

# Wholesale Market Operations: Real-Time



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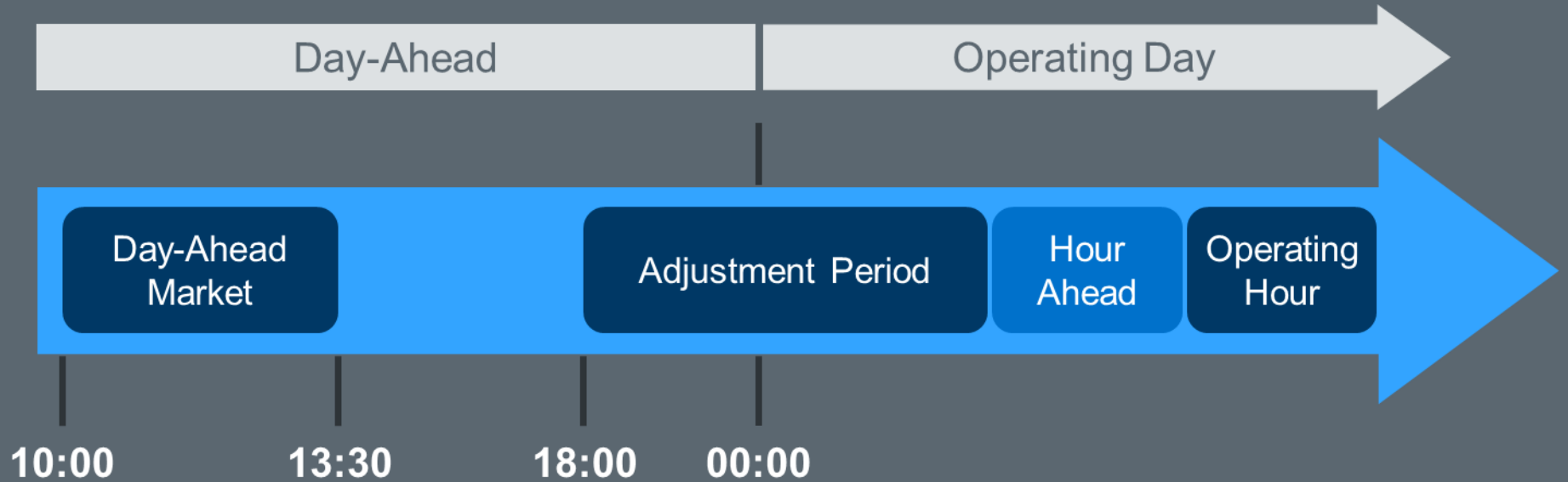
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# **The Adjustment Period**



## ERCOT may need additional Ancillary Services



SASM during  
Adjustment  
Period

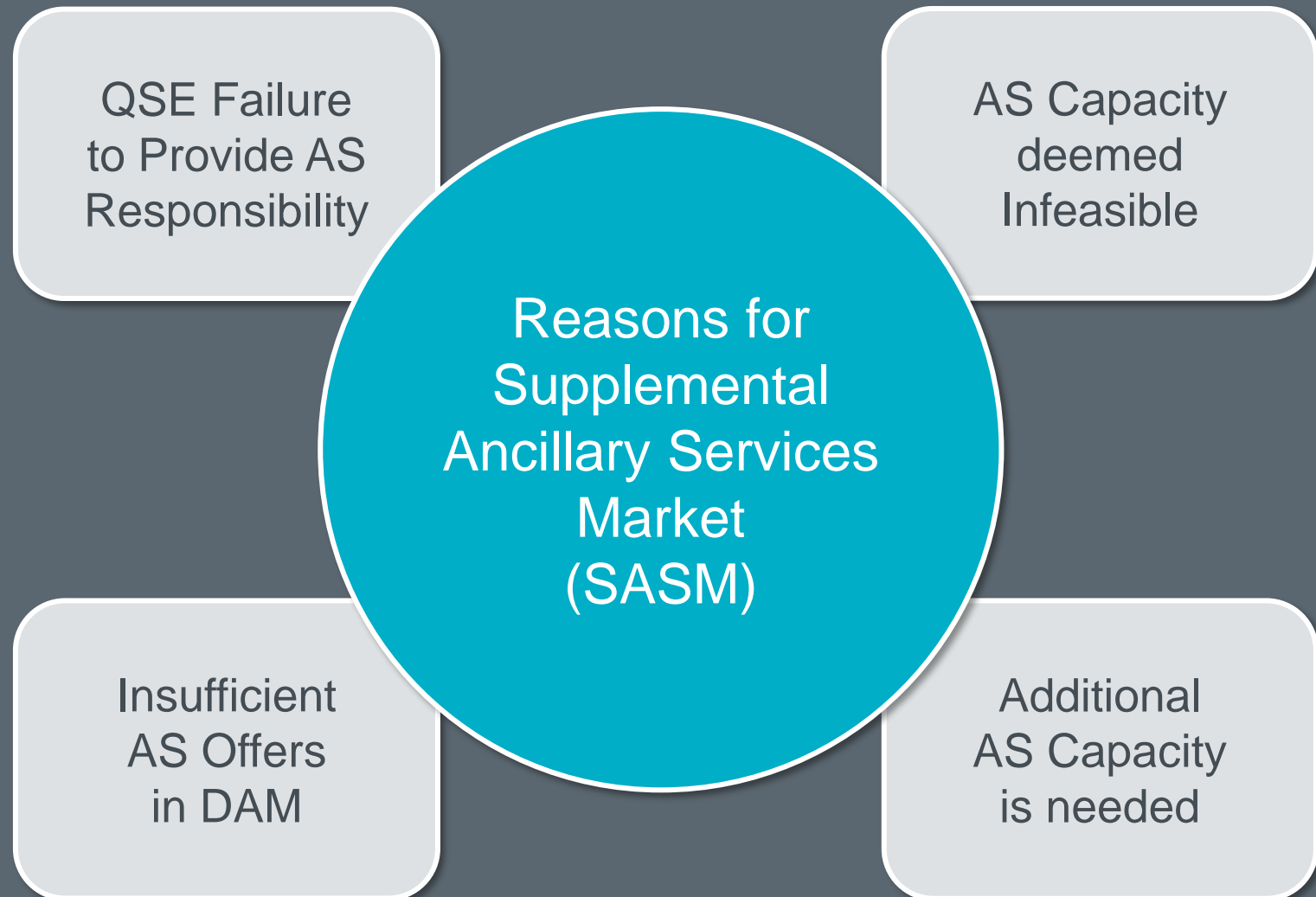
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Regulation Down

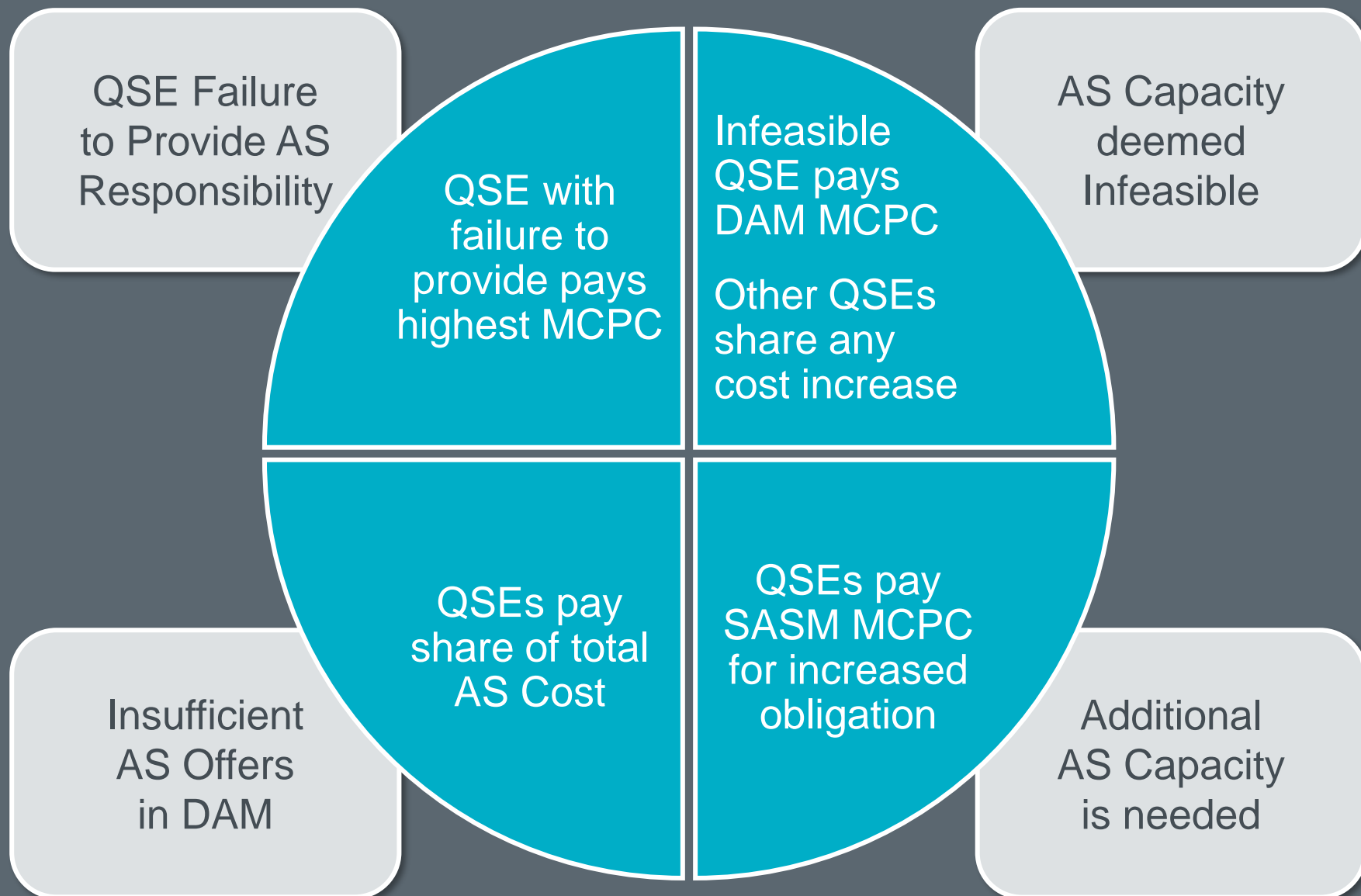
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Contingency Reserve

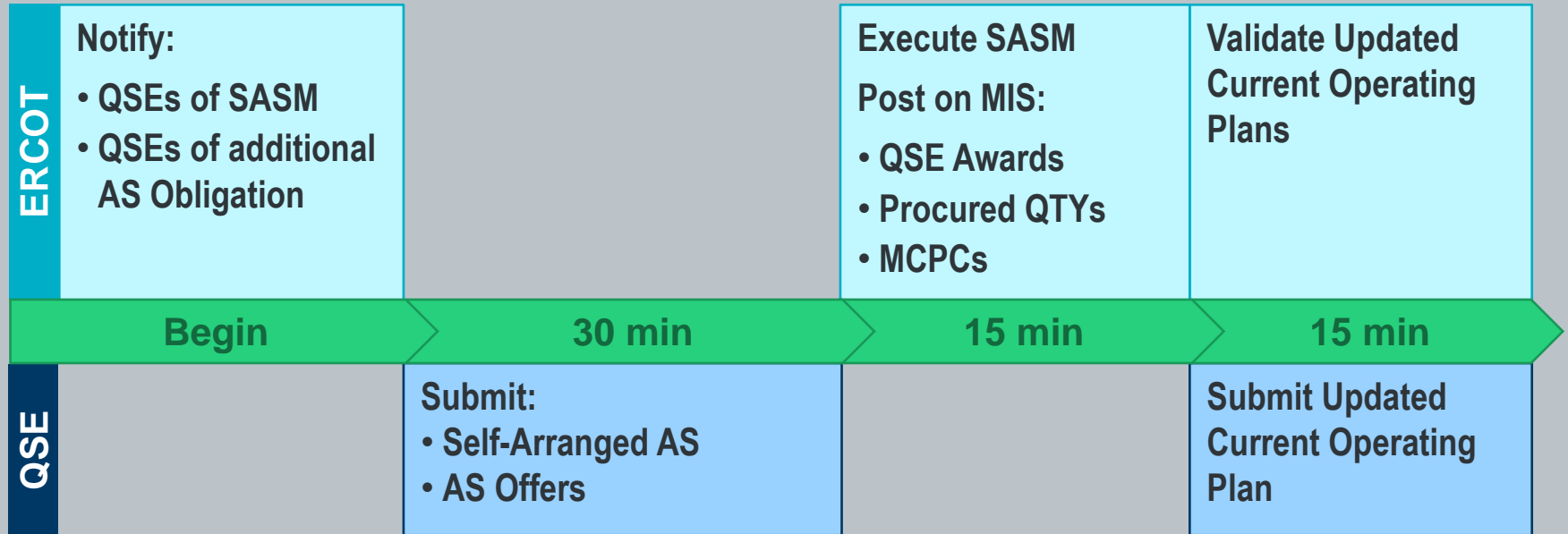
Non-Spin Reserve





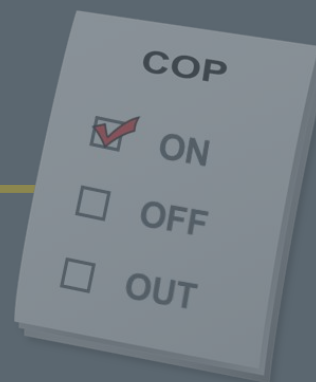
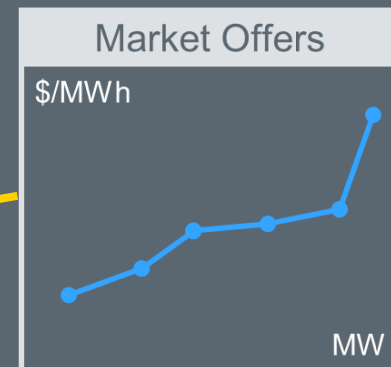


## SASM Process Timeline

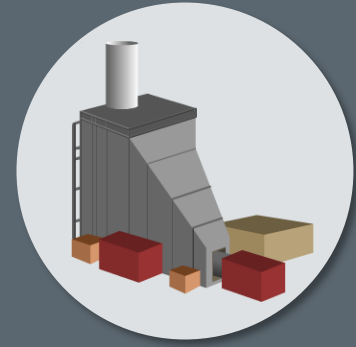


Notification occurs at least two hours before AS capacity is needed

## QSEs may update:



May be submitted or updated



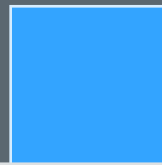
Startup Offer

\$/Start

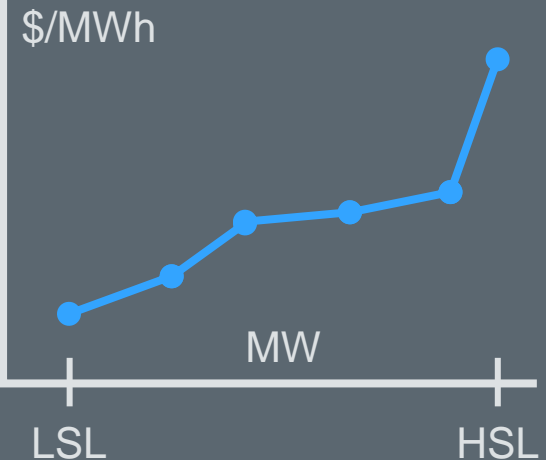


Minimum Energy Offer

\$/MWh

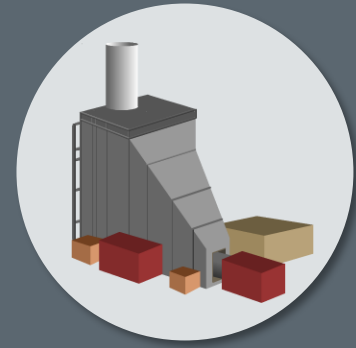


Energy Offer Curve

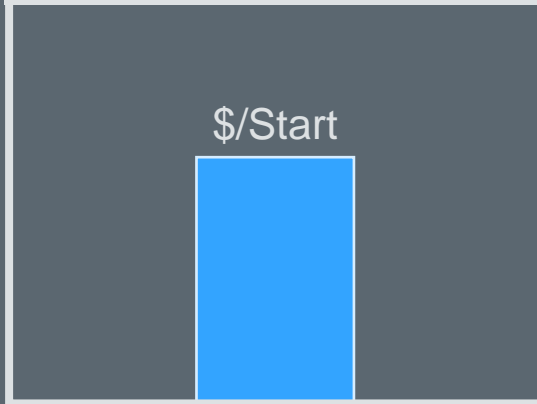


*For hours not DAM-Committed or RUC-Committed*

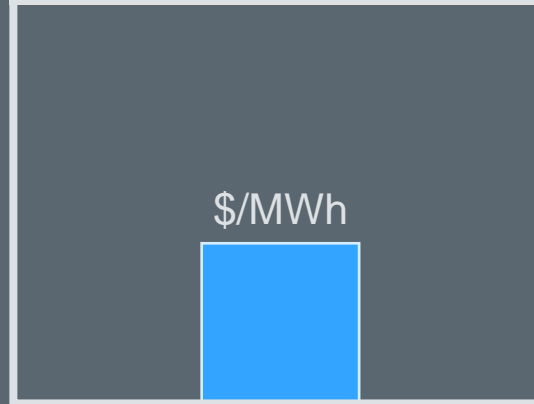
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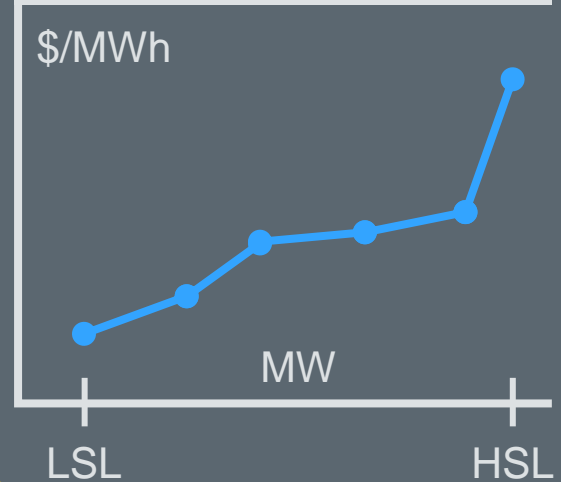
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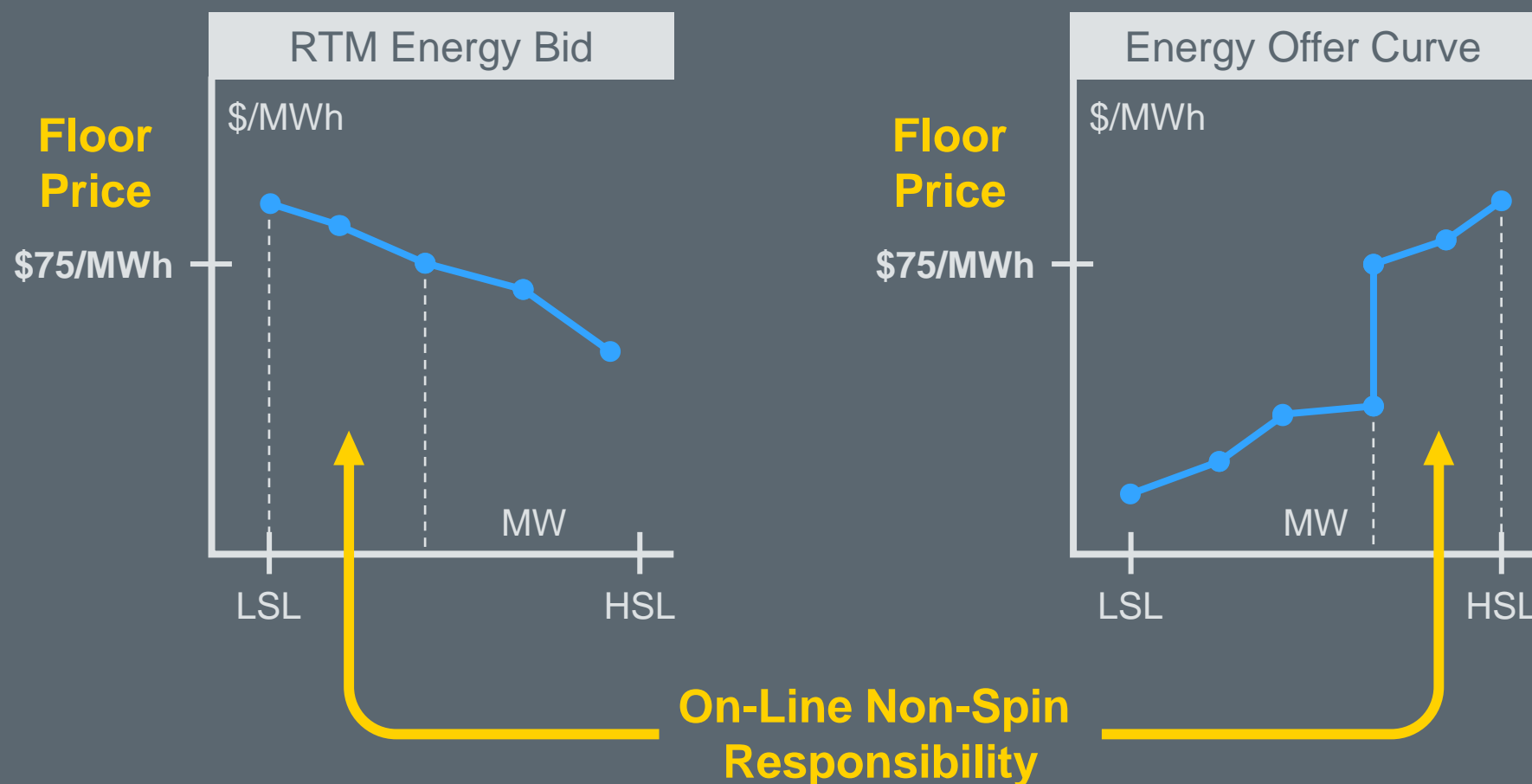


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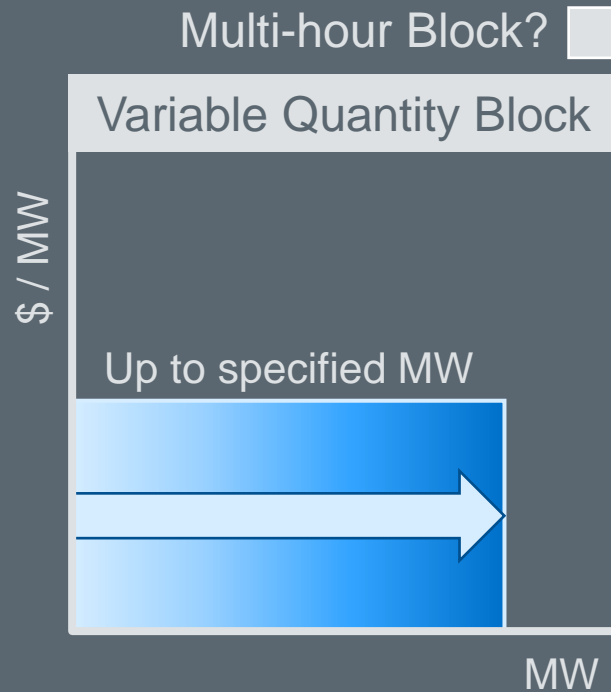


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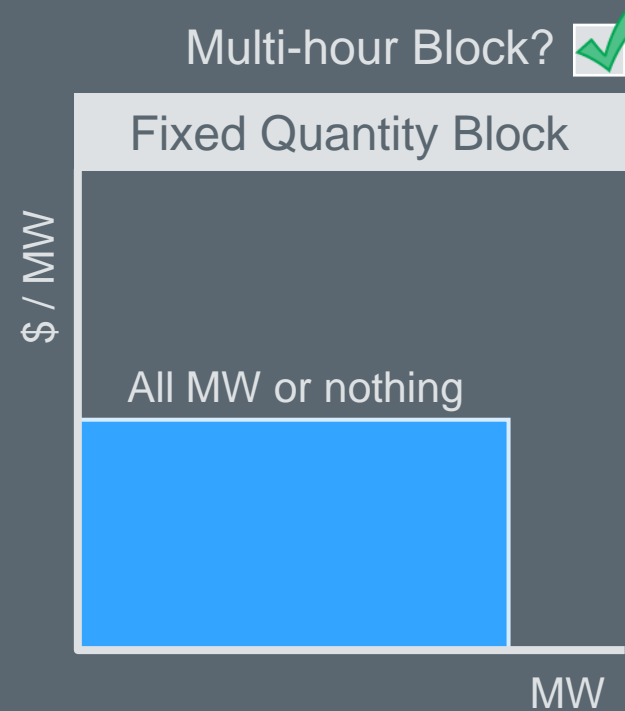
## Must be updated during Adjustment Period



## May be submitted or updated



**Any qualified Resource**

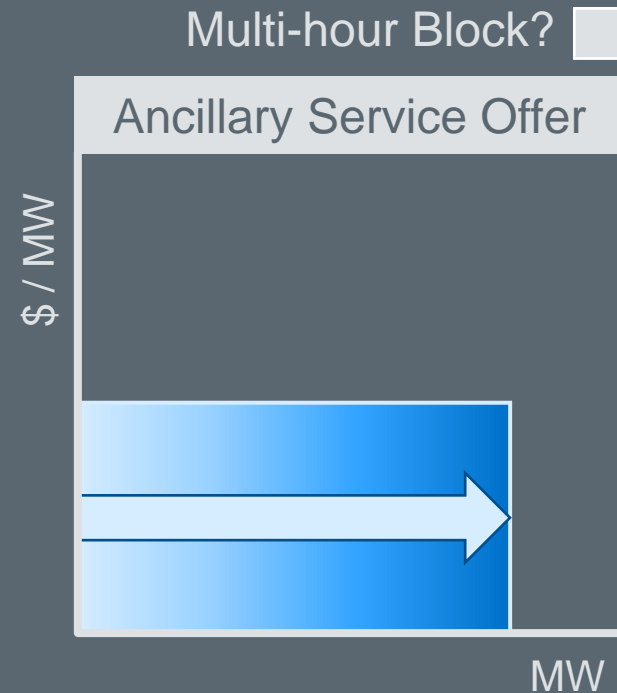


**Load Resources Only**



***Why submit new  
Ancillary Service  
Offers after DAM?***

***Why update  
existing offers?***





## QSEs may update:



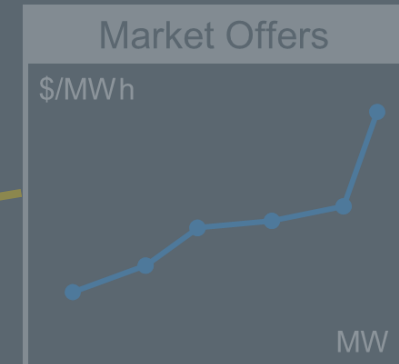
QSE

COP

☒ ON

☐ OFF

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**Energy Trade**

**Impacts Real-Time  
Energy Settlement  
and  
RUC Settlement**



**Capacity Trade**

**Impacts only  
RUC Settlement**



**AS Trade**

**Impacts Ancillary  
Service Supply  
Responsibility**

## Buyer and Seller QSE must confirm Trades

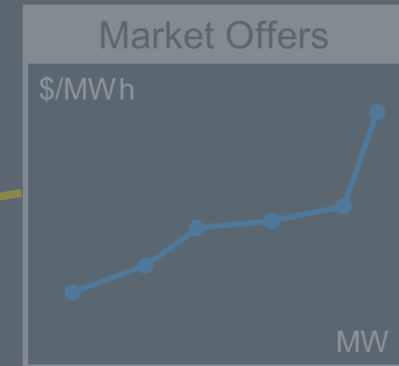
*One QSE reports*



*Other QSE confirms*



## QSEs may update:





## Why would a QSE change the Status of a Resource?

Current Operating Plan								
Resource Name	Resource Status	Resource Limits		Ancillary Service Commitments				
		HSL	LSL	Reg-up	Reg-Dn	Responsive	ECRS	Non-Spin
ThisOne	ONREG	600	120	20	20	0	0	40
ThatOne	ON	400	75	0	0	20	80	0
OtherOne	OFF	100	25	0	0	0	0	0

## QSE may start a Resource whenever they want



Current Operating Plan								
Resource Name	Resource Status	Resource Limits		Ancillary Service Commitments				
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ThatOne	ON	400	75	0	0	20	80	0
OtherOne	ON	100	25	0	0	0	0	0

Should update COP for all future hours they plan to run

## QSE requires ERCOT approval for early shutdown



Current Operating Plan								
Resource Name	Resource Status	Resource Limits		Ancillary Service Commitments				
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ThisOne	ONREG	600	120	20	20	0	0	40
ThatOne	OFF	400	75	0	0	0	0	0
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Next Hourly RUC will evaluate



## Why would a QSE change AS Commitments?

Current Operating Plan								
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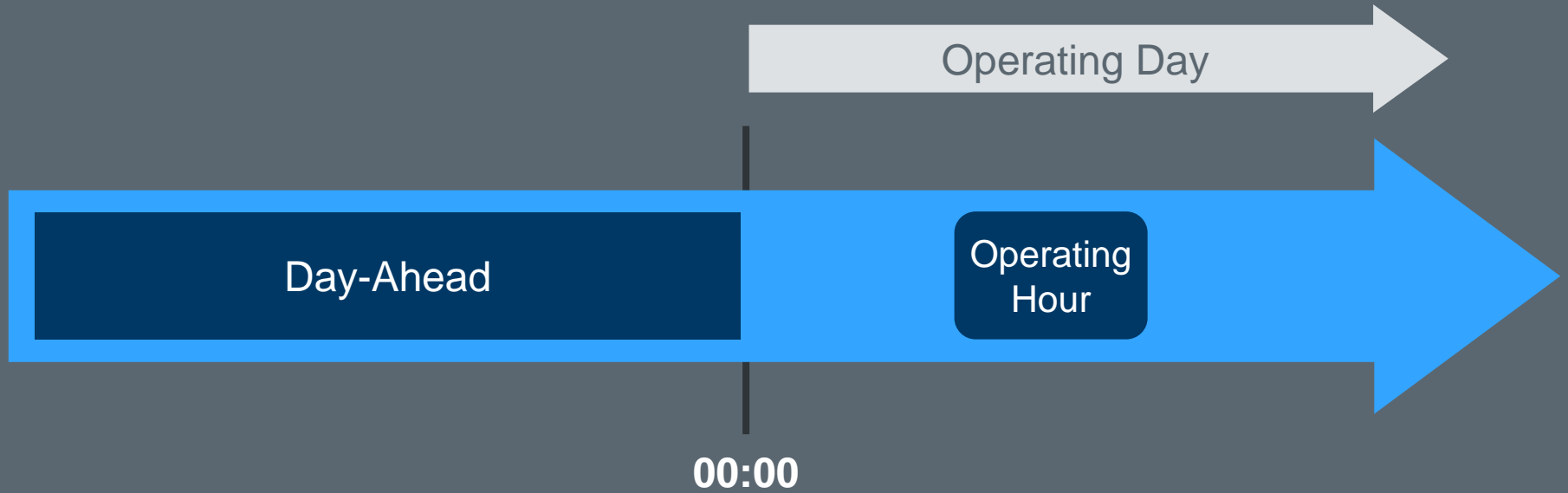
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Next Hourly RUC will check for Infeasibility

# **Real-Time Dispatch and Ancillary Service Deployments**



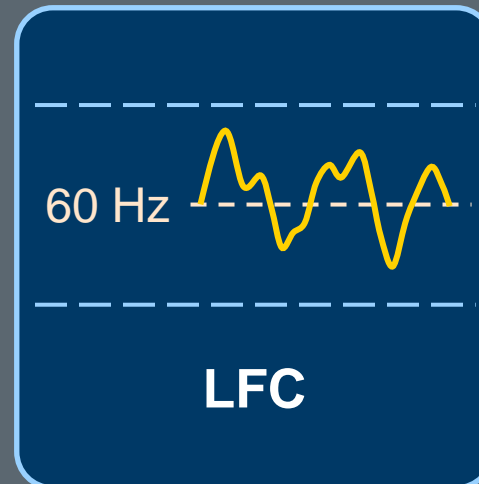
## Security Constrained Economic Dispatch



**Five-minute  
Dispatch**

**Five-minute  
Prices**

## Load Frequency Control



**Regulation**

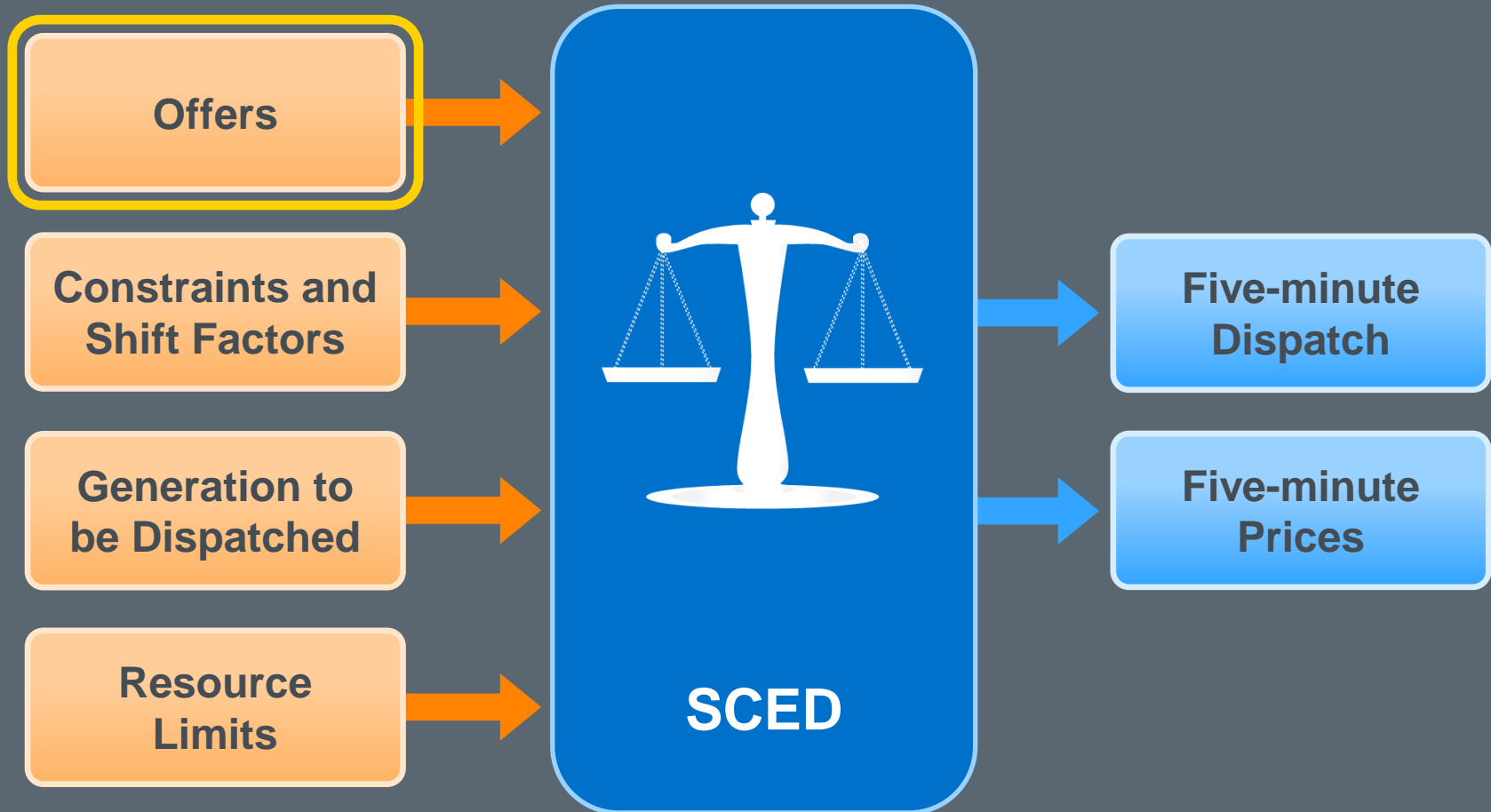
**Contingency  
Reserve (ECRS)**

## Balancing Reliability and Economics

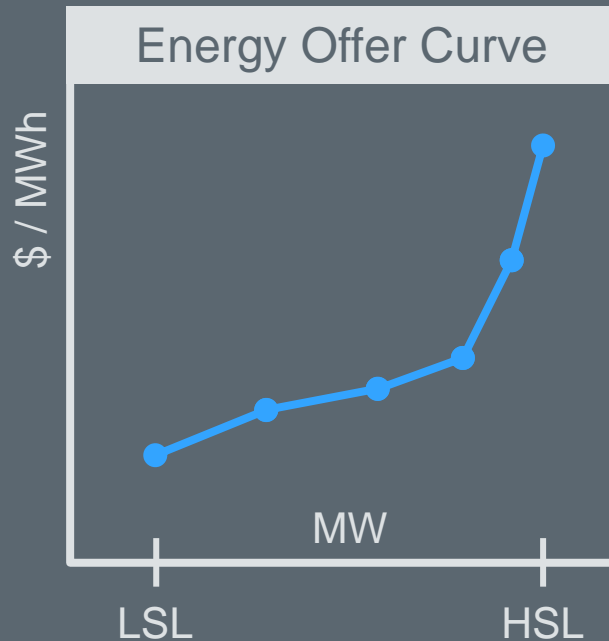


**SCED**

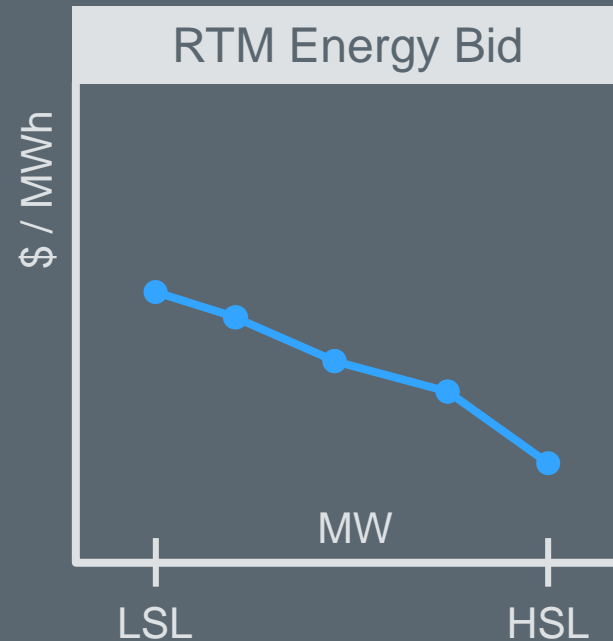
## Manage Reliability at Least Cost



## Generation Resources

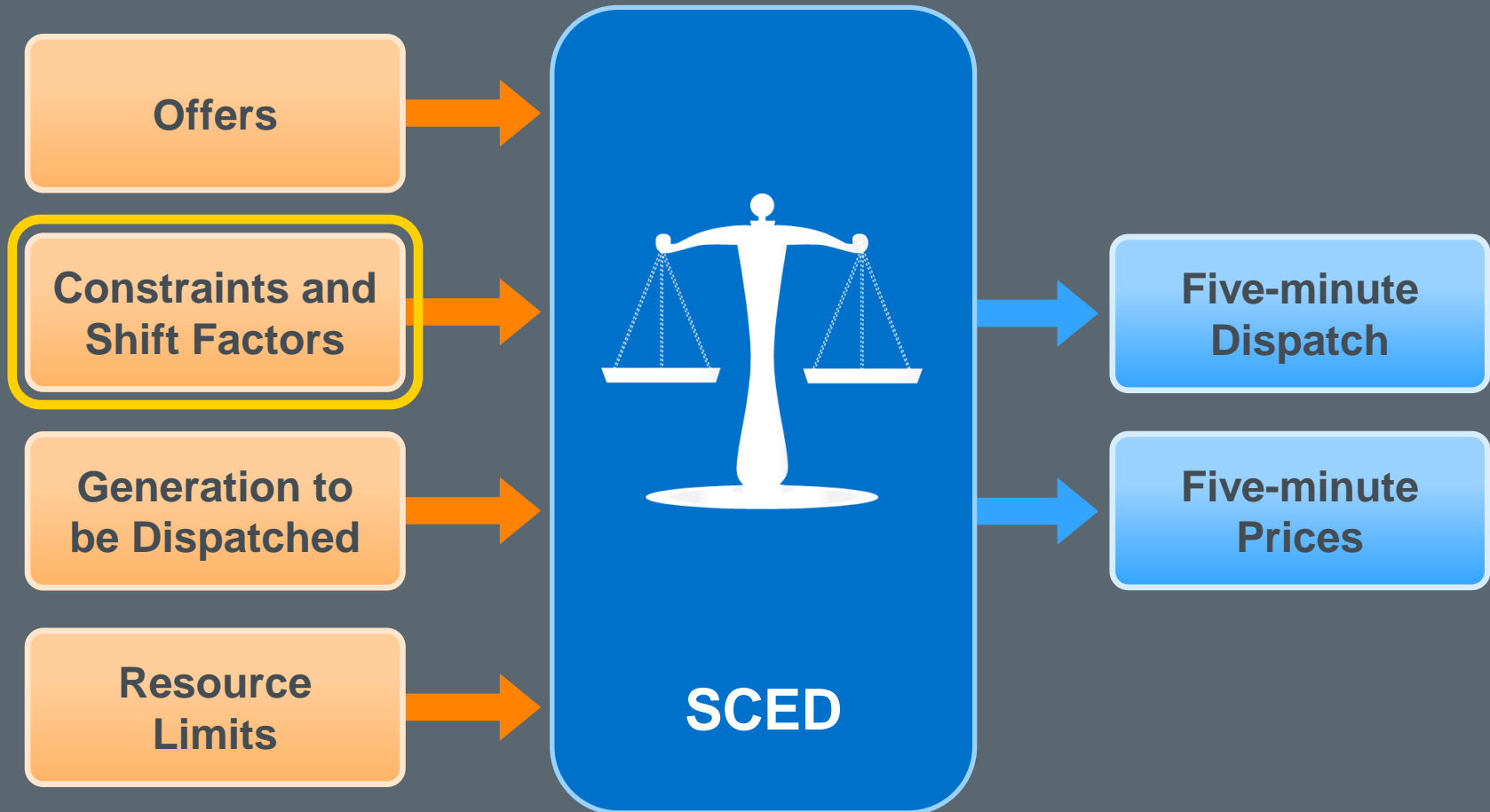


## Controllable Load Resources



LSL – Low Sustained Limit  
HSL – High Sustained Limit

## Network Constraints determined by Security Analysis

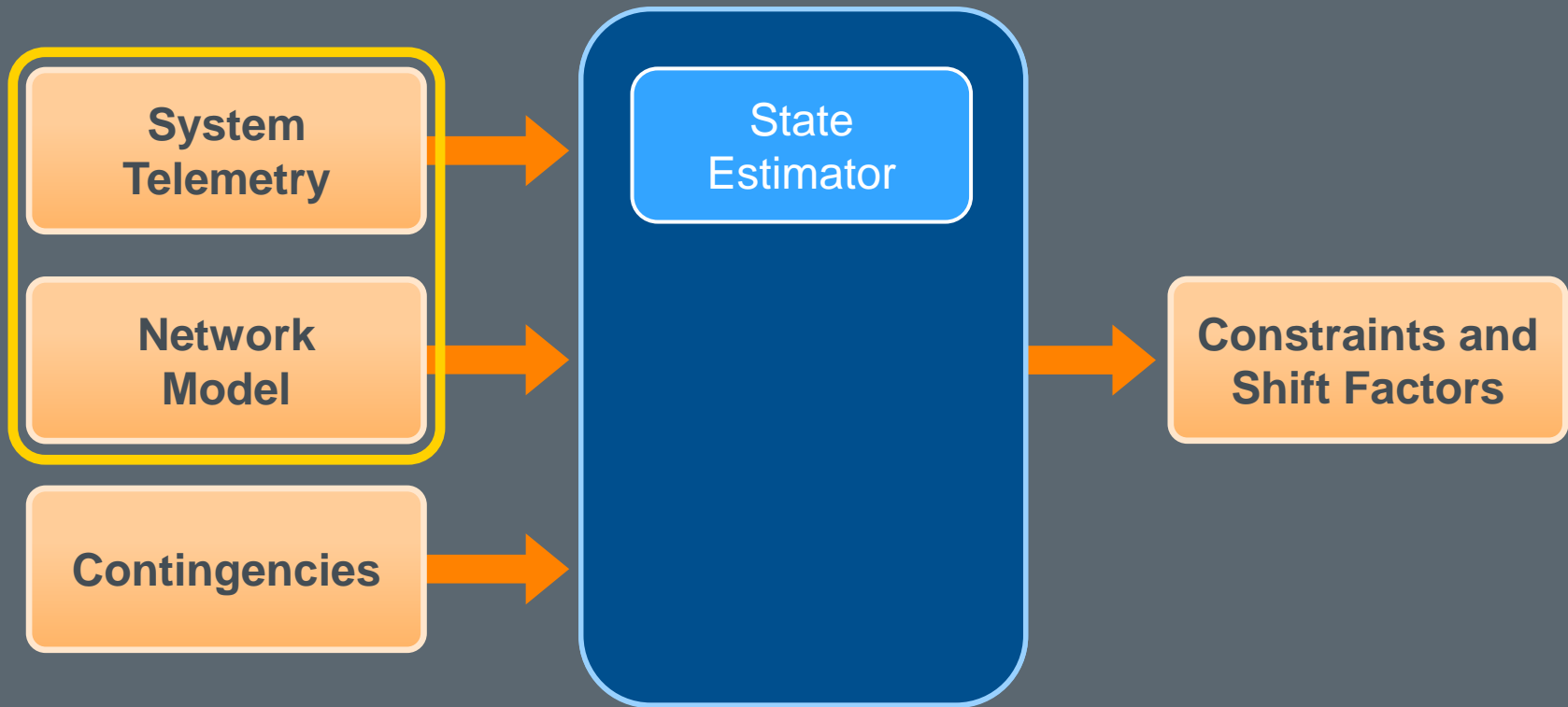




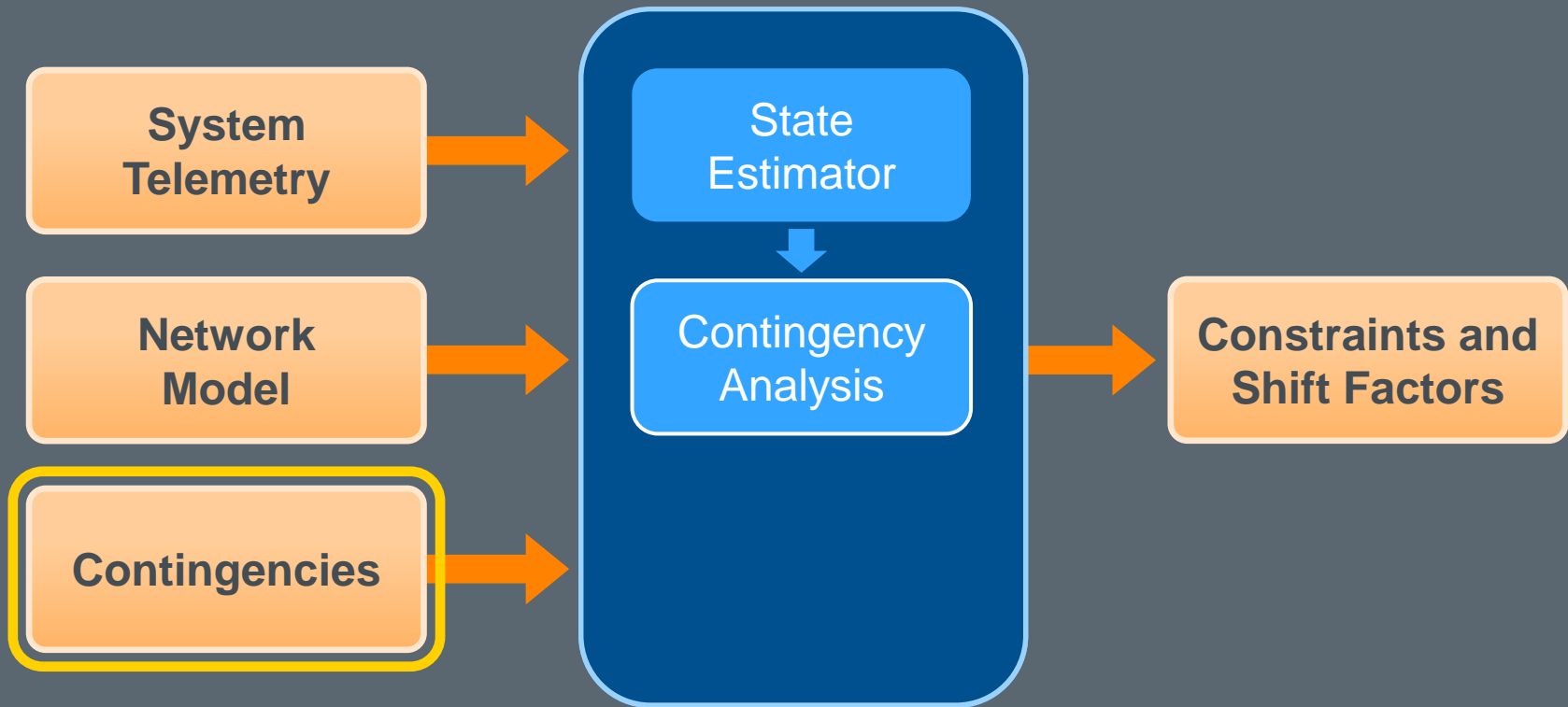
**Runs just before each SCED cycle**



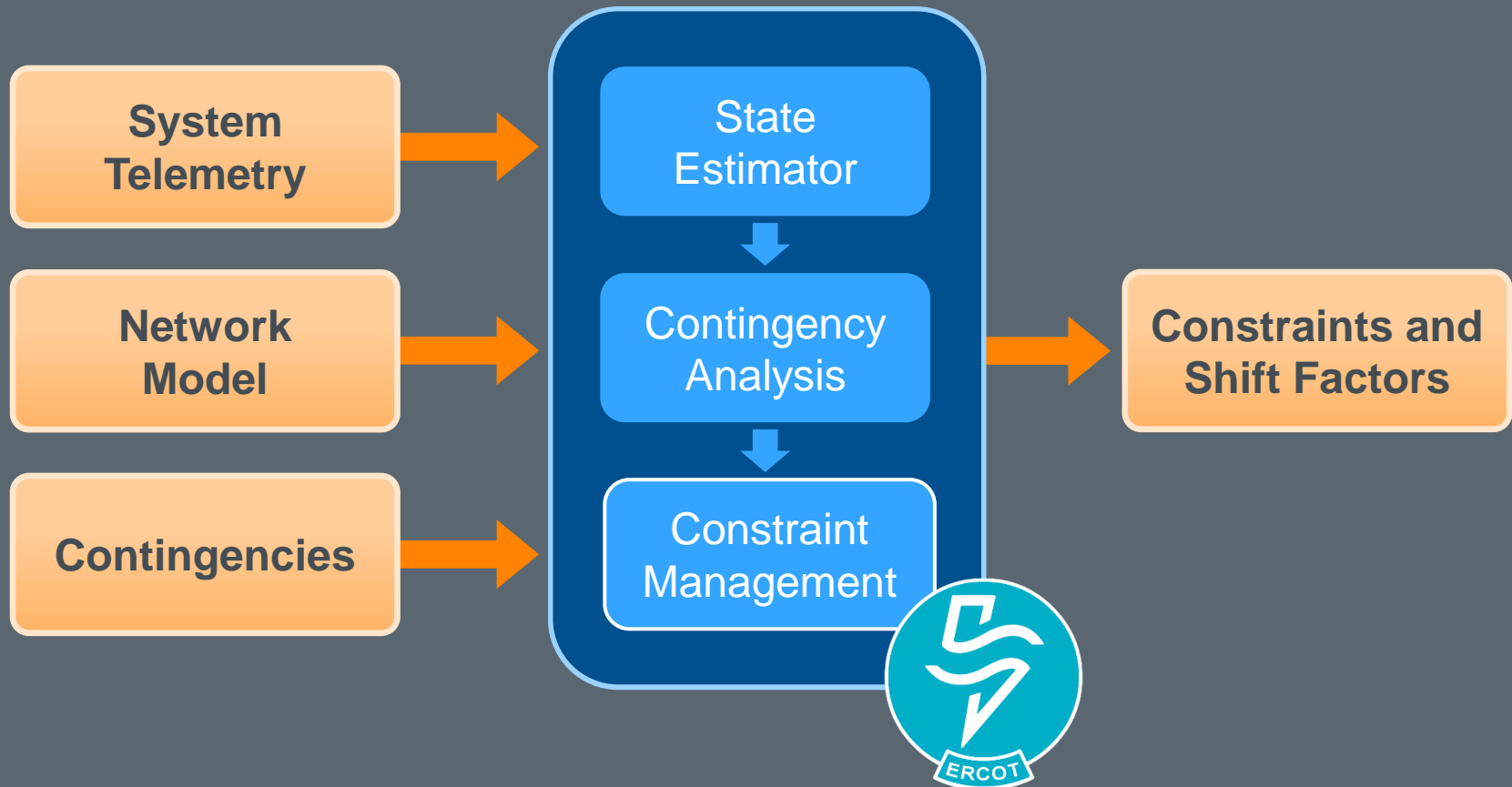
## Assembles current grid conditions



## Performs n-1 Security Analysis

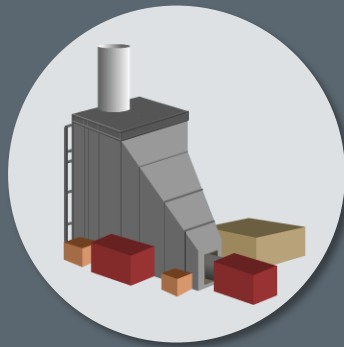


## Constraints must be “activated” before going to SCED





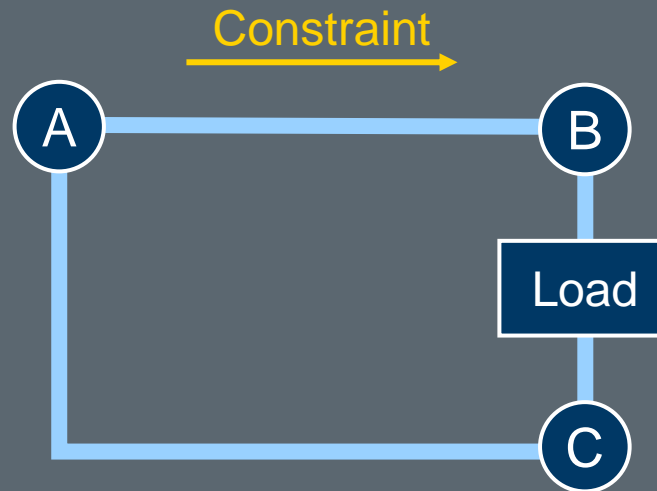
## How does a Resource impact a Constraint?



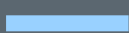
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Negative SF

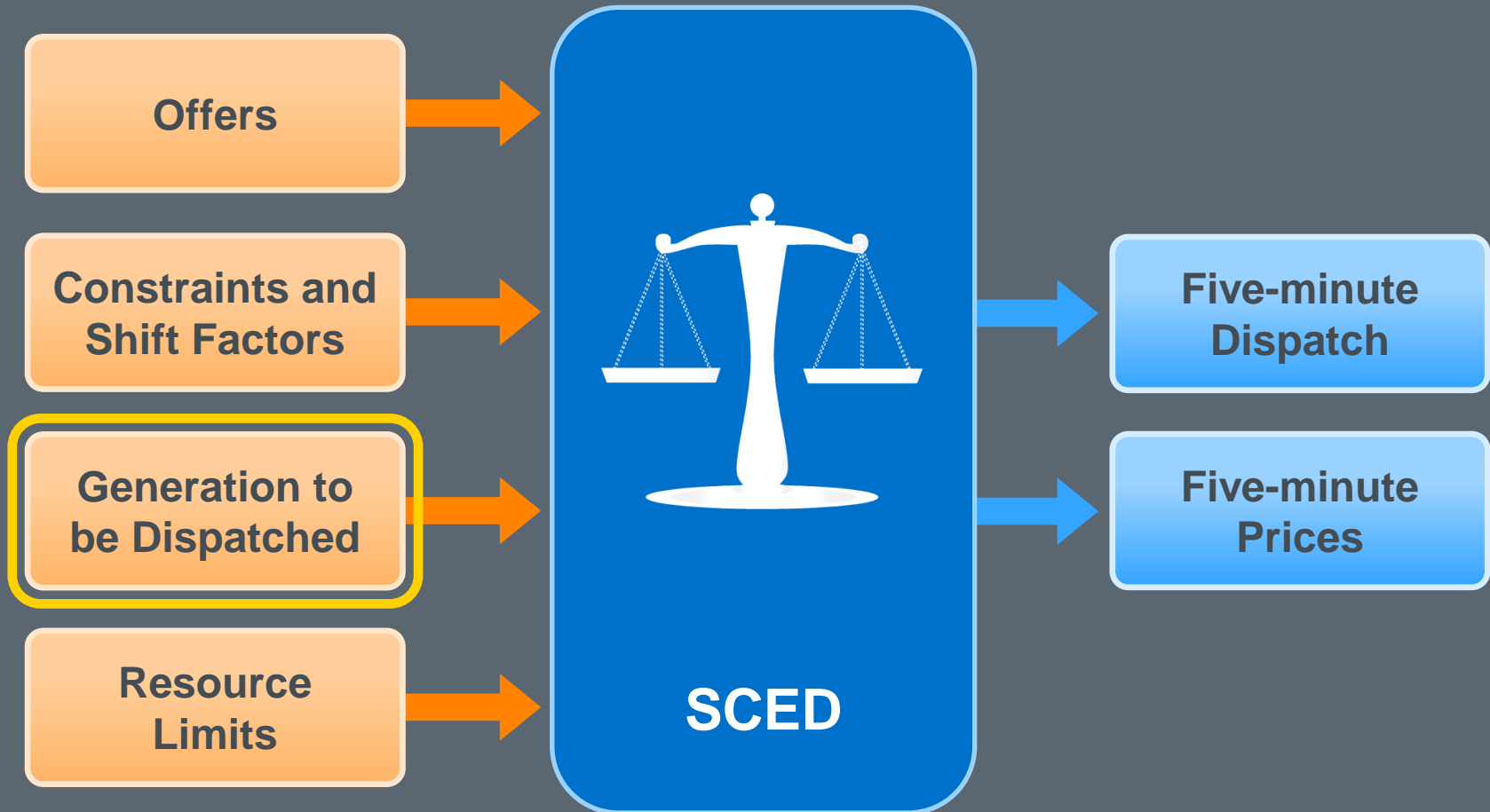


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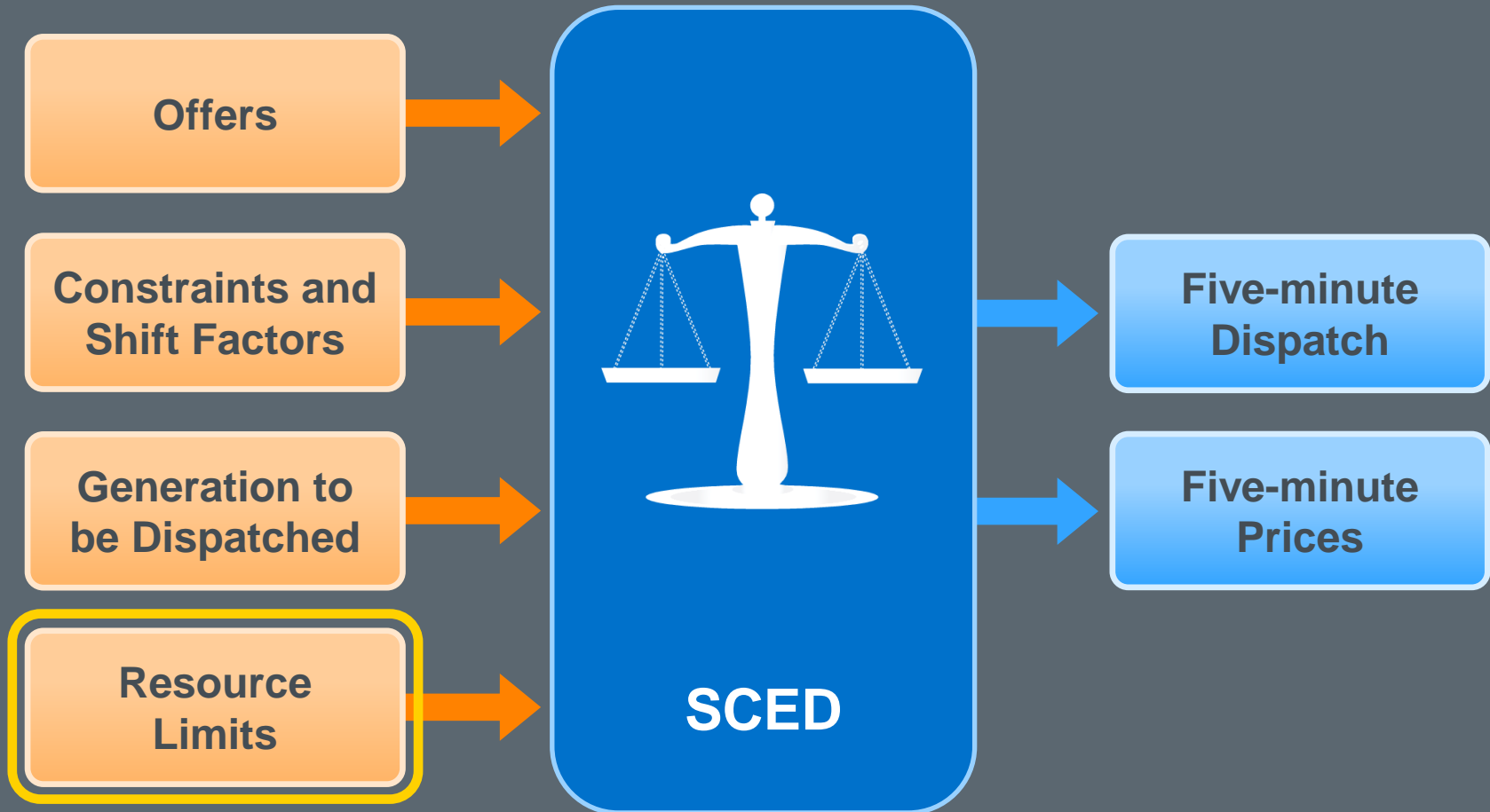


Transmission Line

## Total Generation must project expected demand



## Dispatch Solution must honor Resource capabilities



**High Sustained Limit**

Telemetered by the  
QSE every few  
seconds

**Operating  
Point**

**HSL**

**LSL**

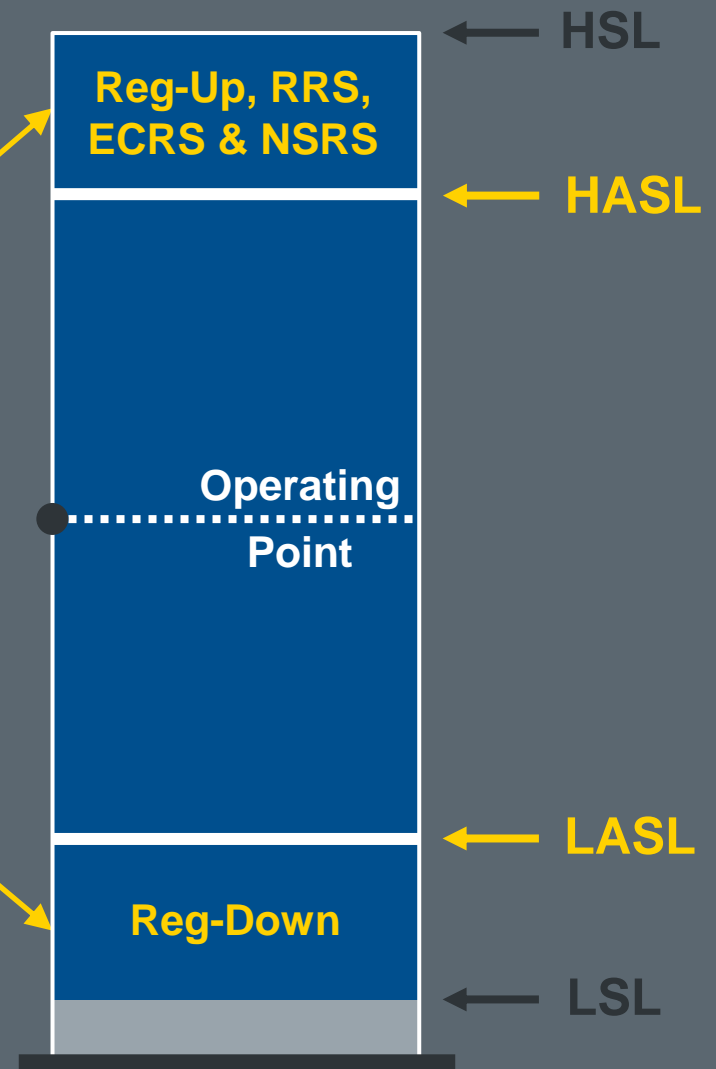
**Low Sustained Limit**



## High Ancillary Service Limit

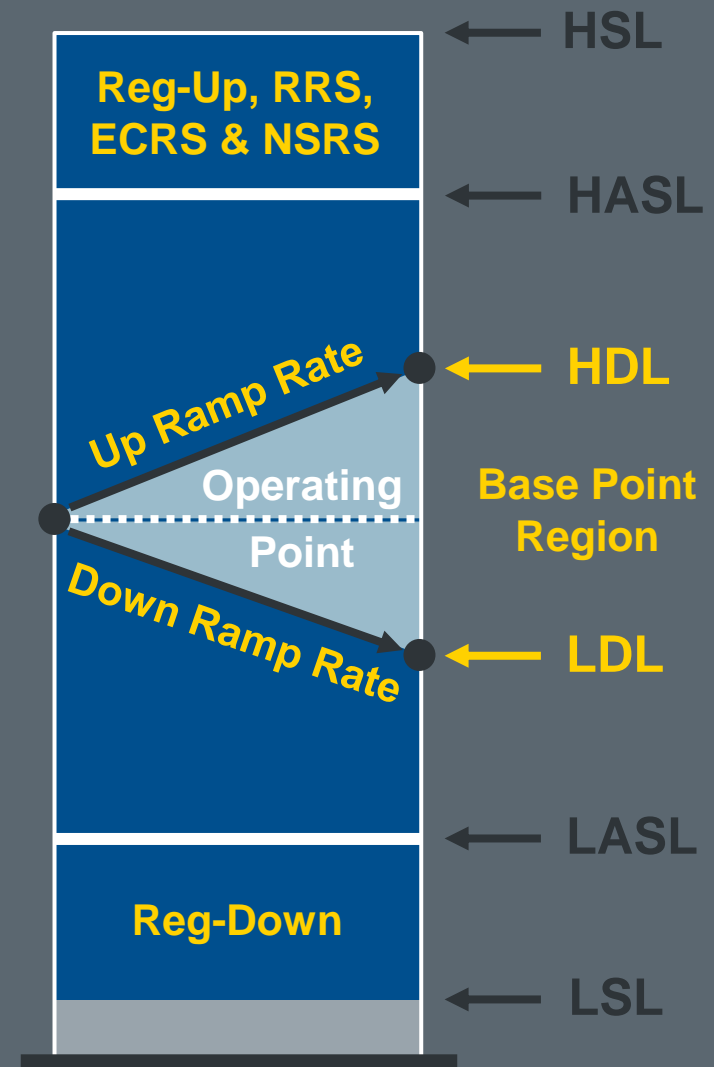
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seconds

## Low Ancillary Service Limit

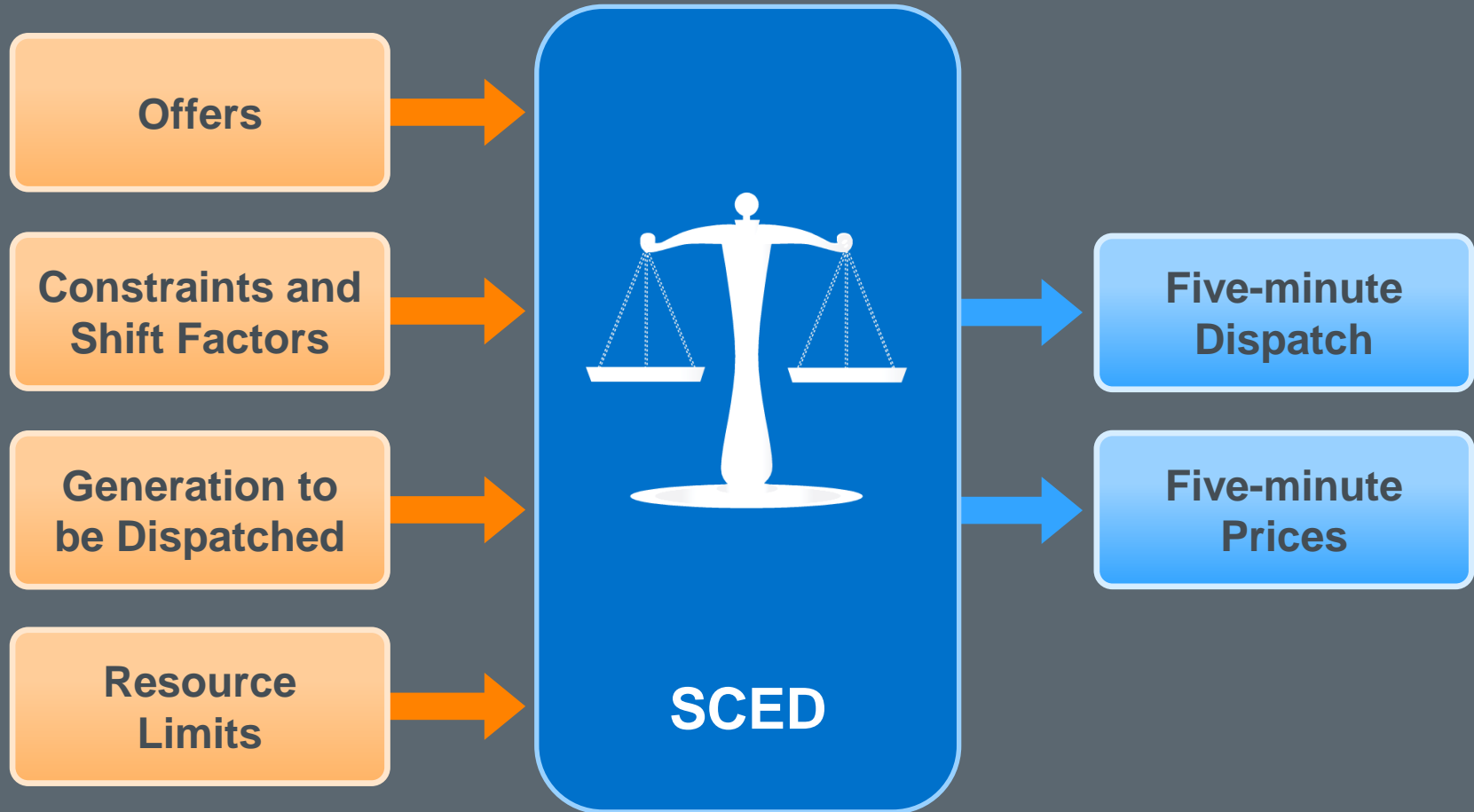


High Dispatch Limit

Low Dispatch Limit



## So what does SCED do with all this stuff?



# The Texas Two Step





## SCED executes twice each cycle

- Reduces Market Power
- Allows high prices under the right circumstances



## Scenario: Another “Power” Product

Demand	Bakery	QTY	Price
	1	35	\$2.99
	2	15	\$6.98
		50	\$15.75





## Constraints must be classified\*

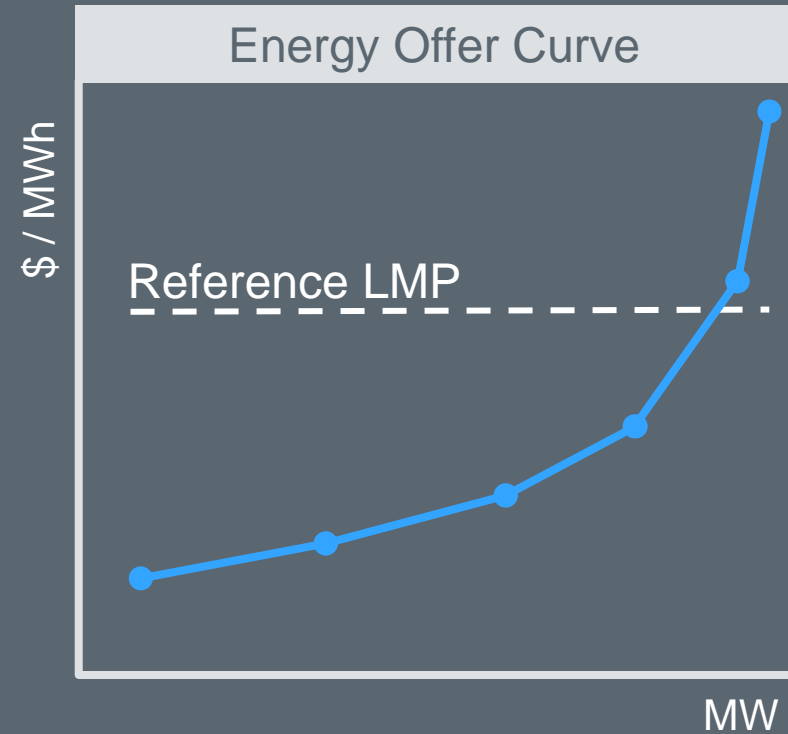
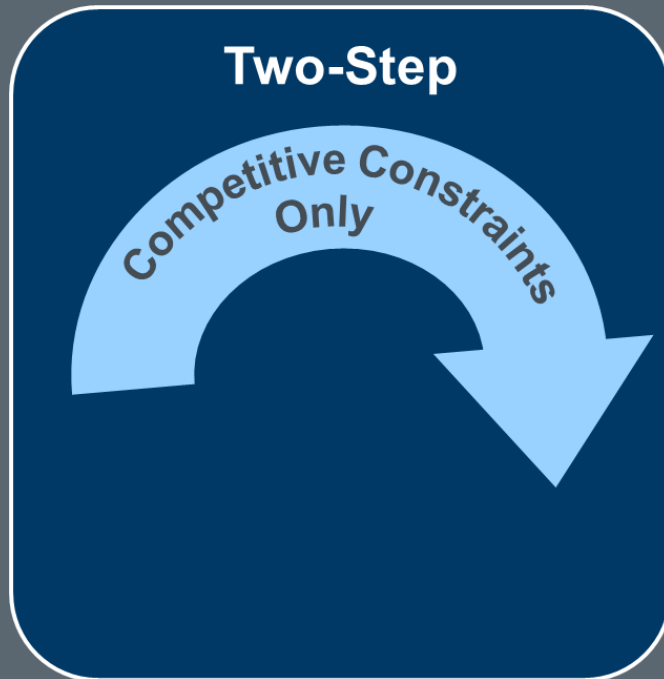


**Competitive?**  
-- or --  
**Non-Competitive?**

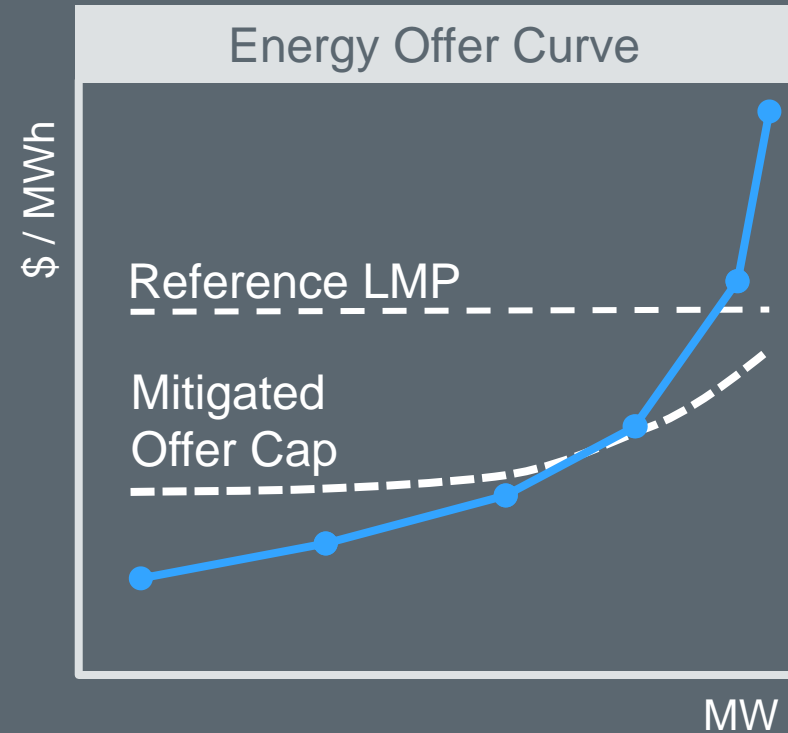
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## Step One



## Step Two

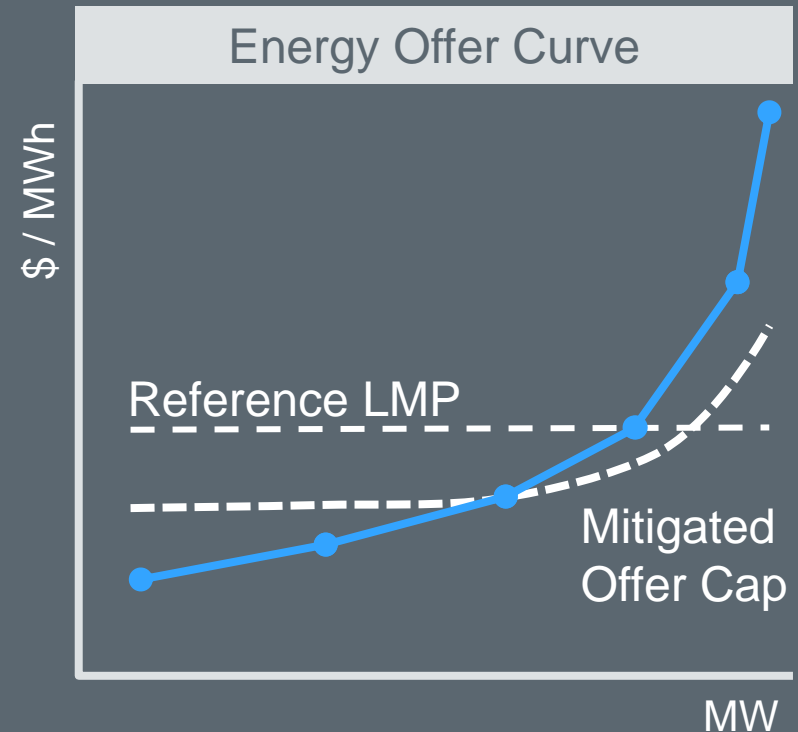


Offer capped at greater of Reference LMP or Mitigated Offer Cap



## SCED has completed Step One

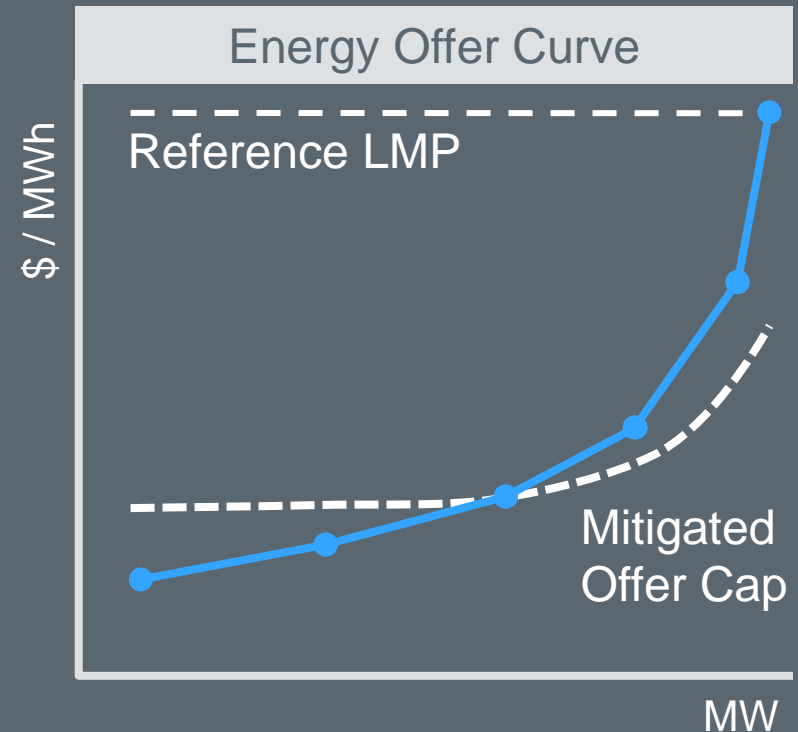
*How will this Energy Offer Curve look in STEP Two?*



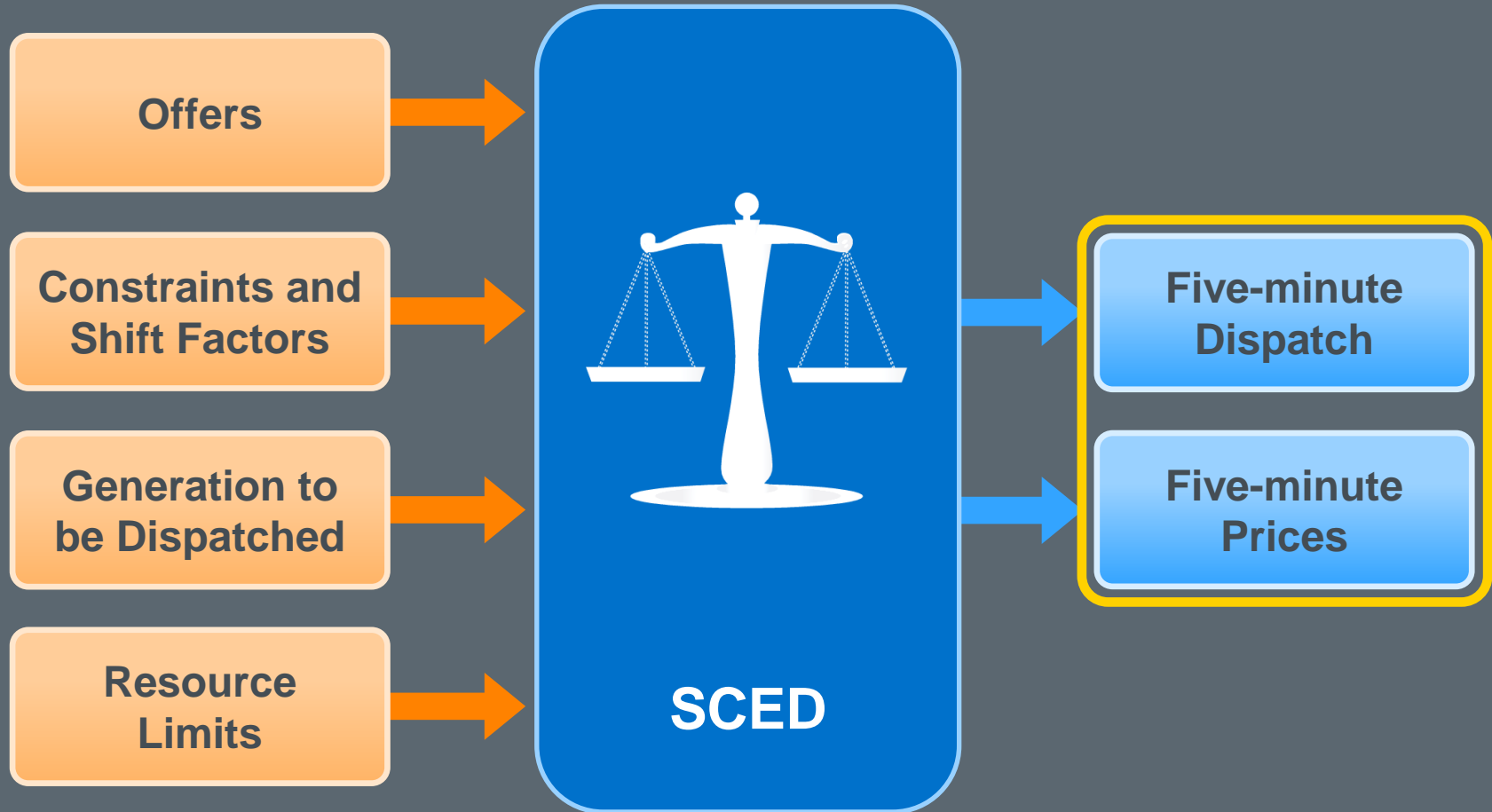


### SCED has completed Step One

*How will this Energy Offer Curve look in STEP Two?*



## SCED Results



## Resource-specific Base Points sent to QSEs



ICCP = Inter-Control Center Protocol



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## Real-Time Market

During real-time, ERCOT dispatches resources based on economics and reliability to meet the system demand while observing resource and transmission constraints. Security Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED) is the real-time market evaluation of offers to produce a least-cost dispatch of online resources. SCED calculates Locational Marginal Prices (LMPs) using a two-step methodology that applies mitigation to resolve non-competitive constraints.

## Real-Time Prices Displays

### [Real-Time LMPs for Latest SCED Run Display](#)

View the Locational Marginal Prices per Settlement Point from the real-time market for the latest SCED run which is normally within the last five minutes.

### [Real-Time LMPs for Load Zones and Trading Hubs Display](#)

View the Locational Marginal Prices per Load Zone and Trading Hub from the real-time market for the latest SCED run which is normally within the last five minutes.

### [Real-Time Settlement Point Prices Display](#)

View the Settlement Point Prices for the Load Zones and Trading Hubs from the real-time market for the current day as well as the previous five days.

### [RTD Indicative LMPs by Load Zones or Hubs Display](#)

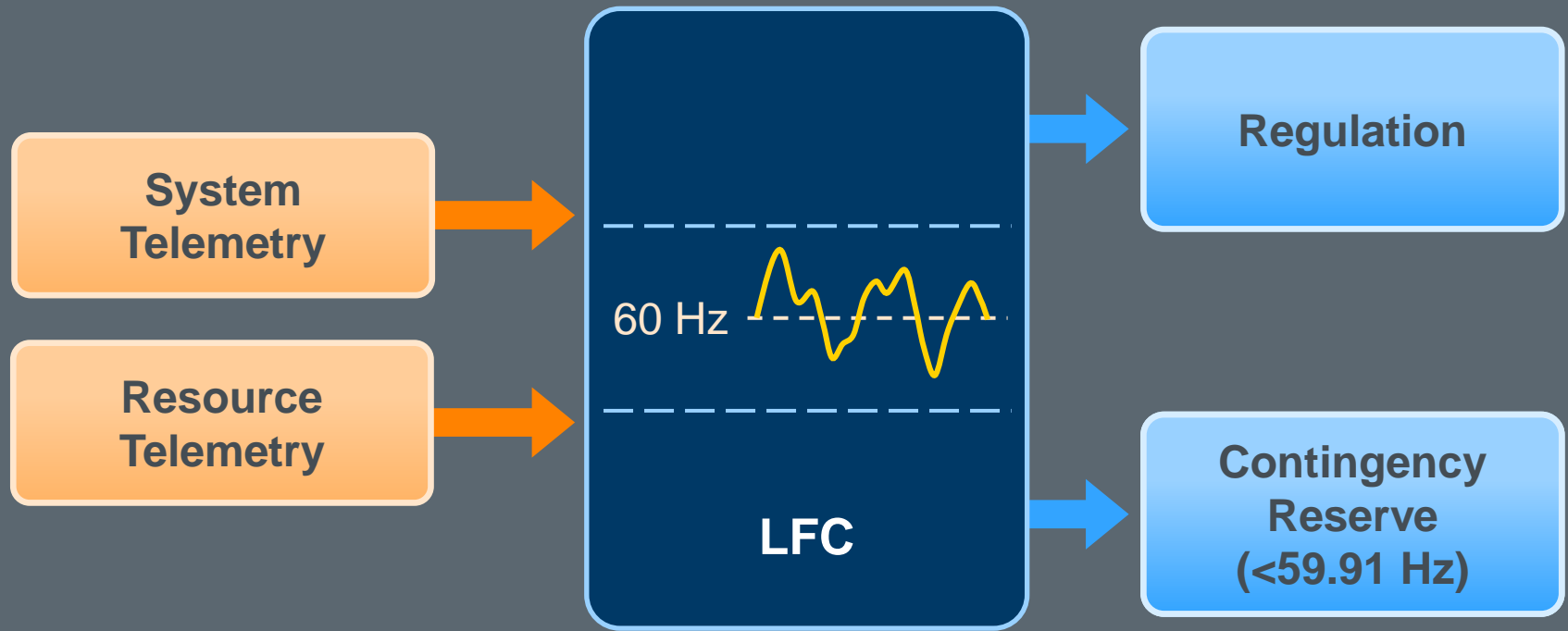
This view is updated after every Real-Time dispatch (RTD) run and includes indicative LMPs for Hubs and Load Zones as well as the latest actual LMP values from SCED for each interval in the SCED-RTD Study Period.

### Related Content

#### On this site

[Real-Time Prices](#)

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Runs every 4 seconds!





## Proportional by QSE Share

- Not Resource-specific
- No price consideration

## QSE receives MW deployment signal





**May be deployed manually or by Load Frequency Control**

- Releases reserves to system
- Process varies by Resource Type

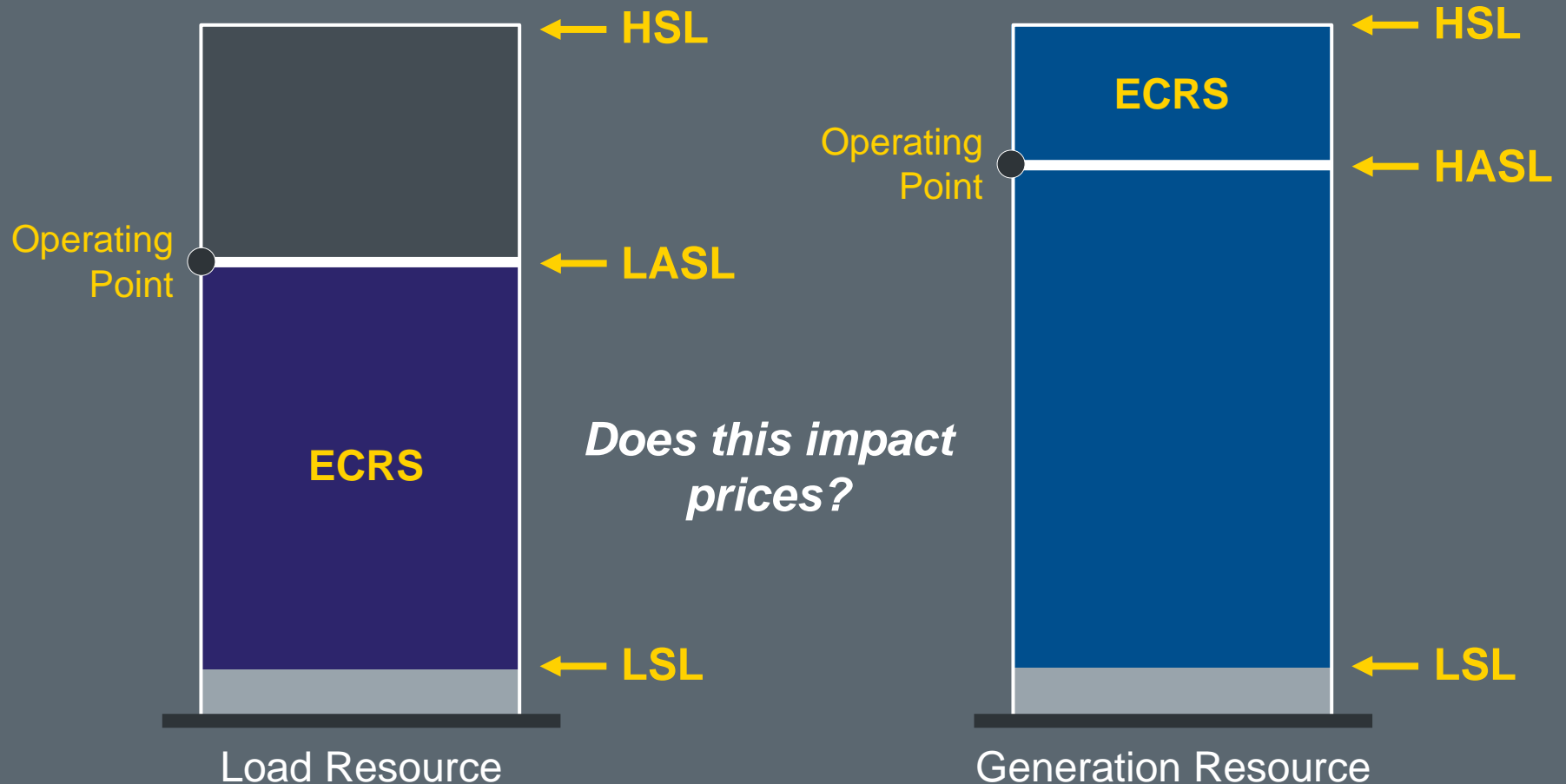
## QSE receives MW deployment signal



... QSE releases capacity to SCED



## QSE releases reserved capacity to SCED



## Responsive Reserve is frequency responsive



### RRSPF – Primary Frequency Response

- Automatic Response at 59.983 Hz
- May be deployed manually

### RRSFF – Fast Frequency Response

- Auto-deployed at 59.85 Hz
- Responds within 15 Cycles

### RRSUF – Load Resource on Under-Frequency Relay

- Auto-deployed at 59.70 Hz
- Trips within 30 cycles

## Non-Spinning Reserve Service



### Resource-specific deployment

- Releases reserves to SCED
- Methodology varies by Resource type

Resource Type	Deployment Methodology
On-Line Generation Resource	Standing Deployment with \$75 Floor Price
Controllable Load Resource	Standing Deployment with \$75 Floor Price
Off-Line Generation Resource	Operator Dispatch Instruction
Non-Controllable Load Resource	Operator Dispatch Instruction





[http://www.ercot.com/content/cdr/html/as\\_capacity\\_monitor.html](http://www.ercot.com/content/cdr/html/as_capacity_monitor.html)

Responsive Reserve Capacity (MW)	
Generation Resources	1,343
Load Resources excluding Controllable Load Resources	1,280
Unprocured additional capacity from Load Resources excluding Controllable Load Resources	596
Controllable Load Resources	0
Resources capable of Fast Frequency Response	112
Deployed Generation Resources and Controllable Load Resources	0
Responsive Reserve Responsibility (MW)	
Generation Resources	1,388
Load Resources excluding Controllable Load Resources	1,294
Resources capable of Fast Frequency Response	115
Controllable Load Resources	4
ERCOT Contingency Reserve Capacity (MW)	
Generation Resources	919
Load Resources excluding Controllable Load Resources	184
Controllable Load Resources	60
Quick Start Generation Resources	938
Deployed Generation Resources and Load Resources	0
ERCOT Contingency Reserve Responsibility (MW)	
Generation Resources	960
Load Resources excluding Controllable Load Resources	185
Controllable Load Resources	61
Quick Start Generation Resources	938

# **Real-Time Financial Impacts**

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Real-Time Pricing

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Real-Time Energy Settlement

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Real-Time Reserve Settlement

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Base Point Deviation

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Real-Time Pricing

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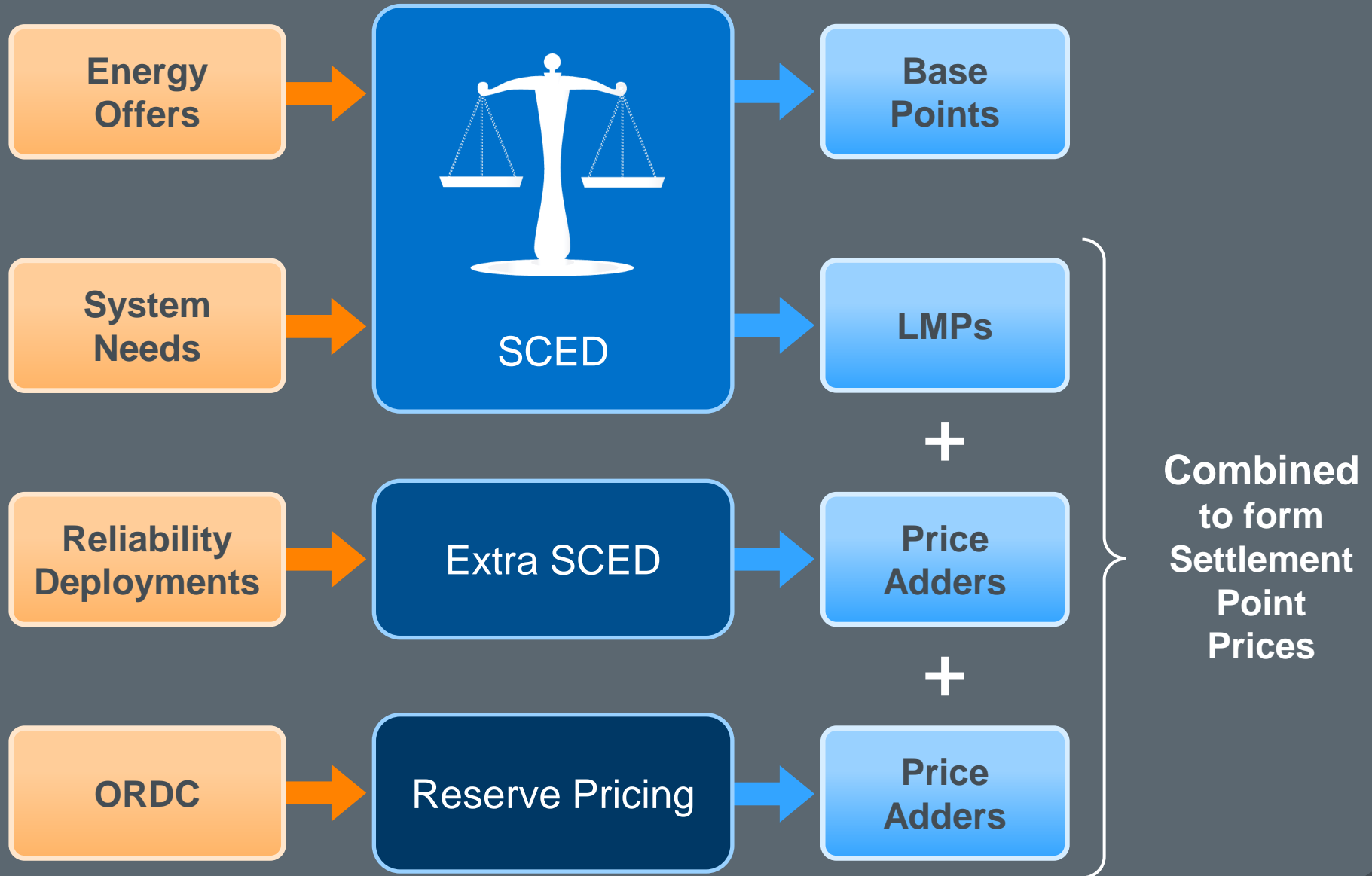
Real-Time Energy Settlement

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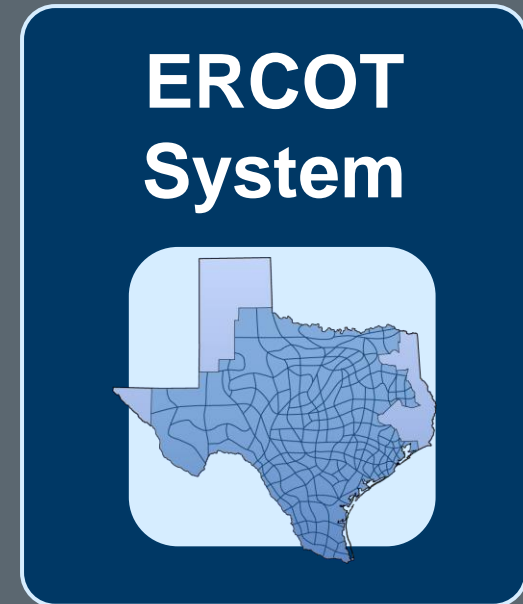
Real-Time Reserve Settlement

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Base Point Deviation



- RTORPA** – On-Line Reserve Price Adder
- RTOFFPA** – Off-Line Reserve Price Adder
- RTORDPA** – On-Line Reliability Deployment Price Adder



... for each SCED interval

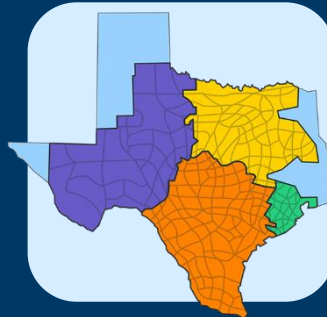
## Real-Time Settlement Point Prices (RTSPPs)

$$= \text{Ave (LMPs)} + \text{Ave (RTORPA)} + \text{Ave (RTORDPA)}$$

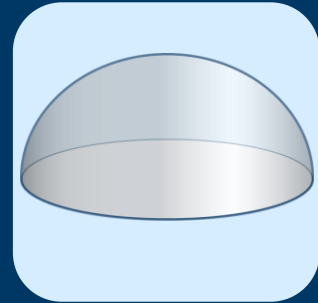
**Resource  
Nodes**



**Load  
Zones**



**Hubs**



... for each 15-minute interval

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Real-Time Pricing

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Real-Time Energy Settlement

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Real-Time Reserve Settlement

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Base Point Deviation



## Real-Time Energy Imbalance

$$= (-1) \left( \left( \text{SUPPLIES} \right) - \left( \text{OBLIGATIONS} \right) \right) * \text{RTSPP}$$

## Real-Time Energy Imbalance at Load Zone

$$= (-1) \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Purchases} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Purchases} \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Sales} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Sales} \\ + \\ \text{Metered Load} \end{array} \right] * \text{RTSPP}$$

Each Settlement Point  
settled separately

## Real-Time Energy Imbalance at Resource Node

$$= (-1) \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Metered Generation} \\ + \\ \text{DAM Energy Purchases} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Purchases} \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Sales} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Sales} \end{array} \right] * \text{RTSPP}$$

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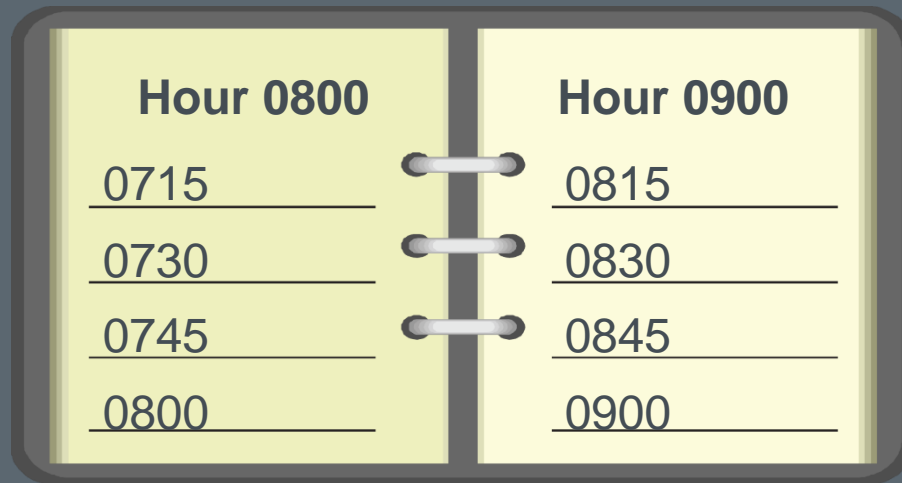
## Real-Time Energy Imbalance at Hub

$$= (-1) \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Purchases} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Purchases} \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Sales} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Sales} \end{array} \right] * \text{RTSPP}$$

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## DAM Awards & Trades in Real-Time Energy Settlements

- DAM awards and settles hourly MWs
- Energy Trades reported as hourly MWs
- Real-Time settles 15-minute MWs



The image shows an open notebook with two pages. The left page is titled 'Hour 0800' and the right page is titled 'Hour 0900'. Each page has four time slots listed vertically, separated by horizontal lines. The left page slots are 0715, 0730, 0745, and 0800. The right page slots are 0815, 0830, 0845, and 0900. The notebook has a dark cover and three rings are visible in the center.

Hour 0800	Hour 0900
0715	0815
0730	0830
0745	0845
0800	0900

*Multiply DAM  
awards and Trades  
by  $\frac{1}{4}$  hour*

## QSE has Generation during Interval 1445



### At the GENRUS Resource Node

- Metered Generation = 150 MWh
- DAM Energy Sale = 200 MW
- RTSPP = \$30/MWh



## At GENRUS Resource Node

$$= (-1) \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Metered Generation} \\ + \\ \text{DAM Energy Purchases} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Purchases} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Sales} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Sales} \end{array} \right) * \text{RTSPP}$$

$$= (-1) \left( \left( \right) - \left( \right) \right) * \$30/\text{MWh}$$

=

## QSE has Load and Energy Trades during Interval 1445



### At the Houston Hub

- Trade Purchase = 200 MW
- RTSPP = \$35/MWh

### At the Houston Load Zone

- Metered Load = 40 MWh
- RTSPP = \$40/MWh





## At Houston Hub

$$= (-1) \left( \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Purchases} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Purchases} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Sales} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Sales} \end{array} \right) \right) * \text{RTSPP}$$

$$= (-1) \left( \left( \right) - \left( \right) \right) * \$35/\text{MWh}$$

=



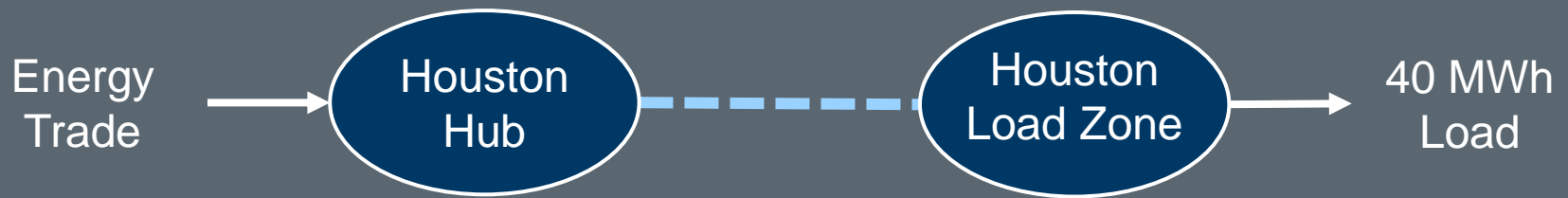
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$$= (-1) \left( \left( \right) - \left( \right) \right) * \$40/\text{MWh}$$

=

## Net Real-Time Energy Imbalance



Houston Hub	Houston Load Zone	Net Amount

## QSE has neither Generation nor Load for Interval 1445



### At the Houston Load Zone

- 32 MW Awarded DAM Energy Offer
- RTSPP = \$40/MWh



## At Houston Load Zone

$$= (-1) \left( \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Purchases} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Purchases} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{DAM Energy Sales} \\ + \\ \text{Trade Energy Sales} \\ + \\ \text{Metered Load} \end{array} \right) \right) * \text{RTSPP}$$

$$= (-1) \left( \left( \right) - \left( \right) \right) * \$40/\text{MWh}$$

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Real-Time Pricing

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Real-Time Energy Settlement

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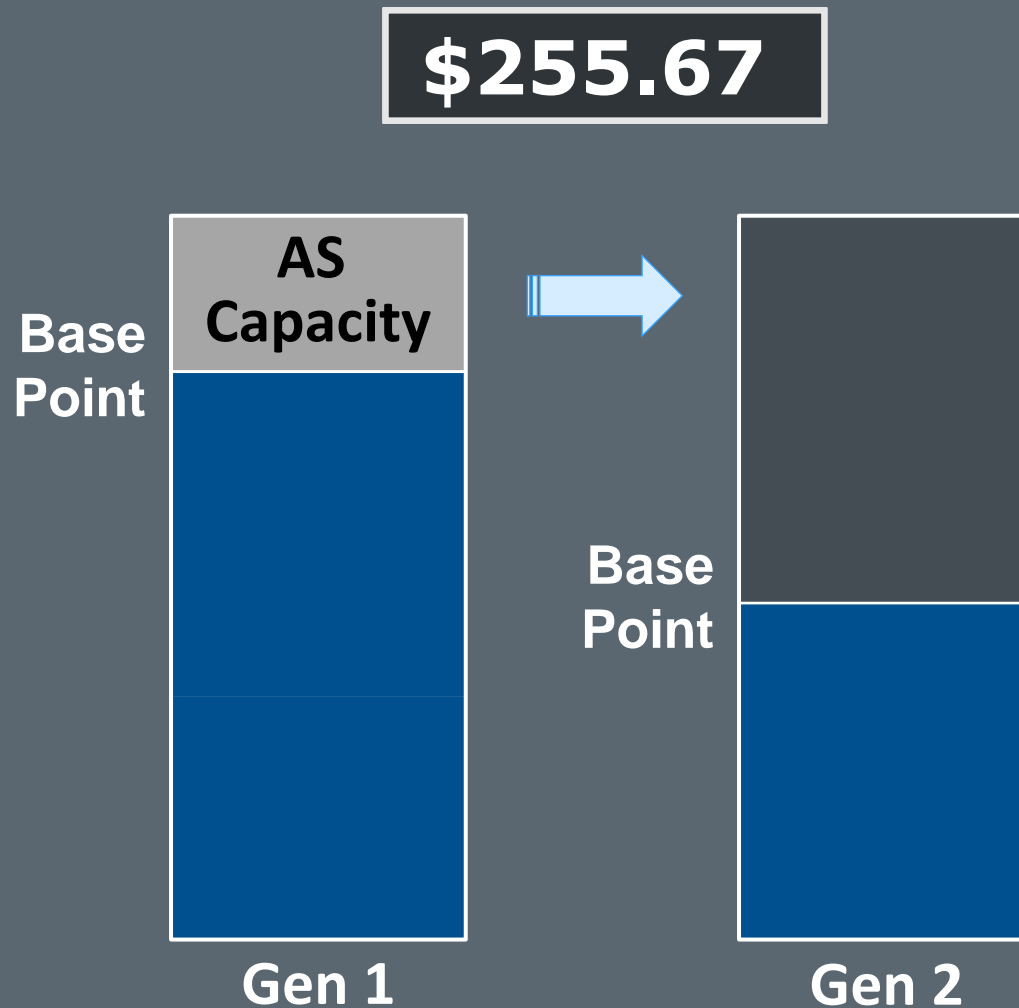
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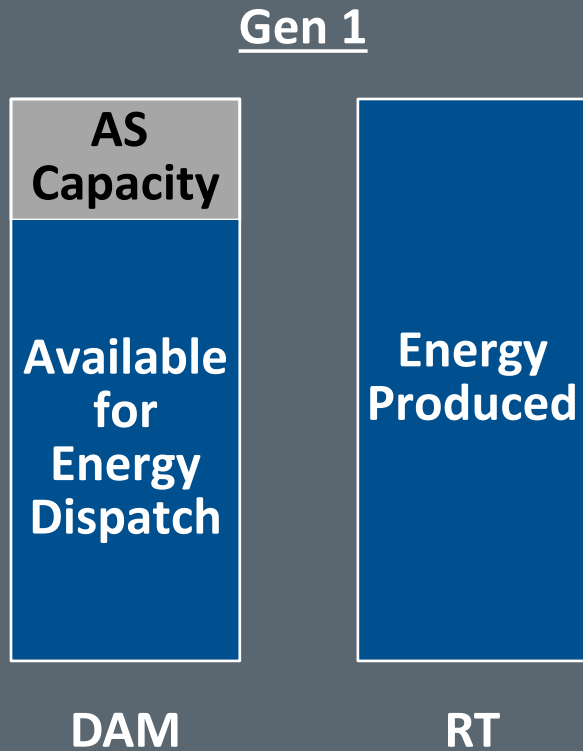
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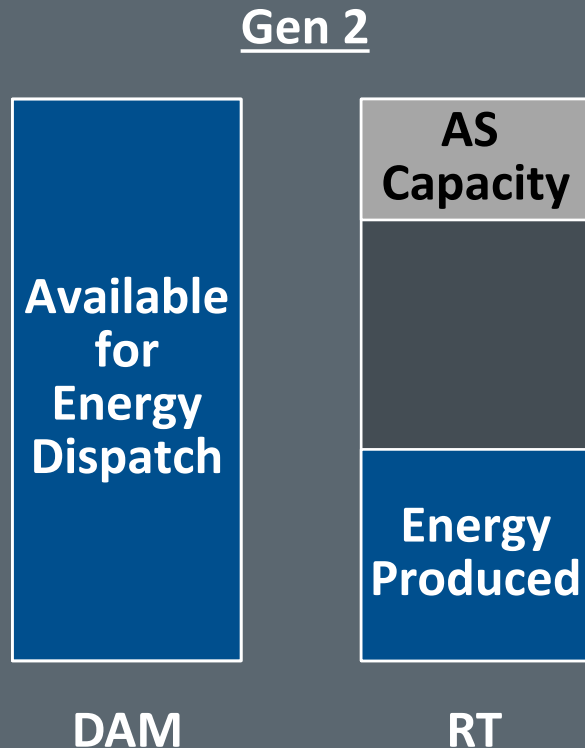


### QSE Real-Time Settlement:

- Paid RTSPP for energy produced in Real-Time
- Buy back AS Capacity at some Real-Time Price



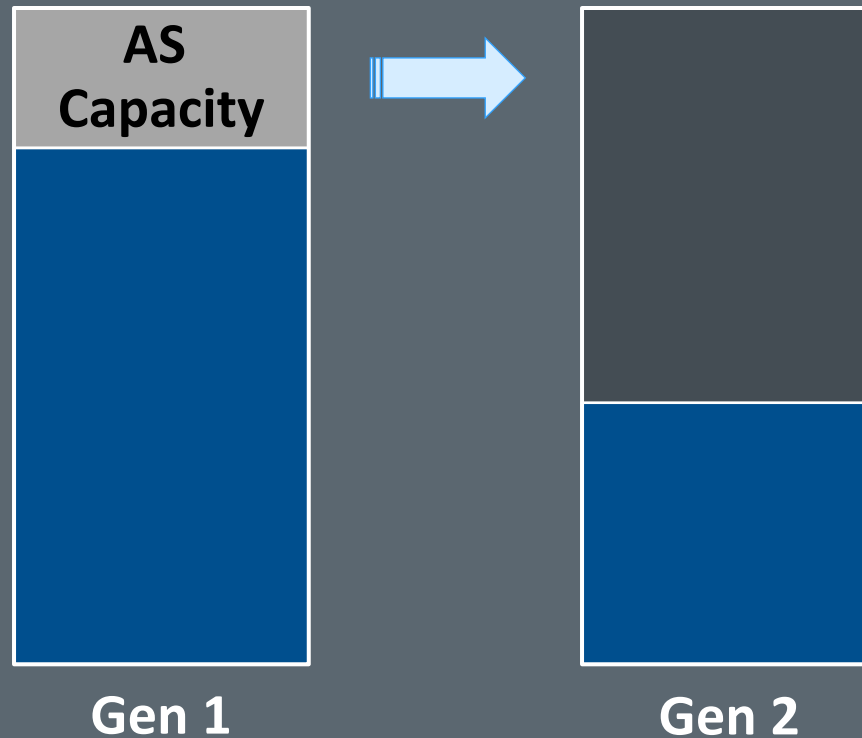
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## Real-Time Ancillary Service Imbalance



... approximates Real-Time Co-optimization

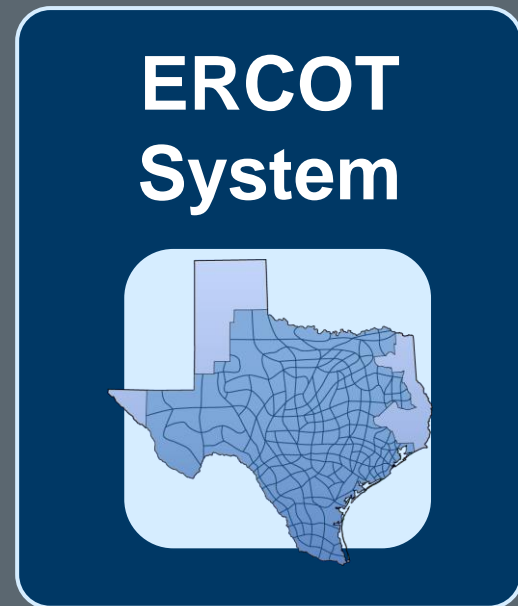
## Real-Time Ancillary Service Imbalance:

$$= (-1) \left[ \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{On-Line Reserve} \\ \text{SUPPLIES} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \text{On-Line Reserve} \\ \text{OBLIGATIONS} \end{array} \right) * \begin{array}{c} \text{On-line} \\ \text{Reserve} \\ \text{Price} \end{array} \right. \\ \left. + \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Off-Line Reserve} \\ \text{SUPPLIES} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \text{Off-Line Reserve} \\ \text{OBLIGATIONS} \end{array} \right) * \begin{array}{c} \text{Off-line} \\ \text{Reserve} \\ \text{Price} \end{array} \right]$$

Calculated ERCOT-wide per QSE

**On-line  
Reserve  
Price** = Ave (RTORPA)

**Off-line  
Reserve  
Price** = Ave (RTOFFPA)



... for each 15-Minute interval



## Scenario 1: How's it Settled?



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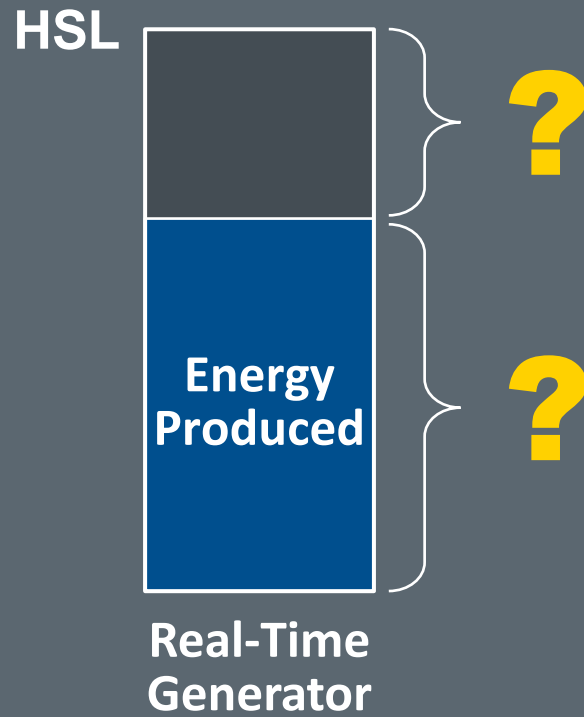


Real-Time  
Generator



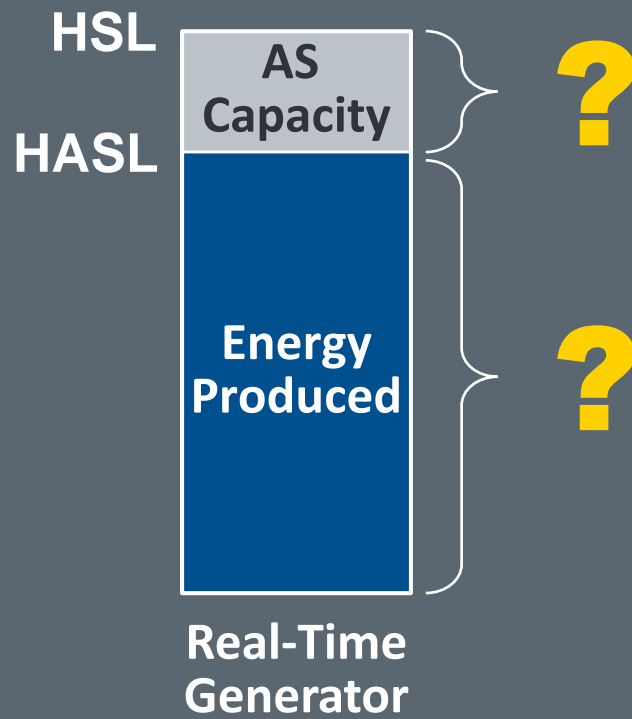


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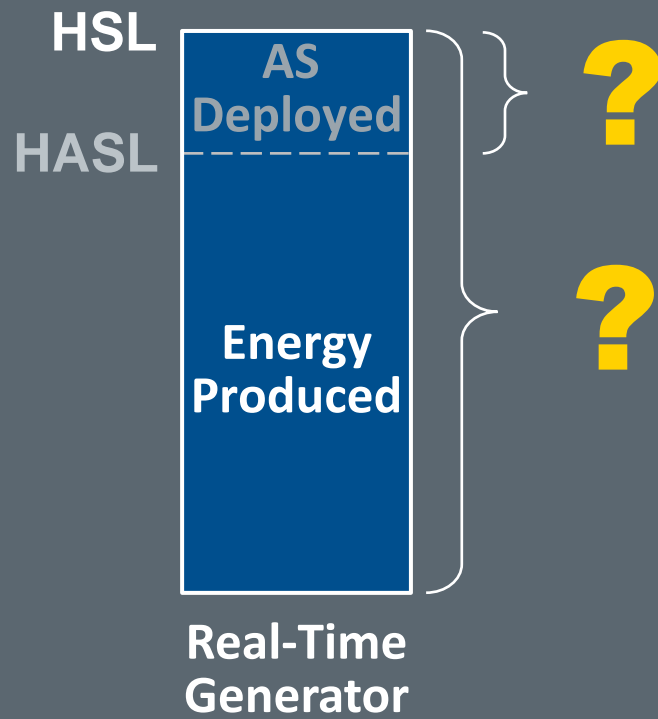


## Scenario 3: How's it Settled?





## Scenario 4: How's it Settled?



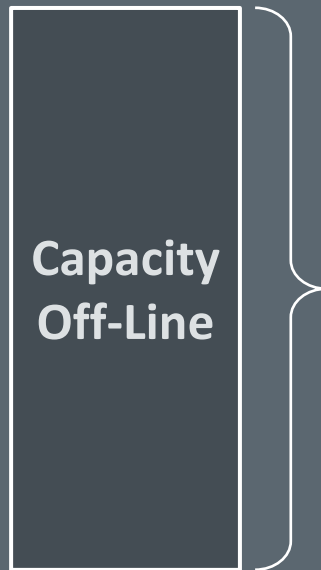




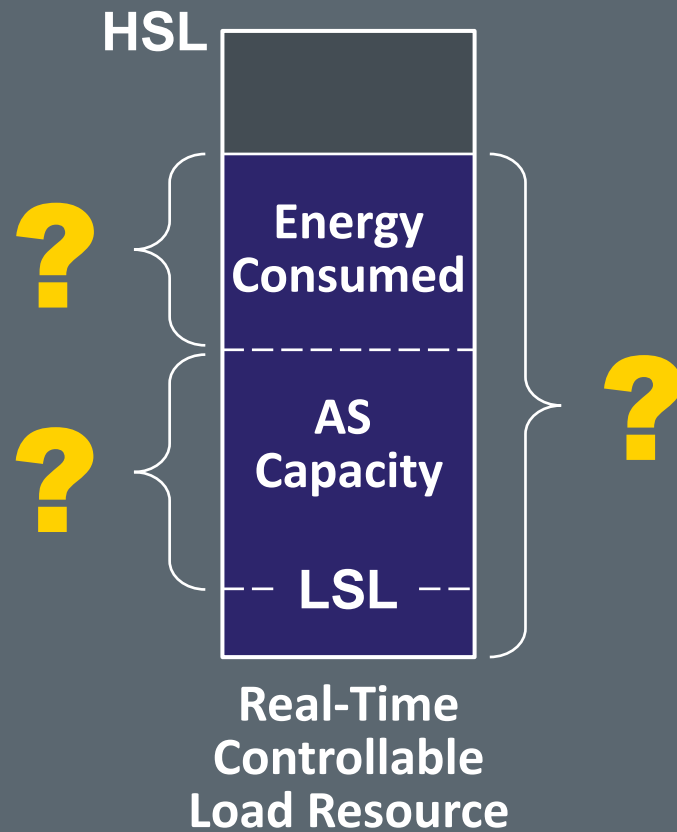
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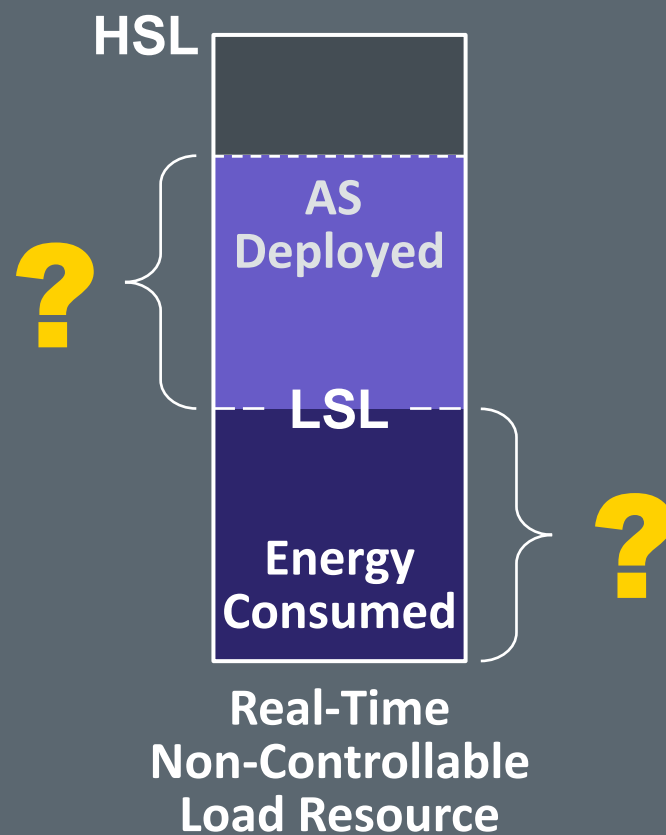


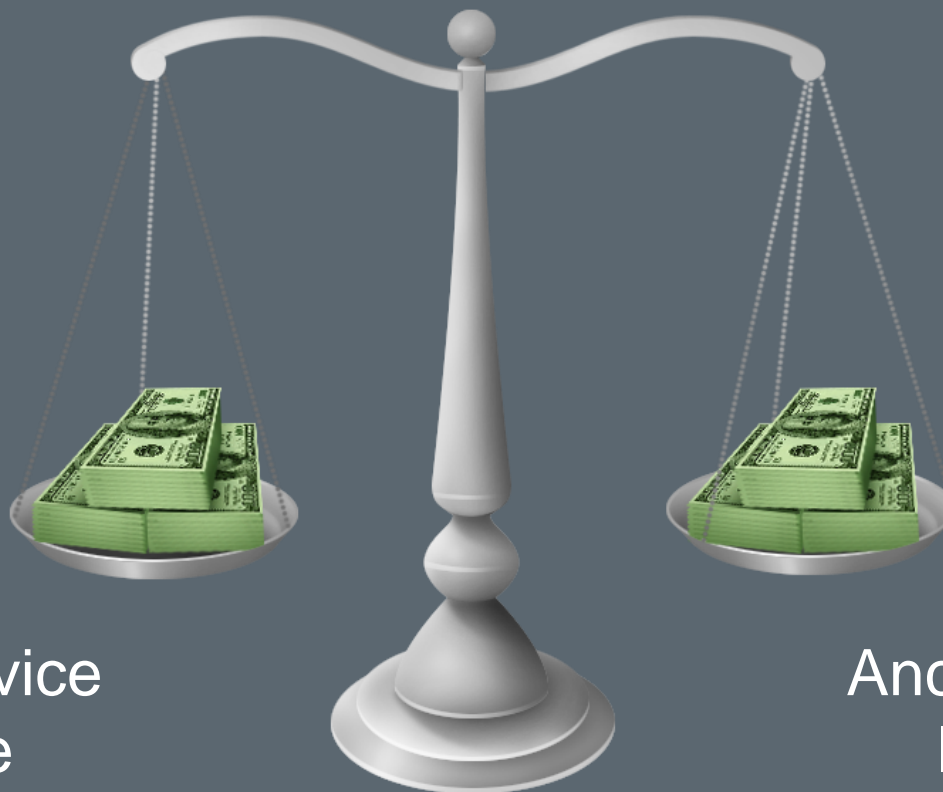
HSL



Real-Time  
Generator







Ancillary Service  
Imbalance  
Net

Ancillary Service  
Imbalance  
Uplift

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Real-Time Pricing

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Real-Time Reserve Settlement

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Base Point Deviation

## Resource is expected to follow Base Point instructions



QSE's may be charged if Resource outside tolerance

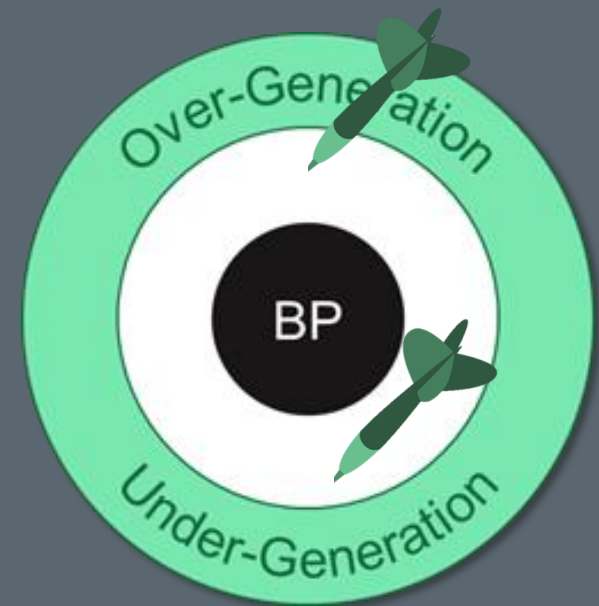


## Protocol Tolerances

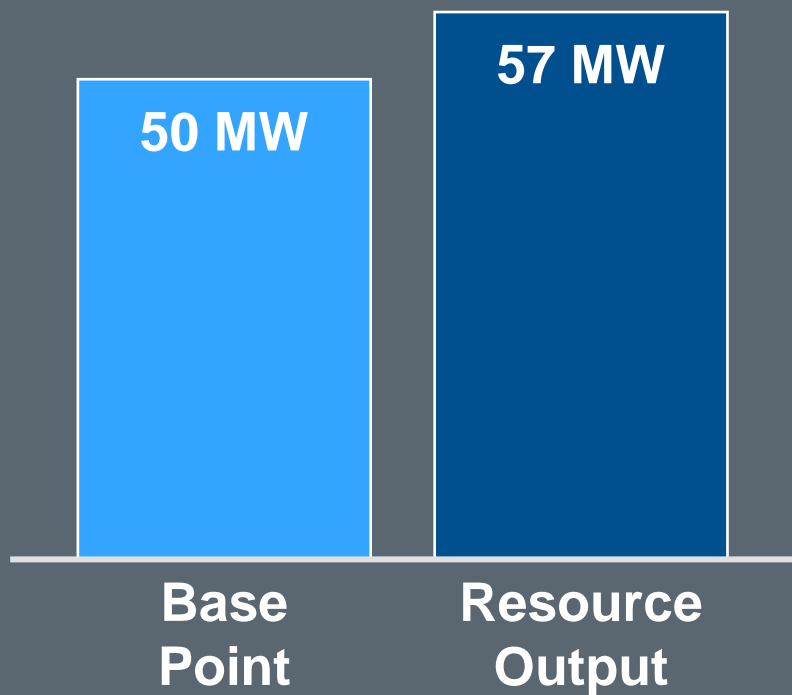
- Greater of  $\pm 5\%$  or  $\pm 5\text{MW}$
- IRRs allowed 5%

## Waived if two conditions are met

1. Frequency deviation greater than  $0.05\text{Hz}$
2. Resource's deviation helps correct frequency



## Does the QSE incur a Base Point Deviation Charge?

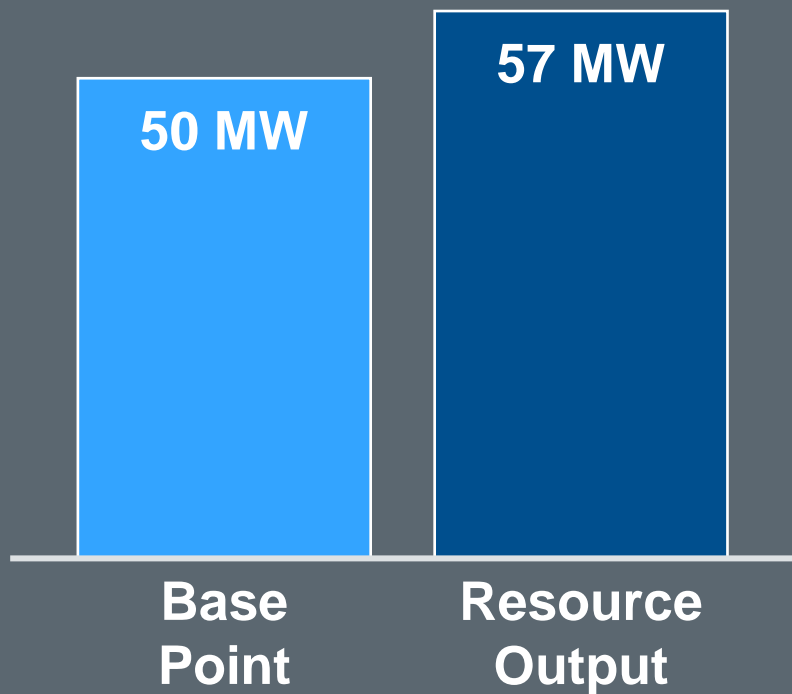


**59.940**

Frequency at max  
deviation during interval



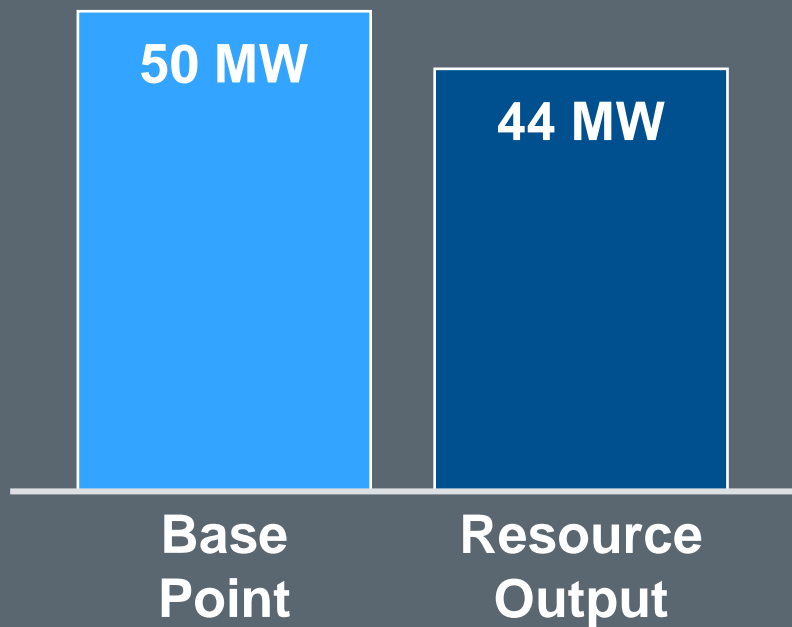
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Base Point  
Deviation  
Charges

Base Point  
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Payments

# Course Wrap-Up

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