

Financial and Node Limitation on Up-To Congestion Transactions

Includes Problem/Opportunity Statement

Issue Source

Issue was brought to the Market Implementation Committee by Ms. Noha Sidhom, Inertia Power LP, on December 12, 2013 and the Problem Statement was approved.

Stakeholder Group Assignment

It is recommended that the Market Implementation Committee carry out this assignment in special topic sessions.

Key Work Activities

1. Review existing governing documents.
2. Provide education and historical background as to the +/- \$50 bid cap and node limitations for Up-To Congestion transactions (UTC).
3. Consider whether the current Operating Agreement rules regarding the maximum spread that can be input for a UTC transaction and the list of Nodes which may be used as the source or sink of UTC transactions should be changed.
4. If it is determined that these rules should be changed, develop potential solutions.
5. Approve a solution, develop appropriate manual and tariff language and move to implement the solution.

Expected Deliverables

It is expected that the final outcome will require manual and tariff changes and will require a FERC filing.

Expected Overall Duration of Work

This work effort is to be completed during the first and second quarter of 2014. We expect education and analysis to take the first two months and language changes to take an additional two months. We expect a FERC filing could be made by July 2014.

Decision-Making Method

The objective is to use the Tier 1, consensus-based, decision-making methodology (unanimity) on a single proposal (preferred default option) or Tier 2, multiple alternatives.

More detail available in M34; Section 6.3: Determining to pursue a new Issue & Section 6.4: Charging a new issue