Interchange Schedule Code, MrNH Summary

Report

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Engagement Description

The IESO initiated this engagement to inform stakeholders of an upcoming change to the interchange schedule code, MrNH (Miso Ramp/New York Hour-Ahead Market). This relates to managing intertie transactions between Ontario and the corresponding jurisdictions. Interchange schedule codes are used to identify the reasons there are discrepancies between scheduled interchange transactions and actual real-time flows.

The session outlined the issued identified with the MrNH code and the proposed changes to the code. At the time, MrNH was only applied to intertie transactions that fail due to three specific reasons. The way MrNH was applied caused system impacts to the IESO as the IESO would have to constrain on generation to adjust for the unexpected deficit. It also caused inefficient scheduling as failed transactions could have displaced a transaction that would have otherwise flowed, which could result in increase in market costs through uplifts or higher prices. Ratepayers were also shouldering the financial impact of failures when traders delay cancellation until the final moments. Also, post Market Renewal, the identified issues of market inefficiency, system impacts and uncompensated cost of congestion could potentially be amplified.

To address these issues, the IESO proposed that intertie transaction failures due to a lack of MISO transmission or ramp capability be reclassified under the OTH (Other) code. Additionally, Market participants will face an intertie failure charge if they cannot secure the necessary MISO ramp or transmission service at least 30 minutes before the dispatch hour.



These changes were reflected in the proposed updates to the Market Manual, which were posted for stakeholder comment as part of Baseline 53.1. Following engagement, the updates became final and took effect in June 2025.

Engagement Objective

The primary objective of this engagement was to provide stakeholders with an overview of the proposed changes and provide an opportunity for feedback in advance of the market manuals being submitted to the Baseline Process. This public session ensured that stakeholders were informed of the proposed changes and had an opportunity to seek clarity before the Baseline Process.

Engagement Approach

This stakeholder engagement was a public engagement process conducted in accordance with the IESO's approved engagement principles. The approach for this engagement initiative included opportunities to provide input through a webinar and informed them of the opportunity to provide comments after the session with the IESO to provide a response to that feedback. All materials pertaining to this initiative, including the feedback received and the IESO response to feedback, is posted on the dedicated IESO engagement webpage for this initiative.

Conclusion

Comments from the engagement session on the proposed changes were due June 5, 2024, and the final market manual is currently posted on the IESO website.