ORDC Shape Options

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PJM Estimated ORDCs

- The ORDC estimation method presented by PJM in May was a straightforward adaptation of the method used by ERCOT.
- The ORDC means that PJM will buy more than current synchronized reserve levels and pay higher prices for synchronized reserves.
- Used within the energy and reserve joint optimization, the MMU expects the estimated ORDCs would lead PJM to carry more online capacity than it has historically.
- The implication is not only a change to price formation, but also a change to operations.



Estimated ORDCs and Historic Reserves

- The following graphs plot the PJM ORDC estimates provided at the May EPFSTF meeting.
- The MMU added historic synchronized reserve levels:
 - 2015 through 2017
 - By season and time block
 - Five minute pricing solution synchronized reserve levels
 - Minimum, Maximum
 - Mean, Median
- The actual historic reserve requirement may vary from the MRR (minimum reserve requirement) in the plotted curve.

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ORDC Shape Criteria

- What is the marginal value of ten minute reserves?
- Is the thirty minute Probability Below the Minimum Reserve Requirement (PBMRR) the best metric?
 - Load forecast, wind forecast, solar forecast
 - Forced outage rates
- Does the penalty factor reflect the value of maintaining ten minute reserves?
 - \$850 per MWh x 1400 MW = \$1.19 million per hour
- Impact to the market
 - Can a less dramatic change to the ORDC produce the desired results at a lower cost?

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ORDC Shape Alternatives

- PJM seeks to prices reserves on the system when reserves exceed the Minimum Reserve Requirement.
- The identified market design gap does not require pricing at \$850 per MWh x the Probability Below the Minimum Reserve Requirement (PBMRR).
- The IMM suggests considering a different intersection point for the MRR and the downward sloping segment of the ORDC.
 - We call the different intercept point the Excess Value Intercept.
- A lower PBMRR is a similar option.



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