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## 1. Nodal Market Non-Spinning Reserve Service Deployment and Recall Procedure

For any Non-Spinning Reserve (Non-Spin) Service that is not continually deployed to Security-Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED) as part of a standing On-Line Non-Spin deployment, there are four situations that will cause Non-Spin to be deployed:

* Detection of insufficient capacity for energy dispatch during periodic checking of available capacity.
* Disturbance conditions such as a unit trip, sustained frequency decay or sustained low frequency operations.
* SCED not having enough energy available to execute successfully.
* When Off-Line Generation Resource(s) and/or Load Resource(s) that are not Controllable Load Resource(s) (CLR(s)) providing Non-Spin are the only reasonable option(s) available to the Operator for resolving local issues.

In each of these cases, the ERCOT operator will make the final decision and initiate the deployment. The ERCOT operator shall deploy Non-Spin in amounts sufficient to respond to the operational circumstances. This means that Non-Spin may be deployed partially over time or may be deployed in its entirety. If Non-Spin is deployed partially, it shall be deployed in increments of 100% of each Resource’s capacity.

## 2. Non-Spin Deployment

ERCOT may deploy Non-Spin, which has not been deployed as part of a standing On-Line Non-Spin deployment, under the following conditions:

* When (High Ancillary Service Limit (HASL) – Gen – Intermittent Renewable Resource (IRR) Curtailment) – (30-minute net load ramp) < 0 MW, deploy sufficient Non-Spin capacity so that (HASL – Gen – IRR Curtailment) – (30-minute net load ramp) > 500 MW.
* When Physical Responsive Capability (PRC) < 3200 MW and not expected to recover within 30 minutes without deploying reserves, deploy all or a portion of the available Non-Spin capacity.
* When PRC < 2500 MW, deploy all of the available Non-Spin capacity.
* When the North-to-Houston (N\_H) Voltage Stability Limit Reliability Margin < 300 MW, deploy Non-Spin (all or partial) in the Houston area as needed to restore reliability margin.
* When Off-Line Generation Resources providing Non-Spin are the only reasonable option available to the Operator for resolving local issues, deploy available Non-Spin capacity on only the necessary individual Resources.
* Load Resources that are not Controllable Load Resources (CLRs) and Generation Resources providing Off-Line Non-Spin will be separated into deployment groups as defined in Nodal Protocol Section 6.5.7.6.2.3, Non-Spinning Reserve Service Deployment.
* Load Resources that are not CLRs and Generation Resources providing Off-Line Non-Spin can be deployed individually, in groups, or as an entire block providing Non-Spin. Deployments that do not encompass an entire block may only be done to manage inertia, congestion, or for other local needs.

If a condition other than those listed above indicates that additional capacity may need to be brought On-Line to manage reliability, operators will evaluate the system condition and deploy Non-Spin as needed if no other better options are available to resolve the system condition. Under emergency, the emergency process will govern the deployment of Non-Spin.

Following a Non-Spin deployment, the following steps should be taken:

2.1 Off-Line Generation Resource reserved for Non-Spin

* The Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) will be sent a Resource-specific Dispatch Instruction deployment indicating a time and date stamp, QSE, Dispatch Asset Code, and Deployed MW.
* The Dispatch Instruction for an Off-Line Generation Resource must include the expected amount of *capacity* that will be available for SCED and the anticipated duration of the deployment.
* The QSE will ensure that the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule telemetry for that Off-Line Generation Resource has been reduced to zero within 20 minutes of the Dispatch Instruction.
* The QSE must have the Off-Line Generation Resource On-Line with an Energy Offer Curve and the telemetered net generation must be greater than or equal to the Resource’s telemetered Low Sustained Limit (LSL) multiplied by P1 where P1 is defined in the “ERCOT and QSE Operations Business Practices During the Operating Hour” within 25 minutes of the Dispatch Instruction.
* SCED will respond to the changes in Resource Status that are received by telemetry from the QSE.
* Once the Resource is On-Line it is Dispatched as any other Generation Resource including any provisions for processing generation less than the Resource’s LSL.
* The Resource must, at a minimum, be capable of providing all the Non-Spin energy to SCED within 30 minutes of the Dispatch Instruction.
* The Load Resource must, at a minimum, be capable of remaining deployed until recalled.

2.2 On-Line Generation Resource with an Energy Offer Curve

* For a Resource that *will not* *use power augmentation* to provide any portion of its Non-Spin Ancillary Service Resource Responsibility:
  + The QSE shall set the value of the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule to zero within the 30-second window prior to the start of the delivery hour.
  + ERCOT will automatically calculate new HASL constraints for SCED using the telemetry of the Resource’s Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule.
  + The total amount of capacity reserved on that Resource for Non-Spin shall be considered as a standing Non-Spin deployment Dispatch Instruction for the duration of the Operating Hour.
  + A Non-Spin deployment Dispatch Instruction from ERCOT is not required for standing Non-Spin deployments.
* For a Resource that *will use power augmentation* to provide a specific MW portion of its Non-Spin Ancillary Service Responsibility:
  + The QSE shall set the value of the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule to the appropriate value within the 30-second window prior to the start of the delivery hour.
  + The QSE may set the value of the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule equal to the MW amount of Non-Spin that will be provided via power. augmentation; otherwise, the QSE may set the value of the schedule to zero.
  + If the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule is set to zero, then the total amount of capacity reserved on that Resource for Non-Spin shall be considered as a standing Non-Spin deployment Dispatch Instruction for the duration of the Operating Hour.
  + If the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule is set to a non-zero value, then the QSE will be sent a Resource-specific Dispatch Instruction indicating that Non-Spin has been deployed for the total amount of the Non-Spin Schedule.
    - The Dispatch Instruction must include the expected amount of *capacity* that will be available for SCED and the anticipated duration of the deployment.
    - The QSE shall reduce the Resource’s Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule to zero within 20 minutes following a deployment instruction.
  + ERCOT will automatically calculate new HASL constraints for SCED using the telemetry of the Resource’s Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule.
* The QSE must, at a minimum, ensure that the Normal Ramp Rate represented by the Resource’s ramp rate curve is sufficient to allow SCED to fully Dispatch the Resource’s Non-Spin Resource Responsibility within 30 minutes, regardless of whether or not the Resource uses power augmentation to provide the service.

2.3 On-Line Generation Resource with Output Schedules

* The QSE shall set the value of the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule to zero within the 30-second window prior to the start of the delivery hour.
* ERCOT will automatically calculate new HASL constraints for SCED using the telemetry of the Resource’s Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule.
  + If the QSE is sent a Resource-specific Dispatch Instruction indicating that Non-Spin has been deployed:
  + The Dispatch Instruction must include the additional amount of *energy* (MW) that needs to be produced by the Resource and the estimated duration of the deployment.
  + For Dynamically Scheduled Resources (DSRs) providing Non-Spin, as soon as the QSE receives the deployment, the QSE shall adjust the telemetry Output Schedule to reflect the Non-Spin deployment. A DSR QSE with a Load Resource that has provided Non-Spin will ensure that the Output Schedule is not reduced to reflect the Load deployment if the Load Resource is part of the DSR Load that the Resource follows.
  + For non-DSRs (with Output Schedules) providing Non-Spin, ERCOT shall increase the Output Schedule used in SCED by the difference between telemetered Non-Spin Ancillary Service Resource Responsibility and Ancillary Service Schedule to reflect the amount of Non-Spin energy that is to be provided by the Resource in response to the Non-Spin deployment.

2.4 CLR with Non-Spin Ancillary Service Resource Responsibility

* The QSE shall set the value of the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule to zero within the 30-second window prior to the start of the delivery hour.
* ERCOT will automatically calculate new Low Ancillary Service Limit (LASL) constraints for SCED using the telemetry of the Resource’s Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule.
* The total amount of capacity reserved on that Resource for Non-Spin shall be considered as a standing Non-Spin deployment Dispatch Instruction for the duration of the Operating Hour.
* A Non-Spin deployment Dispatch Instruction from ERCOT is not required for standing Non-Spin deployments.
* The QSE must have the CLR’s telemetered Resource Status as On-Line (ONRGL and/or ONCLR, whichever is applicable) with an RTM Energy Bid per paragraph (1)(b) of Protocol Section 6.4.4.1, Energy Offer Curve or Energy Bid Curve for On-Line Non-Spinning Reserve Capacity, and the CLR’s telemetered net real power consumption must be greater than or equal to the CLR’s telemetered LPC plus its total upward Ancillary Service Resource Responsibility.

2.5 Load Resource that is not a CLR with Non-Spin Ancillary Service Resource Responsibility

* The QSE must show the Load Resource’s telemetered Resource Status as On-Line (ONRL) and, if equipped with an under-frequency relay, the relay should not be armed and the status should indicate Disabled.
* Load Resources that are not CLRs and Generation Resources providing offline Non-Spin will be separated into deployment groups as defined in Nodal Protocol Section 6.5.7.6.2.3, Non-Spinning Reserve Service Deployment.
* The QSE will be sent a Resource-specific Dispatch Instruction for the Non-Spin deployment indicating a time and date stamp, QSE, Dispatch Asset Code, and Deployed MW.
* The Dispatch Instruction must include the expected amount of capacity that will be expected to be dropped by the Load Resource within 30 minutes.
* The QSE will ensure that the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule telemetry for that Load Resource has been reduced to zero within one minute of receiving the Dispatch Instruction.
* The Load Resource must, at a minimum, be capable of remaining deployed until recalled.

## 3. Recall of Non-Spin Deployment

The deployed Non-Spin may be recalled in a manner that is expected to maintain (HASL – Gen – IRR Curtailment) – (30-minute net load ramp) > 1000 MW and PRC is > 3200 MW. Non-Spin provided by Off-Line Generation Resources and Load Resources that are not CLRs will be recalled first, followed by CLRs and On-Line Generation Resources until all the Non-Spin is recalled. Non-Spin block deployments shall be recalled in the reverse order in which they were deployed or may be recalled all at once, at ERCOT’s discretion.

Following the recall of a Non-Spin deployment, the following steps should be taken:

* After recall, the QSE for a Generation Resource will be allowed to use normal shutdown procedures to take the Generation Resource Off-Line if the QSE wants to shut down the Resource. In this case, the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule for that Generation Resource will be reset to equal the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Responsibility for that Generation Resource for that hour. A QSE with a Generation Resource that was previously Off-Line will be allowed to keep the Generation Resource On-Line after the minimum On-Line time, provided that the difference between its High Sustained Limit (HSL) and LSL is greater than or equal to its Ancillary Service Resource Responsibility.
* A QSE with a Generation Resource (with an Energy Offer Curve) that will stay On-Line may set the value of the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule equal to the MW amount of Non-Spin that will be provided via power augmentation; otherwise, the QSE will ensure that the value of the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule for that Resource is set to 0 MW.
* A QSE with a DSR Generation Resource (with an Output Schedule) that will stay On-Line will back out the Non-Spin addition that was made to the Output Schedule. This can be incrementally deleted depending on the size of the deployment and Normal Ramp Rate. For non-DSR Generation Resources, SCED will use the QSE-submitted non-DSR Output Schedule once the Non-Spin has been recalled.
* A QSE with a Load Resource that is not a CLR that has provided Non-Spin will ensure that the Load energy and Non-Spin capability is restored within three hours of the recall instruction of the Non-Spin deployment issued by ERCOT. If the QSE cannot restore within three hours of the ERCOT recall instruction of the Non-Spin deployment, the Non-Spin obligation must be replaced by the QSE from other Non-Spin qualified Resources capable of providing the service.
* The QSE will ensure that the Non-Spin Ancillary Service Schedule telemetry for a Load Resource that is not a CLR continuously and accurately represents the amount of Load Resource that has been restored following a recall instruction and is available for subsequent deployment.

If Non-Spin has been deployed in the Houston area to help manage the N\_H Voltage Stability Limit, the deployments will be recalled once reliability margins have been restored to a manageable level.

## 4. Non-Spinning Reserve Service Deployment and Recall Procedure Revision Process

Revisions to the Non-Spinning Reserve Deployment and Recall Procedure shall be made according to the approval process as prescribed in Protocol Section 6.5.7.6.2.3, Non-Spinning Reserve Service Deployment.