



Reliability Unit Commitment



2026_08 Reliability Unit Commitment



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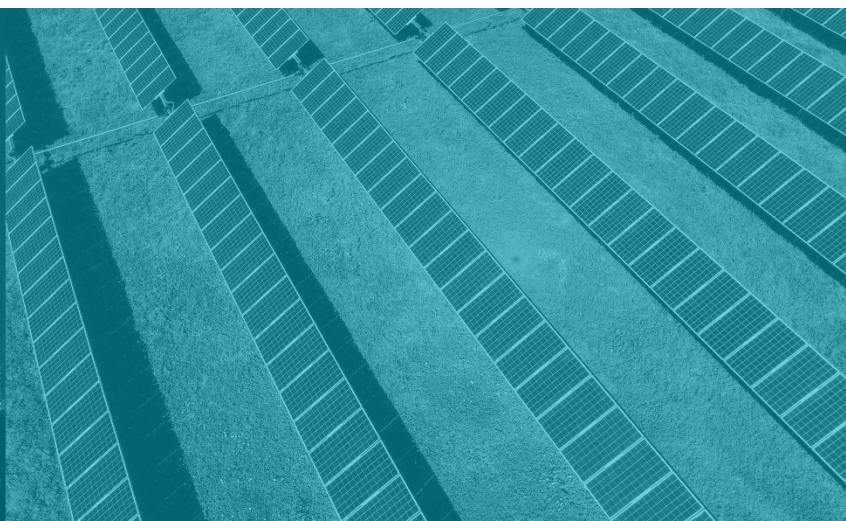
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Overview

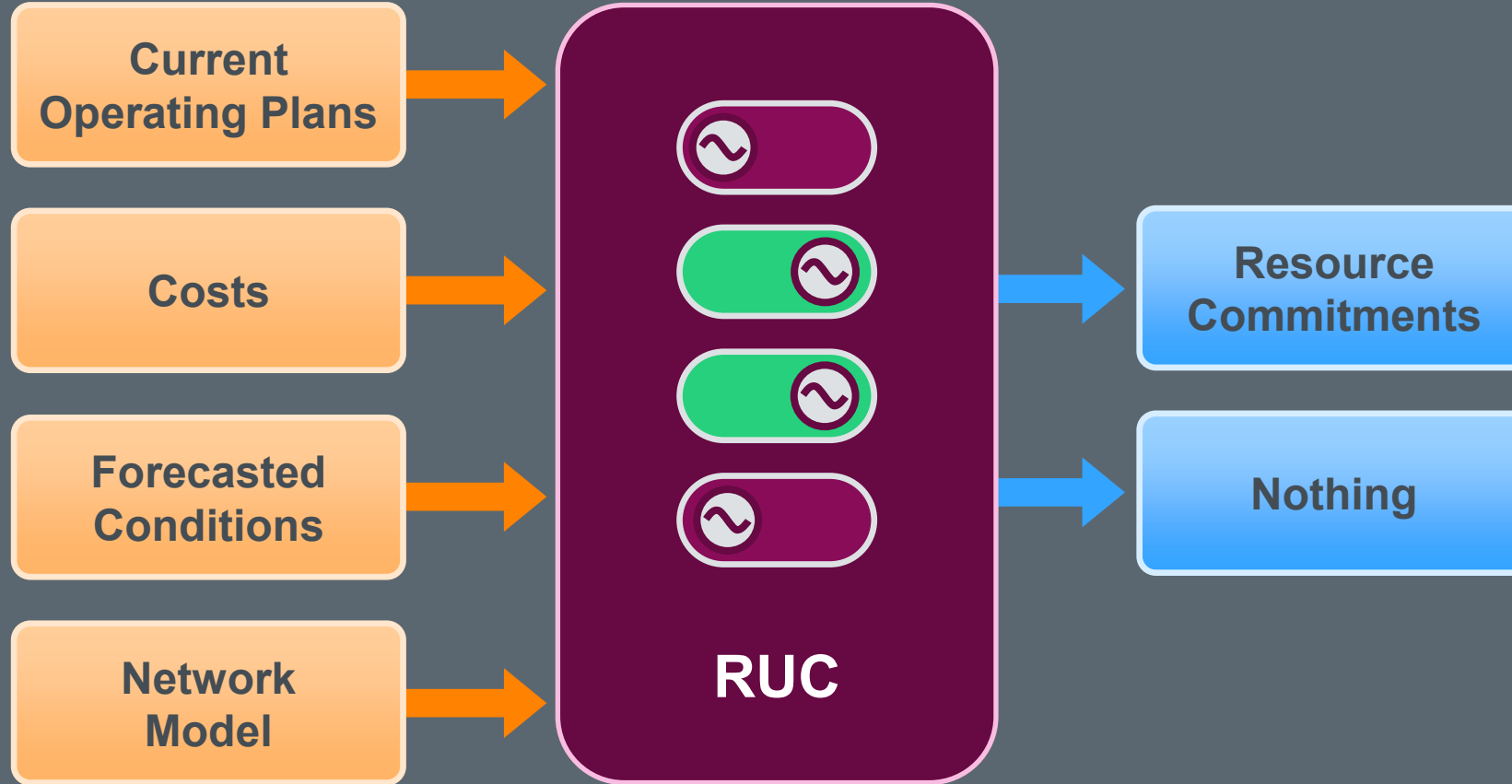


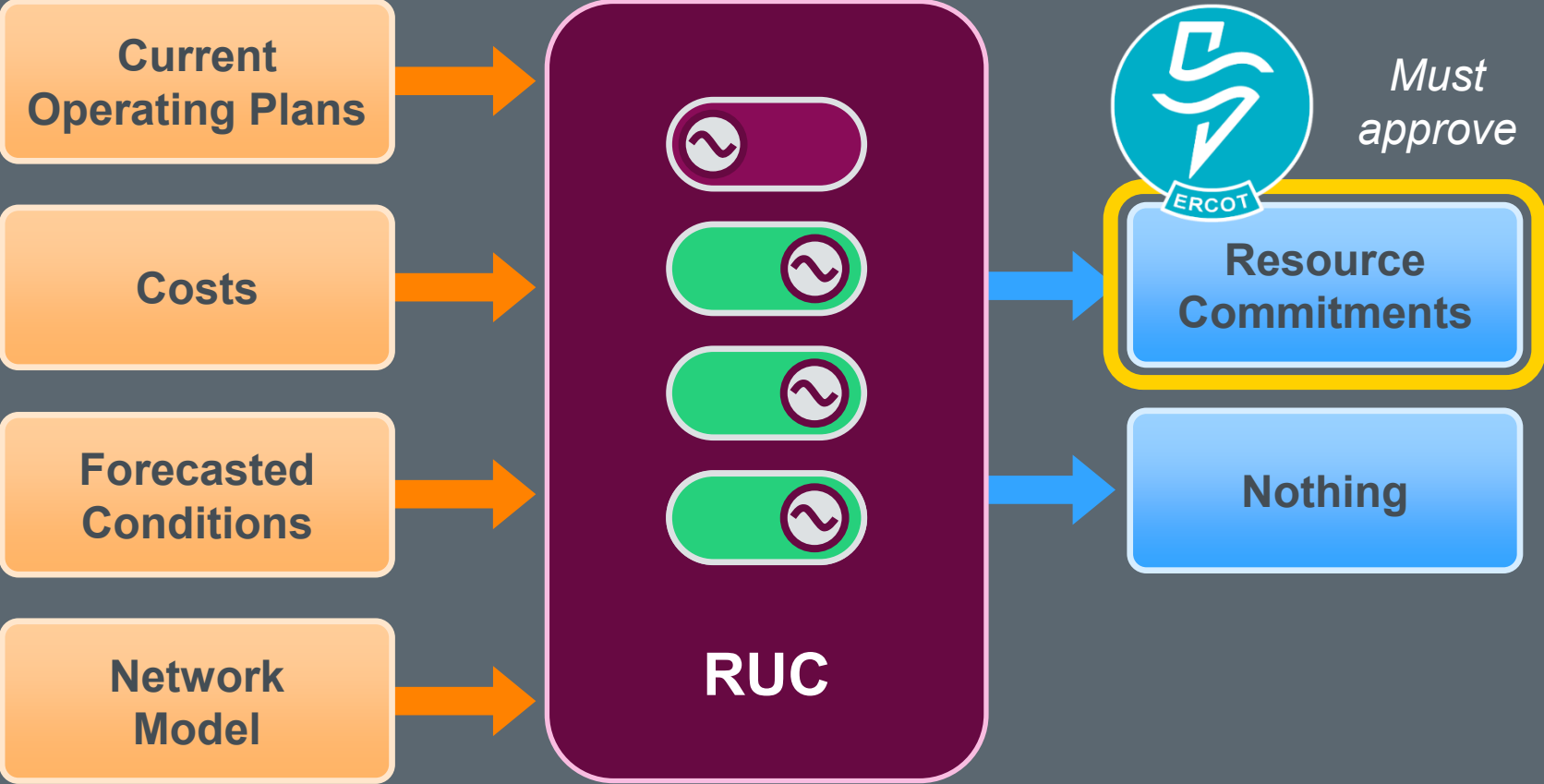


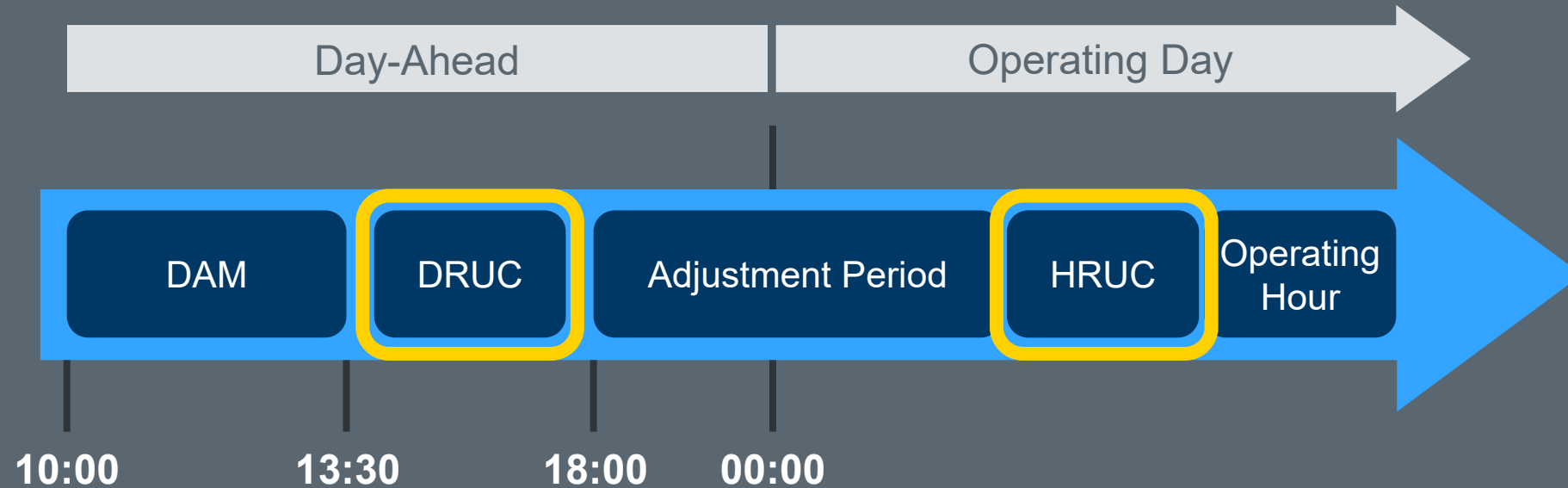
It's 11:00. For hours ending 14:00-18:00, the Load Forecast and AS Plan exceed the committed Resource Capacity by 400 MW.



1. What options does ERCOT have?
2. How do the ERCOT operators choose?





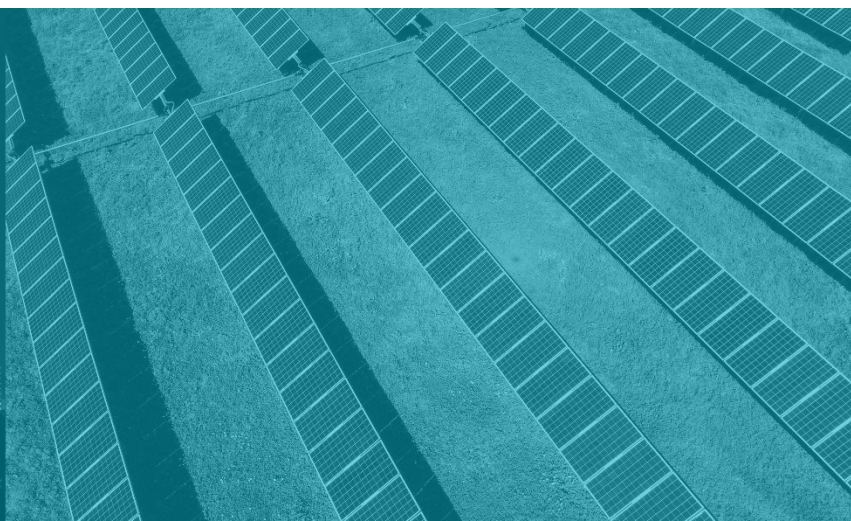


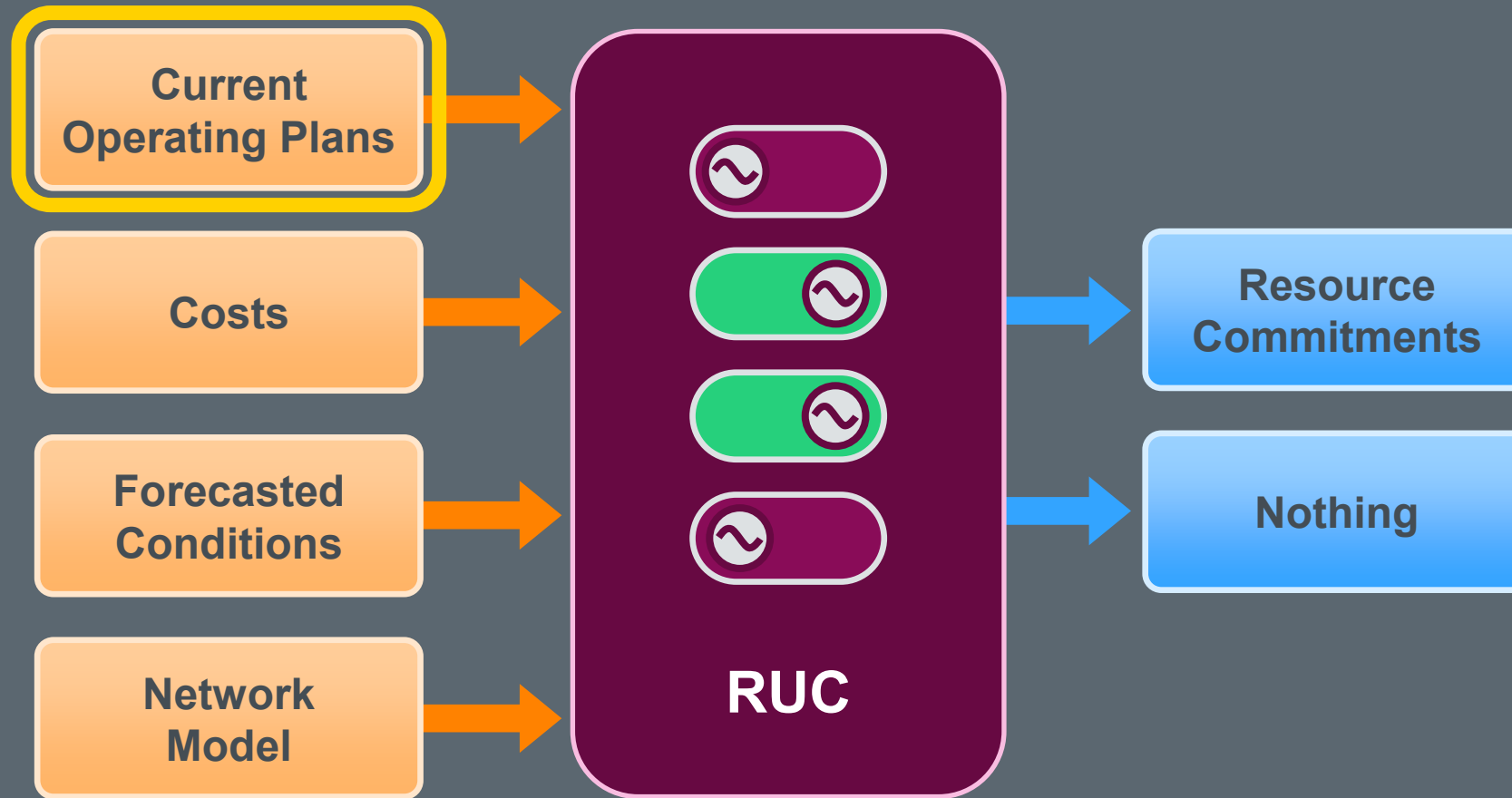
DRUC = Day-Ahead Reliability Unit Commitment

HRUC = Hourly Reliability Unit Commitment



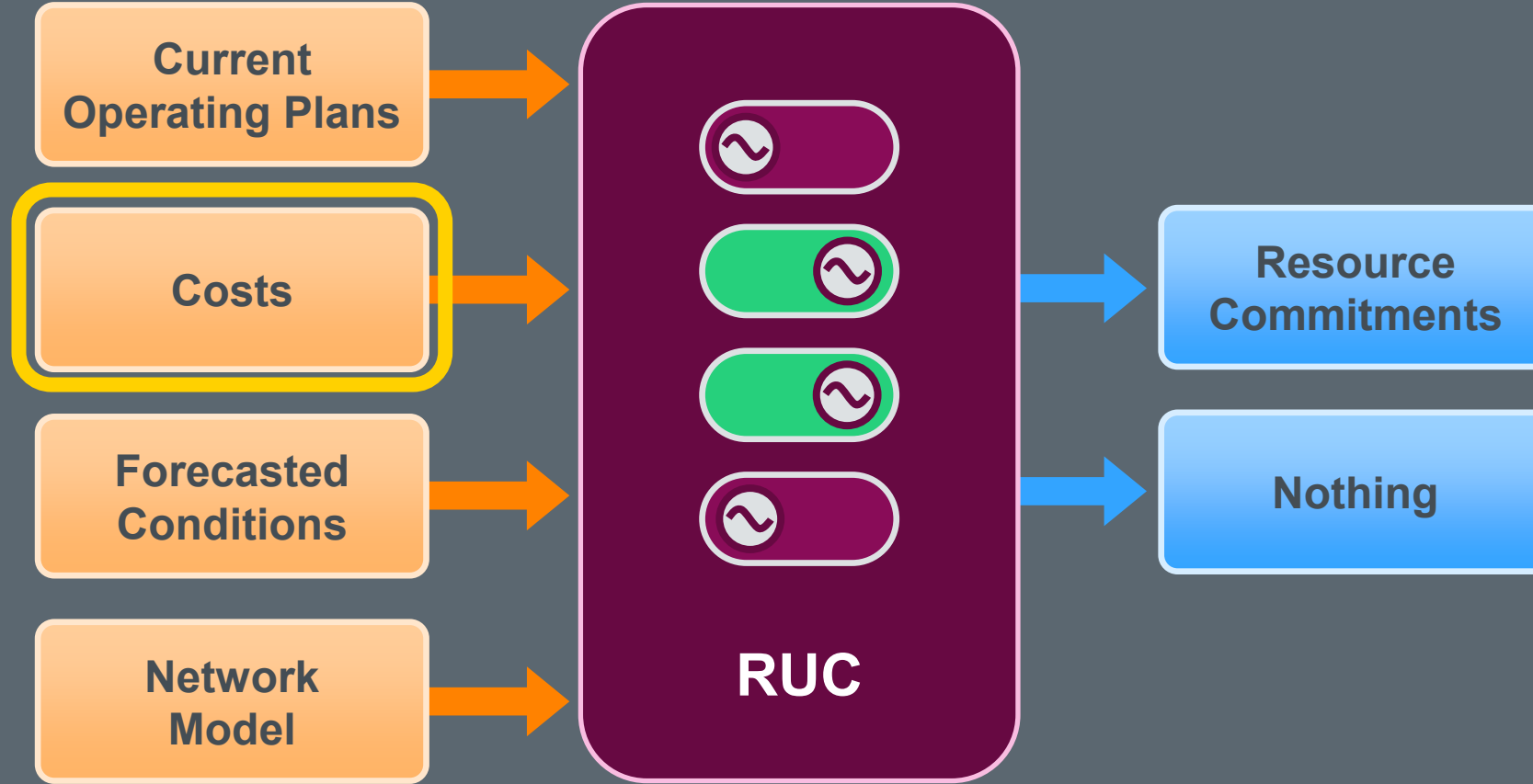
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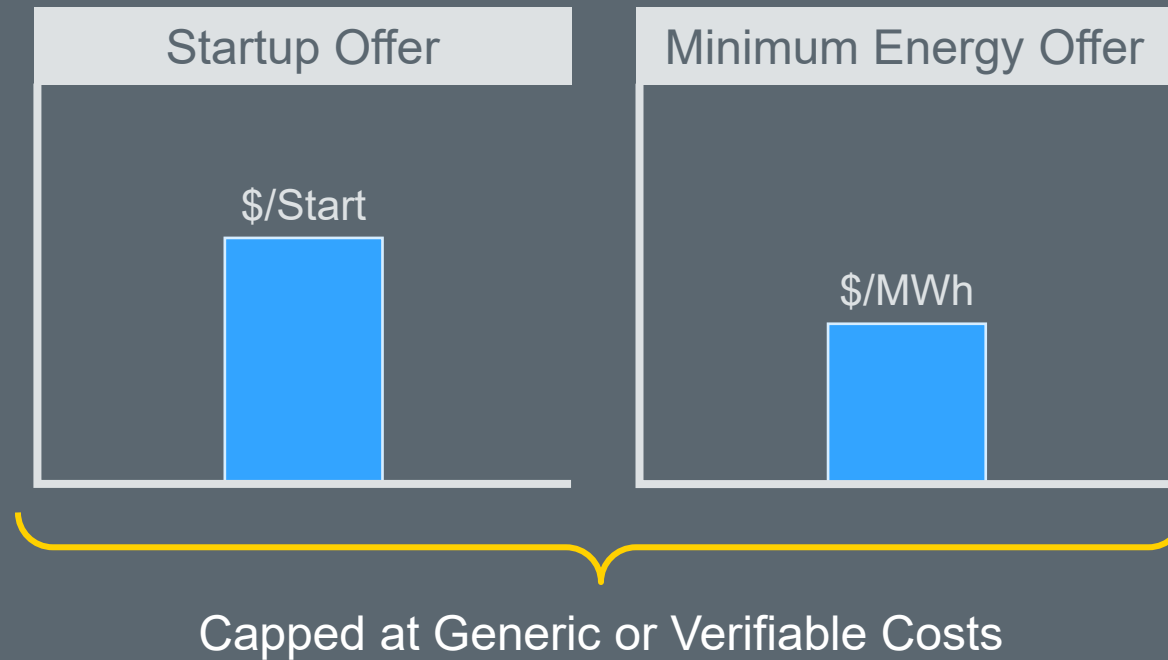
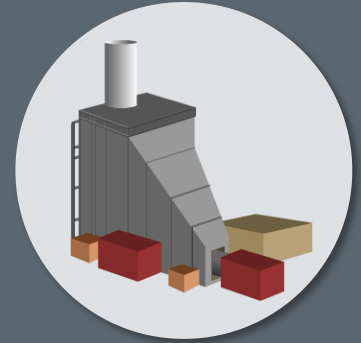


Provides critical information to RUC

Current Operating Plan											
Resource Name	Resource Status	Resource Limits		ESR SOC Limits			Ancillary Service Capabilities				
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GEN1	ON	600	120	-	-	-	20	20	40	40	120
GEN2	OUT	100	25	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
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GEN3	OFF	450	100	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0



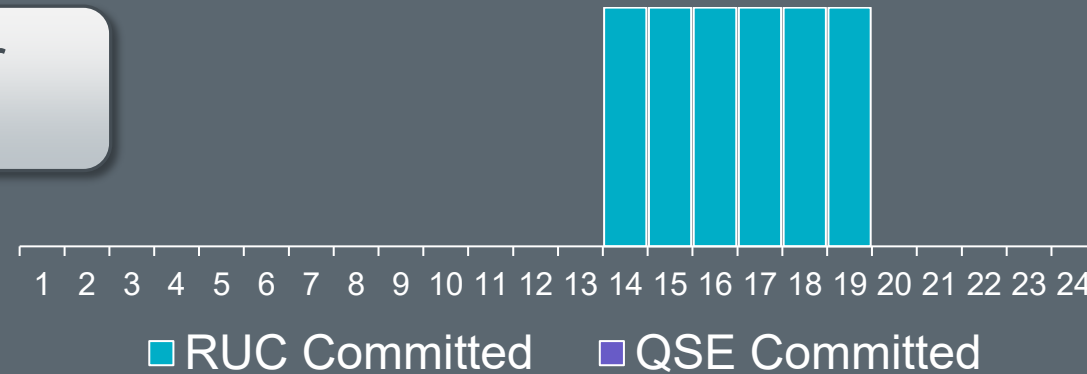
Based on Three Part Supply Offers



Startup Cost Considered?

- No QSE Commitments
- RUC initially commits

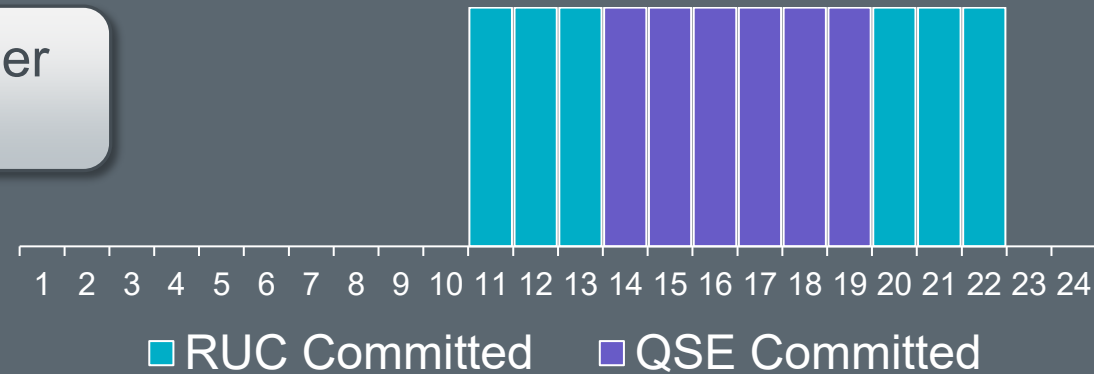
RUC will consider
Startup Costs

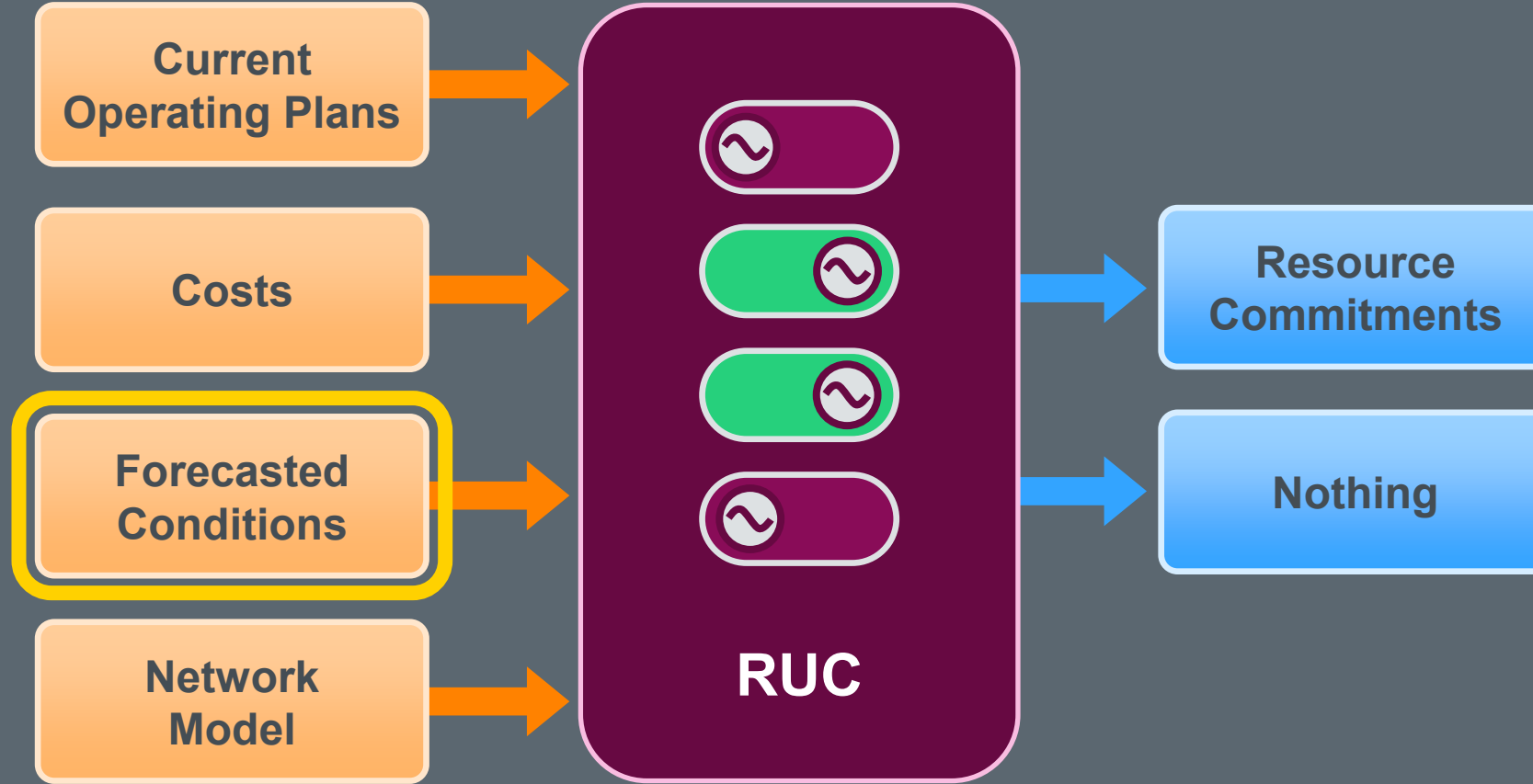


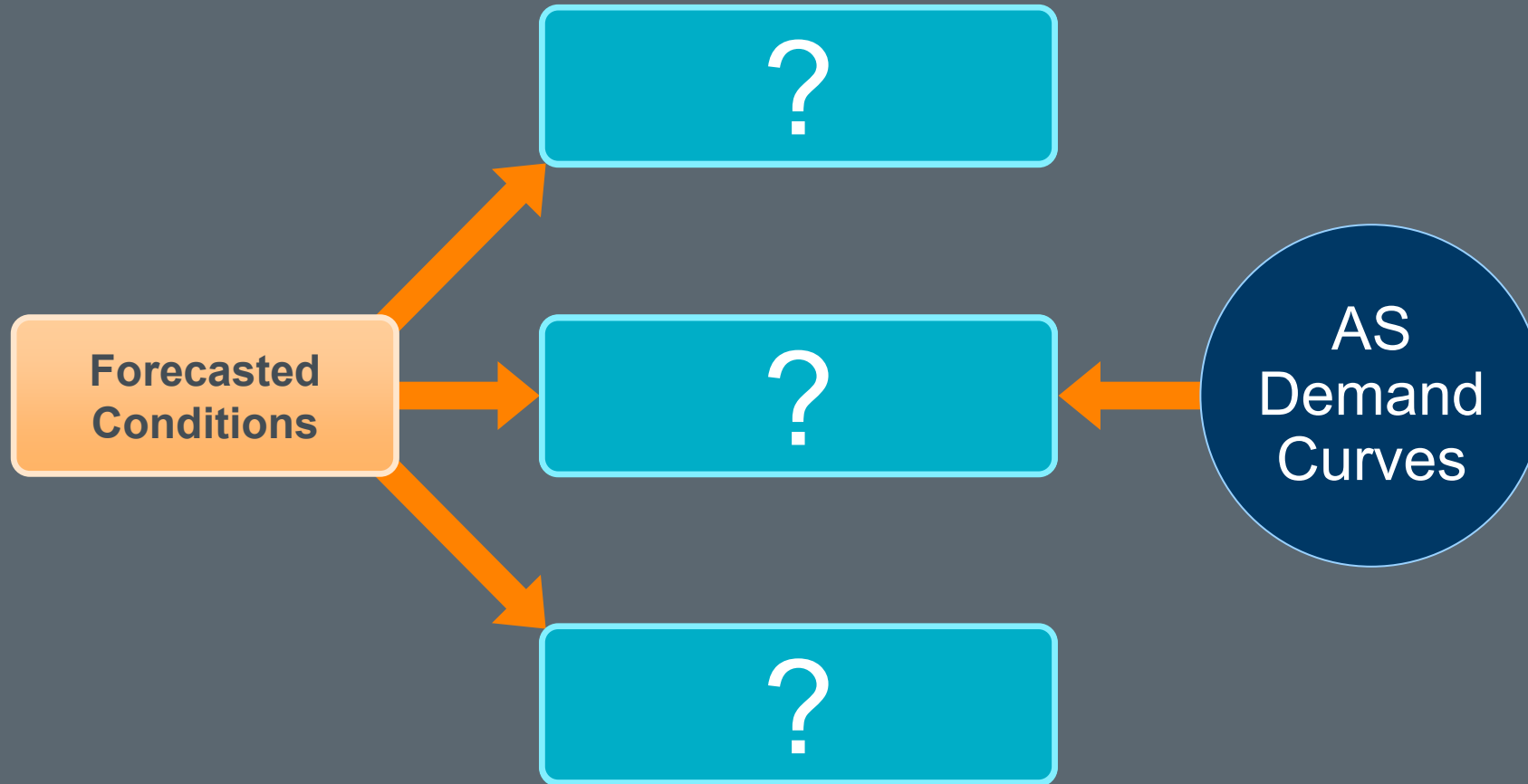
Startup Cost Considered?

- QSE initially commits
- RUC extends commitment

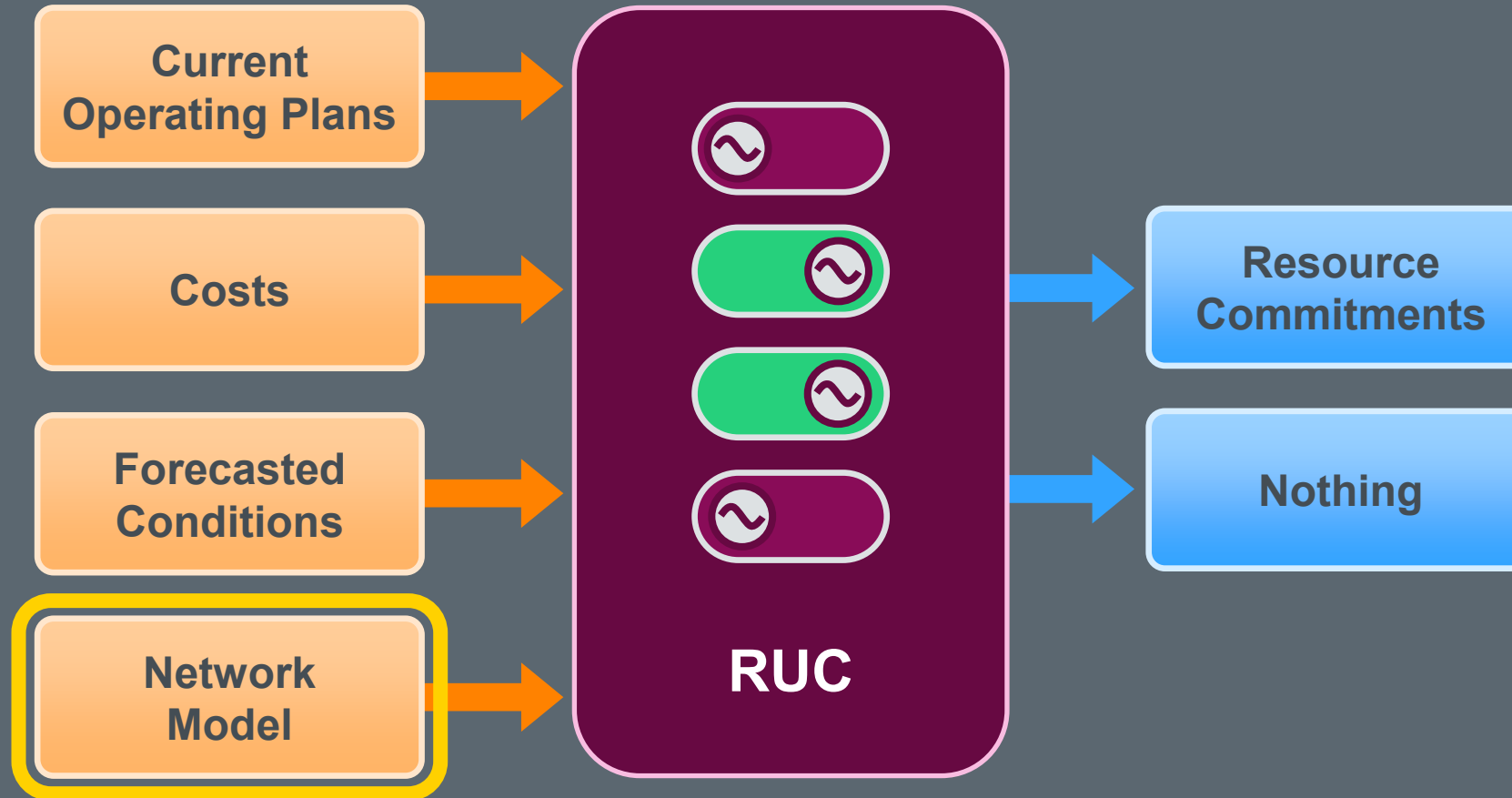
RUC will not consider
Startup Costs

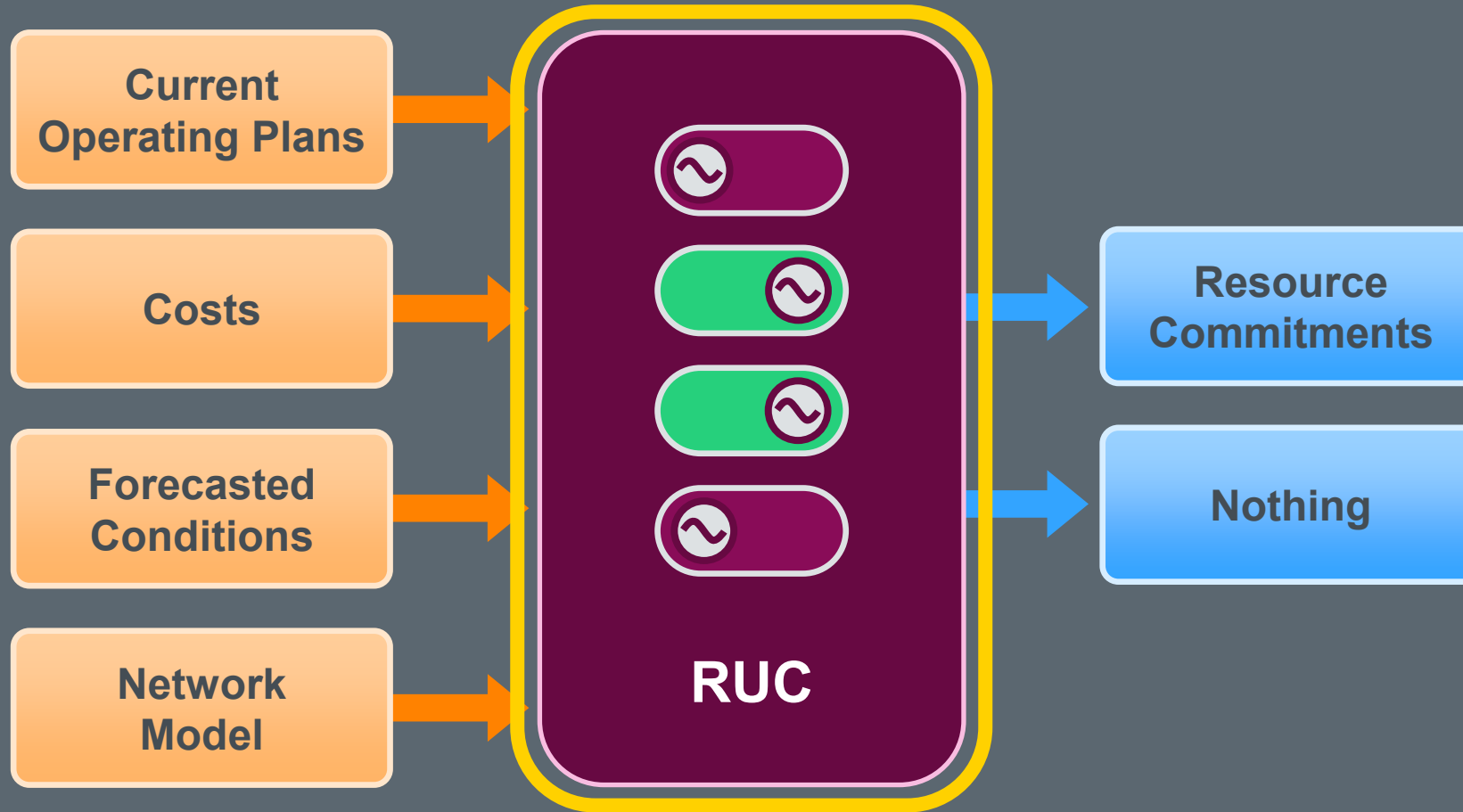




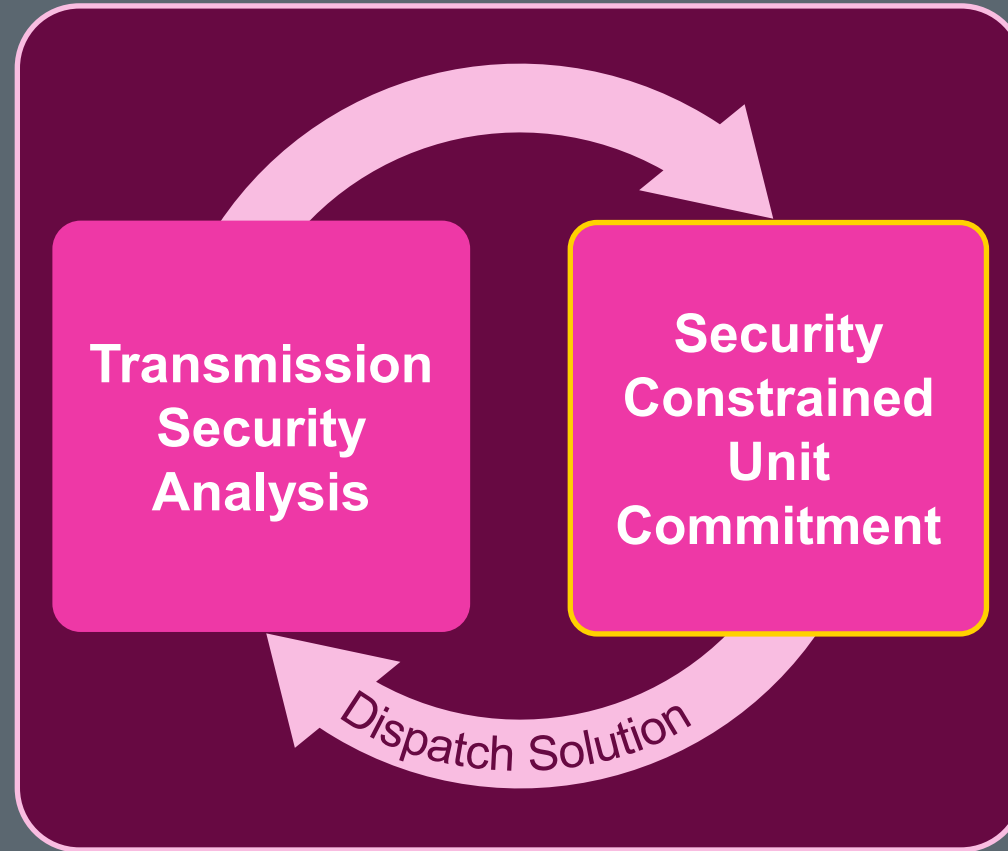


Uses expected network topology for each hour

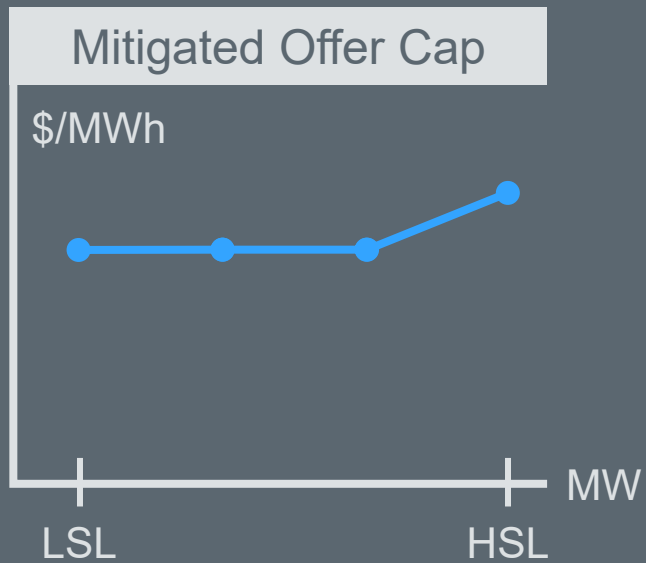
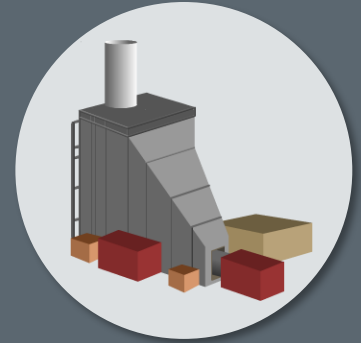




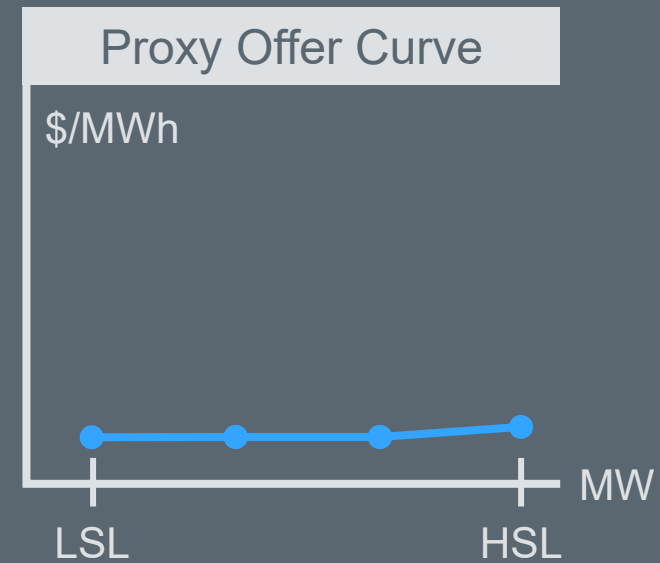
Begins with Initial Unit Commitment for each hour



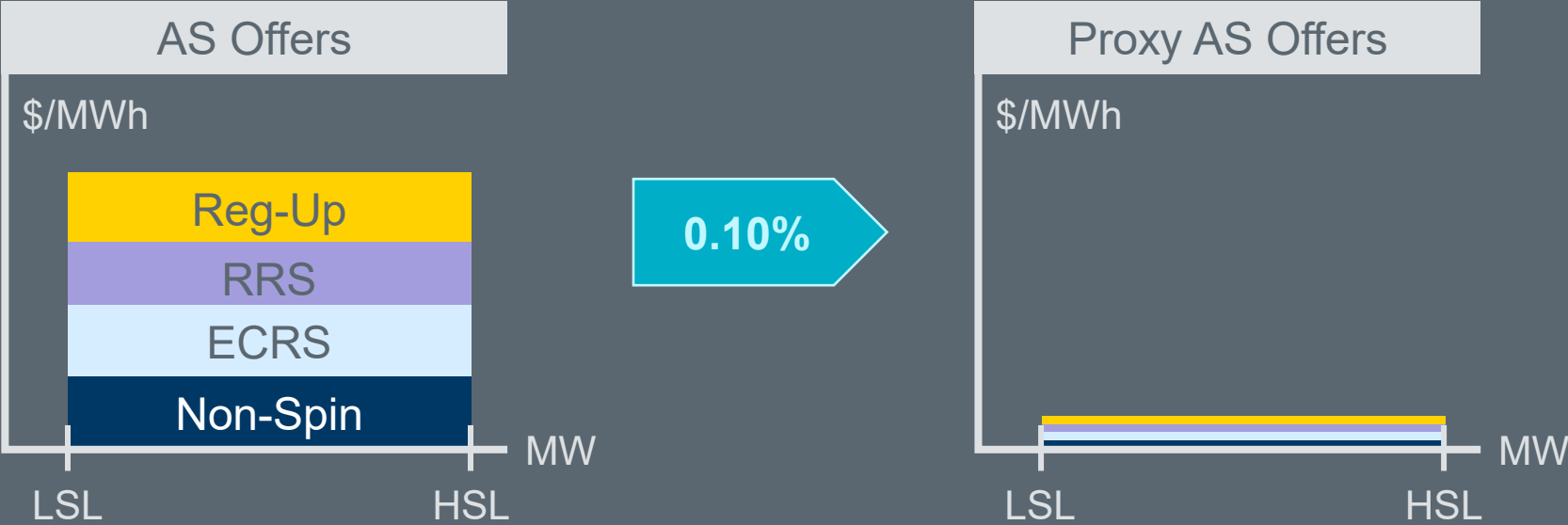
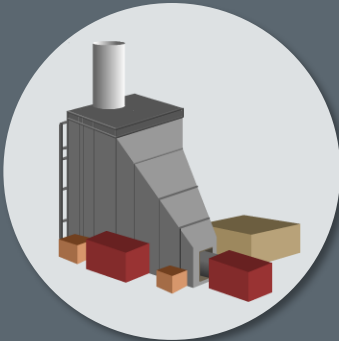
To project possible dispatch solutions



0.10%



To project possible Ancillary Awards



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16	ESR3	40	-40	0	40	40	0	0	0	20	0
17	ESR3	40	-40	0	40	20	0	0	0	10	0
18	ESR3	40	-40	0	40	10	0	0	0	10	0



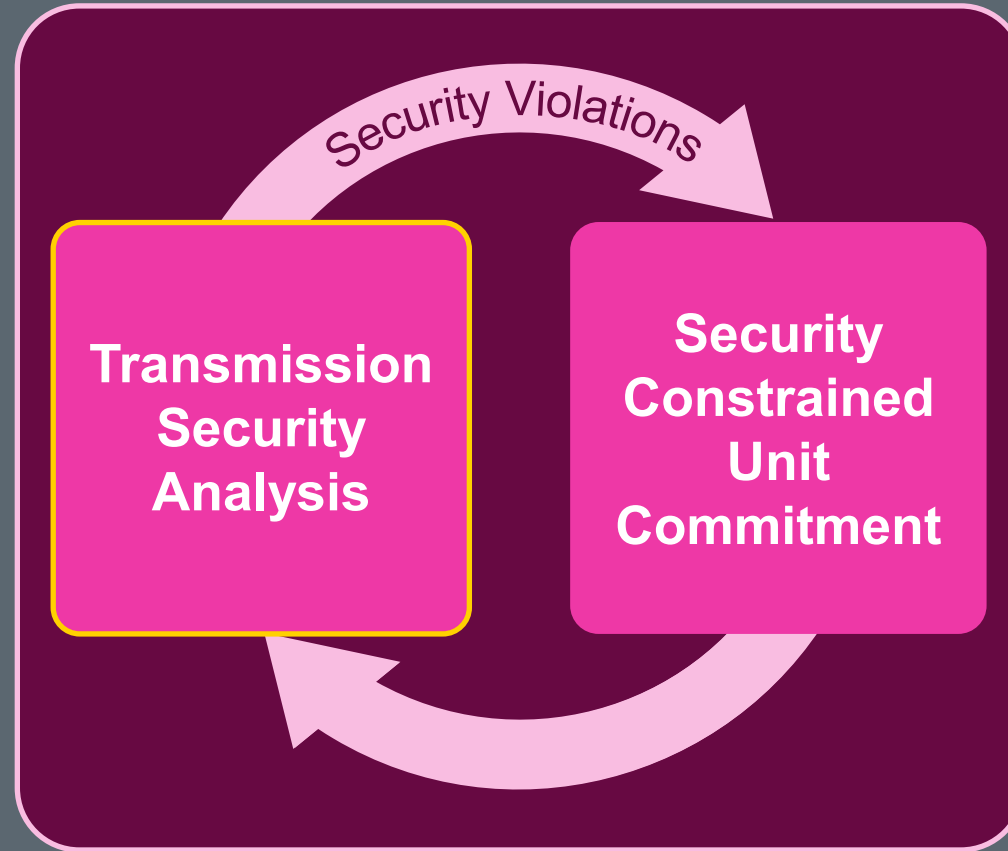
Projects dispatch that aligns with Hourly SOC changes



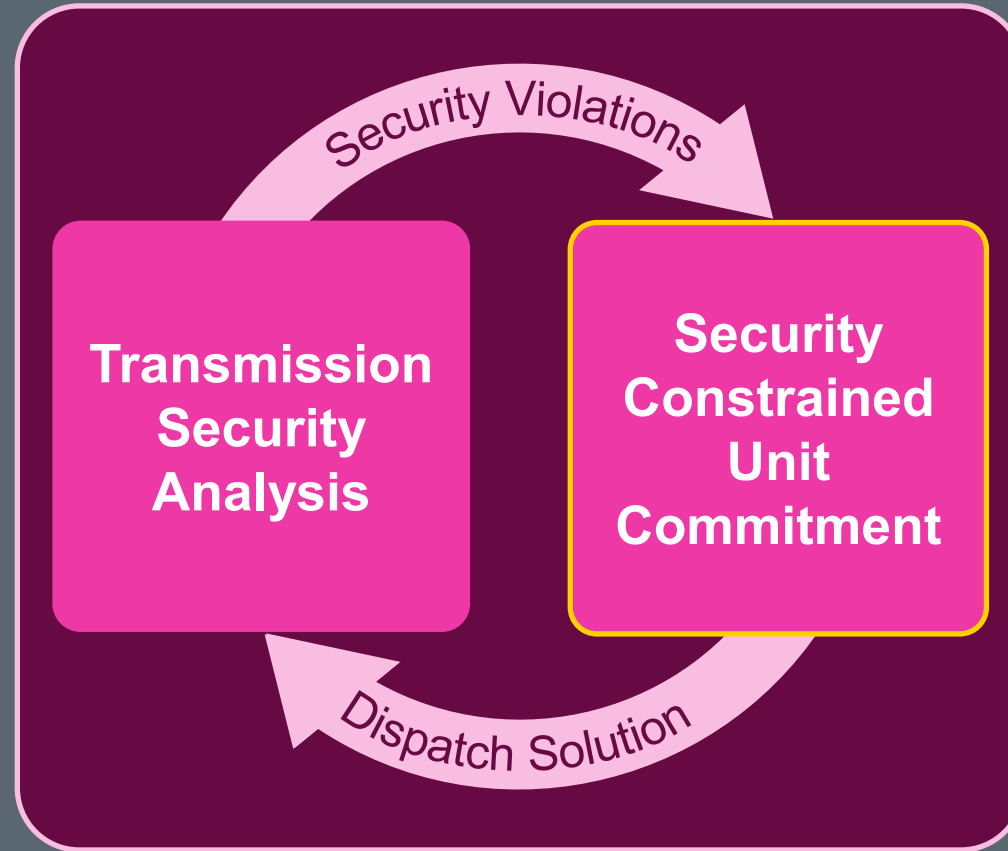

Checks feasibility based on Deployment Factors

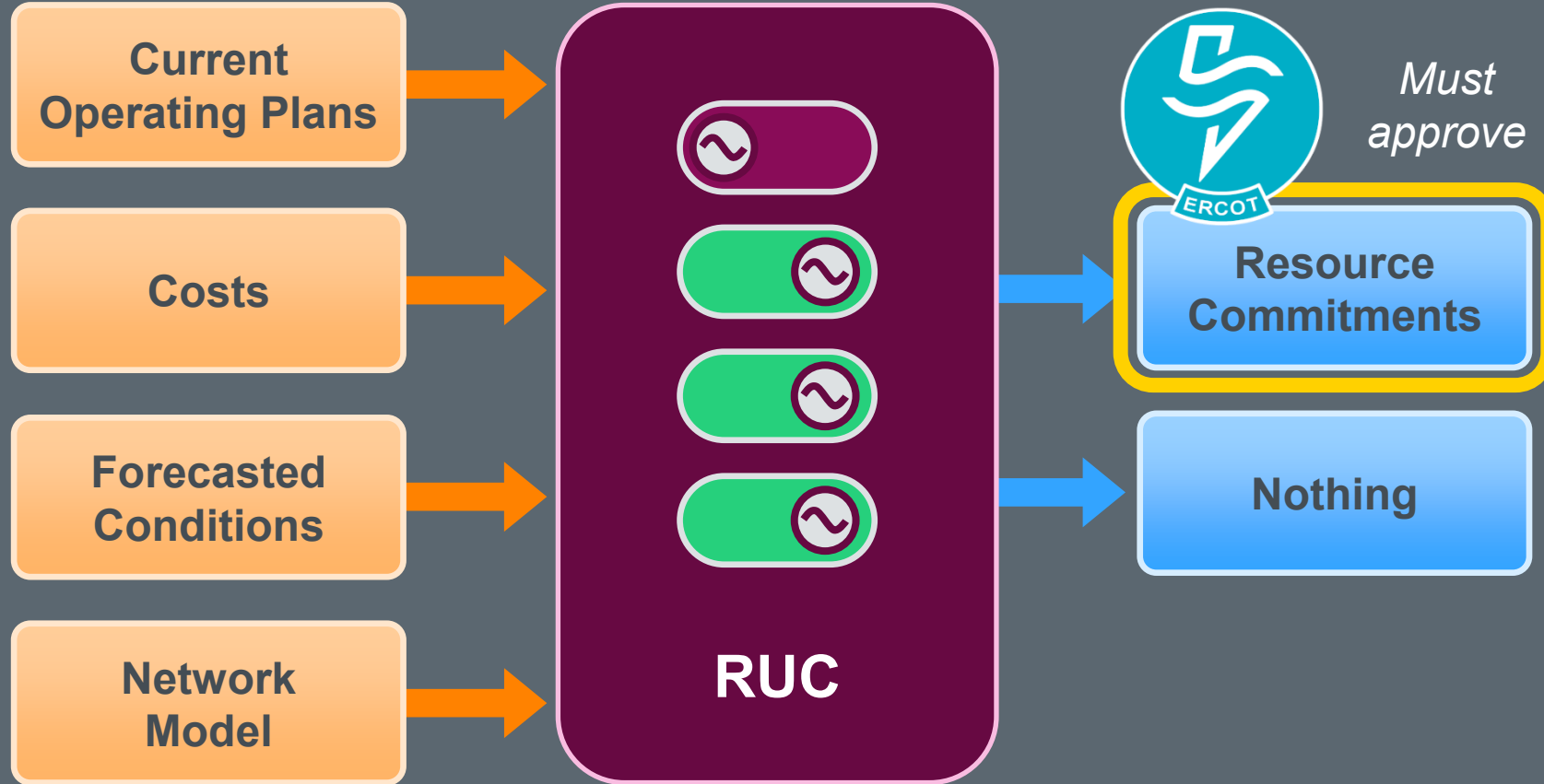


Is solution secure with all Ancillary Services awarded?

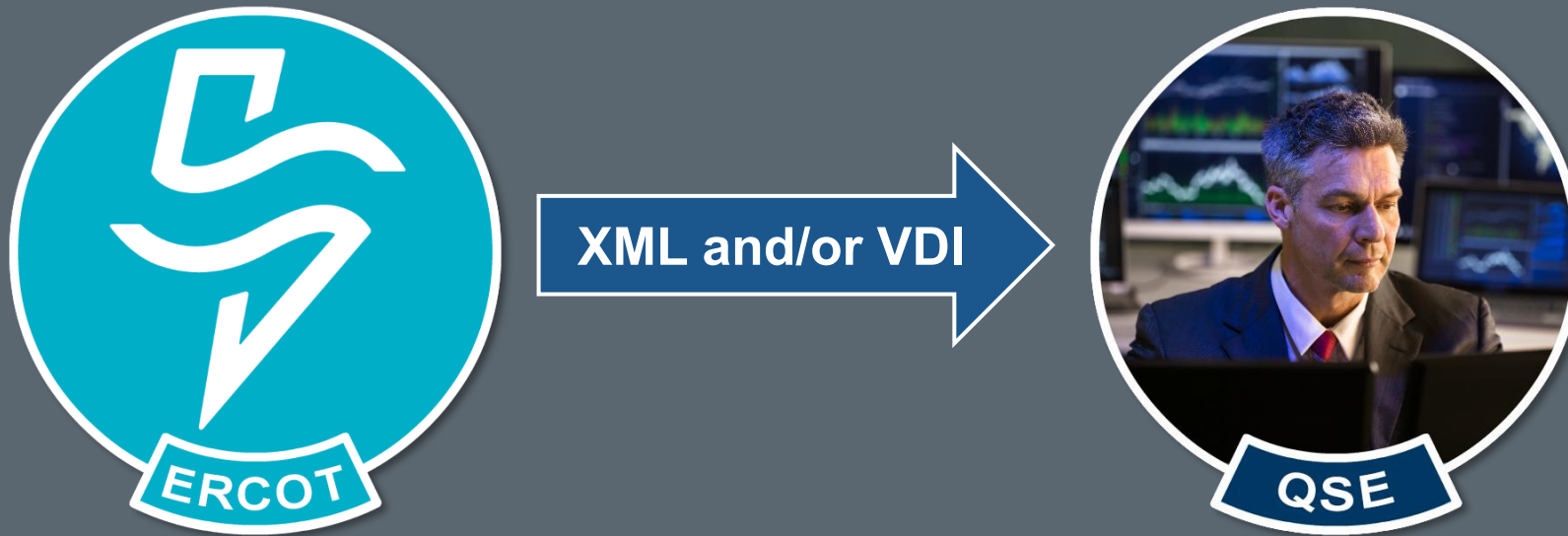


Revise Unit Commitment if needed





Start hour and duration sent to QSEs



XML = Extensible Mark-Up Language
VDI = Verbal Dispatch Instruction

QSE must update COP within 60 minutes

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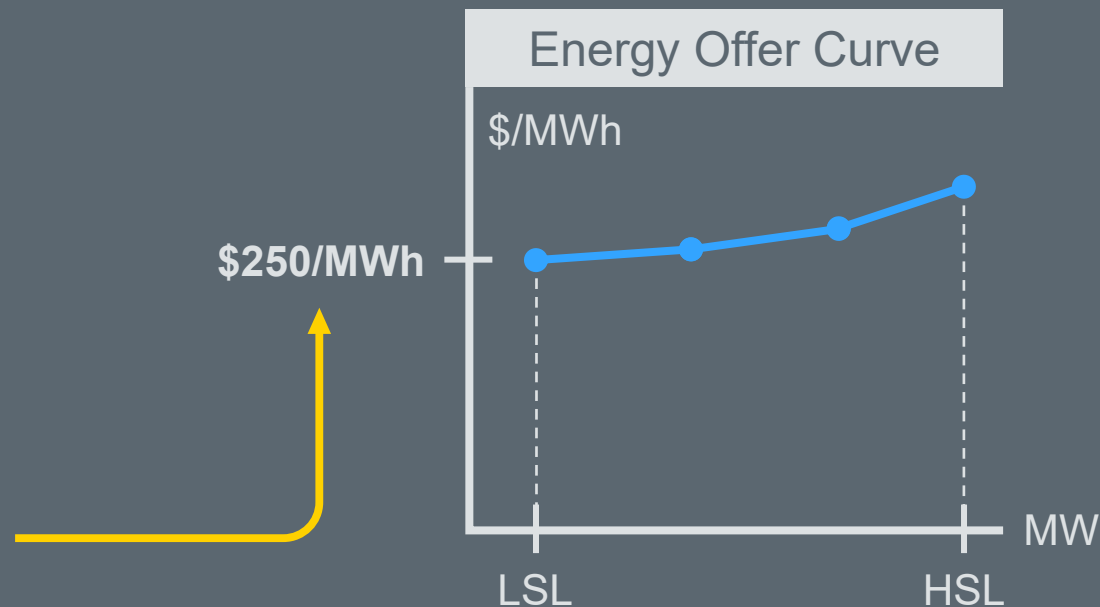
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ONRUC
ONOPTOUT

Resource Financial Impacts

- Floor price
- RUC Settlement
 - Make-Whole
 - Clawback

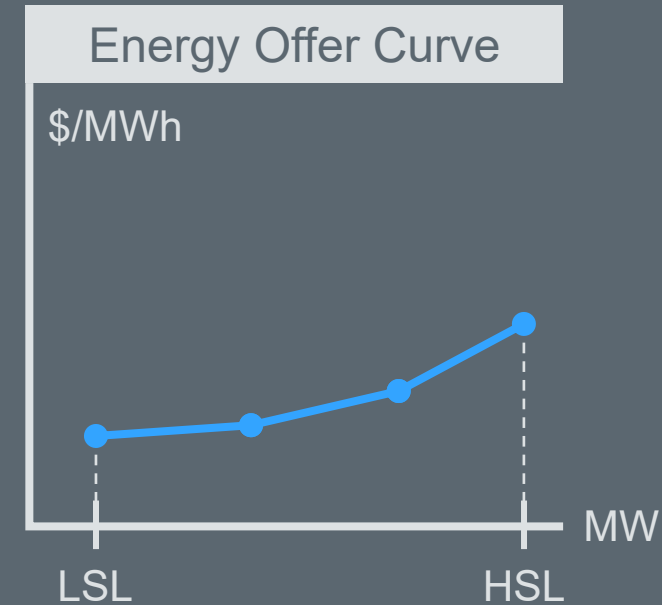
ERCOT adjusts
if QSE does not



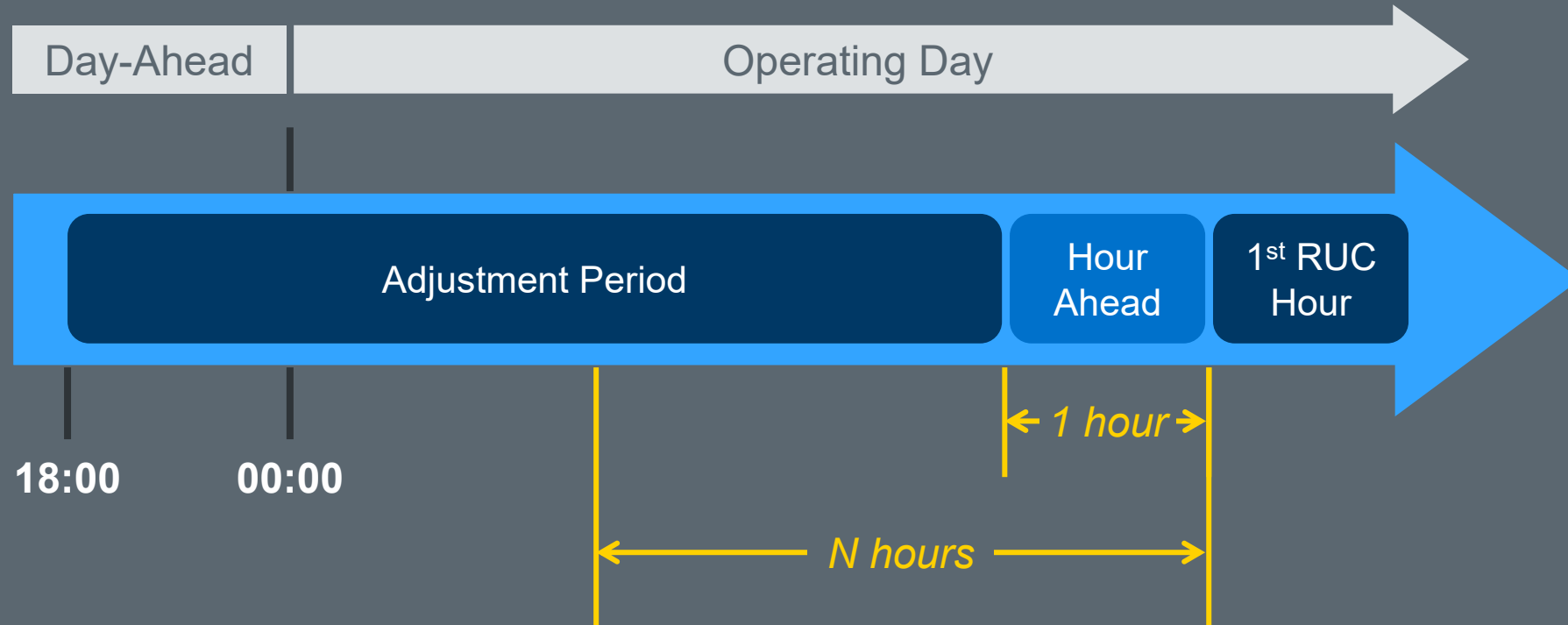
Resource Financial Impacts

- No floor price
- No RUC Settlement

QSE must update COP prior to
Opt Out Snapshot



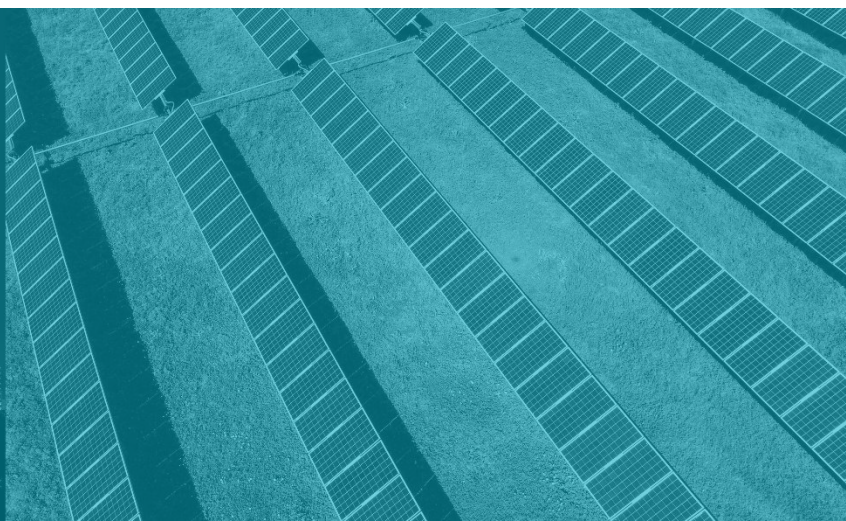
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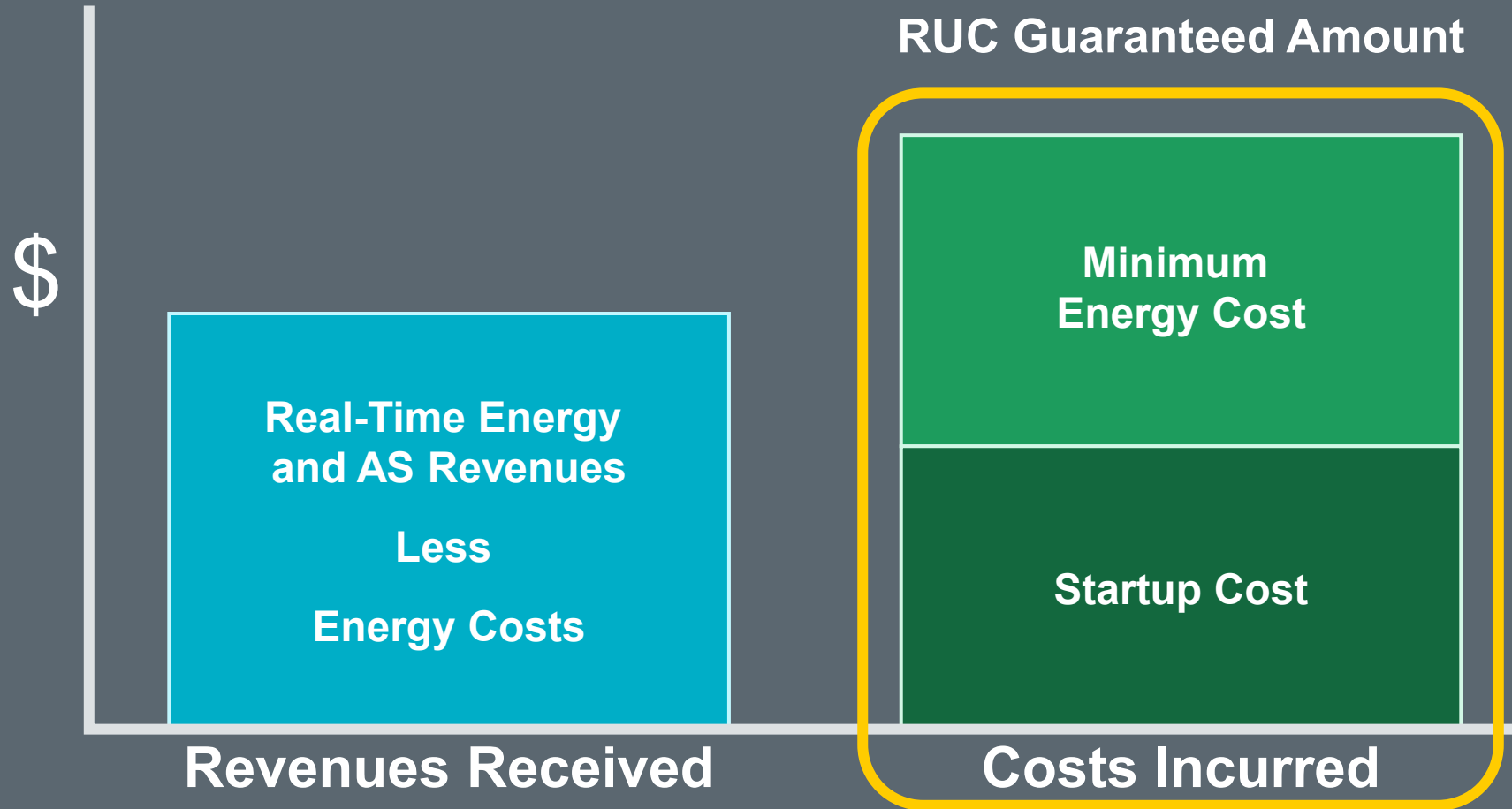
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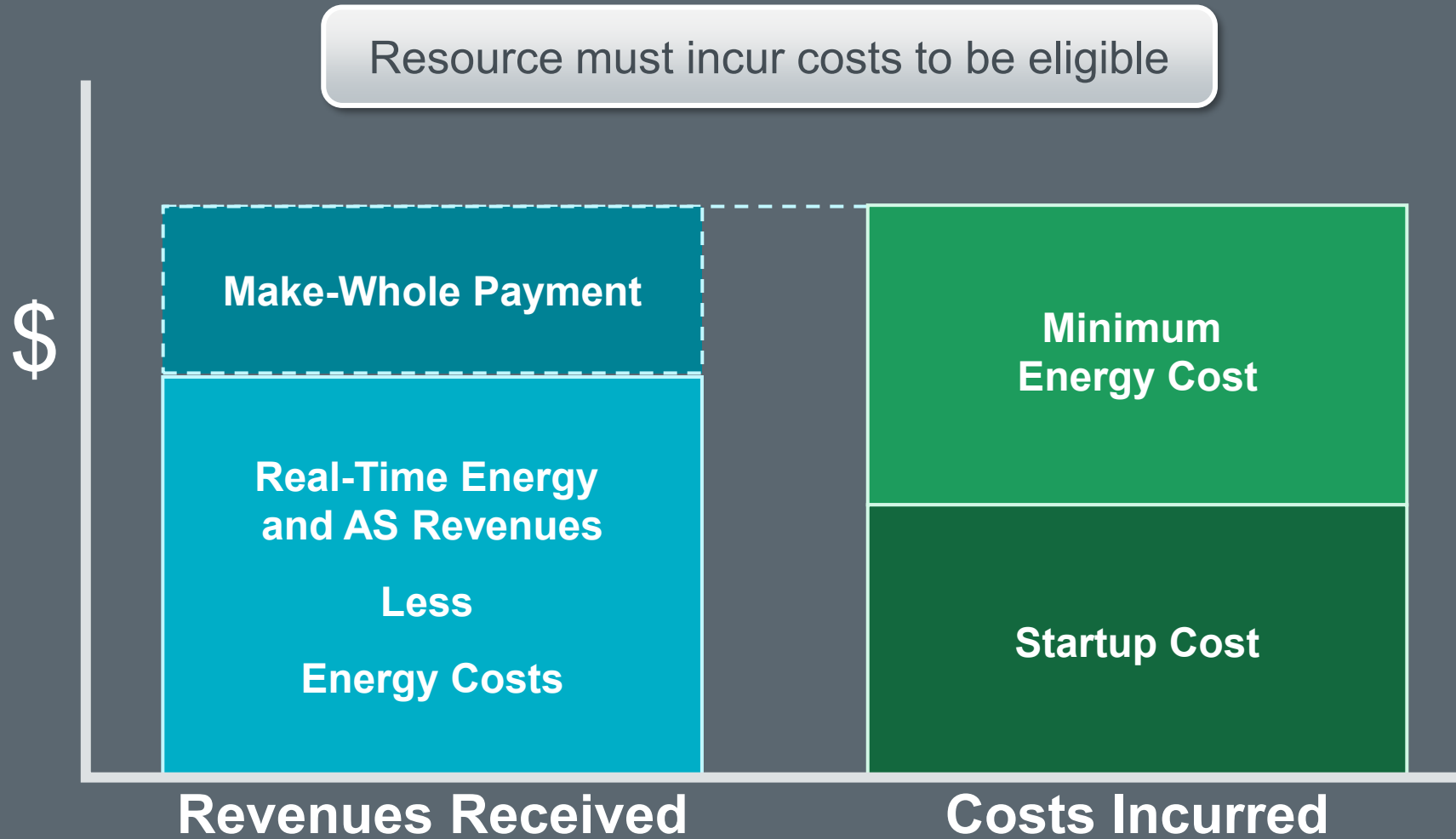


Financial Impacts



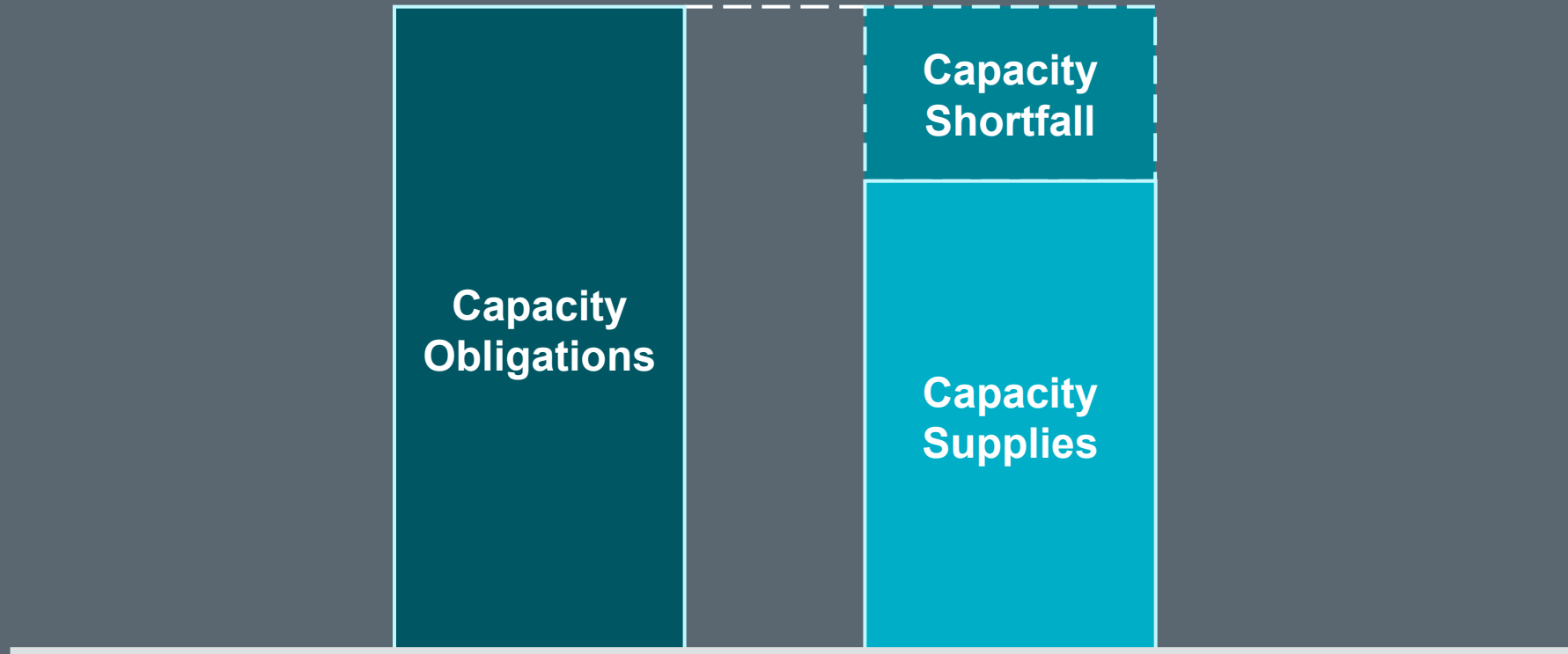








Assessed to QSEs with Capacity Shortfall



Potential Capacity Obligations for QSE



**Capacity
Obligations**

Load

Energy Sales (DAM and Trades)

On-Line AS Sales (DAM and Trades)

Self-Arranged AS from DAM

Planned ESR charging

Potential Capacity Supplies for QSE



Committed Resource Capacity

Energy Purchases (DAM and Trades)

On-Line AS Purchases (DAM and Trades)

AS from Load Resources

Planned ESR discharging & ESR upward AS

Capacity
Supplies



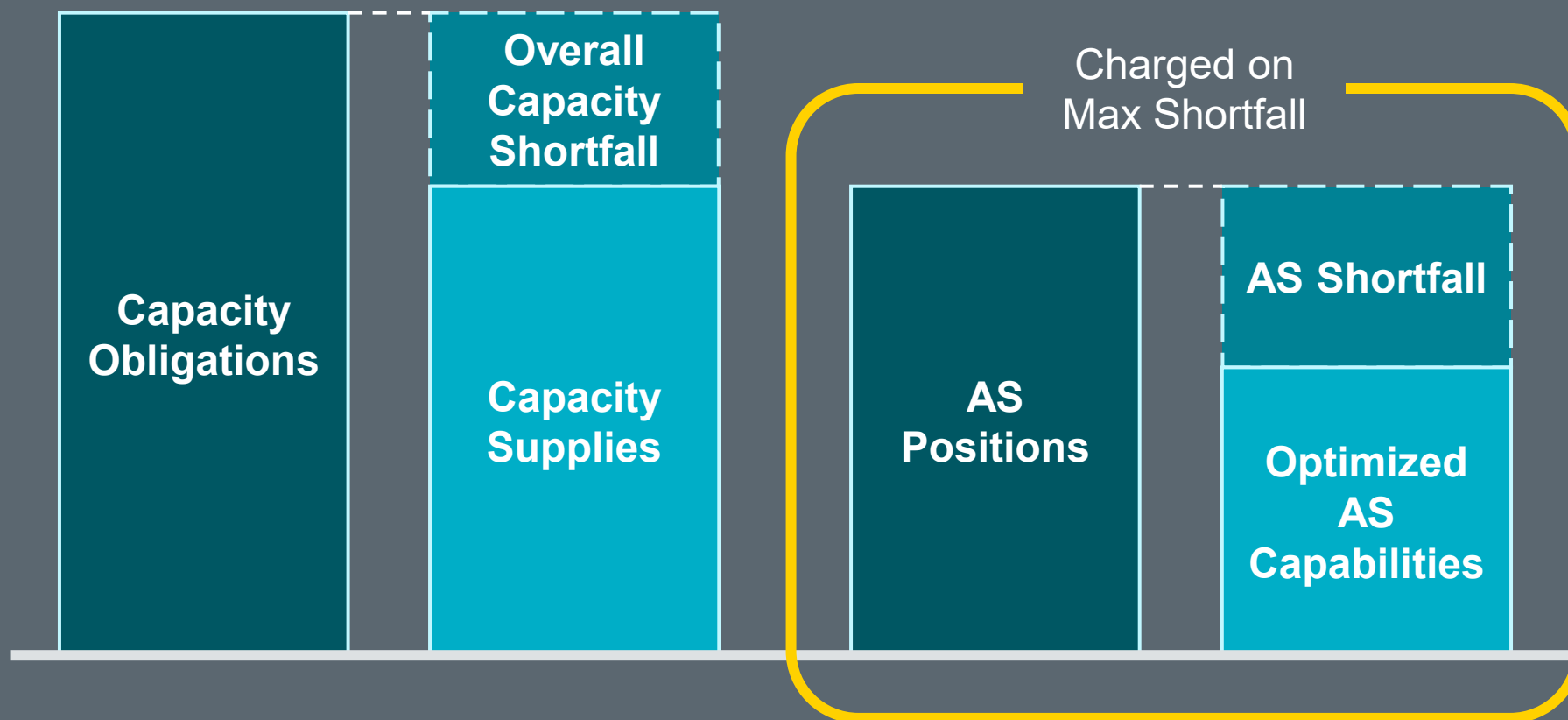
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- Sold 70 MW ECRS through Trade
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Two Ways for QSE to be Capacity Short



Ancillary Service Financial Obligations for QSE



**Ancillary
Service
Positions**

DAM Self-Arranged AS

+

DAM AS Awards

+

AS Trade Sales

–

AS Trade Purchases

Ancillary Service Supply for QSE



Capabilities prioritized for AS

Constraints:

- Resource Limits
- SOC (ESRs)
- Duration Requirement (ESRs)
- Deployment Factors (ESRs)

Optimized
Ancillary
Service
Capabilities



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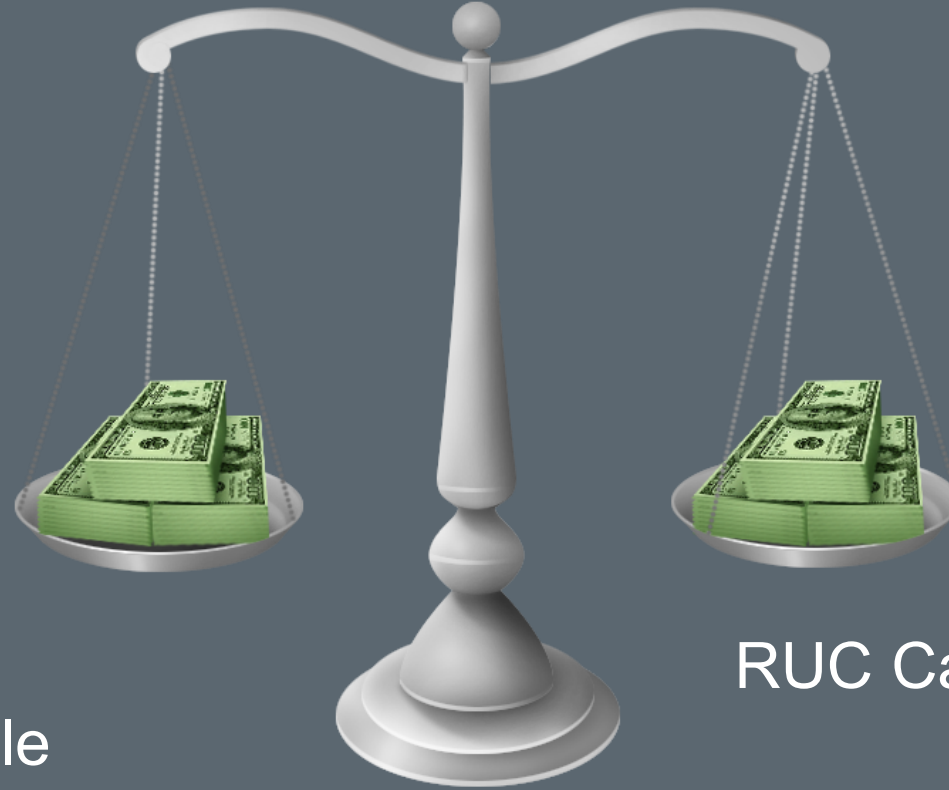
**Each QSE with a Capacity Shortfall
pays a share of total Make-Whole cost**



$$\text{Charge} = \left(\text{RUC Capacity Shortfall Ratio Share} \right) * \left(\text{RUC Make-Whole Payment Total} \right)$$

Subject to a cap

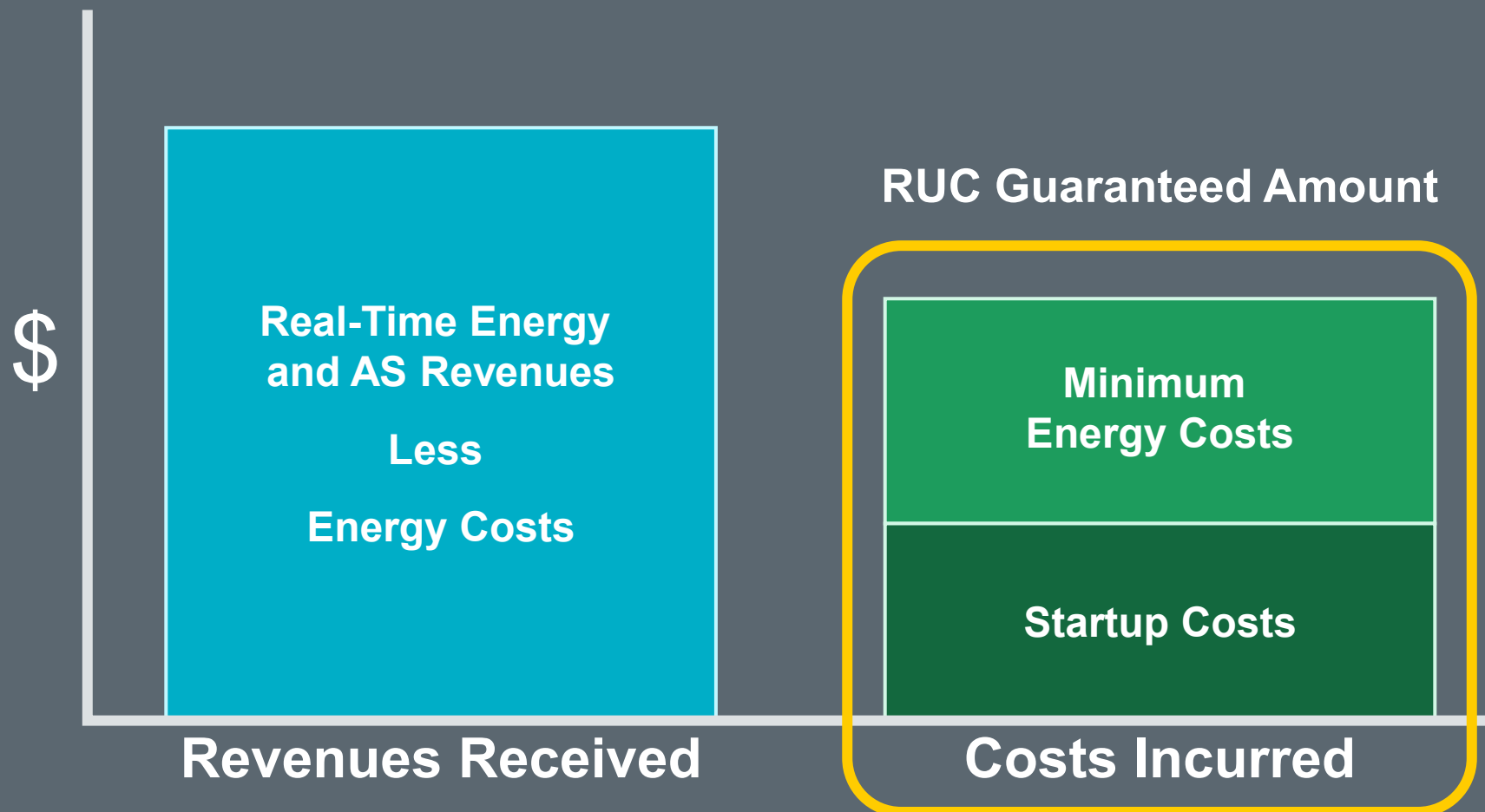
$$\text{Charge} = 2 * \left(\text{RUC Capacity Shortfall} \right) * \left(\$/\text{MW cost of RUC Make-Whole} \right)$$



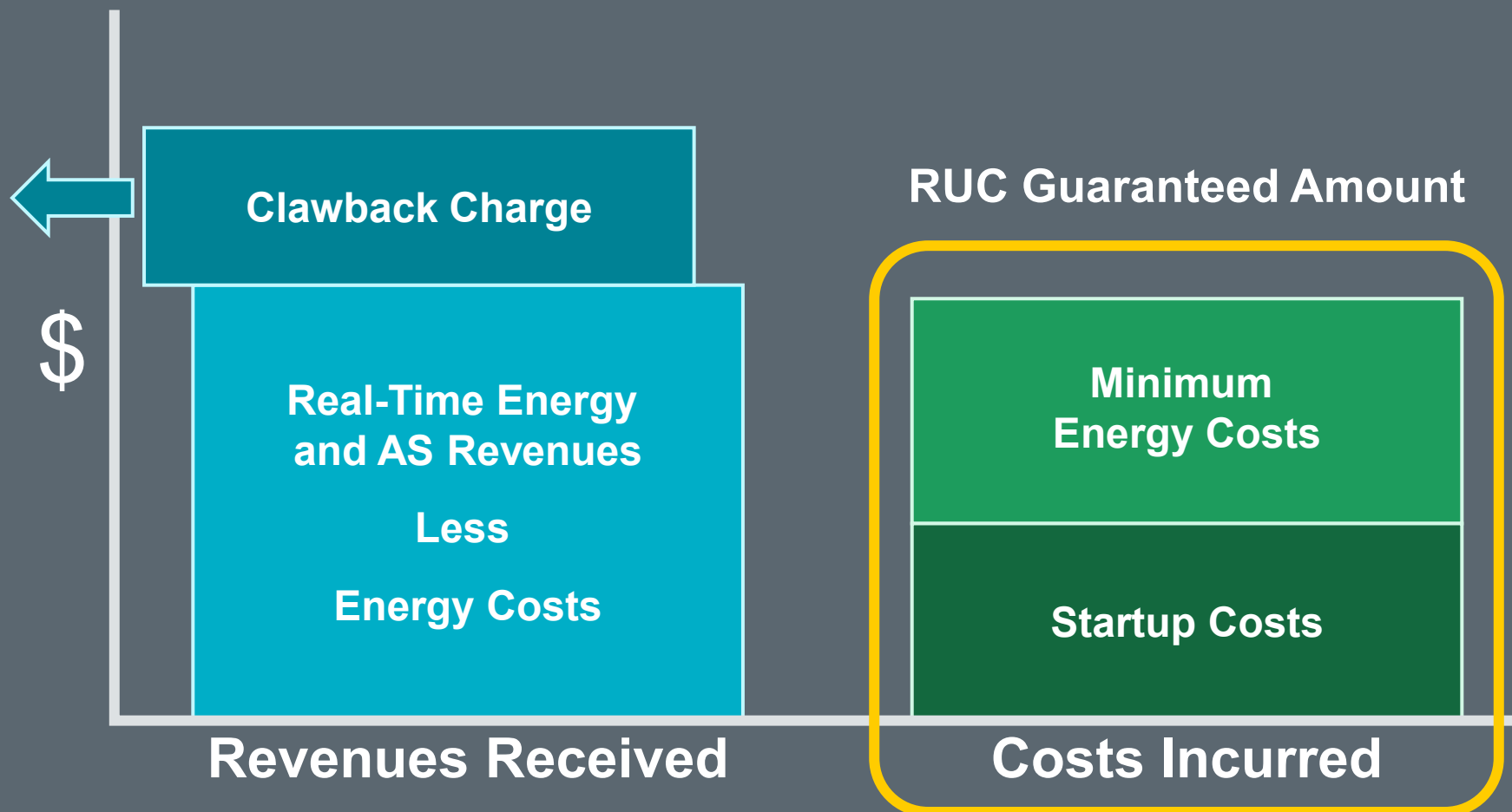
RUC
Make-Whole
Payments

RUC Capacity Short
+
Make-Whole Uplift
Charges

What if revenues are greater than costs?

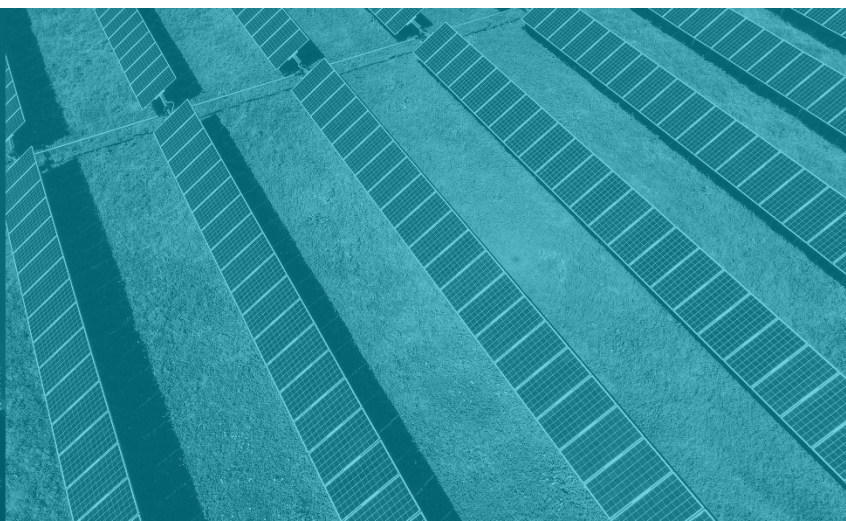


What if revenues are greater than costs?





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