

**Methodology for Calculating Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity**

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# Purpose

Paragraph (1) of Protocol Section 3.1.6.13, Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity, requires ERCOT to calculate the maximum capacity of Resource Planned Outages that should be allowed on each day of the next 60 months. ERCOT must calculate the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for days more than seven days ahead of the Operating Day and for days that are seven days or less prior to the Operating Day. Pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Section 3.16.13, which requires ERCOT to post the methodology used to calculate the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity on the ERCOT website, this document describes the details of methodology used in the calculation of these Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity values. As further described herein, ERCOT establishes distinct Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity values for Thermal Resources and for Intermittent Renewable Resources (IRR). As required by Paragraph (6) of Protocol Section 3.6.1, this methodology does not apply to outages of nuclear Generation Resources. This methodology also does not apply to certain outages of Generation Resources that are part of an industrial generation facility (IGF) if the owner of the facility has notified ERCOT of that status, as required by paragraph (7) of Section 3.1.6, and provided the information required by that paragraph in the Resource’s Outage plan.

If during any calendar year this methodology would limit the aggregate hours of thermal Resource Planned Outages to less than 110% of the aggregate hours of Planned Outages, Maintenance Outages, and Rescheduled Outages for thermal resources in the preceding calendar year, ERCOT will immediately review the current methodology. After conducting a review required by this section, and no later than January 15 of the applicable calendar year, ERCOT will either: (a) present a report to the ERCOT Board of Directors explaining why the current methodology is sufficient to ensure Resource reliability, or (b) propose revisions to this methodology. Any actions under this section should comply with the notice, comment, and approval requirements of Protocols § 3.1.6.13 (3).

ERCOT will publish on its website the input component data necessary for market participants to verify the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity values currently in effect, as specified in Sections 2 and 3 below.

# Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for days more than seven days ahead of the operating Day

The Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for days more than seven days ahead of the Operating Day is calculated using seasonal assumptions, planned Resources that have met the criteria in Planning Guide Section 6.9, Addition of Proposed Generation to the Planning Models, and the long-term load forecast. The Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity is calculated in 1-day time resolution.

## Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for Thermal Generation Resources

Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for thermal Generation Resources = installed thermal Generation Resource seasonal capacity + peak average capacity of hydroelectric Generation Resources + Switchable Generation Resource (SWGR) capacity available to ERCOT + available mothballed capacity + capacity from private use network (PUN) + Direct Current (DC) Tie capacity + installed IRR capacity + forecasted Demand reduction provided by price-responsive Demand –unplanned outage capacity proxy for thermal Generation Resources – weekly average of the long term Load forecast + capacity of planned thermal Generation Resources + capacity of planned IRRs

where:

* (+) installed thermal Generation Resource seasonal capacity is consistent with the calculation used in Section 3.2.6.2.2 excluding IRRs, Generation Resources in industrial generation facilities, ESRs, and DGR/DESRs
* (+) peak average capacity of hydroelectric Generation Resources is consistent with the calculation used in Section 3.2.6.2.2
* (+) SWGR capacity available to ERCOT is consistent with the calculation used in Section 3.2.6.2.2
* (+) available mothballed capacity is consistent with the calculation used in Section 3.2.6.2.2
* (+)capacity from private use network (PUN) is consistent with the calculation used in Section 3.2.6.2.2
* (+) DC Tie capacity is consistent with the calculation used in Section 3.2.6.2.2
* (+) installed IRR capacity is determined based on the 25th percentile of hourly historical wind and solar output for the peak load hours of the same season for the previous three years
* (+) capacity of planned thermal Generation Resources is determined based on the thermal Generation Resources that meet the requirements of Planning Guide Section 6.9, the associated maximum sustainable capacity and the planned in-service date for each Resource identified in the unit registration process
* (+) capacity of planned IRRs is determined based on the installed capacity of those IRRs that meet Planning Guide Section 6.9, the planned in-service date for each IRR identified in the unit registration process, and the IRR’s expected power production for the relevant season. The planned IRR capacity is calculated using the 25th percentile of the historical output per unit of installed IRR capacity. For example, if the total installed IRR capacity for a past season is 10,000 MW and the 25th percentile of the historical IRR output for the previous three years is 2,000MW, then the calculated planned IRR capacity for 1,000 MW of planned IRRs is (1,000) \* (2,000/10,000) = 200 MW.
* (+) the forecasted Demand reduction provided by price-responsive Demand is consistent with the Outage Adjustment Evaluation (OAE) in the Advance Action Notice (AAN) process described in the Protocol Section 3.1.6.9
* (-) 75th percentile of forced outage capacity for thermal Generation Resources for the peak load hours of the same season for the previous three years
* (-) long term Load forecast is determined for the study years based on the 50th percentile of the historical load profile, smoothed using a rolling 7-day average

The Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for thermal Generation Resources entering and exiting outage seasons.

* For the first 15 days entering the spring and fall outage season starting on March 1 and October 1, respectively, ERCOT will set the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity equal to the linear increase starting with 10,000MW on the first day of the outage season and ending with the calculated amount in accordance with the methodology above on the 15th day.
* For the last 15 days exiting the spring and fall outage season ending on May 31 and December 15, respectively, ERCOT will set the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity equal to the linear decrease starting with the calculated amount in accordance with the methodology above on the 15th day prior to the end of the outage season and ending with 10,000MW on the last day.

Historical Resource Planned Outages are also considered when determining the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for thermal Generation Resources.

* The calculation of summer Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity values for thermal Generation Resources described in equation 2.1 should not exceed 105% of the historical maximum Resource Planned Outage Capacity of thermal Generation Resources from the previous three summer seasons, and the calculation of the winter Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity values for thermal Generation Resources should not exceed 10% of the historical maximum Resource Planned Outage Capacity of thermal Generation Resources from the previous three winter seasons.

## Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for Intermittent Renewable Resources (IRR)

Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for IRRs is calculated based on 105% of the historical maximum Resource Planned Outages for IRRs from the previous three years.

## Resource Planned Outage Plan Review for Other Resources

### Nuclear Generation Resources

In accordance with Protocol Section 3.1.6(6), ERCOT will approve Planned Outages for nuclear Generation Resources without regard to Outage capacity available within the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity.

### Industrial generation facilities

In accordance with Protocol Section 3.1.6 (7), ERCOT will approve an Outage plan for a Generation Resource that is part of an IGF, even if the Outage would cause the outage capacity to exceed the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity, if the plan states that the Generation Resource is part of an IGF, as described in Utilities Code § 39.151(*l*), and that the Outage is necessitated by the operational needs of an industrial Load normally served by the Generation Resource. However, ERCOT will not approve the Outage plan if ERCOT determines the Outage will impair its ability to ensure transmission security.

### Energy Storage Resources (ESR)

Currently, the capacity of Energy Storage Resources (ESRs) is assumed to be zero, consistent with Section 3.2.6.2.2, because nearly all ESRs are using their capacity to provide Ancillary Services rather than making that capacity available to meet system peak loads. Therefore, ERCOT does not intend to apply the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity in reviewing Planned Outage plans for ESRs. However, ESR Planned Outage plans are subject to transmission security assessment.

### Distributed Generation Resources (DGR), and Distributed Energy Storage Resources (DESR)

The capacity contribution of DGRs and DESRs to meet system peak load is assumed to be zero. Therefore, ERCOT does not intend to apply the Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity in reviewing DGR and DESR Planned Outage plans. However, Planned Outage plans for DGRs and DESRs are subject to transmission security assessment.

# Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for Seven days or less prior to operating day

The Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity is calculated to be consistent with the inputs used for an Outage Adjustment Evaluation (OAE) as described in the Protocol 3.1.6.9.

## Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for Thermal Generation Resources

Maximum Daily Resource Planned Outage Capacity for thermal Generation Resources = seasonal maximum capacity of Generation Resources for non-IRR and non-PUN + wind forecast + solar forecast + capacity from private use network + DC Tie capacity – unplanned outaged capacity of thermal Generation Resources – Load forecast + the forecasted Demand reduction provided by price-responsive Demand + SODG and SOTG forecasts

where:

* (+) the seasonal maximum capacity of Generation Resource is computed by adding the seasonal net maximum capacity of the Generation Resource, as reported in its RARF, except for IRRs, private use network Generation Resources, ESRs, and DGRs/DESRs.
* (+) the wind forecast
* (+) the solar forecast
* (+) capacity from Generation Resources in the PUNs is consistent with calculation used in Section 3.2.6.2.2
* (-) approved or accepted unplanned outage capacity as reported in the Outage Scheduler excluding IRRs, private use network Generation Resources, ESRs, and DGRs/DESRs
* (+) DC Tie capacity is consistent with the calculation used in Section 3.2.6.2.2
* (-) the in-use Load forecast
* (+) forecasted Demand reduction provided by price-responsive Demand
* (+) SODG and SOTG forecast when available

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