



Day-Ahead Market Operations



2026_08 Day-Ahead Market Operations

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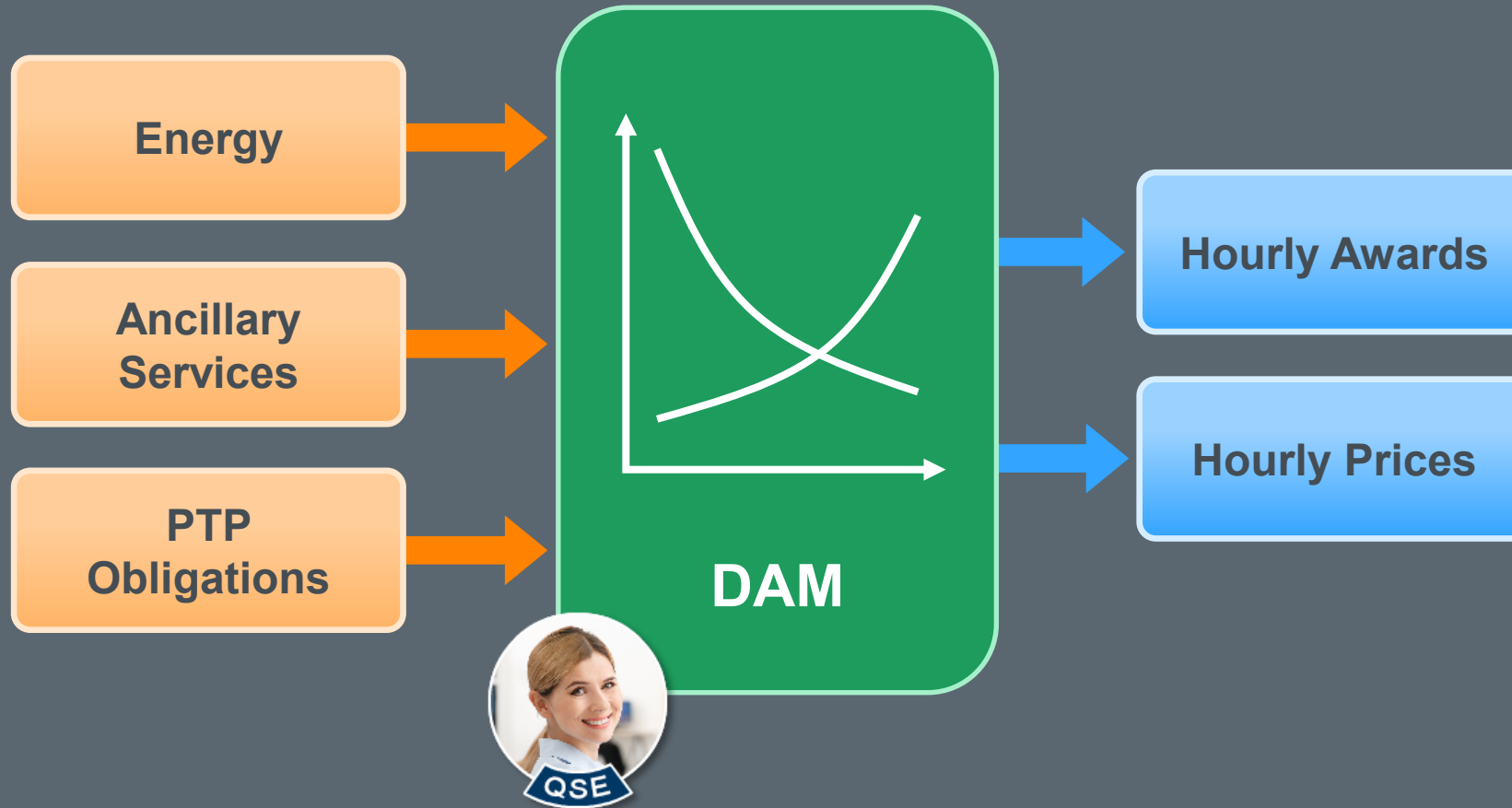
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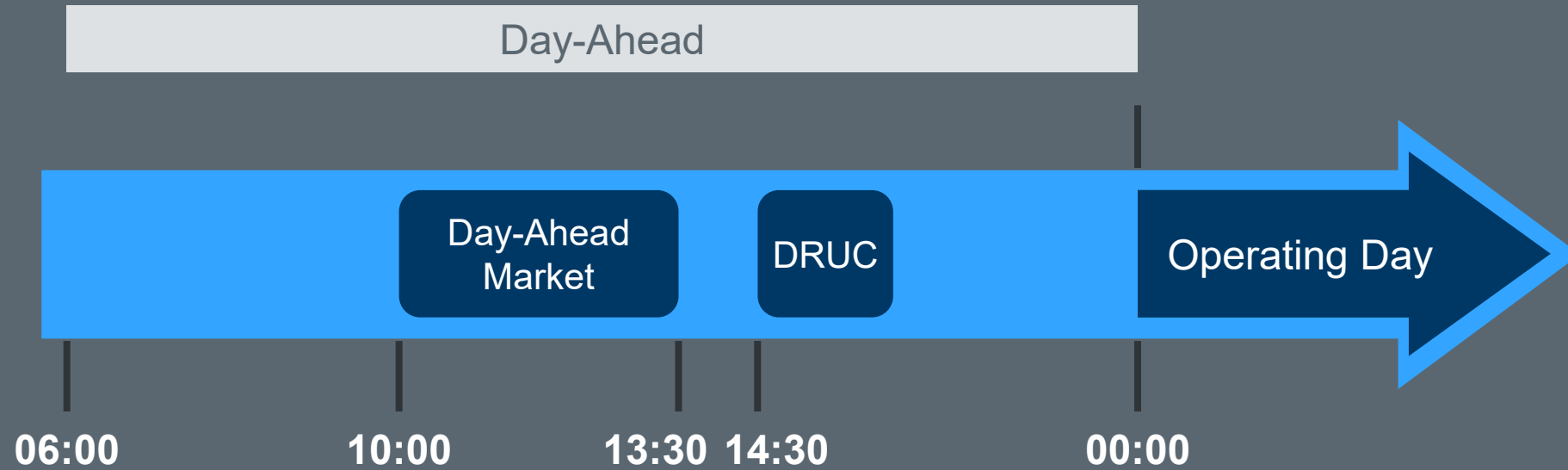
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ERCOT-Facilitated Forward Market





QSEs provide Day-Ahead Market
inputs by 10:00

ERCOT Posts Market Data by 0600

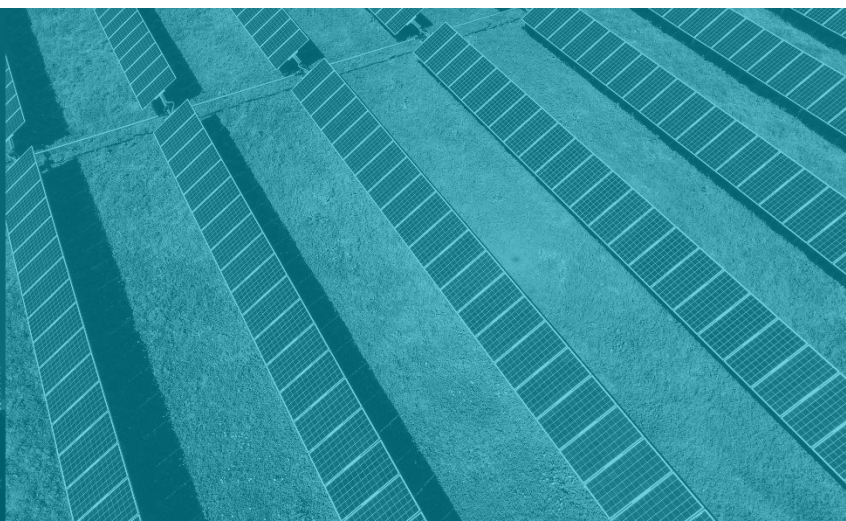
In accordance with PUCT Scarcity Pricing Mechanism,

ERCOT Market Caps		HCAP	LCAP*
Day-Ahead System Wide Offer Cap	DASWCAP	\$5000	\$2000
Real-Time System Wide Offer Cap	RTSWCAP	\$2000	\$2000
Value of Lost Load	VOLL	DASWCAP	

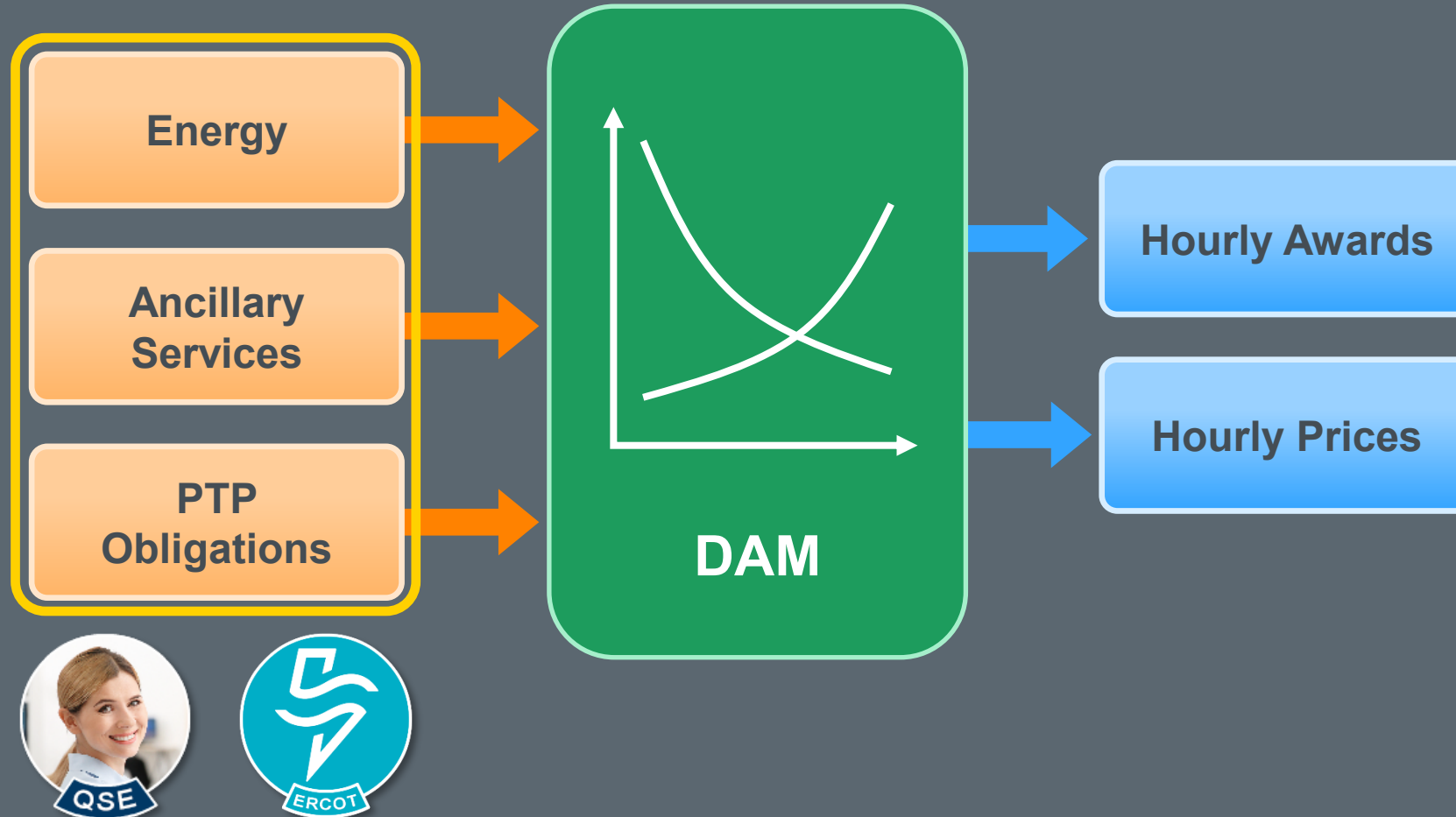
* Used when Peaker Net Margin exceeds annual threshold



Day-Ahead Market Inputs



QSEs and ERCOT provide economic Inputs





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Ancillary Service Inputs
AS Demand Curves

DAM Energy Bid

Proposal to buy energy:

- Quantity
- Price
- Settlement Point

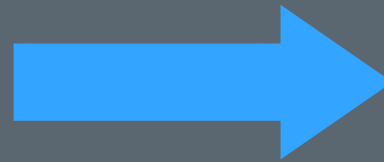
DAM Energy-Only Offer

Proposal to sell energy:

- Quantity
- Price
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Purely Financial Transactions

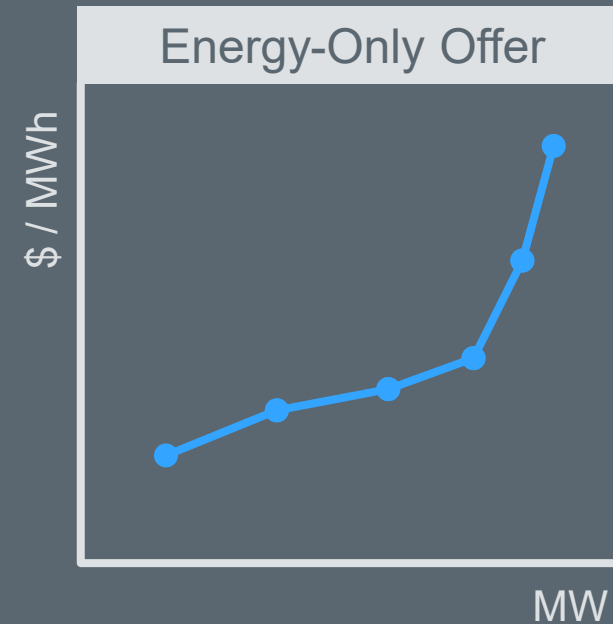
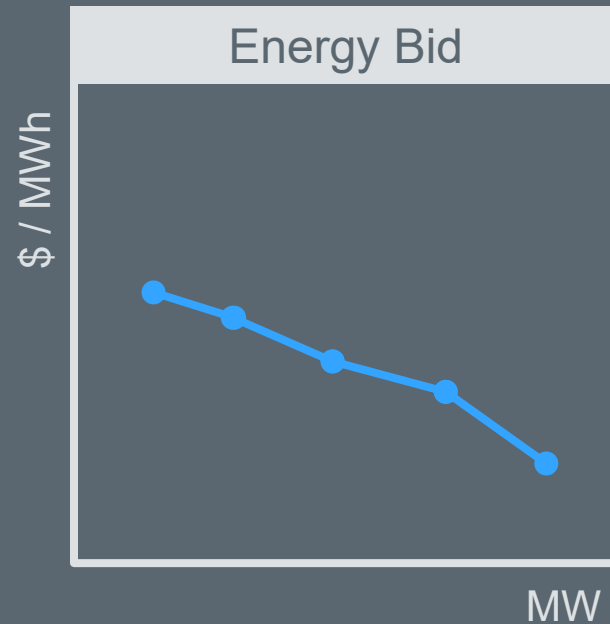




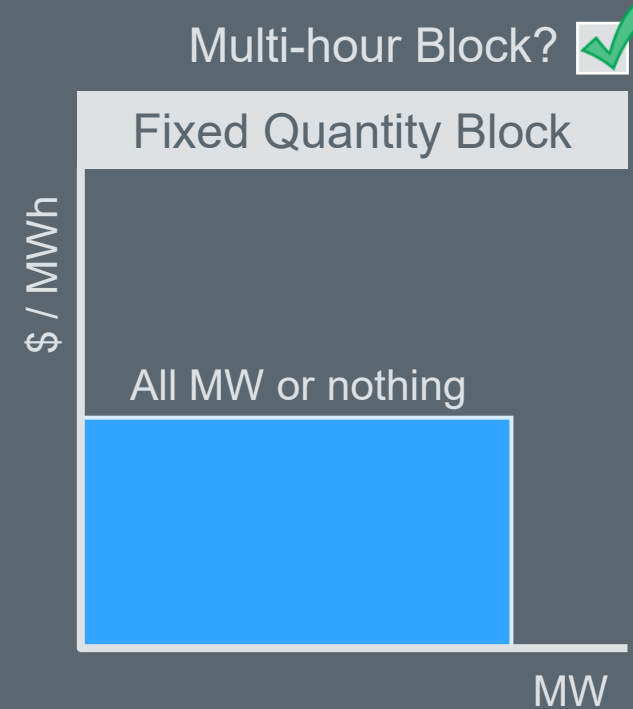
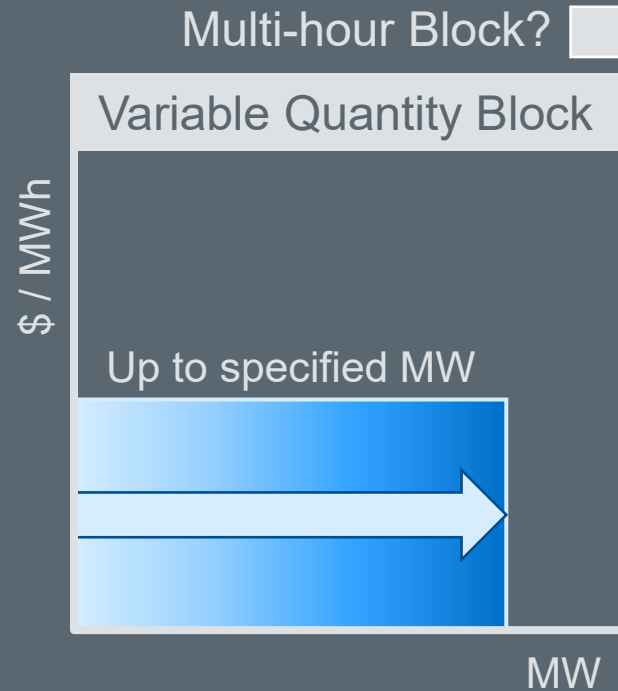
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Curve with up to 10 Price/Quantity Pairs

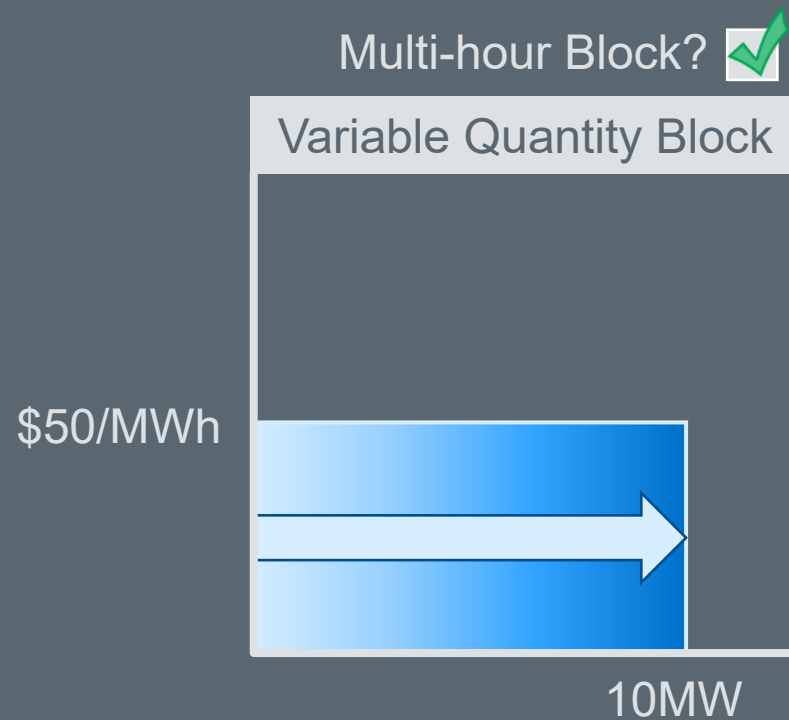


Block with Single Price/Quantity Pair





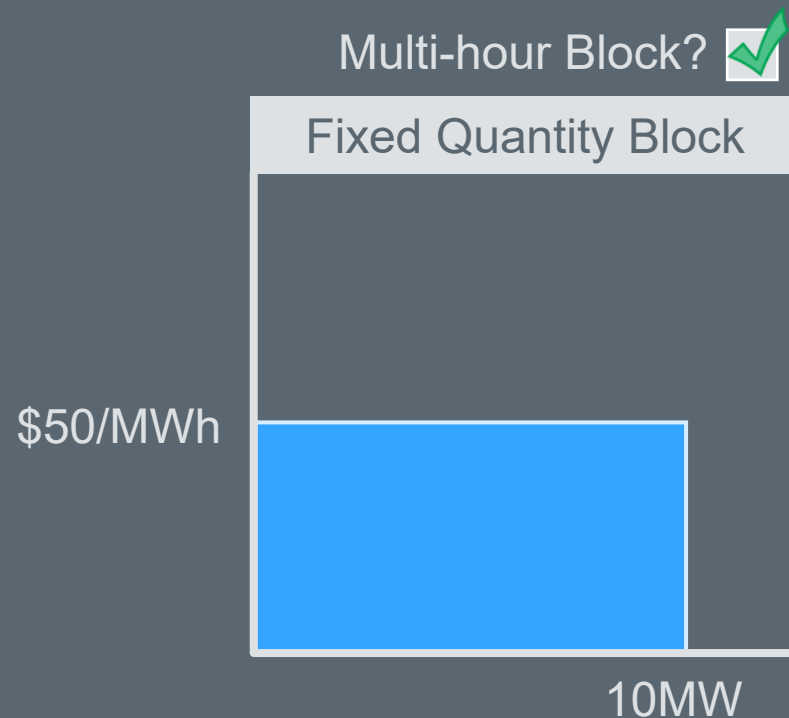
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Day-Ahead Market Options?



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Day-Ahead Market Options?

Fixed Block price will not set clearing price

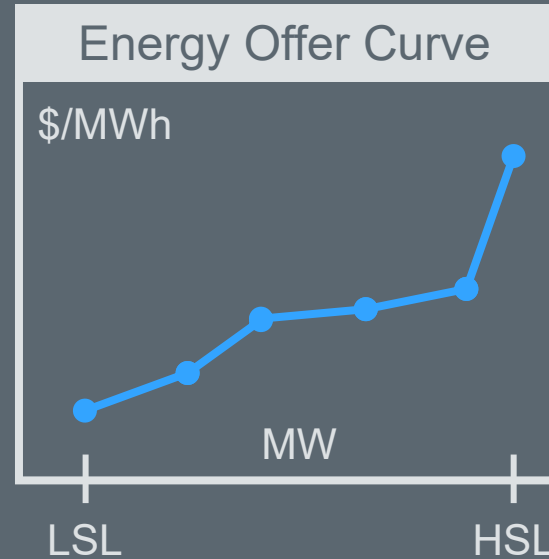
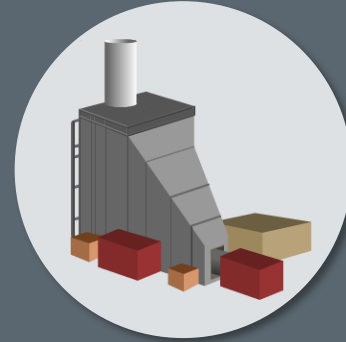


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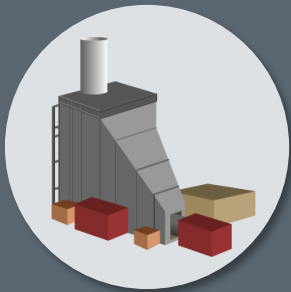
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Energy Offer from Generation Resource



LSL – Low Sustained Limit
HSL – High Sustained Limit

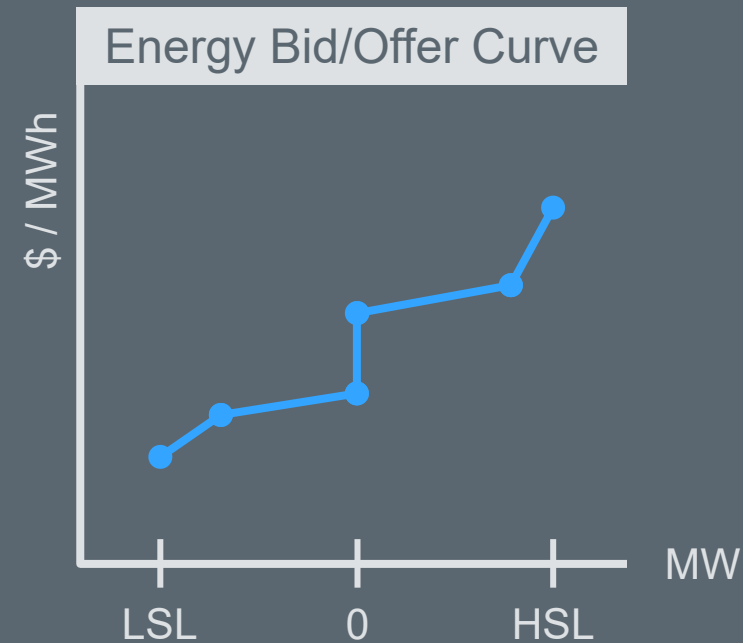
Where are the three parts used?



	Three-Part Supply Offer		
	Startup Offer	Minimum Energy Offer	Energy Offer Curve
Day-Ahead Market	✓	✓	✓
RUC-Commitment	✓	✓	
Real-Time Dispatch			✓



Energy “Offer” from an Energy Storage Resource



HSL = High Sustained Limit

LSL = Low Sustained Limit

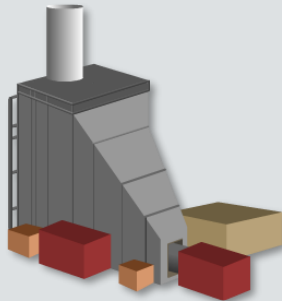


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A QSE may have Advisory Ancillary Service Obligations

Self-Arrange



Allow ERCOT to procure



May choose to Self-Arrange before DAM

QSE has Regulation Up Obligations for a range of hours

Hour	Advisory AS Obligation	Self-Arranged Quantity	Net Obligation	ERCOT action on QSE's behalf
1500	7 MW			
1600	6 MW			
1700	5 MW			
1800	3 MW			

A Few Rules:

QSE Action	Rules
Self-Arrangement	May not exceed their Advisory AS Obligation per service
	Paid for Self-Arranged Quantity that exceeds their Final AS Obligation
Negative Self-Arrangement	Limited to Net AS Trade Sales Up to 500 MW per Service



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Financial Offers for Each Service

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

... subject to \$0 / MW price floor



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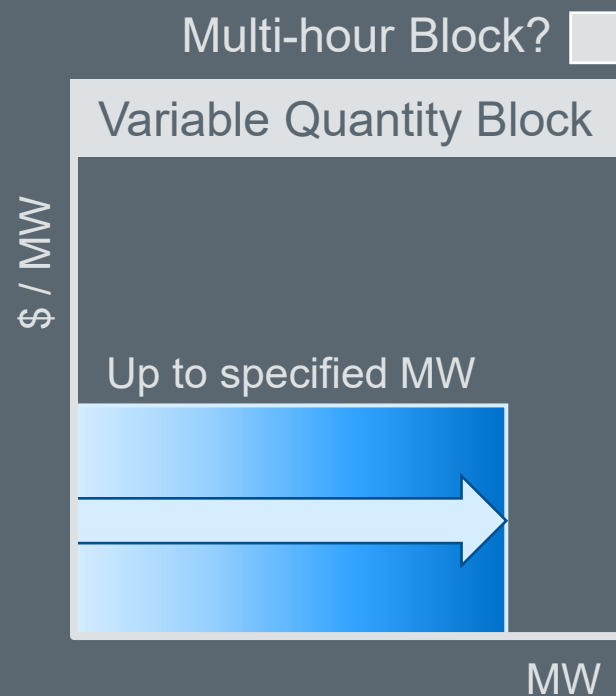
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Resource-Specific Offers for Each Service

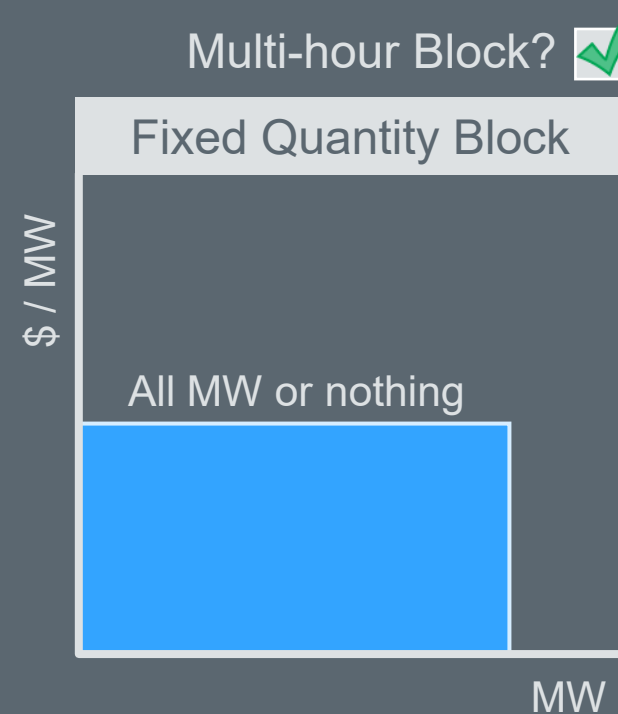
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Any qualified Resource



Load Resources Only



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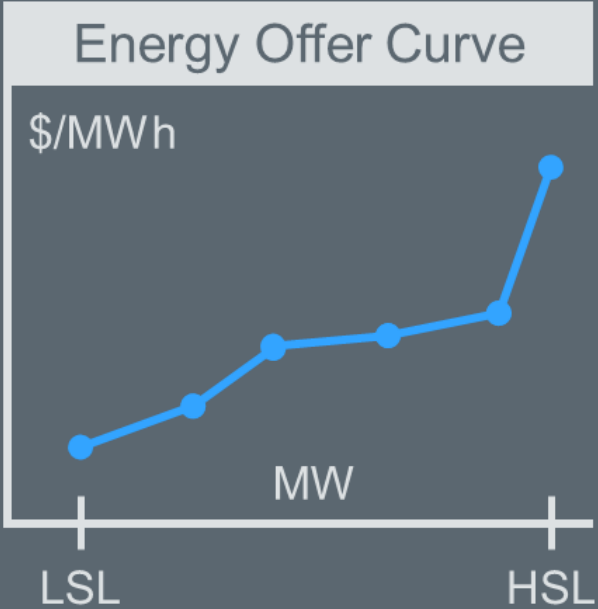


What does DAM need from Current Operating Plans?

Current Operating Plan											
Resource Name	Resource Status	Resource Limits		ESR SOC Limits			Ancillary Service Capabilities				
		HSL	LSL	Min	Max	Hour Beginning	Reg-Up	Reg-Dn	Responsive	ECRS	NSRS
GEN1	ON	600	120	-	-	-	20	20	40	40	120
GEN2	OFF	100	25	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
ESR3	ON	40	-40	0	40	40	0	0	40	20	10

Single Resource may be offered for multiple products

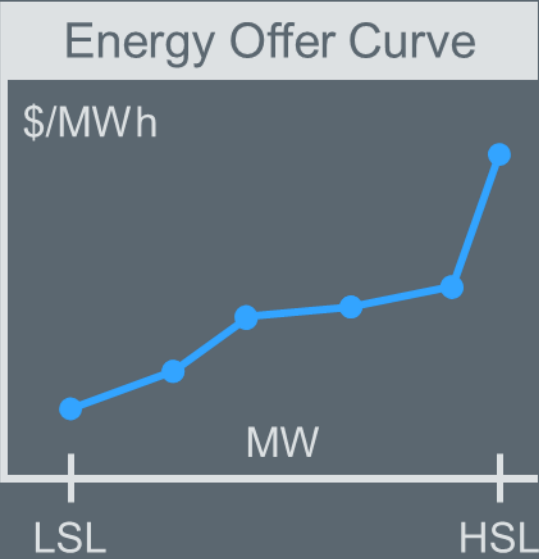
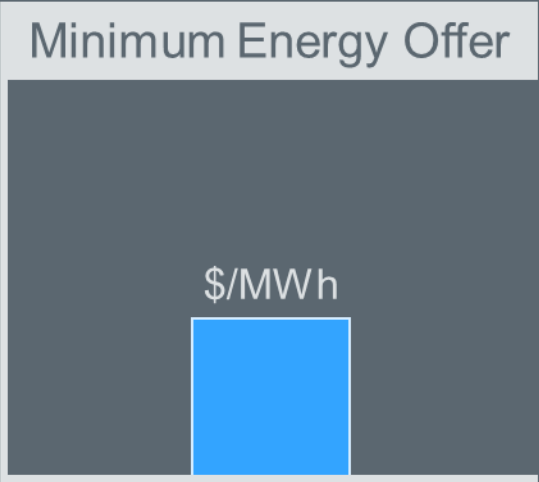
AS Type	Offer	
Reg-Up	MW	\$ / MW
Reg-Down	MW	\$ / MW
Responsive	MW	\$ / MW
ECRS	MW	\$ / MW
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Total DAM award will not exceed
Resource’s Capacity

But how would the
Day-Ahead Market
handle this?

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Responsive	MW	\$ / MW



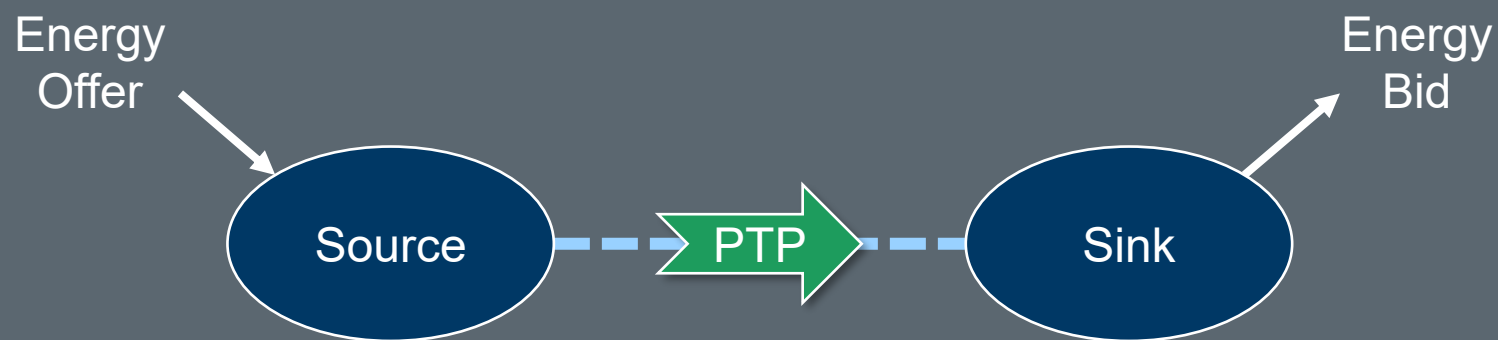


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Like a coupled Energy-Only Offer and Energy Bid



Charge
(If Awarded) =

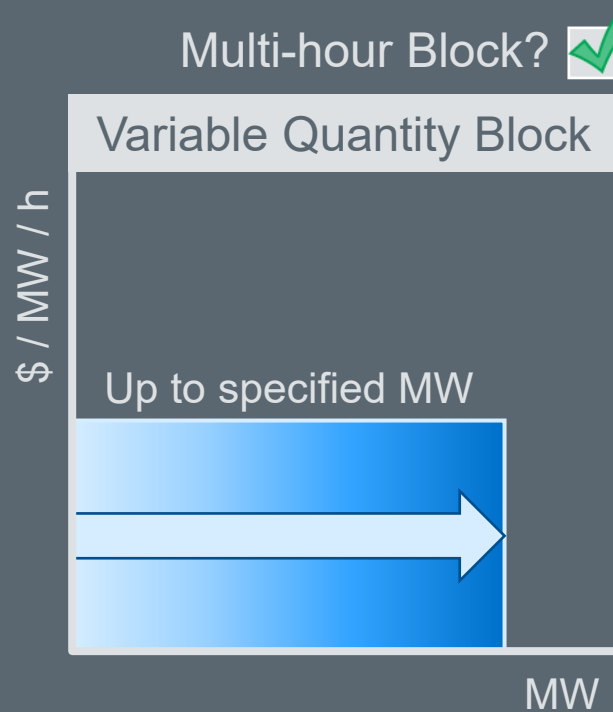
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SPP = Settlement Point Price

Submitted between any two Settlement Points

Source	Sink	Bid	
Hub	Load Zone	MW	\$ / MW / h
Resource Node	Load Zone	MW	\$ / MW / h
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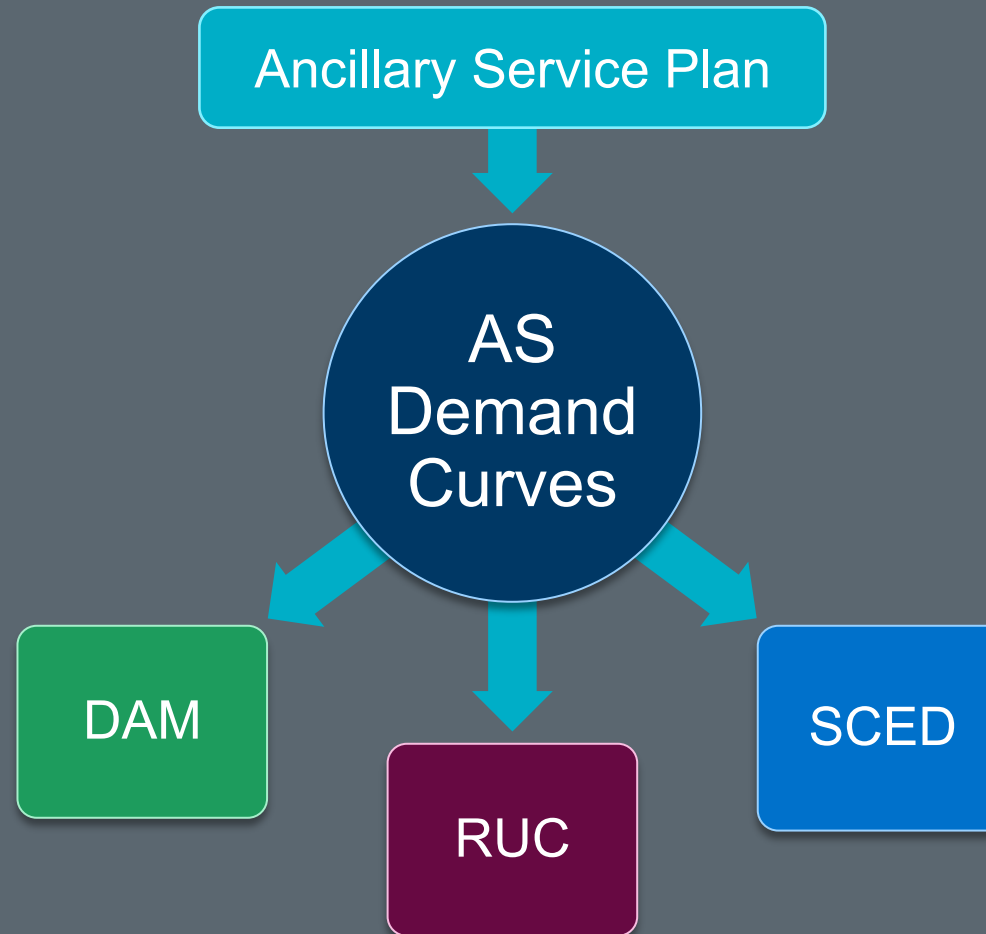


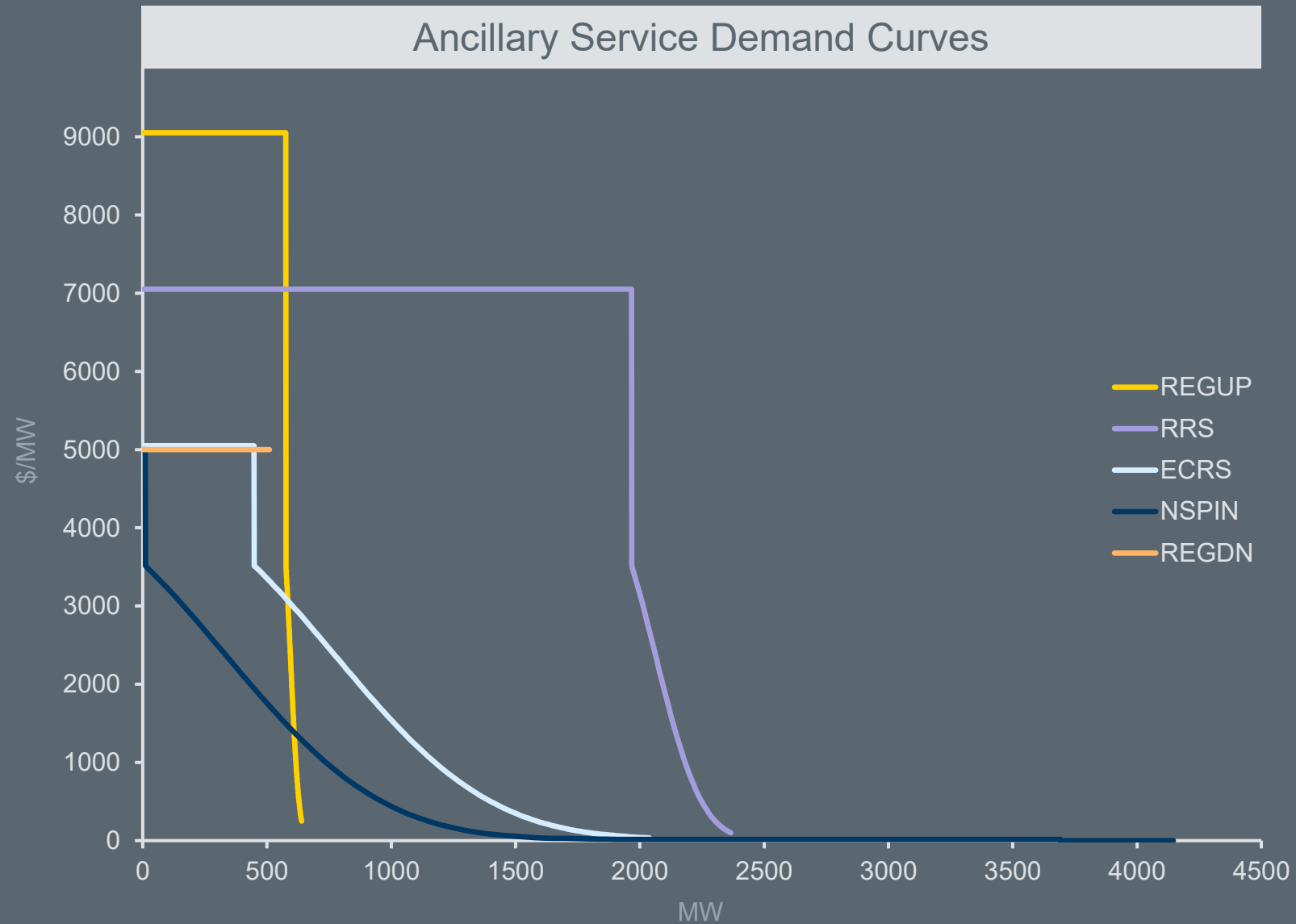
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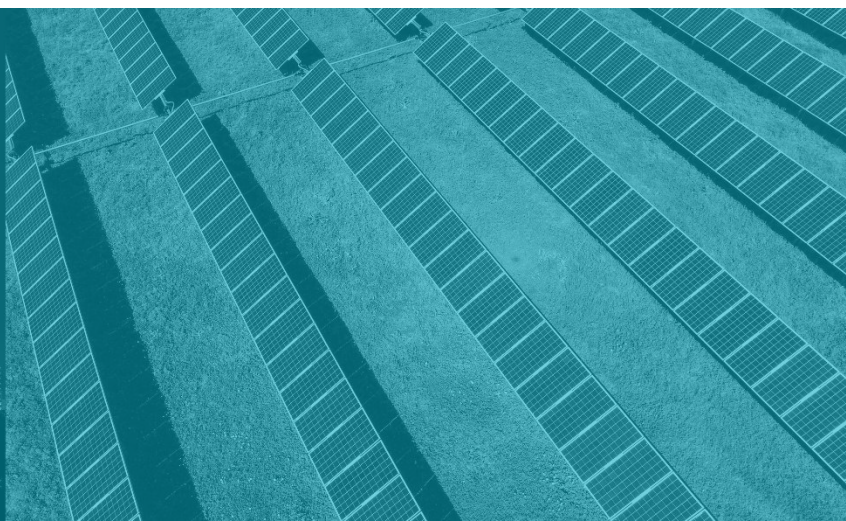
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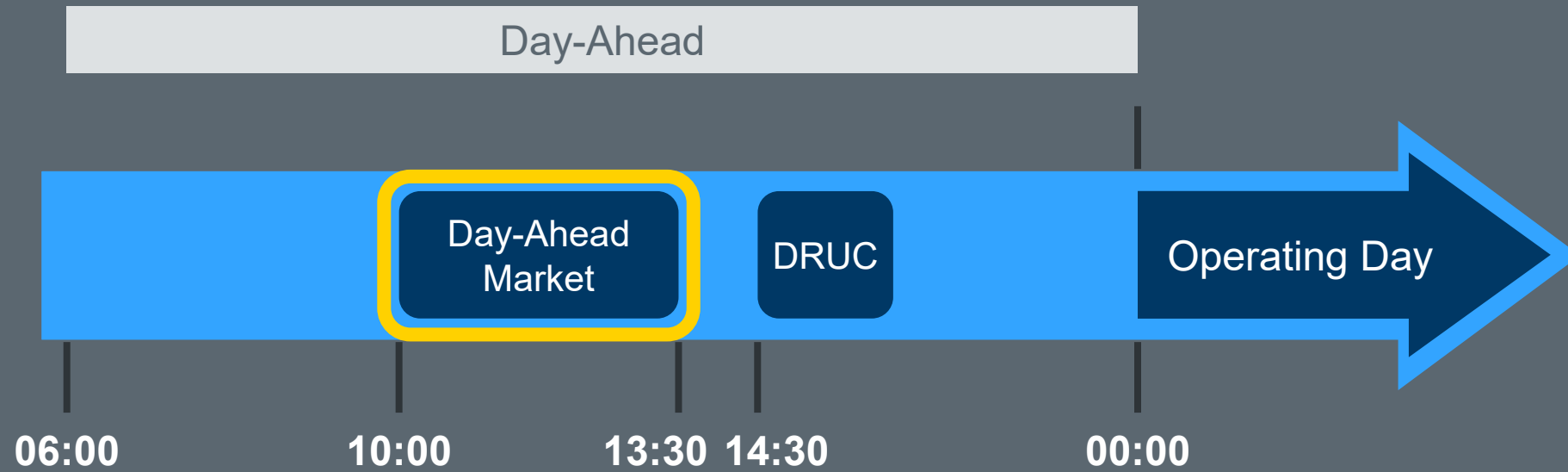




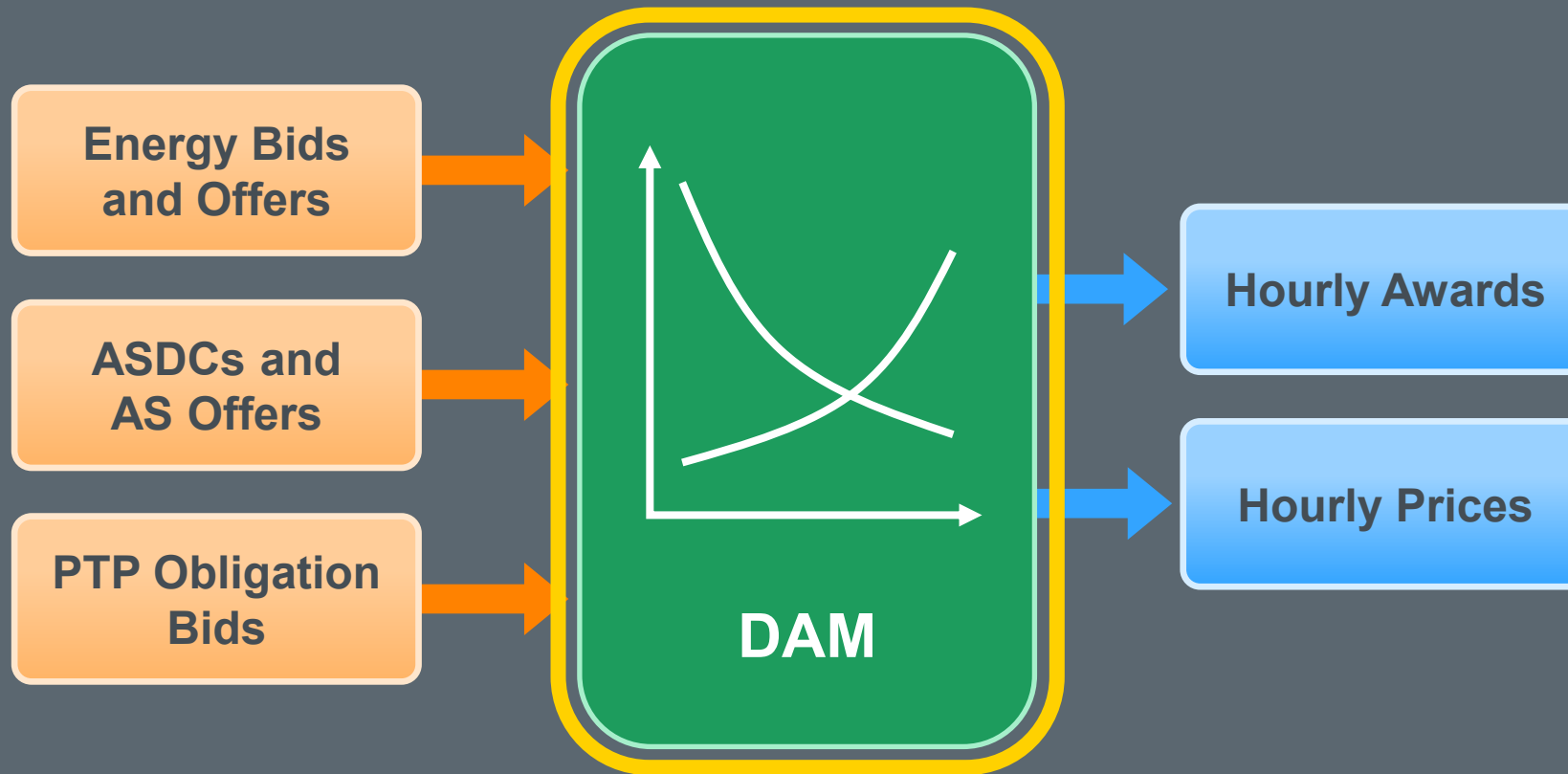


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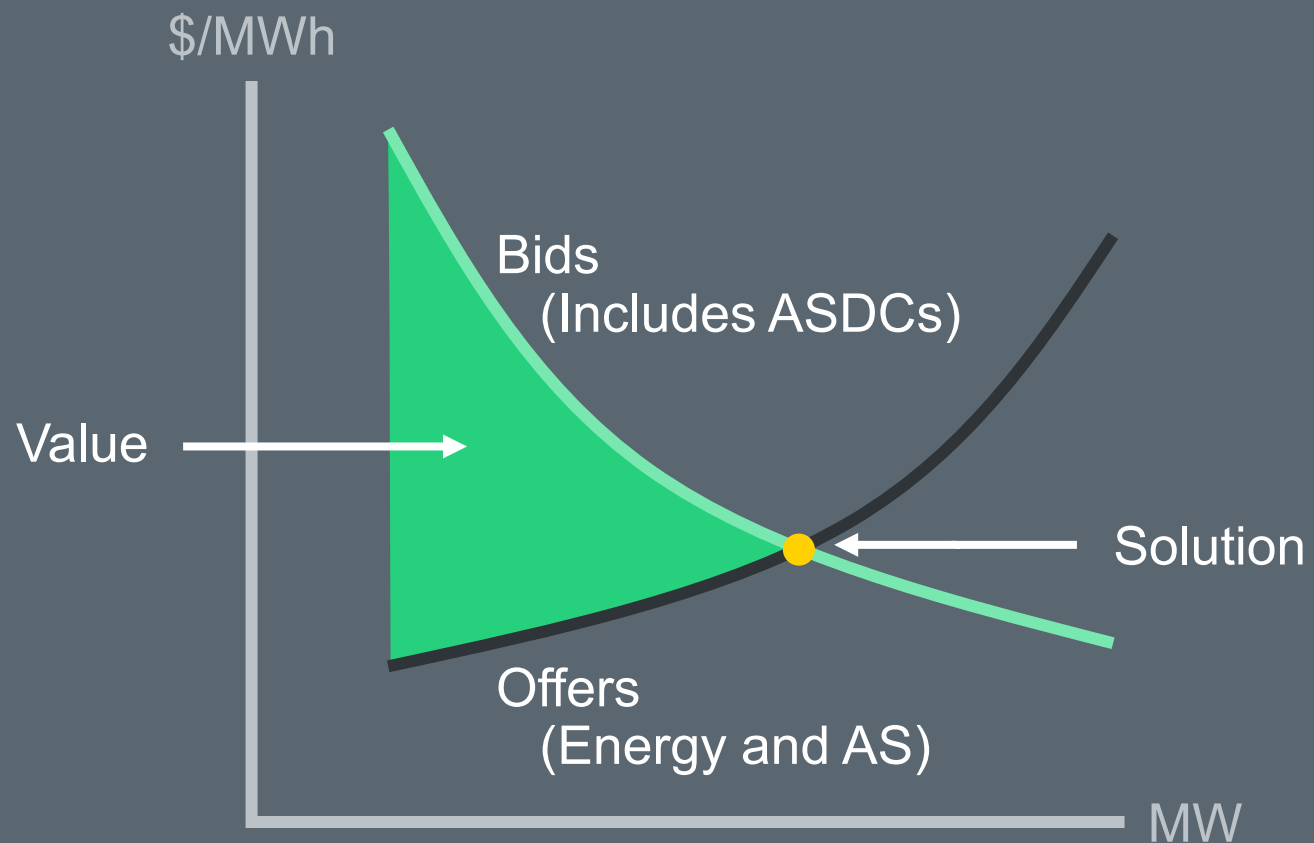




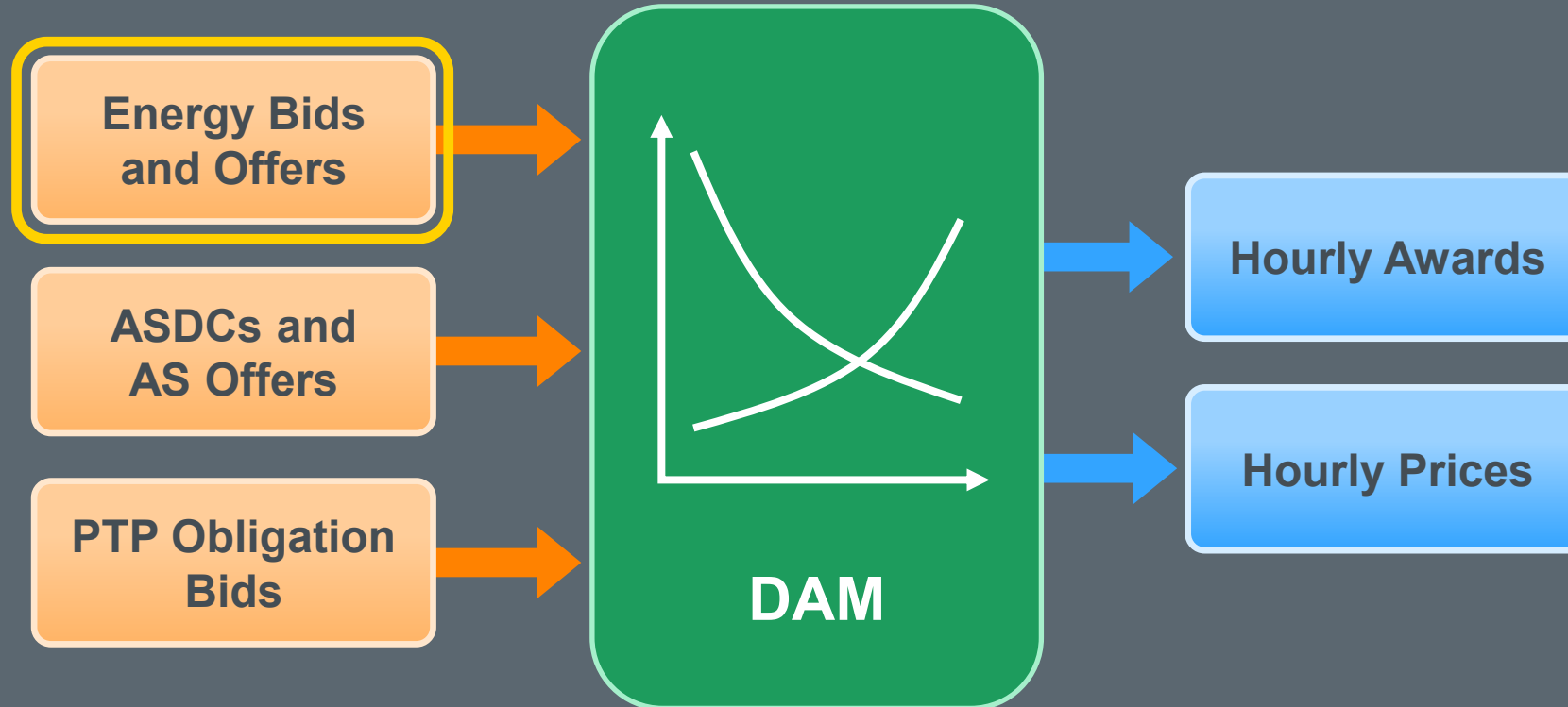
Economically optimized subject to constraints



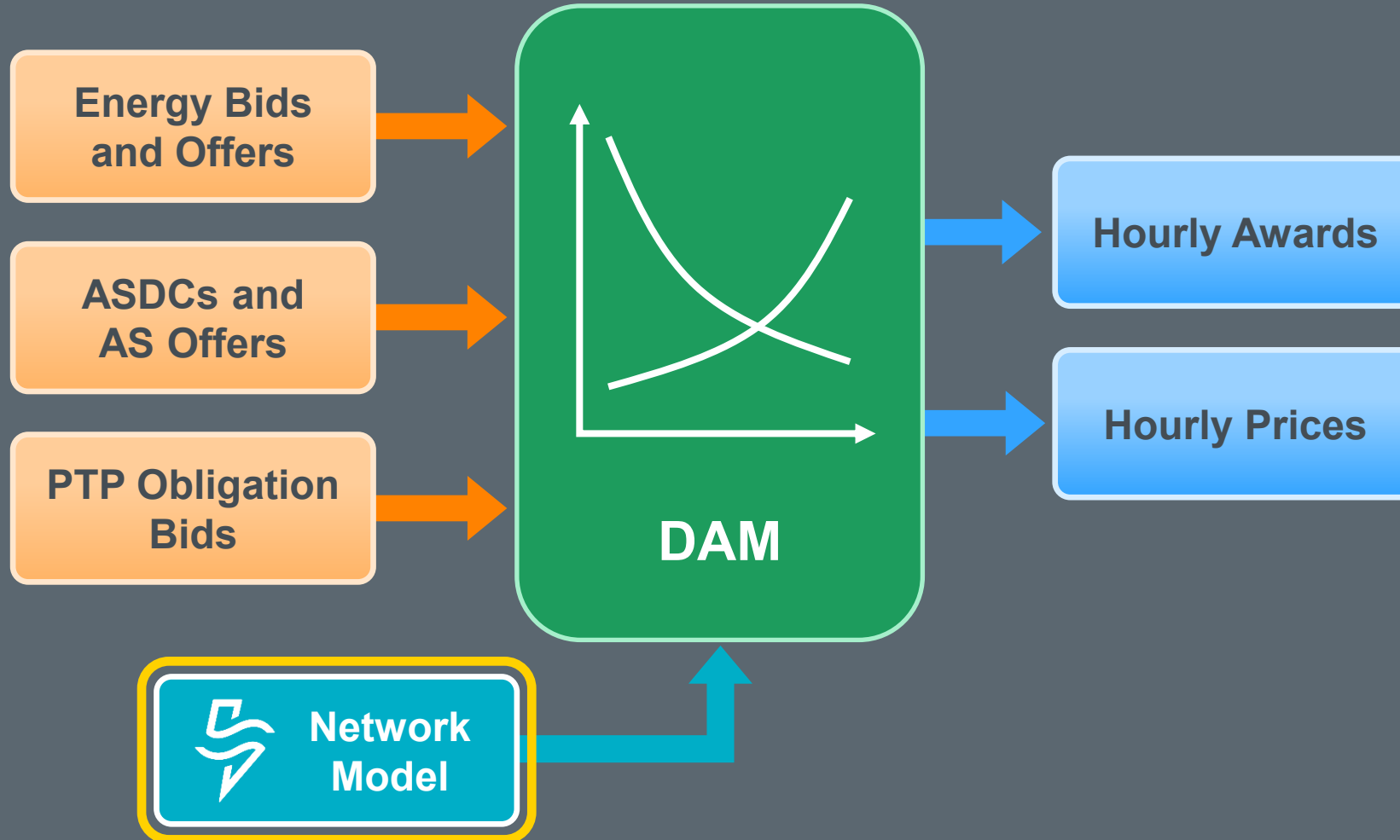
Maximize Bid-Based Revenues minus Offer-Based Costs



Energy Offers must equal Energy Bids

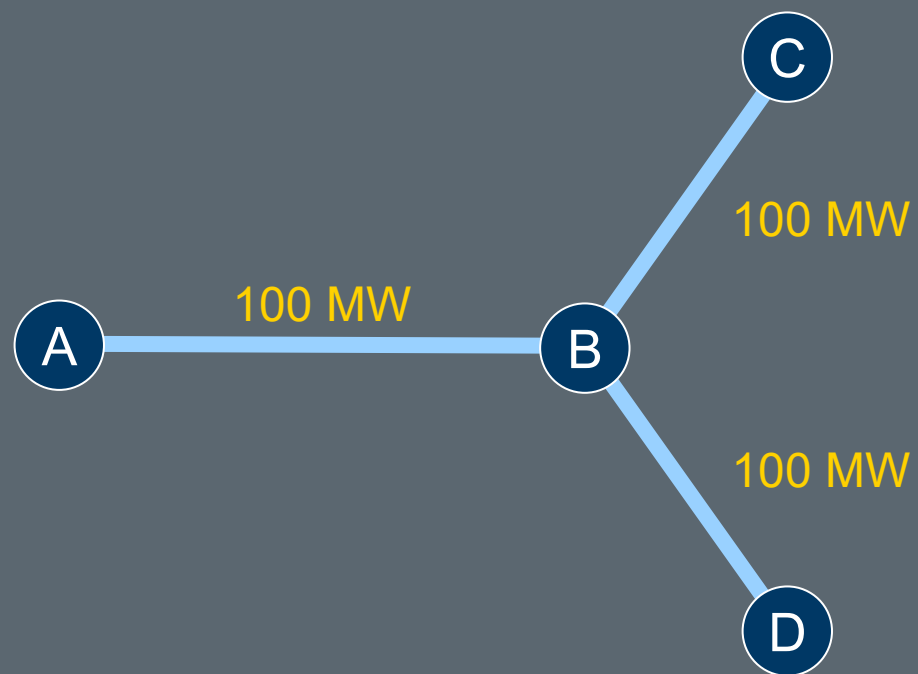


Solution must represent allowable power flow



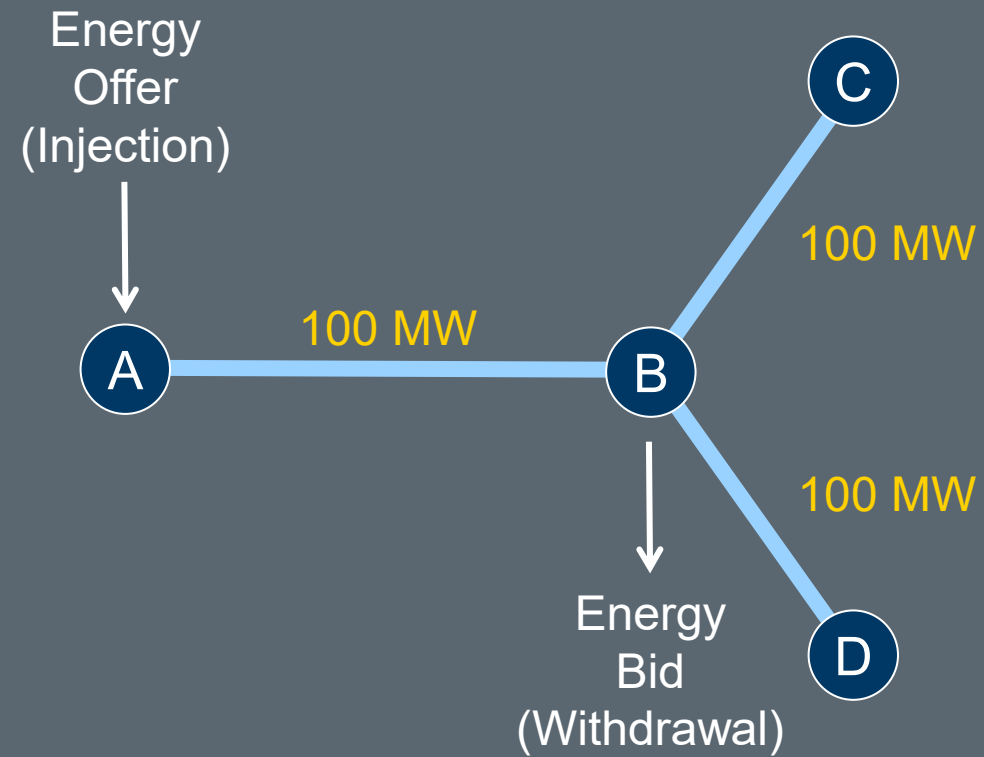


Introducing a simple Network Model ...

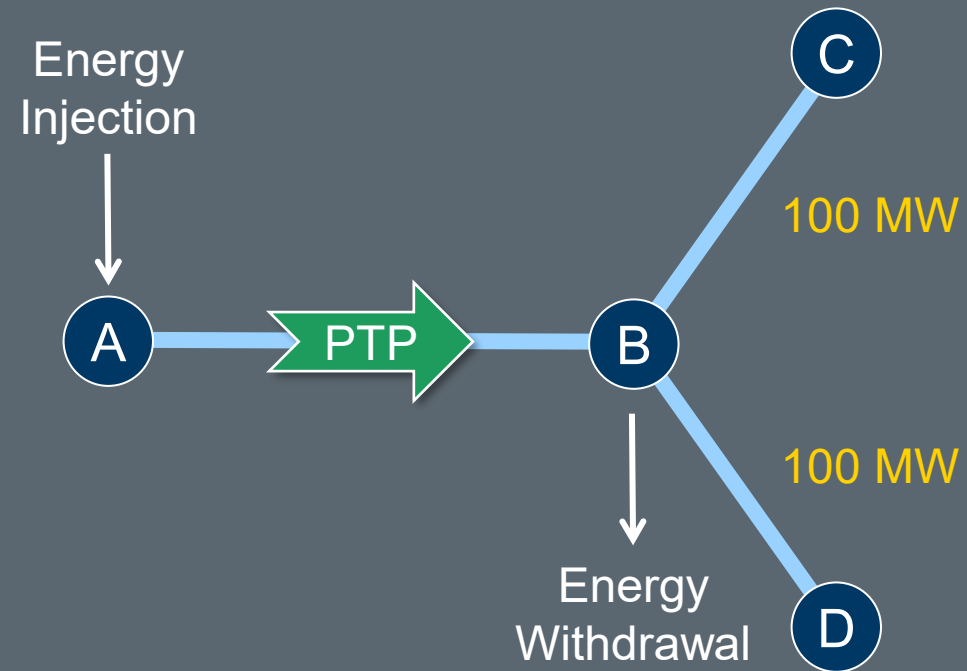


● = Settlement Point
MW = Transmission Capacity

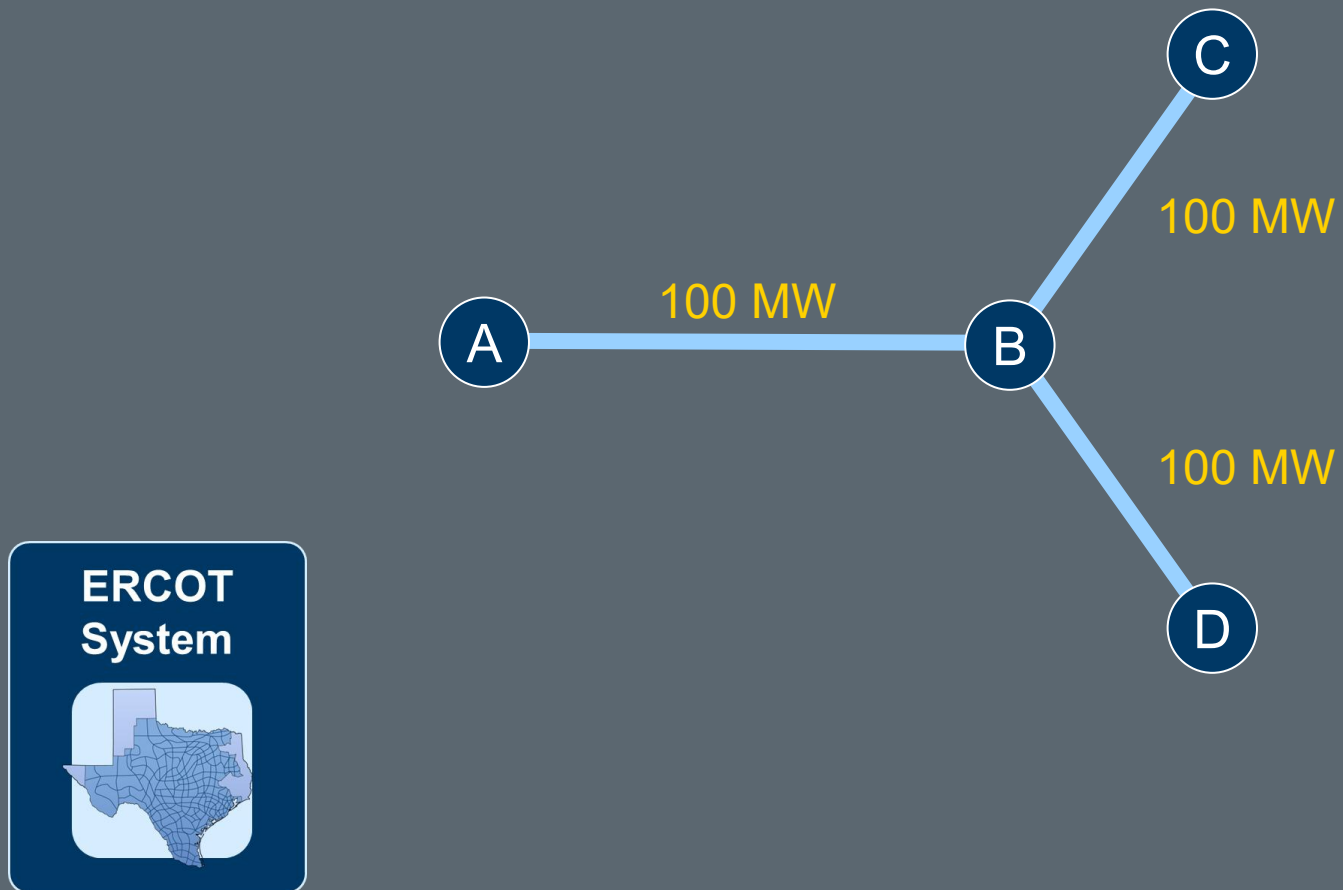
Energy Bids and Offers



PTP Obligations Bids

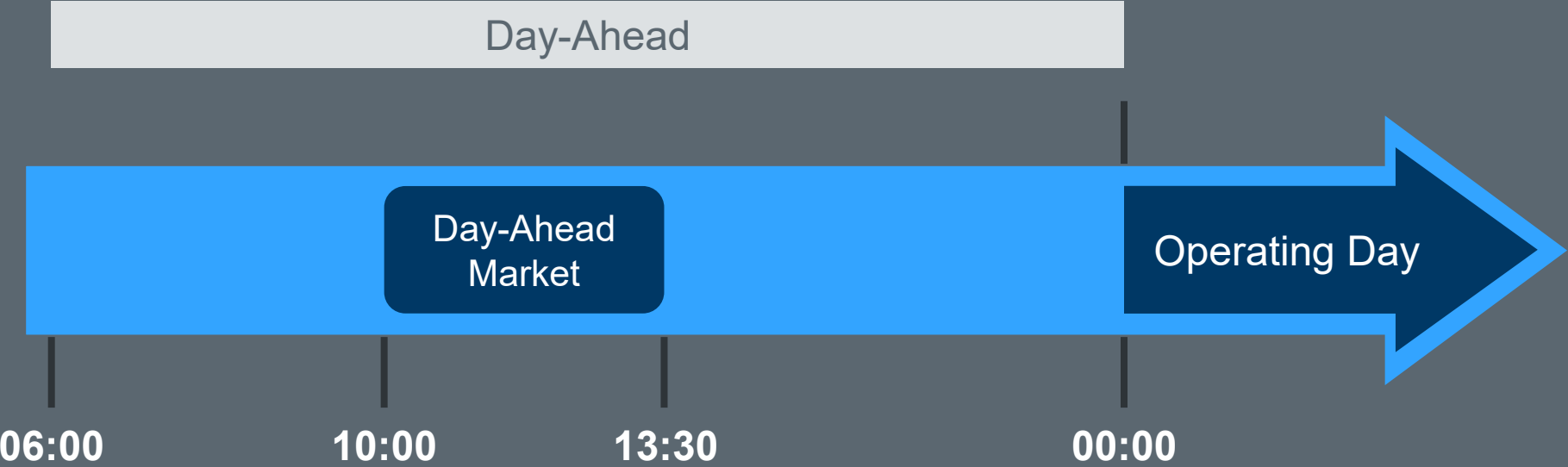


Ancillary Service Offers and Demand Curves?

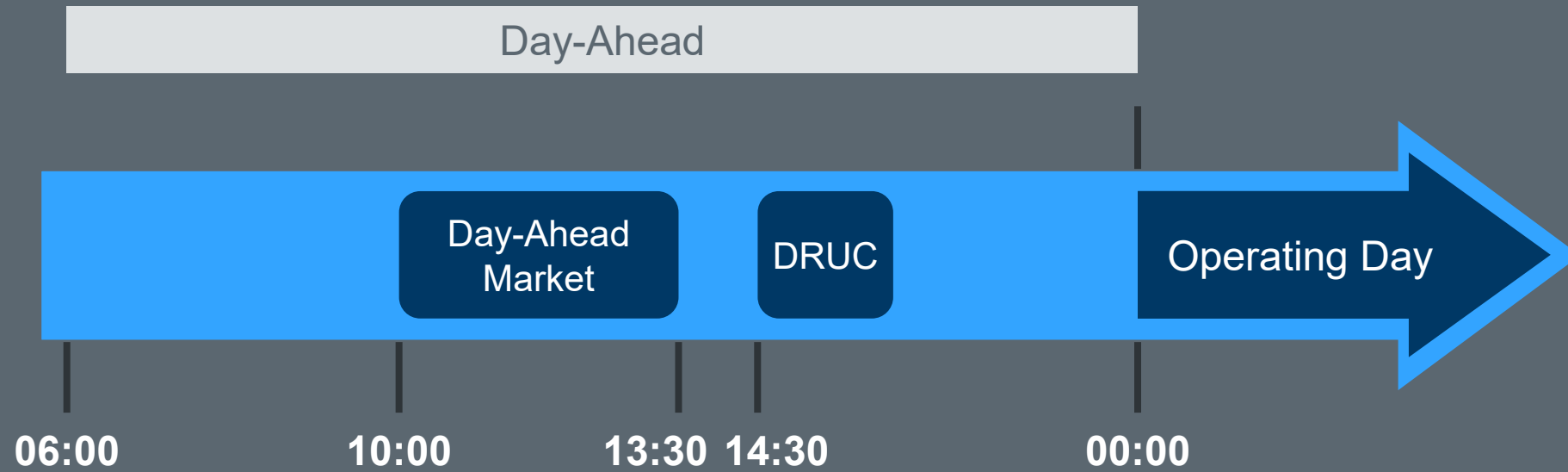




Use RTC_DAM
Clearing Workbook



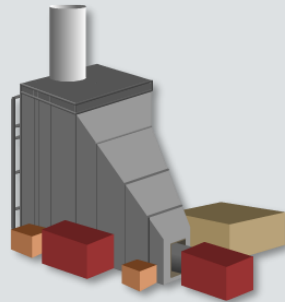
ERCOT Posts Results
by 13:30



**QSE may need to
act on DAM Results**

Self-Arranged Ancillary Services

Self-Arranged AS Quantities



... must be arranged by 14:30

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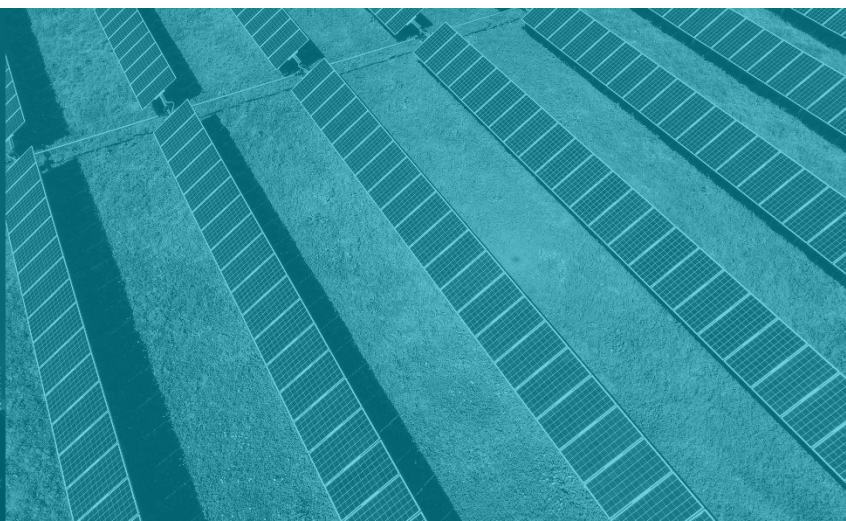
A QSE has an awarded Energy or AS Offer in DAM



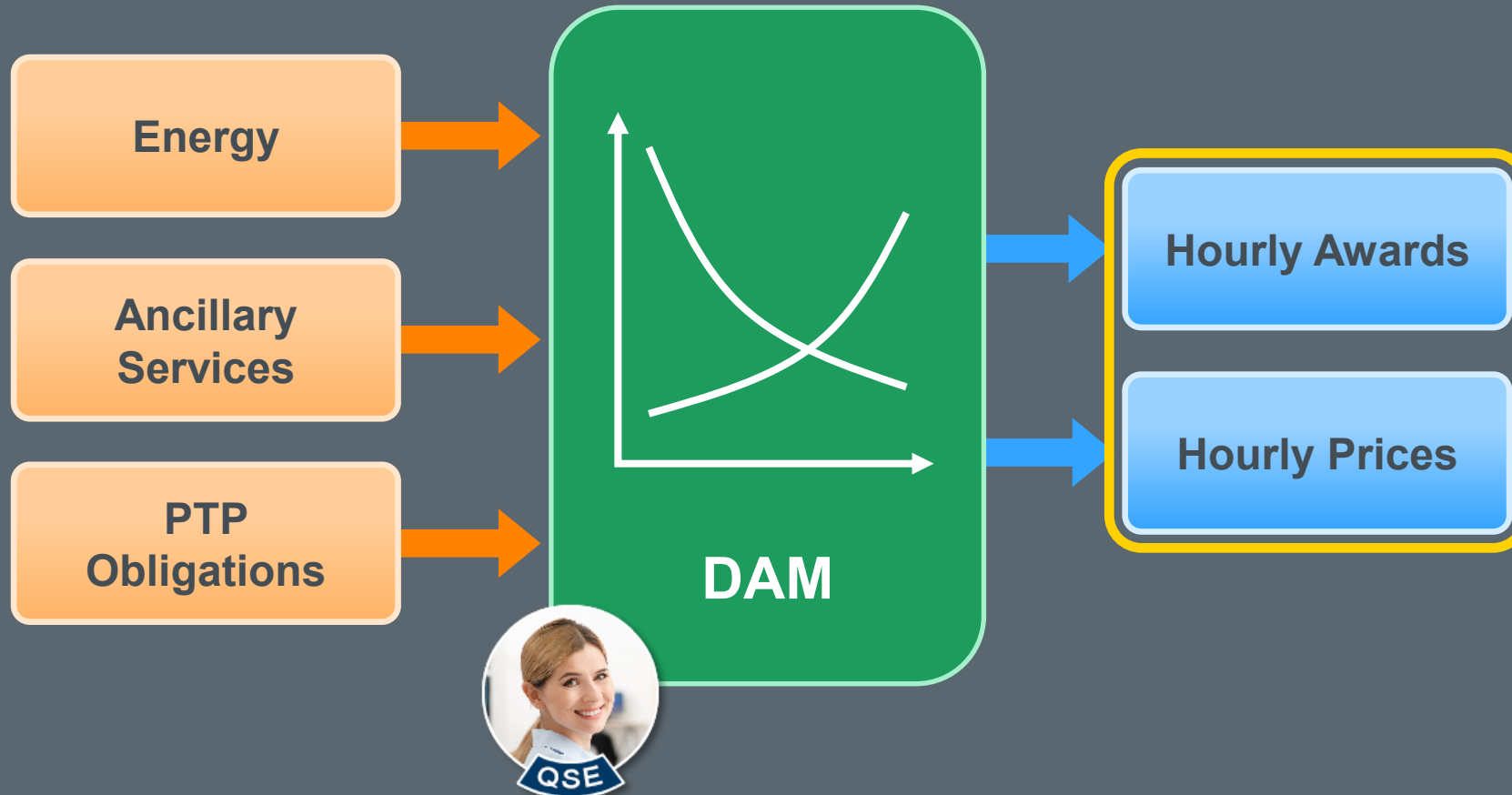
What is required?



Day-Ahead Market Financial Impacts



ERCOT settles with QSEs

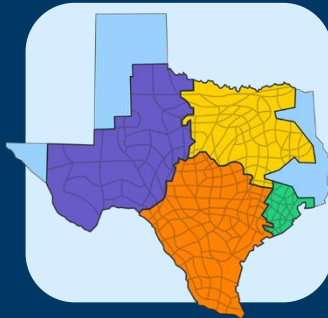


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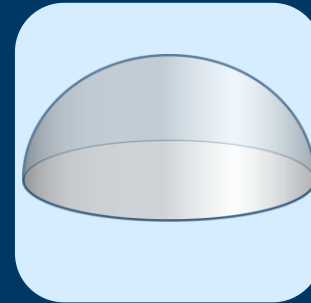
**Resource
Nodes**



**Load
Zones**



Hubs



Formed from Locational Marginal Prices

Market Clearing Prices for Capacity (MCPCs) *

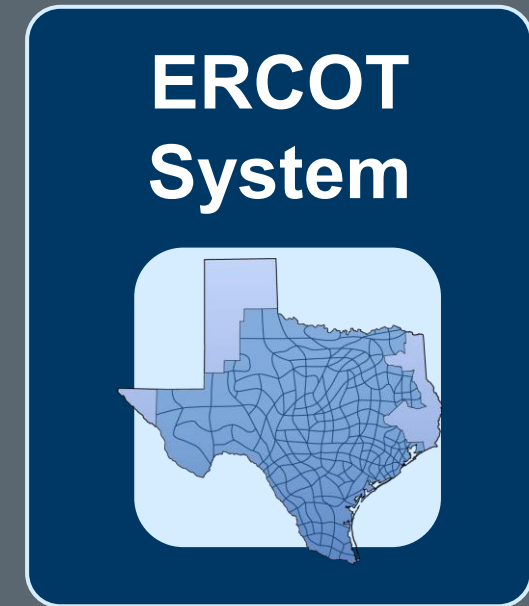
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MCPCRD – Regulation-Down

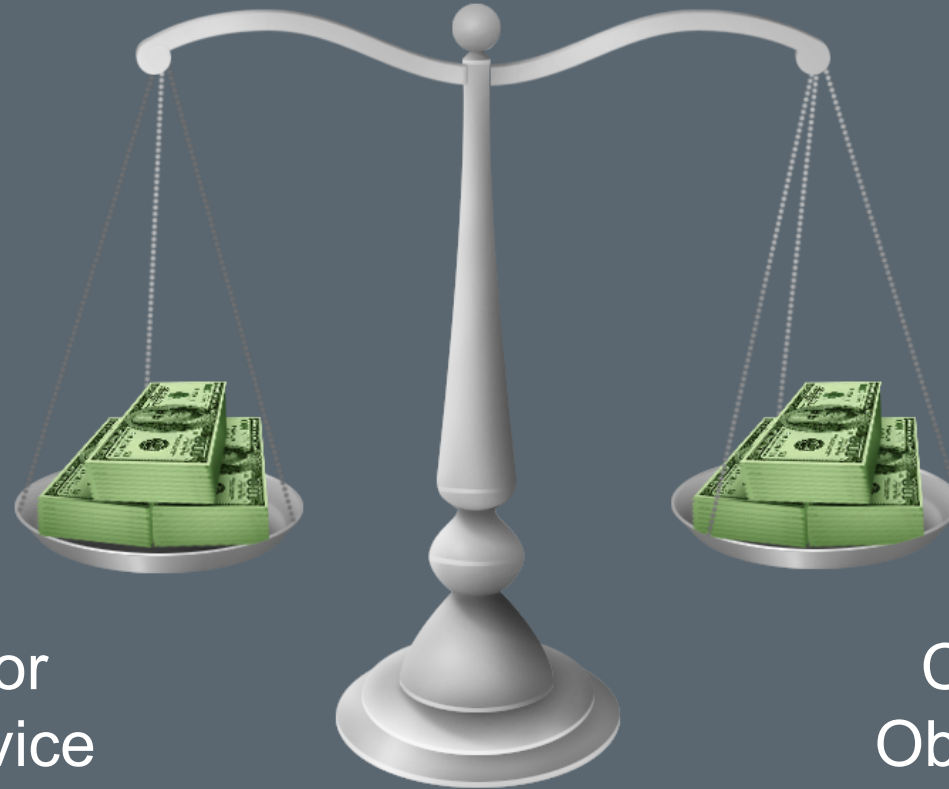
MCPCRR – Responsive Reserve

MCPCECR – ERCOT Contingency Reserve

MCPCNS – Non-Spin Reserve



* All MCPCs capped at VOLL

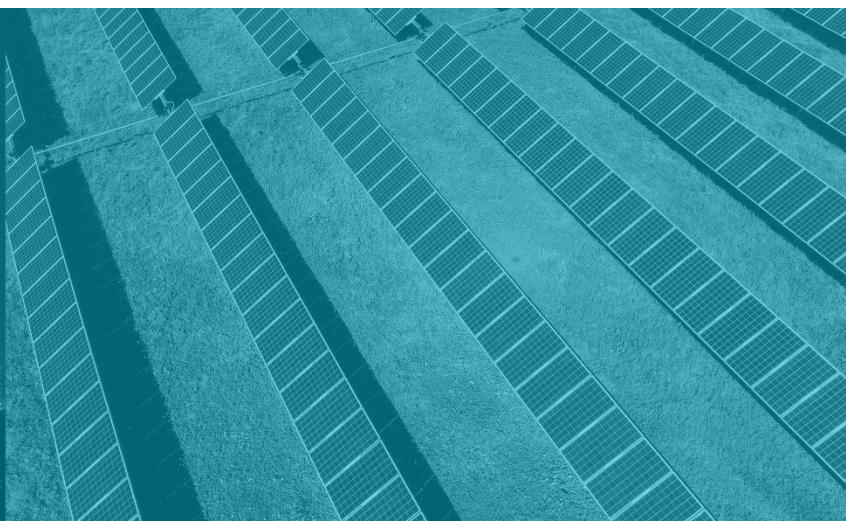


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Charges for
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