

Forward Reliability Assessment Coordination

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FRAC Basics

- Supplement DA commitment to meet expected RT conditions
- Security Constrained Unit Commitment

 Unit commitment cost minimization with all constraints within limits



Forward Market Timeline

- Multi-Day FRAC study from 7-11 AM EST
- DA market closes at 11 PM EST
- DA should be posted by 4 PM EST
- FRAC re-bid period from 4-5 PM EST
- Next Day FRAC assessment from 5–9 PM EST
- FRAC commitments usually sent by 9 PM EST



FRAC Inputs

- RT Unit Offers
- Current Unit Plan No Virtual Units
- Forecasted Load Plus Losses
- DA NSI
- Unit Outages
- Transmission Outages
- Constraints
- Loop Flows



FRAC Solution

- Security Constrained Unit Commitment
 - Cost minimization with penalty costs for violating constraints
 - The software picks the lowest cost solution
 - Unit costs considered by the software are startup and minimum load (i.e. noload and incremental energy up to ecomin)
 - Energy cost evaluation is not the same as in the DA market
 - DA use energy cost at dispatch MW
 - DA commitments are considered must run units
 - No Virtual Units



FRAC Outputs

- RT Unit Commitments

 Unit Starts and Stops
- RT Unit Plan
- Unit Dispatch Files
 - Used by various groups internal and external to MISO



Market Issues

- DA is financial and only clears bid load
- FRAC commits to forecasted load which is often greater than the cleared bid demand from DA
- There is no requirement for DA to clear 100% of forecasted load
- Hopefully, additionally committed units will likely dictate the energy prices as lower cost units have already been committed by DA
- With 3 part offers, startup and noload costs are separate and not covered within the offer curve – It may be difficult to recover these costs thru dispatch



Software Interface

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