Increasing Demand in the ERCOT Responsive Reserve Market:

One Approach: Using Historical Bid Stacks

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Objective

The Question:

"What is the impact on the price of RRS of adding the additional 500 MW of RRS from Generators (change in price)?

Methodology

- Approach:
 - A question of supply and demand.
 - Supply curve:
 - Responsive reserves bid stacks.
 - Demand curve:
 - D₁: 2300 MW
 - D₂: 2800 MW
- Note: This approach uses actual historical bid stacks or supply curves. Other approaches are also possible.

Assumptions

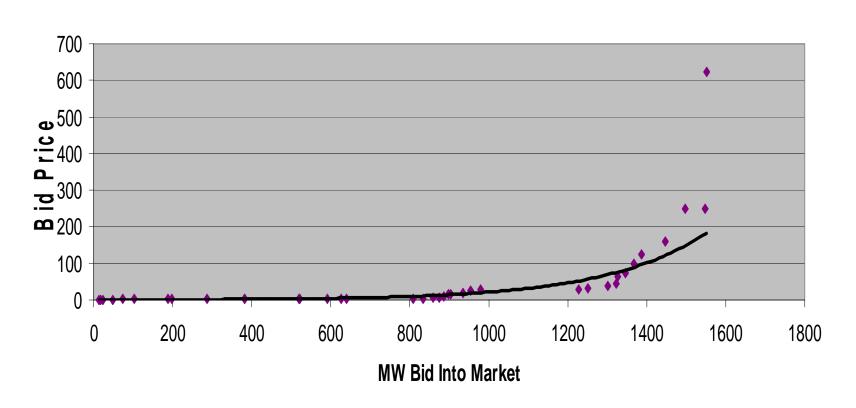
- ERCOT presently requires 2300 MW of Responsive Reserves at any given time.
- Approximately half of this 2300 MW is selfarranged through bilateral contracts and half is provided through the ERCOT bidding process.
- About half of the 1150 MW of LaaR is acquired through the market, or 575 MW.

- Identifying the suppliers:
 - Generators
 - Loads Acting As a Resource (LaaR)
- LaaRs and generators have different bidding behaviors in the ERCOT RR Market.
 - LaaRs usually bid zero.
 - Generators bid at some price.

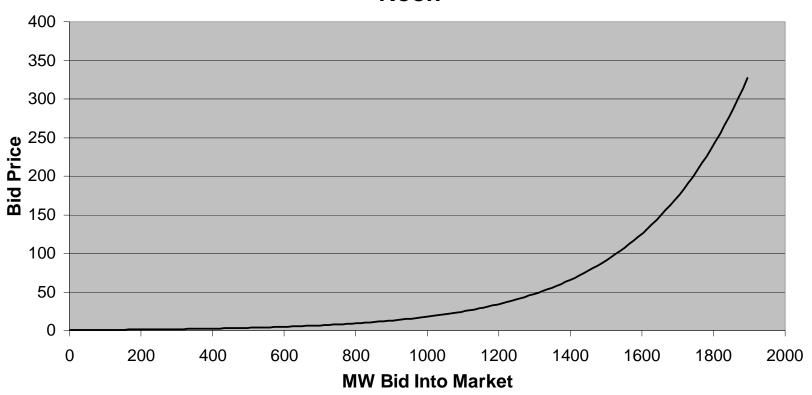
- Critical Assumptions:
 - 1. The additional 500 MW of Responsive Reserves will come through the ERCOT bidding process, not self-arranged through bilateral contracts.
 - 2. ERCOT will continue to limit LaaRs' contribution to Responsive Reserves to 1150 MW overall, with about one-half coming from through the market.

- Refining the Question:
 - Under our assumptions, generating entities will provide the additional 500 MW of Responsive Reserves.
 - Eliminating the LaaR bids
 - LaaRs always bid in at \$0.
 - There are always more LaaRs bid in at \$0 than accepted.
 - LaaRs do not set the market price for Responsive Reserves.
 - A New Supply Curve: Plot generators' bid price against the cumulative MW bid into ERCOT market by generating entities.

Supply Curve, 1-1-07 12:00PM



Generators' Responsive Reserves Supply Curve: 12 Noon



Methodology: Using the Supply Curve

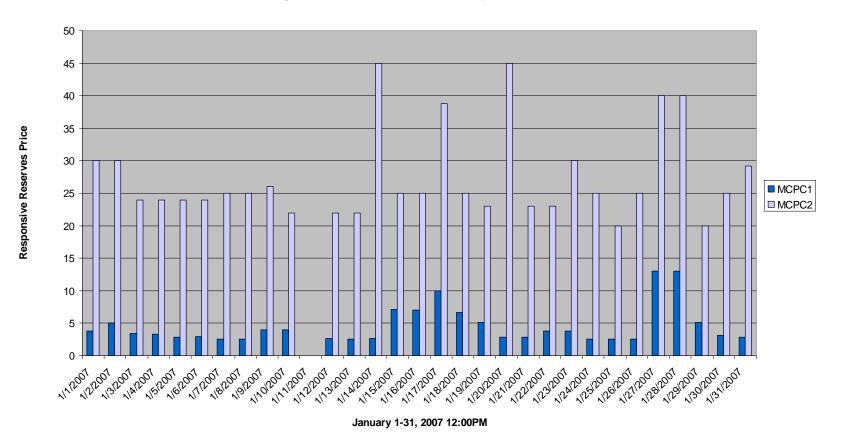
- In order to determine the effect on prices, we move up the supply curve from approx.
 575 MW to approx. 1075 MW.
- The market-clearing price will be the least expensive bid price that will satisfy the increased market demand.

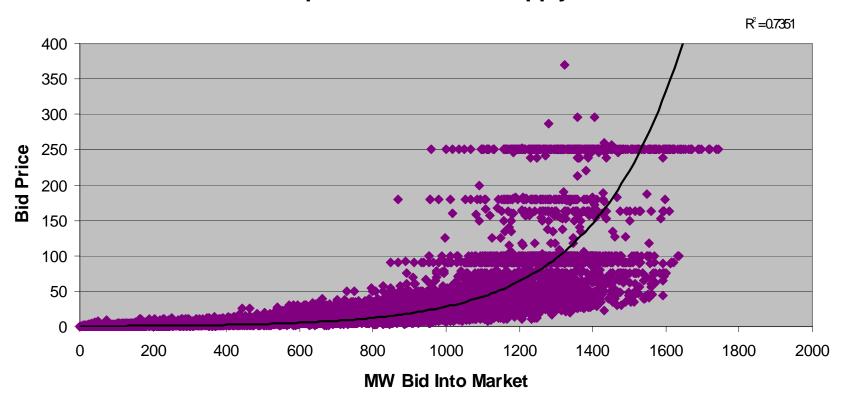
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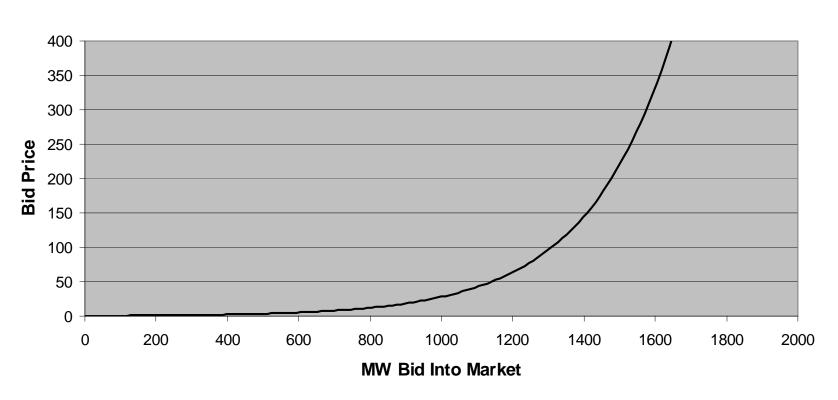
- Important Caveats:
 - A static supply curve
 - This analysis uses historical data to illustrate the effect on prices of increasing the demand for Responsive Reserves by 500 MW.
 - This analysis does NOT take into account any change in bidding behavior on the part of RR suppliers.
 - It is likely that at higher prices, more generators will be motivated to bid into the Responsive Reserves market, thus shifting the supply curve out and moderating prices.
 - Actual prices will depend on how much the supply curve moves out.
 - Example: During summer peaks, the ability of the supply curve to shift out is severely constrained, so one expects a much higher price relative to off-peak times.

Methodology: Using the Supply Curve

Change in MCPC in RR Market: January 2007 12:00PM

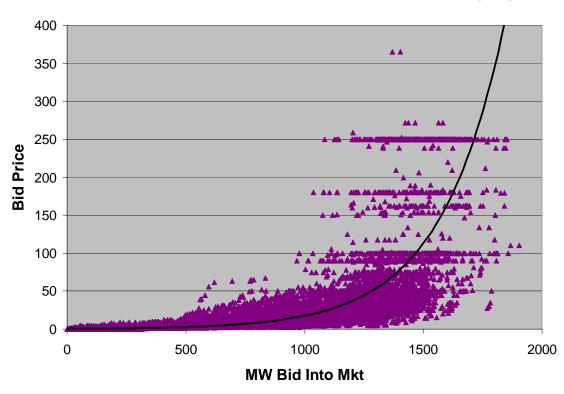


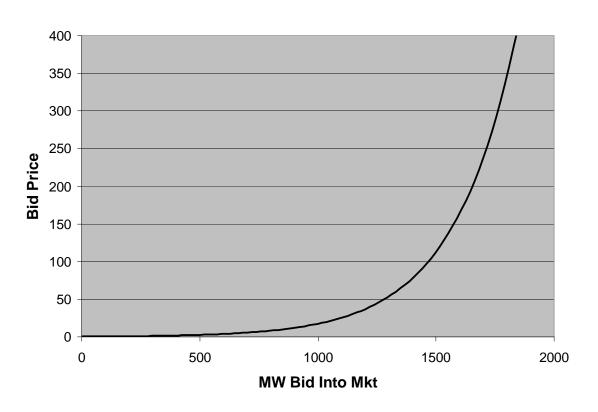




Generators' Responsive Reserves Supply Curve: 0700

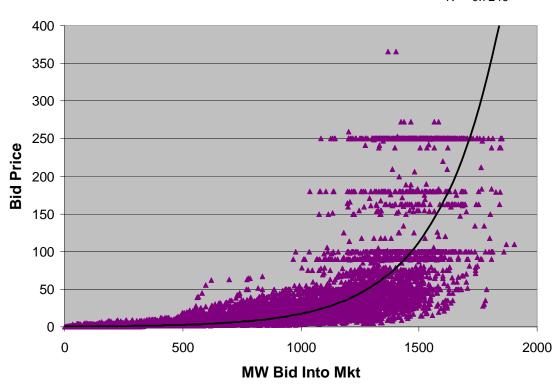
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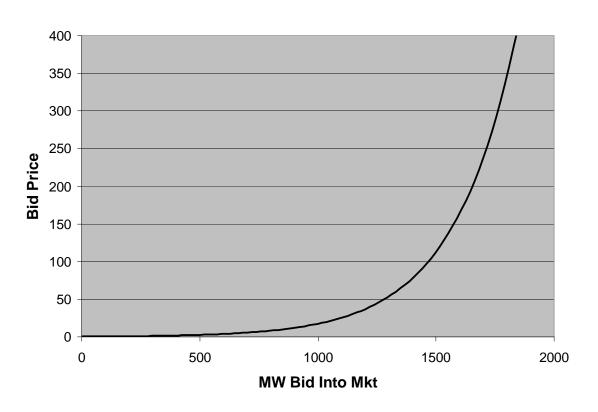


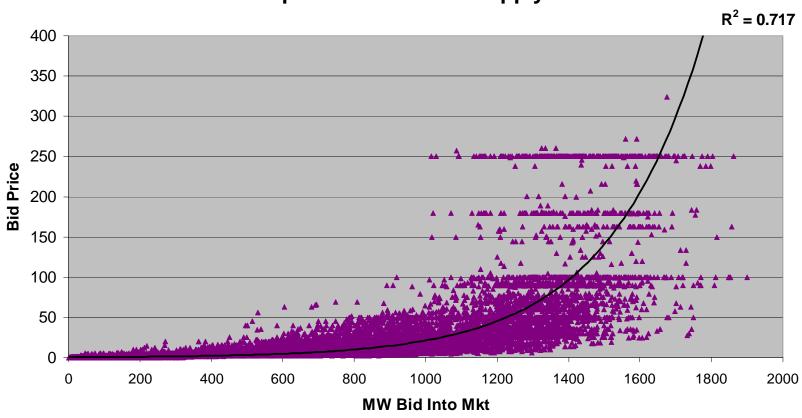


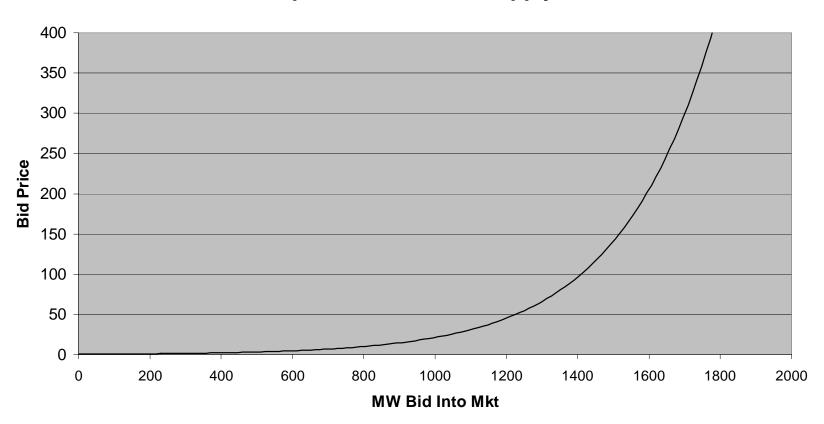
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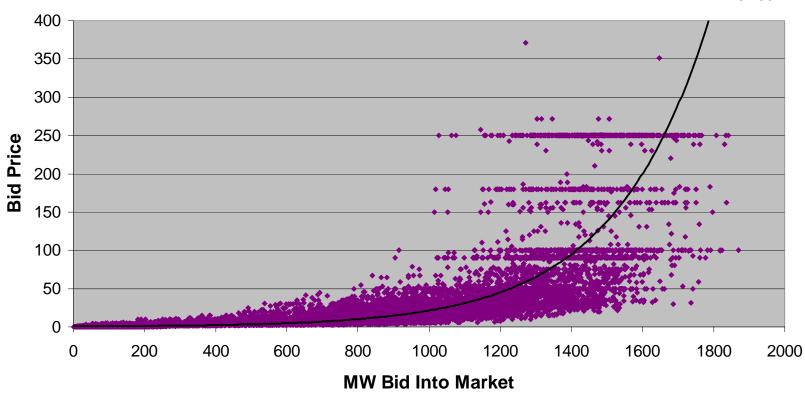


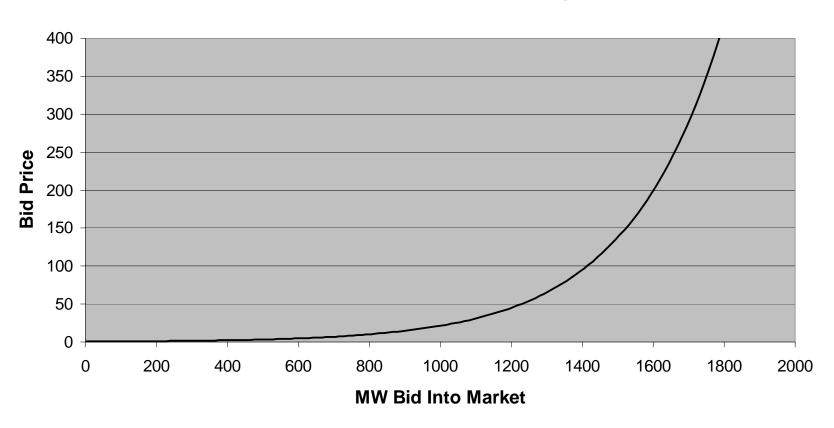


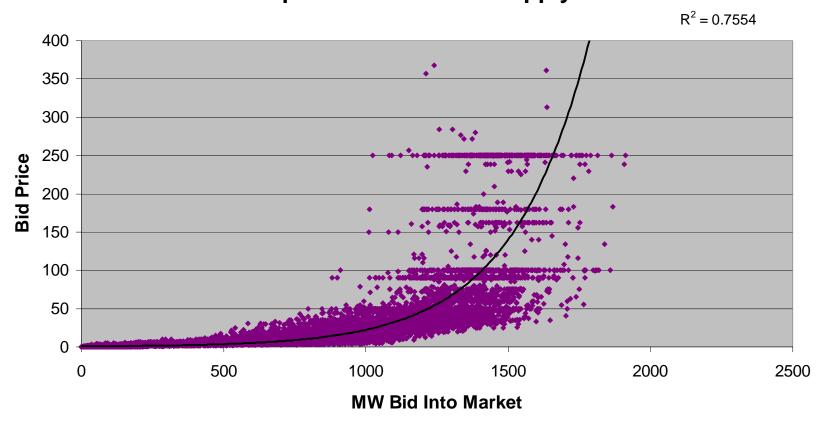


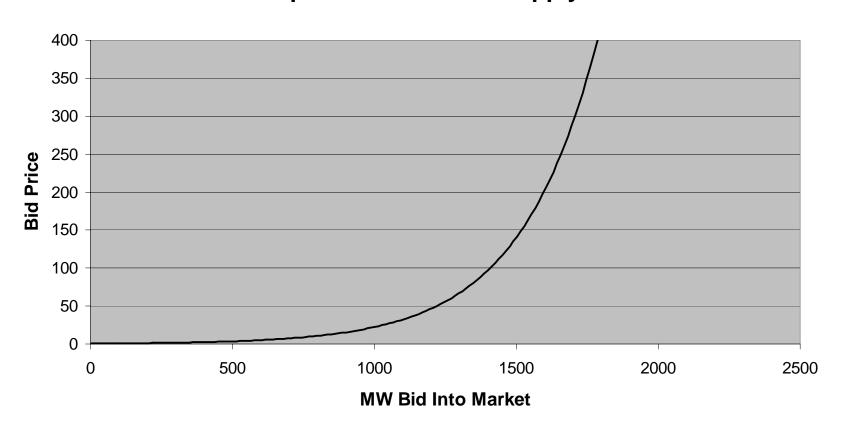
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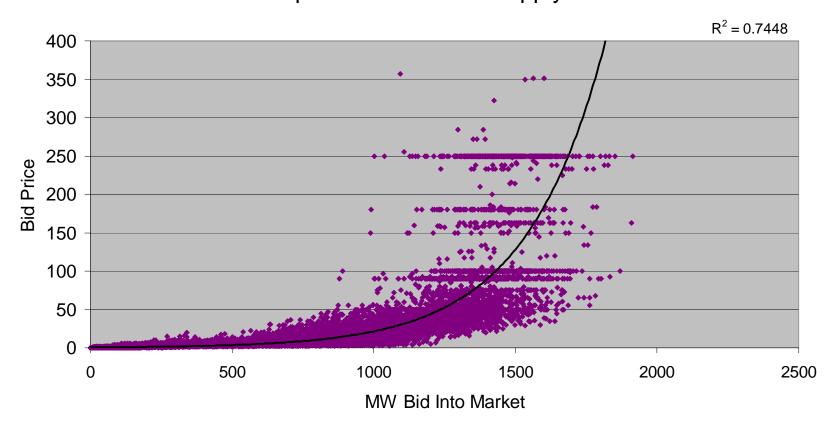
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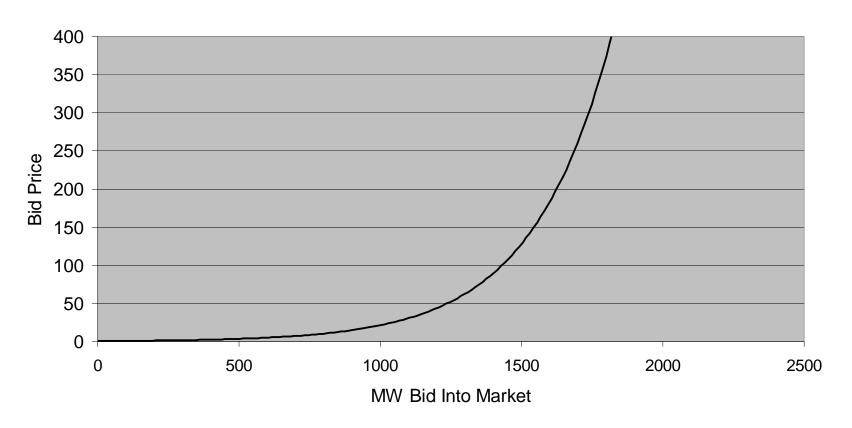


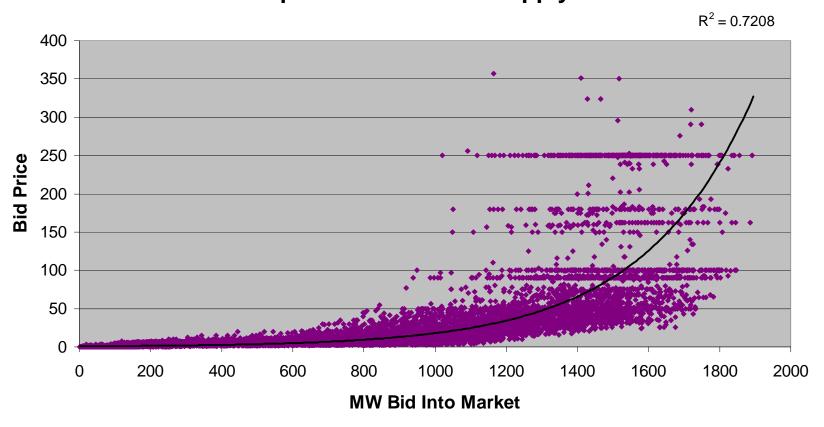


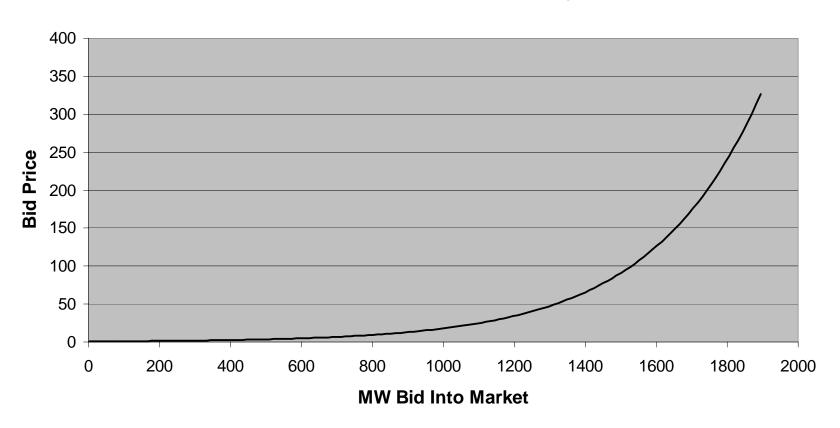


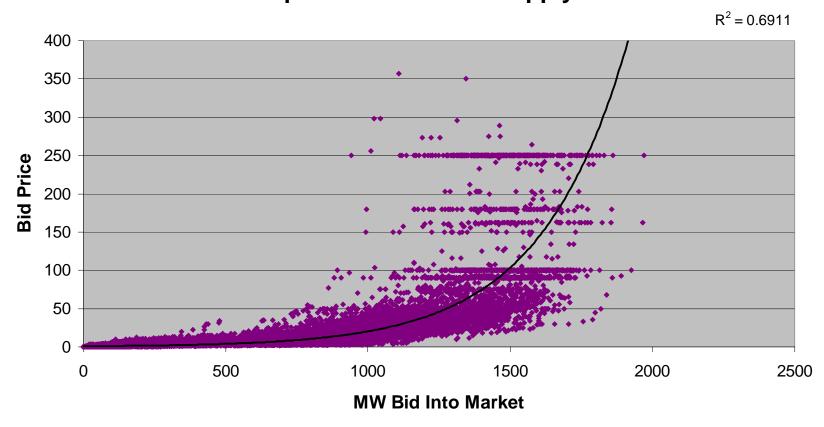


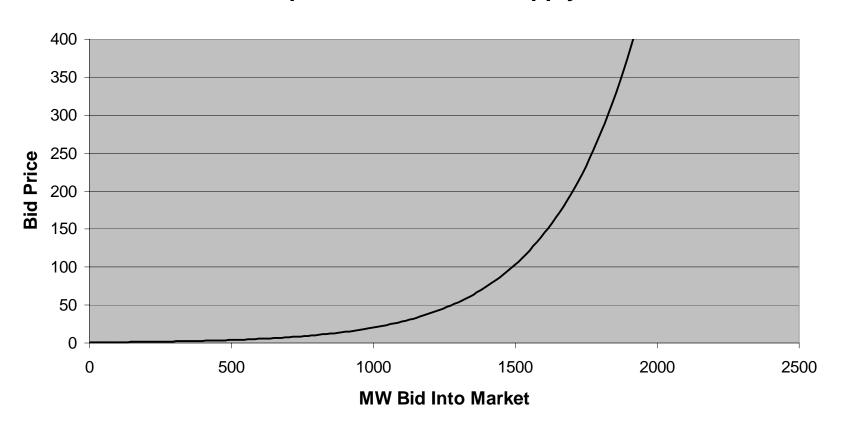


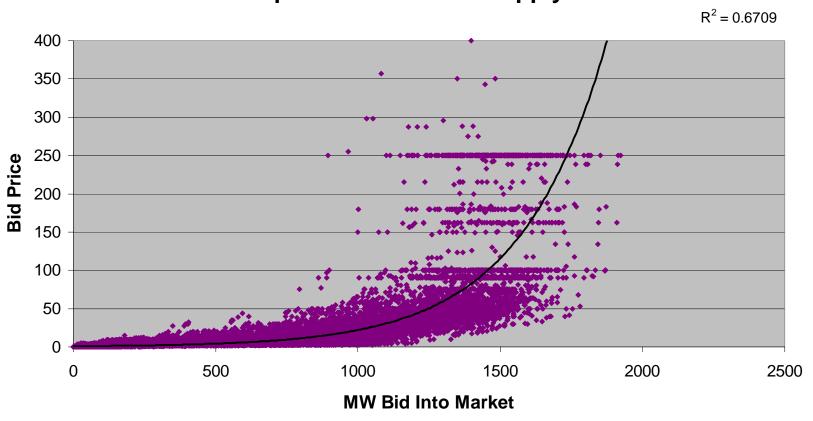


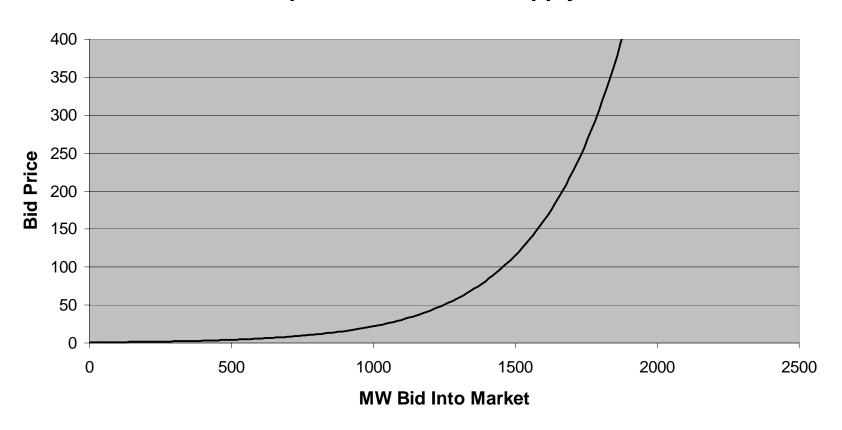


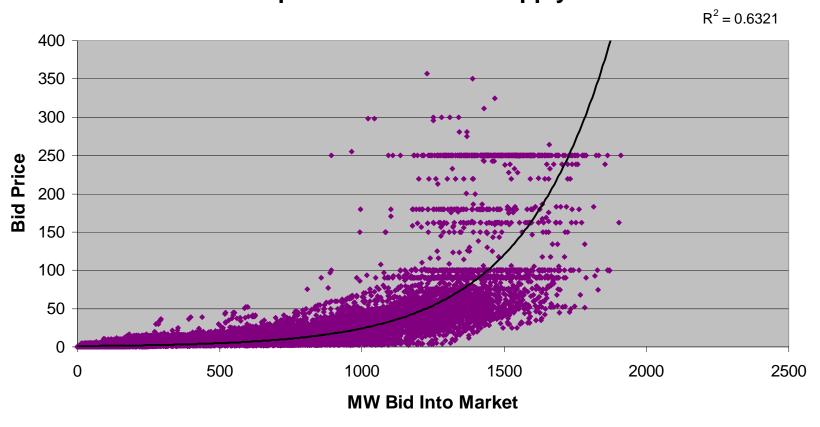


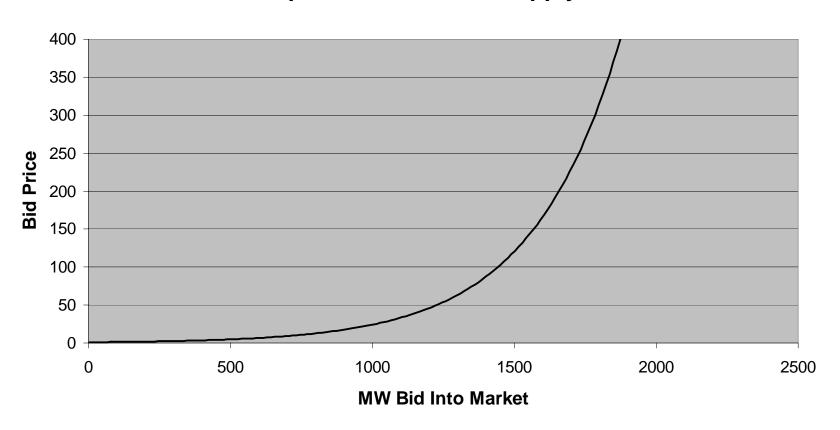


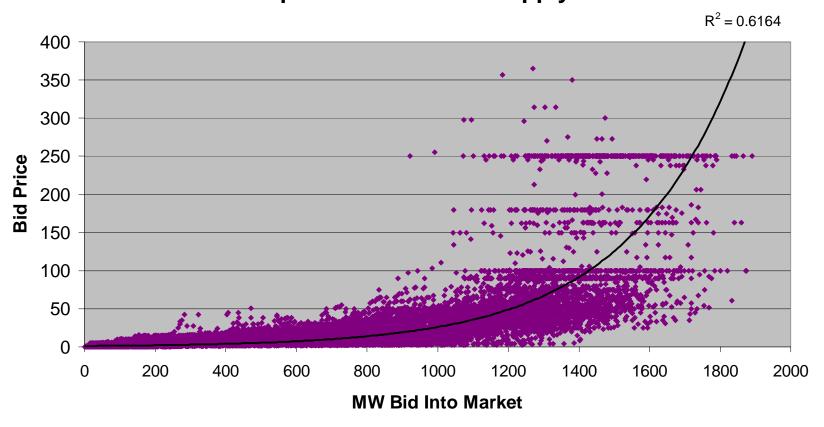


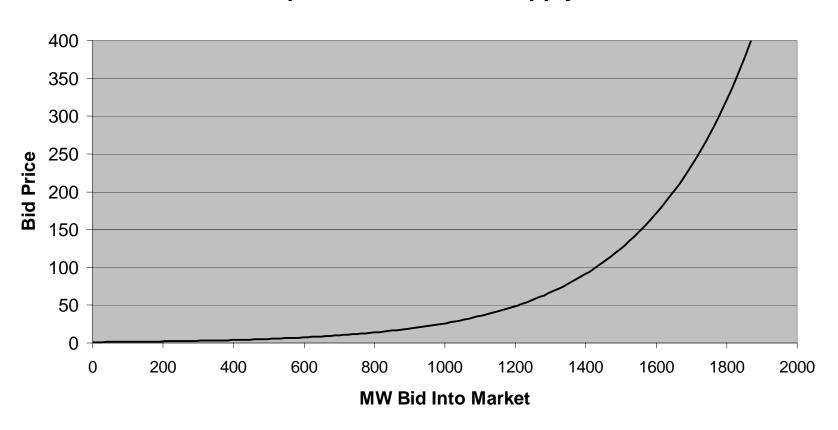


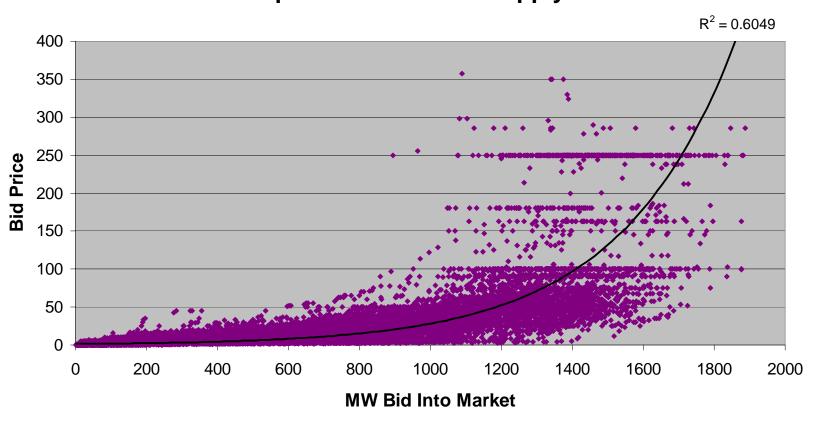


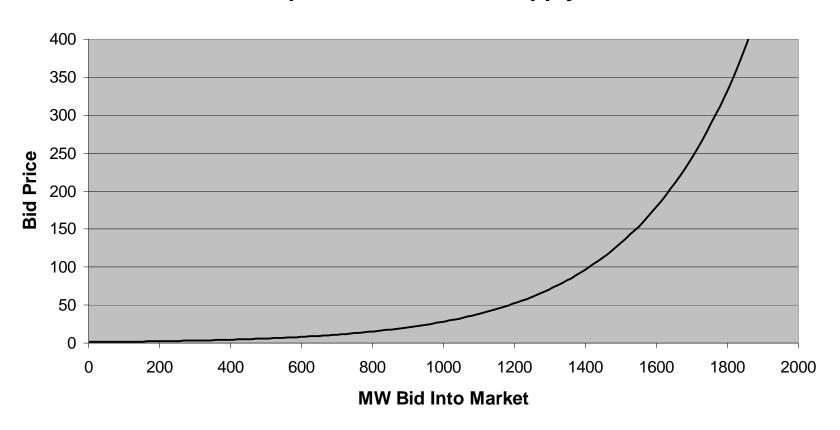


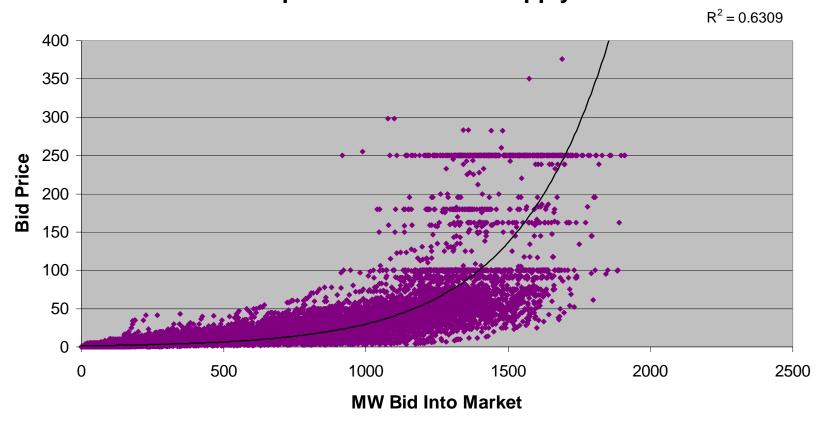


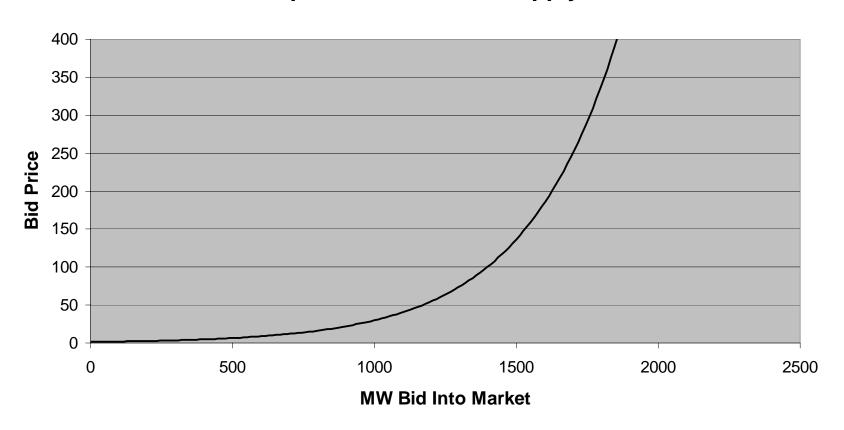


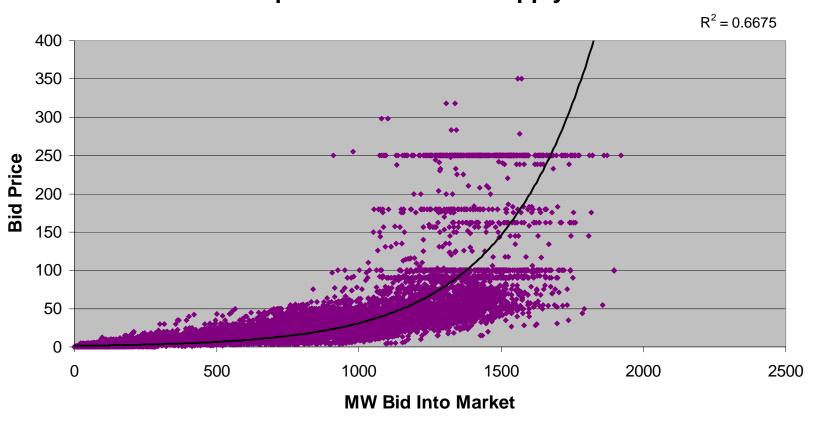


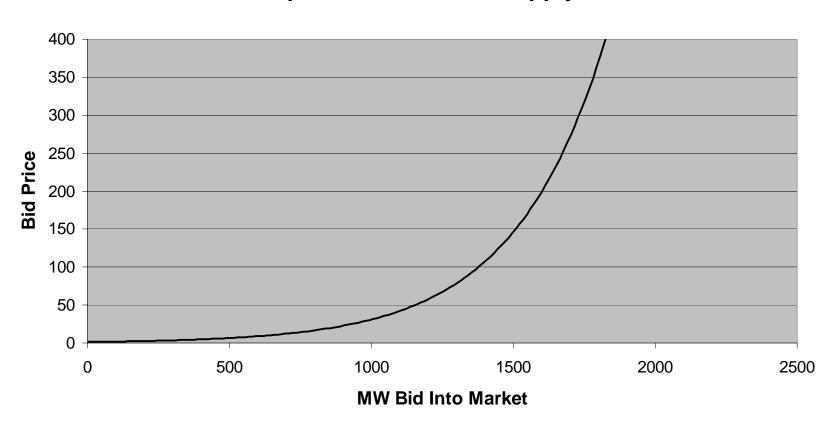


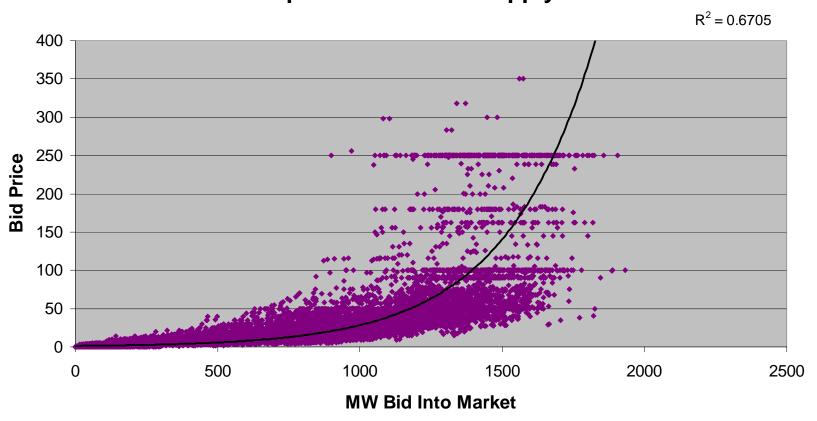


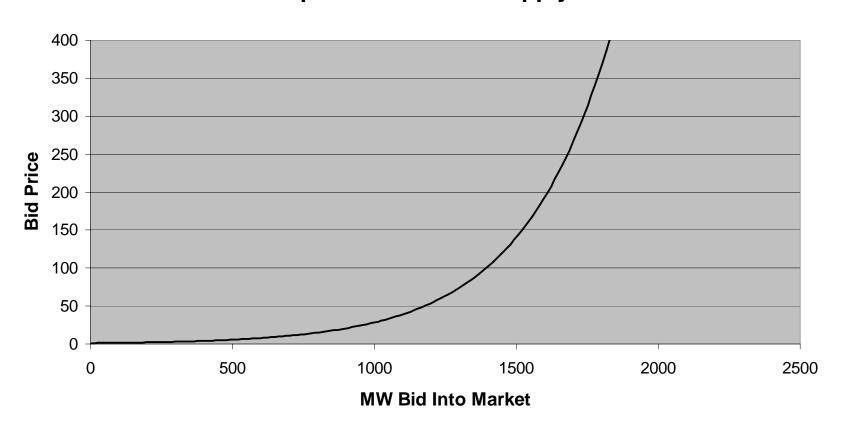


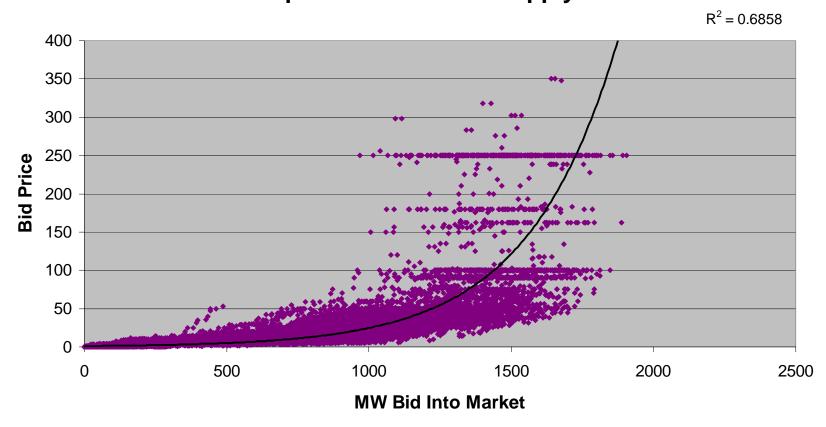


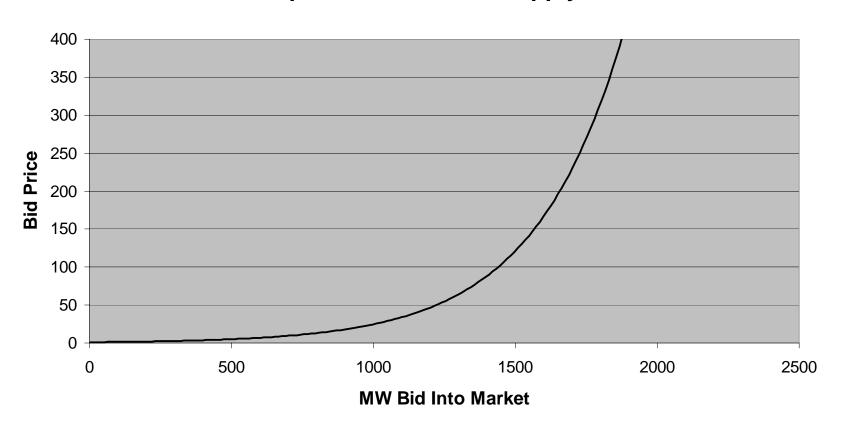


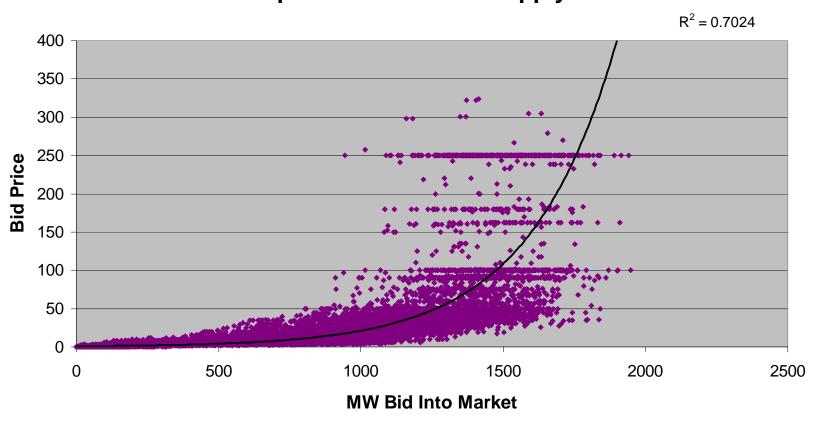


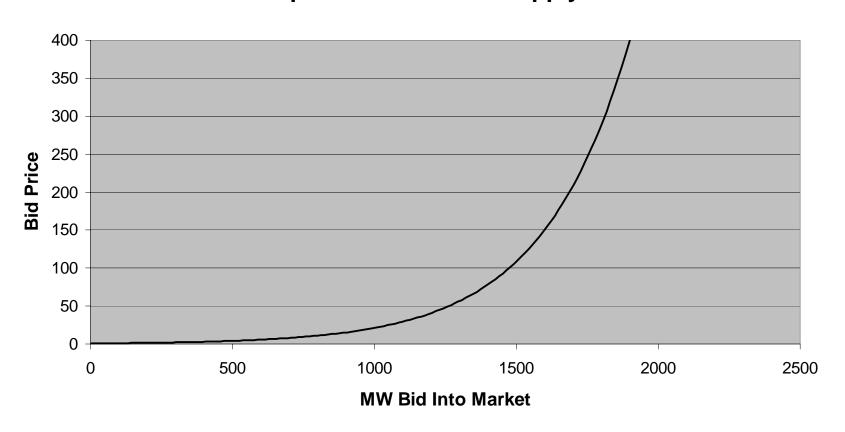


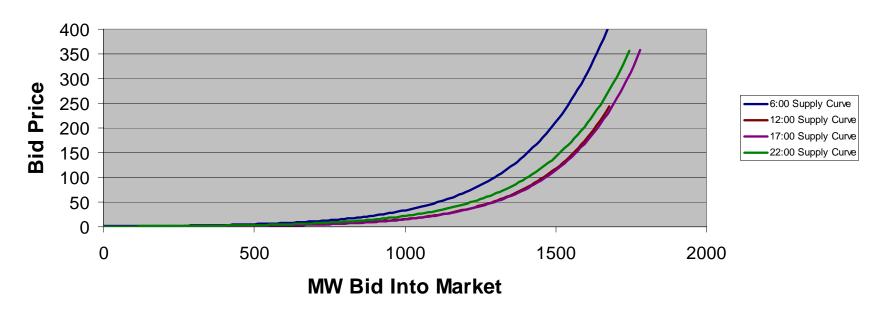


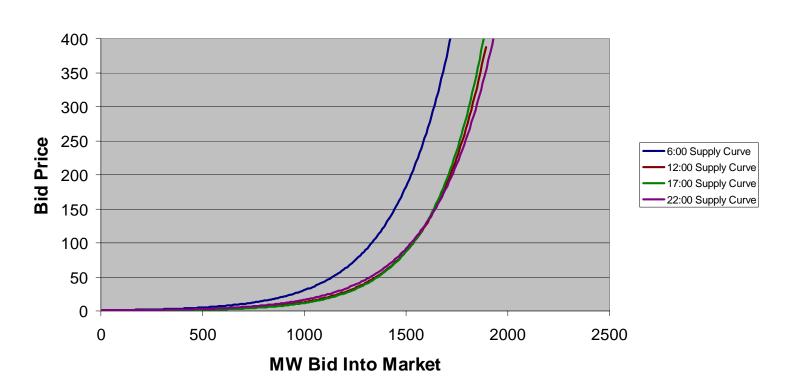


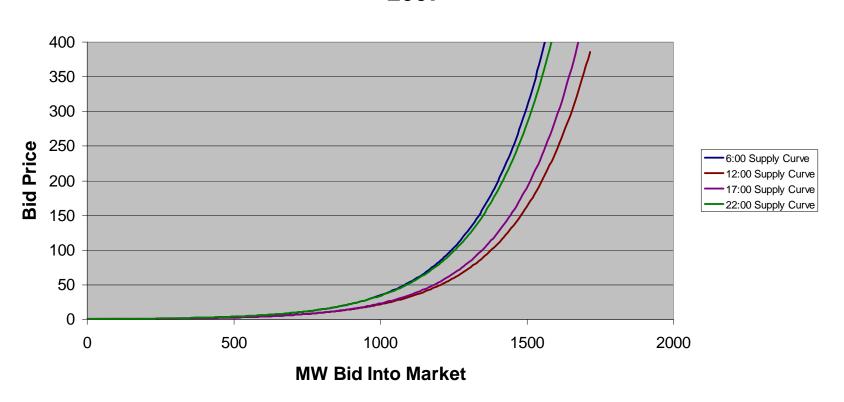


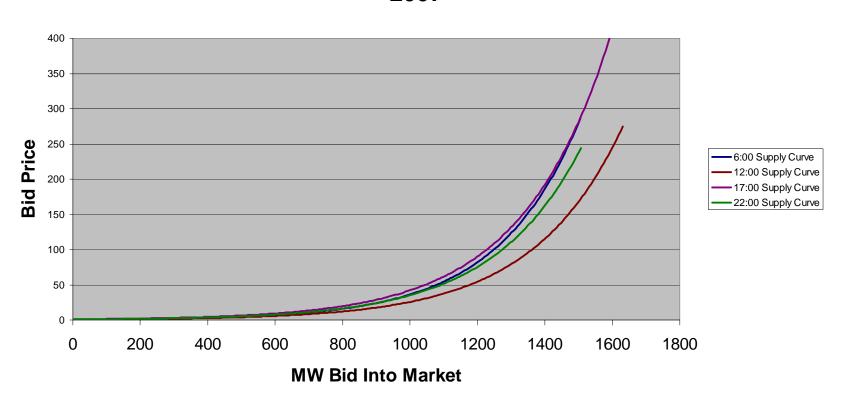


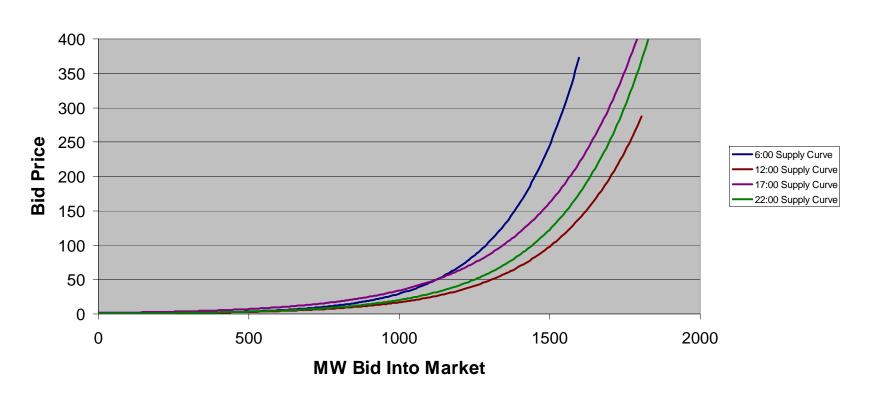


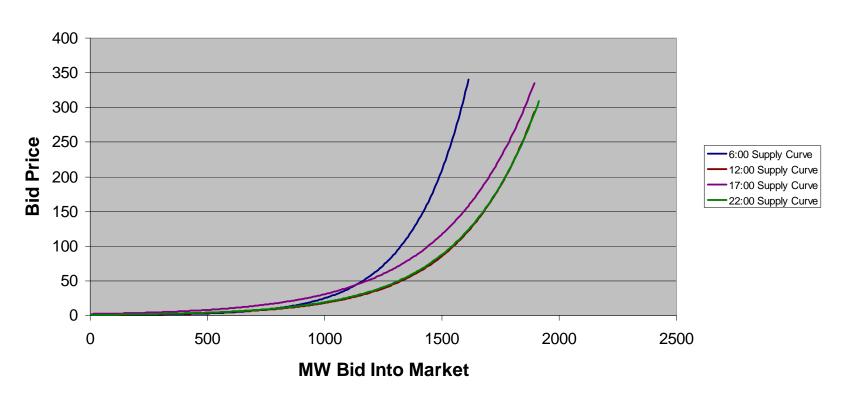


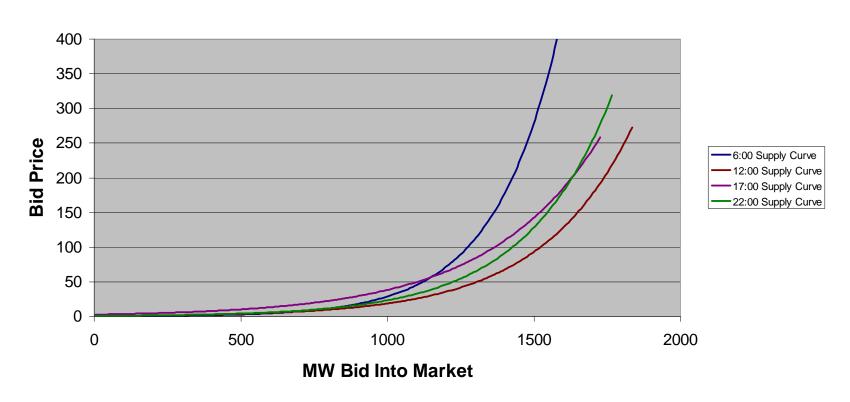


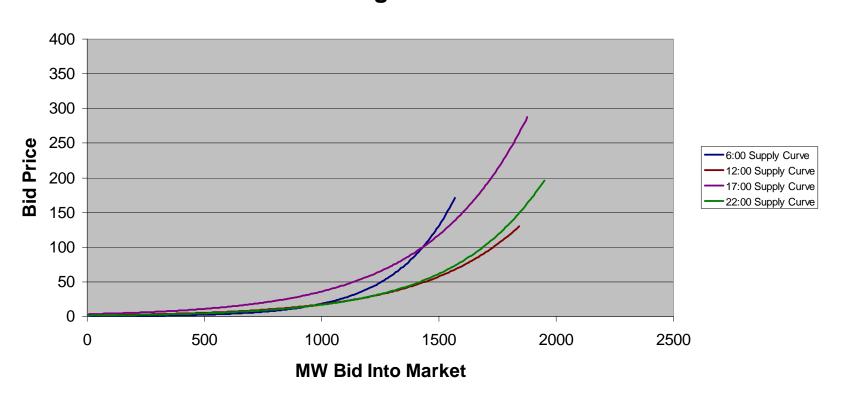




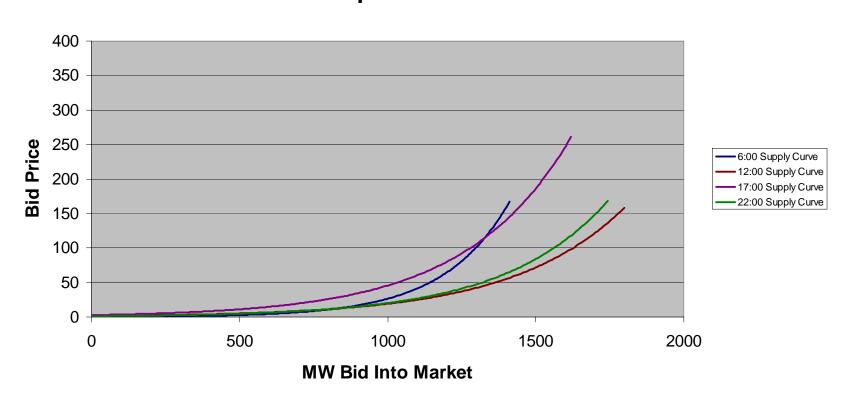






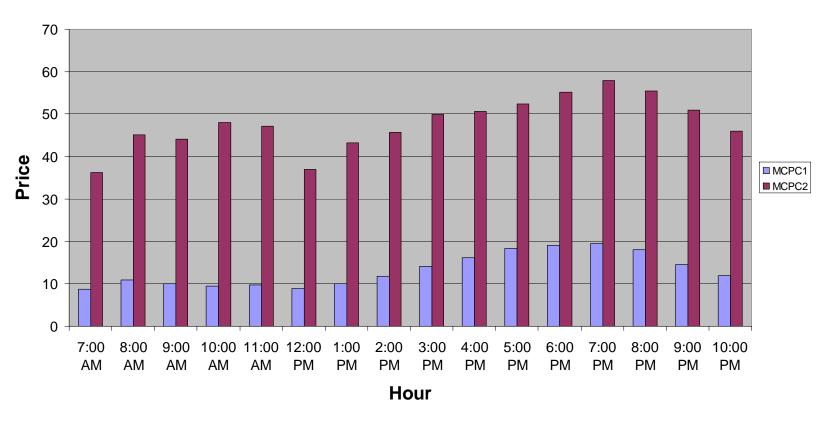


Generators' Responsive Reserves Supply Curve: September 2007



Implications: Increase in Price

Responsive Reserve Prices



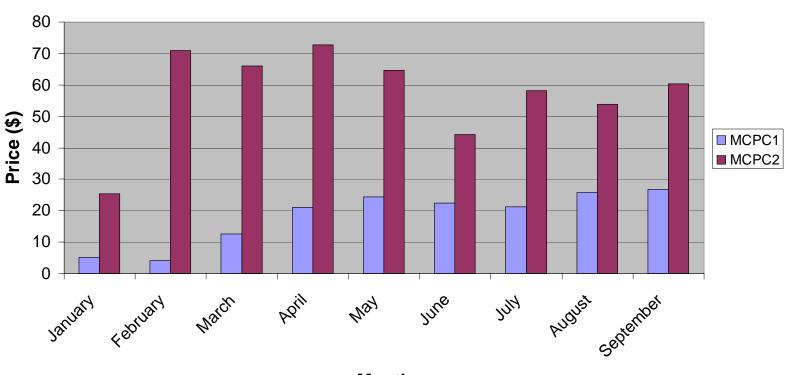
MCPC1: MCPC assuming current levels of RRS procurement.

MCPC2: MCPC if additional 500 MW of RRS is procured and historical

bid stacks are offered.

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Average Responsive Reserve Prices (5pm)



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