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## Market Manual 14: Market Power Mitigation

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## Market Manual Conventions

This *market manual* uses the following standard conventions:

- The word 'shall' denotes a mandatory requirement;
- References to *market rule* sections and sub-sections may be abbreviated in accordance with the following representative format: '**MR Ch.1 ss.1.1-1.2**' (i.e. *market rules*, Chapter 1, sections 1.1 to 1.2).
- References to *market manual* sections and sub-sections may be abbreviated in accordance with the following representative format: '**MM 1.5 ss.1.1-1.2**' (i.e. *market manual* 1.5, sections 1.1 to 1.2).
- Internal references to sections and sub-sections within this manual take the representative format: 'sections 1.1 – 1.2'
- Terms and acronyms used in this *market manual* in its appended documents that are italicized have the meanings ascribed thereto in **MR Ch.11**;
- All user interface labels and options that appear on the *IESO* gateway and tools are formatted with the bold font style;
- Double quotation marks are used to indicate titles of legislation, publications, forms and other documents; and
- Any procedure-specific convention(s) shall be identified within the relevant appended procedure document..

# 1. Introduction

This *market manual* describes the market power mitigation framework and the processes by which the *IESO* shall assess the exercise of global market power and local market power, and specifically the:

- designation of constrained areas;
- designation of uncompetitive *intertie zones*;
- determination of *global market power reference intertie zones*;
- ex-post mitigation for *physical withholding*; and
- ex-post mitigation of *intertie economic withholding* on an uncompetitive *intertie zone*.

The *IESO's* assessment and mitigation of the exercise of market power, including testing and any related step by the *IESO*, shall not constitute a review for compliance with any *market rule*, including **MR Ch. 1, s.10A** or **s.11**.

## 1.1. Purpose

This *market manual* provides more detailed descriptions of requirements for various activities than are specified in the *market rules*, and describes the activities performed by the *IESO* as they relate to market power mitigation processes. The procedures detailed in this manual must be read in conjunction with the *market rules* and describe how the *market rules* will be implemented. Where there is a discrepancy between a *market manual* and the *market rules*, the *market rules* shall prevail.

## 1.2. Scope

### 1.2.1. Reference Levels and Reference Quantities

This manual describes how *reference levels* and *reference quantities* are used in some of the *IESO's* ex-ante and ex-post market power mitigation processes. For a detailed description of the processes used to establish and calculate *reference levels* and *reference quantities*, refer to [MM 14, Part 14.2: Reference Level and Reference Quantity Procedures](#).



### 1.2.2. Designation of Constrained Areas and Global Market Power Reference Intertie Zones

This manual describes the processes the *IESO* uses to designate *potential constrained areas*, *narrow constrained areas*, *dynamic constrained areas* and *global market power reference intertie zones* used in ex-ante market power mitigation. For the *market rules* that apply to the ex-ante market power mitigation processes, refer to **MR Ch. 7, s. 22.14, Appendix 7.1A — Appendix 7.2A**.

[Section 2](#) describes the designation of constrained areas, which affect when *offers* are tested for ex-ante mitigation and which conduct and impact thresholds are used in these tests.

[Section 4](#) describes the designation of *global market power reference interties*, which affect when *offers* are tested for ex-ante mitigation for global market power.

### 1.2.3. Ex-Post Mitigation

This manual describes processes the *IESO* uses to assess *physical withholding* and *intertie economic withholding*.

[Section 5](#) describes how ex-post mitigation for *physical withholding* is carried out by the *IESO* including conditions for testing, conduct and impact thresholds, opportunities for *market participant* input and potential outcomes of a finding of *physical withholding*.

[Section 6](#) describes how ex-post mitigation for *intertie economic withholding* is carried out by the *IESO*, including conditions for testing, conduct and impact thresholds, opportunities for *market participant* input and potential outcomes of a finding of *intertie economic withholding*.

[Section 3](#) describes the designation of uncompetitive *intertie zones*, which affect when *offers* or *bids* from *intertie* traders are tested for ex-post mitigation for *intertie economic withholding*.

### 1.2.4. Settlement Mitigation

This manual describes the conduct and impact thresholds used in make-whole payment mitigation. Refer to [MM 5.5: Physical Market Settlement Statements](#) for more details on make-whole payments that are subject to *settlement* mitigation.

## 1.3. Roles and Responsibilities

The following subsections describe how the responsibility for activities related to the market power mitigation process are shared between a *market participant* and the *IESO*.

### 1.3.1. IESO

The responsibilities of the *IESO* include the following activities:

- *publish* and update reports related to the designation of:
  - constrained areas;
  - uncompetitive *intertie zones*; and
  - *global market power reference intertie zones*;
- provide notifications to *market participants* that are related to the assessment of:
  - *physical withholding*; and
  - *intertie economic withholding* on an uncompetitive *intertie zone*; and
- review and assess *market participant* submissions related to:
  - *physical withholding*; and
  - *intertie economic withholding* on an uncompetitive *intertie zone*.

### 1.3.2. Market Participants

The responsibilities of a *market participant* include one or more of the following activities:

- review *published* reports related to the designation of:
  - constrained areas;
  - uncompetitive *intertie zones*; and
  - *global market power reference intertie zones*; and
- review notifications related to, and provide information, if necessary, on the assessment of:
  - *physical withholding*; and
  - *intertie economic withholding* on an uncompetitive *intertie zone*.

## 1.4. Contact Information

To contact the *IESO*, you can email IESO Customer Relations at [customer.relations@ieso.ca](mailto:customer.relations@ieso.ca) or use telephone or mail. Telephone numbers and the mailing address can be found on the [IESO website](#) (IESO Corporate Contact Information). The *IESO* Customer Relations staff will respond as soon as possible.

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## 2. Designation of Constrained Areas

The *IESO* identifies circumstances when competition may be restricted in localized areas and designates these areas as *potential constrained areas*. The *IESO* identifies *potential constrained areas* that are regularly impacted by binding transmission constraints. Depending on how frequently the transmission constraints bind in an area, a *potential constrained area* may be subsequently designated as one of the following:

- a *narrow constrained area (NCA)*; or
- a *dynamic constrained area (DCA)*.

### 2.1. Potential Constrained Area Designations

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.10.1)

When identifying and revising *potential constrained area* designations, the *IESO* will consider relevant configuration changes to the *IESO-controlled grid*, which can include, but are not limited to:

- network model build updates, such as the addition or removal of a transmission *facility* or a *resource*;
- system configuration changes that can affect a *potential constrained area*, such as new or removed transmission *facilities* and changed operating *security limits (OSLs)*;
- the need to add or remove a *dispatchable resource* to a *potential constrained area*;
- a long-term *outage* that could affect a *potential constrained area*, such as a transmission facility *outage* or a *generation facility outage*; and
- system element transmission line, *resource*, or OSL name changes that may impact corresponding element names used in *potential constrained areas*.

#### 2.1.1. Input Data

The data that the *IESO* will consult when identifying and revising *potential constrained area* designations may include but not be limited to:

- the real-time *locational marginal price (LMP)* congestion component (based on five-minute intervals) for the previous 365 days;
- the sensitivity factors or generation shift factors (GSFs) of different *resources* on different transmission line constraints and OSLs;

- the Zone ID for each *resource*, which represents the zone the *resource* belongs to among the 10 zones in Ontario (e.g. Toronto, East, Northwest, etc.);
- the list of existing transmission *facilities*, OSLs and previously identified *potential constrained areas*;
- the real-time five-minute historical binding data including shadow prices for transmission *facilities* and OSLs, *outages*, and the GSFs for the previous 365 days; and
- the impact of actual or expected material configuration changes to the *IESO-controlled grid* in the next 365 days on the congestion component of *LMPs*, sensitivity factors or GSFs and OSLs.

### 2.1.2. Methodology

The process by which the *IESO* identifies and revises *potential constrained area* designations consists of two activities:

1. grouping *resources* whose *real-time market LMP* congestion components are closely correlated into a *potential constrained area*; and
2. identifying the transmission *facilities* and/or related OSLs for that *potential constrained area*, where the *resources* identified in the first activity can resolve import congestion on those constraints.

#### Inputs:

The *IESO* relies on various inputs in order to carry out activities 1 and 2 above. These inputs include but are not limited to the following:

- analysis of the historical and prospective *resources'* annual real-time congestion *LMP* component; specifically:
  - the frequency that real-time congestion components are greater than zero; and
  - in areas with negative congestion components, the difference between real-time congestion components.
- temporal correlations between the real-time congestion *LMP* components; and
- other information that identifies relative electrical proximity of *resources*.

#### Activity 1: Grouping Resources into Potential Constrained Areas

The *IESO* may group the resources according to *potential constrained area* by:

- determining the electrical zone that each *resource* is located within;
- comparing annual average of the congestion *LMPs*;

- calculating the mean square error of the congestion LMP probability density functions;
- calculating the temporal correlation coefficient for all *resources* against other *resources* to identify occasions when congestion at one *resource* moves similarly to congestion at other *resources*;
- comparing sensitivity factors of *resources* on the same *transmission facilities* or OSLs to determine the electrical proximity of *resources* to other *resources* and the direction of their power injection.

The above analysis will be jointly considered to identify which *resources* should be grouped into each *potential constrained area*.

### Activity 2: Identifying Transmission Facilities and OSLs for each Potential Constrained Area

The *IESO* will determine the transmission *facilities* and OSLs for each *potential constrained area* by first calculating the temporal correlation between the congestion LMP component and the real-time five-minute historical and prospective shadow prices for *transmission facilities* and OSLs.

This will identify a list of prospective transmission *facilities* and OSLs that may be added to a particular *potential constrained area*.

The *IESO* will then identify the sensitivity factors that apply for each *resource* in each group for each transmission *facility* and OSL.

Where the group of *resources* in a *potential constrained area* have a significantly high sensitivity factor against a particular transmission *facility* or OSL, that constraint will be added to the *potential constrained area*.

To supplement this analysis, the *IESO* may confirm the relationship between a particular OSL or transmission *facility* and a *resource* through historical analysis. This involves comparing the sensitivity factor of a resource against the transmission *facility* or OSL to the historical congestion component that occurred at a *resource*. Where this historical analysis shows that the transmission *facility* or OSL is not strongly related to the congestion component at a *resource*, that transmission *facility* or OSL will not be included in the *potential constrained area*.

## 2.2. Narrow Constrained Area Designation

*Potential constrained areas* are designated as *NCA*s by the *IESO* when they meet certain criteria.

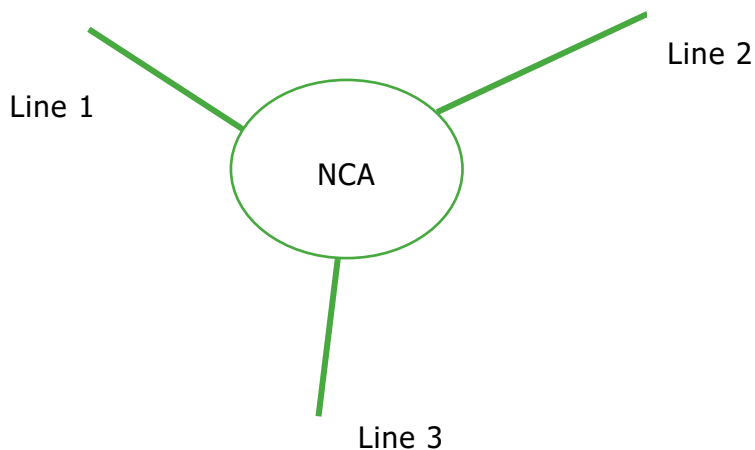
## 2.2.1. Applying Designation Criteria

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.10.2)

A *potential constrained area* is considered import constrained if at least one transmission *facility* or OSL is binding in either the *day-ahead market (DAM)* or the *real-time market (RTM)*. A transmission *facility* or OSL is considered to be binding when the shadow price on the relevant constraint is non-zero.

When multiple transmission *facilities* or OSLs in a *potential constrained area* are binding in the same hour, a single hour will be counted toward the 4% condition for *narrow constrained area* designation (see Figure 2-1).

The *IESO* assesses whether a *potential constrained area* is import constrained in the *day-ahead market* on an hourly basis. For the *real-time market*, if the *potential constrained area* was import constrained for one interval within an hour, the entire hour will be considered to have been import constrained.



In this hypothetical *narrow constrained area*, Line 1 and Line 2 were binding at the same hour. This would be counted as 1 hour toward satisfying the requirement that 4% of the transmission *facilities* or OSL's were binding in the previous 365 days.

**Figure 2-1: Sample NCA**

## 2.2.2. Publication

(MR ~~Ch.~~ Ch. 7, s. 22.10.2.2, 22.10.2.3 and 22.10.2.4)

The *IESO's* report on *NCA* designations will be published annually and include the following information:

- version number;
- *publication* date and the dates upon which the *NCA* designation or removal takes effect;

- the *dispatchable* and *non-dispatchable generation resources* and *dispatchable loads* within each *NCA*;
- a description of the geographical boundaries of each *NCA* and the transmission lines connected to it;
- a list of the transmission *facilities* and OSLs that make up each *NCA* including the number of binding hours for each transmission *facility*; and
- the congestion frequency data that the *IESO* used to determine such designation.

*NCA* designations in the *IESO's* report on *NCA* designations will come into effect no sooner than thirty *business days* following the *publication* of the *IESO's* report on *NCA* designations.

The *IESO* may *publish* an updated *NCA* report on an ad-hoc basis to:

- remove a *resource* from an existing *NCA*, if that *resource* is no longer covered by **MR Ch 7, s. 22.1.1**; and
- update the name of for any system element (transmission facility, *resource*, or OSL) used in existing *NCA*s.

Transmission *facilities* and OSLs cannot be added or removed from an *NCA* during an ad-hoc update, nor can *NCA* designations be changed. Any changes made during an ad-hoc update will come into effect no later than two *business days* following their *publication*.

## 2.3. Dynamic Constrained Area Designation

*Potential constrained areas* are designated as *DCAs* by the *IESO* when they meet certain criteria.

### 2.3.1. Applying Designation Criteria

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.10.3)

A *potential constrained area* is considered import constrained if at least one transmission *facility* or OSL is binding for a *dispatch hour*. A transmission facility or OSL is considered to be binding when the shadow price on the relevant constraint is non-zero.

The *IESO* will remove the designation of a *DCA* in the first hour after the next 120 hours, unless the *DCA* still meets the conditions required to be designated.

When multiple transmission *facilities* or OSLs in a *potential constrained area* are binding in the same hour, a single hour will be counted toward the 4% condition for *NCA* designation.

For the *real-time market*, if the *potential constrained area* was import constrained for one interval within an hour, the entire hour will be considered to have been import constrained.

For example, Table 2-1 displays the designation for a hypothetical *DCA* in the *day-ahead market* based on the accumulated hours for a period of 12 days. The table shows that the area was binding for five days in a row (Day-1 to Day-5), and in each day, the area was binding for four hours.

At 06:00 on Day-6, 20 hours were binding in the previous 120 hours (Day-1 to Day-5). As this is more than 15% of the number of previous 120 hours (i.e. 18 hours), the criterion for designating the *DCA* is satisfied.

The *DCA* was designated from Day-6 onward from Day-6 to Day-10 (i.e., for five days), regardless of the number of binding hours in those days because 120 hours must pass before the designation will be reassessed.

After the first 120 hours following a *DCA* designation, the status of the designation is reassessed every day on a rolling basis. For the *day-ahead market*, the status is assessed at 06:00 every day for the next *dispatch day*.

At 06:00 on Day-10, the status of the designation is determined for Day-11. At that time the number of binding hours is calculated for the preceding 120 hours, which in this case was 21 hours (higher than 18 hours). Therefore, the *DCA* designation is extended for Day-11 in the *day-ahead market*.

At 06:00 on Day-11, the status of the designation is determined for Day-12. At that time, the number of binding hours for the last 120 hours was only 14 hours (lower than 18 hours), so the *DCA designation* is removed for Day-12 in the *day-ahead market*.

**Table 2-1: Designation of DCAs in DAM Based on the Accumulated Hours**

| Day  | Day -1 | Day -2 | Day -3 | Day -4 | Day -5 | Day -6 | Day -7 | Day -8 | Day -9 | Day -10 | Day -11 | Day -12 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Number of Binding Hours                            | 4      | 4      | 4      | 4      | 4      | 7      | 0      | 4      | 5      | 5       | 0       | 7       |
| Accumulated Binding Hours (for the last 120 hours) | 0      | 4      | 8      | 12     | 16     | 20     | 23     | 19     | 19     | 20      | 21      | 14      |
| <i>DCA</i> Active                                  | No     | No     | No     | No     | No     | Yes    | Yes    | Yes    | Yes    | Yes     | Yes     | No      |



### 2.3.2. Publication

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.10.3.2)

The *IESO* publishes the DAM DCA Designation Report daily and the RTM DCA Designation Report hourly.

The designation of new *DCAs* in the RTM DCA Designation Report will take effect no sooner than four hours after *publication* of the report. Both the DAM DCA Designation Report and the RTM DCA Designation Report include the following information:

- version number;
- *publication* and effective dates; *publication* date and the date and time when the *DCA* designation or removal of designation takes effect;
- information that indicates whether the *DCA* designations in that report apply to the *day-ahead market* or the *real-time market*;
- information that indicates that a *potential constrained area* is designated as a *DCA*;
- information that indicates if a *potential constrained area* that was previously designated as a *DCA* has had that designation removed;
- the *dispatchable* and *non-dispatchable generation resources* and *dispatchable loads* within each *DCA*;
- a list of the transmission *facilities* and OSLs that make up the *DCA* including the number of binding hours for each transmission *facility*; and
- the congestion frequency data that the *IESO* used to determine such designation.

**– End of Section –**

## 3. Designation and Removal of Designation for Uncompetitive Intertie Zones

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.12)

This section provides additional details with respect to the processes the *IESO* uses to designate and remove designations for uncompetitive *intertie zones* in accordance with **MR Ch. 7, s. 22.12**.

The process that the *IESO* uses to assess *intertie economic withholding* on an uncompetitive *intertie zone* is further detailed in [section 6](#) of this manual.

### 3.1. Conditions Restricting Competition in an Intertie Zone

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.12.1)

The conditions for designating an *intertie zone* as uncompetitive are provided in **MR Ch. 7, s. 22.12.1**.

The *IESO* considers the following conditions as restricting competition when determining whether effective competition in an *intertie zone* is or will be restricted as described in MR Ch. 7, s. 22.12.1.2:

- lack of a market for supply of imports or demand for exports with open access to transmission in the neighbouring *control area*;
- the existence of institutional or regulatory barriers to trading in the neighbouring *control area*;
- the existence of physical barriers to trading in the neighbouring *control area*, such as limited transmission controlled by one party or captive load at the *intertie zone*; and
- the existence of economic barriers to trading in the neighbouring *control area*, such as substantial transmission access fees.

If, following the *IESO's* assessment, an *intertie zone* that is designated as uncompetitive no longer meets the criteria that resulted in the designation, but the *IESO* reasonably expects that the criteria will be met following a transitory period, the designation will not be removed.

If the *IESO* designates an *intertie zone* as uncompetitive under **MR Ch. 7, s. 22.12.1.2** due to an expected future restriction to competition on that *intertie zone*, then the

effective date for the designation will be no sooner than the date when competition is expected to be restricted.

## 3.2. Publication

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.12.4)

The *IESO publishes* the following information regarding a change to an *intertie zone's* designation status:

- the relevant *intertie zone*;
- whether the *intertie zone* was designated as uncompetitive or had its designation removed;
- *boundary entity resources* associated with the designated *intertie zone*;
- the *publication* date of the change;
- the effective date of the change;
- the criteria the *IESO* used in its decision to designate the *intertie zone* as uncompetitive or to remove such designation, as the case may be.

– End of Section –

## 4. Determination of Global Market Power Reference Intertie Zones

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.11)

This section provides additional details with respect to processes the *IESO* uses to designate *global market power reference intertie zones*.

### 4.1. Evaluating Designations of Global Market Power Reference Intertie Zones

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.11.1)

The criteria with respect to which the *IESO* may designate an *intertie zone* as a *global market power reference intertie zone* are set out in **MR Ch. 7, s. 22.11.1**.

The *IESO* considers *intertie zones* that have at least 500 MW of total transfer capacity absent de-rates, *outages* or effects of ambient conditions, to be of sufficient size relative to the *IESO-administered markets* to be able to provide effective competitive discipline.

The *IESO* may modify and evaluate the designation of *global market power reference intertie zones* when:

- a new *intertie zone* is added;
- there is a material change in the amount of electricity trade that an existing *intertie zone* can accommodate; or
- there is a material change in market structure or regulation in a neighbouring *control area*.

### 4.2. Publication

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.11.3)

The *IESO publishes* the following information regarding a change to a *global market power reference intertie zone* designation status:

- the relevant *global market power reference intertie zone*;
- the criteria that resulted in a change to a designation;
- the *publication* date of the change; and
- the effective date of the change.

Designations remain in effect until a new designation takes effect.

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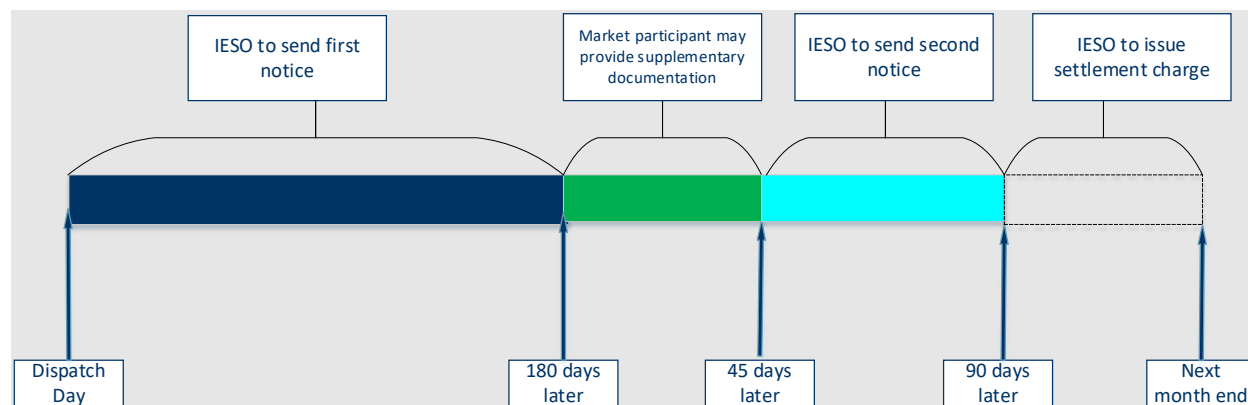
## 5. Ex-Post Mitigation for Physical Withholding

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15)

The *IESO* tests *market participants offering energy or operating reserve* for a *dispatchable generation resource or dispatchable load resource* in the *day-ahead market* and the *real-time market* for *physical withholding* using a *conduct test* and an *impact test*. If a *market participant* fails these tests, the *IESO* may apply a *settlement charge* for that *instance of physical withholding*.

### 5.1. Physical Withholding Timeline

Figure 5-1 illustrates the timeline associated with *physical withholding* assessment activities described above.



**Figure 5-1: Sample Physical Withholding Assessment Timeline**

The *IESO* will only issue one first notice per *dispatch day* to a *resource*. If the *IESO* discontinues an assessment after sending a first notice to the *market participant*, the *IESO* will notify the *market participant* of the discontinuation.

### 5.2. Using Reference Quantities

The day-ahead *reference quantity* is used to assess *physical withholding* in the *day-ahead market*.

The real-time *reference quantity* is used to assess *physical withholding* in the *real-time market*.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For more information on how *reference quantities* are determined, refer to [MM 14.2: Reference Level and Reference Quantity Procedures](#).

### 5.3. Determining Which Dispatchable Resources Meet the Conditions to Test for Physical Withholding

(MR Ch. 7, ss. 22.15.4 and 22.15.11)

The *IESO* considers the conditions in the final run of the *day-ahead market* and the hour-ahead pre-dispatch run of the *pre-dispatch calculation engine* when determining which *dispatchable resources* meet the conditions for testing for *physical withholding of energy* (**MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.4**) or *operating reserve* (**MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.11**).

In addition, to assess *physical withholding* that can impact a commitment decision for a *GOG-eligible resource*, the *IESO* considers the conditions in the pre-dispatch run that was the last opportunity to operationally commit that *GOG-eligible resource* for a given *dispatch hour*. In these cases, a *GOG-eligible resource* must meet conditions for a given *dispatch hour* in both of these pre-dispatch runs.

### 5.4. Conduct Test for Energy: Example

(MR Ch. 7, ss. 22.15.5, 22.15.6, and 22.15.7)

The following examples illustrate the conduct test for a set of hypothetical *resources* that share a *market control entity for physical withholding*:

Table 5-1 represents the hypothetical *resources* assessed in accordance with the '*resource conduct test*', related to **MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.5.1.1** and **22.15.5.2.1**.

Table 5-2 represents the same hypothetical *resources* assessed in accordance with the '*market control entity conduct test*', related to **MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.5.1.2** and **22.15.5.2.2**.

Note that the same *resources* may be assessed with respect to both the *resource conduct test* and the *market control entity conduct test*.

**Table 5-1: Resource Conduct Test (Energy)**

| Resource Name | Constrained Area Condition | Eligible to be Tested for Resource Conduct Test? | Resource's Offered Energy Quantity | Resource's Reference Quantity | Resource Conduct Test Outcome |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GENERATOR A   | BCA                        | Yes  | 999 MW                             | 1000 MW                       | Pass                          |
| GENERATOR B   | None                       | No   | N/A                                | N/A                           | N/A                           |

| Resource Name | Constrained Area Condition | Eligible to be Tested for Resource Conduct Test? | Resource's Offered Energy Quantity | Resource's Reference Quantity | Resource Conduct Test Outcome |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GENERATOR C   | NCA                        | Yes  | 0 MW                               | 100 MW                        | Fail                          |
| GENERATOR D   | NCA                        | Yes  | 198 MW                             | 200 MW                        | Pass                          |
| GENERATOR E   | DCA                        | Yes  | 198 MW                             | 200 MW                        | Pass                          |
| GENERATOR F   | DCA                        | Yes  | 198 MW                             | 200 MW                        | Pass                          |
| GENERATOR G   | DCA                        | Yes  | 198 MW                             | 200 MW                        | Pass                          |
| GENERATOR H   | DCA                        | Yes  | 0 MW                               | 1000 MW                       | Fail                          |
| GENERATOR I   | DCA                        | Yes  | 198 MW                             | 200 MW                        | Pass                          |
| GENERATOR J   | DCA                        | Yes  | 198 MW                             | 200 MW                        | Pass                          |

All of the *dispatchable resources* listed above (Generators A through J) are registered under the same *market control entity for physical withholding*.

GENERATOR B is not eligible to be tested for *physical withholding* as it has not met any constrained area condition.

GENERATOR C and GENERATOR H failed the *resource* conduct test and therefore will be tested under the impact test regardless of the outcome of the *market control entity* conduct test.

GENERATOR A and GENERATOR D have passed the *resource* conduct test with respect to the constrained area conditions that they have met but are still subject to be tested under the *market control entity* conduct test.

Seven *dispatchable resources* passed the *resource* conduct test and are, therefore, subject to be tested under the *market control entity* test. Of these seven, five (E, F, G,



I and J) are tested under the *market control entity* test for DCA, one is tested under the *market control entity* test for BCA and one is tested under the *market control entity* test for NCA.

**Table 5-2: Market Control Entity Conduct Test (Energy)**

| Resource Name   | Constrained Area Condition | Eligible to be Tested for MCE Conduct Test? | Resources' Aggregate Offered Energy Quantity | Resources' Aggregate Reference Quantity | MCE Conduct Test Outcome |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------|
| GENERATOR E,<br>GENERATOR F,<br>GENERATOR G,<br>GENERATOR I,<br>GENERATOR J | DCA                        | Yes   | 990 MW                                       | 1000 MW                                 | Fail                     |
| GENERATOR A   | BCA                        | Yes   | 999  | 1000                                    | Pass                     |
| GENERATOR D   | NCA                        | Yes   | 198  | 200                                     | Pass                     |

Each of the five *resources* (E, F, G, I and J) have failed the *market control entity* conduct test for the DCA constrained area condition. This is because these *resources'* aggregated *energy offer* quantities were less than the applicable conduct threshold.

*Resource A* passes the *market control entity* conduct test for the BCA constrained area condition as *resource (A)'s energy offer* quantity was equal to or greater than the applicable conduct threshold.

Similarly, *resource D* passes the *market control entity* conduct test for the NCA constrained area condition as *resource (D)'s energy offer* quantity was equal to or greater than the applicable conduct threshold.

## 5.5. Conduct Test for Operating Reserve: Example

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.13)

Table 5-3 shows how the conduct test for *operating reserve* treat *offers* of different classes of *operating reserve*.

Note that the *resource* conduct test for *offers* for *operating reserve* is applied for each class of *operating reserve*. With respect to the classes of *operating reserve*:

- 10S *operating reserve* is counted as 10S, 10N and 30R for the purposes of the conduct test;
- 10N *operating reserve* is counted as 10N and 30R *operating reserve* for the purposes of the conduct test; and
- 30R *operating reserve* is counted as only 30R for the purposes of the conduct test.

**Table 5-3: Adjusted Operating Reserve Offer**

| Reserve Class                     | Adjusted Operating Reserve Offer for Physical Withholding Conduct Test   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 10-minute synchronized (10S)      | = 10S OR Offer   |
| 10-minute non-synchronized (10NS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For NQS Resources</b> = MIN (10S OR Offer + 10NS OR Offer, Maximum Generator Resource Active Power Capability - Min Loading Point)</li> <li>• <b>For QS Resources</b> = MIN (10S OR Offer + 10NS OR Offer, Maximum Generator Resource Active Power Capability)</li> <li>• <b>For Dispatchable Load Resources</b> = MIN (10S OR Offer + 10NS OR Offer, Maximum <del>Registered Dispatchable</del>-Load <u>Active Power</u>)</li> </ul>  |
| 30-minute synchronized (30R)      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For NQS Resources</b> = MIN (10S OR Offer + 10NS OR Offer + 30R OR Offer, Maximum Generator Resource Active Power Capability - Min Loading Point)</li> <li>• <b>For QS Resources</b> = MIN (10S OR Offer + 10NS OR Offer + 30R OR Offer, Maximum Generator Resource Active Power Capability)</li> <li>• <b>For Dispatchable Load Resources</b> = MIN (10S OR Offer + 10NS OR Offer + 30R OR Offer, Maximum <del>Registered Dispatchable</del>-Load <u>Active Power</u>)</li> </ul> |

Table 5-4 illustrates an example of *offers of operating reserve* and how these *offers* would be reflected as inputs to the conduct test for *physical withholding for operating reserve*.<sup>23</sup>

**Table 5-4: Adjusted Operating Reserve Offer Example**

| Market Participant Operating Reserve Offers | Adjusted Operating Reserve Offer for Physical Withholding Conduct Test |
|---|--|
| 40 MW of 10S                                | = 10S OR Offer<br>= 40 MW  |

| Market Participant Operating Reserve Offers | Adjusted Operating Reserve Offer for Physical Withholding Conduct Test               |
|---|--|
| 50 MW of 10NS                               | = 10S OR Offer + 10NS OR Offer<br>= 40 MW + 50 MW<br>= 90 MW                         |
| 60 MW of 30R                                | = 10S OR Offer + 10NS OR Offer + 30R OR Offer<br>= 40 MW + 50 MW + 60 MW<br>= 150 MW |

## 5.6. Impact Test Simulation Methodology

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.8-22.15.10 and s. 22.15.16-22.15.18)

### 5.6.1. Resource Grouping

(MR: Ch. 7, ss. 22.15.10 and 22.15.18)

The specific *resource offers* that will be modified in a particular simulation for a *dispatch day* will be determined based on the constrained area conditions met by each relevant *resource* and which of those *resources* share a *market control entity for physical withholding*.

Because a *resource* can appear in more than one *narrow constrained area*, *dynamic constrained area* or local *operating reserve area*, it could have its *offers* modified in more than one simulation for *physical withholding*. The *IESO* will issue a first notice of *physical withholding* based on the simulation that produces the lowest *simulated reference quantity locational marginal price*.

#### No Grouping

A *resource* will be placed in the “no grouping” category if it fails a conduct test for *physical withholding* for a *dispatch hour* in a particular *dispatch day* and does not share a *market control entity for physical withholding* with another *resource* that fails a conduct test for *physical withholding* for a *dispatch hour* in the same *dispatch day*.

The *IESO* will determine the *simulated reference quantity locational marginal prices* for each *resource* in the “no grouping” category by modifying *offers* for each of these resources in isolation (no other *resource offers* will be modified in that simulation).

## Grouping

*Resources* that met one or more of the conditions in **MR: Ch. 7, s. 22.15.4.5, 22.15.4.6, or 22.15.11.3**, failed a conduct test for *physical withholding* for a *dispatch hour* in a *dispatch day* and share a *market control entity for physical withholding* will be grouped according to the condition that they met to determine *simulated reference quantity locational market prices* and *simulated as-offered locational market prices*.

*Resources* that met one or more of the conditions in **MR: Ch. 7, s. 22.15.4.3, 22.15.4.4, or 22.15.11.4**, failed a conduct test for *physical withholding* for a *dispatch hour* in a *dispatch day* and share a *market control entity for physical withholding* will be grouped according to the particular *narrow constrained area*, *dynamic constrained area* or *operating reserve area* they belong to in order to determine *simulated reference quantity locational market prices* and *simulated as-offered locational market prices*.

### 5.6.2. Inputs for Simulated Reference Quantity Locational Marginal Price

(MR: Ch. 7, ss. 22.15.10 and 22.15.18)

#### **For resources that do not submit offers:**

If a *market participant* does not submit an *energy offer* or *offer for operating reserve* for a *resource*, the *IESO* shall calculate the *simulated reference quantity energy locational marginal price* and the *simulated reference quantity operating reserve locational marginal price* using the *resource's reference level values* up to the relevant *reference quantity value*.

#### **For resources that submit offers:**

If a *market participant* submits an *energy offer* or *offer for operating reserve* with a maximum quantity lower than the *resource's energy or operating reserve reference quantity*, the *IESO* determines the *simulated reference quantity energy locational marginal price* and the *simulated reference quantity operating reserve locational marginal price* by creating a combined *offer-reference level curve*.

This combined *offer-reference level curve* will be identical to the submitted *offer* up to the maximum quantity of the submitted *offer*. For the MWs of the combined *offer-reference level curve* between the maximum quantity in the submitted *offer* and the maximum quantity in the *reference quantity value*, the prices and quantities in the combined *offer-reference level curve* will match the *reference level values* as long as these laminations will not result in the combined *offer-reference level curve* violating price monotonicity.

If following this approach result in combined *offer-reference level curve* laminations that violate price monotonicity, then the *offer prices* for the laminations in the

*reference quantity values* above the maximum *offer* lamination will be set to the maximum price in the submitted *offer*.

## 5.7. Determining the Settlement Charges

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.27)

The *IESO* determines a *settlement* charge for *energy* and *operating reserve* for each hour where the impact test was failed. The *settlement* charges are comprised of a mitigation amount (based on *LMPs* and quantities withheld) and a persistence multiplier (based on the previous findings of *physical withholding* per each *market control entity for physical withholding*).

If a *resource* fails the conduct test and impact test for a *dispatch hour* in both the *day-ahead market* and the *real-time market*, the *IESO* determines the *day-ahead market* base *settlement* charge and the *real-time market* base *settlement* charge for that *dispatch hour* and applies the higher of these two base *settlement* charges.

The equations in the following subsections are used to calculate the mitigation amount related to an *instance of physical withholding*:

### For Energy:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Physical Withholding Mitigation Amount (Energy)} \\ &= \sum^H \text{Max}(\text{Hourly DAM Physical Withholding Charge}, \\ & \quad \text{Hourly RTM Physical Withholding Charge}) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- 'H' is the set of *dispatch hours* in a *dispatch day* in which an *offer* that failed the impact test was submitted

### For Operating Reserve:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Physical Withholding Mitigation Amount (Operating Reserve)} \\ &= \sum^H \text{Max}(\text{Hourly DAM Physical Withholding Charge}, \\ & \quad \text{Hourly RTM Physical Withholding Charge}) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- 'H' is the set of *dispatch hours* in a *dispatch day* in which an *offer* that failed the impact test was submitted.

The following table illustrates an example for calculating the daily Physical Withholding Mitigation Amount (Energy) for both the *real-time market* and *day-ahead market* timeframes.

**Table 5-5: Example of Calculating Physical Withholding Mitigation Amount**

| Dispatch Hour | DAM Energy Settlement Charge | RT Energy Settlement Charge | Final Settlement Charge |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1             | \$100                        | \$0                         | \$100                   |
| 2             | \$100                        | \$50                        | \$100                   |
| 3             | \$100                        | \$500                       | \$500                   |
| 24            | \$0                          | \$0                         | \$0                     |

The Physical Withholding Mitigation Amount (Energy) totalled \$700 for that *dispatch day*. *Dispatch hours* 4 to 24 resulted in no Physical Withholding Mitigation Amount (Energy).

### 5.7.1. Hourly DAM Physical Withholding Charge

The *day-ahead market* base *settlement* charge is calculated using the MWh quantity of *energy* or *operating reserve* for each hour in the *day-ahead market* that failed the impact test for *physical withholding* for a *dispatch day* multiplied by 1.5 and the relevant *day-ahead market LMP*.

The *day-ahead market* LMP used is the *resource's energy* or *operating reserve day-ahead market LMP* for each hour. The quantity that failed the impact test in each hour will be multiplied by the corresponding hourly *LMP* to yield the *settlement* charge for the hour.

The hourly *day-ahead market* base *settlement* charges for *energy* and *operating reserve* are determined using the following formulas:

**For Energy:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Hourly DAM Physical Withholding Charge (Energy)} \\ & = 1.5 \times (MWhs \text{ Failed}_h) \times (DAM\_LMP_h) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- 'h' is the *dispatch hour* that failed the impact test in the *dispatch day*.
- 'MWhs Failed' is the *energy reference quantity value* for the *day-ahead market* less the *energy offer* for the relevant *dispatch hour*.

**For Operating Reserve:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Hourly DAM Physical Withholding Charge (Operating Reserve)} \\ & = 1.5 \times (\cancel{MWhs \text{ Failed}_{r,h}})(MWhs \text{ Failed}_{r,h}) \times (DAM\_PROR_{r,h}) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- 'r' is the set of each class 'r' of *operating reserve*.
- 'h' is the *dispatch hour* that failed the impact test in the *dispatch day*.
- '~~MWhs~~MWhs Failed' is the *operating reserve reference quantity value* for the *day-ahead market* less the *operating reserve offer* for the relevant *dispatch hour*.

**5.7.2. Hourly RTM Physical Withholding Charge**

The *real-time market base settlement charge* is calculated using the MWh quantity of *energy* or *operating reserve* for each *dispatch interval* that failed the impact test for *physical withholding* for a *dispatch day* multiplied by 1.5 and the relevant *real-time market LMP*.

The *real-time market LMPs* used are the *resource's energy* or *operating reserve real-time market LMP* for each *dispatch interval*. The quantity that failed the impact tests in each *dispatch interval* will be multiplied by the corresponding *real-time LMP* to yield a *settlement charge* for the *dispatch interval*.

The hourly *real-time market base settlement charges* for *energy* and *operating reserve* are determined using the following formulas.

**For Energy:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Hourly RTM Physical Withholding Charge (Energy)} \\ & = 1.5 \times \sum_H^T (MWhs \text{ Failed}_h^t) \times (RT\_LMP_h^t) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- 'T' is the set of all the *dispatch intervals* 'T' in the *dispatch hour* 'H' that failed the conduct and impact test.
- 'MWhs Failed' is the *energy reference quantity value* for the real-time market less the *energy offer* for the relevant *dispatch hour*.

### For Operating Reserve:

*Hourly RTM Withholding Charge (Operating Reserve)*

$$= 1.5 \times \frac{\sum_{H,R}^T (MWhs\ Failed_{H,R}^t)}{\sum_{H,R}^T (MWhs\ Failed_{H,R}^t)} \times (RT\_LMP_{H,R}^t) \sum_{H,R}^T (MWhs\ Failed_{H,R}^t) \times (RT\_LMP_{H,R}^t)$$

Where:

- 'T' is the set of all the *dispatch intervals* 'T' in the *dispatch hour* 'H' that failed the conduct and impact test.
- 'R' is the set of each class 'R' of *operating reserve*.
- '~~MWhs~~MWhs Failed' is the *operating reserve reference quantity value* for the real-time market less the *operating reserve offer* for the relevant *dispatch hour*.

### 5.7.3. Persistence Multipliers

The Hourly DAM Physical Withholding Charge or the Hourly RTM Physical Withholding Charge is multiplied by a persistence multiplier to determine the applicable *settlement* charge.

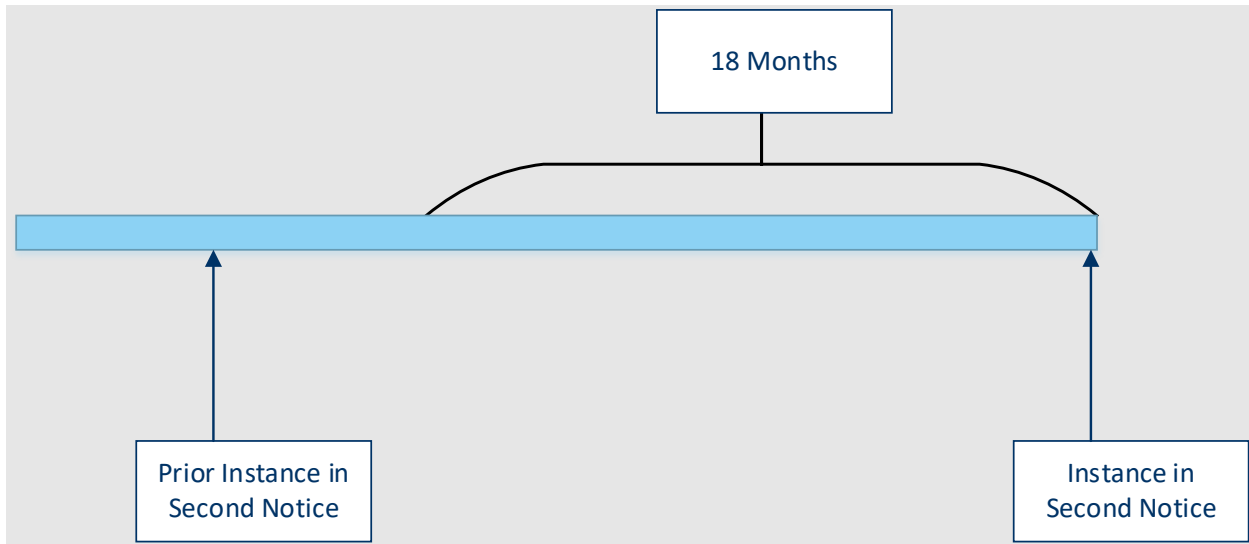
The persistence multiplier is determined based on repeat failures of the impact test for *physical withholding* by a *market control entity for physical withholding*.

A persistence multiplier is used when determining a *settlement* charge in a first and second notice of *physical withholding*. The persistence multiplier starts at a value of 1 and increases by 1 for each additional second notice issued to any *resources* that share a *market control entity for physical withholding* in the 18-month period prior to the *instance of physical withholding* being assessed. The maximum value for the persistence multiplier is 3. Calculation of the persistence multiplier excludes instances when a *settlement* charge resulting from an *instance of physical withholding* is reversed as a result of a *notice of disagreement*.

The following examples outline several scenarios.



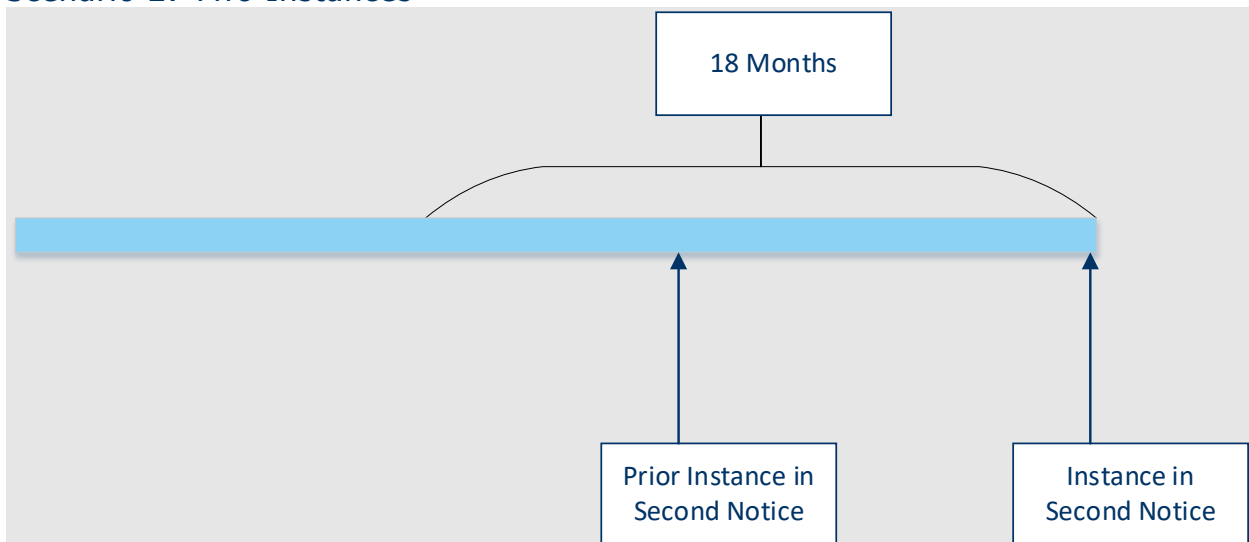
### Scenario 1: One Instance



**Figure 5-2: Scenario 1 with One Instance of Physical Withholding**

Because there were no previously issued second notices in the 18 months prior to the current second notice, the persistence multiplier is equal to 1.

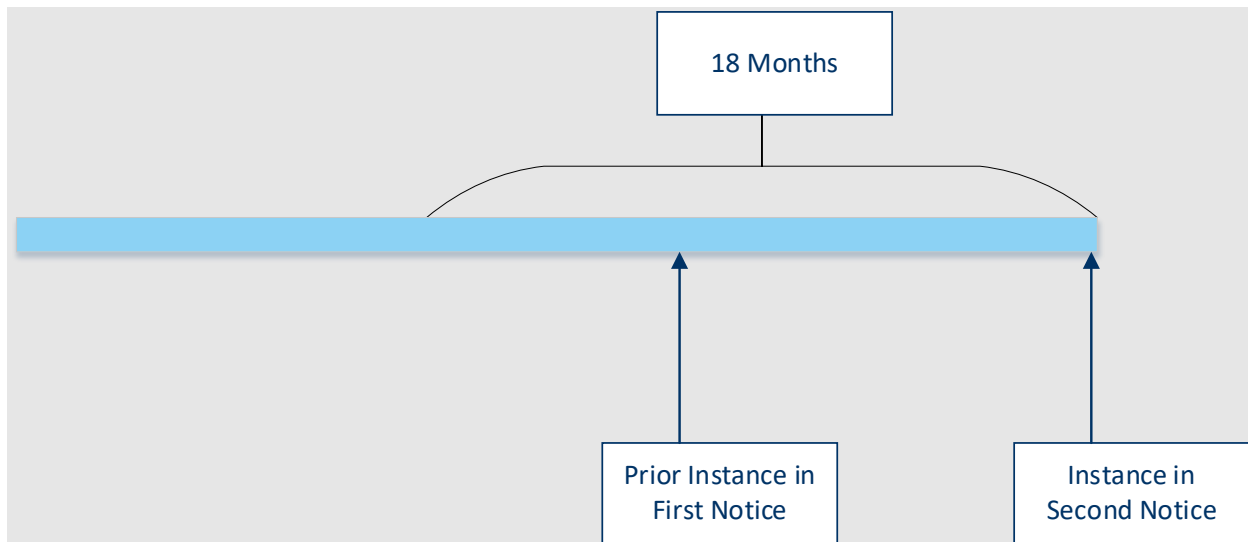
### Scenario 2: Two Instances



**Figure 5-3: Scenario 2 with Two Instances of Physical Withholding**

Because there was a second notice issued in the 18-month period prior to the current second notice, the persistence multiplier is equal to 2.

### Scenario 3: One Instance



**Figure 5-4: Scenario 3 with One Instance of Physical Withholding**

The previously issued second notice within the 18-month period was only determined as part of the first notice. The persistence multiplier is therefore equal to 1.

## 5.8. Supporting Documentation for Alternative Reference Quantity Value Requests

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.21, 22.15.21.1)

*Market participants* submitting requests that the *IESO* use an *alternative reference quantity value* must include documentation with their request to support any *resource-specific* considerations that were not accounted for in the *resource's reference quantities* in use during the *instance of physical withholding*. This supporting documentation may include, but may not be limited to, data regarding:

- ambient temperature;
- relative humidity;
- water conditions (water flow, water level etc.);
- *reliability* and safety operations of the *facility*;
- other *resource-specific* considerations that were not accounted for in the registered *energy* or *operating reserve reference quantity* formula;
- *planned outages* and equipment de-ratings; and
- *forced outages* and equipment de-ratings.

## 5.9. Second Notice of Physical Withholding

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.24-22.15.26)

If the conduct test and impact test are failed using an *alternative reference quantity value*, then the *IESO* will send a second notice of *physical withholding* that will contain updates to the information that was provided in the first notice.

## 5.10. Settlement Charges

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.15.27)

*Settlement* charges related to *physical withholding* are applied pursuant to **MR Ch. 9, s. 6.3** after the *IESO* issued the second notice of *physical withholding* to the *market participant*.<sup>2</sup>

## 5.11. Reporting on Physical Withholding

The *IESO* publishes a report each month with the following information:

- number of second notices of *physical withholding* sent during a given month and year;
- the market (*day-ahead market* or *real-time market*) for which the second notice of *physical withholding* was sent;
- posting date, month, and year; and
- version number.

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<sup>2</sup> Chapter 9 is subject to change based on the implementation of the *IESO*'s Replacement of Settlement System Project

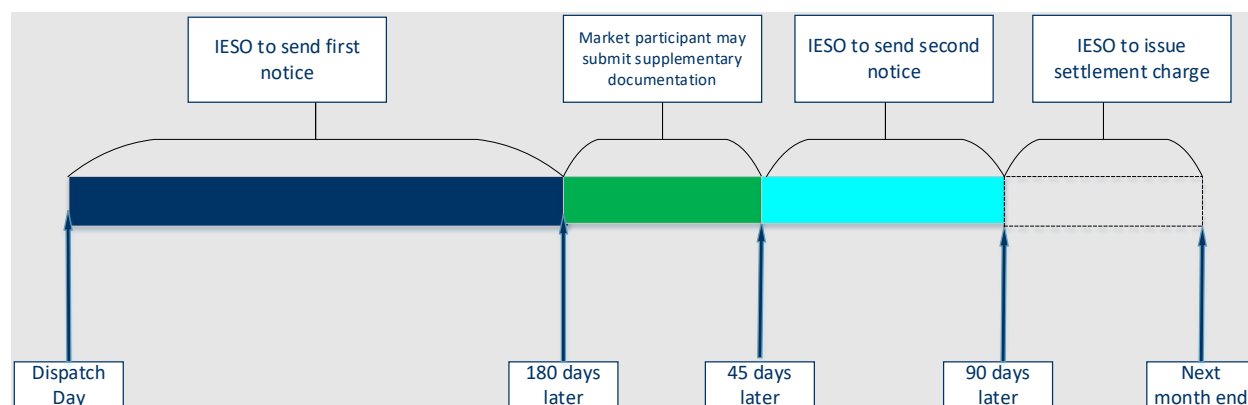
## 6. Ex-Post Mitigation for Intertie Economic Withholding on an Uncompetitive Intertie Zone

MR Ch. 7, s. 22.17-22.19

This section provides details on the process for assessing *intertie economic withholding* on uncompetitive *intertie zones* using the relevant conduct tests and impact tests.

### 6.1. Sample Intertie Economic Withholding Timeline

Figure 6-1 illustrates the activities associated with *intertie economic withholding* on uncompetitive *intertie zones*:



**Figure 6-1: Timeline of Ex-Post Mitigation for Intertie Economic Withholding on Uncompetitive Intertie Zones**

### 6.2. Impact Test Simulation Methodology

(MR: Ch. 7, s. 22.17.8 and s. 22.17.14)

#### 6.2.1. Inputs for Simulated Intertie Reference Level Locational Marginal Price

The *simulated intertie reference level energy locational marginal price* will be determined using a combined *offer/bid-intertie reference level curve* for a *boundary entity resource* that failed the conduct test. The *IESO* determines the combined *offer/bid-intertie reference level* by replacing all price components of each *offer* lamination that failed the conduct test with the *intertie reference level* and then reordering the laminations to respect price monotonicity.

## 6.2.2. Determining the Simulated Intertie Reference Level Locational Marginal Price Based on Uncompetitive Intertie Zones

All submitted *boundary entity resource* import *offer* and export *bid* curves that failed the conduct test for the same *dispatch hour* of the same *dispatch day* for a *market participant* at an *uncompetitive intertie zone* for a given *dispatch hour* will be replaced by their combined *offer/bid-intertie reference level* curves simultaneously to determine the *simulated intertie reference level locational marginal price*. For a *market participant* that has *boundary entity resource offer* or *bid* curves at multiple *uncompetitive intertie zones* for a given *dispatch hour* that have failed the conduct test, the *offers* or *bids* on each *uncompetitive intertie zone* will be replaced by their applicable combined *offer/bid-intertie reference level* curves simultaneously to determine the *simulated intertie reference level locational marginal price*.

## 6.3. Determining the Intertie Economic Withholding Settlement Charge

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.19.7-22.19.8)

The *IESO* determines a mitigation amount for each hour where the impact test was failed, calculated in accordance with this section.

The *IESO* determines a mitigation amount for each hour where the impact test for *energy* or *operating reserve* were failed in the *day-ahead market* and the *real-time market*. For each relevant hour in the *dispatch day*, the *IESO* determines the *day-ahead market* and *real-time market* mitigation amount and uses the higher of these two values. The *settlement* charge issued for a *dispatch day* is the total of all the *day-ahead market* and *real-time market* mitigation amounts determined for each hour in the *dispatch day*.

Table 6-1 provides an example of how the daily mitigation amount for the *energy market* is calculated. In this example, the mitigation amount associated with that instance of *intertie economic withholding* is \$700.

**Table 6-1: Example of Mitigation Amount Calculation**

| Dispatch Hour | Hourly DAM Intertie Economic Withholding Charge (Energy) | Hourly RTM Intertie Economic Withholding Charge (Energy) | Mitigation Amount Used for Settlement Charge |
|---------------|--|--|--|
| 1             | \$100  | \$0  | \$100  |
| 2             | \$100  | \$500  | \$500  |
| 3             | \$100  | \$100  | \$100  |

The following subsections set out the equations used to calculate the mitigation amount related to an *instance of inertia economic withholding*.

### 6.3.1. Energy Inertia Economic Withholding Mitigation Amount

The IESO calculates the *inertia economic withholding* mitigation amount for *energy* as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Energy Inertia Economic Withholding Mitigation Amount} \\ &= \sum^H \text{Max}(\text{Hourly DAM Economic Withholding Charge}, \\ & \text{Hourly RTM Economic Withholding Charge}) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- 'H' is the set of *dispatch hours* that failed the conduct test and impact test in the *dispatch day*.

The Hourly DAM Inertia Economic Withholding Charge for *energy* is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Hourly DAM Economic Withholding Charge (Energy)} \\ &= (\text{MWhs Failed}_h^i) \times (\text{DAM\_LMP}_h^i) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- 'MWhs Failed' is the amount of *energy*, in MWhs, in each *dispatch hour* associated with the *offer* or *bid* that failed the conduct test and impact test for *inertia economic withholding* in the *day-ahead market*;
- 'DAM\_LMP' is the *resource's energy day-ahead market LMP* for each hour;
- 'i' is the set of all *inertia metering points* 'i'; and
- 'h' is the *dispatch hour* that failed the conduct test and impact test in the *dispatch day*.

The Hourly RTM Inertia Economic Withholding Charge for *energy* is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Hourly RTM Economic Withholding Charge (Energy)} \\ &= \sum_h^T (\text{MWhs Failed}_h^{i,t}) \times (\text{RT\_LMP}_h^{i,t}) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- 'MWhs Failed' is the amount of *energy*, in MWhs, in each five-minute interval associated with the *offer* or *bid* that failed the conduct test and impact test for *intertie economic withholding* in the *real-time market*;
- 'RT\_LMP' is the *resource's energy real-time market LMP* for each interval;
- 'T' is the set of all the *dispatch intervals* 't' in *dispatch hour* 'H' that failed the conduct and impact test;
- 'H' is the set of *dispatch hours* that failed the conduct test and impact test in the *dispatch day*; and
- 'i' is the set of all *intertie metering points* 'i'.

### 6.3.2. Operating Reserve Intertie Economic Withholding Mitigation Amount

The IESO calculates the *intertie economic withholding* mitigation amount for *operating reserve* as follows:

*Intertie Economic Withholding Mitigation Amount (Operating Reserve)*

$$= \sum^H \text{Max}(\text{Hourly DAM Economic Withholding Charge}, \\ \text{Hourly RTM Economic Withholding Charge})$$

Where 'H' is the set of *dispatch hours* that failed the conduct test and impact test in the *dispatch day*.

The Hourly DAM Intertie Economic Withholding Charge for *operating reserve* is calculated as follows:

*Hourly DAM Withholding Charge (Operating Reserve)*

$$= (\text{MWs Failed}_{r,h}^i) \times (\text{DAM\_PROR}_{r,h}^i)$$

Where:

- 'MWs Failed' is the amount of *operating reserve*, in MW, in each *dispatch hour* associated with the *offer* that failed the conduct test and impact test for *intertie economic withholding* in the *day-ahead market*;
- 'DAM\_PROR' is the *resource's operating reserve day-ahead market LMP* for each hour;
- 'i' is the set of all *intertie metering points* 'i';

- 'r' is the class 'r' of *operating reserve*; and
- 'h' is the *dispatch hour* that failed the conduct test and impact test in the *dispatch day*.

The Hourly RTM Intertie Economic Withholding Charge for *operating reserve* is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Hourly RTM Economic Withholding Charge (Operating Reserve)} \\ & = \sum_{H,R}^T (\text{MWs Failed}_r^{i,t}) \times (\text{RT\_LMP}_r^{i,t}) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

- 'MWs Failed' is the amount of *operating reserve*, in MW, in each five-minute interval associated with the *offer* that failed the conduct test and impact test for *intertie economic withholding* in the *real-time market*;
- 'RT\_LMP' is the *resource's operating reserve real-time market LMP* for each interval; and
- 'T' is the set of all the *dispatch intervals* 't' in *dispatch hour* 'H' that failed the conduct and impact test.
- 'H' is [the set of *dispatch hours* that failed the conduct test and impact test in the *dispatch day*];
- 'R' is the set of all classes 'r' of *operating reserve*; and
- 'i' is the set of all *intertie metering points* 'i'.

### 6.3.3. Make-Whole Payment Intertie Economic Withholding Mitigation Amount

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.18)

If a *boundary entity resource* is tested for make-whole payment impact and fails the impact test, then make-whole payments for the *day-ahead market* or *real-time market* for that *boundary entity resource* will be adjusted. These adjustments are equal to the difference between the actual make-whole payment and the *intertie reference level* make-whole payment.

The following *settlement amounts* are subject to make-whole payment adjustment as part of the *intertie economic withholding* assessment:

- DAM\_MWP – as applicable to *boundary entity resources* only;
- RT\_MWP – as applicable to *boundary entity resources* only; and
- RT\_IOG.



The following table illustrates how the *settlement* charge adjustment for make-whole payments is calculated:

**Table 6-2: Example of Make-Whole Payment Settlement Charge Calculation**

| Dispatch Hour | Actual DAM-MWP | Intertie Reference Level DAM-MWP | Actual RT-MWP | Intertie Reference Level RT-MWP | Final Make-Whole Payment Mitigation Amount |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1             | \$200          | \$100                            | \$100.00      | \$50                            | \$150.00                                   |

Based on the above table, the *IESO* would apply a *settlement* charge totalling \$150.00 for that *instance of intertie economic withholding*.

## 6.4. Supporting Documentation for Requests for Alternative Intertie Reference Level Value

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.19.2)

The *IESO* evaluates the supporting documentation provided to determine whether it is consistent with the *alternative intertie reference level value* requested.

*Alternative intertie reference level values* are based on *short-run marginal costs* for importers and *short-run marginal benefits* for exporters.

With respect to importers, the *short-run marginal cost* is the cost of the power purchased or produced to serve Ontario taking into account the transaction costs. With respect to exporters, the *short-run marginal benefit* is the price the exporter received or would have received on the sale of the power purchased from Ontario, taking into account the transaction costs. The *IESO* only considers actual after-the-fact costs.

The *IESO* will not consider fixed costs, sunk costs or operational expenses that are not directly incurred to undertake any specific transaction nor benefits that are not a direct result of undertaking any specific transaction.

If the *IESO* determines an *alternative intertie reference level value*, the *IESO* shall perform the conduct test and impact test using the *alternative intertie reference level value*. If the conduct test and impact test still fail using the *alternative intertie reference level value*, the *IESO* will issue a second notice of *intertie economic withholding*. If the conduct and impact tests do not fail when using the *alternative intertie reference level value*, the assessment concludes and no mitigation is applied.

## 6.5. Applying Settlement Charge

(MR Ch. 7, s. 22.19.7)

The *settlement* charge relating to the *instance of intertie economic withholding* detailed in the second notice shall be applied no later than the next month-end after the date on which the *IESO* issued the second notice to the *market participant*.<sup>3</sup>

## 6.6. Publication of Summary Data on Intertie Economic Withholding

The *IESO* publishes a report each month with the following information:

- number of second notices of *intertie economic withholding* sent during a given month and year;
- the market (*day-ahead market* or *real-time market*) for which the second notice of *intertie economic withholding* was sent;
- posting date, month, and year; and
- version number.

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<sup>3</sup> For more information, refer to [MM-5: Settlements Part 5.5: Physical Markets Settlement Statements, Appendix C.](#)

## List of Acronyms

| Acronym    | Term                             |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>DCA</i> | <i>Dynamic constrained area</i>  |
| GOG        | <i>Generator Offer Guarantee</i> |
| GSF        | Generation shift factor          |
| <i>LMP</i> | <i>Locational marginal price</i> |
| MR         | <i>Market rule</i>               |
| <i>NCA</i> | <i>Narrow constrained area</i>   |
| NQS        | <i>Non-quick start</i>           |
| OSL        | Operating <i>security limit</i>  |
| QS         | <i>Quick-start</i>               |
| SF         | Sensitivity factor               |
|            |                                  |

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## References

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| <a href="#">IMP_GDE_0088</a> | Market Manual 1.3: Identity Management Operations Guide   |
| <a href="#">MDP_PRO_0033</a> | Market Manual 5.5: Physical Markets Settlement Statements |
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