CAISO will validate that the Utility Distribution Company's or Metered Subsystem's assignments of Deliverability Status to specific Distributed Generation Facilities is consistent with (i) the MW quantities of Potential DGD available to that Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem at specific Nodes; the CAISO's methodology for associating the Deliverability Status of a specific generating resource type with a MW quantity of Potential DGD, as set forth in Section 40.4.6.3.2.1; and (iii) the time limit on a Distributed Generation Facility's expected future Commercial Operation date, as set forth in Section 40.4.6.3.2.2. If the CAISO identifies an inconsistency between a Utility Distribution Company's or Metered Subsystem's assignment of Deliverability Status to a Distributed Generation Facility and any of these requirements, the CAISO will notify the Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem, and the Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem in consultation with the CAISO will adjust its assignments of Deliverability Status as needed. The CAISO will then inform the Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem that the validation process has been completed, and the Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem will notify the Distributed Generation Facilities of their Deliverability Status assignments.

##### **40.4.6.3.2.1 Associating MW of Potential DGD with Deliverability Status of a Distributed Generation Facility**

As described further in a Business Practice Manual, Utility Distribution Company's or Metered



Subsystem's association of a MW quantity of Potential DGD at a specific Node with the Deliverability Status of a specific Distributed Generation Facility shall be commensurate with the MW Energy production level appropriate to the type of generating resource comprising the facility modeled in the Deliverability Assessment, the qualifying capacity determination method for that resource type, the installed capacity of the facility, and the Deliverability Status (Full Capacity or Partial Capacity) to be assigned to the facility, and shall be consistent with the CAISO's methodology for modeling resources in its deliverability studies.

**40.4.6.3.2.2 Eligibility of Distributed Generation Facilities to Obtain Deliverability Status Assignment**

To be eligible to receive a Deliverability Status assignment, a Distributed Generation Facility must satisfy the requirements of the applicable application process pursuant to this Section 40.4.6.3.2.2 and, if the Distributed Generation Facility is not in Commercial Operation, it must have an expected Commercial Operation date set forth in its current interconnection request or interconnection agreement that is no later than three (3) years from the last date on which applications may be submitted for the current DG Deliverability Assessment cycle.

**40.4.6.3.2.2.1 Eligibility to Obtain Deliverability Status Assignment from IOU Participating Transmission Owners**

Distributed Generation Facilities interconnected, or seeking interconnection, to the Distribution System of an IOU Participating Transmission Owner may apply to the applicable IOU Participating Transmission Owner to be eligible to receive a Deliverability Status assignment in the current DG Deliverability Assessment cycle as follows:

- (i) Distributed Generation Facilities that are already in Commercial Operation and interconnected to the Distribution System of an IOU Participating Transmission Owner that do not have Deliverability Status may submit an application to be eligible for Full or Partial Capacity Deliverability Status, and those that have Partial Capacity Deliverability Status may apply to be eligible for a higher level of Partial Capacity Deliverability Status or Full Capacity Deliverability Status.
- (ii) Distributed Generation Facilities with an active interconnection request in the



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interconnection queue of an IOU Participating Transmission Owner that have not requested Deliverability Status in the underlying interconnection process but have received their Phase I interconnection study results or the equivalent thereof may submit an application to be eligible to receive Partial Capacity Deliverability Status or Full Capacity Deliverability Status.

- (iii) Distributed Generation Facilities with an active interconnection request in the interconnection queue of an IOU Participating Transmission Owner that have not received their Phase I interconnection study results or the equivalent thereof, irrespective of whether they requested Deliverability Status in their interconnection request, may submit an application to be eligible to receive Partial Capacity Deliverability Status or Full Capacity Deliverability Status.

Distributed Generation Facilities with an active interconnection request in the interconnection queue of an IOU Participating Transmission Owner that have requested Deliverability Status in the underlying interconnection process and have already received Phase I interconnection study results or the equivalent thereof are not eligible to be assigned Deliverability Status pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3 because their Deliverability Status is protected in accordance with the provisions of Section 40.4.6.3.1 and will be assigned through the applicable IOU Participating Transmission Owner's interconnection process. Applications from Distributed Generation Facilities in the eligible categories specified above must be submitted by the deadline specified in the schedule for the current DG Deliverability Assessment cycle in order for the Distributed Generation Facility to be treated as eligible to receive a Deliverability Status assignment in the current cycle. Distributed Generation Facilities that fail to apply in a timely manner will be assumed not to be seeking Deliverability Status in the current cycle. The CAISO will issue a Market Notice announcing the deadline for submitting applications. The deadline will be no earlier than thirty (30) days after the CAISO publishes the results of the DG Deliverability Assessment. The form of the application shall be specified in a Business Practice Manual. The application shall be submitted to the applicable Participating Transmission Owner, which shall provide a copy of the application to the CAISO within five (5) Business Days after the application was submitted.



#### **40.4.6.3.2.2.2 Eligibility to Obtain Deliverability Status Assignment from Utility Distribution**

##### **Companies and Metered Subsystems that are Not IOU Participating Transmission Owners**

Distributed Generation Facilities interconnected, or seeking interconnection, to the Distribution System of a Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem that is not an IOU Participating Transmission Owner may apply to the applicable Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem to be eligible to receive a Deliverability Status assignment in the current DG Deliverability Assessment cycle pursuant to individual interconnection procedures of the Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem.

#### **40.4.6.3.2.3 Assignment of Deliverability Status to Distributed Generation Facilities by IOU Participating Transmission Owners**

Utility Distribution Companies that are also IOU Participating Transmission Owners will assign Deliverability Status on a first-come, first-served basis to those Distributed Generation Facilities either interconnected or seeking interconnection to their Distribution Systems at each applicable Node, and that are eligible for assignment pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3.2.2.1, in the following priority order:

- (1) Distributed Generation Facilities already in Commercial Operation and interconnected to the Distribution System of the applicable IOU Participating Transmission Owner as of the deadline for submitting applications pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3.2.2.1, in order of the date they achieved Commercial Operation, from earliest to most recent. At Nodes where there is insufficient Potential DGD indicated in the DG Deliverability Assessment to fulfill all Deliverability Status applications received during the current cycle from Distributed Generation Facilities already in Commercial Operation, and two or more such Distributed Generation Facilities next in order to obtain the last remaining increment of Potential DGD at a Node have the same Commercial Operation date, each such resource shall receive a pro rata share of the remaining Potential DGD in proportion to its MW Energy production level as modeled by the CAISO for the purpose of the CAISO's Deliverability Assessment methodology, in accordance with the level of Deliverability Status applied for



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in the current cycle.

- (2) Distributed Generation Facilities with an active interconnection request in the interconnection queue of the applicable IOU Participating Transmission Owner that have submitted an application pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3.2.2.1 to obtain Deliverability Status through the process set forth in Section 40.4.6.3, in order of their queue position in the applicable interconnection process. At Nodes where there is insufficient Potential DGD indicated in the DG Deliverability Assessment to provide Deliverability Status to eligible Distributed Generation Facilities with active interconnection requests, and two or more such Distributed Generation Facilities next in order to obtain the last remaining increment of Potential DGD have the same interconnection queue position, the remaining amount of Potential DGD will be allocated in order of expected Commercial Operation date, from earliest to furthest in the future. For purposes of this determination, the expected Commercial Operation date shall be the Commercial Operation date specified in the Distributed Generation Facility's interconnection agreement, or if no interconnection agreement has yet been executed, the Distributed Generation Facility's application submitted pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3.2.2.1. If two or more such Distributed Generation Facilities have the same expected Commercial Operation date, each such resource shall receive a pro rata share of the remaining Potential DGD in proportion to its expected MW Energy production level as modeled by the CAISO for the purpose of the CAISO's Deliverability Assessment methodology, in accordance with the level of Deliverability Status requested in the current cycle.

Pursuant to this process, an IOU Participating Transmission Owner shall, during each cycle, fully utilize the maximum amount of Potential DGD available at each Node to provide Deliverability Status to eligible Distributed Generation Resources. If, however, the total MW quantity associated with eligible Distributed Generation Resources at a particular Node is less than the available Potential DGD for that Node as indicated in the DG Deliverability Assessment for the current cycle, then the excess quantity of Potential DGD shall be treated as unassigned Potential DGD in accordance with Section 40.4.6.3.3.



**40.4.6.3.2.4 Assignment of Deliverability Status to Distributed Generation Facilities by Utility Distribution Companies and Metered Subsystems that are Not IOU Participating Transmission Owners**

Utility Distribution Companies and Metered Subsystems that are not IOU Participating Transmission Owners will assign Deliverability Status to individual Distributed Generating Facilities interconnected, or seeking interconnection, to the Distribution System of such Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem based on the Potential DGD available at applicable Nodes pursuant to their individual interconnection procedures. Such Utility Distribution Companies and Metered Subsystems may report assignments of Deliverability Status to the CAISO at any time. However, only those assignments of Deliverability Status that are reported to the CAISO in accordance with the assignment schedule established by the CAISO for the current DG Deliverability Assessment cycle will be eligible for inclusion in the CAISO's annual Net Qualifying Capacity determination as specified in Section 40.4.6.1 and thereby eligible to be designated as Resource Adequacy Resources for the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year.

**40.4.6.3.3 Unassigned Potential DGD**

If a Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem does not fully utilize the MW quantity of Potential DGD available to assign Deliverability Status to specific Distributed Generation Facilities during an annual DG Deliverability Assessment cycle, the CAISO will preserve the unassigned Potential DGD for that Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem through the next cycle.

**40.4.6.3.4 Deliverability Status of Distributed Generation Facilities**

Once a Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem has assigned Deliverability Status to a specific Distributed Generation Facility and reported such assignment to the CAISO, and the CAISO has validated and accepted the reported information as specified under Section 40.4.6.3.2, the Deliverability Status becomes an attribute of the Distributed Generation Facility to which it was assigned. A Distributed Generation Facility assigned Deliverability Status pursuant to an application submitted under Section 40.4.6.3.2.2.1(iii) will be subject to the provisions of Section 40.4.6.3 with regard to its assigned



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Deliverability Status and will continue through the interconnection process for all other purposes as a request for Energy-Only Deliverability Status.

Distributed Generation Facilities that are assigned Deliverability Status pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3 prior to achieving Commercial Operation must, in order to retain such assignment, achieve Commercial Operation no later than six months after the Commercial Operation date specified in the Distributed Generation Facility's interconnection agreement, or if no interconnection agreement had been executed at the time the assignment was made, the Distributed Generation Facility's application submitted pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3.2.2. However, if the Distributed Generation Facility submitted its application pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3.2.2.1(ii), such assignment shall not be revoked if the Distributed Generation Facility's failure to achieve Commercial Operation within six months of its indicated Commercial Operation date is due to a delay in the Utility Distribution Company's or Metered Subsystem's completion of the upgrades necessary for the Distributed Generation Facility's interconnection. The applicable Utility Distribution Company or Metered Subsystem must report any such revocations and delays to the CAISO in accordance with the date set forth in a Business Practice Manual or in a Market Notice establishing the schedule for the annual DG Deliverability Assessment cycle.

With respect to a Distributed Generation Facility that meets this retention requirement, once that Distributed Generation Facility has achieved Commercial Operation, it will retain its assigned Deliverability Status for as long it remains in Commercial Operation. This also applies to Distributed Generation Facilities that were already in Commercial Operation at the time the assignment was made. Any loss of Deliverability Status granted pursuant to Section 40.4.6.3, due to either permanent cessation of commercial operation of a Distributed Generation Facility or revocation due to failure to meet the Commercial Operation date requirement set forth above, will be appropriately modeled by the CAISO in the next DG Deliverability Assessment cycle. Depending on other changes that may have occurred on the CAISO Controlled Grid and connected Distribution Systems, or in associated interconnection queues, additional Potential DGD may be available in the next cycle for assignment of Deliverability Status in accordance with the process set forth in Section 40.4.6.3.

#### **40.4.7 Submission of Supply Plans**

##### **40.4.7.1 Schedule for Submission of Supply Plans**



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Scheduling Coordinators representing Resource Adequacy Resources supplying Resource Adequacy Capacity shall provide the CAISO with annual and monthly Supply Plans, as follows:

- (a) The annual Supply Plan shall be submitted to the CAISO on the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual and shall verify their agreement to provide Resource Adequacy Capacity during the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year. The annual Supply Plan may identify a Local Capacity Area Resource as Listed Local RA Capacity.
- (b) The monthly Supply Plans or the same information as required to be included in the monthly Supply Plan, plus any other information the CAISO requires as identified in the Business Practice Manual, shall be submitted to the CAISO at least 45 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan, and in accordance with the schedule and in the reporting format(s) set forth in the Business Practice Manual, and shall verify their agreement to provide Resource Adequacy Capacity during that resource adequacy month. The monthly Supply Plan may identify a Local Capacity Area Resource as Listed Local RA Capacity.
- (c) The Scheduling Coordinator for the Resource Adequacy Resource may submit, at any time from 45 days through 30 days in advance of the relevant month, a revision to its monthly Supply Plan to correct a discrepancy between its monthly Supply Plan and a Resource Adequacy Plan of a Load Serving Entity or CPE for which that Resource Adequacy Resource is providing Resource Adequacy Capacity, as provided in Section 40.7(b). The CAISO will not accept any revisions to a monthly Supply Plan from 30 days in advance of the relevant month through the end of the month, unless the Scheduling Coordinator for the Resource Adequacy Resource demonstrates good cause for the change and explains why it was not possible to submit the change earlier.

**40.4.7.2 Form of Supply Plans**

The Supply Plan must be in the form of the template provided on the CAISO Website, which shall include an affirmative representation by the Scheduling Coordinator submitting the Supply Plan that the CAISO is entitled to rely on the accuracy of the information provided in the Supply Plan to perform those functions set forth in this Section 40.



#### **40.4.7.3 Validation of Supply Plans**

The CAISO shall be entitled to take reasonable measures to validate the accuracy of the information submitted in Supply Plans under this Section. Supply Plan validation measures may include the following:

- (a) The CAISO may compare a Resource Adequacy Resource's Resource Adequacy Capacity against the Resource Adequacy Resource's Net Qualifying Capacity, if applicable. To the extent the Resource Adequacy Capacity of a Resource Adequacy Resource included in a Supply Plan is greater than the Resource Adequacy Resource's Net Qualifying Capacity, the CAISO will notify the respective Scheduling Coordinators for the Resource Adequacy Resource and each Load Serving Entity or CPE that has included the Resource Adequacy Resource in its Resource Adequacy Plan that the Resource Adequacy Capacity from the Resource Adequacy Resource shall be reduced to the Resource Adequacy Resource's Net Qualifying Capacity and that it will be considered a mismatch under Section 40.7. If the CAISO is not advised as to how the reduction in Resource Adequacy Capacity to conform with the Resource Adequacy Resource's Net Qualifying Capacity shall be allocated among each Load Serving Entity and CPE that included the Resource Adequacy Resource on its Resource Adequacy Plan, the CAISO will apply a pro rata reduction based on the Supply Plan.
- (b) The CAISO may verify whether the Resource Adequacy Capacity listed in the monthly Supply Plan is scheduled to take an Approved Maintenance Outage during the month. To the extent the Resource Adequacy Capacity of a Resource Adequacy Resource included in a Supply Plan is greater than the Resource Adequacy Capacity designated for the resource in the Resource Adequacy Plan, the CAISO will notify the Scheduling Coordinator for the Resource Adequacy Resource and the respective Scheduling Coordinators for each Load Serving Entity and CPE that has included the Resource Adequacy Resource in its Resource Adequacy Plan that there is a discrepancy, which will be treated as a mismatch under Section 40.7. To the extent the Resource Adequacy Capacity of a Resource Adequacy Resource included in a Supply Plan is less than the



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Resource Adequacy Capacity designated for the resource in the Resource Adequacy Plan, the CAISO will notify the Local Regulatory Authority, the Scheduling Coordinator for the Resource Adequacy Resource, and the respective Scheduling Coordinators for each Load Serving Entity or CPE that has included the Resource Adequacy Resource in its Resource Adequacy Plan that there is a discrepancy, which will be treated as a mismatch under Section 40.7.

- (c) Other errors or inaccuracies identified by the CAISO in a Supply Plan shall be treated as a mismatch under Section 40.7.

Disputes regarding the CAISO's determination of Net Qualifying Capacity shall be subject to Section 40.4.2. The provisions of this Section shall not affect a Resource Adequacy Resource's Net Qualifying Capacity posted by the CAISO under Section 40.4.2.

**40.5 Minimum State of Charge Tool for Non-Generator Resources Electing Limited Energy Storage Resource Status that Provide RA Capacity**

**40.5.1 Operation of the MSOC Tool**

Through the earlier of (a) September 30, 2023, or (b) the implementation of the CAISO's Exceptional Dispatch State of Charge enhancements, the CAISO enforces the MSOC Tool in the RTM on any Non-Generator Resource that has selected a primary fuel type in Master File of "Limited Energy Storage Resource" and is an RA Resource for the day on which the MSOC is enforced. The MSOC Tool limits RTM awards to any covered resource in the market intervals preceding any Trading Hour that meets the requirements specified in Section 40.5.2 such that, based on its registered operating parameters, the resource will have sufficient charge to meet its discharge awards from its Day-Ahead Schedule for any Trading Hour that meets the requirements specified in Section 40.5.2. The MSOC tool does not increase the charge on a resource beyond what is necessary to ensure it can meet a discharge award from a Day-Ahead Schedule.

When reviewing market and system conditions on the Operating Day, the CAISO may choose not to apply the MSOC Tool for particular Trading Hours if its assessment of projected conditions reflects that the MSOC Tool is not necessary for system reliability in those Trading Hours.

**40.5.2 Determining the Days and Hours for which the MSOC Applies**



The CAISO enforces the MSOC Tool for a Trading Day if there is at least one Trading Hour on that Trading Day for which, per Section 31.5.5, the RUC process initially cannot find a feasible solution without adjusting the constraints described in Section 31.5.4. For such Trading Days, the MSOC Tool applies to discharge awards from Day-Ahead Schedules for the Trading Hours that the CAISO projects, at the time the Day-Ahead Market runs, will have the highest CAISO system load net of wind and solar output.

#### **40.5.3 Notification of Applying the MSOC Tool**

At approximately the same time it publishes Day-Ahead Market Results for a Trading Day, the CAISO provides public notice if the Trading Day will be subject to enforcement of the MSOC Tool and, if so, the Trading Hours whose discharge awards will be subject to the MSOC Tool.

#### **40.5.4 [Not Used]**

#### **40.5.5 [Not Used]**

### **40.6 Requirements for SCs and Resources for LSEs**

This Section 40.6 does not apply to Resource Adequacy Resources of Load-following MSSs. Scheduling Coordinators supplying Resource Adequacy Capacity shall make the Resource Adequacy Capacity listed in the Scheduling Coordinator's monthly Supply Plans under Section 40.4.7 available to the CAISO each hour of each day of the reporting month in accordance with this Section 40.6 and Section 9.3.1.3.

#### **40.6.1 Day-Ahead Availability**

Except as otherwise provided in Sections 40.6.1.1 and 40.6.4, Scheduling Coordinators supplying Resource Adequacy Capacity shall make such Resource Adequacy Capacity, available Day-Ahead to the CAISO as follows:

- (1) Resource Adequacy Resources physically capable of operating must submit: (a) Economic Bids for Energy and/or Self-Schedules for all their Resource Adequacy Capacity and (b) Economic Bids for Ancillary Services and/or a Submission to Self-Provide Ancillary Services in the IFM for all of their Resource Adequacy Capacity that is certified to provide Ancillary Services. For Resource Adequacy Capacity that is certified to provide Ancillary Services and is not covered by a Submission to Self-Provide Ancillary Services, the resource must submit Economic Bids for each Ancillary Service for which the resource is certified. For Resource Adequacy Capacity subject to this requirement for



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which no Economic Energy Bid or Self-Schedule has been submitted, the CAISO shall insert a Generated Bid in accordance with Section 40.6.8. For Resource Adequacy Capacity subject to this requirement for which no Economic Bids for Ancillary Services or Submissions to Self-Provide Ancillary Services have been submitted, the CAISO shall insert a Generated Bid in accordance with Section 40.6.8 for each Ancillary Service the resource is certified to provide.

- (2) Resource Adequacy Resources must be available except for limitations specified in the Master File, legal or regulatory prohibitions or as otherwise required by this CAISO Tariff or by Good Utility Practice.
- (3) Through the IFM co-optimization process, the CAISO will utilize available Resource Adequacy Capacity to provide Energy or Ancillary Services in the most efficient manner to clear the Energy market, manage congestion and procure required Ancillary Services. In so doing, the IFM will honor submitted Energy Self-Schedules of Resource Adequacy Capacity unless the CAISO is unable to satisfy one hundred percent (100%) of the Ancillary Services requirements. In such cases, the CAISO may curtail all or a portion of a submitted Energy Self-Schedule to allow Ancillary Service-certified Resource Adequacy Capacity to be used to meet the Ancillary Service requirements. The CAISO will not curtail for the purpose of meeting Ancillary Service requirements a Self-Schedule of a resource internal to a Metered Subsystem that was submitted by the Scheduling Coordinator for that Metered Subsystem. If the IFM reduces the Energy Self-Schedule of Resource Adequacy Capacity to provide an Ancillary Service, the Ancillary Service Marginal Price for that Ancillary Service will be calculated in accordance with Section 27.1.2 using the Ancillary Service Bids submitted by the Scheduling Coordinator for the Resource Adequacy Resource or inserted by the CAISO pursuant to this Section 40.6.1, and using the resource's Generated Energy Bid to determine the Resource Adequacy Resource's opportunity cost of Energy. If the Scheduling Coordinator for the Resource Adequacy Resource believes that the opportunity cost of Energy based on the Resource Adequacy Resource's Generated Energy Bid is insufficient to compensate for the



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resource's actual opportunity cost, the Scheduling Coordinator may submit evidence justifying the increased amount to the CAISO and to the FERC no later than seven (7) days after the end of the month in which the submitted Energy Self-Schedule was reduced by the CAISO to provide an Ancillary Service.

The CAISO will treat such information as confidential and will apply the procedures in Section 20.4 of this CAISO Tariff with regard to requests for disclosure of such information. The CAISO shall pay any higher opportunity costs approved by FERC.

- (4) A Resource Adequacy Resources must participate in the RUC to the extent that the resource has available Resource Adequacy Capacity that is not reflected in a Day-Ahead Schedule. Resource Adequacy Capacity participating in RUC will be optimized using a zero dollar (\$0/MW-hour) RUC Availability Bid.
- (5) Capacity from Resource Adequacy Resources selected in RUC will not be eligible to receive a RUC Availability Payment.

**40.6.1.1 Day-Ahead Availability - Specific RA Resource Types**

- (a) **Distributed Generation Facilities.** Distributed Generation Facilities shall comply with the IFM and RUC bidding requirements that apply to the same technology type of a resource connected to the CAISO Controlled Grid.
- (b) **Non-Generator Resources**
  - (1) Non-Generator Resources that do not use Regulation Energy Management shall submit Economic Bids or Self-Schedules into the IFM for all RA Capacity for all hours of the month the resource is physically capable of operating.
  - (2) Non-Generator Resources using Regulation Energy Management shall submit Economic Bids or Self-Schedules into the IFM for all RA Capacity for Regulation for all hours of the month the resource is physically capable of operating.
- (c) **Extremely Long-Start Resources.** Extremely Long-Start Resources that are Resource Adequacy Resources must make themselves available to the CAISO by complying with:
  - (1) the Extremely Long-Start Commitment Process under Section 31.7 or otherwise committing the ELS Resource upon instruction from the CAISO, if physically



capable; and

- (2) the applicable provisions of Section 40.6.1 regarding Day-Ahead availability for the Trading Days for which it was committed.

#### 40.6.2 Real-Time Availability

- (a) **General Requirement.** Except as otherwise provided in Section 40.6.4, for every Trading Hour in which a Resource Adequacy Resource receives a Day-Ahead Schedule for Energy or Ancillary Services or a RUC Schedule, the Resource Adequacy Resource must submit Bids to the Real-Time Market for that Trading Hour that conform with the Resource Adequacy Resource's obligations under Section 40.6.1 for the Day-Ahead Market. Provided, however, that any reference in Section 40.6.1 to RUC bidding does not apply to the Real-Time Market bidding obligations.
- (b) **Short Start Units.** Irrespective of their Day-Ahead Schedule for Energy, Day-Ahead Schedule for Ancillary Services, or RUC Schedule, Short Start Units must, for each Trading Hour, submit Bids to the Real-Time Market that conform to their obligations under Section 40.6.1 for the Day-Ahead Market. Provided, however, that any reference in Section 40.6.1 to RUC bidding does not apply to the Real-Time Market bidding obligations for Short Start Units. The CAISO may waive these availability obligations for a resource that is not a Long Start Unit or an Extremely Long-Start Resource that does not have an Day-Ahead Schedule or a RUC Schedule based on a procedure to be published on the CAISO Website. The CAISO will insert Generated Bids in accordance with Section 40.6.8 for any Resource Adequacy Capacity subject to the above requirements for which the resource has failed to submit the appropriate bids to the RTM.
- (c) **Long Start Units.** Long Start Units not committed in the Day-Ahead Market will be released from any further obligation to submit Self-Schedules or Bids for the relevant Operating Day. Scheduling Coordinators for Long Start Units are not precluded from self-committing the unit after the Day-Ahead Market and submitting a Self-Schedule or Wheeling-Out in the RTM, unless precluded by terms of their contracts.
- (d) **Extremely Long-Start Resources.** Once an Extremely Long-Start Resource providing



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Resource Adequacy Capacity is committed by the CAISO, it shall comply, for the Trading Days for it was committed, with the Real-Time availability provisions in sub-sections (a) and (b) of this Section 40.6.2, including those provisions that otherwise apply only to Short Start Units.

- (e) **Self-Schedules.** The CAISO will honor submitted Energy Self-Schedules of Resource Adequacy Capacity unless the CAISO is unable to satisfy one hundred (100) percent of its Ancillary Services requirements. In such cases, the CAISO may curtail all or a portion of a submitted Energy Self-Schedule to allow Ancillary Service-certified Resource Adequacy Capacity to be used to meet the Ancillary Service requirements, as long as such curtailment does not lead to a real-time shortfall in energy supply. If the CAISO reduces a submitted Real-Time Energy Self-Schedule for Resource Adequacy Capacity when that capacity is needed to meet an Ancillary Services requirement, the Ancillary Service Marginal Price for that capacity will be calculated in accordance with Sections 27.1.2 and 40.6.1.
- (f) **Distributed Generation Facilities.** Distributed Generation Facilities shall comply with the RTM bidding requirements that apply to the same technology type of resource connected to the CAISO Controlled Grid.
- (g) **Non-Generator Resources**
  - (1) Non-Generator Resources that do not use Regulation Energy Management shall submit –
    - (A) Economic Bids or Self-Schedules into the RTM for any remaining RA Capacity scheduled in the IFM or RUC; and
    - (B) Economic Bids or Self-Schedules into the RTM for all RA Capacity not scheduled in the IFM,
  - (2) Non-Generator Resources using Regulation Energy Management that are not Use-Limited Resources under Section 40.4.6.1 shall submit Economic Bids or Self-Schedules into the RTM for any remaining RA Capacity from resource scheduled in IFM or RUC.



**40.6.3 [Not Used]**

**40.6.4 Availability Requirements for Resources with Operational Limitations that are not  
Qualified Use-Limits**

**40.6.4.1 Must-Offer Obligation in DAM and RTM**

Conditionally Available Resources (irrespective of Use-Limited Resource qualification) and Run-of-River Resources that provide Resource Adequacy Capacity and that are physically capable of operating must submit Self-Schedules or Bids in the Day-Ahead Market for their expected available Energy or their expected as-available Energy, as applicable, in the Day-Ahead Market and RTM up to the quantity of Resource Adequacy Capacity the resource is providing. Such resources shall also revise their Self-Schedules or submit additional Bids in RTM based on the most current information available regarding Expected Energy deliveries.

An Eligible Intermittent Resource providing Resource Adequacy Capacity may, but is not required to, submit Bids in the Day-Ahead Market.

**40.6.4.2 RUC Availability Bids**

The following resource types providing Resource Adequacy Capacity are not required to submit RUC Availability Bids for that capacity, but any such bids they do submit must be \$0/MW RUC Availability Bids: Pumping Load, Reliability Demand Response Resources, Combined Heat and Power Resources, Regulatory Must-Take Generation, Non-Generator Resources using Regulation Energy Management, Conditionally Available Resources, Run-of-River Resources, and Eligible Intermittent Resources.

**40.6.4.3 Ancillary Services Bids from Participating Loads that is Pumping Load**

The must-offer obligation for Participating Load that is Pumping Load is limited to submitting, for hours where underlying Load permits, Non-Spin Ancillary Services Bids and/or a Submission to Self-Provide Non-Spin Ancillary Services in the Day-Ahead Market for its Resource Adequacy Capacity that is certified to provide Non-Spinning Reserve Ancillary Service, and Economic Bids for Energy in the Real-Time Market for its Non-Spinning Reserve Capacity that receives an Ancillary Service Award in the Day-Ahead Market.

**40.6.4.4 Proxy Demand Resources**

- (a) Short Start Proxy Demand Resources that provide Resource Adequacy Capacity shall



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submit \$0/MW RUC Availability Bids for all of their Resource Adequacy Capacity for all hours of the month the resource is physically available; however, any RUC schedule for these resources will not be binding.

- (b) Long Start Proxy Demand Resources are not required to submit Bids or Self Schedules in the RUC for their Resource Adequacy Capacity.

#### **40.6.5 Additional Availability Requirements for System Resources**

In the IFM, the multi-hour block constraints of a System Resource, other than a System Resource capable of submitting a Dynamic Schedule or a Resource-Specific System Resource, are honored in the optimization. Such a resource that is also a Resource Adequacy Resource must be capable of hourly scheduling by the CAISO in RUC if it is not fully scheduled in the IFM. If such a Resource Adequacy Resource is scheduled in the RUC, the CAISO will schedule the resource in the RTM for each hour of the resource's RUC schedule without regard to the multi-hour block constraint that was submitted to the IFM. For an existing System Resource that provides Resource Adequacy Capacity through a call-option that expires prior to the close of the IFM, such a System Resource listed on a Resource Adequacy Plan must be reported to the CAISO for consideration in the Extremely Long-Start Commitment Process.

##### **40.6.5.1 Additional Availability Requirements for Dynamic and Non-Dynamic Resource-Specific System Resources**

A Dynamic or Non-Dynamic Resource-Specific System Resource that supplies Resource Adequacy Capacity, and is not otherwise a Use-Limited Resource, will be subject to the requirements of Sections 40.6.1 and 40.6.2.

##### **40.6.5.2 Dynamic Non-Resource Specific System Resources**

A Dynamic non-Resource-Specific System Resource that provides Resource Adequacy Capacity will be subject to the provisions of 40.6.1 and 40.6.2.

#### **40.6.6 Requirement for Partial Resource Adequacy Resources**

Only that output of a Resource Adequacy Resource that is designated by a Scheduling Coordinator as Resource Adequacy Capacity in its monthly or annual Supply Plan shall have an availability obligation to the CAISO. Exports being supported by non-Resource Adequacy Capacity from a Resource Adequacy Resource that becomes unavailable or unusable shall be considered as an export of non-Resource



Adequacy Capacity as follows: If a Resource Adequacy Resource goes on a Forced Outage, until the Scheduling Coordinator provides the information requested under section 9.3.10.3.2, the CAISO shall determine if the Scheduling Coordinator indicated under section 30.5.1 (aa) that capacity from its Resource Adequacy Resource is backing a Self-Schedule of exports at Scheduling Points explicitly sourced by non-Resource Adequacy Capacity. If the Scheduling Coordinator has indicated capacity from its Resource Adequacy Resource is backing a Self-Schedule of exports at Scheduling Points explicitly sourced by non-Resource Adequacy Capacity, the CAISO will allocate the derate pro rata between the RA Capacity and the remainder of the resource's capacity up to its PMax.

#### **40.6.7 [Not Used]**

#### **40.6.8 Use of Generated Bids**

- (a) **Day-Ahead Market.** Prior to completion of the Day-Ahead Market, the CAISO will determine if Resource Adequacy Capacity subject to the requirements of Section 40.6.1 and for which the CAISO has not received notification of an Outage has not been reflected in a Bid and will insert a Generated Bid for such capacity into the CAISO Day - Ahead Market.
- (b) **Real-Time Market.** Prior to running the Real-Time Market, the CAISO will determine if Resource Adequacy Capacity subject to the requirements of Section 40.6.2 and for which the CAISO has not received notification of an Outage has not been reflected in a Bid and will insert a Generated Bid for such capacity into the Real-Time Market.
- (c) **Partial Bids for RA Capacity.** If a Scheduling Coordinator for an RA Resource submits a partial bid for the resource's RA Capacity, the CAISO will insert a Generated Bid only for the remaining RA Capacity. In addition, the CAISO will determine if all dispatchable Resource Adequacy Capacity from Short Start Units, not otherwise selected in the IFM or RUC, is reflected in a Bid into the Real-Time Market and will insert a Generated Bid for any remaining dispatchable Resource Adequacy Capacity for which the CAISO has not received notification of an Outage.
- (d) **Exemptions.** Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Section 40.6.8, for the following resource types providing Resource Adequacy Capacity, the CAISO only inserts a Bid in



the Day-Ahead Market or Real-Time Market where the generally applicable bidding rules in Section 30 call for bid insertion: Use-Limited Resource, Non-Generator Resource, Variable Energy Resource, Hydroelectric Generating Unit (including Run-of-River resources), Proxy Demand Resource, Reliability Demand Response Resource, Participating Load, including Pumping Load, Combined Heat and Power Resource, Conditionally Available Resource, Non-Dispatchable Resource, and resources providing Regulatory Must-Take Generation.

- (e) **NRS-RA Resources.** The CAISO will submit a Generated Bid in the Day-Ahead Market for a Non-Resource-Specific System Resource in each RAIM assessment hour, to the extent that the resource provides Resource Adequacy Capacity subject to the requirements of Section 40.6.1 and does not submit an outage request or Bid for the entire amount of that Resource Adequacy Capacity. Aside from where the generally applicable bidding rules in Section 30 call for Bid insertion, the CAISO will not submit a Generated Bid in the Real-Time Market for a Non-Resource-Specific System Resource that fails to meet its bidding obligations under Section 40.6.2. A Bid inserted for the Real-Time Market pursuant to the generally applicable bidding rules in Section 30 may not necessarily cover the full Real-Time Market obligation under Section 40.6.2 and the resource may thus remain exposed to Non-Availability Charges.

#### **40.6.8.1 Generated Bids for NRS-RA Resources**

Generated Bids to be submitted by the CAISO pursuant to Section 40.6.8 for Non-Resource-Specific System Resources that provide Resource Adequacy Capacity shall be calculated in accordance with this Section 40.6.8.1.

##### **40.6.8.1.1 Calculation Options for Generated Bids**

The Scheduling Coordinator for each Non-Resource-Specific System Resource that provides Resource Adequacy Capacity shall select the price taker option, LMP-based option, or negotiated price option as the methodology for calculating the Generated Bids to be submitted by the CAISO under Section 40.6.8 for both the DAM and RTMs. If no selection is made, the CAISO will apply the price taker option to calculate the Generated Bids. For the first ninety (90) days after a resource becomes a Non-Resource-



Specific System Resource, the calculation of Generated Bids for Resource Adequacy capacity is limited to the price taker option or negotiated price option.

#### **40.6.8.1.2 Price Taker Option**

The price taker option is a Generated Bid of \$0/MWh plus the CAISO's estimate of the applicable Grid Management Charge per MWh based on the gross amount of MWh scheduled in the DAM and RTM.

#### **40.6.8.1.3 LMP-Based Option**

The LMP-based option calculates the Generated Bid as the weighted average of the lowest quartile of LMPs, at the Intertie point designated for the Non-Resource-Specific System Resource's Resource Adequacy Capacity in the Supply Plan, during periods in which the resource was dispatched in the preceding ninety (90) days for which LMPs that have passed the price validation and correction process set forth in Section 35 are available. The weighted average will be calculated based on the quantities Dispatched within each segment of the Generated Bid curve. Each Bid segment created under the LMP-based option for Generated Bids will be subject to a feasibility test, as set forth in a Business Practice Manual, to determine whether there are a sufficient number of data points to allow for the calculation of an LMP-based Generated Bid. The feasibility test is designed to avoid excessive volatility of the Generated Bid under the LMP-based option that could result when calculated based on a relatively small number of prices. If the Scheduling Coordinator for the Non-Resource-Specific System Resource elects the LMP-based method, it must additionally select either the price taker method or the negotiated-rate method as the alternative calculation method for the Generated Bids in the event that the feasibility test fails for the LMP-based method.

#### **40.6.8.1.4 Negotiated Price Option**

Under the negotiated price option, a Scheduling Coordinator shall submit a proposed Generated Bid along with supporting information and documentation as described in a Business Practice Manual. Within ten (10) Business Days of receipt, the CAISO will provide a written response. If the CAISO accepts the proposed Generated Bid, it will become effective within three (3) Business Days from the date of acceptance by the CAISO and remain in effect until: (1) the Generated Bid is modified by FERC; (2) the Generated Bid is modified by mutual agreement of the CAISO and the Scheduling Coordinator; or (3) the Generated Bid expires, is terminated or is modified pursuant to any agreed upon term or condition or



pertinent FERC order.

If the CAISO does not accept the proposed Generated Bid, the CAISO and the Scheduling Coordinator shall enter a period of good faith negotiations that terminates sixty (60) days following the date of submission of a proposed Generated Bid by a Scheduling Coordinator. If at any time during this period, the CAISO and the Scheduling Coordinator agree upon the Generated Bid, it will become effective within three (3) Business Days of the date of agreement and remain in effect until: (1) the Generated Bid is modified by FERC; (2) the Generated Bid is modified by mutual agreement of the CAISO and the Scheduling Coordinator; or (3) the Generated Bid expires, is terminated or is modified pursuant to any agreed upon term or condition or pertinent FERC order.

If by the end of the sixty (60) day period the CAISO and the Scheduling Coordinator fail to agree on the Generated Bid to be used under the negotiated price option, the Scheduling Coordinator has the right to file a proposed Generated Bid with FERC pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

During the sixty (60) day period following the submission of a proposed negotiated Generated Bid by a Scheduling Coordinator, and pending FERC's acceptance in cases where the CAISO fails to agree on the Generated Bid for use under the negotiated price option and the Scheduling Coordinator filed a proposed Generated Bid with FERC pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, the Scheduling Coordinator has the option of electing to use any of the other options available pursuant to this Section.

The CAISO shall make an informational filing with FERC of any Generated Bids negotiated pursuant to this Section no later than seven (7) days after the end of the month in which the Generated Bids were established.

#### **40.6.8.1.5 Partial Bids**

If a Scheduling Coordinator for a Non-Resource-Specific System Resource that provides Resource Adequacy Capacity submits a Bid for a MW quantity less than the Resource Adequacy Capacity identified in the resource's Supply Plan, the CAISO will insert a Generated Bid only for the remaining Resource Adequacy Capacity by extending the last segment of the resource's bid curve to the full quantity (MWh) of the Resource Adequacy obligation.

#### **40.6.8.1.6 [Not Used]**

### **40.6.9 Firm Liquidated Damages Contracts Requirements**



Resource Adequacy Capacity represented by a Firm Liquidated Damages Contract and relied upon by a Scheduling Coordinator in a monthly or annual Resource Adequacy Plan shall be submitted as a Self-Schedule or Bid in the Day-Ahead IFM to the extent such scheduling right exists under the Firm Liquidated Damages Contract.

#### **40.6.10 Exports of Energy from Resource Adequacy Capacity**

Resource Adequacy Capacity may be utilized to serve an Export Bid. An Export Bid may be submitted into the CAISO Markets and be cleared by the Energy being provided by Resource Adequacy Capacity.

#### **40.6.11 Curtailment of Exports in Emergency Situations**

At its sole discretion, the CAISO may curtail exports from Resource Adequacy Capacity to prevent or alleviate a System Emergency. An Export Bid or a Self-Schedule to provide exports included in a binding Schedule accepted in the IFM or RTM will not be distinguished from a Demand Bid or Self-Schedule to serve Load within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area included in a binding Schedule accepted in the IFM or RTM for purposes of curtailment under this Section, except as consistent with Good Utility Practice.

#### **40.6.12 Participating Load, PDRs, and RDRRs**

Participating Loads, Reliability Demand Response Resources, or Proxy Demand Resources that are included in a Resource Adequacy Plan and Supply Plan, if the Scheduling Coordinator for the Participating Loads, Reliability Demand Response Resources, or Proxy Demand Resources is not the same as that for the Load Serving Entity or CPE, will be administered by the CAISO in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the CPUC or the Local Regulatory Authority.

### **40.7 Compliance**

The CAISO will evaluate Resource Adequacy Plans and Supply Plans as follows:

- (a) The CAISO will evaluate whether each annual and monthly Resource Adequacy Plan submitted by a Scheduling Coordinator on behalf of a Load Serving Entity or CPE demonstrates Resource Adequacy Capacity sufficient to satisfy the Load Serving Entity's or CPE's (i) allocated responsibility for Local Capacity Area Resources under Section 40.3.2 and (ii) applicable Demand and Reserve Margin requirements. The CAISO will evaluate compliance with the responsibility for demonstrating Local Capacity Area



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Resources in two phases. Phase 1 of the Local Capacity Area Resource sufficiency evaluation will be made without regard to capacity's identification as Listed Local RA Capacity. Phase 2 of the Local Capacity Area Resource sufficiency evaluation will consider capacity to be a Local Capacity Area Resource only if it is also Listed Local RA Capacity. If the CAISO determines through the Phase 1 analysis that a Resource Adequacy Plan does not demonstrate Local Capacity Area Resources sufficient to meet its allocated responsibility under Section 40.3.2, compliance with applicable Demand and Reserve Margin requirements, or compliance with any other resource adequacy requirement in this Section 40 or adopted by the CPUC, Local Regulatory Authority, or federal agency, as applicable, then the CAISO will notify the relevant Scheduling Coordinator, CPUC, Local Regulatory Authority, or federal agency with jurisdiction over the relevant Load Serving Entity or CPE. In the case of a discrepancy between Resource Adequacy Plan(s) and Supply Plan(s), the CAISO will notify the relevant Scheduling Coordinators in an attempt to resolve any deficiency in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Business Practice Manual. The notification will be made at least 40 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan and will include the reasons the CAISO believes a deficiency exists. If the deficiency relates to the demonstration of Local Capacity Area Resources in a Load Serving Entity's or CPE's annual Resource Adequacy Plan, and the CAISO does not provide a written notice of resolution of the deficiency as set forth in the Business Practice Manual, the Scheduling Coordinator for the Load Serving Entity or CPE may demonstrate that the identified deficiency is cured by submitting a revised annual Resource Adequacy Plan within thirty (30) days of the beginning of the Resource Adequacy Compliance Year. For all other identified deficiencies, other than an insufficiency identified through Phase 2 of the Local Capacity Area Resource sufficiency evaluation, at least 30 days prior to the effective month of the relevant Resource Adequacy Plan, the Scheduling Coordinator for the Load Serving Entity or CPE shall: (i) demonstrate that the identified deficiency is cured by submitting a revised Resource Adequacy Plan; or (ii) advise the CAISO that the CPUC, Local



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Regulatory Authority, or federal agency, as appropriate, has determined that no deficiency exists. If, after providing any needed opportunity to resolve identified discrepancies as required by Section 40.7(b), the CAISO identifies an insufficiency through Phase 2 of the Local Capacity Area Resource sufficiency evaluation, then the CAISO may notify the relevant Local Regulatory Authority of the insufficiency.

- (b) In the case of a discrepancy between Resource Adequacy Plan(s) and Supply Plan(s), if resolved, the relevant Scheduling Coordinator(s) must provide the CAISO with revised Resource Adequacy Plan(s) or Supply Plans, as applicable, at least 30 days prior to the effective month. If the CAISO is not advised that the deficiency or discrepancy is resolved at least 30 days prior to the effective month, the CAISO will use the information contained in the Supply Plan to set the obligations of Resource Adequacy Resources under this Section 40 and/or to assign any costs incurred under this Section 40 and Section 43A.

**40.7.1 Other Compliance Issues**

Scheduling Coordinators representing Generating Units, System Units or System Resources supplying Resource Adequacy Capacity that fail to provide the CAISO with an annual or monthly Supply Plan, as applicable, as set forth in Section 40.7, shall be subject to Section 37.6.1. Further, Scheduling Coordinators representing Generating Units, System Units or System Resources supplying Resource Adequacy Capacity that fail to provide the CAISO with information required for the CAISO to determine Net Qualifying Capacity shall not be eligible for inclusion in the Net Qualifying Capacity annual report under Section 40.4.2 for the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year and shall be subject to any applicable Sanctions under Section 37.6.1.

**40.7.2 Penalties for Non-Compliance**

The failure of a Resource Adequacy Resource or Resource Adequacy Capacity to be available to the CAISO in accordance with the requirements of this Section 40 or Section 9.3.1.3, and the failure to operate a Resource Adequacy Resource by placing it online or in a manner consistent with a submitted Bid or Generated Bid shall be subject to the applicable Sanctions set forth in Section 37.2.4. However, any failure of the Resource Adequacy Resource to satisfy any obligations prescribed under this Section



40 or Section 9.3.1.3 during a Resource Adequacy Compliance Year for which Resource Adequacy Capacity has been committed to a Load Serving Entity or CPE shall not limit in any way, except as otherwise established under Section 40.4.5 or requirements of the CPUC, Local Regulatory Authority, or federal agency, as applicable, the ability of the Load Serving Entity or CPE to whom the Resource Adequacy Capacity has been committed to use such Resource Adequacy Capacity for purposes of satisfying the resource adequacy requirements of the CPUC, Local Regulatory Authority, or federal agency, as applicable. In addition, an LSE or CPE shall not be subject to any sanctions, penalties, or other compensatory obligations under this Section 40 on account of a Resource Adequacy Resource's satisfaction or failure to satisfy its obligations under this Section 40 or Section 9.3.1.3.

## **40.8 CAISO Default Qualifying Capacity Criteria**

### **40.8.1 Applicability**

The criteria in this Section 40.8 shall apply only: (i) where the CPUC or Local Regulatory Authority has not established and provided to the CAISO criteria to determine the types of resources that may be eligible to provide Qualifying Capacity and for calculating Qualifying Capacity for such eligible resource types and (ii) until the CAISO has been notified in writing by the CPUC of its intent to overturn, reject or fundamentally modify the capacity-based framework in CPUC Decisions 04-01-050 (Jan. 10, 2004), 04-10-035 (Oct. 28, 2004), and 05-10-042 (Oct. 31, 2005). The types of resources specified in this Section 40.8.1 will be eligible to provide Qualifying Capacity to the extent they meet the criteria for each type of resource set forth in this Section 40.8.1.

#### **40.8.1.1 [Not Used]**

#### **40.8.1.2 Nuclear and Thermal**

Nuclear and thermal Generating Units, other than Qualifying Facilities with Existing QF Contracts addressed in Section 40.8.1.8 below, must be a Participating Generator or a System Unit. The Qualifying Capacity of nuclear and thermal units, other than Qualifying Facilities addressed in Section 40.8.1.8, will be based on net dependable capacity defined by NERC Generating Availability Data System information.

#### **40.8.1.3 Hydro**



Hydroelectric Generating Units, other than Qualifying Facilities with Existing QF Contracts, must be either Participating Generators or System Units. The Qualifying Capacity of a pond or Pumped-Storage Hydro Unit, other than a QF, will be determined based on net dependable capacity defined by NERC GADS minus variable head derate based on an average dry year reservoir level. The Qualifying Capacity of a pond or Pumped-Storage Hydro Unit that is a QF will be determined based on historic performance during the hours of noon to 6:00 p.m., using a three-year rolling average.

The Qualifying Capacity of all run-of-river hydro units, including Qualifying Facilities, will be based on net dependable capacity defined by NERC GADS minus an average dry year conveyance flow, stream flow, or canal head derate. As used in this section, average dry year reflects a one-in-five year dry hydro scenario (for example, using the 4th driest year from the last 20 years on record).

#### **40.8.1.4 Unit-Specific Contracts**

Unit-specific contracts with Participating Generators or System Units will qualify as Resource Adequacy Capacity subject to the verification that the total MW quantity of all contracts from a specific unit do not exceed the total Net Qualifying Capacity (MW) consistent with the Net Qualifying Capacity determination for that unit.

#### **40.8.1.5 Contracts with Liquidated Damage Provisions**

Firm Energy contracts with liquidated damages provisions, as generally reflected in Service Schedule C of the Western Systems Power Pool Agreement or the Firm LD product of the Edison Electric Institute pro forma agreement, or any other similar firm Energy contract that does not require the seller to source the Energy from a particular unit, and specifies a delivery point internal to the CAISO Balancing Authority Area entered into before October 27, 2005 shall be eligible to count as Qualifying Capacity until the end of 2008. A Scheduling Coordinator, however, cannot have more than twenty-five percent (25%) of its portfolio of Qualifying Capacity met by contracts with liquidated damage provisions for 2008.

#### **40.8.1.6 Wind and Solar**

As used in this Section, wind units are those wind Generating Units without backup sources of Generation and solar units are those solar Generating Units without backup sources of Generation. Wind and solar units, other than Qualifying Facilities with Existing QF Contracts, must be Participating Intermittent Resources or subject to availability provisions of Section 40.6.4.



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The Qualifying Capacity of all wind or solar units, including Qualifying Facilities, for each month will be based on their monthly historic performance during that same month during the hours of noon to 6:00 p.m., using a three-year rolling average. For wind or solar units with less than three years operating history, all months for which there is no historic performance data will utilize the monthly average production factor of all units (wind or solar, as applicable) within the TAC Area, or other production data from another area determined by the CAISO to be appropriate if the unit is not within a TAC Area, in which the Generating Unit is located.

**40.8.1.7            Geothermal**

Geothermal Generating Units, other than Qualifying Facilities with Existing QF Contracts addressed in Section 40.8.1.8, must be Participating Generators or System Units. The Qualifying Capacity of geothermal units, other than Qualifying Facilities addressed in Section 40.8.1.8, will be based on NERC GADS net dependable capacity minus a derate for steam field degradation.

**40.8.1.8            Treatment of Qualifying Capacity for Qualifying Facilities**

Qualifying Facilities must be subject to an effective Participating Generator Agreement or Net Scheduled Participating Generator Agreement or must be System Units, unless they have an Existing QF Contract. Except for hydro, wind, and solar Qualifying Facilities addressed pursuant to Sections 40.8.1.3 and 40.8.1.6, the Qualifying Capacity of Qualifying Facilities under Existing QF Contracts, will be based on historic monthly Generation output during the hours of noon to 6:00 p.m. (net of Self-provided Load) during a three-year rolling average.

**40.8.1.9            Participating Loads**

The Qualifying Capacity of Participating Loads shall be the average reduction in Demand over a three-year period on a per Dispatch basis or, if the Load does not have three years of performance history, based on comparable evaluation data using similar programs. Loads of Participating Loads must be available at least 48 hours, and if the Loads can only be dispatched for a maximum of two hours per event, then only 0.89 percent of a Scheduling Coordinator's portfolio may be made up of such Loads.

**40.8.1.10          Jointly-Owned Facilities**

A jointly-owned facility must be either a Participating Generator or a System Unit. The Qualifying Capacity for the entire facility will be determined based on the type of resource as described elsewhere in



this Section 40.8.1. In addition, the Scheduling Coordinator must provide the CAISO with a demonstration of its entitlement to the output of the jointly-owned facility's Qualified Capacity and an explanation of how that entitlement may change if the facility's output is restricted.

#### **40.8.1.11 Facilities under Construction**

The Qualifying Capacity for facilities under construction will be determined based on the type of resource as described elsewhere in this Section 40.8. In addition, the facility must have been in commercial operation for no less than one month to be eligible to be included as a Resource Adequacy Resource in a Scheduling Coordinator's monthly Resource Adequacy Plan.

#### **40.8.1.12 System Resources and Pseudo-Ties**

##### **40.8.1.12.1 Dynamic System Resources and Pseudo-Ties**

Dynamic System Resources and Pseudo-Ties of Generating Units to the CAISO Balancing Authority Area shall be treated similar to resources within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, except with respect to the deliverability screen under Section 40.4.6.1 and with respect to the limitation on the Qualifying Capacity of wind and solar resources set forth in Section 40.8.1.6. However, eligibility as a Resource Adequacy Resource is contingent upon a showing by the Scheduling Coordinator that the Dynamic System Resource or Pseudo-Tie of a Generating Unit to the CAISO Balancing Authority Area has secured transmission through any intervening Balancing Authority Areas for the Operating Hours that cannot be curtailed for economic reasons or bumped by higher priority transmission and that the Load Serving Entity for which the Scheduling Coordinator is submitting Demand Bids has an allocation of import capacity at the import Scheduling Point under Section 40.4.6.2 that is not less than the Resource Adequacy Capacity provided by the Dynamic System Resource or Pseudo-Tie of a Generating Unit to the CAISO Balancing Authority Area.

##### **40.8.1.12.2 Non-Dynamic System Resources**

For Non-Dynamic System Resources, the Scheduling Coordinator must demonstrate that the Load Serving Entity for which the Scheduling Coordinator is scheduling Demand has an allocation of import capacity at the import Scheduling Point under Section 40.4.6.2 that is not less than the Resource



Adequacy Capacity from the Non-Dynamic System Resource. The Scheduling Coordinator must also demonstrate that the Non-Dynamic System Resource is covered by Operating Reserves, unless unit contingent, in the sending Balancing Authority Area. Eligibility as Resource Adequacy Capacity is contingent upon a showing by the Scheduling Coordinator of the System Resource that it has secured transmission through any intervening Balancing Authority Areas for the Operating Hours that cannot be curtailed for economic reasons or bumped by higher priority transmission. With respect to Non-Dynamic System Resources, any inter-temporal constraints, such as multi-hour run blocks, must be explicitly identified in the monthly Resource Adequacy Plan, and no constraints may be imposed beyond those explicitly stated in the plan.

#### **40.8.1.13 Proxy Demand Resources**

A Proxy Demand Resource must have the ability to (i) be dispatched for at least twenty-four hours per month, (ii) be dispatched on at least three consecutive days, and (iii) respond for at least four hours per dispatch in order to qualify as Resource Adequacy Capacity. The Qualifying Capacity of a Proxy Demand Resource, for each month, will be based on the resource's average monthly historic demand reduction performance during that same month during the Availability Assessment Hours, as described in Section 40.9.3, using a three-year rolling average. For a Proxy Demand Resource with fewer than three years of performance history, for all months for which there is no historic data, the CAISO will utilize a monthly megawatt value as certified and reported to the CAISO by the Demand Response Provider; otherwise, where available, the CAISO will use the average of historic demand reduction performance data available, by month, for a Proxy Demand Resource. Where a Proxy Demand Resource uses the load-shift methodology to calculate its Demand Response Energy Measurements, its Qualifying Capacity will exclude demand reduction performance from the consumption Resource ID.

#### **40.8.1.14 Reliability Demand Response Resources**

The Net Qualifying Capacity of a Reliability Demand Response Resource, for each month, will be based on the resource's average monthly historic demand reduction performance during that same month during the Availability Assessment Hours, as described in Section 40.9.3, using a three-year rolling average. For a Reliability Demand Response Resource with fewer than three years of performance



history, for all months for which there is no historic data, the CAISO will use a monthly megawatt value as certified and reported to the CAISO by the Demand Response Provider; otherwise, where available, the CAISO will use the average of historic demand reduction performance data available, by month, for a Reliability Demand Response Resource.

**40.8.1.15 Distributed Generation Facilities**

- (a) Distributed Generation Facilities that meet the applicable requirements in Section 4.6 qualify as Resource Adequacy Capacity.
- (b) The CAISO will determine the Net Qualifying Capacity of each Distributed Generation Facility for each Resource Adequacy Compliance Year consistent with similar resource classifications connected to the transmission system, as provided in Section 40.4.6.1.
- (c) The Scheduling Coordinator for individual Distributed Generation Facilities, with the same resource type and PMax values less than 0.5 MW, that seek to operate as a combined Distributed Generation Facility, must submit to the CAISO a request that the initial Net Qualifying Capacity be determined and approved as a combined Distributed Generation Facility.

**40.8.1.16 Non-Generator Resources**

- (a) Non-Generator Resources must be either Participating Generators or System Units to qualify as Resource Adequacy Capacity.
- (b) The CAISO will determine the Net Qualifying Capacity of each Non-Generator Resource based on the CAISO testing of the resource's sustained output over a four-hour period; however, the Net Qualifying Capacity shall not exceed the resource's maximum instantaneous discharge capability.

**40.9 Resource Adequacy Availability Incentive Mechanism**

**40.9.1 Introduction to RAIM**

The CAISO shall use RAIM to determine the availability of resources providing local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity and Flexible RA Capacity during the Availability Assessment Hours each month and then assess the resultant Availability Incentive Payments and Non-Availability Charges through the CAISO's settlements process.



#### 40.9.2 Exemptions

- (a) **Capacity Exempt from RAIM – All Provisions.** The entire capacity of a resource in any of the following categories is exempt from the RAIM provisions in Section 40.9 –
  - (1) Resources with a PMax less than 1.0 MW;
  - (2) Non-specified resources that provide Resource Adequacy Capacity under contracts for Energy delivered within the CAISO Balancing Authority Area;
  - (3) Participating Load that is also Pumping Load; and
  - (4) Legacy RMR Units.
- (b) **Capacity Exempt from RAIM – Local/System**
  - (1) The entire capacity of a resource in any of the following categories is exempt from the RAIM provisions in Section 40.9 applicable to local and system Resource Adequacy Capacity –
    - (A) Variable Energy Resources;
    - (B) Combined Heat and Power Resources;
    - (C) Run-of-River Resources; and
    - (D) Hybrid Resources.
  - (2) The capacity of a resource with a Load-following MSS as its Scheduling Coordinator that is designated on a Load-following MSS's monthly Resource Adequacy Plan is exempt from the RAIM provisions in Section 40.9 applicable to local and system Resource Adequacy Capacity, to the extent that the resource's capacity is also designated as Resource Adequacy Capacity on the monthly Supply Plan of that Load-following MSS or another Load-following MSS.
  - (3) Resources with Existing QF Contracts or Amended QF Contracts that are Resource Adequacy Resources are exempt from the RAIM provisions in Section 40.9 applicable to local and system capacity --
    - (A) if the QF resource previously provided Resource Adequacy Capacity pursuant to an Existing QF Contract that was executed prior to August 22, 2010 and remained in effect pursuant to California Public Utilities



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Commission Decision 07-09-040 that extended the term of expiring contracts until such time as the new contracts resulting from that decision are available; or

(B) until the QF Resource's Existing QF Contract or Amended QF Contract terminates or if requested by the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource, whichever is earlier.

(c) **Capacity Exempt from RAIM – Flexible Capacity.**

(1) The capacity of Use-Limited Resources in a combination under Section 40.10.3.2(b), 40.10.3.3(b) or 40.10.3.4(b) is exempt from the RAIM provisions in Section 40.9 applicable to Flexible RA Capacity to the extent that the resources are committed to provide Flexible RA Capacity as a combination on their respective monthly Supply Plans.

(2) The Capacity of a resource with a Load-following MSS as its Scheduling Coordinator that is designated on a Load-following MSS's monthly Flexible RA Plan is exempt from the RAIM provisions in Section 40.10 applicable to Flexible RA Capacity, to the extent that the resource's capacity is also designated as Flexible RA Capacity on the monthly Supply Plan of that Load-following MSS or another Load-following MSS.

**40.9.2.1 Acquired Resources.**

(a) **Exemption.** The entire capacity of an Acquired Resource is exempt from the RAIM provisions in Section 40.9 applicable to local and system Resource Adequacy Capacity if the resource provides Resource Adequacy Capacity under a resource-specific power supply contract that –

(1) was exempt from the prior standard capacity product in Section 40.9 as of the RAIM effective date, and continues to meet the requirements for that exemption, under the provisions of Sections 40.9.2(1) or 40.9.2(2) contained in Appendix J.

(2) includes an availability provision, or the resource under the power supply



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contract is located outside of the CAISO Balancing Authority Area and jointly operated with project participants located outside of the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, such that no single Load Serving Entity with contractual rights for the resource's output has the ability to effect changes to the resource's availability; and

- (3) does not contain a provision that allows the contract to be modified for regulatory changes.

(b) **Request.** To maintain the exemption, the Scheduling Coordinator for the Acquired Resource must annually request renewal of the exemption and –

- (1) for Resource Adequacy Compliance Year 2016, submit an affidavit to the CAISO, by either the Scheduling Coordinator or resource owner, demonstrating that the Acquired Resource meets the eligibility criteria in Section 40.9.2.1(a), in accordance with the process and schedule in the Business Practice Manual; and
- (2) for each Resource Adequacy Compliance Year thereafter until the contract terminates, submit confirmation to the CAISO that the information in the affidavit is still accurate and the Acquired Resource continues to meet the eligibility criteria in Section 40.9.2.1(a), in accordance with the process and schedule in Business Practice Manual.

(c) **Approval.** The CAISO shall review the information submitted and –

- (1) approve a request that contains the information required by Sections 40.9.2.1(a) and (b) and that demonstrates the resource meets the eligibility criteria in Section 40.9.2.1(a);
- (2) advise the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource if the request does not contain all of the information required by Sections 40.9.2.1(a) and (b), and allow the opportunity for the Scheduling Coordinator to submit the additional required information, in accordance with the process and schedule in the Business Practice Manual; or
- (3) deny the request and permanently terminate the exemption if --



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- (A) the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource does not timely submit a request under Section 40.9.2.1(b);
  - (B) the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource does not submit, or does not timely submit, additional information required to complete the request under Section 40.9.2(c)(2); or
  - (C) the CAISO determines the resource does not meet the eligibility criteria in Section 40.9.2.1(a).
- (d) **Failure to Request Renewal.** If the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource does not submit a request to renew the exemption under Section 40.9.2.1(b), the exemption shall terminate and the CAISO shall notify the Scheduling Coordinator of the termination in accordance with the process and schedule in Business Practice Manual.
- (e) **Notice of Termination.** The Scheduling Coordinator for an Acquired Resource must notify the CAISO within 10 days if the contract terminates or no longer meets the eligibility criteria in Section 40.9.2.1(a).

### 40.9.3 Availability Assessment

#### 40.9.3.1 Local and System RA Capacity Availability

- (a) **Availability Assessment Hours**
  - (1) Prior to the start of each Resource Adequacy Compliance Year, the CAISO shall establish and publish in the Business Practice Manual the Availability Assessment Hours applicable for resources providing local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity for each month of that year.
  - (2) The Availability Assessment Hours shall be a pre-defined set of five consecutive hours for each month that –
    - (A) correspond to the operating periods when high demand conditions typically occur and when the availability of Resource Adequacy Capacity is most critical to maintaining system reliability:
    - (B) vary by season as necessary so that the coincident peak load hour typically falls within the five-hour range each day during the month,



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based on historical actual load data; and

(C) apply to each Trading Day that is a weekday and not a federal holiday.

(b) **Must-Offer Availability Assessment.** The CAISO shall determine the extent to which each resource providing local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity made that capacity available to the CAISO each day during the Availability Assessment Hours by comparing –

- (1) the MWs of local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity for which the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource submitted Economic Bids or Self-Schedules in the Day-Ahead Market and the Real-Time Market on a given day; and
- (2) the MWs of local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity for which the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource had a performance obligation to submit Economic Bids or Self-Schedules in the CAISO Markets under the must-offer requirements applicable under Section 40.6 on a given day, provided that Conditionally Available Resources will have RAAIM assessed as if the resource's performance obligation were defined in Sections 40.6.1 and 40.6.2 and irrespective of their expected available Energy or their expected as-available Energy.

**40.9.3.2 Flexible RA Capacity Availability**

- (a) **Availability Assessment Hours.** The Availability Assessment Hours for a Flexible RA Resource shall be the same period as the must-offer obligation for the Flexible Capacity Category that is designated on the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for that month, as set forth in Section 40.10.6.
- (b) **Must-Offer Availability Assessment.** The CAISO shall determine the extent to which each Flexible RA Resource made that capacity available in each Availability Assessment Hour of the day by comparing –
  - (A) the MWs of Flexible RA Capacity for which the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource submitted Economic Bids in the Day-Ahead Market and the Real-Time



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Market on a given day; and

(B) the MWs of Flexible RA Capacity for which the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource had a performance obligation to submit Economic Bids in the CAISO Markets under the must-offer requirements applicable under Section 40.10.6 on a given day.

(c) **Flexible Capacity Category.** If a Flexible RA Resource is designated to provide Flexible RA Capacity and/or RA Substitute Capacity in more than one Flexible Capacity Category on the same day, the CAISO will assess the availability of the resource using the must-offer obligation for the highest quality of Flexible Capacity Category designated.

(d) **Start-Up Less Than 90 Minutes.** For resources with a start-up time less than 90 minutes, the CAISO will use the resource's MWs of capacity from zero to the EFC value to assess the availability of the designated Flexible RA Capacity; provided that the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource does not submit Self-Schedules for the capacity from zero to PMin or for any portion of the capacity under the must-offer obligation for Energy. If the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource submits a Self-Schedule, the CAISO will deduct the MW value of PMin from the calculation of the resource's Flexible RA Capacity availability,

(e) **Start-Up Greater Than 90 Minutes.** For resources with a start-up time greater than 90 minutes, the CAISO will use the MWs of capacity between the resource's PMin and EFC value in the availability assessment and validate whether the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource submitted Economic Bids for all MWs designated on the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan.

(f) **Variable Energy Resources**

(1) **Flexible RA Capacity Equal to EFC.** If the Flexible RA Capacity designated on the monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan is equal to the resource's EFC value, the CAISO will assess the availability of the designated Flexible RA Capacity based on the Economic Bids for Flexible RA Capacity the Scheduling



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Coordinator for the resource submitted up to the MWs in the Variable Energy Resource forecast applicable under Section 4.8.2.

- (2) **Flexible RA Capacity Less Than EFC.** If the Flexible RA Capacity designated in the monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan is less than the EFC value for the resource, the CAISO will assess availability using the ratio of the amount shown on the monthly plan to the relevant EFC value, and applies that ratio to the MWs of Economic Bids and the Variable Energy Resource forecast.
- (3) **VER Forecast Less Than Flexible RA Capacity.** If the MWs in the Variable Energy Resource forecast are less than the MWs of Flexible RA Capacity designated in the monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan, and the Economic Bids are greater than or equal to the forecast amount for that hour, the resource is 100 percent available up to the forecast amount.
- (4) **VER Forecast Greater Than Flexible RA Capacity.** If the MWs in the Variable Energy Resource forecast are greater than the MWs of Flexible RA Capacity designated in the monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan, the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource must submit Economic Bids equal to the forecast amount. If the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource submits Economic Bids for MWs above the forecast, or the resource generates above the forecast, the CAISO will limit the calculated availability to the forecast amount.
- (5) **No Day-Ahead Market Obligation.** For Variable Energy Resources that do not have an obligation to submit Economic Bids into the Day-Ahead Market, the CAISO will base the availability assessment of the Flexible RA Capacity only on the resource's Economic Bids in the Real-Time Market.

**40.9.3.3 Availability for Overlapping Local/System and Flexible RA Capacity**

- (a) **Overlap Determination.** The availability assessment for overlapping Resource Adequacy commitments shall apply to those MWs subject to the must-offer obligations for local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity and Flexible RA Capacity in any Availability Assessment Hour. For the purpose of this Section 40.9, capacity is deemed



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to have an overlapping Resource Adequacy commitment if it has a must-offer obligation based on its status as local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity and a must-offer obligation based on its status as Flexible RA Capacity during the same Availability Assessment Hour of a day.

- (b) **Must-Offer Availability Assessment.** The CAISO shall determine the extent to which each resource with overlapping Resource Adequacy commitments made that capacity available to the CAISO in each overlapping Availability Assessment Hour of the day by comparing –

- (1) the MWs of local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity and Flexible RA Capacity for which the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource submitted Economic Bids in the Day-Ahead Market and the Real-Time Market; and
- (2) the MWs of local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity and Flexible RA Capacity for which the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource had a performance obligation to submit Economic Bids in the CAISO Markets, in accordance with the applicable must-offer requirements in Sections 40.6 and 40.10.6.

- (c) **Calculation.** The CAISO's calculation of the Availability Assessment for overlapping RA commitments shall count-

- (1) any MW only once; and
- (2) the total MWs of overlapping capacity as a Flexible RA Capacity commitment.

**40.9.3.4 Treatment of Outages**

- (a) **RA Substitute Capacity Not Required.** The RAIM Availability Assessment for a Resource Adequacy Resource excludes the capacity, duration, and must-offer requirements for Resource Adequacy Capacity on an Outage during the Resource Adequacy month that does not require RA Substitution Capacity under Section 9.3.1.3.

- (b) **RA Substitute Capacity Required and Provided.** For each Outage that requires RA Substitute Capacity under Section 40.9.3.6 to avoid imposition of RAIM charges –

- (1) the RAIM Availability Assessment for the resource excludes the capacity,



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duration, and must-offer requirement for Resource Adequacy Capacity on outage to the extent the resource provides RA Substitute Capacity for that outage as required under Section 40.9.3.6; and

- (2) the RAAIM Availability Assessment for the substitute resource includes the capacity, duration, and must-offer requirement for the RA Substitute Capacity commitment. For each day the substitute resource is committed to provide Flexible RA Capacity and/or RA Substitute Capacity in more than one Flexible Capacity Category, the RAAIM Availability Assessment applies the must-offer obligation for the highest quality Flexible Capacity Category to the total MWs of the flexible capacity requirement. For the purposes of this Section 40.9, base ramping resources (as defined in section 40.10.3.2) are considered to be a higher quality of Flexible Capacity Category than either peak ramping resources (as defined in section 40.10.3.3) or super-peak ramping resources (as defined in section 40.10.3.4). Additionally, peak ramping resources (as defined in section 40.10.3.3) are considered to be a higher quality of Flexible Capacity Category than super-peak ramping resources (as defined in section 40.10.3.4).

- (c) **RA Substitute Capacity Required not Provided.** For each Outage that requires RA Substitute Capacity under Section 40.9.3.6 to avoid imposition of RAAIM charges, the RAAIM Availability Assessment for the resource includes the capacity, duration, and must-offer requirement for Resource Adequacy Capacity on an outage to the extent the resource does not provide RA Substitute Capacity for the outage as required under Section 40.9.3.6.
- (d) **Exclusions from RAAIM for certain Outage types.** The RAAIM Availability Assessment excludes the capacity, duration, and must-offer requirement for local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity or Flexible RA Capacity on an Outage in a nature of work category specified in the Business Practice Manual that relates to: (i) an administrative action by the resource owner; (ii) a cause outside of the control of the resource owner, (iii) or a short-term use limitation; or (iv) a non-Run-of-River Resource



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hydroelectric Generating Unit's management of water-related operational or regulatory limitations. Through the December 31, 2020, Trading Day, item (iv) of this Section 40.9.3.4(d) applies only to a hydroelectric Generating Unit that has limited the capacity it has shown on the monthly Supply Plan corresponding to the day of the Outage to reflect historical hydrological conditions or actual hydrological conditions in 2020. The limitations based on hydrological conditions must be mutually agreed upon with the unit's Scheduling Coordinator and the CAISO. Starting with the January 1, 2021, Trading Day, item (iv) of this Section 40.9.3.4(d) applies only to a hydroelectric Generating Unit whose Qualifying Capacity was established pursuant to a CPUC or Local Regulatory Authority methodology under which the Qualifying Capacity is calculated to reflect historical hydrological conditions.

- (e) **Derates on Generating Units Providing system RA Capacity and Listed Local RA Capacity.** If a Generating Unit providing both system RA Capacity and Listed Local RA Capacity is on Forced Outage, then for purposes of RAAIM and RA Substitute Capacity the quantity of the Forced Outage will be apportioned first to the system RA Capacity provided from that Generating Unit. If the quantity of the Forced Outage exceeds the quantity of system RA Capacity provided by the Generating Unit, then the remainder of the Forced Outage shall be apportioned to the Listed Local RA Capacity provided by the Generating Unit.

**40.9.3.5 [Not Used]**

**40.9.3.6 Substitute Capacity**

**40.9.3.6.1 [Not Used]**

**40.9.3.6.2 CAISO Evaluation of Need for Substitute Capacity for Forced Outages**

A Forced Outage on a RA Resource, irrespective of whether the resource is providing RA Capacity or Flexible RA Capacity, subjects the resource's Scheduling Coordinator to RAAIM unless the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource provides RA Substitute Capacity by the deadline specified in the relevant Business Practice Manual, the outage is exempt from RAAIM as set forth in Section 9 or Section 40, the outage is cancelled, or the outage is rescheduled.



**40.9.3.6.3 General Provisions on Substitute Capacity**

**(a) Substitution**

If the Resource Adequacy Resource on Outage and the substituting resource do not have the same Scheduling Coordinator, the Scheduling Coordinator for the substituting resource must confirm and approve the proposed substitution in accordance with the process set forth in the Business Practice Manual.

**(b) Availability**

- (1) RA Substitute Capacity must be operationally available to the CAISO:
- (2) Capacity on, or scheduled to be on, a Forced Outage, Approved Maintenance Outage, or de-rate, is not operationally available and shall not qualify to be RA Substitute Capacity for the duration of the period that it is unavailable.
- (3) RMR Capacity, including Legacy RMR Capacity, CPM Capacity, and capacity committed to be Resource Adequacy Capacity in a monthly Supply Plan shall not qualify to be RA Substitute Capacity for the duration of that commitment.
- (4) RA Substitute Capacity shall not qualify to be RMR Capacity, including Legacy RMR Capacity, CPM Capacity, or Resource Adequacy Capacity in a monthly Supply Plan, for the duration of the substitution.
- (5) If a resource provides RA Substitute Capacity for multiple Resource Adequacy Resources under Section 40.9.3.6.6, the same capacity committed as RA Substitute Capacity for one Resource Adequacy Resource shall not qualify as RA Substitute Capacity for a different Resource Adequacy Resource during the same substitution period.
- (6) RA Substitute Capacity will be treated as Resource Adequacy Capacity during the period of substitution for purposes of a Forced Outage or de-rate allocation.

**(c) Timing of Substitution Request**

- (1) **Day-Ahead Market.** Requests for substitution for Forced Outages in the Day-



Ahead Market must be submitted in accordance with the timeline specified in the Business Practice Manual and be approved by the CAISO to be included in the Day-Ahead Market for the next Trading Day. Requests for substitution for Forced Outages in the Day-Ahead Market submitted at or after the timeline specified in the Business Practice Manual and that are approved by the CAISO will be included in the Day-Ahead Market for the second Trading Day.

- (2) **Real-Time Market.** Requests for substitution for Forced Outages in the Real-Time Market must be submitted in accordance with the timeline in the Business Practice Manual.

#### **40.9.3.6.4 RA Substitute Capacity from a Single Source**

- (a) **Option.** The Scheduling Coordinator for a Resource Adequacy Resource that is on Outage may provide RA Substitute Capacity for that capacity from a single resource.

- (b) **Local Capacity Area Resource Substitution**

- (1) **Pre-Qualified Substitution.**

- (A) **Annual Process.** The CAISO annually will conduct a process to assess the eligibility of resources to pre-qualify as RA Substitute Capacity for Local Capacity Resource Adequacy Resources that potentially could be Listed Local RA Capacity in the time period covered by the process. The CAISO will publish a list of the pre-qualified resources in accordance with the timeline in the Business Practice Manual.
    - (B) **Pre-Qualification Requirement.** The CAISO will pre-qualify a resource to provide RA Substitute Capacity that is located at the same bus as, or a compatible bus to, that of the Local Capacity Area Resource Adequacy Resource for which it could substitute.
    - (C) **Request.** To use a pre-qualified resource in the Day-Ahead Market or Real-Time Market as RA Substitute Capacity, the Scheduling Coordinator for the Local Capacity Area Resource Adequacy Resource on Outage must submit a timely substitution request in accordance with



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Section 40.9.3.6.3(c).

- (D) **Approval.** The CAISO will grant a request that meets the requirements in Sections 40.9.3.6.4(b)(1)(C) and 40.9.3.6.3(b).

(2) **Non-Pre-Qualified Substitution.**

- (A) **Day-Ahead Market.** The Scheduling Coordinator for Listed Local RA Capacity on Outage may submit a request to substitute a non-pre-qualified resource only in the Day-Ahead Market.

- (B) **Request.** To use a non-pre-qualified resource as RA Substitute Capacity, the Scheduling Coordinator for the Listed Local RA Capacity must submit a timely substitution request in accordance with Section 40.9.3.6.3(c), and the alternate resource must be located in the same Local Capacity Area.

- (C) **Approval.** The CAISO will grant a request that meets the requirements in Sections 40.9.3.6.4(b)(2)(A) and (B), and 40.9.3.6.3(b).

(c) **Non-Local Capacity Area Resource Substitution**

- (1) **Request.** To use a resource as RA Substitute Capacity, the Scheduling Coordinator for RA Capacity other than Listed Local RA Capacity that has an Outage must submit a timely substitution request in the Day-Ahead Market or Real-Time Market in accordance with Section 40.9.3.6.3(c).
- (2) **Approval.** The CAISO will grant the request if the alternate resource has adequate deliverable capacity to provide the RA Substitute Capacity and meets the requirements in Sections 40.9.3.6.4(c)(1) and 40.9.3.6.3(b). (d)

**External Resources**

- (1) **Request.** To use a Dynamic System Resource, Non-Dynamic System Resource, NRS-RA Resource, or Pseudo-Tie as RA Substitute Capacity, the Scheduling Coordinator for a Resource Adequacy Resource that has an Outage or de-rate must submit a timely substitution request in the Day-Ahead Market in accordance with Section 40.9.3.6(c).



- (2) **Approval.** The CAISO will grant the request if the alternate resource is external to the CAISO Balancing Authority Area (including Pseudo-Ties), the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource has an adequate available import allocation at the resource's Scheduling Point to provide the RA Substitute Capacity, and meets the requirements in Sections 40.9.3.6.1(d)(1) and 40.9.3.6(b).

(e) **Flexible RA Capacity**

- (1) **Request.** To use a resource as RA Substitute Capacity, the Scheduling Coordinator for the Flexible RA Resource that has a Forced Outage must submit a timely substitution request in the Day-Ahead Market or Real-Time Market in accordance with Section 40.9.3.6.3(c) and specify the MW of RA Substitute Capacity to be provided, which may not exceed the MWs of the outage.
- (2) **Approval.** The CAISO will grant the request if the alternate resource has adequate deliverable capacity to provide the RA Substitute Capacity, meets the applicable requirements in Sections 40.9.3.6.4(e) and 40.9.3.6.3(b), and is capable of meeting the must-offer obligation in Section 40.10.6 applicable to the highest quality Flexible Capacity Category for the MWs of the Flexible RA Capacity commitments of the resource on outage and the alternate resource.

**40.9.3.6.5 RA Substitute Capacity from Multiple Resources**

- (a) **Option.** The Scheduling Coordinator for a Resource Adequacy Resource on Outage may submit a request to substitute that capacity with RA Substitute Capacity from multiple alternate resources, including a resource already providing RA Substitute Capacity for one or more Resource Adequacy Resources.
- (b) **Local Capacity Area Resource Substitution**
  - (1) **Request.** To use RA Substitute Capacity from multiple resources, the Scheduling Coordinator for Listed Local RA Capacity on Outage must submit a timely substitution request in the Day-Ahead Market in accordance with Section 40.9.3.6.3(c) if any of the alternate resources are not pre-qualified to substitute for the resource on the outage; however, if all of the alternate resources are pre-



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qualified to provide RA Substitute Capacity for that resource, the request may be submitted in the Day-Ahead Market or Real-Time Market.

- (2) **Approval.** The CAISO will grant the request if it meets the requirements in Sections 40.9.3.6.5(b)(1) and 40.9.3.6.3(c) and the alternate resources are either pre-qualified, or are not pre-qualified but are located in the same Local Capacity Area as the Resource Adequacy Resource.

(c) **Non-Local Capacity Area Resources**

- (1) **Request.** To use RA Substitute Capacity from multiple resources, the Scheduling Coordinator for RA Capacity other than Listed Local RA Capacity on Outage must submit a timely substitution request in the Day-Ahead Market or the Real-Time Market in accordance with Section 40.9.3.6.3(c).
- (2) **Approval.** The CAISO will grant the request if all of the alternate resources meet the requirements in Sections 40.9.3.6.5(c)(1) and 40.9.3.6.3(c).

(d) **External Resources**

- (1) **Request.** To use multiple Dynamic System Resources, Non-Dynamic System Resources, NRS-RA Resources, or Pseudo-Ties as RA Substitute Capacity, the Scheduling Coordinator for a Resource Adequacy Resource that has an Outage must submit a timely substitution request in the Day-Ahead Market in accordance with Section 40.9.3.6.3(c).
- (2) **Approval.** The CAISO will grant the request if the alternate resources are external to the CAISO Balancing Authority Area (including Pseudo-Ties), and the Scheduling Coordinator of each alternate resource has an adequate available import allocation at the resource's Scheduling Point to provide the RA Substitute Capacity, and meet the requirements in Sections 40.9.3.6.5(d)(1) and 40.9.3.6.3(b).

(e) **Flexible RA Capacity**

- (1) **Request.** To use RA Substitute Capacity from multiple resources, the Scheduling Coordinator for a resource providing Flexible RA Capacity on a



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Forced Outage must submit a timely substitution request in the Day-Ahead Market or the Real-Time Market and the alternate resources must be located in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area, which does not include a Pseudo-Tie of a Generating Unit or a Resource-Specific System Resource.

- (2) **Approval.** The CAISO will grant the request if the alternate resources meet the requirements in Sections 40.9.3.6.5(e)(1) and 40.9.3.6.3(c).

**40.9.3.6.6 Multiple Substitution by One Resource.** The Scheduling Coordinator for a resource already providing RA Substitute Capacity may provide RA Substitute Capacity for one or more additional Resource Adequacy Resources on Outage, subject to approval by the CAISO pursuant to Section 40.9.3.6.4 or 40.9.3.6.5.

**40.9.3.6.7 Resource Adequacy Obligation**

To the extent a resource provides RA Substitute Capacity, the resource must meet and comply with all requirements in Section 40 applicable to RA Substitute Capacity for the duration of the substitution; except that RA Substitute Capacity shall be released from this obligation and the substitution requirements in Section 40.9 –

- (a) at the end of the approved substitution period; or
- (b) upon request by either the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource on Outage or the Scheduling Coordinator for the substitute resource, and approval by the other Scheduling Coordinator, in accordance with the process set forth in the Business Practice Manual.

**40.9.3.6.8 Treatment of Unbid Capacity**

If the Scheduling Coordinator for RA Substitute Capacity does not submit Bids or Self-Schedules for all or a portion of that capacity in accordance with Section 40.6 or 40.10.6, the CAISO –

- (1) will treat the unbid capacity as unavailable for purposes of Section 40.9; and
- (2) will reflect that unavailability in the RAAIM availability calculation for the Resource Adequacy Resource providing the RA Substitute Capacity.

**40.9.3.6.9 Substitution Opportunity Information**

In order to make information available to Market Participants pertinent to the provisions of this Section 40.9.3.6, the CAISO will:



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- (a) Annually post on the CAISO Website the due dates for each month of the following Resource Adequacy compliance year the various submissions the CAISO requires under the Resource Adequacy program; and
- (b) Provide the opportunity for Market Participants to post and view information on an electronic bulletin board about non-Resource Adequacy Capacity that may be needed or available as RA Substitute Capacity in the bilateral market. Use of the bulletin board is voluntary and is for informational purposes only.

**40.9.4 Additional Rules on Calculating Monthly and Daily Average Availability**

- (a) The CAISO shall determine a resource's monthly average availability on a percentage basis, based on:
  - (1) the availability assessment of the resource's minimum daily availability of local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity under Section 40.9.3.1, Flexible RA Capacity under Section 40.9.3.2, and overlapping Resource Adequacy commitments under Section 40.9.3.3, in the Day-Ahead Market and Real-Time Market;
  - (2) separately-calculated availability assessments for local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity in one category and Flexible RA Capacity in a second category, with availability in an hour with overlapping commitments under Section 40.9.3.3 accounted for in the Flexible RA Capacity category availability assessment;
  - (3) The relative daily proportion of capacity as provided as local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity and Flexible RA Capacity, including both overlapping and non-overlapping commitments based on the Availability Assessment of Hours;
  - (4) the capacity, duration, and must-offer requirement for local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity or Flexible RA Capacity on an Outage, except to the extent the resource provides RA Substitute Capacity for the outage in accordance with Section 40.9.3.6, the Outage is approved by the CAISO without



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requiring RA Substitute Capacity under other authority of Section 9 or Section 40,  
or the Outage is excluded from RAAIM under Section 40.9.3.4(d); and

(5) the capacity, duration, and must-offer requirement for any RA Substitute  
Capacity or CPM Capacity the resource is committed to provide.

- (b) If the resource's minimum daily availability is the same in the Day-Ahead Market and the Real-Time Market, the CAISO will use the availability in the Real-Time Market in the calculation of the monthly average availability.
- (c) If the resource is committed to provide local and/or system RA capacity and Flexible RA Capacity in a month, but is not committed to provide both for the full month, the CAISO prorates the number of days that local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity and Flexible RA Capacity was provided against the total number of days in the month.

#### 40.9.5 Availability Standard

- (a) **Percentage.** The Availability Standard shall be 96.5 percent each month.
- (b) **Availability Range.** The CAISO shall apply the Availability Standard with a bandwidth of plus and minus two percent, which produces a range with a lower bound of 94.5 percent and an upper bound of 98.5 percent.

#### 40.9.6 Non-Availability Charges and Availability Incentive Payments

- (a) **Non-Availability Charges.** A resource providing local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity, Flexible RA Capacity, or CPM Capacity that is subject to the availability assessment in accordance with Section 40.9.3 and whose monthly availability calculation under Section 40.9.4 is below the lower bound of the monthly Availability Standard of 94.5 percent will be subject to a Non-Availability Charge for the month.
- (b) **Availability Incentive Payments.** A resource providing local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity, Flexible RA Capacity, or CPM Capacity that is subject to the availability assessment under Section 40.9.3 and whose availability calculation under Section 40.9.4 is above the upper bound of the monthly Availability Standard of 98.5 percent will be eligible for an Availability Incentive Payment for the month.
- (c) **No Payment or Charge.** A resource providing local and/or system Resource Adequacy



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Capacity, Flexible RA Capacity, or CPM Capacity that is subject to the availability assessment under Section 40.9.3 and whose monthly availability calculation under Section 40.9.4 is equal to or between the lower bound of 94.5 percent and the upper bound of 98.5 percent of the Availability Standard will not be assessed a Non-Availability Charge nor paid an Availability Incentive Payment.

- (d) **Advisory Period.** During an advisory period of April 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018, the CAISO will show the Non-Availability Charges and Availability Incentive Payments on Settlement Statements but will not include those Non-Availability Charges and Availability Incentive Payments on Invoices for financial settlement.
- (e) **Separate Calculation of Payments and Charges for Flexible RA Capacity.** The CAISO will calculate separate Non-Availability Charges and Availability Incentive Payments for Resource Adequacy Resources providing Flexible RA Capacity. For RMR Resources, the Non-Availability Charge will be based on the RMR Contract capacity costs. RMR Capacity is otherwise treated the same way as Resource Adequacy Capacity.

**40.9.6.1 Determination of Non-Availability Charge**

- (a) **Calculation**
  - (1) **RA Capacity.** The Non-Availability Charge for a Resource Adequacy Resource providing local, system, or Flexible RA Capacity shall be determined by the resource's average monthly RA and Flexible RA MWs multiplied by the difference between the lower bound of the monthly Availability Standard of 94.5 percent and the resource's monthly availability percentage, and multiplying the product by the RAAIM price.
  - (2) **CPM Capacity.** The Non-Availability Charge for a Resource Adequacy Resource providing CPM Capacity shall be determined by the resource's average monthly CPM MWs multiplied by the difference between the lower bound of the monthly Availability Standard of 94.5 percent and the resource's monthly availability percentage, and multiplying the product by the maximum of



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the resource's CPM price and the RAAIM price.

- (b) **RAAIM Price.** The RAAIM price shall be 60 percent of the CPM Soft-Cap Price in Section 43A.4.1.1.

- (c) **Separate Collection of Non-Availability Charges for Flexible RA Capacity.**  
Separately-calculated Non-Availability Charges collected for Resource Adequacy Resources providing Flexible RA Capacity will be held separate from other Non-Availability Charges assessed for Resource Adequacy Resources.

**40.9.6.2 Determination of Availability Incentive Payment**

- (a) **Self-Funding.** The Availability Incentive Payment will be funded entirely through the monthly Non-Availability Charges assessed. Availability Incentive Payments for Resource Adequacy Resources providing Flexible RA Capacity will be funded exclusively by Non-Availability Charges assessed against Resource Adequacy Resources providing Flexible RA Capacity.
- (b) **Eligible Capacity.** The capacity of a Resource Adequacy Resource providing local, system or Flexible RA Capacity that is eligible to receive an Availability Incentive Payment shall be the resource's average monthly MWs of capacity that exceed the upper bound of the Availability Standard.
- (c) **Calculation.**
  - (1) The monthly Availability Incentive Payment rate will equal the total Non-Availability Charges assessed for the month plus any unpaid funds under Section 40.9.6.2(d), divided by the total Resource Adequacy Capacity eligible to receive the Availability Incentive Payment that month.
  - (2) The Availability Incentive Payment rate shall not exceed three times the Non-Availability Charge rate.
  - (3) The Availability Incentive Payment the CAISO shall pay to each eligible resource shall equal the product of its eligible capacity and the Availability Incentive Payment rate.
- (d) **Unpaid Funds.** Any Non-Availability Charge funds that are not distributed to Resource



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Adequacy Resources eligible to receive Availability Incentive Payments in a month will be added to the funds available for Availability Incentive Payments in the next month and will continue to roll over to successive months until the end of the year. The CAISO distributes any unallocated funds remaining after the CAISO settles December monthly RAAIM Non-Availability Charges and Non-Availability Incentive Payments. The separate pool of undistributed Non-Availability Charge funds collected for local and/or system Resource Adequacy Capacity will be distributed to Load Service Entities based on their load ratio share for the year. The separate pool of undistributed Non-Availability Charge funds collected for Flexible RA Capacity will be distributed to Load Serving Entities based on their overall ratio of obligation to demonstrate Flexible RA Capacity for the year.

#### **40.9.7 Reporting**

By July 1 of each year, the CAISO will provide an informational report that will be posted on the CAISO Website and include information on the average actual availability each month of Resource Adequacy Resources, the total amount of Non-Availability Charges assessed and the total amount of Availability Incentive Payments made.

#### **40.10 Flexible RA Capacity**

##### **40.10.1 Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment**

The CAISO shall annually conduct a study to determine the Flexible Capacity Need of the CAISO Balancing Authority Area for each month of the next calendar year and provide the results of the study in the Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment.

##### **40.10.1.1 Process**

- (a) **Schedule.** The CAISO shall conduct the study pursuant to the schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual, which shall include a process for stakeholders to review and provide input on the study methodology and assumptions and on the draft study results.
- (b) **Completion and Distribution.** The CAISO shall provide the final results of the Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment to each Local Regulatory Authority in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area and post the Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment on the CAISO Website no later than 120 days prior to the date that the annual Flexible RA Capacity Plans must



be submitted under Section 40.

**40.10.1.2 Required Information from LSEs**

- (a) **Submission Requirement.** The Scheduling Coordinator for each Load Serving Entity in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area shall submit the information required by this Section, no later than January 15 each year, for use in the CAISO's study to generate minute-by-minute net-load data that will be used to determine the Maximum Three-Hour Net-Load Ramp for each month.
- (b) **Required Information.** The Scheduling Coordinator for each Load Serving Entity in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area must submit information that –
- (1) covers the calendar year in which the information is submitted and each year in the next five-year period;
  - (2) identifies each wind and solar resource connected to the CAISO Controlled Grid, and distributed wind and solar resources, that is owned, in whole or in part, by the Load Serving Entity, or under contractual commitment to the Load Serving Entity or the Load-following MSS Load Serving Entity, for all or a portion of its capacity;
  - (3) indicates the status of the resource as either in service or in development with its expected commercial operation date;
  - (4) for each wind and solar resource, specifies the MWs of installed capacity, renewable energy area location, MWs of flexible capacity owned by or contractually committed to the Load Serving Entity, and other information required by the Business Practice Manual;
  - (5) describes the balancing services, if any, provided by another balancing authority area for a wind or solar resource that is located outside of the CAISO Balancing Authority Area and that is owned by or contractually committed to the Load Serving Entity; and
  - (6) forecasts the MW of installed, behind-the-meter solar capacity in the Load Serving Entity's service area or part of its forecast served load.



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- (c) **Confidential Treatment.** The CAISO will treat the resource-specific information provided under Section 40.10.1.2(b) as confidential under Section 20.
- (d) **Aggregated Information.** In addition to the required resource-specific information, the Scheduling Coordinator for each Load Serving Entity in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area shall submit the information required in Section 40.10.1.2(b) on an aggregated basis, as described in the Business Practice Manual, for inclusion in the Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment that will be posted on the CAISO Website.

**40.10.1.2.1 Incomplete or Inaccurate Information.**

- (a) **Rerun of Study.** If the CAISO finds that a Load Serving Entity submitted incomplete or inaccurate information under Section 40.10.1.2(b), which was used in the calculation of the Flexible Capacity Need for the next calendar year, the CAISO may rerun its study using corrected information to recalculate Flexible Capacity Need for the entire year.
- (b) **Criteria for Rerun.** The CAISO will not rerun its study to recalculate the Flexible Capacity Need unless:
  - (1) the incomplete or inaccurate information represents a net error in excess of either (i) 200 MW; or (ii) one percent of the total MWs of wind and solar capacity submitted under Section 40.10.1.2(b) for any month; and
  - (2) the CAISO has sufficient time to obtain corrected information and complete rerunning the study for the next calendar year by May 1.
- (c) **Revised Flexible Capacity Need.** If the CAISO determines that the requirements in Sections 40.10.1.2.1(a) and (b) are met, the CAISO will recalculate the Flexible Capacity Need for the next calendar year and will no later than May 1 post a revised Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment on the CAISO Website.

**40.10.1.3 Flexible Capacity Need Methodology**

The CAISO shall conduct the study to determine the Flexible Capacity Need for the system for each month of the next calendar year as follows:

- (1) forecast the minute-to-minute system load and net-load using actual load data, as adjusted for monthly peak load growth, and generation profiles for wind and solar



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resources that are in-service or expected to be in-service during the study period;

- (2) calculate the Maximum Three-Hour Net-Load Ramp for each month using the forecasted minute-to-minute system net-load;
- (3) determine the higher of the most severe single contingency or 3.5 percent of forecasted peak load for each month;
- (4) may include a forecast adjustment, as described in Section 40.10.1.4; and
- (5) compute the resultant Flexible Capacity Need for each month based on the sum of the Maximum Three-Hour Net-Load Ramp, and the higher of the most severe single contingency or 3.5 percent of the forecasted monthly peak load.

**40.10.1.4 Flexible Capacity Need Forecast Adjustment**

- (a) The Flexible Capacity Need determination may include a positive or negative forecast adjustment to capture a systemic difference between the value determined in Section 40.10.1.3(3) and the historic amount of Operating Reserves met by Flexible Capacity;
- (b) The CAISO will determine the need for a forecast adjustment in consultation with the CPUC and other Local Regulatory Authorities, and as part of the stakeholder process under Section 40.10.1.1; and
- (c) The amount of the forecast adjustment calculated for each month shall not exceed the forecasted monthly peak Operating Reserves multiplied by the difference between (i) the historic percentage of Operating Reserves met by Flexible RA Capacity and (ii) the percentage calculation that results from dividing the quantity determined in Section 40.10.1.3(3) by the forecasted monthly peak Operating Reserves.

**40.10.1.5 Flexible Capacity Category Need**

- (a) The CAISO shall calculate the total system amount of Flexible Capacity needed in each Flexible Capacity Category, for each month of the next calendar year to ensure that forecast system operational needs will be met, as follows:
  - (1) The minimum quantity of Flexible Capacity needed in the Flexible Capacity Category for base ramping resources for each month will be calculated on a seasonal basis based on the system ramping characteristics identified in the



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Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment and the changes in MWs of the Maximum Secondary Three-Hour Net-Load Ramps for each month within a season, and will be specified in MW and as the percentage of total Flexible Capacity Needs.

- (2) The maximum quantity of Flexible Capacity in the Flexible Capacity Category for peak ramping resources will be calculated for each month as the difference between the minimum quantity needed in the Flexible Capacity Category for base ramping resources and the total Flexible Capacity Need, and will be specified in MW and as the percentage of total Flexible Capacity Needs.
- (3) The maximum quantity of Flexible Capacity in the Flexible Capacity Category for super-peak ramping resources will be five percent of the total Flexible Capacity Need.

- (b) The CAISO shall provide the results of the Flexible Capacity Category need determination with the Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment.

**40.10.2 Allocation of Flexible Capacity Needs**

The CAISO will calculate each Local Regulatory Authority's allocable share of the total system Flexible Capacity Need, and the contribution of each of the Local Regulatory Authority's jurisdictional Load Serving Entities to the Maximum Three-Hour Net-Load Ramp used to calculate its share of the total system Flexible Capacity Need. The CAISO shall provide these calculations to each Local Regulatory Authority no later than 120 days prior to the date that the annual Flexible RA Capacity Plans must be submitted under Section 40. Nothing in this Section 40 obligates any individual Load Serving Entity to demonstrate that it has procured Flexible Capacity Resources to satisfy a minimum or maximum quantity needed, as applicable, within each Flexible Capacity Category.

**40.10.2.1 Calculation of LRA Allocations**

- (a) **Allocation of Maximum Three-Hour Net-Load Ramp.** The CAISO will calculate the Local Regulatory Authority's allocable share of the Flexible Capacity Need as the average of the sum of its jurisdictional Load Serving Entities' change in load, minus the change in wind output, minus the change in solar PV output, minus the change in solar thermal output during the five highest three-hour net-load changes in the month.



- (b) **Allocation of MSSC or Forecasted Peak Load.** The CAISO will determine the higher of the most severe single contingency or 3.5 percent of forecasted peak load for each Load Serving Entity based on the respective Load Serving Entity's peak load ratio share, and calculate each Local Regulatory Authority's allocable share based on the sum of its jurisdictional Load Serving Entities' shares.
- (c) **Allocation of Forecast Adjustment.** If the CAISO includes a forecast adjustment in its draft study results, it will allocate the forecast adjustment using the same methodology set forth in Section 40.10.2.1(b).

#### **40.10.2.2 Allocation to Load-Following MSS**

- (a) The CAISO will calculate the allocable share of the Flexible Capacity Need for each Load-following MSS as –
  - (1) the Local Regulatory Authority's average percent contribution to the change in wind output, minus the change in solar PV output, minus the change in solar thermal output, during the five highest three-hour net-load changes in the month, for resources not included in the Load-following MSS Load Serving Entity's resource portfolio; and
  - (2) plus the lesser of the MSS contribution calculated under Section 40.10.2.2(a)(1) or 3.5 percent of its forecasted peak load.
  - (3) plus the Load-following MSS Load Serving Entity's allocable share of any forecast adjustment under Section 40.10.1.4.
- (b) The CAISO will deduct the Flexible Capacity Need allocated to each Load-following MSS from the calculation to determine whether a cumulative deficiency in Flexible RA Capacity exists under Section 43A.2.7.
- (c) If the Load-following MSS Load Serving Entity's contribution to the three-hour net-load ramp calculated under Section 40.10.2.2(a)(1) is less than its contribution to the 3.5 percent of expected peak load, the CAISO will not reallocate that difference to other Local Regulatory Authorities to determine whether a cumulative deficiency in Flexible RA Capacity exists under Section 43A.2.7.



### **40.10.3 Flexible Capacity Categories**

#### **40.10.3.1 Flexible Capacity Category Calculation**

A resource qualifies to provide Flexible RA Capacity in each Flexible Capacity Category for which it meets the qualifications set forth in this Section 40.10.3.

#### **40.10.3.2 Flexible Capacity Category – Base Ramping Resources**

- (a) **Resource Criteria.** Base ramping resources must meet all of the following criteria, except as provided in Sections 40.10.3.2(b) and (c) –
  - (1) The resource must be capable of providing Flexible RA Capacity to the CAISO Markets through Economic Bids for Energy and Economic Bids for Ancillary Services that are not flagged as Contingency Only in the Day-Ahead Market, if and to the extent the resource is certified to provide Ancillary Services, submitted daily for the 17-hour period from 5:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m.;
  - (2) The resource must be capable of providing Energy for a minimum of six hours up to its full Effective Flexible Capacity value including PMin;
  - (3) The resource must be capable of being available seven days a week;
  - (4) The resource must be able to provide the minimum of (i) two Start-Ups per day for every day of the month or sixty Start-Ups per month, or (ii) the number of Start-Ups allowed by its operational limits, including minimum up and minimum down time; and
  - (5) The resource must not have annual or monthly limitations on the number of Start-Ups or the amount of energy produced that, on a daily basis, are lower than the requirements in Section 40.10.3.2(a)(1) through (4).
- (b) **Use-Limited Resource**
  - (1) A Use-Limited Resource may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.2(a), except that use-limited resources providing Flexible RA Capacity are not required to submit bids for Ancillary Services in the Day-Ahead Market or the Real-Time Market.
  - (2) A Load Serving Entity may include in this category a combined resource



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consisting of two Use-Limited Resources that do not individually meet the minimum operational and availability requirements but in combination meet the criteria in Section 40.10.3.2(a).

- (3) The Flexible RA Capacity amount for the combined resource will be less than or equal to the lowest Effective Flexible Capacity value shown on the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for a resource in the combination.
- (4) The combined resource shall be subject to the must-offer obligation in Section 40.10.6.1(e)(2) for the Flexible RA Capacity amount shown on the monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for the combination.

- (c) **Non-Generator Resource.** A Non-Generator Resource that elects to provide Flexible RA Capacity may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.2(a). A Non-Generator Resource that elects to provide Flexible RA Capacity and Regulation Energy Management is not eligible to be included in this category.

**40.10.3.3 Flexible Capacity Category – Peak Ramping Resources**

- (a) **Resource Criteria.** Peak ramping resources must meet all of the following criteria, except as provided in Sections 40.10.3.3(b) and (c) --
  - (1) The resource must be capable of providing Flexible RA Capacity to the CAISO Markets through Economic Bids for Energy and Economic Bids for Ancillary Services that are not flagged as Contingency Only in the Day-Ahead Market, if and to the extent the resource is certified to provide Ancillary Services, which must be submitted daily for a five-hour period to be determined by the CAISO on a seasonal basis;
  - (2) The resource must be capable of providing Energy for a minimum of three continuous hours up to its full Effective Flexible Capacity value including PMin;
  - (3) The resource must be capable of being available seven days a week.
  - (4) The resource must be capable of at least one Start-Up per day; and
  - (5) The resource must not have annual or monthly limitations on the number of unit Start-Ups or the amount of energy produced that, on a daily basis, are lower than



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the requirements in Section 40.10.3.3(a)(1) through (4).

(b) **Use-Limited Resource.**

- (1) A Use-Limited Resource may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.3(a), except that use-limited resources providing Flexible RA Capacity are not required to submit bids for Ancillary Services in the Day-Ahead Market or the Real-Time Market.
- (2) A Load Serving Entity may include in this category a combined resource consisting of two Use-Limited Resources that do not individually meet the minimum operational and availability requirements but in combination meet the criteria in Section 40.10.3.3(a).
- (3) The Flexible RA Capacity amount for the combined resource will be less than or equal to the lowest Effective Flexible Capacity value shown on the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for a resource in the combination.
- (4) The combined resource shall be subject to the must-offer obligation in Section 40.10.6.1(e)(2) for the Flexible RA Capacity amount shown on the monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for the combination.

(c) **Non-Generator Resource.** A Non-Generator Resource that elects to provide Flexible RA Capacity may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.3(a). A Non-Generator Resource that elects to provide Flexible RA Capacity and Regulation Energy Management is not eligible to be included in this category.

(d) **Base Ramping Resource.** A resource that meets the qualifications of the Flexible Capacity Category for base ramping resources also qualifies to be included in this category as a peak ramping resource; however, a resource that meets only the qualifications of a peak ramping resource does not qualify as a base ramping resource.

**40.10.3.4 Flexible Capacity Category – Super-Peak Ramping Resources.**

(a) **Resource Criteria.** Super-peak ramping resources must meet all of the following criteria, except as provided in Sections 40.10.3.4(b), (c) and (d) --

- (1) The resource must be capable of providing Flexible RA Capacity to the CAISO



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Markets through Economic Bids for Energy and Economic Bids for Ancillary Services Bids that are not flagged as Contingency Only in the Day-Ahead Market, if and to the extent the resource is certified to provide Ancillary Services, which must be submitted each weekday that is not holiday, for a five-hour period to be determined by the CAISO on a seasonal basis;

- (2) The resource must be capable of providing Energy for a minimum of three continuous hours up to its full Effective Flexible Capacity value including PMin;
- (3) The resource must be capable of being available on weekdays that are not holidays, as defined in the Business Practice Manual;
- (4) The resource must be capable of at least one Start-Up per day; and
- (5) The resource must be capable of responding to at least five CAISO dispatches per month, during the five-hour period of the must offer obligation, for the resource to Start-Up.

(b) **Use-Limited Resource.**

- (1) A Use-Limited Resource may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.4(a), except that use-limited resources providing Flexible RA Capacity are not required to submit bids for Ancillary Services in the Day-Ahead Market or the Real-Time Market.
- (2) A Load Serving Entity may include in this category a combined resource consisting of two Use-Limited Resources that do not individually meet the minimum operational and availability requirements but in combination meet the criteria in Section 40.10.3.4(a).
- (3) The Flexible RA Capacity amount for the combined resource will be less than or equal to the lowest Effective Flexible Capacity value shown on the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for a resource in the combination.
- (4) The combined resource shall be subject to the must-offer obligation in Section 40.10.6.1(e)(2) for the Flexible RA Capacity amount shown on the monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan for the combination.



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- (c) **Non-Generator Resource.** A Non-Generator Resource may be included in this category if it meets the criteria in Section 40.10.3.4(a) and is not registered in the CAISO's Master File as a Regulation Energy Management resource.
- (d) **Non-Generator Resource, Regulation Energy Management.** A Non-Generator Resource that is a Regulation Energy Management resource may be included in this category if it meets the following criteria –
  - (1) The resource must be capable of providing Regulation Energy Management to the CAISO Markets through Economic Bids for Regulation Up and Regulation Down submitted daily for a 17-hour period from 5:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m.;
  - (2) The resource shall not submit bids to provide Energy;
  - (3) The resource must be capable of being available seven days a week;
  - (4) The resource must be capable of unlimited Start-Ups per day; and
  - (5) The resource must be registered as a Non-Generator Resource providing Regulation Energy Management in the CAISO's Master File.
- (e) **Base Ramping and Peak Ramping Resources.** A resource that meets the qualifications of the Flexible Capacity Category for base ramping resources or peak ramping resources also qualifies to be included in this category as a super-peak ramping resource; however, a resource that meets only the qualifications of a super-peak ramping resource does not qualify as a base ramping resource or a peak ramping resource.

#### **40.10.3.5 Flexible Capacity Category by Resource**

The CAISO will provide to the Scheduling Coordinator of each resource a non-binding determination of the Flexible Capacity Category with the highest qualifications for which the resource qualifies to provide Flexible Capacity, as provided in Section 40.10.4.

#### **40.10.3.6 Non-Eligible Resources**

Intertie resources and imports, other than Pseudo-Ties and Dynamic Scheduled resources, and Proxy Demand Resources that have elected, per Section 4.13.3, to bid and be dispatched in the Real-Time Market in Hourly Blocks or fifteen (15) minute intervals, are not eligible to provide Flexible RA Capacity.

#### **40.10.4 Effective Flexible Capacity**



The CAISO shall calculate the Effective Flexible Capacity value for each resource. The CAISO shall publish the draft and final lists of the Effective Flexible Capacity values for such resources and the Flexible Capacity Categories for which each resource qualifies to provide Flexible Capacity on the CAISO Website each year in accordance with the schedule for publishing the Net Qualifying Capacity values, as set forth in the BPM, for use in the next calendar year.

**40.10.4.1 Effective Flexible Capacity Calculation**

- (a) **Flexible Resources.** The CAISO will calculate the Effective Flexible Capacity value of a resource, for use (i) if a Local Regulatory Authority has not established criteria for calculating the Effective Flexible Capacity value for eligible resource types, and (ii) for determining if a cumulative deficiency exists under Sections 43A.2.7(a) and (b), as follows, except as provided in Sections 40.10.4.1 (b) through (f) –
- (1) If the Start-Up Time of the resource is greater than 90 minutes, the Effective Flexible Capacity value shall be the weighted average ramp rate of the resource calculated from PMin to Net Qualifying Capacity multiplied by 180 minutes. The Effective Flexible Capacity shall not exceed the difference between the PMin and PMax of the resource.
  - (2) If the Start-Up Time of the resource is less than or equal to 90 minutes, the Effective Flexible Capacity value shall be the resource's PMin plus the weighted average ramp rate of the resource calculated from PMin to Net Qualifying Capacity multiplied by the difference between 180 minutes and the resource's Start-Up Time. The Effective Flexible Capacity shall not exceed the Net Qualifying Capacity of the resource.
- (b) **Hydroelectric Generating Unit.** The Effective Flexible Capacity of a hydroelectric generating unit will be the amount of capacity from which the resource can produce Energy consistently for 6 hours assuming that the resource's physical storage is at maximum capacity at the beginning of that six-hour period. The Effective Flexible Capacity of a hydroelectric generation unit cannot, however, exceed its Net Qualifying Capacity.



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- (c) **[Not Used]**
- (d) **Energy Storage Resource.** The Effective Flexible Capacity value for an energy storage resource will be determined as follows –
  - (1) for an energy storage resource that provides Flexible RA Capacity but not Regulation Energy Management, the Effective Flexible Capacity value will be the MW output range the resource can provide over three hours of charge/discharge while constantly ramping.
  - (2) for an energy storage resource that provides Flexible RA Capacity and Regulation Energy Management, the Effective Flexible Capacity value will be the resource's 15-minute energy output capability.
- (e) **Multi-Stage Generating Resource.** The Effective Flexible Capacity value for a Multi-Stage Generating Resource will be calculated using the longest Start-Up Time of the resource's configuration that has the lowest PMin.
- (f) **Combined Heat and Power Resource.** The Effective Flexible Capacity value of a Combined Heat and Power Resource will be the lesser of (i) the resource's Net Qualifying Capacity, or (ii) the MW difference between the CHP resource's maximum output and its RMTMax, if the resource has a RMTMax, or its minimum operating level, such quantity not to exceed the quantity of generating capacity capable of being delivered over a three-hour period.
- (g) **Hybrid Resource.** The Effective Flexible Capacity value of a Hybrid Resource is the sum of what the Effective Flexible Capacity values of the constituent components of the Hybrid Resource would be if those components were each a distinct Generating Unit.

**40.10.4.2 EFC Omission or Correction**

- (a) **Draft List.** The posted draft list of Effective Flexible Capacity values may be modified only as follows –
  - (1) If the Scheduling Coordinator for a resource that was not included on the draft list of Effective Flexible Capacity values seeks to have the resource included on the list, it must no later than the deadline set forth in the Business Practice Manual



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submit a request to the CAISO either showing that the resource meets the criteria in Section in 40.10.4.1 or is capable of meeting the criteria, and provide documentation to enable the CAISO to determine the resource's Effective Flexible Capacity pursuant to the criteria in Section 40.10.4.1.

- (2) If the Scheduling Coordinator for a resource that was included on the draft list of Effective Flexible Capacity values seeks to change the value for that resource, it must submit documentation by the deadline set forth in the Business Practice Manual that supports such a change.
- (3) The CAISO will review the information submitted and notify the Scheduling Coordinator whether the change was accepted at least 15 days prior to posting the final list of Effective Flexible Capacity values on the CAISO Website.

(b) **Final List.** The CAISO will post on the CAISO Website the final list of Effective Flexible Capacity values for resources that are in service and the Flexible Capacity Categories for which each resource qualifies to provide Flexible Capacity. The final list shall be used for the next calendar year and shall not be changed during that year, except as follows –

- (1) If the Net Qualifying Capacity or PMax of a resource included on the final list increases or decreases during the year, and that value is changed in the Master File, the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource may request that the Effective Flexible Capacity value be recalculated to account for the change; or
- (2) If a new resource, achieves commercial operation during the year, the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource may request that the CAISO calculate and add its Effective Flexible Capacity value and the Flexible Capacity Categories for which the resource qualifies to provide Flexible Capacity to the final list as an in-service resource.

(c) **Disputes.** Any disputes as to the CAISO's determination regarding Effective Flexible Capacity shall be subject to the CAISO ADR Procedure.

#### **40.10.5 Flexible RA Capacity Plans**

##### **40.10.5.1 LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plans**



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- (a) **Submission Requirement.** A Scheduling Coordinator must submit annual and monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plans for each Load Serving Entity it represents.
- (b) **Annual Plan.** Each annual LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan must –
  - (1) demonstrate that the Load Serving Entity has procured for each month at least 90 percent of the annual Flexible RA Capacity requirement determined by the CAISO; or the amount of Flexible RA Capacity required by the Load Serving Entity's Local Regulatory Authority, if the Local Regulatory Authority has set such requirement;
  - (2) identify the resources the Load Serving Entity intends to rely on to provide the Flexible RA Capacity, but need not identify the flexible resource adequacy categories; and
  - (3) include all information and be submitted no later than the last Business Day in October, in accordance with the reporting requirements and schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual.
- (c) **Monthly Plan.** The monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan must –
  - (1) demonstrate that the Load Serving Entity procured 100 percent of the total monthly Flexible RA Capacity requirement determined by the CAISO; or the monthly amount of Flexible RA Capacity required by the Local Regulatory Authority, if the Local Regulatory Authority has set such requirement;
  - (2) include information for purposes of the validation under Section 40.10.5.3(a) and the evaluation for cumulative deficiency under Section 40.10.5.3(c) that shows the MW of Flexible RA Capacity the Load Serving Entity designates based on the total monthly requirement determined by the CAISO within the minimum or maximum quantity, as applicable, for each Flexible Capacity Category; or only if the Local Regulatory Authority has established its own flexible capacity requirement, shows the MW of Flexible RA Capacity the Load Serving Entity designates based on the total monthly requirement determined by the Local Regulatory Authority within the minimum or maximum quantity for each Flexible



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Capacity Category required by the Local Regulatory Authority, if applicable;

- (3) identify all resources the Load Serving Entity will rely on to provide the Flexible RA Capacity and for each resource specify the Flexible Capacity Category in which the Flexible RA Capacity will be provided; and
- (4) include all information and be submitted to the CAISO at least 45 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan, in accordance with the reporting requirements and schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual.
- (d) **Correction to Monthly Plan.** The Scheduling Coordinator for the Load Serving Entity may submit at any time from 45 days through 30 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan, a revision to its monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan to correct either: (i) a discrepancy between its monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan and the monthly Supply Plan of a Resource Adequacy Resource providing that Load Serving Entity with Flexible RA Capacity; or (ii) a deficiency in how much Flexible RA Capacity was provided on the monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan. The CAISO will not accept any revisions to a monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan from 30 days in advance of the relevant month through the end of the month, unless the Scheduling Coordinator for the Load Serving Entity demonstrates good cause for the change and explains why it was not possible to submit the change earlier.
- (e) **Reporting Exemption.** Notwithstanding the above, a Load Serving Entity is not obligated to submit a monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan for a given month if the Load Serving Entity's contribution to the three-hour net load ramp is less than 1 MW for that month. Except to the extent allowed under section 43A.8.8(e), such Load Serving Entity is not exempt for any relevant cost allocation from a CPM designation made pursuant to Section 43A associated with a monthly RA capacity obligation of less than 1 MW.

**40.10.5.1.1 Load-Following MSS**

- (1) Each Load-following MSS Load Serving Entity for which the CAISO has calculated an allocable share of the Flexible Capacity Need under Section 40.10.2.2 must submit



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annual and monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plans pursuant to this Section 40.10.5.1 to identify the Flexible RA Capacity it is using to satisfy such requirement.

- (2) The Load-following MSS must increase the Flexible RA Capacity in its monthly plan by the MW amount of Capacity for a Variable Energy Resource that is initially shown as being included in the Load-following MSS Load Serving Entity's resource portfolio in the information required pursuant to Section 40.10.1.2, but is subsequently not included in the current MSS resource portfolio at the time the monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan is due for the applicable month.

**40.10.5.2 Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plans**

- (a) **Submission Requirement.** A Scheduling Coordinator must submit annual and monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plans for each resource it represents that provides Flexible RA Capacity; except that an annual plan is not required for 2015.
- (b) **Annual Plan.** The annual Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan shall --
  - (1) verify the resource's agreement to provide Flexible RA Capacity during the next Resource Adequacy Compliance Year; and
  - (2) include all information and be submitted no later than the last Business Day in October, in accordance with the reporting requirements and schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual.
- (c) **Monthly Plan.** The monthly Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan shall --
  - (1) verify the resource's agreement to provide Flexible RA Capacity during the month;
  - (2) include an affirmative representation by the Scheduling Coordinator submitting the plan that the CAISO is entitled to rely on the accuracy of the information provided in the plan to perform those functions set forth in this Section 40; and
  - (3) include all information and be submitted to the CAISO at least 45 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan, in accordance with the reporting requirements and schedule set forth in the Business Practice Manual.
- (d) **Correction to Monthly Plan.** The Scheduling Coordinator for the Resource Adequacy



Resource may, at any time from 45 days through 30 days in advance of the relevant month, revise its monthly Flexible RA Capacity Plan to correct a discrepancy between its monthly Flexible RA Capacity Plan and a Resource Adequacy Plan of a Load Serving Entity for which that Resource Adequacy Resource is providing Flexible RA Capacity. The CAISO will not accept any revisions to a monthly Flexible RA Capacity Plan less than 30 days in advance of the relevant month through the end of the month, unless the Scheduling Coordinator for the Resource demonstrates good cause for the change and explains why it was not possible to submit the change earlier.

#### **40.10.5.3 Review of Flexible RA Capacity Plans**

**(a) Validation for Deficiency in an Individual LSE Plan.**

- (1) If the Local Regulatory Authority has not established its own flexible capacity procurement requirements, the CAISO will validate the annual and monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plans for that Local Regulatory Authority's jurisdictional Load Serving Entities, and will use the Effective Flexible Capacity value for each resource calculated under Section 40.10.4. The CAISO will determine whether each Load Serving Entity met its annual or monthly total Flexible RA Capacity Requirement, and for the monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan, whether it met the total monthly requirement within the minimum or maximum quantity, as applicable, for each Flexible Capacity Category.
- (2) If the Local Regulatory Authority has established its own flexible capacity procurement requirements, the CAISO will not validate the individual LSE Flexible Capacity Plans for that Local Regulatory Authority's jurisdictional Load Serving Entities.

**(b) Identification of Discrepancy.** The CAISO will compare all LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plans and Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plans to identify any discrepancy in the Resource Adequacy Resources listed or the amount of the Resource Adequacy Capacity committed.

**(c) Evaluation for Cumulative Deficiency.**



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- (1) The CAISO will evaluate the annual LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plans of all Load Serving Entities on a cumulative basis to determine whether the total amount of Flexible RA Capacity shown in the plans meets 90 percent of the annual Flexible Capacity Need determined by the CAISO pursuant to Section 40.10.1 or whether a cumulative deficiency may exist under Section 43A.2.7(a).
  - (2) The CAISO will evaluate the monthly Flexible RA Capacity Plans of all Load Serving Entities to determine whether (i) the total amount of Flexible RA Capacity shown in the plans, limited to the maximum monthly requirement for each category, meets the applicable monthly Flexible Capacity Need determined by the CAISO pursuant to Section 40.10.1 or whether a cumulative deficiency may exist under Section 43A.2.7(b)(1); or (ii) the total amount of Flexible RA Capacity shown in the base ramping Flexible Capacity Category in the plans meets the minimum monthly requirement for the base ramping Flexible Capacity Category determined by the CAISO pursuant to Section 40.10.1.5 or whether a cumulative deficiency may exist under Section 43A.2.7(b)(2).
- (d) **Calculation of Flexible RA Capacity.** The CAISO will calculate the amount of Flexible RA Capacity included in the annual and monthly Flexible RA Capacity Plans using the MW amount of Flexible RA Capacity for each resource designated in a plan as a Flexible RA Capacity Resource up to the Effective Flexible Capacity value for the resource calculated under Section 40.10.4.
- (e) **Allocated Flexible RA Capacity Requirement.** The CAISO will calculate the Load Serving Entity's allocated annual and monthly Flexible RA Capacity Requirement –
  - (1) For Load Serving Entities within a Local Regulatory Authority that has not adopted its own allocation methodology, the CAISO will calculate the Load Serving Entity's allocated requirement based on the CAISO's allocation methodology set forth in Section 40.10.2.
  - (2) For Load Serving Entities within a Local Regulatory Authority that has adopted its own allocation methodology, the CAISO will use that Local Regulatory Authority's



methodology for the Local Regulatory Authority's jurisdictional Load Serving Entities.

**40.10.5.4 Deficiency in LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan**

- (a) **Finding and Notification.** If the CAISO's validation under Section 40.10.5.3(a) finds either: (i) that the total amount of Flexible RA Capacity included in an annual or monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan is not sufficient to satisfy the Load Serving Entity's allocated Flexible RA Capacity Requirement; or (ii) that the total monthly requirement in a monthly LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan was not met within the minimum or maximum quantity, as applicable, for each Flexible Capacity Category, the CAISO will –
- (1) notify the relevant Scheduling Coordinator, and the Local Regulatory Authority or federal agency with jurisdiction over the relevant Load Serving Entity, in an attempt to resolve any deficiency in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Business Practice Manual; and
  - (2) provide the notice at least 40 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan and include the reasons the CAISO believes a deficiency exists.
- (b) **Resolved Discrepancy.** If the CAISO issues a notice of discrepancy under Section 40.10.5.5(a) and the discrepancy is resolved, the Scheduling Coordinator must provide the CAISO with a revised LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan or Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan, as applicable, no less than 11 days prior to the first day of the month covered by the plans.
- (1) demonstrate, no less than 30 days prior to the first day of the month covered by the LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan, that the identified deficiency is cured by submitting a revised LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan, or
  - (2) advise the CAISO that the Load Serving Entity's Local Regulatory Authority, or federal agency, as appropriate, has determined that no deficiency exists.
- (c) **Unresolved Deficiency.** If the CAISO issues a notice of deficiency under Section 40.10.5.4(a) and is not advised that the deficiency is resolved, the CAISO will use the



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information contained in the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan to set the obligations of resources under Section 40.10 and/or to assign any costs incurred under this Section 40 and Section 43A.

**40.10.5.5 Discrepancy Between Flexible RA Capacity Plans.**

- (a) **Finding and Notification.** If the CAISO's review under Section 40.10.5.3(b) finds a discrepancy between an LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan and a Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan, the CAISO will –
- (1) notify the relevant Scheduling Coordinators of the discrepancy in an attempt to resolve the discrepancy in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Business Practice Manual; and
  - (2) provide the notice at least 40 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plans and include the reasons the CAISO believes a discrepancy exists.
- (b) **Resolved Discrepancy.** If the CAISO issues a notice of discrepancy under Section 40.10.5.5(a) and the discrepancy is resolved, the Scheduling Coordinator must provide the CAISO with a revised LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan or Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan, as applicable, no less than 30 days prior to the first day of the month covered by the plans.
- (c) **Unresolved Discrepancy.** If the CAISO issues a notice of discrepancy under Section 40.10.5.5(a) and is not advised that the discrepancy is resolved, the CAISO will use the information contained in the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan to set the obligations of resources under Section 40.10 and/or to assign any costs incurred under this Section 40 and Section 43A.

**40.10.5.6 LRA Deficiency**

- (a) **Finding and Notification.** If the CAISO's evaluation under Section 40.10.5.3(c) finds a cumulative deficiency in Flexible RA Capacity, the CAISO will –
- (1) identify each Local Regulatory Authority that did not meet its allocable share of the Flexible Capacity Need using the cumulative amount of Flexible RA Capacity



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that the Local Regulatory Authority's jurisdictional Load Serving Entities included in their annual and monthly Flexible RA Capacity Plans in total and, for the monthly Flexible RA Capacity Plans, in each Flexible Capacity Category;

- (2) identify each Load Serving Entity that: (i) is subject to the jurisdiction of a Local Regulatory Authority that did not meet its allocable share of the Flexible Capacity Need under Section 40.10.5.6; and (ii) did not include sufficient Flexible RA Capacity in an annual or monthly plan to meet its allocated Flexible RA Capacity Requirement or did not meet the monthly requirement within the minimum or maximum quantity, as applicable, for each Flexible Capacity Category, based on the allocation methodology of the Local Regulatory Authority if it has established its own methodology for allocating the Flexible Capacity Need to its jurisdictional Load Serving Entities;
  - (3) notify each Local Regulatory Authority identified under Section 40.10.5.6(a)(1) and the Scheduling Coordinator for each Load Serving Entity identified under Section 40.10.5.6(a)(2) of the cumulative deficiency in an attempt to resolve any deficiency in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Business Practice Manual; and
  - (4) provide the notice at least 40 days in advance of the first day of the month covered by the plan and include the reasons the CAISO believes a cumulative deficiency exists.
- (b) **Resolved Deficiency.** If the CAISO provides a notice of cumulative deficiency under Section 40.10.5.6(a), and the deficiency is resolved, the Scheduling Coordinator for the Load Serving Entity shall demonstrate, no less than 30 days prior to the first day of the month covered by the LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan, that the identified deficiency is cured by submitting a revised LSE Flexible RA Capacity Plan.
- (c) **Unresolved Deficiency.** If the CAISO provides a notice of deficiency under Section 40.10.5.6(a) and is not advised that the deficiency is resolved, the CAISO will use the information contained in the Resource Flexible RA Capacity Plan to set the obligations of



resources under Section 40.10 and/or to assign any costs incurred under this Section 40 and Section 43A.

#### **40.10.6 Flexible RA Capacity Must-Offer Obligation**

##### **40.10.6.1 Day-Ahead and Real-Time Availability**

- (a) **Must-Offer Obligation.** The Scheduling Coordinator for a resource supplying Flexible RA Capacity must submit Economic Bids for Energy for the full amount of the resource's Flexible RA Capacity, and Economic Bids for Ancillary Services that are not flagged as Contingency Only in the Day-Ahead Market for the full amount of the resource's Flexible RA Capacity that is certified to provide Ancillary Services, in the Day-Ahead Market and the Real-Time Market for the applicable Trading Hours that is capable of being economically dispatched as follows, except as provided in Section 40.10.6.1(e) through(h) –
- (1) Flexible Capacity Category for base ramping resources - the 17-hour period from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week;
  - (2) Flexible Capacity Category for peak ramping resources - the five-hour period determined for each season by the CAISO's Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment, seven days a week; and
  - (3) Flexible Capacity Category for super-peak ramping resources – the five-hour period determined for each season by the CAISO's Flexible Capacity Needs Assessment, weekdays, except holidays and as provided in Section 40.10.6.1(h), until the resource receives during the five-hour period of the must offer obligation and responds to five CAISO dispatches for Start-Up during the month, after which the resource will not be subject to a must-offer obligation as a super-peak ramping resource for the remainder of that month; however, any other must-offer obligations for Resource Adequacy Capacity will still apply.
- (b) **Availability Requirement.** During the period of the applicable must-offer obligation, a Flexible RA Capacity Resource must be operationally available except for limitations specified in the Master File, legal or regulatory prohibitions or as otherwise required by



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this CAISO Tariff or by Good Utility Practice.

- (c) **Co-optimization.** Through the IFM co-optimization process, the CAISO will utilize available Flexible RA Capacity to provide Energy or Ancillary Services in the most efficient manner to clear the Energy market, manage congestion and procure required Ancillary Services.
- (d) **Participation in RUC.** A Flexible RA Capacity Resource must participate in the RUC to the extent that the resource has available Flexible RA Capacity that is not reflected in an IFM Schedule. Resource Adequacy Capacity participating in RUC will be optimized using a zero dollar (\$0/MW-hour) RUC Availability Bid. Flexible RA Capacity selected in RUC will not be eligible to receive a RUC Availability Payment.
- (e) **Use-Limited Resources.**
  - (1) A Use-Limited Resource providing Flexible RA Capacity must be capable of responding to Dispatch Instructions and, consistent with its use-limitations, must submit Economic Bids for Energy for the full amount of its Flexible RA Capacity in the Day-Ahead Market and the Real-Time Market for the Trading Hours applicable to the resource's Flexible Capacity Category for that month for the Trading Hours that it is capable of being economically dispatched.
  - (2) The Scheduling Coordinator for the Use-Limited Resources designated as a combined resource under Section 40.10.3.2(b), 40.10.3.3(b) or 40.10.3.4(b) must submit Economic Bids for Energy for either resource for the full amount of the Flexible RA Capacity required by the applicable must-offer obligation; however, Economic Bids for Energy must be submitted for only one resource in the combination per Trade Day.
- (f) **Short or Long Start Units.**
  - (1) Short Start Units providing Flexible RA Capacity that do not have an IFM Schedule or a RUC Schedule for any of their Resource Adequacy Capacity for a given Trading Hour are required to participate in the Real-Time Market consistent with the provisions in Section 40.6.2 that apply to Short Start Units providing RA



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Capacity.

- (2) Long Start Units providing Flexible RA Capacity that do not have an IFM Schedule or a RUC Schedule for any of their Resource Adequacy Capacity for a given Trading Hour are required to participate in the Real-Time Market consistent with the provisions in Section 40.6.2 that apply to Long Start Units providing RA Capacity.
  - (3) If availability is required under Section 40.6.2, the Scheduling Coordinator for the resource must submit to the RTM for that Trading hour for which the resource is capable of responding to Dispatch Instructions: (i) Economic Bids for Energy for the full amount of the available Flexible RA Capacity, including capacity for which it has submitted Economic Bids for Ancillary Services; and (ii) Economic Bids for Ancillary Services for the full amount of its Flexible RA Capacity that is certified to provide Ancillary Services and that did not receive a day-ahead award, and for each Ancillary Service for which the resource is certified, including capacity for which it has submitted Economic Bids for Energy.
- (g) **Extremely Long-Start Resources.** Flexible RA Capacity Resources that are Extremely Long-Start Resources must be available to the CAISO by complying with the Extremely Long-Start Commitment Process under Section 31.7 or otherwise committing the resource upon instruction from the CAISO, if physically capable. Once an Extremely Long-Start Resource is committed by the CAISO, it is subject to the provisions of Section 40.10.6 regarding Day-Ahead Availability and Real-Time Availability for the Trading Days for which it was committed.
- (h) **Non-Generator Resources, Regulation Energy Management.** Non-Generator Resources providing Flexible RA Capacity and Regulation Energy Management must submit Economic Bids for Regulation Up and Regulation Down for Trading Hours in the 17-hour period from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week and shall not submit Bids for Energy or other Ancillary Services.

**40.10.6.2 Failure to Bid**



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If the Scheduling Coordinator for a resource supplying Flexible RA Capacity does not submit Economic Bids for Energy for the full amount of the resource's Flexible RA Capacity, and Economic Bids for Ancillary Services for the full amount of the resource's Flexible RA Capacity that is certified to provide Ancillary Services, in the Day-Ahead Market and the Real-Time Market for the Trading Hours during the period of the applicable must-offer obligation –

- (1) the CAISO will not insert Generated Bids for any Flexible RA Capacity for which the resource did not submit bids; and
- (2) An Exceptional Dispatch instruction issued to the resource for all or a portion of its Flexible RA Capacity shall not be an Exceptional Dispatch CPM designation under Section 43A.2.5.