ISO Rules Part 200 Markets Division 203 Energy Market Section 203.4 Delivery Requirements for Energy



Applicability

- 1 Section 203.4 applies to:
 - (a) a **pool participant** with a **source asset**, excluding an import asset, that has an associated current **offer** when participating in the energy market; and
 - (b) the **ISO**.

Requirements

Compliance Responsibilities

- **2(1)** A **pool participant** may only deliver energy to the **interconnected electric system** pursuant to a **dispatch** or a **directive** the **ISO** issues.
- (2) A pool participant must:
 - (a) operate its source asset or cause it to be operated; and
 - (b) respond to dispatches from the ISO,

using **good electric industry practice**, including the design, implementation and use of reasonable **dispatch** protocols, together with personnel and software systems designed to detect and address errors or omissions in a timely fashion.

Generating Asset Steady State Compliance

- **3(1)** A **pool participant** must not, during **generating asset steady state**, vary the average MW it delivers from a **source asset** in any **10 minute clock period** outside the **allowable dispatch variance**.
- (2) A pool participant that is supplying regulating reserve from a source asset must ensure that the average MW delivered in any 10 minute clock period is not outside the allowable dispatch variance plus the regulating reserve.

Ramping Compliance

- **4(1)** A **pool participant** must move the output of a **source asset**, which is the subject of a **dispatch**, towards the MW level indicated in that **dispatch** within 10 minutes of, but not prior to, the time specified in the **dispatch**.
- (2) A pool participant must ensure that each source asset reaches generating asset steady state in:
 - (a) no longer than the period of time calculated as follows:
 - (i) divide the change in dispatch MW by the ramp rate the pool participant submits;
 - (ii) add 40% of the time calculated in subsection 4(2)(a)(i) or 5 minutes, whichever is greater; and
 - (iii) add the 10 minutes referred to in subsection 4(1);

and

- (b) no sooner than the period of time calculated as follows:
 - (i) divide the change in **dispatch** MW by the ramp rate the pool participant submits; and
 - (ii) subtract 40% of the time calculated in subsection 4(2)(b)(i) or 5 minutes, whichever is greater.

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Operational Deviation

- **5(1)** A **pool participant** must, if a **source asset** experiences an **operational deviation**, verbally inform the **ISO** as soon as practicable of the occurrence of the **operational deviation** and provide a description of the cause if known.
- (2) A **pool participant** must inform the **ISO** of the information required under subsection 5(1) on a telephone line the **ISO** designates, which must contain a voice recording system.
- (3) A pool participant must, if an operational deviation extends for 20 minutes or longer, submit an available capability restatement or MW restatement for the source asset that represents the operational capability of the source asset and must do so no later than 20 minutes after the commencement of the operational deviation.

Exceptions to Non-Compliance

- **6(1)** Notwithstanding the provisions set out in subsections 3, 4 and 5, the **ISO** must not determine that a **pool participant** is non-compliant with a **dispatch** for a **source asset** if the **pool participant** has met its responsibilities as set out in subsection 2 and one or more of the following circumstances occur:
 - (a) the **source asset** is ramping into position to provide **operating reserve** in response to a **dispatch** in the 15 minutes before the time indicated in that **dispatch**;
 - (b) the **source asset** is operating below the **minimum stable generation** level indicated in the Energy Trading System, but only if that **source asset** is:
 - (i) synchronizing and its **available capability** the **pool participant** submitted is equal to its **minimum stable generation** and it has received a **dispatch** for that quantity, in MW;
 - (ii) going off line and its **available capability** the **pool participant** submitted is equal to 0 MW and it has received a **dispatch** for that quantity, in MW;
 - (iii) unable to follow the **ramp rate** the **pool participant** submitted when its output is being increased to its **minimum stable generation** and the **pool participant** has submitted a verbal plan to the **ISO** indicating a proposal for ramping to **minimum stable generation**, which verbal plan must provide an estimate of the time required to achieve the **ramp rate** and be updated for deviations of greater than 30 minutes or 50 MW; or
 - (iv) stopped at an output level not identified in the verbal plan referenced in subsection 6(1)(b)(iii) above, but which is below minimum stable generation for more than 30 minutes for an operational reason and the pool participant has submitted a restatement of the available capability accordingly;
 - (c) the **source asset** is responding to abnormal frequency through automatic **governor** or **governor system** action;
 - (d) an **operational deviation** has occurred and the **pool participant** has complied with subsection 5; and
 - (e) energy is being delivered to the **interconnected electric system** from a **source asset** while it is being tested or commissioned or both, in accordance with applicable provisions of the **ISO rules**.

Concurrent Energy and Operating Reserve Requirements

7(1) The **ISO** must, when assessing a **pool participant**'s compliance with subsections 4(3) through 4(6) of Section 205.2 of the **ISO rules**, *Issuing Dispatches and Directives for Operating Reserve* in a situation where there are concurrent energy and **spinning reserve** requirements or energy and **supplemental reserve** requirements, consider the time of the energy **dispatch** to be:

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- (a) 15 minutes after the **directive** for **spinning reserve** or **supplemental reserve** in the case of subsection 4(3); and
- (b) the time the **pool asset** is providing the amount of **real power** described in subsection 10(1) of Section 205.5 of the **ISO rules**, *Spinning Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards*, or subsection 6(1) of Section 205.6 of the **ISO rules**, *Supplemental Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards*, in the case of subsection 4(4);
- (c) the later of 15 minutes after the **directive** for **spinning reserve** or **supplemental reserve** or the time of the **dispatch** in the case of subsection 4(5); and
- (d) the time the **pool asset** is providing the amount of **real power** described in subsection 10(1) of Section 205.5 of the **ISO rules**, *Spinning Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards*, or subsection 6(1) of Section 205.6 of the **ISO rules**, *Supplemental Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards*, in the case of subsection 4(6).
- (2) The ISO must, when assessing a pool participant's compliance with subsections 4(3) through 4(6) of Section 205.2 of the ISO rules, Issuing Dispatches and Directives for Operating Reserve in a situation where there are concurrent energy and spinning reserve requirements or energy and supplemental reserve requirements, consider the MW quantity to be the energy dispatch quantity plus the spinning reserve or supplemental reserve quantity while the directive remains in effect.

Revision History

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