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1 Document Control and General Provisions

1.1 Issue and revision History

Issue	Date	Reason for Issue
01	2016-02-26	Original
02	2016-09-22	WMAC review and markup
03	2017-09-08	Document Review Committee
04	2020-12-21	Updated sections 3.2.1.3, 3.2.1.4, and 3.2.2.2 as per FAM audit recommendation. Corrected minor typographical errors.
05	2024-08-28	Replaced references to Hourly Load Blocks with Price-Quantity pairs pending implementation of the NSPSO Economic Dispatch Optimization Solution.

1.2 Contact for queries and submissions

For queries concerning the application or interpretation of this Market Procedure, and for submission of documents required under this procedure (unless noted otherwise)

contact:

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1.3 Incorporation of general provisions

The general provisions set out in part 3 of Market Procedure 01, General Market Procedure, are incorporated into this Market Procedure (unless superseded by explicit wording to the contrary in this Market Procedure).

1.4 Document Approval

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2 Overview of this procedure

This Market Procedure is based on the fact that all Generation Market Participants have submitted a Day Ahead schedule in a timely manner to the Nova Scotia Power Inc. System Operator (NSPSO) and that this Schedule has been approved by the NSPSO.

2.1 Definitions / Abbreviations

- Nova Scotia System Operator - NSPSO
- Price-Quantity Pairs – P-Q Pairs – format for submitting schedules
- New Brunswick Power – System Operator – NBP-SO
- Hourly Dispatch Data – includes price, quantity, type of energy (reserve, AGC, or scheduled) and unit limitations
- Hour Ending – HE – HE1 = 00:00:00 to 01:00:00
- Nova Scotia Power Inc. Power Production – NSPI PP
- Open Access Transmission Tariff – OATT
- Firm Point to Point Transmission – section 1.17 of NSPI OATT
- Non-Firm Point to Point Transmission – section 1.32 NSPI OATT
- Network Transmission Service – section 1.25 NSPI OATT
- Bundled Service – section 1.4 NSPI OATT
- Quick Start Capability – ability to start and reach full capability in 10-Minutes
- Automatic Generator Control – AGC – A
- Operating Reserve – OR
- Ten Minute Spinning Reserve – 10S
- Ten Minute Non-Spinning Reserve – 10N
- Thirty Minute Reserve – 30
- Daily Energy Limit – DEL

2.2 Purpose of this Market Procedure

The purpose of this Market Procedure is to describe the process and format for the submission of both the Day Ahead Schedules and Price-Quantity Pairs (P-Q Pairs) to the NSPSO by Generation Market Participants.

In order for the NSPSO to dispatch generating facilities in real time with appropriate consideration to generation capabilities, generation cost, and within environmental

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(MW $_{HR\ "he",\ B0}$) - Lower Limit of MW for Block 0 (B0) or scheduled block.¶
(MW $_{HR\ "he",\ N1}$) – MW increase (N1)¶
(MW $_{HR\ "he",\ D1}$) – MW decrease (D1)¶

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OR $_{HR\ "he",\ 10S}$ - Block Indicator Operating Reserve, Hour ending, Ten Minute Spinning.¶

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constraints. NSPSO requires data relating to the capabilities, limitations, and generation cost of each Dispatchable Generating Facility for each relevant hour.

Hourly Dispatch is an instruction by the NSPSO that a Dispatchable Generating Facility be operated at a particular level of output which may or may not differ from the level that was submitted in the Generation Market Participants Day Ahead Schedule. Possible reasons for variances from the Day Ahead Schedule levels would include (but are not limited to):

- the actual system load varies from the forecast used to create the Day Ahead Schedule;
- a transmission constraint prevents the implementation of Dispatch as submitted in the Day Ahead Schedules;
- voltage support or reactive power requirements require re-dispatch;
- a Generating Facility suffers a Forced Outage or otherwise fails to fulfill its schedule;
- the actual output of Intermittent Generating Facilities varies from the scheduled output;
- the NSPSO needs to correct accumulated inadvertent energy flows on the interconnection with New Brunswick; or
- the New Brunswick Power System Operator (NBP SO) initiates activation of Operating Reserve under the Reserve Sharing Agreement, or either party requests emergency support in accordance with the interconnection agreement between Nova Scotia Power Inc. and the New Brunswick Power Corporation;
- the NSPSO may re-dispatch one or more Dispatchable Generating Facilities as required.

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2.3 Market Rules – References

This Market Procedure is established in accordance with paragraph 4.6.1.5 of the Market Rules and published by the NSPSO in accordance with paragraph 1.5.1.1 of the Market Rules.

The requirements described in this Market Procedure comply with the requirements of section 4.6 of the Market Rules.

2.4 Scope and Application

This Market Procedure describes the process for Generation Market Participants to provide Day Ahead Schedules and P-Q Pairs that allow the NSPSO to effectively dispatch Generating Facilities in a cost effective manner while respecting the operating limits, environmental obligations and capability of the generation units or the transmission system.

Day Ahead Schedules must be provided according to the timelines outlined in 3.1 of this procedure and must indicate the capability of each of the Generation Market Participants Dispatchable Generation Facilities for the purposes of meeting reserve requirements for the Nova Scotia Power System.

Hourly dispatch data will consist of the price and quantity information that is required by the NSPSO to determine the appropriate dispatch of available resources to respond to changes in customer load, generation or transmission limits intraday.

Units may be dispatched up or down by NSPSO on a real time basis depending on energy requirements as a result of changes in actual load variance compared to scheduled load and for changes to any transmission limits. Transmission limits may change for any of the following, but not limited to, equipment outages, dynamic reactive reserve requirements, or voltage requirements.

Price and quantity information is to be provided hourly in the form of P-Q Pairs which are available to the NSPSO for optimization of the system. These P-Q Pairs will indicate hourly dispatch ranges for the Dispatchable Generation Facility and the associated generation cost. P-Q Pairs will be used as a loading priority for each hour of the day.

2.5 Responsibilities of Parties under this Market Procedure

The NSPSO is responsible to:

- dispatch all generation and transmission facilities within their operational limits and maintain acceptable voltage levels in accordance with good utility practices and regulatory requirements;
- dispatch all generation and transmission facilities in a manner that maintains, and mitigates threats to, system security;
- notify Generation Market Participants in the event of a system emergency;
- validate and approve the Day-Ahead Schedule and P-Q Pairs submitted by the Generation Market Participants within a reasonable timeframe as outlined in 3.1 of this procedure;

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- notify the Generation Market Participants submitting dispatch data that the Day-Ahead Schedule and P-Q Pairs are acceptable within the timeframe specified by this procedure;
- notify all Generation Market Participants submitting dispatch data if their Day-Ahead Schedule and/or P-Q Pairs are unacceptable within the timeframe specified in 3.1 of this procedure and clearly identify the reason;
- provide dispatch instructions to the Dispatchable Generation Facility via the communication protocol provided by the Generating Market Participant which operates that Dispatchable Generation Facility.
- use the approved and validated P-Q Pairs as the dispatch loading priority for dispatching units;
- dispatch the generation unit or facility output as required for changes to the forecasted load or for system security using the loading priority which was established by submission of the P-Q Pairs
- amalgamate all submitted P-Q Pairs from all Generation Market Participants in the Market;
- honour must-run schedules.

The Generation Market Participant is responsible to:

- submit on a daily basis, the Day-Ahead Schedules required by the NSPSO in the timeframe outlined by this procedure which include P-Q Pairs for the Generation Market Participant's Dispatchable Generation Facility for the next day;
- ensure that the P-Q Pairs submitted are reflective of the capacity and operational or environmental obligatory limits for that Dispatchable Generation Facility;
- within the timeframe specified in 3.1 of this procedure, re-submit corrected P-Q Pairs when the original ones are rejected by the NSPSO;
- notify the NSPSO immediately when a Dispatchable Generation Facility is no longer able to operate within submitted P-Q Pairs and provide details for the reason within the provisions of any agreements between the parties;
- notify the NSPSO upon becoming aware of any circumstance where its facilities could adversely affect the security of the system;
- comply with directives made by the NSPSO to mitigate threats to the security of the system or to assist in recovery from a system security threat;
- may submit up to 30 minutes before the hour changes to the P-Q Pairs for the hour ahead in the hourly dispatch schedule for intra-day scheduling;
- provide their Dispatchable Generation Facility a method of communication for receiving instructions by the NSPSO;

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- ensure that someone is available to receive and act on dispatch requests made by the NSPSO;
- dispatch generation without degrading voltage on the system and operate within a voltage profile that is in keeping within standards outlined by the NSPSO.

2.6 Other Market Procedures

None at this time.

3 Process description

Upon implementation of the Economic Dispatch Optimization Software Solution (EDOS), NSPSO will have an automated dispatch plan optimized every 15-minutes to produce a security, and emissions constrained economic dispatch reflective of near-real-time system conditions. The EDOS will use the most recently submitted P-Q Pairs, which include the cost of generation at each point on the generator operating curve, to co-optimize the provision energy and ancillary services needed to reliably operate the power system. The optimized dispatch plan will be validated by the System Operator before implementing.

3.1 Timing

3.1.1 Initial submissions (first daily submission of day ahead schedule)

3.1.1.1 Nova Scotia Power Inc. Power Production (NSPI PP) and any other Market Participant scheduling energy under Firm / Non-Firm Point-to-Point or Network Integration Transmission Service (including for Bundled Service) shall submit a complete schedule for each Dispatch Day no earlier than 07:00 and no later than 11:00 on the Day-Ahead.

3.1.1.2 NSPSO shall review those schedules that are submitted by 11:00 on the Day-Ahead and shall by 12:00 notify the Market Participant of any identified problems and of any changes required for purposes of system security.

3.1.1.3 Any Market Participant receiving such notification shall address the identified problems and any required changes for purposes of system security and shall by 13:00 submit a revised complete schedule.

3.1.2 Updates and changes for unit commitment

3.1.2.1 Required in conjunction with schedule updates

3.1.2.2 Permitted between 10:00 – 11:00 the Day-Ahead

3.1.3 Updates and changes for Re-dispatch

3.1.3.1 Permitted intra-day on a rolling hourly basis provided that Re-dispatch data is submitted at least thirty minutes prior to the start of each hour such that it:

- confirms the last previously submitted data for the hour about to start (hour 1);
- confirms the last previously submitted data for the next hour (hour 2);
- updates without restriction the last previously submitted re-dispatch data for the next two hours (hours 3 and 4).

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For those Generation facilities with variable costs and available for Re-dispatch, dispatch data will be provided for and according to the following re-dispatch table which describes the information required according to generation unit size. ¶
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3.1.4 Standing data

3.1.4.1 P-Q Pair Hourly Dispatch Data in respect of any hour "HE" shall be carried over into hour "HE+1" if the scheduled output of the Generating Facility is the same in hour "HE+1" as in hour "HE".

3.2 Schedules and Estimated Marginal Cost Data

3.2.1 Content of submission

Subject to subsection 3.2.2, the estimated marginal cost data in any hour shall be reflected in the P-Q Pairs submitted by the Generation Market Participant.

3.2.2 Data related to capacity based Ancillary Services

3.2.2.1 AGC and Load Following

For any Generating Facility scheduled to be providing AGC and/or Load Following services, EDOS will use the P-Q Pairs along with information on unit capabilities to co-optimize the provision of energy and ancillary services, identifying which units will provide AGC and Load Following services.

3.2.2.2 Operating Reserve (10-minute spinning and 10-minute non-spinning) and Supplementary Reserve (30-minute)

For any Generating Facility scheduled to be providing Operating Reserve services, EDOS will use the P-Q Pairs along with information on unit capabilities to co-optimize the provision of energy and ancillary services, identifying which units will provide Operating Reserve services.

3.2.3 Form of submission and update

3.2.3.1 The input requirements are therefore:

a) Facility identifier

b) Date

c) Hour

d) P-Q Pairs

3.3 Management of hydro resources

3.3.1 Background

3.3.1.1 Certain hydro Generating Facilities may be subject to firm limits on discharge over the day, e.g. to preserve reservoir limits at prescribed minimum levels for environmental reasons or to maintain AGC or Operating Reserve capabilities.

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The scheduled Facility output in MW at the transmission Point of Receipt (i.e. after transformation to transmission voltage) (MW $_{HR\ "he",\ S}$).¶
For block 0, the MW output at the lower limit of the block (MW $_{HR\ "he",\ B0}$)¶
For block 1, the estimated cost by the Market Participant in $ / MWh ¶
For block 1, the MW output at the upper limit of the block (MW $_{HR\ "he",\ N1}$)¶
For block 2, the estimated cost by the Market Participant in $ / MWh ¶
For block 2, the MW output at the upper limit of the block (MW $_{HR\ "he",\ N1}$)¶
For block 3, the estimated cost by the Market Participant in $ / MWh ¶
For block 3, the MW output at the upper limit of the block (MW $_{HR\ "he",\ N1}$)¶
This is also used in connection with Ancillary Services as noted in sub-section 3.2.2.¶
The data must respect the following relationships:¶
$5 \le MW_{HR\ "he",\ D1} < MW_{HR\ "he",\ S} < MW_{HR\ "he",\ N1} \le$ hourly capability¶
Except in respect of a decrement band for which BI = 1, $5 \le \$_{HR\ "he",\ D1} \le \$_{HR\ "he",\ N1}$ (Note that the exception if BI = 1 is made in order to recognize that minimum load costs / MWh are likely to be greater than other incremental costs / MWh.)¶
Decrement data is required to be provided as follows:¶
For a Dispatchable Generating Facility with quick start capability, down to 0 MW, but not below any limits imposed by environmental restrictions.¶
For a Dispatchable Generating Facility without quick start capability, and scheduled to be de-synchronized within the following hour, down to 0 MW.¶ ...

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Other hydro facilities may be subject to longer term targets as part of overall energy management. Finally certain facilities may be required to maintain minimum flows. These restrictions all need to be reflected in the schedule and related data submissions to the NSPSO.

3.3.2 Daily energy limits

3.3.2.1 If a hydro Generating Facility is subject to a firm energy limit for the day, then that fact, and the volumetric limit shall be provided. EDOS will co-optimize the provision of energy and ancillary services, making best use of the volume of energy available from the hydro facility.

3.3.3 Longer term targets

3.3.3.1 If a hydro Generating Facility is subject to a longer-term target, typically reflecting the need for capacity in a subsequent season, then the schedule should be set accordingly, but no special indicator is required.

3.3.3.2 The estimated marginal cost for an increment should reflect the estimated marginal cost of the optimum facility that would require to be run at some other time in order to offset the reduction in hydro storage.

3.3.3.3 The estimated marginal cost of a decrement should reflect the estimated marginal cost of a facility that could be backed off at some later time due to the increased availability of hydro output.

3.3.4 Minimum flow conditions

3.3.4.1 If a hydro Generating Facility is subject to a minimum flow condition, then the Market Participant shall provide the limit.

3.4 Firm environmental restrictions

3.4.1.1 If an environmental restriction on a Generating Facility causes that facility to be subject to a firm energy limit for the day, then that fact, and the limit shall be provided. EDOS will co-optimize the provision of energy and ancillary services, making best use of the volume of energy available from the generating facility.

3.5 Determination of estimated marginal cost

Estimated Marginal Cost =

Thermal

*Marginal Cost ($/MWh) = ((((fuel cost in $/mmbtu) + (fuel adder)) * Incremental Heat Rate * Operating Factor) + (variable operating costs)) * Transmission Loss factor*

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If, due to such a limit, the dispatch by NSPSO of an increment would breach the limit, then the increment should not be offered.¶
The estimated marginal cost for an increment classified as "DEL" should reflect the estimated marginal cost of the facility that would require to be run later in the day in order to offset the reduction in hydro output.¶
If a hydro facility is subject to a daily energy limit, then the estimated marginal cost of a decrement should reflect the estimated marginal cost of a facility that could be backed off later in the day due to the increased availability of hydro output. ¶

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The estimated marginal cost for an increment classified as "DEL" should reflect the estimated marginal cost of the facility that would require to be run later in the day in order to offset the reduction in Generating Facility output.¶
If a Generating Facility is subject to a daily energy limit, then the estimated marginal cost of a decrement should reflect the estimated marginal cost of a facility that could be backed off later in the day due to the increased availability of Generating Facility output. ¶

Other than Thermal

*Marginal Cost ($/MWh) = Fuel cost * Operating Factor or (Operating Factor /MWh) + (variable operating costs/MWh)* Transmission Loss Factor*

3.6 Data submission – determined by section 3.5

3.6.1 Electronic submission

All data submissions shall be in a format accepted by NSPSO for security of information and integration with EDOS.

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3.6.2 Paper Submission

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MPF-11-02 - Non Dispatchable Generators Schedule

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