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MISO day-ahead price premiums hold steady

Day-ahead price premiums over the real-time market in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator continued in February, driven by higher price volatility with the decline in virtual supply, MISO's independent market monitor told the grid operator Wednesday during the board of directors' markets committee meeting in Carmel, Indiana.

Virtual supply dropped in January, with revenue sufficiency guarantee charges being allocated to virtual transactions for the first time. Virtual supply did not decline substantially in February.

RSG charges are incurred when demand in real-time comes in higher than what was prescheduled and the grid operator is required to dispatch generation to make up the difference.

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Initiative aims to improve West grid capacity

A joint initiative has been undertaken by three Western transmission groups to integrate renewable power production while at the same time extracting more capacity out of the existing Western grid.

Columbia Grid, Northern Tier Transmission Group and West Connect will conduct a meeting of their stakeholders on April 30 in Seattle to review a proposal to facilitate a dynamic scheduling system to enable power buyers to quickly accommodate power inflows to meet changing load requirements, said Sharon Helms, project manager for Northern Tier.

Helms said the three groups hope to make dynamic scheduling start to become a reality and initiate implementation by

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Marketers, IPPs press for MISO load forecast

Marketers and independent power producers active in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator market are advocating that the grid operator conduct its own load forecast, to avoid possible bias.

MISO now uses load forecasts provided by the load serving entities in its footprint. The groups are questioning the appropriateness of load serving entities conducting their own forecasts, which are used to determine the level of their own requirements.

The stakeholders representing marketers and IPPs at the March meeting of MISO's Advisory Committee in Carmel, Indiana, presented their view Wednesday.

The marketers and IPPs noted that MISO is not only independent, but is also the only organization that spans the

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Day-ahead markets for delivery Mar 19 (\$/MWh)

ERCOT	Index	Change	Range	Deals	Volume	Avg \$/Mo
On-peak						
ERCOT	23.25	3.75	23.25-23.25	N.A.	N.A.	22.61
ERCOT, North	26.65	-0.04	25.50-27.25	79	5,525	29.53
ERCOT, Houston	28.77	-0.01	28.00-30.00	38	2,150	31.47
ERCOT, West	23.19	3.19	20.00-24.00	10	675	22.64
ERCOT, South	29.66	-0.17	27.95-30.50	15	1,450	32.18

Off-Peak						
ERCOT	18.00	11.00	18.00-18.00	N.A.	N.A.	14.68
ERCOT, North	16.38	-0.02	15.95-16.75	36	2,100	20.63
ERCOT, Houston	16.53	-0.10	16.40-17.25	7	900	20.30
ERCOT, West	18.00	10.75	18.00-18.00	N.A.	N.A.	14.72
ERCOT, South	17.19	-0.06	16.75-17.50	14	850	20.66

Southeast	Index	Change	Range	Deals	Volume	Avg \$/Mo
On-peak						
VACAR	37.25	4.00	37.25-37.25	N.A.	N.A.	37.16
Southern, into	34.50	4.00	34.50-34.50	N.A.	N.A.	36.29
Florida	36.00	-0.50	36.00-36.00	N.A.	N.A.	40.48
TVA, into	30.00	0.00	30.00-30.00	N.A.	N.A.	35.21
Entergy, into	29.25	1.50	29.25-29.25	N.A.	N.A.	33.37

Off-Peak						
VACAR	26.25	1.25	26.25-26.25	N.A.	N.A.	29.95
Southern, into	23.75	1.25	23.75-23.75	N.A.	N.A.	29.13
Florida	29.75	1.25	29.75-29.75	N.A.	N.A.	32.77
TVA, into	25.25	1.25	25.25-25.25	N.A.	N.A.	29.07
Entergy, into	19.00	0.75	19.00-19.00	N.A.	N.A.	23.35

West	Index	Change	Range	Deals	Volume	Avg \$/Mo
On-peak						
COB	30.86	1.10	30.25-31.50	28	800	33.99
Mid-C	28.79	0.46	28.00-29.75	117	3,200	32.81
Palo Verde	28.62	0.02	28.40-29.75	26	675	29.23
Mead	29.71	-0.01	29.25-30.50	7	175	31.31
Mona	27.50	-0.50	27.50-27.50	N.A.	N.A.	29.06
Four Corners	28.42	-0.30	28.00-29.50	6	150	29.34
NP15	32.03	-0.10	31.65-33.50	96	3,025	34.45
SP15	31.79	-0.15	31.25-33.50	248	6,975	32.88

Off-Peak						
COB	25.78	0.73	25.50-26.50	13	350	29.08
Mid-C	25.95	1.45	25.00-28.00	117	3,050	29.61
Palo Verde	19.83	-0.51	19.50-20.30	18	475	20.66
Mead	21.50	-0.25	21.50-21.50	N.A.	N.A.	22.71
Mona	18.00	-0.50	18.00-18.00	N.A.	N.A.	19.97
Four Corners	20.00	-0.25	20.00-20.00	N.A.	N.A.	21.10
NP15	23.10	-0.59	22.38-23.75	95	2,850	26.99
SP15	22.43	-0.58	22.00-23.25	80	2,425	23.35

Northeast	Index	Change	Range	Deals	Volume	Avg \$/Mo
On-peak						
Mass Hub	38.50	0.25	38.50-38.50	N.A.	N.A.	48.38
N.Y. Zone-G	43.25	0.25	43.25-43.25	N.A.	N.A.	51.46
N.Y. Zone-J	48.50	-1.00	48.50-48.50	N.A.	N.A.	60.61
N.Y. Zone-A	32.25	-0.25	32.25-32.25	N.A.	N.A.	37.07
Ontario*	38.00	-9.00	38.00-38.00	N.A.	N.A.	47.86

Off-Peak						
Mass Hub	29.25	0.75	29.25-29.25	N.A.	N.A.	39.20
N.Y. Zone-G	27.50	-3.25	27.50-27.50	N.A.	N.A.	39.79
N.Y. Zone-J	28.00	-3.25	28.00-28.00	N.A.	N.A.	40.82
N.Y. Zone-A	19.75	-4.25	19.75-19.75	N.A.	N.A.	30.64
Ontario	18.00	-4.00	18.00-18.00	N.A.	N.A.	33.21

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MARKET WRAP

EAST MARKETS

Dailies finish mixed; forwards move lower

Power prices for Thursday delivery in the East struggled to find a common direction, while forwards in the region were uniformly lower as the April NYMEX gas contract fell to new lows on Wednesday, settling at \$3.684/MMBtu, 12.8 cents below Tuesday's settlement.

Northeast daily trades for Thursday were mostly flat to Platts for Wednesday prices. Spot gas prices also moved a few cents higher at the New York and Boston city-gates. Trades were done near \$4.17/MMBtu at Transco zone 6, New York on the IntercontinentalExchange. Tennessee, zone 6 delivered traded near \$4.20/MMBtu. Weather forecasts were calling highs to range in the 40s and 50s, near normal for mid-March. Slightly cooler weather was expected for Friday with highs in the 40s, falling below normal.

New York's Zone-A dailies were 25 cents lower, trading near \$32.25/MWh on ICE. Zone-A off-peak packages were bid at \$20 and offered at \$24.50/MWh, in-line with Platts for Wednesday index. Zone-G dailies were about 25 cents higher, trading near \$43.25/MWh.

Zone-J dailies fell \$2 to \$48.50/MWh. New York ISO forecast peak demand to move 46 MW higher to 19,131 MW. The cooler

Day-ahead markets for delivery Mar 19 (\$/MWh)

PJM	Index	Change	Range	Deals	Volume	Avg \$/Mo
On-peak						
PJM West	40.50	0.00	40.50-40.50	N.A.	N.A.	50.32
Dominion Hub	40.00	-0.75	40.00-40.00	N.A.	N.A.	53.89
AD Hub	32.00	-0.50	32.00-32.00	N.A.	N.A.	39.55
NI Hub	27.25	-0.75	27.25-27.25	N.A.	N.A.	34.48
Off-Peak						
PJM West	26.00	-5.75	26.00-26.00	N.A.	N.A.	42.36
Dominion Hub	27.75	-6.00	27.75-27.75	N.A.	N.A.	48.27
AD Hub	22.50	-0.50	22.50-22.50	N.A.	N.A.	32.04
NI Hub	12.00	2.75	12.00-12.00	N.A.	N.A.	18.34
MISO						
On-peak						
Michigan Hub	30.75	0.50	30.75-30.75	N.A.	N.A.	36.64
First Energy Hub	30.75	0.00	30.75-30.75	N.A.	N.A.	39.63
Cinergy Hub	30.50	1.00	30.50-30.50	N.A.	N.A.	34.93
Illinois Hub	28.75	1.50	28.75-28.75	N.A.	N.A.	30.02
Minnesota Hub	30.25	3.25	30.25-30.25	N.A.	N.A.	31.30
Off-Peak						
Michigan Hub	19.75	1.00	19.75-19.75	N.A.	N.A.	28.20
First Energy Hub	20.00	1.00	20.00-20.00	N.A.	N.A.	28.75
Cinergy Hub	19.25	1.25	19.25-19.25	N.A.	N.A.	27.63
Illinois Hub	18.00	2.50	18.00-18.00	N.A.	N.A.	19.96
Minnesota Hub	10.75	1.50	10.75-10.75	N.A.	N.A.	16.96
SPP/MRO						
On-peak						
MAPP, South	30.00	1.50	30.00-30.00	N.A.	N.A.	32.07
SPP, North	29.25	1.50	29.25-29.25	N.A.	N.A.	31.30
Off-Peak						
MAPP, South	23.00	1.00	23.00-23.00	N.A.	N.A.	24.32
SPP, North	22.25	0.75	22.25-22.25	N.A.	N.A.	23.80

*Ontario prices are in Canadian dollars

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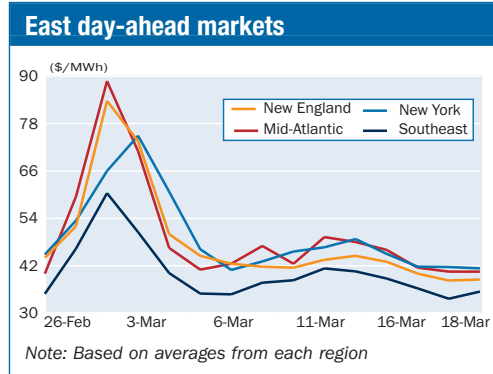
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weather forecasts pushed the balance-of-the-week packages for Friday delivery about \$1 higher than the dailies. Zone-A was bid at \$32.50 and offered at \$35/MWh. Zone-G was bid at \$42 and offered at \$48/MWh. Zone-A next-week packages for March 23-27 traded at \$26.25/MWh. Zone-G had a bid at \$43 and an offer at \$50.25/MWh. Next week's weather outlook was calling for highs near normal in the upper 40s and low 50s. The balance-of-the-month market was steady to slightly higher than the next-week prices. Zone-A bal-month was bid at \$24 and offered at \$28/MWh. Zone-G was bid at \$44 and offered at \$47/MWh.

New England's Mass Hub dailies traded 25 cents higher near \$38.50/MWh. Off-peak packages were flat, trading near \$29.50/MWh on ICE. ISO New England forecast peak demand to move 120 MW higher to 16,040 MW today. Balance-of-the-week packages were bid at \$39 and offered at \$40.50/MWh.



Bal-week off-peak traded at \$31.50/MWh. The next-week bid-offer spread was tighter on Wednesday. Bids moved 25 cents higher to \$37.75, and offers fell \$2.50 to \$39.50/MWh. Balance-of-the-month (March 20-31) was bid at \$38.50/MWh, 50 cents lower than Tuesday and offered \$1 lower at \$40/MWh.

Northeast forwards finished the day lower Wednesday led by dropping NYMEX gas. Trading on ICE was more active for the Mass Hub but the rest of hubs did not attract much attention. Mass Hub April on-peak financial swaps were down 75 cents to \$41.75 and May declined \$1 to \$43/MWh. New York Zone-A April was unchanged at \$28/MWh and Zone-G April also remained flat at \$47/MWh.

Prices in the Mid-Atlantic were steady on near normal temperatures and fairly flat spot gas prices. Forecasts for today called for highs mostly in the 50s, near normal. The PJM Interconnection predicted peak demand to reach 82,279 MW today, essentially unchanged from Wednesday's predicted peak demand. Meanwhile, Texas Eastern M-3 spot gas traded around \$4.10/MMBtu on ICE, about the same as Platts' for-Wednesday index. West Hub day-ahead traded around \$41/MWh on ICE, about 50 cents more than Platts' for-Wednesday index. Off-peak was bid at \$23 and offered at \$29/MWh, weaker than Platts' for-Wednesday index. Balance-of-the-week traded flat to trades seen Tuesday at \$43/MWh.

Mid-Atlantic forwards moved lower Wednesday to reflect rapidly falling NYMEX gas. Power trading on ICE was very active with trades done as far out as calendar 2011. PJM West April lost \$1 to end at \$42.75/MWh and May gave back 50 cents to \$43.50/MWh.

Prices in the Southeast moved up slightly as weather outlooks called for temperatures to be warmer than normal. Forecasts for today called for highs in the 60s and 70s. Spot gas prices were

holding firm; Transco zone 3 spot gas was trading around \$3.78/MMBtu on ICE. By midday, Into Southern day-ahead and off-peak bids and offers were pulled. Balance-of-the-week was offered at \$36/MWh, with no corresponding bids, \$3 more than Tuesday ICE offers. Next week was offered at \$35.50/MWh, also with no corresponding bids. Into TVA balance-of-the-week was

Generation unit outage report

East

Plant/Operator	Cap	Fuel	State	Status	Return	Shut
Brunswick-2/Progress Energy	938	n	N.C.	RF	Unk	03/02/09
Catawba-2/Duke Energy	1,145	n	S.C.	RF	Unk	03/07/09
Hatch-2/Georgia Power	863	n	Ga.	RF	late March	02/07/09
Indian Point-3/Entergy	1,025	n	N.Y.	RF	Unk	03/11/09
North Anna-1/Dominion	925	n	Va.	RF	Unk	03/08/09
Pickering-4/Ontario Power	440	n	Ont	PMO	Unk	01/05/09
Pickering-5/Ontario Power	440	n	Ont	PMO	Unk	02/12/09
Turkey Point-3/FPL Energy	760	n	Fla.	RF	Unk	03/16/09

Central

Plant/Operator	Cap	Fuel	State	Status	Return	Shut
Cook - 1/AEP	1,026	n	Mich.	MO	Unk	09/20/08
Monticello/Xcel Energy	597	n.	Minn.	RF	Unk	03/14/09
Perry-1/FirstEnergy	1,231	n	Ohio	RF/PMO	Unk	02/23/09
Prairie Creek/Alliant Energy	185	c	Iowa	MO	2009-Q1	06/13/08
Sixth Street/Alliant Energy	55	c	Iowa	MO	09-Q3/Q4	06/12/08

West

Plant/Operator	Cap	Fuel	State	Status	Return	Shut
Ace-1/Ace Cogen	118	c	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/01/09
Alamitos-4/AES	336	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	02/16/09
Coolwater-4/Reliant	246	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/01/09
Diablo-1/PG&E	1,150	n	Calif.	MO	Unk.	01/25/09
El Segundo-4/NRG	335	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	02/22/09
Etiwanda-4/Reliant	320	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/04/09
Gilroy/Calpine	135	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/17/09
Helms Pump-1/PG&E	407	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/01/09
Helms Pump-2/PG&E	407	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/01/09
Helms Pump-3/PG&E	404	h	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	01/26/09
Huntington Beach-3/AES	225	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/02/09
Inland Empire-1/Inland	376	g	Calif.	MO	Unk.	03/16/09
Inland Empire-2/Inland	337	g	Calif.	MO	Unk.	08/14/08
La Rosita-1/Intergen	322	g	Mexico	PMO	Unk.	03/03/09
Mandalay-1/Reliant	215	g	Mexico	PMO	Unk.	03/15/09
Mexicali CC/Sempra	180	g	Mexico	PMO	Unk.	03/08/09
Midway/Starwood Power	120	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/15/09
Pittsburgh-7/Mirant	682	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/08/09
Redondo-7/AES	493	g	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	03/15/09
Solano Wind Farm/SMUD	102	w	Calif.	PMO	Unk.	01/05/09
Sutter-2/Calpine	525	g	Calif.	MO	Unk.	02/25/09

For methodology, see table.

Daily generation outage references

MO	unplanned maintenance outage
PMO	planned maintenance outage
RF	refueling outage
Unk	unknown
OA	offline/available

Fuels: Nuclear=n; Coal=c; Natural gas=g; Hydro=h

Sources: Generation owners, public information and other market sources.

offered at \$35/MWh on ICE, but it failed to garner any bids.

Southeast forwards also softened with NYMEX gas and other power markets. Into Southern April fell 25 cents at about \$32.50/MWh. Into TVA April slipped 25 cents to about \$32/MWh.

CENTRAL MARKETS

Dailies, near-terms steady; forwards sag again

Most day-ahead and near-term power prices held steady on Wednesday. Forward prices continued their slide as the April NYMEX natural gas contract fell to new lows, settling at \$3.684/MMBtu, 12.8 cents below Tuesday's settlement and the lowest close for a front-month contract since September 2002.

Midwest prices saw little change on opposing fundamentals. Chicago city-gates spot gas traded around \$3.05/MMBtu on IntercontinentalExchange, about flat to Platts' for-Wednesday index. Meanwhile, today weather outlooks called for highs in the 40s and 50s, slightly lower than normal. Cinergy Hub day-ahead traded around \$30/MWh on ICE, only 50 cents more than Platts' for-Wednesday index. Off-peak traded around \$19.25/MWh, \$1.25 more than Platts' for-Wednesday index. Balance-of-week and next-week were bid and offered in the low \$30s/MWh, on par with bids and offers seen Tuesday on ICE. Minnesota Hub day-ahead was trading around \$31/MWh on ICE, about \$4 more than Platts' for-Wednesday index.

In the Midwestern portion of the PJM Interconnection, bids

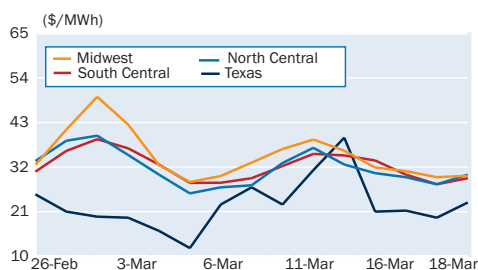
and offers were pretty steady with Platts' for-Wednesday index. AEP-Dayton Hub day-ahead traded around \$32/MWh on ICE. Off-peak was bid at \$22 and offered at \$25/MWh.

Northern Illinois Hub day-ahead was bid at \$25.50 and offered at \$29/MWh. Off-peak was bid at \$10 and offered at \$14/MWh.

Midwest forwards also lagged in response to falling NYMEX gas contract. Trading on ICE was more active than usual with more volume done across the board. Cinergy Hub April was down 75 cents to \$32/MWh, and the same contract for AEP Dayton Hub lost \$1.50 to \$35.50/MWh.

In Texas, ERCOT dailies for Thursday delivery were in line with Platts' for-Wednesday dailies. Forecasts were calling for a drop in highs today, ranging from the mid-50s in Amarillo to the low 80s in San Antonio. Spot gas prices at the Houston Ship Channel were a few cents lower, trading near \$3.44/MMBtu on ICE. ERCOT forecast peak demand at 32,440 MW today, 3% below Wednesday's expected peak. ERCOT West dailies traded near \$22/MWh, moving about \$2 higher than Platts' for-Wednesday index. North dailies traded near \$26.50/MWh. Houston dailies were flat, trading near

Central day-ahead markets



Note: Based on averages from each region

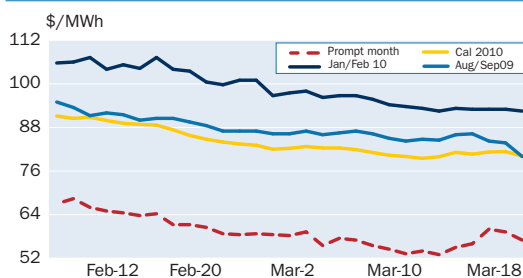
Platts-ICE Forward Curve — Electricity, Mar 18 (\$/MWh)

Prompt month: Apr09

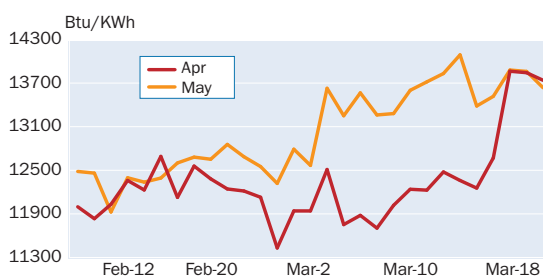
Mass Hub	41.75
N.Y. Zone G	47.00
N.Y. Zone J	57.00
N.Y. Zone A	27.00
Ontario*	41.00
PJM West	42.75
AD Hub	35.50
NI Hub	31.00
Cinergy Hub	32.00
TVA Into	32.00
Southern Into	32.50
Entergy Into	29.75
ERCOT South	36.50
Mid-C	25.50
Palo Verde	26.75
NP15	34.50
SP15	32.50

*Ontario prices are in Canadian dollars.
Prices are on-peak and energy only

N.Y. Zone J: Key packages, last 30 days



N.Y. Zone J: Marginal heat rate



N.Y. Zone J: Forward curve

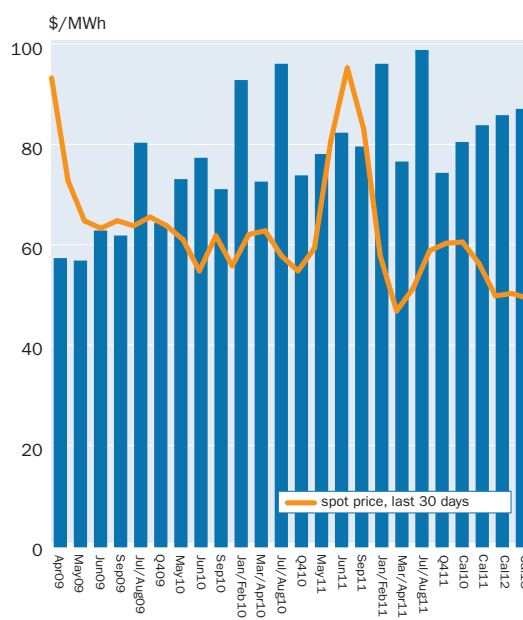


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\$28.75/MWh. South dailies were also steady, trading near \$30/MWh. In Houston, the next-week package for March 23-27 traded at \$38 and \$39/MWh on ICE.

In neighboring Entergy, dailies traded about \$1.25 higher near \$29/MWh on ICE. Off-peak packages were flat at \$18.25/MWh. Weather forecasts were calling for a high of 60 in Little Rock and 78 in New Orleans. Henry Hub spot gas prices were also a few cents lower, trading near \$3.75/MMBtu on ICE. In the near-term market, next-week packages for March 23-27 were bid at \$28 and offered at \$31/MWh. Early on-peak weekend packages were bid at \$25 and offered at \$30/MWh. Off-peak 3-by-8 weekend packages were bid at \$16 with no corresponding offer.

South Central forwards moved down slightly with NYMEX gas. ERCOT South zone April slipped \$1 to about \$36.50/MWh at about 2:30 pm EDT, with heat rate markets mostly unchanged on ICE. Into Energy April fell 25 cents to about \$30/MWh.

WEST MARKETS

Dailies finish mixed; terms down with NYMEX

On-peak day-ahead prices on Wednesday were mixed, rising as much as 50 cents day-over-day in the Northwest, but falling by 25 cents in California. Dailies also edged up about

25 cents in the Southwest in Wednesday's trades on IntercontinentalExchange.

March financial balance-of-the-month mostly decreased, falling as much as about \$1 in the Southwest and in Northern California, and off by about 75 cents in Southern California Wednesday afternoon on ICE. Bal-months rose, however, by about 25 cents in the Northwest. In the Northwest, Mid-Columbia daily on-peak averaged around \$28.75/MWh. There was about 53,600 MW trading on ICE at Mid-C Wednesday afternoon, about 2,125 MW less than Tuesday.

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council projected the Northwest would have a peak load Wednesday of 49,877 MW, about 100 MW less than Tuesday's actual peak. March bal-months at Mid-C were bid at about \$26.75 and offered at around \$27/MWh, with a deal at \$26.75/MWh Wednesday afternoon on ICE. In day-ahead sales in the Southwest, Palo Verde on-peak averaged about \$28.75/MWh Wednesday on ICE. Total volume traded at Palo on ICE was about 1,900 MW Wednesday, up about 325 MW from Tuesday. WECC projected peak load for the Southwest at 14,887 MW Wednesday, about 100 MW more than Tuesday. Balance-of-the-month deals for March were being bid at about \$25.75 and offered at around \$27.25/MWh at Palo Verde Wednesday afternoon on ICE.

Daily on-peak at California's NP15 and SP15 averaged about \$32/MWh at NP15 and around \$31.75/MWh at SP15. The California Independent System Operator projected a peak

Near-term markets (\$/MWh)

Contract	Transacted	Range	Contract	Transacted	Range
East					
PJM West			Bal-month	03/12	38.40-42.00
Bal-week	03/17	42.75-43.25	ERCOT, West		
Bal-week	03/16	42.00-44.25	Bal-month	03/18	19.75-20.25
Bal-week	03/13	45.25-45.75	ERCOT, South		
Bal-month	03/13	45.25-45.75	Bal-month	03/18	38.00-38.50
Next-week	03/18	41.00-42.00	West		
Next-week	03/17	42.25-43.00	Mid-C		
Next-week	03/16	44.00-44.50	Bal-month	03/18	22.25-26.75
Next-week	03/13	45.75-46.25	Bal-month	03/17	26.00-26.75
Next-week	03/12	47.75-48.25	Bal-month	03/16	27.00-27.50
Southern, Into			Bal-month	03/13	27.00-27.75
Bal-week	03/17	31.75-32.25	Bal-month	03/12	27.50-29.50
Bal-week	03/16	30.00-30.50	Bal-month (off-peak)	03/18	23.25-23.75
Bal-week (off-peak)	03/16	23.25-23.75	Bal-month (off-peak)	03/17	21.75-22.75
Next-week	03/12	35.25-35.75	Bal-month (off-peak)	03/16	22.00-23.75
Central			Bal-month (off-peak)	03/13	22.00-24.50
AD Hub			Bal-month (off-peak)	03/12	23.50-26.00
Bal-week	03/16	36.25-36.75	SP15		
Bal-week	03/13	36.75-38.00	Bal-week	03/18	28.75-29.25
Next-week	03/18	34.50-35.00	<i>*Ontario prices are in Canadian dollars</i>		
Next-week	03/17	35.75-36.25			
Cinergy Hub					
Bal-week	03/16	31.75-32.25			
Next-week	03/12	35.00-35.50			
ERCOT, North					
Bal-month	03/12	29.40-31.00			
ERCOT, Houston					
Bal-month	03/18	37.75-38.25			

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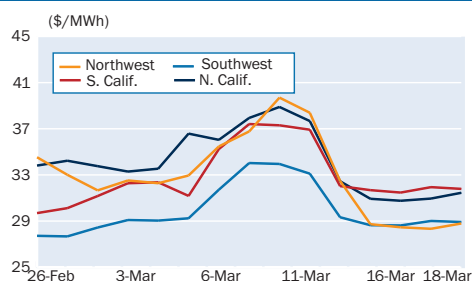
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load Wednesday of 29,279 MW and about 200 MW less today. WECC estimated peak load Wednesday for the California-Mexico border area at 34,211 MW, about 200 MW more than Tuesday. California March bal-months were being bid Wednesday afternoon at NP15 at about \$30.25 and offered at around \$31.25/MWh. Bal-months at SP15 were bid at about \$30.25 and offered at around \$30.50/MWh, with average deals at about \$30/MWh Wednesday afternoon on ICE.

Western forwards markets eased slightly Wednesday, with

West day-ahead markets



was decent with April still seeing the bulk of volume. In California, SP15 on-peak April financial swaps lost about 75 cents with bids near \$32.25 and offers at \$32.75/MWh on ICE around 2:30 pm EDT. SP15 second-quarter fell more than 75

NYMEX gas continuing to pull back. The April NYMEX gas contract fell to new lows on Wednesday, settling at \$3.684/MMBtu, 12.8 cents below Tuesday's settlement. Trading activity on ICE

cents to about \$35/MWh. NP15 April slipped about 50 cents to \$34.50/MWh. In the Northwest, Mid-Columbia on-peak April managed to climb 50 cents to \$25.50/MWh. Mid-Columbia Q2 was nearly flat at about \$23.50/MWh. In the Southwest, Palo Verde on-peak April was off 50 cents to \$26.75/MWh. Palo Verde Q2 gave up about 50 cents dropping down to \$30.25/MWh.

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	\$/allowance	Change	\$/st
SO2 2009	69.00	-1.00	69.00
NOx 2009	550.00	0.00	550.00
NOx 2010	562.00	0.00	562.00
NOx 2011	550.00	0.00	550.00

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Spark spreads for Mar 19

	Marginal heat rate	Spark spreads				
		@7k	@8k	@10k	@12k	@15k
East						
Mass Hub	9194	9.19	5.00	-3.37	-11.75	-24.31
N.Y. Zone-G	10536	14.51	10.41	2.20	-6.01	-18.33
N.Y. Zone-J	11645	19.35	15.18	6.85	-1.48	-13.98
N.Y. Zone-A	7953	3.87	-0.19	-8.30	-16.41	-28.57
Ontario*	7488	2.47	-2.60	-12.75	-22.90	-38.13
PJM West	9926	11.94	7.86	-0.30	-8.46	-20.70
TVA, into	8005	3.77	0.02	-7.48	-14.97	-26.21
Central						
Cinergy Hub	7791	3.09	-0.82	-8.65	-16.48	-28.22
NI Hub	9191	6.50	3.53	-2.40	-8.33	-17.22
Entergy, into	9614	7.95	4.91	-1.18	-7.26	-16.39
ERCOT	8807	4.77	2.13	-3.15	-8.43	-16.35
West						
Mid-C	8831	5.97	2.71	-3.81	-10.33	-20.11
Palo Verde	10610	9.74	7.04	1.65	-3.75	-11.84
NP15	9158	7.55	4.05	-2.94	-9.94	-20.43
SP15	10758	11.10	8.15	2.24	-3.67	-12.54

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Entergy, SPP ICT arrangement to be reviewed

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said it shared the concerns voiced by utilities in the Entergy system regarding the value of continuing to have Southwest Power Pool as the independent coordinator of transmission for Entergy. Therefore, the commission said it will review the success of, and benefits of continuing, the ICT arrangement.

The Tuesday order also approved Entergy's proposed structural changes to Entergy's weekly procurement process, expected to be launched next week (Docket Number ER09-555). In a concurrent order, FERC found Entergy's proposal to create acceptable limits of transmission constrain violations, called soft constraints, in the weekly procurement process to be just and reasonable (Docket Number ER08-513).

FERC in 2006 approved a package of changes to Entergy's tariff including the establishment of SPP as Entergy's ICT and the creation of a weekly procurement process. The ICT arrangement is a four-year experiment.

The commission approved Entergy's pricing proposal "predicated in part on Entergy's representations of the substantial benefits" associated with a weekly procurement process. While it is "undisputed that having the ICT in place the last two years has had a positive impact by providing increased transparency on, and non-discriminatory access to, the Entergy system," there are complaints that "there are several other areas where the benefits have not materialized."

The commission therefore will seek input from the relevant state commissions "regarding the content of the ICT's second annual report" and it will discuss the idea of holding a conference of the commissions, the ICT, Entergy and its customers to assess the success of the ICT arrangement.

Entergy therefore must inform FERC one year prior to the sunset of the ICT, which is November 2010, whether it plans to continue or replace the ICT arrangement.

It also must submit a filing within 30 days of the March 17 order, "detailing all the costs that have been incurred to develop" the weekly procurement process, including how much it would cost to develop and implement the two structural features that were removed — point-to-point service and supplier offers for off-peak service.

To gauge the "immediate effectiveness" of the weekly procurement process, the ICT will need to calculate production cost savings on a quarterly basis, instead of on an annual basis. The first compliance report should cover the months of March through May and must be filed by June 15.

The quarterly report also must list the number of merchants participating each week, the corresponding megawatts committed and the effects the weekly procurement process has on "actual output of Entergy's legacy oil and gas units." It also should outline operational adjustments that were made to handle soft constraints along with a before- and after-the-fact analysis of how the adjustments affected reliability.

Because the "more limited" weekly procurement process may not "go far enough to resolve the significant transmission access issues that the ICT and WPP [weekly procurement process] were intended to resolve," FERC directed Entergy to explain within 45 days what it would take to resolve the problems that prevent it from using point-to-point service and off-peak offers in the weekly procurement process. — *Esther Whieldon*

FERC asked to clarify demand response stance

The PJM Interconnection is asking federal regulators to clarify a number of issues surrounding the grid operator's proposed changes to its registration process for demand response providers.

PJM, responding to protests from state regulators and publicly-owned utility groups following the filing of the proposal with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, acknowledged there are unresolved issues surrounding the registration process and how clearly it meets FERC requirements.

"The filed protests raise a number of significant procedural and policy questions for the commission..." PJM said in a Friday filing. "PJM recognizes there has been considerable uncertainty surrounding these issues and that good faith arguments can be presented on both sides.

PJM filed the changes in response to Order No. 719, in which the commission required that customers have a right to participate in DR programs unless there is a clear law prohibiting retail customer enrollment in DR.

"PJM urges the commission to provide a clear resolution of the issues so that demand response providers can adjust their business plans, regional transmission organizations can know how to implement this commission's intent as embodied in Order 719, and load serving entities who also happen to serve as retail regulators know which, if any 'conditions' they can place on commission-approved RTO demand side response programs," PJM said.

PJM's proposed changes require distribution companies and LSEs that want to deny a request to participate in the DR program to prove that state law bars end-use customers from participating in DR (Docket No. ER09-701).

The changes also stipulate that if the relevant retail regulatory authority — including state regulators and heads of local municipal utilities — takes no action, then all qualified end-use customers would be registered by PJM. If states have laws against any end-use customers participating in DR, or have laws banning a specific customers class from participating, these customers will not be registered by PJM.

Some states, such as Indiana, require DR providers to individually file for approval to participate in DR programs. PJM says these "manual processes" lead to onerous transaction costs and uncertainty among DR providers.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission said the PJM proposal disregards the state's ability to review whether a demand response resource should be allowed to participate in DR programs. The American Public Power Association and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association said the changes could

affect participation in DR programs by public power systems because of unintended consequences that could occur if third parties were allowed to join DR programs without review.

Some municipal utilities desire to restrict who may participate in DR programs to prevent aggregators within their territories from enacting DR programs that might disrupt the municipality's DR programs, according to PJM.

"These arguments tend to lose the key focus, which is what is in the interest of the ultimate customer who is the intended beneficiary of the demand side response program provided by the [regional transmission organization]," PJM said.

PJM said the protesters raised "significant issues which are deserving of thoughtful response and clarity in the commission order." The grid operator said it seeks guidance from FERC on the policy, procedural and practical issues surrounding the proposed changes. — *Jason Fordney*

BGE big users oppose ending choice: CFO

The Maryland "rational reregulation" bill backed by Maryland's governor would have little impact on Baltimore Gas & Electric but the proposed elimination of customers' ability to choose power suppliers is bad news for large users, BGE CFO Kevin Hadlock said.

"I won't handicap the likelihood of it passing. But the impact on the company if it did would be negligible," added Hadlock, in his presentation to the Edison Electric Institute International Utility Conference in London this week.

The part-time state Legislature is only in session until mid-April, Hadlock noted.

"Removing customer choice is perhaps the most difficult item in that bill. Commercial and industrial customers are very opposed to that," he continued. Any customer that has picked another supplier has always had the option of returning to BGE "standard offer service," Hadlock pointed out.

That has not been happening: last year only 658 GWh or 3.5% of BGE's 19,082 GWh of industrial volume was full service, down from 3.5% in 2007.

"We continue to be in daily dialogue with the Legislature and the governor. I would say, the Legislature and the governor are very keen to see Calvert Cliffs-3 [a proposed new nuclear unit] built," Hadlock said.

In announcing the bill March 2, Governor Martin O'Malley rejected "retrospective reregulation" that would have utilities reacquire divested power plants as posing a "prohibitive cost and risk to taxpayers" and warned that "Buying back these plants could also jeopardize the development of Calvert Cliffs-3 and the thousands of jobs it will create."

While O'Malley's news release did not mention ending choice, Maryland officials said in prepared testimony earlier this month that the proposal "recognizes that there cannot be comprehensive, state-wide planning if customers can opt out and directs the PSC to evaluate and manage an orderly transition from the current choice regime to the new regime."

The March 3 prepared testimony to the state Senate Finance Committee on S.B. 795, the Maryland Electricity Reregulation

and Energy Independence Act of 2009, was given by Kevin Hughes, the governor's deputy legislative officer, and Malcolm Woolf, director of the Maryland Energy Administration.

Much of Hadlock's presentation was spent discussing the December 17 deal under which France's EDF Group would buy 49.99% of Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, owner of five nuclear units totaling 3,869 MW (including the two existing Calvert units) for \$4.5 billion. That led CEG to cancel its September deal to be acquired by MidAmerican Energy Holdings, reached after financial issues drove CEG to the brink of Chapter 11 bankruptcy. EDF currently owns 9.5% of CEG's common stock.

During EDF's presentation to the same conference Monday, CFO Daniel Camus noted that "we are world experts in regulation. We do not perceive major issues coming up [that would thwart the deal]."

EDF's point man on the CEG deal, Senior Executive Vice President Jean-Pierre Benque, said the Maryland situation is "evolving well" and regarding the reregulation bill, added "Frankly I'm not sure any decision will be made this year."

The EDF deal "has raised some eyebrows in Maryland — concerns about EDF having significant influence over the utility. Our position is clear: there is no way that can happen. But there was a lot of pressure from politicians to at least take a look at it. So we filed a case," Hadlock said.

In a 2008 settlement with the PSC, BGE addressed concerns about the utility's relationship to CEG by appointing two new independent directors to its board.

In the canceled deal to be acquired by MidAmerican, CEG proposed other ways to "ring fence" the utility from MidAmerican.

"The PSC has a history of a predisposition for that ... we want to work with the PSC. We have not proposed specific measures yet," Hadlock explained.

The PSC schedule calls for a decision by June 8. Hearings are slated for April 27 and April 28.

CEG's timeline projects that the last approval to be received on the EDF deal will be from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in July or August. — *Paul Carlsen*

NRG sues Exelon, citing 'false statements'

Merchant generator NRG Energy on Wednesday said it filed a lawsuit against Exelon for what it calls "false and misleading statements" Exelon made as part of its effort to acquire NRG.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York.

NRG said in a statement Wednesday that "despite Exelon's false claims that the purpose of the exchange offer is to gain control of NRG through acquisition of all outstanding shares of NRG common stock, Exelon in reality has no intention of acquiring any shares through the exchange offer. Rather, Exelon is merely using the exchange offer to pressure the NRG board of directors to accept Exelon's inadequate merger bid — which the board already rejected" in November.

After NRG's management and board rejected Exelon's offer last year, Exelon offered NRG shareholders 0.485 shares of

Exelon stock for each share of NRG stock. That offer was extended last month to June 26.

NRG said its "complaint alleges that Exelon's public posturing belies the truth behind its exchange offer: it was launched solely to pressure the NRG board to accept Exelon's inadequate and previously rejected merger proposal."

NRG said it is seeking "corrective disclosures to remedy the deficiencies."

An Exelon spokesman on Wednesday said the "lawsuit is just another attempt by NRG to thwart our effort to acquire NRG. As has always been the case, Exelon remains committed to a combination that delivers value for shareholders of both companies."

"Given NRG's continued resistance to allowing due diligence regardless of investors' strong show of support for a deal, we are fully focused on NRG's annual meeting and moving forward with our proposal to expand and reconstitute NRG's board with independent directors who will act in the best interest of their shareholders," he added.

On Tuesday, Exelon filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a preliminary proxy statement that included its slate of nine nominees for NRG's board and its proposal to expand the board from its current 12 members to 19 members.

NRG has not scheduled its annual shareholders meeting, at which new board members will be up for election, but it must be held within 13 months of the previous meeting in May 2008.

— *Steven Dolley*

Unitil subsidiary issues default service RFP

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light, a subsidiary of New Hampshire based Unitil, has issued a request for proposals for load following service for the company's default service requirements.

Default service is provided to retail customers that are not taking service from a competitive supplier.

The utility is soliciting competing power supply offers to provide firm, load-following power to serve 50% of its small and medium customer groups default service requirements for the 12-month period of June 1 through May 31, 2010 and 100% of its large customer group requirements for the three-month period of June 1 through August 31.

The amount of default service to be supplied by the winning bidder "will be determined in accordance with the retail load associated with those customers who from time to time rely on default service," the March 17 RFP states.

Fitchburg "cannot predict the number of customers that will rely on default service, how much load will be represented by these customers, or how long they will continue to take default service." The utility "expressly reserves the right to encourage customers to choose their own supplier from the competitive marketplace instead of taking default service."

Proposal forms, including contract comments and indicative pricing, are due April 7. Final pricing is due by April 14.

Contact Michael Lundgren at (603) 773-6549 or lundgren@unitil.com with any questions or to express interest.

— *Staff Report*

Forecaster sees fewer tropical storms in 2009

AccuWeather forecaster Joe Bastardi said Wednesday that he expects fewer tropical storms in 2009 to make landfall along the US coast than last season, with only one of the four expected to become a major hurricane.

"Early indications show a reduction in the overall number of named storms and of major hurricanes in the Atlantic basin compared to last year, but the number of [overall] storms should still be near or a little above normal," Bastardi said in a statement.

The US oil and gas industry closely watches forecasters' weather and hurricane predictions because major storms can curtail production in the Gulf of Mexico.

The forecaster said he expects a total of 13 storms, four of which are likely to affect the US coast and eight of which are expected to become hurricanes.

The 2008 season produced 16 storms, eight of which impacted the US coast and eight of which became hurricanes.

Bastardi's prediction is in line with the Colorado State University hurricane forecasting team led by Philip Klotzbach and William Gray.

The CSU forecast predicts 14 named storms forming in the Atlantic basin between June 1 and November 30, seven of which are predicted to become hurricanes, and of those seven, three are expected to develop into intense or major hurricanes.

Bastardi based his forecast on four factors, including the reversal of the weak La Nina to a weak El Nino in the middle to latter part of the season.

Weak El Ninos are associated with decreased hurricane activity in the Atlantic.

Additionally, an expected high pressure in the eastern Atlantic will produce stronger easterly trade winds across northern Africa than last year, resulting in dust and dry air being pushed westward into the Atlantic where they can inhibit hurricane formation.

Cooler water temperatures in the deep tropical Atlantic, where hurricanes typically breed, can also reduce activity and intensity, he said.

"This may create a season in which storms are reaching a greater intensity farther north and east than last year, leading to less impact in the Caribbean areas hit hard last year," he said.

And finally, a continuing multi-decadal pattern of higher-than-average water temperatures in the Atlantic, will raise the chance of major storms near the East Coast until about 2020.

— *Cheryl Buchta*

Utility output falls 3.2% on year in week: EEI

Utilities generated 70,591 GWh in the week that ended Saturday, 3.2% below the 72,894 GWh generated in the corresponding week of 2008, the Edison Electric Institute said Wednesday.

The weekly total was 3,774 GWh below the 74,365 GWh total posted in the week that ended March 7, EEI said.

Generation rose in three of the nine regions EEI assesses, with the largest percentage increase in the Pacific Northwest, where output rose 10.2% to 3,608 GWh, EEI said. The second

largest increase was in the South Central region, where generation rose 3.1% to 10,399 GWh.

Output fell in the remaining six regions, with the largest percentage decrease coming in the Central Industrial region, where generation slid 8.4% from the prior year to 12,471 GWh. The second-largest dip was in New England, where output fell 5.8% to 2,350 GWh.

The numbers are based on generation from investor-owned utilities, cooperatives and government-owned utilities. — *Staff Report*

Price premiums hold steady... from page 1

David Patton, president of Potomac Economics, MISO's monitor, told committee members the increase in day-ahead premiums for February is consistent with the reduction in virtual supply activity discussed in his January report to the same committee.

A November 10 order by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said the RSG charges must be applied to financial or virtual-only market participants as well as physical participants. Since that order, volume of virtual activity has decreased sharply.

The monitor plans to submit comments to FERC on MISO's proposed redesign of the RSG allocation method, Patton said. The proposed redesign must be approved by FERC.

Under the ISO's proposed revisions, the system will take into consideration three factors and allocate the charges sequentially through three charge types, or what MISO calls "allocation buckets."

In January, Patton told the committee that the redesign should also include a "netting" mechanism that would assess RSG costs to financial deviations only when real time load exceeds cleared day-ahead load. Patton will discuss that topic again in his latest filing with FERC.

A number of market participants have already filed comments on MISO's new RSG allocation method.

DC Energy urged FERC to adopt Patton's netting idea in its protest filed Tuesday. DC Energy also criticized MISO's proposal to exempt several categories of deviations from the RSG charge, including intermittent resources. The exemptions would over-allocate RSG costs to virtual supplies and generator and load deviations, the filing said. Therefore, FERC should require inclusion of these deviations.

The trading company did stress that the current allocation method is so damaging to the market that FERC consideration of a new method should not delay the elimination of the current methodology.

The comments filed gave utilities and financial players a chance to fire another salvo in the long-running battle over RSG.

Utilities were mostly satisfied with the new plan, but were still concerned that the methodology was still not spreading the pain enough. Financial players believe the new methodology is still unfair to those doing virtual trading.

Ameren, though mostly supportive of the redesign, echoed DC Energy's concern over the treatment of intermittent resources, notably wind generation. Because of the significant amount of wind generation proposed in MISO, Ameren said, MISO should re-evaluate its plan to continue exempting intermittent resources from RSG charges.

Wisconsin Electric also expressed concern about proposed exemption schedules and allocation methodology filed by MISO. It asked FERC to find that the proposed method is not just and reasonable because it would inequitably burden load serving entities.

The company also expressed concern about the overall complexity of the redesign proposal and the possibility that it will produce results that greatly vary from what was intended in the proposal. The utility asked FERC to order a technical conference to discuss the formula used to calculate RSG exemptions.

A number of financial participants, including Epic Merchant, SESCO Enterprises, AI Funds, Argo Navis Fundamental Power Fund, Solios Power, JJR Power, Olde Towne Energy, Energy Endeavors, and Jump Power, filed a joint protest criticizing the lack of transparency in the proposed allocation method.

The redesigned RSG allocation methodology is lacking entirely in transparency and "would give MISO essentially unbridled discretion to allocate RSG costs however it chooses without any objective standards and without any opportunity for oversight by market participants or the Commission," the filing said.

It asked that FERC to either reject the new methodology or commence a hearing and investigation on the proposed allocation methods in order for all parties to understand fully the meaning of each provision in the method, to avoid disputes over meaning of the provisions, and to revise provisions so that they are intelligible to any market participant or potential market participant reviewing the tariff.

"Far too many long-running cases, including this one..., have resulted from tariff language that was subject to varying interpretations," the filing said. — *Nushin Huq*

Effort aims to improve grid capacity ... from page 1

early this summer.

"Dynamic scheduling would provide both merchant and reliability entities with a standard method to easily and quickly exchange commodities between balancing areas and enable loads to quickly respond to variations in wind or solar conditions, or changes in load demand," Helms said.

Helms said the three groups hope to make dynamic scheduling start to become a reality and initiate implementation by early this summer. Dynamic scheduling would provide flexibility in transmission scheduling to enable within-hour transmission services to enable loads to quickly respond to variations in wind or solar conditions, or changes in load demand, Helms said.

Dynamic scheduling can become a reality if participants sign agreements saying they are willing to make the investment in computer software and hardware to run a dynamic scheduling system.

Charlie Reinhold, project manager for West Connect, said the joint initiative is also seeking to change the current operating standard that has schedules implemented only at the top of the operating hour with any new or changed schedules occurring only at the discretion of the operator.

"Our automated information exchange, called I-Tap, would automate the deal-making, reservation, scheduling and tagging functions which would relieve operator time and intervention in the middle of

a normally busy operating framework and would presumably make changes that are made the norm and not the exception," he said.

"This will improve communication by increasing the visibility of who wants to buy or sell, as well as who may have transmission available to consummate the deal," Reinhold said. "We hope to end up with more consistency across the entire interconnection and hopefully have more useable products at the end," he said.

"The object there is to get more capacity out of the current grid and streamline operating on the grid for any type of generator, including renewables," Reinhold said.

Reinhold said the joint initiative sponsors seek stakeholder input from around the Western Interconnection on what is needed on the grid to make life easier to schedule in renewable resources and for operators to move generation from where it is located to where it is needed quickly and easily.

"This initiative was created to find and implement the quick fixes to do that," he said.

"Stakeholders also indicated they needed software developed to enable a within-hour transmission acceleration platform that would allow entities to indicate whether they need energy or have energy for sale, and include an update on the availability of transmission," Reinhold said.

Proposed new business practices to allow within-hour scheduling and within-hour purchase of existing transmission products to better use capacity within and outside of balancing areas are under review by transmission providers and should be available for implementation within the next 60 days, Reinhold said.

— *Daniel Guido*

Parties press for ISO load forecast ... from page 1

entire region unlike state commissions, which are also independent entities.

They also pointed to the PJM Interconnection's move to an

independent load forecast in 2005. The reduction in the number of combustion turbines committed in PJM during 2006 compared with 2005 was cited as a benefit, the marketers and IPPs said.

However, other entities, mostly utilities, believe that having MISO do its own load forecast would be redundant and just add extra costs. They also said that the LSEs have access to proprietary data and long-time experience that allows them to produce better load forecasts.

MISO collects forecasts from its members who serve load. Members submit a 50/50 forecast, which means their actual load has a 50% chance of being higher than the forecast and a 50% chance of being lower.

DTE said electric distribution companies are the only entities that have access to the information needed to develop an accurate long term load forecast, including confidential customer information related to future facility closings and start-ups.

Additionally, because of state and municipal regulatory and rate issues, electric distribution companies must continue to develop their own load forecasts, DTE said.

"This begs the question, do stakeholders really want to foot the bill for MISO to develop a 'redundant' load forecasting function...," DTE said in written comments.

ITC Transmission, an independent transmission company that owns no generation and does not serve load, filed a separate position paper.

ITC believes that MISO should act as a facilitator and come up with a process by which medium-term forecasts, resource adequacy, and long-term transmission planning can be questioned by interested stakeholders and data can be provided to reconcile any disputes. MISO could then provide dispute resolution if necessary, but the RTO should abstain from forecasting itself, ITC said. — *Nushin Huq*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

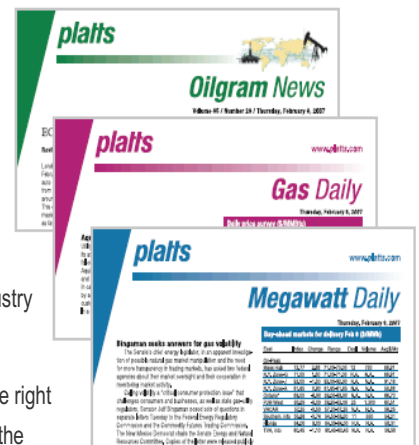
The Ameren Illinois Utilities doing business as AmerenCILCO, AmerenCIPS, and AmerenIP, wholly owned subsidiaries of Ameren Corporation headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, have issued a Request for Proposals for capacity for its customers on Real Time pricing tariffs for the period of June 1 through September 30, 2009. The capacity must satisfy the resource adequacy requirement obligations of the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO). The Ameren Illinois Utilities invite those entities who have such capacity available to submit a proposal in accordance with the RFP.

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