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| NPRR Number | [1081](http://www.ercot.com/mktrules/issues/NPRR1081) | NPRR Title | Revisions to Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adder to Consider Firm Load Shed |
| Date of Decision | June 23, 2021 |
| Action | Recommended Approval |
| Timeline  | Urgent - Urgent status is necessary to align scarcity pricing with operational actions as quickly as possible. |
| Proposed Effective Date | July 1, 2021 |
| Priority and Rank Assigned | Priority – 2021; Rank – 3340 |
| Nodal Protocol Sections Requiring Revision  | 6.5.7.3.1, Determination of Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder |
| Related Documents Requiring Revision/Related Revision Requests | None |
| Revision Description | This Nodal Protocol Revision Request (NPRR) modifies the calculation of the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder so that the combination of System Lambda, the Real-Time On-Line Reserve Price Adder, and the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder will be equal to the Value of Lost Load (VOLL) when ERCOT is directing firm Load shed during Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) Level 3. |
| Reason for Revision |  Addresses current operational issues. Meets Strategic goals (tied to the [ERCOT Strategic Plan](http://www.ercot.com/content/wcm/lists/144926/ERCOT_Strategic_Plan_2019-2023.pdf) or directed by the ERCOT Board). Market efficiencies or enhancements Administrative Regulatory requirements Other: (explain)*(please select all that apply)* |
| Business Case | During the February 2021 winter event, Real-Time Market (RTM) prices initially cleared well below the VOLL even while firm Load was being shed in EEA Level 3. Recognizing that this outcome was “inconsistent with the fundamental design of the ERCOT market,” the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) issued an order requiring ERCOT to “ensure that firm load that is being shed in EEA 3 is accounted for in ERCOT’s scarcity pricing signals.” See *Second Order Directing ERCOT to Take Action and Granting Exception to Commission Rules*, Project 51617 (Feb. 16, 2021). In conformance with the PUCT’s order, ERCOT temporarily adjusted the calculation of the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder to account for the MW value of the directed Load shed. Consistent with the action directed by the PUCT in February, ERCOT and the Independent Market Monitor (IMM) are now proposing a more permanent solution that will modify the calculation of the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder when firm Load is being shed in EEA Level 3, which is an out-of-market reliability action. The revised calculation will ensure that the combination of System Lambda, the Real-Time On-Line Reserve Price Adder, and the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder will be equal to the VOLL when ERCOT is directing firm Load shed during EEA Level 3. This will ensure that Real-Time energy prices reflect the VOLL when Load is being shed, which is fundamental to an energy-only market design in order to provide effective economic signals.This NPRR does not modify the language for the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder in the grey box for NPRR1010, RTC – NP 6: Adjustment Period and Real-Time Operations. Further discussions with stakeholders related to the Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adders for Ancillary Services are needed before these revisions can be proposed. ERCOT and the IMM plan to initiate these discussions prior to implementation of the Real-Time Co-Optimization (RTC) project.ERCOT and the IMM are requesting Urgent status to align pricing outcomes with stakeholders’ expectations as quickly as possible. ERCOT and the IMM intend to bring a separate NPRR with additional changes including a recall period analogous to the recall period for Emergency Response Service (ERS) as well as reporting changes for the firm Load shed amount. |
| Credit Work Group Review | See 6/16/21 Credit WG comments |
| PRS Decision | On 6/10/21, PRS unanimously voted via roll call to grant NPRR1081 Urgent status. PRS then voted via roll call to recommend approval of NPRR1081 as submitted; and to forward to TAC NPRR1081 and the Impact Analysis with a recommended priority of 2021 and rank of 3340 and a recommended effective date of upon ERCOT Board approval. There were three abstentions from the Consumer (Occidental Chemical), Cooperative (LCRA), and Independent Generator (Luminant) Market Segments. All Market Segments participated in both votes. |
| Summary of PRS Discussion | On 6/10/21, the sponsors provided an overview of NPRR1081, the Impact Analysis, and the request for Urgent status. The sponsors clarified that the proposed changes in NPRR1081 would only apply during system-wide Load shed, not for localized events. Some participants voiced concerns over the exact end-point of a Load shed event and the procedures for exiting EEA Level 3, which the sponsors noted in the Business Case should be addressed in a future NPRR.  |
| TAC Decision | On 6/23/21, TAC voted via roll call to recommend approval of NPRR1081 as recommended by PRS in the 6/10/21 PRS Report as amended by the 6/16/21 ERCOT comments with a recommended effective date of July 1, 2021. There were four abstentions from the Independent Generator (Luminant), Independent Retail Electric Provider (IREP) (2) (Just Energy and Chariot Energy), and Municipal (Garland) Market Segments. All Market Segments participated in the vote. |
| Summary of TAC Discussion | On 6/23/21, participants reviewed comments filed for NPRR1081. Participants debated the potential benefits and consequences of the concept proposed in the 6/17/21 LCRA comments; and generally supported the concept but desired additional to time for review and encouraged filing a separate NPRR for consideration.  |
| ERCOT Opinion | ERCOT supports approval of NPRR1081. |

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| **Comments Received** |
| Comment Author | **Comment Summary** |
| Payless Power 060921 | Opposed NPRR1081 as written and expressed concern that the sort of policy-making proposed within NPRR1081 should reside with the PUCT rather than within the Protocols |
| Credit WG 061621 | Endorsed NPRR1081 noting positive credit impacts as it better aligns pricing outcomes with market expectations, and the current credit calculations take into account the changes of this NPRR |
| ERCOT 061621 | Clarified that only the firm Load shed authorized by Section 6.5.9.4.2, EEA Levels, will be taken into consideration in determining the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder and that the adjustment to the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder based on firm Load shed ends once ERCOT is no longer directing firm Load shed |
| LCRA 061721 | Proposed edits to Sections 6.7.5, Real-Time Ancillary Service Imbalance Payment or Charge, and 6.7.6, Real-Time Ancillary Service Imbalance Revenue Neutrality Allocation, to remove the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder from Ancillary Service imbalance Settlement |
| ERCOT 062221 | Responded to the 6/17/21 LCRA comments, opined that the issues raised by LCRA require further discussion as a separate NPRR, and reiterated support for the 6/16/21 ERCOT comments |
| PUCT Staff 062221 | Endorsed NPRR1081 as amended by the 6/16/21 ERCOT comments |
| RWE and Invenergy 062321 | Opposed NPRR1081  |

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| **Market Rules Notes** |

None

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| Proposed Protocol Language Revision |

6.5.7.3.1 Determination of Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder

(1) The following categories of reliability deployments are considered in the determination of the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder:

(a) RUC-committed Resources, except for those whose QSEs have opted out of RUC Settlement in accordance with paragraph (12) of Section 5.5.2, Reliability Unit Commitment (RUC) Process;

(b) RMR Resources that are On-Line, including capacity secured to prevent an Emergency Condition pursuant to paragraph (2) of Section 6.5.1.1, ERCOT Control Area Authority;

(c) Deployed Load Resources other than Controllable Load Resources;

(d) Deployed Emergency Response Service (ERS);

(e) Real-Time DC Tie imports during an EEA where the total adjustment shall not exceed 1,250 MW in a single interval;

(f) Real-Time DC Tie exports to address emergency conditions in the receiving electric grid;

(g) Energy delivered to ERCOT through registered Block Load Transfers (BLTs) during an EEA;

(h) Energy delivered from ERCOT to another power pool through registered BLTs during emergency conditions in the receiving electric grid; and

(i) ERCOT-directed firm Load shed during EEA Level 3, as described in paragraph (3) of Section 6.5.9.4.2, EEA Levels.

(2) The Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder is an estimation of the impact to energy prices due to the above categories of reliability deployments. For intervals where there are reliability deployments as described in paragraph (1) above, after the two-step SCED process and also after the Real-Time On-Line Reserve Price Adder and Real-Time Off-Line Reserve Price Adder have been determined, the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder is determined as follows:

(a) For RUC-committed Resources with a telemetered Resource Status of ONRUC and for RMR Resources that are On-Line, set the LSL, LASL, and LDL to zero.

(b) Notwithstanding item (a) above, for RUC-committed Combined Cycle Generation Resources with a telemetered Resource Status of ONRUC that were instructed by ERCOT to transition to a different configuration to provide additional capacity, set the LSL, LASL, and LDL equal to the minimum of their current value and the COP HSL of the QSE-committed configuration for the RUC hour at the snapshot time of the RUC instruction.

(c) For all other Generation Resources excluding ones with a telemetered status of ONRUC, ONTEST, STARTUP, SHUTDOWN, and also excluding RMR Resources that are On-Line and excluding Generation Resources with a telemetered output less than 95% of LSL:

(i) Set LDL to the greater of Aggregated Resource Output - (60 minutes \* SCED Down Ramp Rate), or LASL; and

(ii) Set HDL to the lesser of Aggregated Resource Output + (60 minutes\*SCED Up Ramp Rate), or HASL.

(d) For all Controllable Load Resources excluding ones with a telemetered status of OUTL:

(i) Set LDL to the greater of Aggregated Resource Output - (60 minutes \* SCED Up Ramp Rate), or LASL; and

(ii) Set HDL to the lesser of Aggregated Resource Output + (60 minutes\*SCED Down Ramp Rate), or HASL.

(e) Add the deployed MW from Load Resources other than Controllable Load Resources to GTBD linearly ramped over the 10-minute ramp period. The amount of deployed MW is calculated from the Resource telemetry and from applicable deployment instructions in Extensible Markup Language (XML) messages. ERCOT shall generate a linear bid curve defined by a price/quantity pair of $300/MWh for the first MW of Load Resources deployed and a price/quantity pair of $700/MWh for the last MW of Load Resources deployed in each SCED execution. After recall instruction, the amount of MW added to GTBD during the restoration period will be determined by validated telemetry. The TAC shall review the validity of the prices for the bid curve at least annually.

(f) Add the deployed MW from ERS to GTBD. The amount of deployed MW is determined from the XML messages and ERS contracted capacities for the ERS Time Periods when ERS is deployed. After recall, an approximation of the amount of un-restored ERS shall be used. After ERCOT recalls each group, GTBD shall be adjusted to reflect restoration on a linear curve over the assumed restoration period (“RHours”).

The above parameter is defined as follows:

| Parameter | Unit | Current Value\* |
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| RHours | Hours | 4.5 |
| \* Changes to the current value of the parameter(s) referenced in this table above may be recommended by TAC and approved by the ERCOT Board. ERCOT shall update parameter values on the first day of the month following ERCOT Board approval unless otherwise directed by the ERCOT Board. ERCOT shall provide a Market Notice prior to implementation of a revised parameter value.  |

(g) Add the MW from Real-Time DC Tie imports during an EEA to GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the ERCOT Operator.

(h) Subtract the MW from Real-Time DC Tie exports to address emergency conditions in the receiving electric grid from GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the receiving grid operator.

(i) Add the MW from energy delivered to ERCOT through registered BLTs during an EEA to GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the ERCOT Operator.

(j) Subtract the MW from energy delivered from ERCOT to another power pool through registered BLTs during emergency conditions in the receiving electric grid from GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the receiving grid operator.

(k) Perform a SCED with changes to the inputs in items (a) through (j) above, considering only Competitive Constraints and the non-mitigated Energy Offer Curves.

(l) Perform mitigation on the submitted Energy Offer Curves using the LMPs from the previous step as the reference LMP.

(m) Perform a SCED with the changes to the inputs in items (a) through (j) above, considering both Competitive and Non-Competitive Constraints and the mitigated Energy offer Curves.

(n) Determine the positive difference between the System Lambda from item (m) above and the System Lambda of the second step in the two-step SCED process described in paragraph (10)(b) of Section 6.5.7.3, Security Constrained Economic Dispatch.

(o) Determine the amount given by the Value of Lost Load (VOLL) minus the sum of the System Lambda of the second step in the two step SCED process described in paragraph (10)(b) of Section 6.5.7.3 and the Real-Time On-Line Reserve Price Adder.

(p) The Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder is the minimum of items (n) and (o) above except when ERCOT is directing firm Load shed during EEA Level 3. When ERCOT is directing firm Load shed during EEA Level 3 to either maintain sufficient PRC or stabilize grid frequency, as described in paragraph (3) of Section 6.5.9.4.2, the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder is the VOLL minus the sum of the System Lambda of the second step in the two-step SCED process described in paragraph (10)(b) of Section 6.5.7.3 and the Real-Time On-Line Reserve Price Adder. Once ERCOT is no longer directing firm Load shed, as described above, the Real-Time On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder will again be set as the minimum of items (n) and (o) above.

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| [NPRR904, NPRR1006, NPRR1010, and NPRR1014: Replace applicable portions of Section 6.5.7.3.1 above with the following upon system implementation for NPRR904, NPRR1006, or NPRR1014; or upon system implementation of the Real-Time Co-Optimization (RTC) project for NPRR1010:]**6.5.7.3.1Determination of Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adder**(1) The following categories of reliability deployments are considered in the determination of the Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adder for Energy, and the Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adders for Ancillary Services:(a) RUC-committed Resources, except for those whose QSEs have opted out of RUC Settlement in accordance with paragraph (12) of Section 5.5.2, Reliability Unit Commitment (RUC) Process;(b) RMR Resources that are On-Line, including capacity secured to prevent an Emergency Condition pursuant to paragraph (2) of Section 6.5.1.1, ERCOT Control Area Authority; (c) Deployed Load Resources other than Controllable Load Resources;(d) Deployed Emergency Response Service (ERS);(e) ERCOT-directed DC Tie imports during an EEA or transmission emergency where the total adjustment shall not exceed 1,250 MW in a single interval; (f) ERCOT-directed curtailment of DC Tie imports below the higher of DC Tie advisory import limit as of 0600 in the Day-Ahead or subsequent advisory import limit to address local transmission system limitations where the total adjustment shall not exceed 1,250 MW in a single interval;(g) ERCOT-directed curtailment of DC Tie imports below the higher of DC Tie advisory import limit as of 0600 in the Day-Ahead or subsequent advisory import limit due to an emergency action by a neighboring system operator during an emergency that is accommodated by ERCOT where the total adjustment shall not exceed 1,250 MW in a single interval;(h) ERCOT-directed DC Tie exports to address emergency conditions in the receiving electric grid where the total adjustment shall not exceed 1,250 MW in a single interval; (i) ERCOT-directed curtailment of DC Tie exports below the DC Tie advisory export limit as of 0600 in the Day-Ahead or subsequent advisory export limit during EEA, a transmission emergency, or to address local transmission system limitations where the total adjustment shall not exceed 1,250 MW in a single interval;(j) Energy delivered to ERCOT through registered Block Load Transfers (BLTs) during an EEA;(k) Energy delivered from ERCOT to another power pool through registered BLTs during emergency conditions in the receiving electric grid; and(l) ERCOT-directed deployment of Transmission and/or Distribution Service Provider (TDSP) standard offer Load management programs.(2) The Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adder for Energy, and Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adders for Ancillary Services are estimations of the impact to energy prices and Real-Time MCPCs due to the above categories of reliability deployments. For intervals where there are reliability deployments as described in paragraph (1) above, the Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adder for Energy and Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adders for Ancillary Services are determined as follows:(a) For RUC-committed Resources with a telemetered Resource Status of ONRUC and for RMR Resources that are On-Line:(i) Set the LSL and LDL to zero;(ii) Remove all Ancillary Service Offers; and(iii) For the first step of SCED, administratively set the Energy Offer Curve for the Resource at a value equal to the Power Balance Penalty Price (PBPP) for all capacity between 0 MW and the HSL of the Resource.(b) Notwithstanding item (a) above, for RUC-committed Combined Cycle Generation Resources with a telemetered Resource Status of ONRUC that were instructed by ERCOT to transition to a different configuration to provide additional capacity:(i) Set the LSL and LDL equal to the minimum of their current value and the COP HSL of the QSE-committed configuration for the RUC hour at the snapshot time of the RUC instruction;(ii) Set the maximum Ancillary Service capabilities of the Resource equal to the minimum of their current value and COP Ancillary Service capabilities of the QSE-committed configuration for the RUC hour at the snapshot time of the RUC instruction; and(iii) For the first step of SCED, administratively set the Energy Offer Curve for the Resource at a value equal to the Power Balance Penalty Price (PBPP) for the additional capacity of the Resource, defined as the positive difference between the Resource’s current telemetered HSL and the COP HSL of the QSE-committed configuration for the RUC hour at the snapshot time of the RUC instruction. (c) For all other Generation Resources excluding ones with a telemetered status of ONRUC, ONTEST, STARTUP, SHUTDOWN, and also excluding RMR Resources that are On-Line and excluding Generation Resources with a telemetered output less than 95% of LSL:(i) If the Generation Resource SCED Base Point is not at LDL, set LDL to the greater of Aggregated Resource Output - (60 minutes \* Normal Ramp Rate down), or LSL; and(ii) If the Generation Resource SCED Base Point is not at HDL, set HDL to the lesser of Aggregated Resource Output + (60 minutes \* Normal Ramp Rate up), or HSL. (d) For all On-Line ESRs:(i) If the ESR SCED Base Point is not at LDL, set LDL to the greater of Aggregated Resource Output - (60 minutes \* Normal Ramp Rate down), or LSL; and(ii) If the ESR SCED Base Point is not at HDL, set HDL to the lesser of Aggregated Resource Output + (60 minutes \* Normal Ramp Rate up), or HSL.(e) For all Controllable Load Resources excluding ones with a telemetered status of OUTL:(i) If the Controllable Load Resource SCED Base Point is not at LDL, set LDL to the greater of Aggregated Resource Output - (60 minutes \* Normal Ramp Rate down), or LSL; and(ii) If the Controllable Load Resource SCED Base Point is not at HDL, set HDL to the lesser of Aggregated Resource Output + (60 minutes \* Normal Ramp Rate up), or HSL.(f) Add the deployed MW from Load Resources other than Controllable Load Resources to GTBD linearly ramped over the 10-minute ramp period. The amount of deployed MW is calculated from the Resource telemetry and from applicable deployment instructions in Extensible Markup Language (XML) messages. ERCOT shall generate a linear bid curve defined by a price/quantity pair of $300/MWh for the first MW of Load Resources deployed and a price/quantity pair of $700/MWh for the last MW of Load Resources deployed in each SCED execution. After recall instruction, the amount of MW added to GTBD during the restoration period will be determined by validated telemetry. The TAC shall review the validity of the prices for the bid curve at least annually. (g) Add the deployed MW from ERS to GTBD. The amount of deployed MW is determined from the XML messages and ERS contracted capacities for the ERS Time Periods when ERS is deployed. After recall, an approximation of the amount of un-restored ERS shall be used. After ERCOT recalls each group, GTBD shall be adjusted to reflect restoration on a linear curve over the assumed restoration period (“RHours”).The above parameter is defined as follows:

| Parameter | Unit | Current Value\* |
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| RHours | Hours | 4.5 |
| \* Changes to the current value of the parameter(s) referenced in this table above may be recommended by TAC and approved by the ERCOT Board. ERCOT shall update parameter values on the first day of the month following ERCOT Board approval unless otherwise directed by the ERCOT Board. ERCOT shall provide a Market Notice prior to implementation of a revised parameter value.  |

(h) Add the MW from DC Tie imports during an EEA or transmission emergency, to address local transmission system limitations, or due to an emergency action by a neighboring system operator during an emergency that is accommodated by ERCOT to GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the ERCOT Operator.(i) Add the MW from DC Tie export curtailments during an EEA or transmission emergency, to address local transmission system limitations, or due to an emergency action by a neighboring system operator during an emergency that is accommodated by ERCOT to GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the ERCOT Operator. The MW added to GTBD associated with any individual DC Tie shall not exceed the higher of DC Tie advisory limit for exports on that tie as of 0600 in the Day-Ahead or subsequent advisory export limit minus the aggregate export on the DC Tie that remained scheduled following the Dispatch Instruction from the ERCOT Operator.(j) Subtract the MW from DC Tie exports to address emergency conditions in the receiving electric grid from GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the receiving grid operator. (k) Subtract the MW from DC Tie import curtailments to address local transmission system limitations or emergency conditions in the receiving electric grid from GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the receiving grid operator. The MW subtracted from GTBD associated with any individual DC Tie shall not exceed the higher of DC Tie advisory limit for imports on that tie as of 0600 in the Day-Ahead or subsequent advisory import limit minus the aggregate import on the DC Tie that remained scheduled following the Dispatch Instruction from the ERCOT Operator.(l) Add the MW from energy delivered to ERCOT through registered BLTs during an EEA to GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the ERCOT Operator.(m) Subtract the MW from energy delivered from ERCOT to another power pool through registered BLTs during emergency conditions in the receiving electric grid from GTBD. The amount of MW is determined from the Dispatch Instruction and should continue over the duration of time specified by the receiving grid operator.(n) Add the deployed MWs from TDSP standard offer Load management programs to GTBD, if ERCOT instructs TDSPs to deploy their standard offer Load management programs. The amount of deployed MW is the value ERCOT provided for all TDSP standard offer Load management programs in the most current May Report on Capacity, Demand and Reserves in the ERCOT Region, unless modified as specified in this paragraph. If ERCOT is informed that all or a portion of a TDSP’s standard offer Load management program has been fully exhausted, or has been expanded as the result of a Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) proceeding, ERCOT will remove the associated MW value of any exhausted capacity from the amount of deployed MW or, in the case of an expansion, ERCOT will request an updated MW value from the relevant TDSPs to use in place of the May Report on Capacity, Demand and Reserves in the ERCOT Region value for that year. The initial value ERCOT will use for deployed MW under this paragraph for each calendar year, as well as any subsequent changes to this value, will be communicated to Market Participants in a Market Notice. After recall, an approximation of the amount of un-restored TDSP standard offer Load management programs shall be used. GTBD shall be adjusted to reflect restoration on a linear curve over the assumed restoration period (“RHours”) defined by item (g) above. (o) Perform a SCED with changes to the inputs in items (a) through (m) above, considering only Competitive Constraints and the non-mitigated Energy Offer Curves.(p) Perform mitigation on the submitted Energy Offer Curves using the LMPs from the previous step as the reference LMP.(q) Perform a SCED with the changes to the inputs in items (a) through (m) above, considering both Competitive and Non-Competitive Constraints and the mitigated Energy offer Curves.(r) The Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adder for Energy is equal to the positive difference between the System Lambda from item (q) above and the System Lambda of the second step in the two-step SCED process described in paragraph (10)(b) of Section 6.5.7.3, Security Constrained Economic Dispatch.(s) For each individual Ancillary Service, the Real-Time Reliability Deployment Price Adder for Ancillary Service is equal to the positive difference between the MCPC for that Ancillary Service from item (q) above and the MCPC for that Ancillary Service.  |