



Real-Time 101



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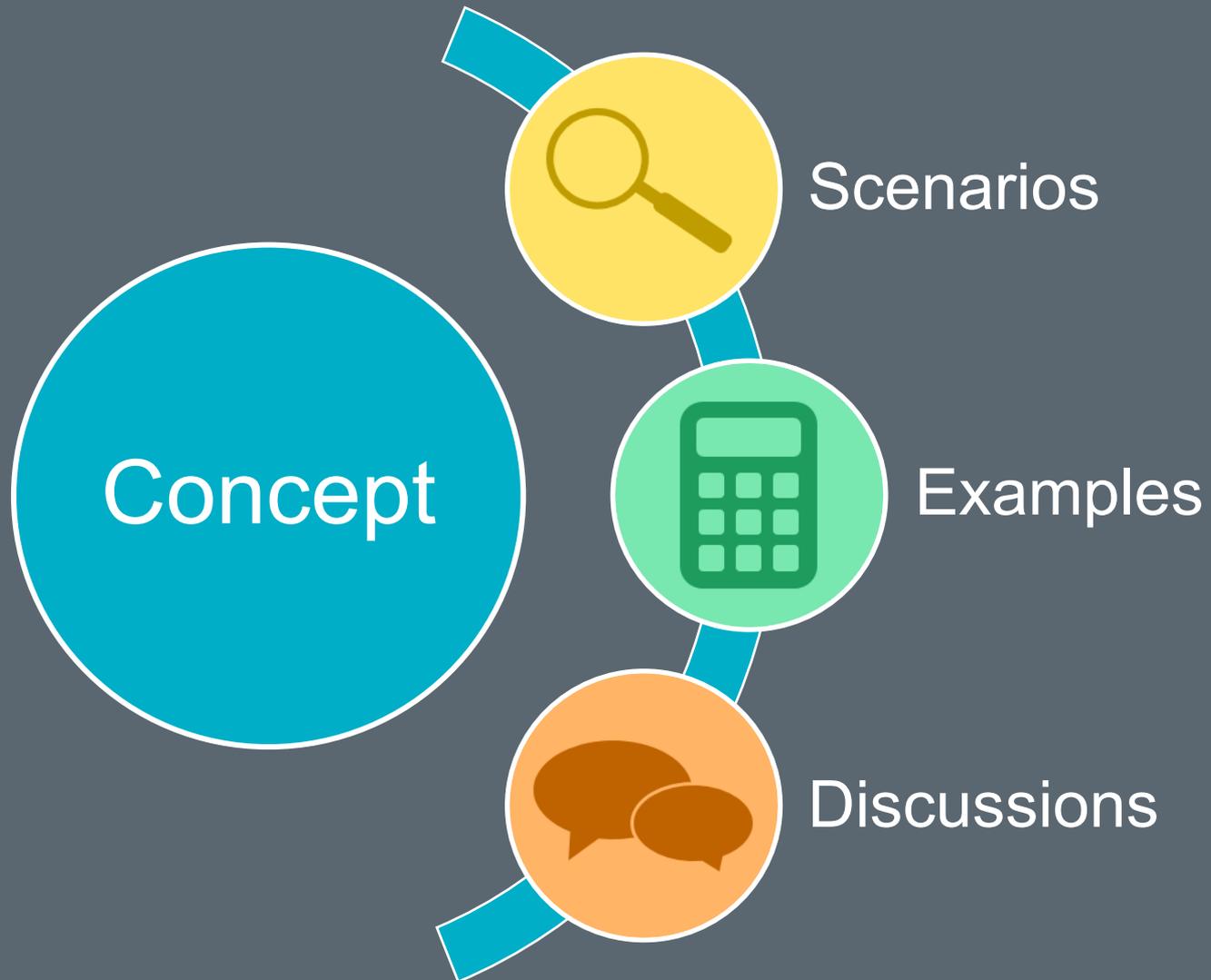


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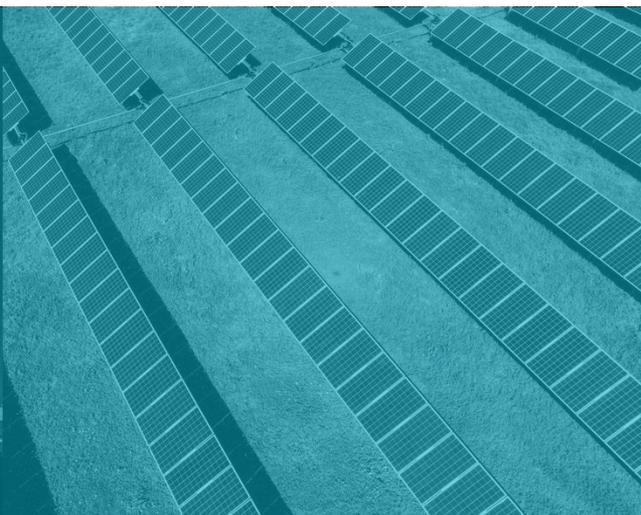
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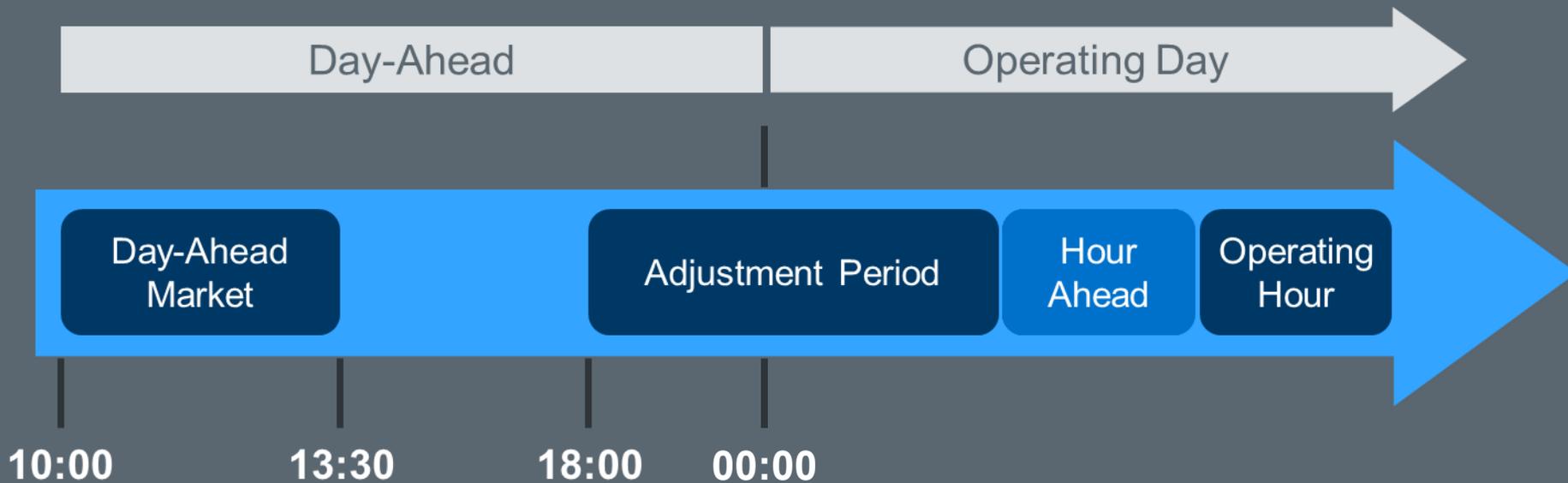
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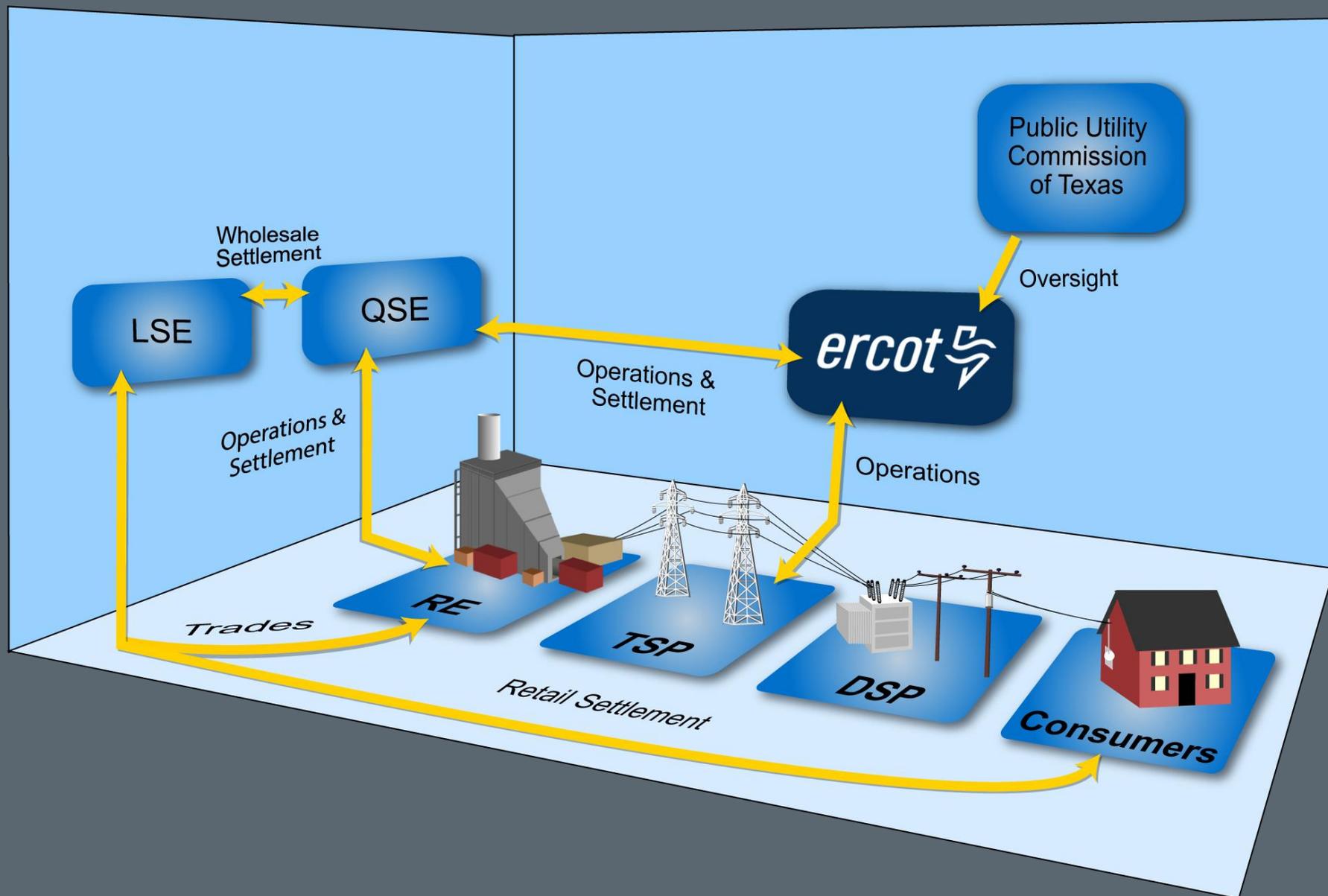


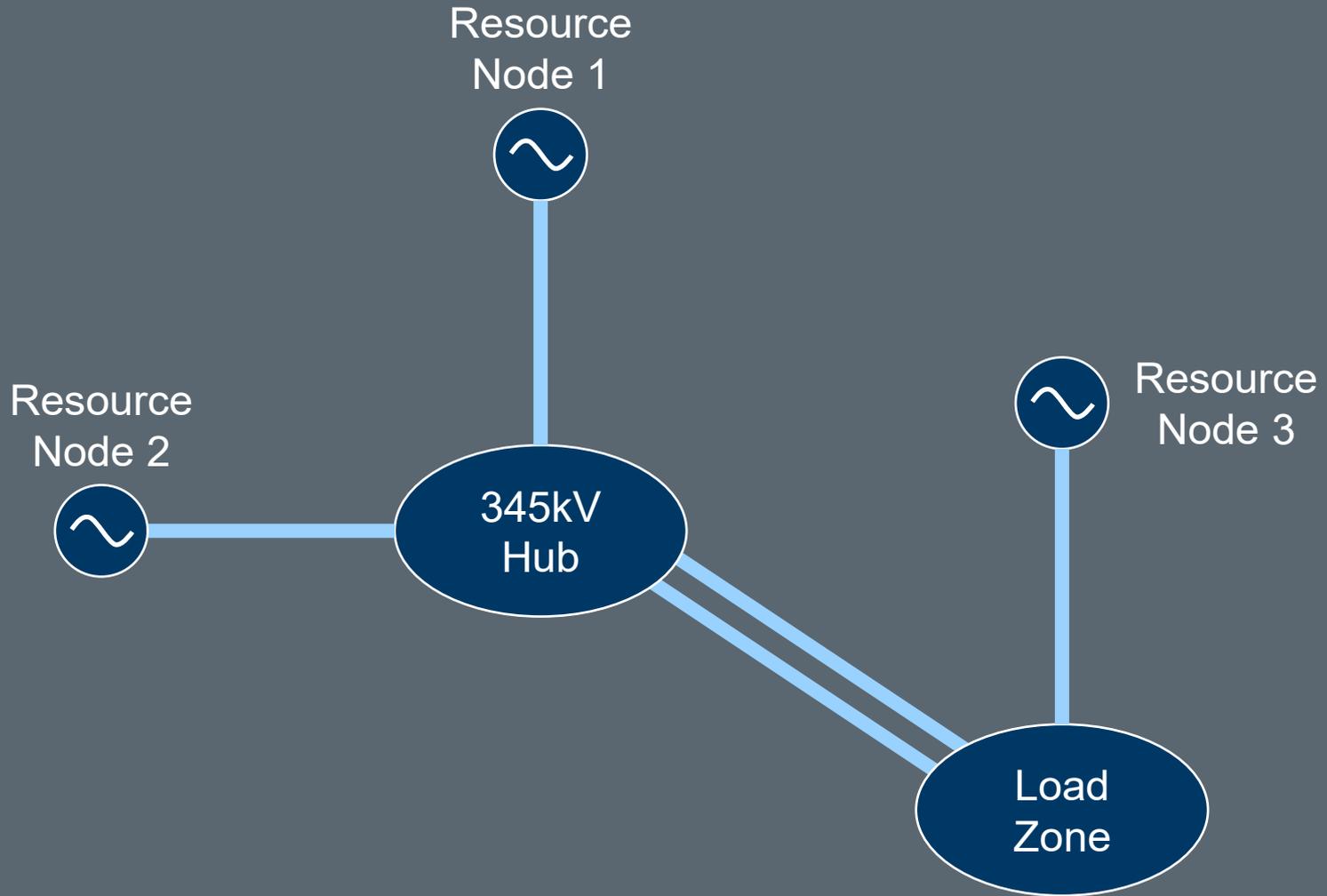
Introduction



In general . . .





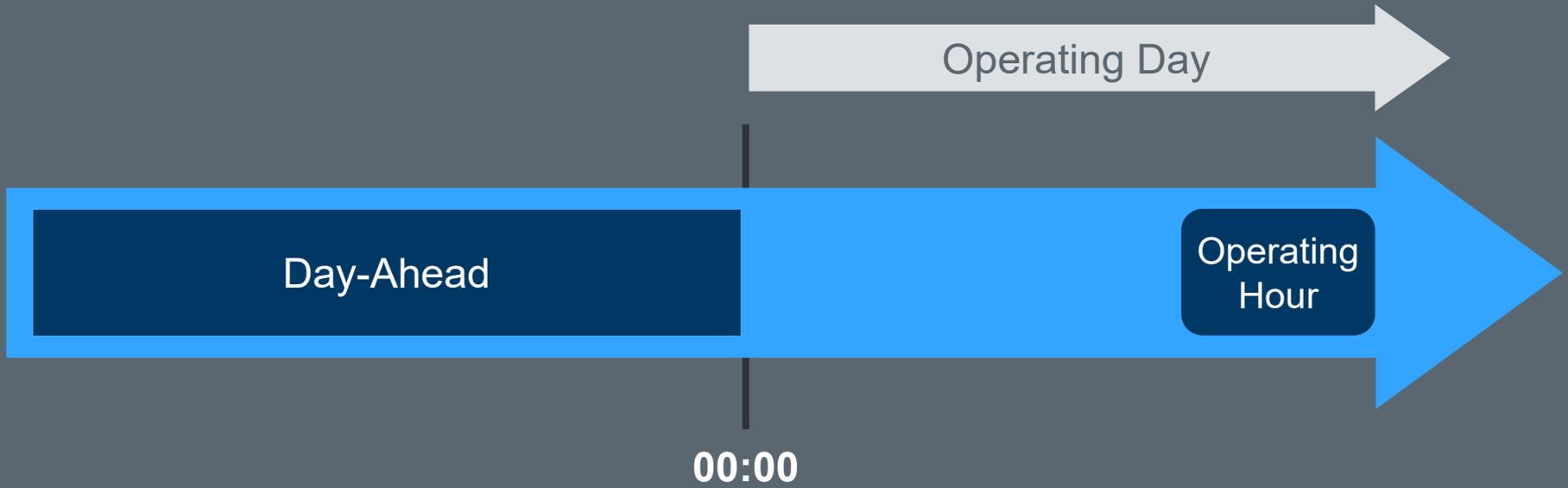




Real-Time Dispatch and Pricing



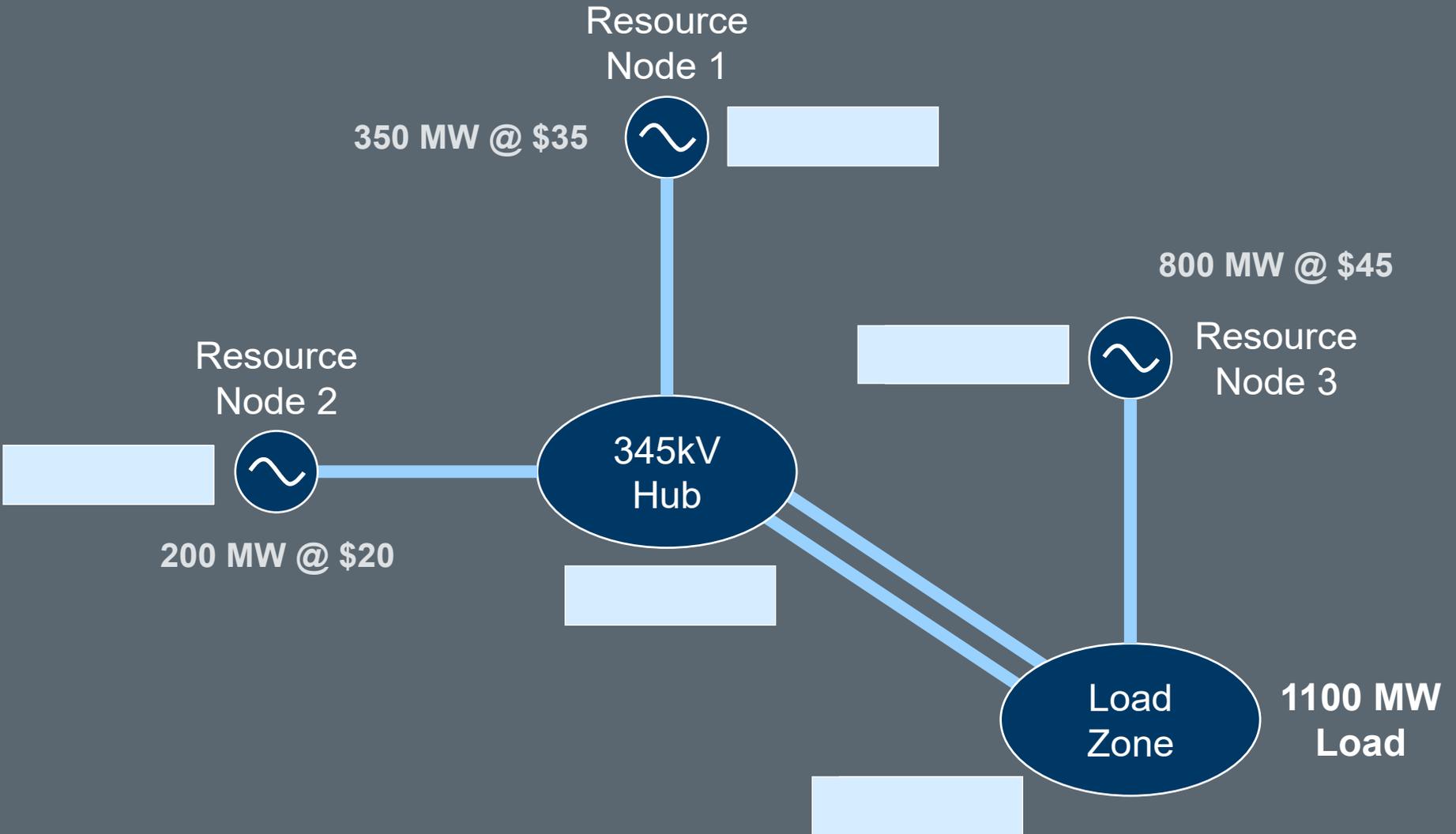
Timing



Goals

- Manage reliability
 - Match generation with demand
 - Keep transmission flows within limits
- Operate the system at least cost

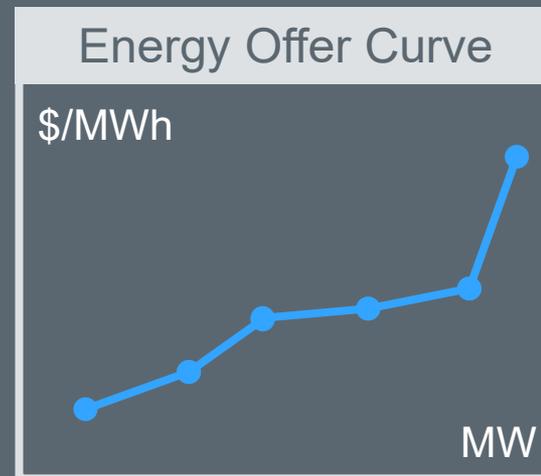






Energy Offer Curve

- Non-decreasing curve
- Ten price/quantity pairs max
- One MW minimum quantity
- Prices between $-\$250$ and appropriate Offer Cap



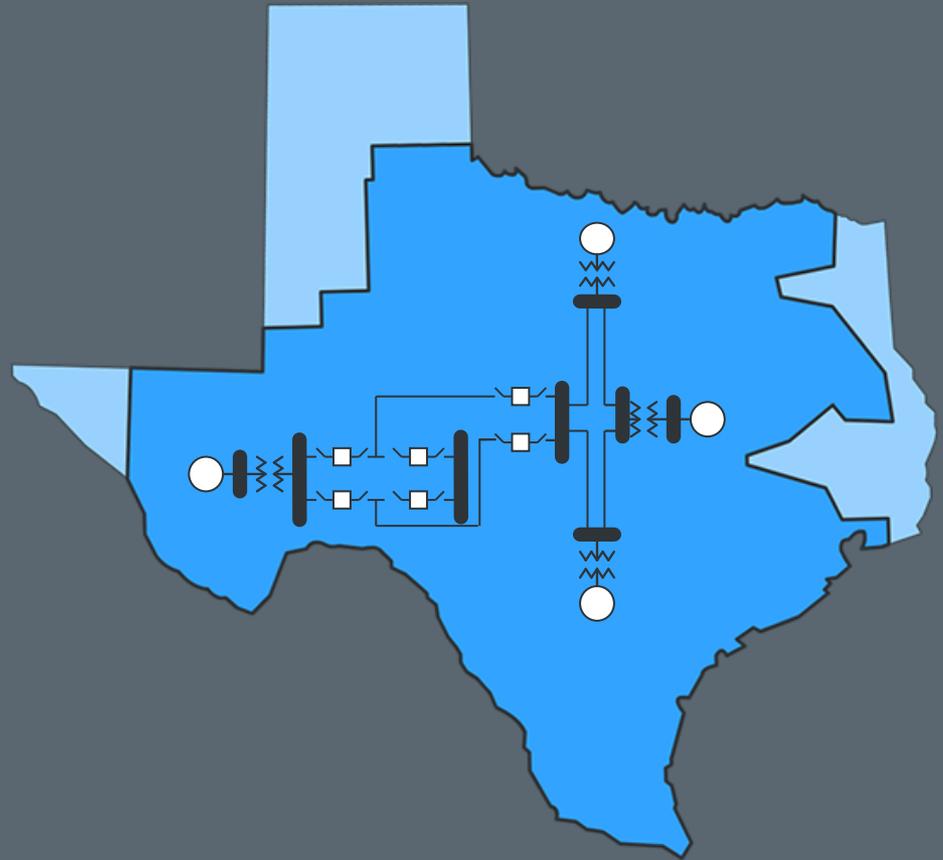


Monitored Conditions

What do we need to know to dispatch energy?



Represents physical transmission grid

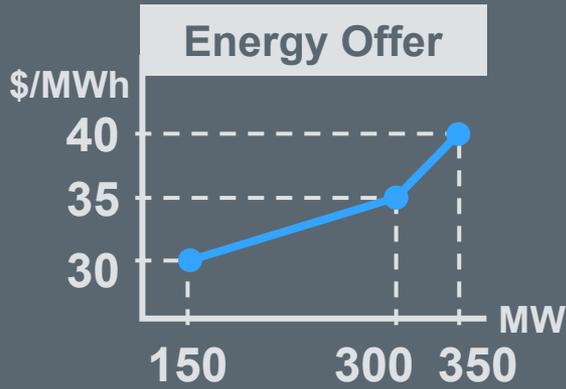


Used for:

- Reliability studies
- All Market Processes



Scenario: Find Dispatch Solution



Resource Node 1



Resource Node 3



Resource Node 2



345kV Hub

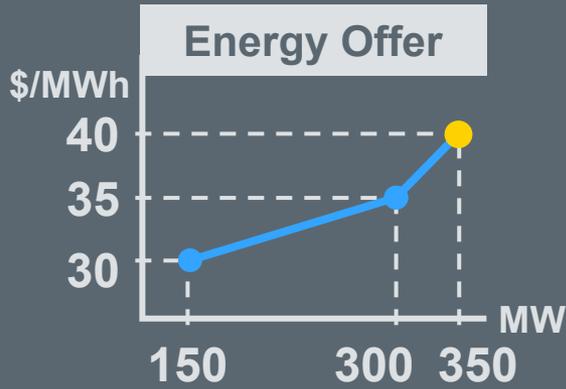
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1100 MW Load

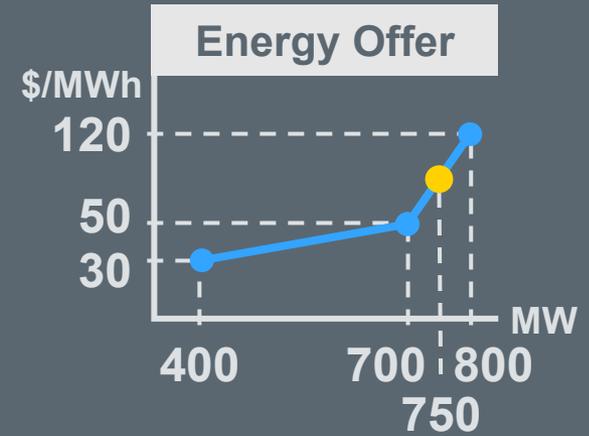




Scenario: Loss of a Resource



Resource Node 1



Resource Node 3

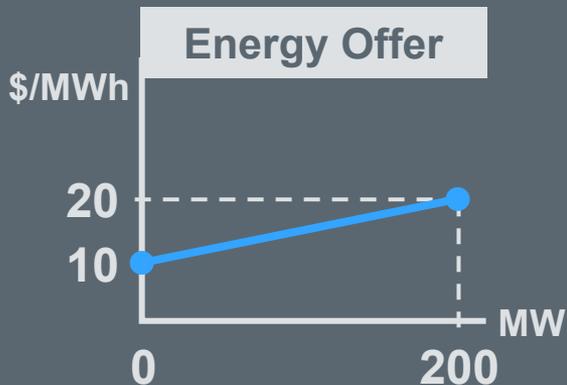
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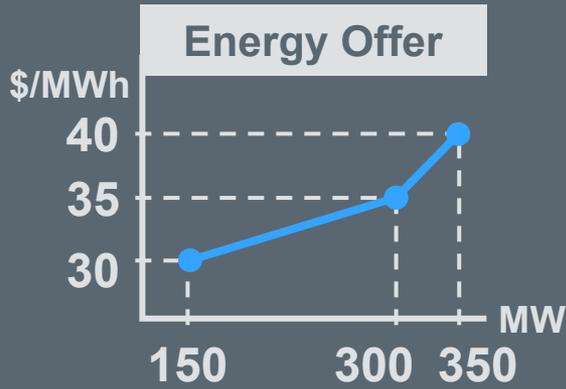
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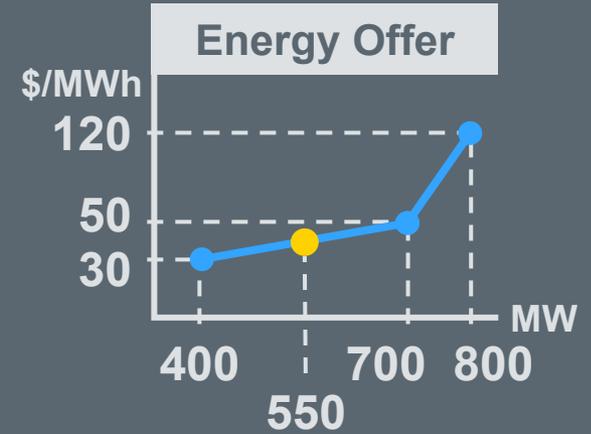




Scenario: Transmission Constraints



Resource Node 1



Resource Node 3

Resource Node 2

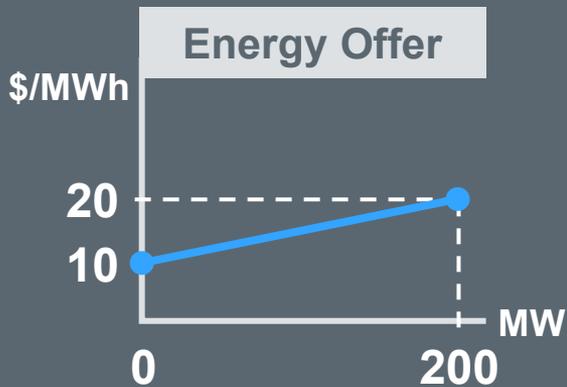
100 MW
Limit

345kV
Hub

400 MW
Limit

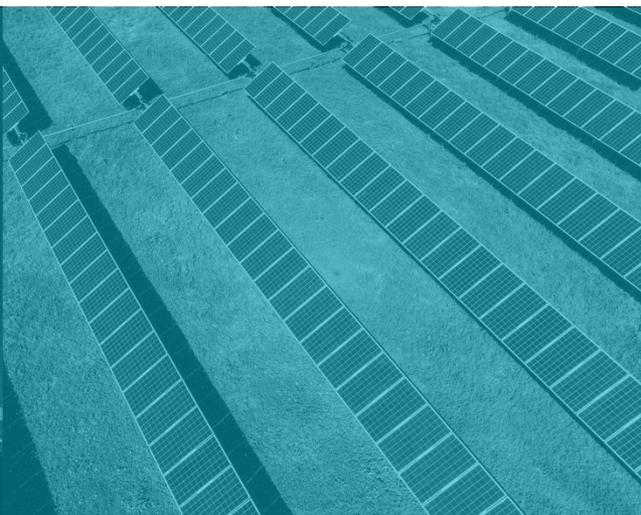
Load
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1100 MW
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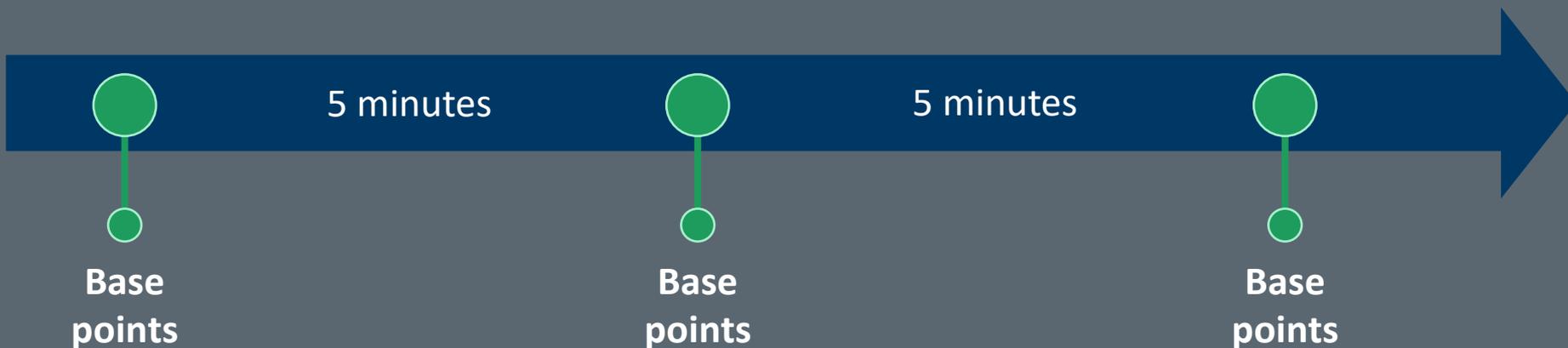
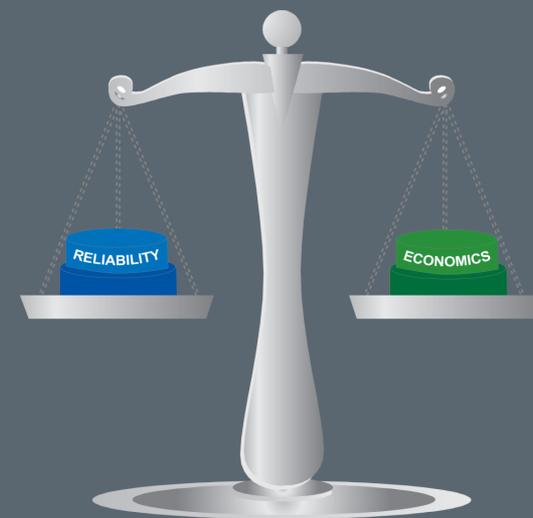


Ancillary Services



Security Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED)

- Matches generation with demand
- Manages congestion
- Achieves least cost dispatch



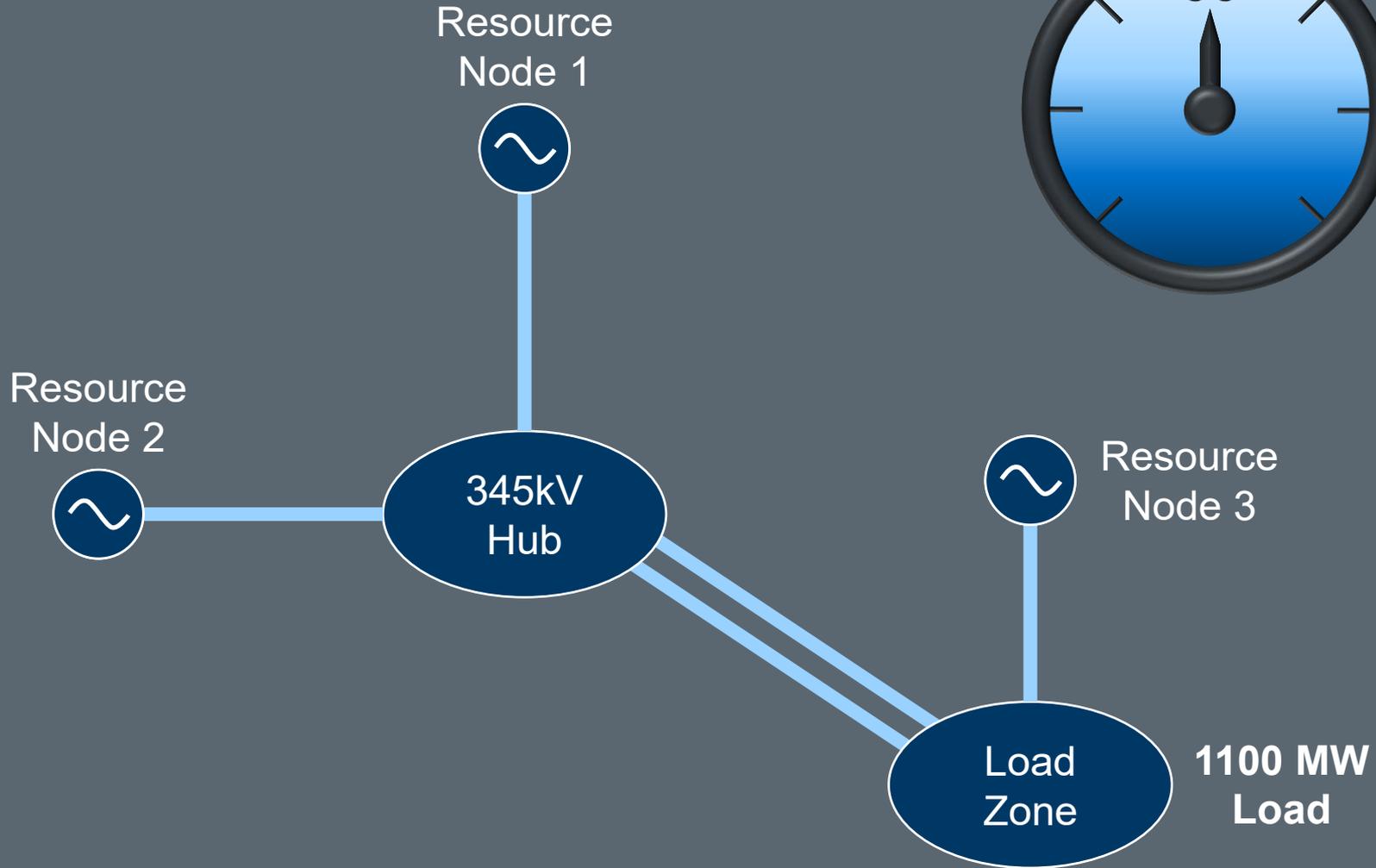


Discussion: Is five-minute dispatch enough?



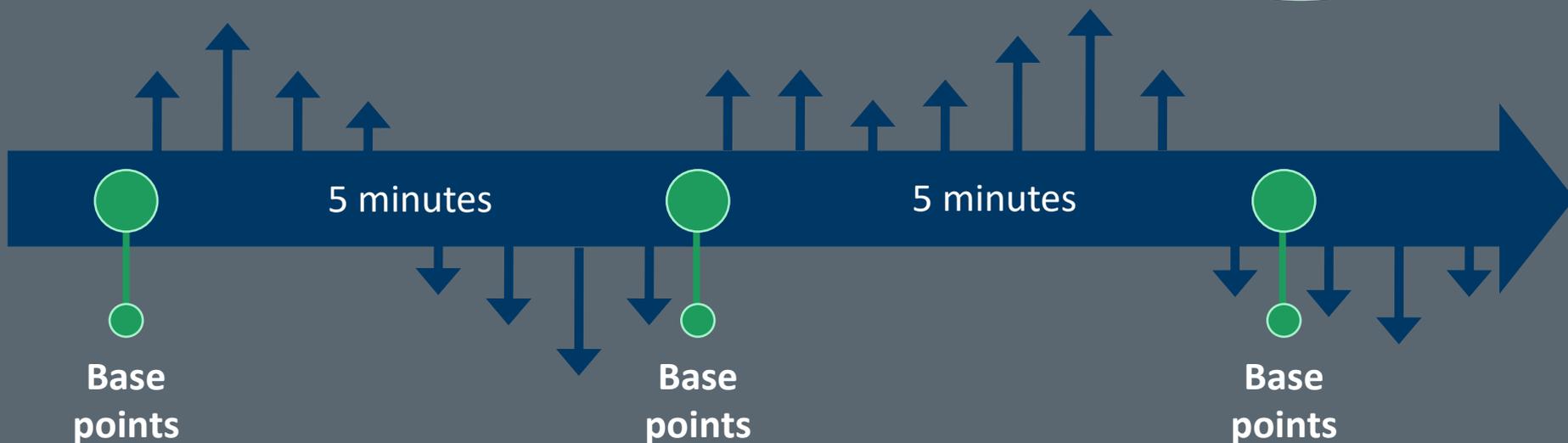


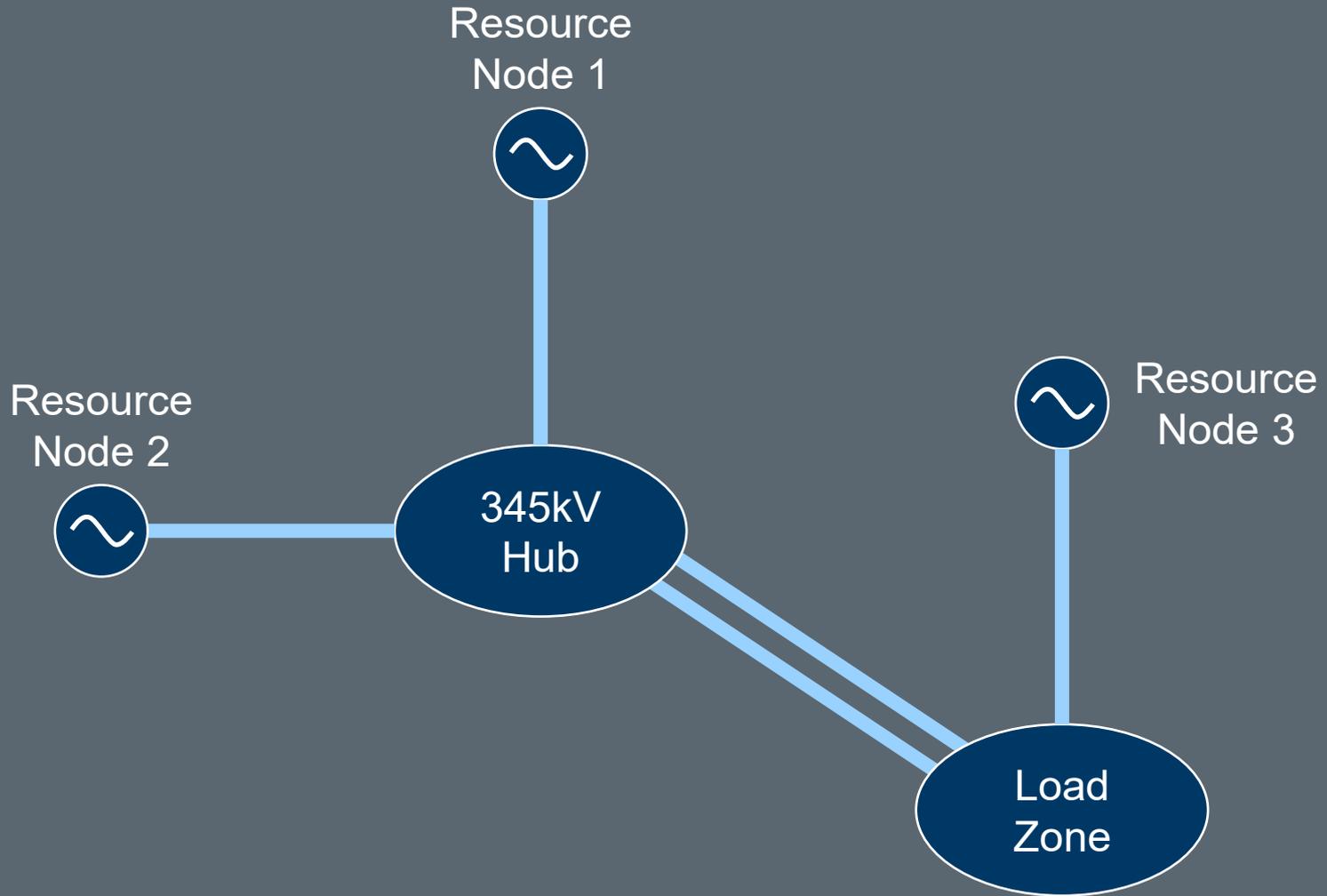
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Regulation Service

- Matches generation with demand
- Responds to frequency deviations





Responsive Reserve Service



Possible Uses

- Loss of Generation
- Large load-ramps

Responsive Reserve is frequency responsive



RRSPF – Primary Frequency Response

- Automatic response at 59.983 Hz
- Proportional to frequency decay

RRSFF – Fast Frequency Response

- Auto-deployed at 59.85 Hz
- Full response within 15 Cycles

RRSUF – Load Resource on Under-Frequency Relay

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

ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service



Possible Uses

- Restore RRS
- Provide ramping reserves to SCED

Resources must be capable of 1-hour deployment

Non-Spinning Reserve Service

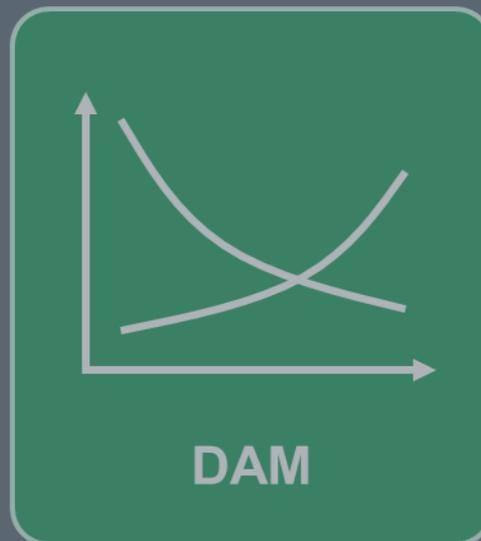


Possible Uses

- Restore RRS and ECRS
- Provide ramping reserves to SCED

Resources must be capable of 4-hour deployment

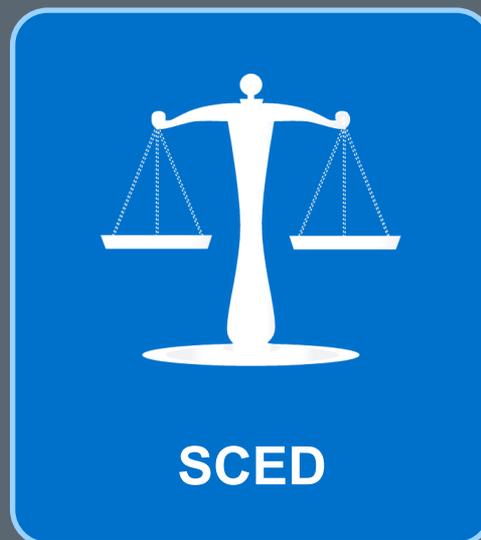
Day-Ahead Market



Energy Awards

Ancillary Service Awards

Security Constrained Economic Dispatch



Energy Awards

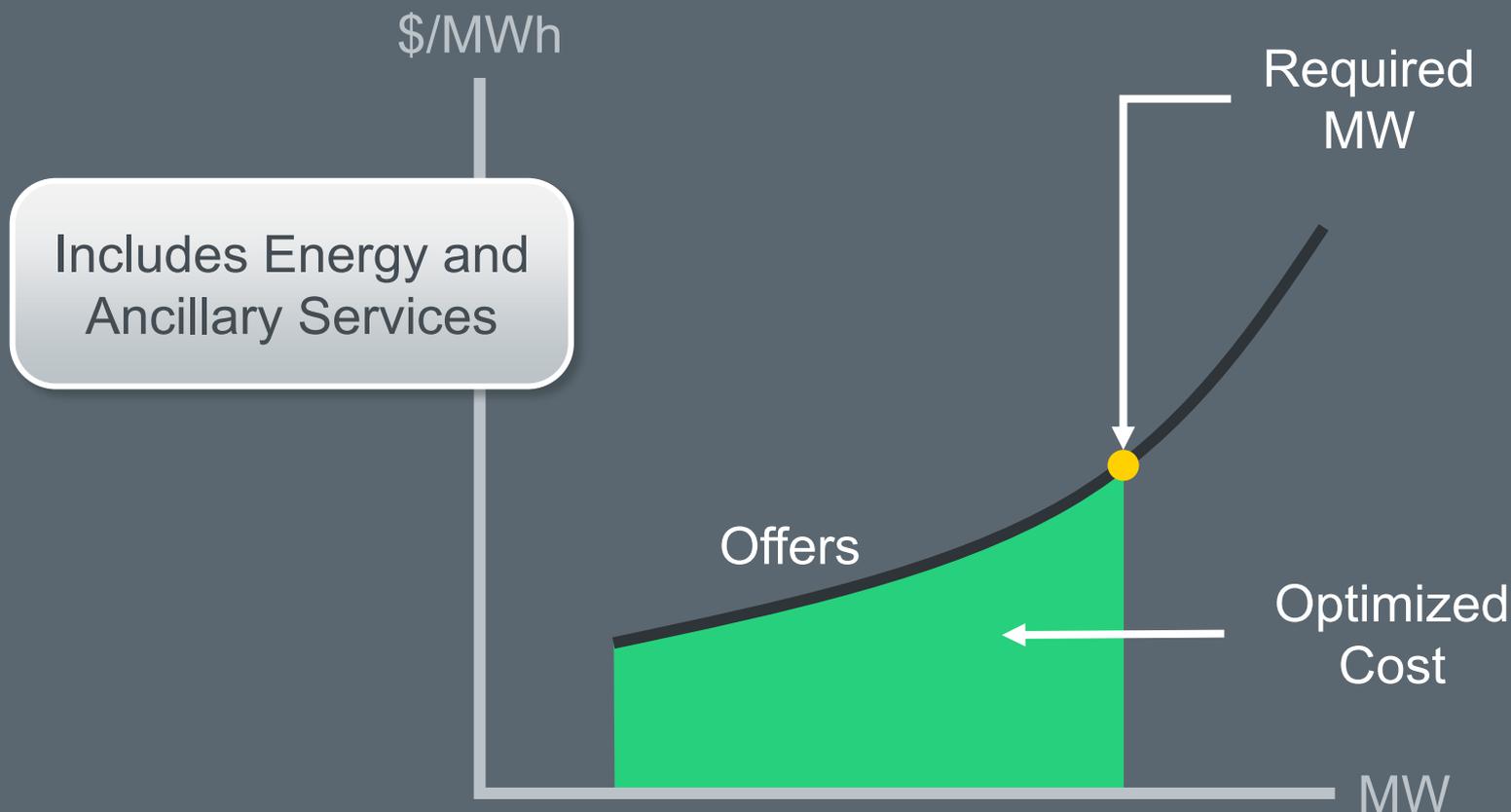
Ancillary Service Awards



Real-Time Co-Optimization



The SCED process is optimized for cost





Resource-Specific Offers for Each Service

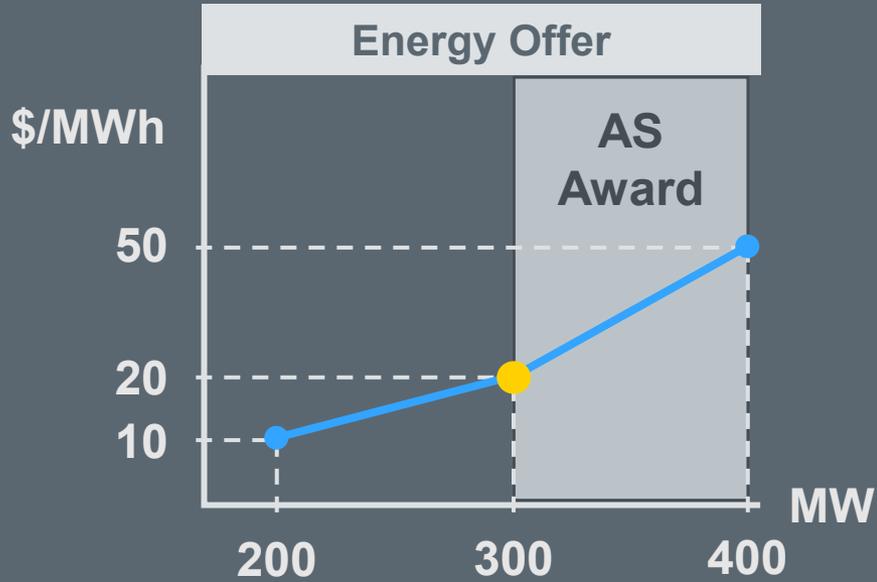
Type of Service	Offer	
Regulation Up	MW	\$ / MW
Regulation Down	MW	\$ / MW
Responsive Reserve	MW	\$ / MW
Contingency Reserve	MW	\$ / MW
Non-Spinning Reserve	MW	\$ / MW

Multiple offers from single Resource:

- Multiple Ancillary Services
- Combined with Energy Offers

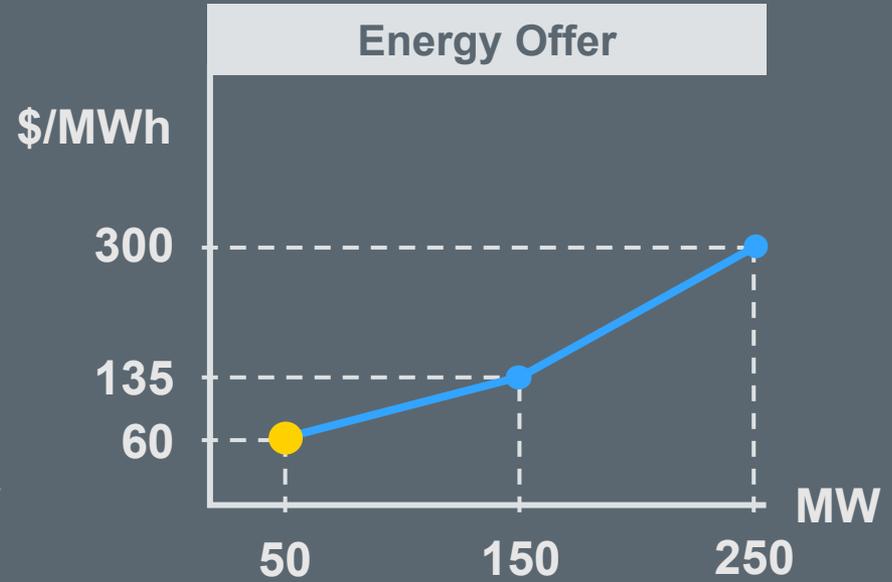


GEN 1



AS offer \$10/MW

GEN 2

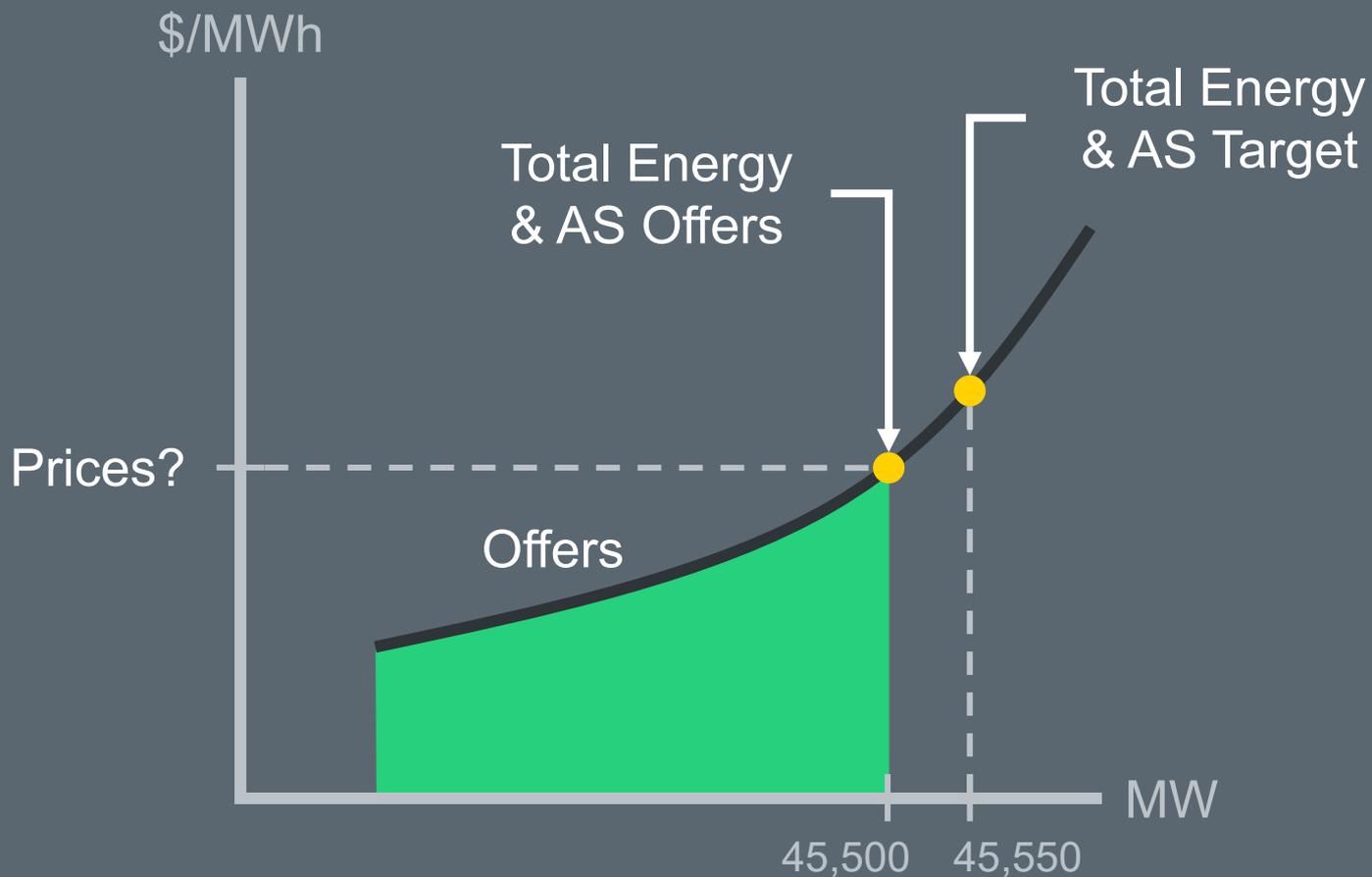


AS offer \$20/MW

\$20.00

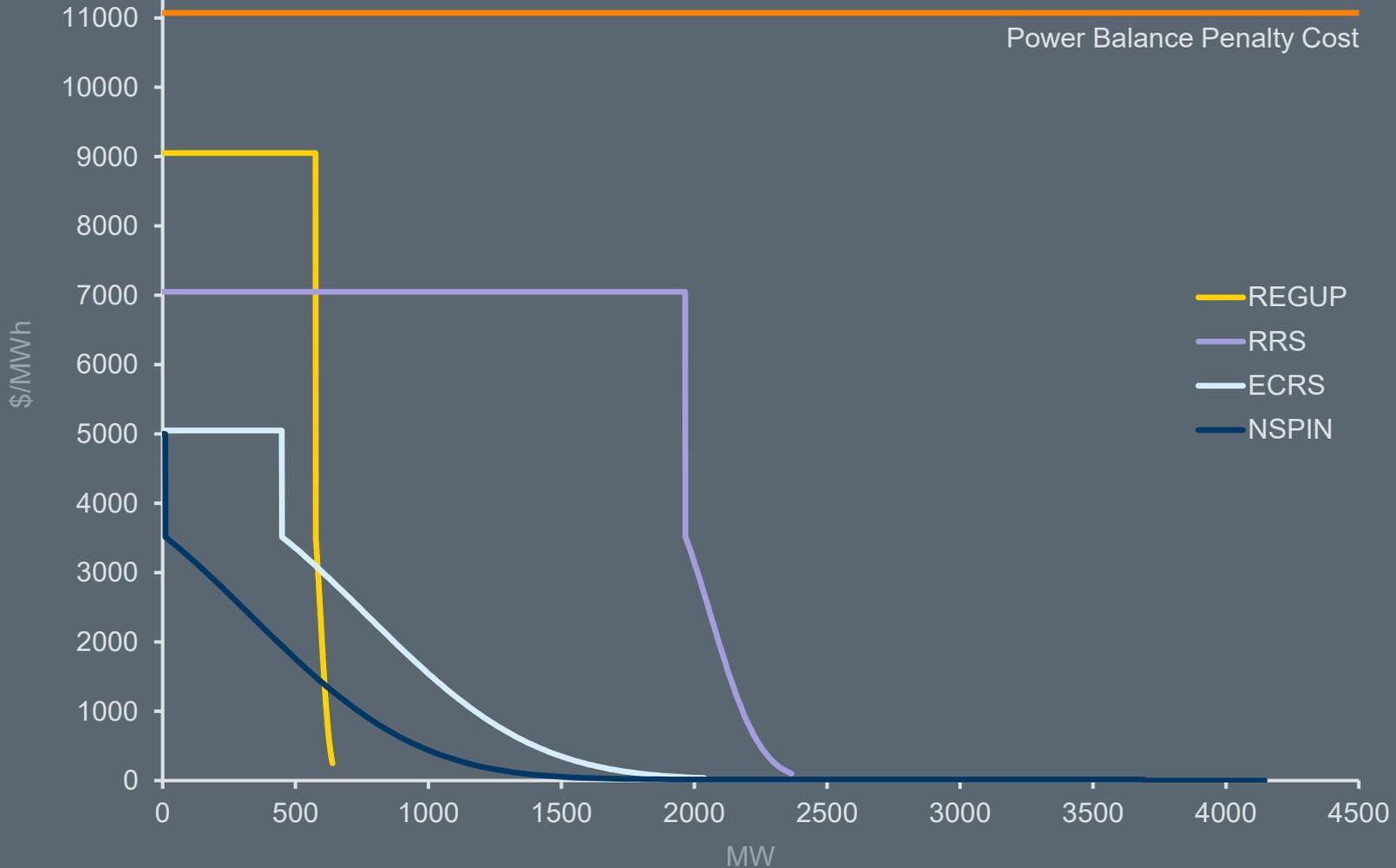


What will SCED do?



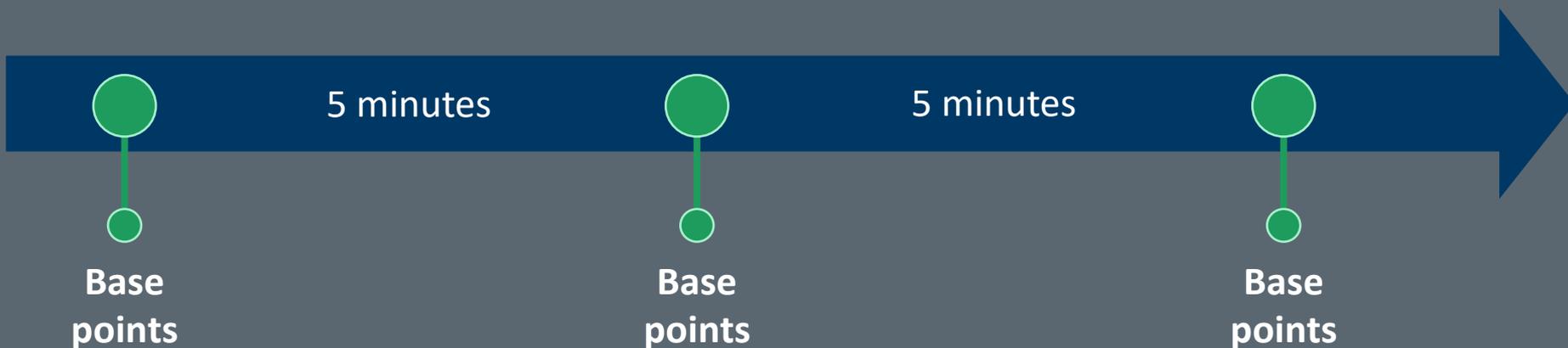


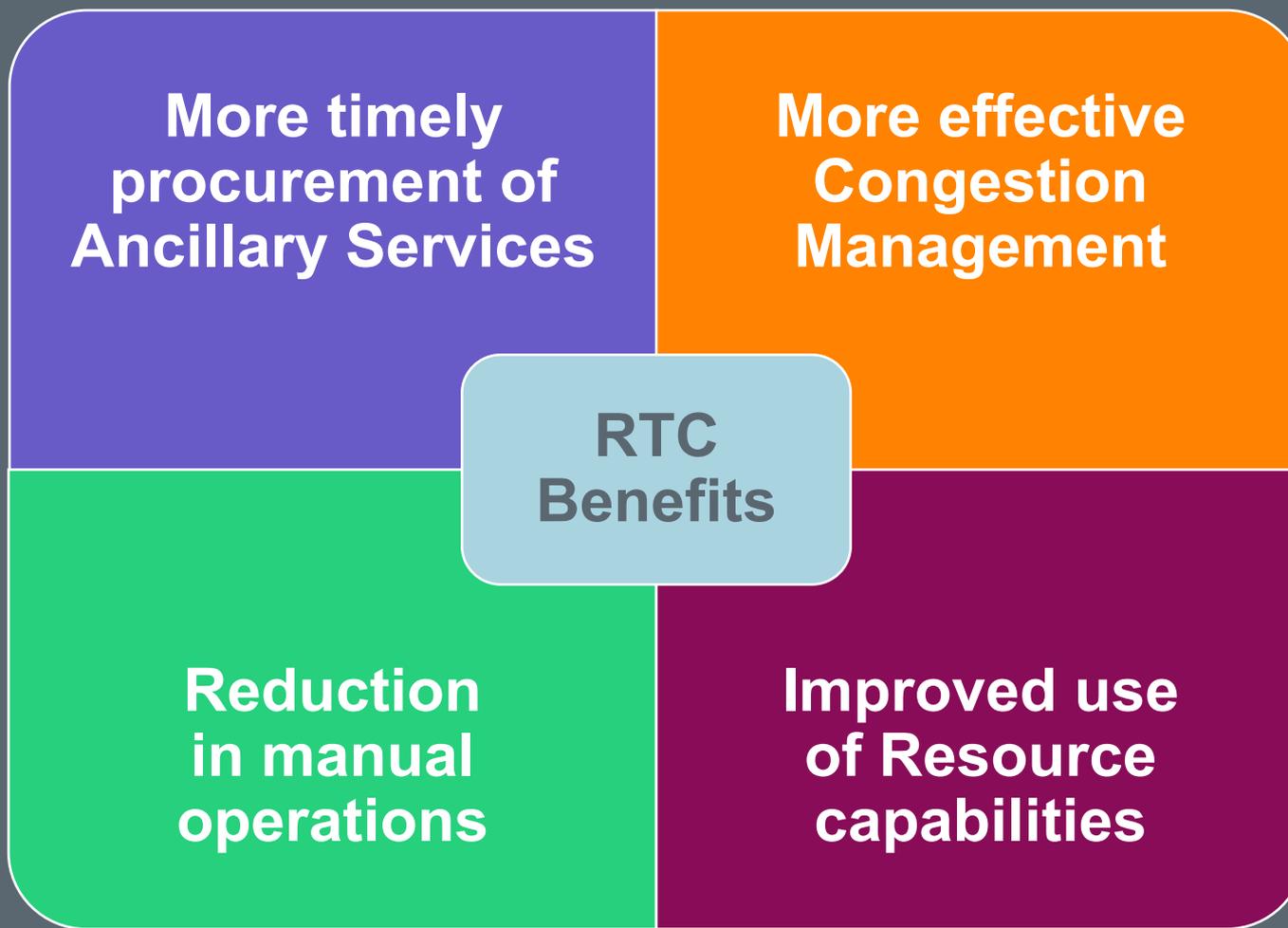
Ancillary Service Demand Curves



Security Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED)

- Dispatches Energy
- Manages Congestion
- Awards Ancillary Services
- Achieves least cost solution







System Capacity



Co-Optimization requires sufficient capacity



Requirements:

- Serve Load
- Award Ancillary Services
- Manage Congestion

Current Operating Plan (COP)

Anticipated Resource operating conditions

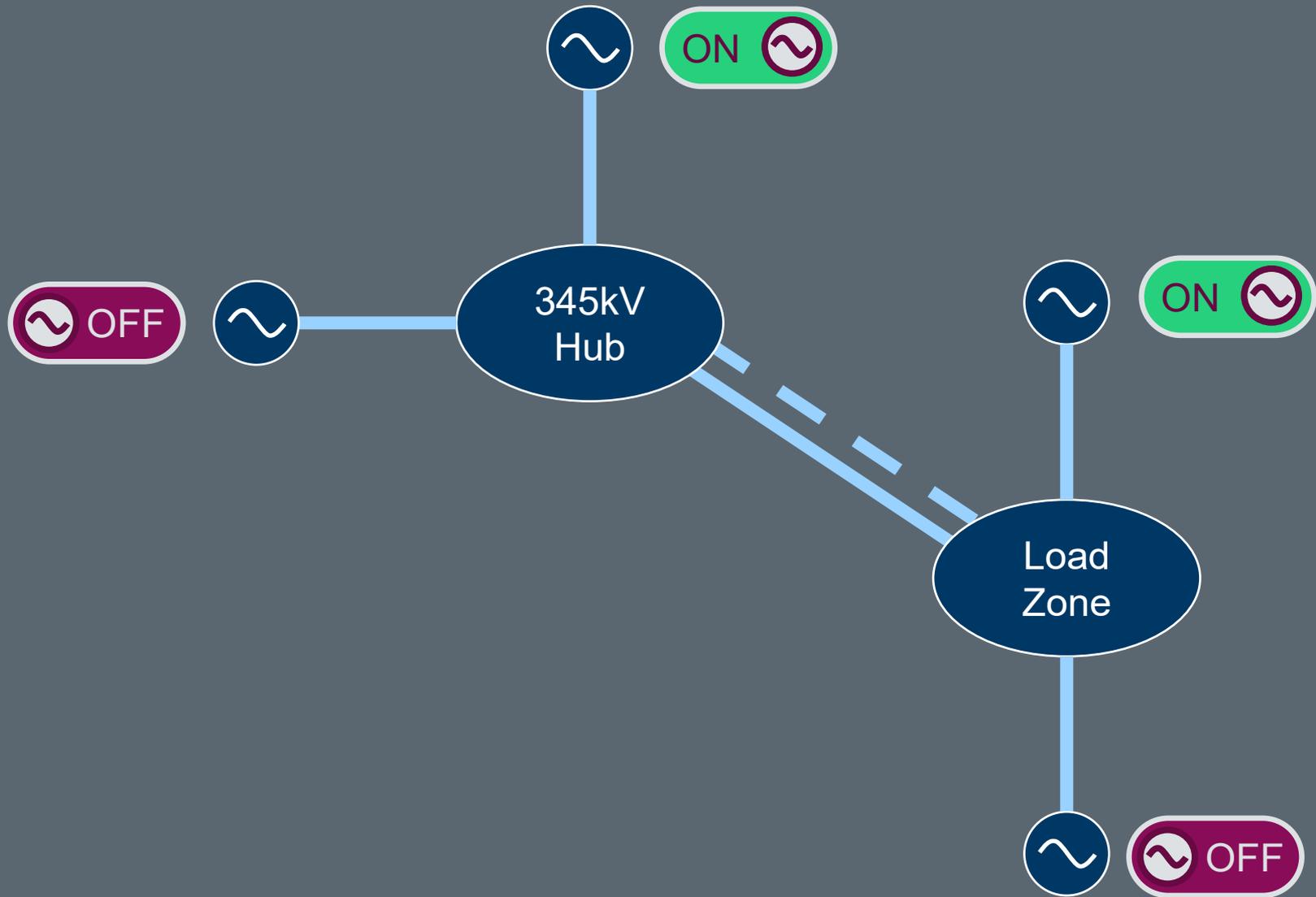
- Resource Status
- Resource Limits
- Ancillary Service Capabilities

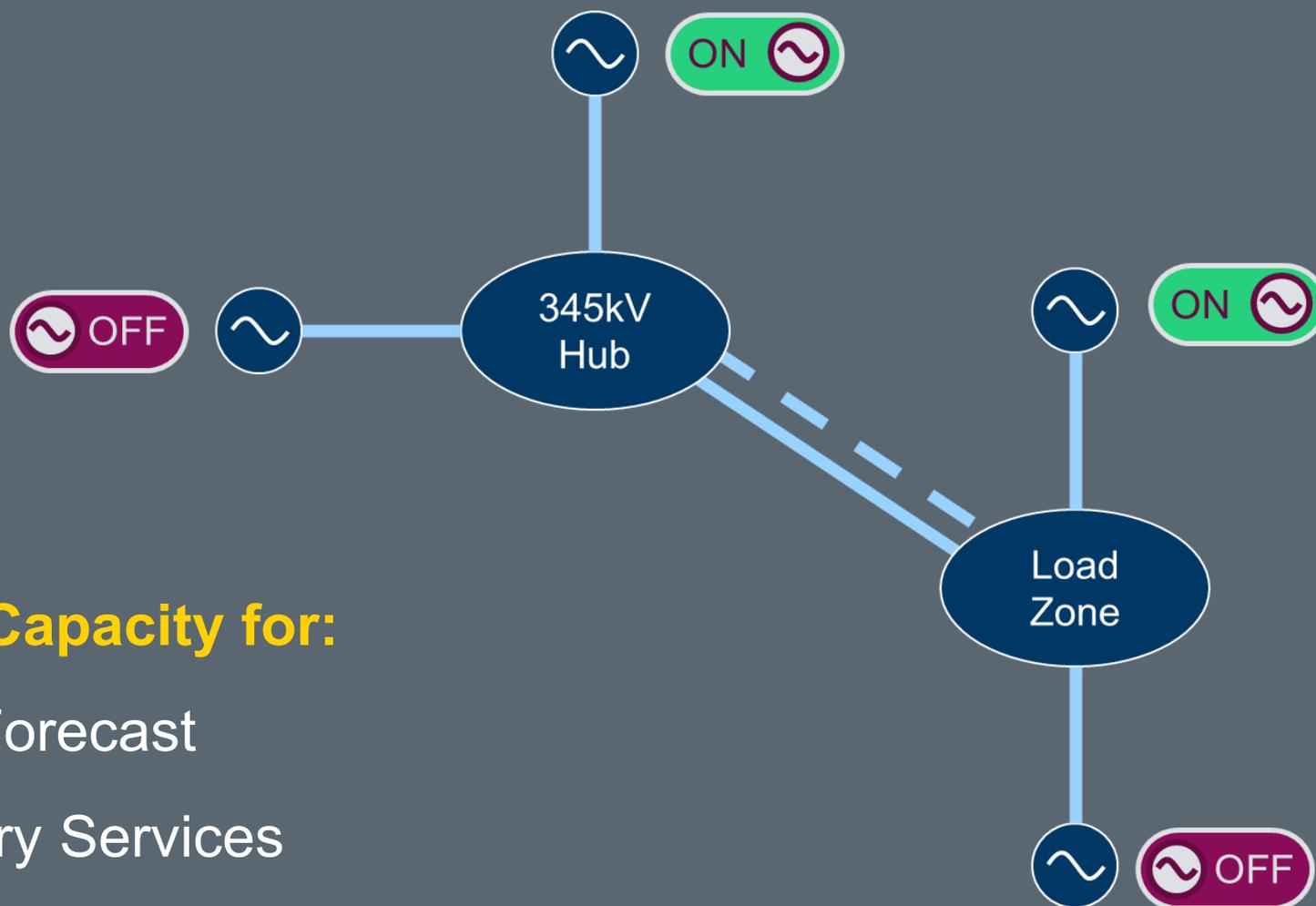


Resource QSEs must maintain a COP for each hour of the next 7 days



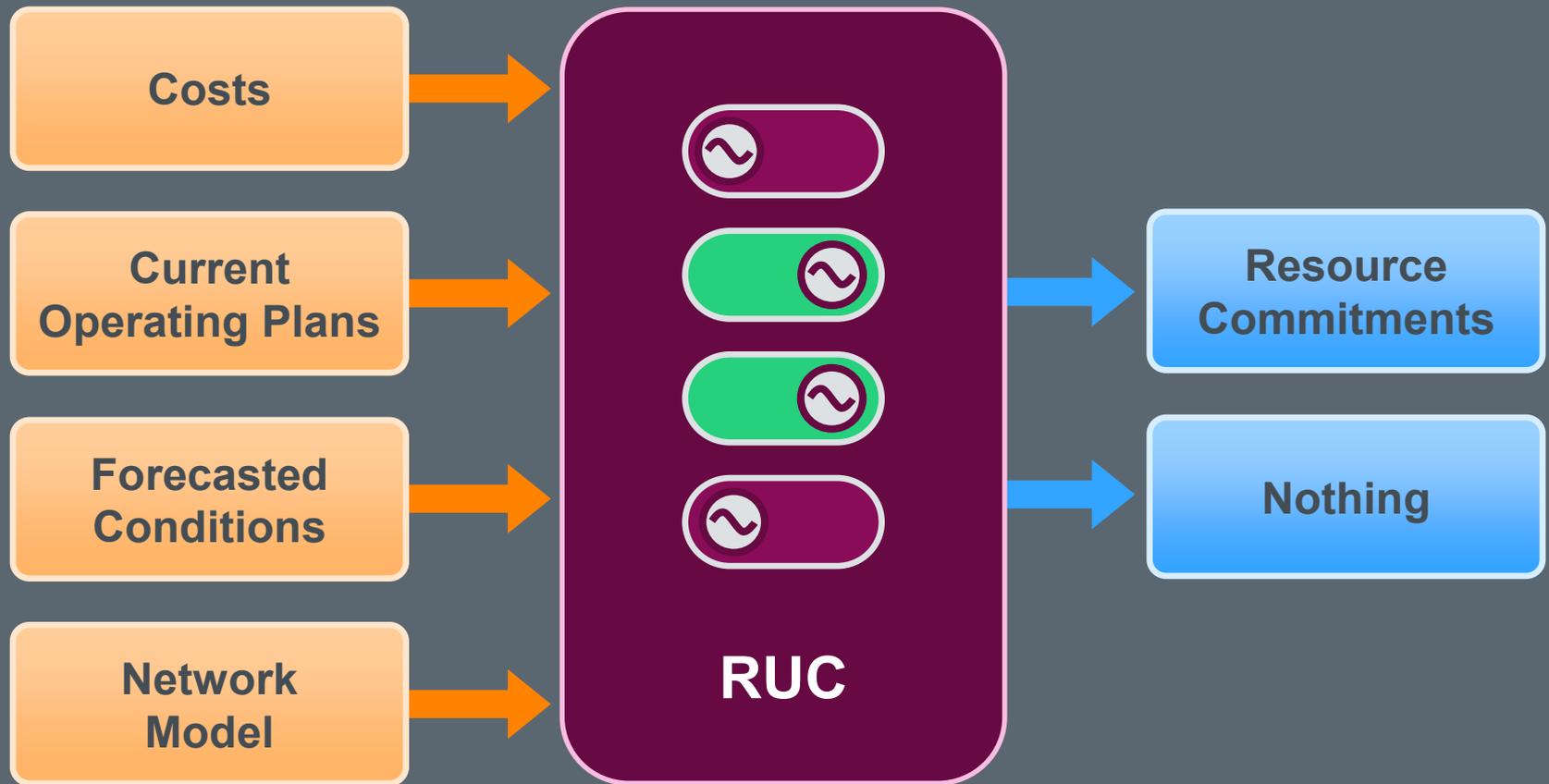
Discussion: What if not enough generators plan to run? *ercot*



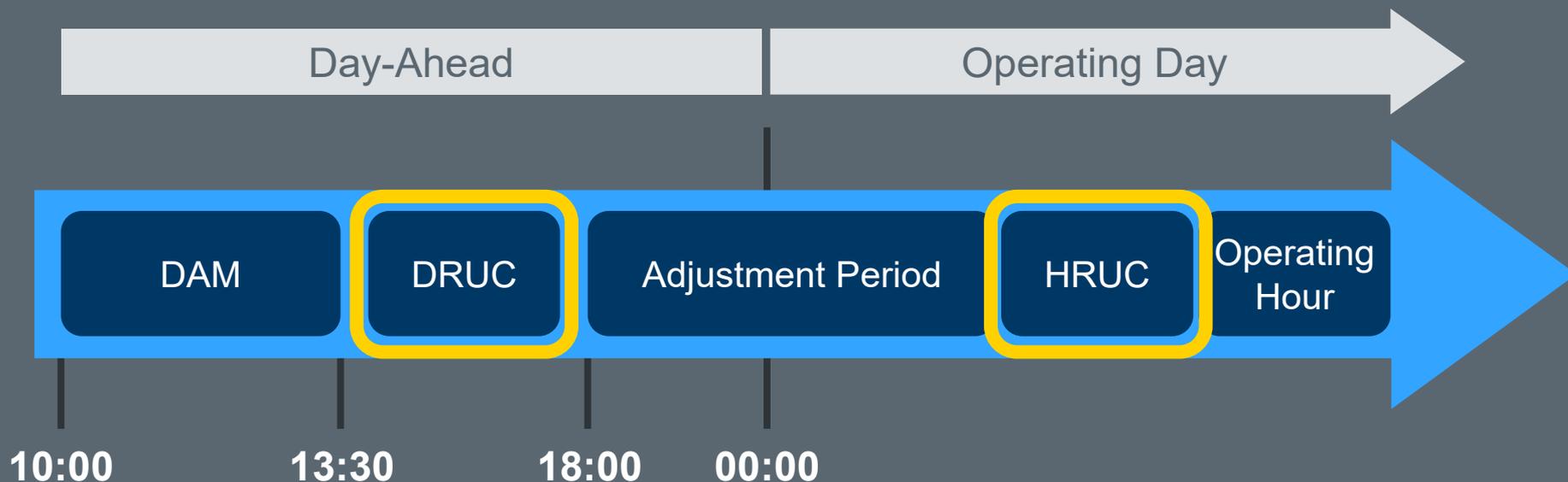


Ensures Capacity for:

- Load Forecast
- Ancillary Services
- Congestion Management



Timing



DRUC = Day-Ahead Reliability Unit Commitment

HRUC = Hourly Reliability Unit Commitment



Summary and Conclusion





Market Information System (MIS)

• System Conditions • Forecasts • Market Awards • Prices • ERCOT Applications • Settlement Data •



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