



Real-Time Market Operations



2025_09 Real Time Market Operations

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Applicability to RTC+B

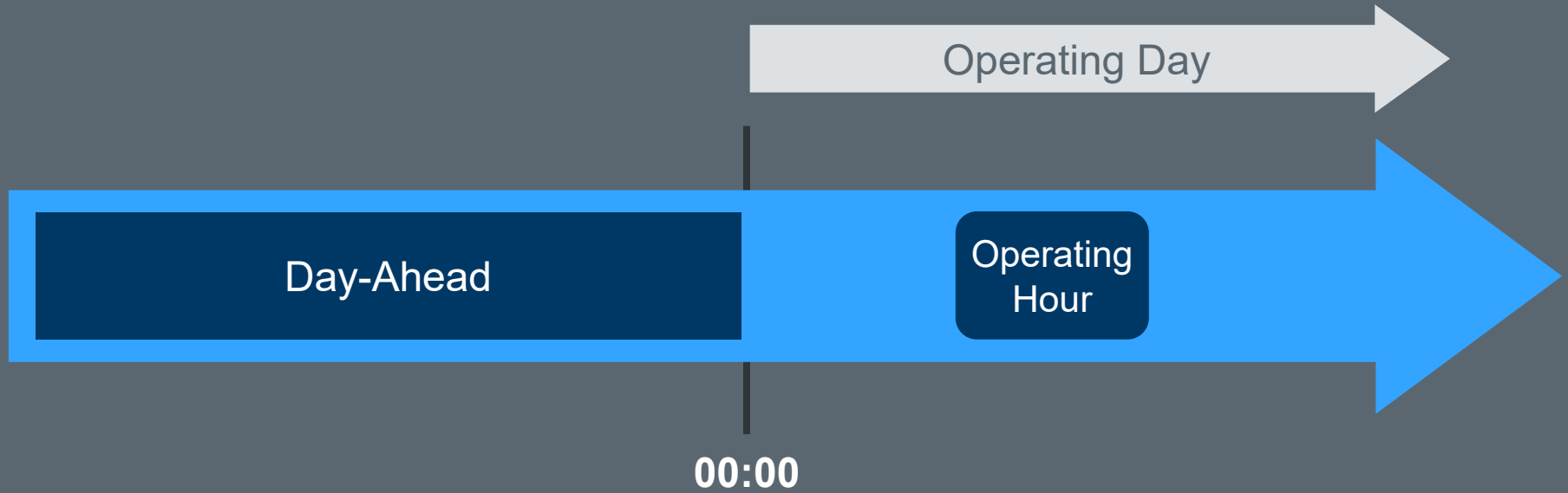
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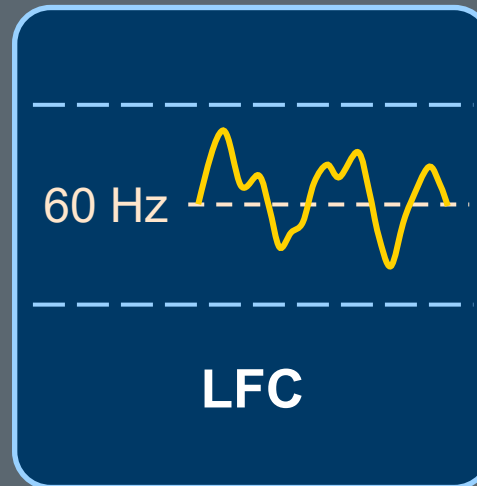
Security Constrained Economic Dispatch



**Five-minute
Awards**

**Five-minute
Prices**

Load Frequency Control

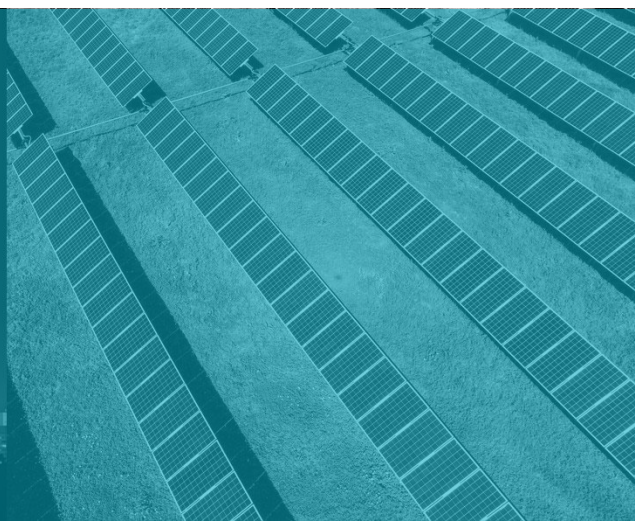


**Regulation
Service**

**Updated Desired
Set Point**



Security Constrained Economic Dispatch



Balancing Reliability and Economics



SCED

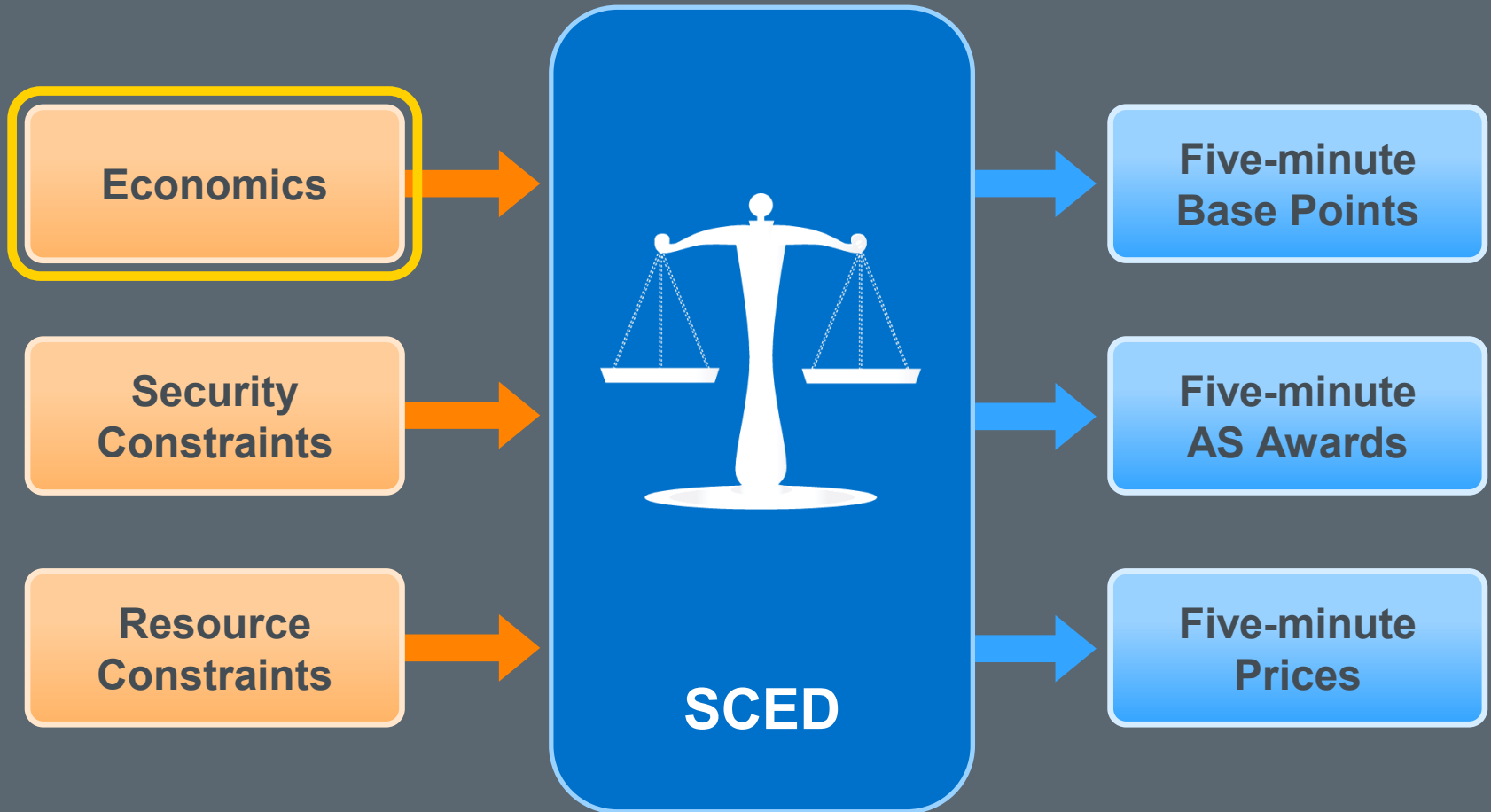
In accordance with PUCT Scarcity Pricing Mechanism,

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	

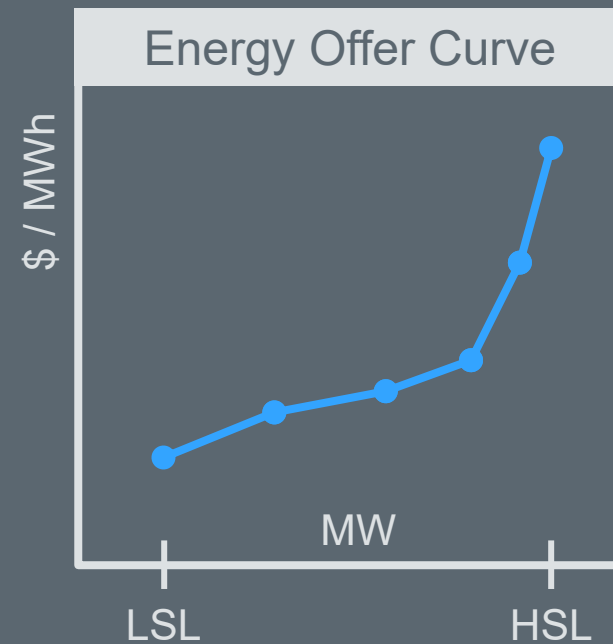
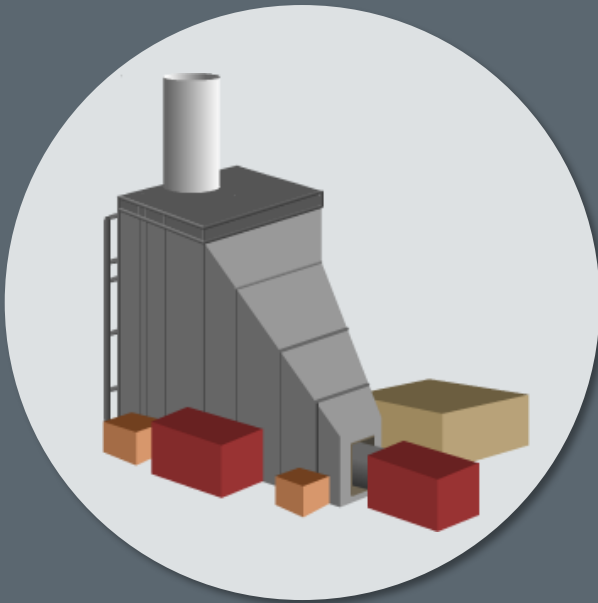
* Used when Peaker Net Margin exceeds annual threshold

SCED Inputs

Manages Reliability at Least Cost

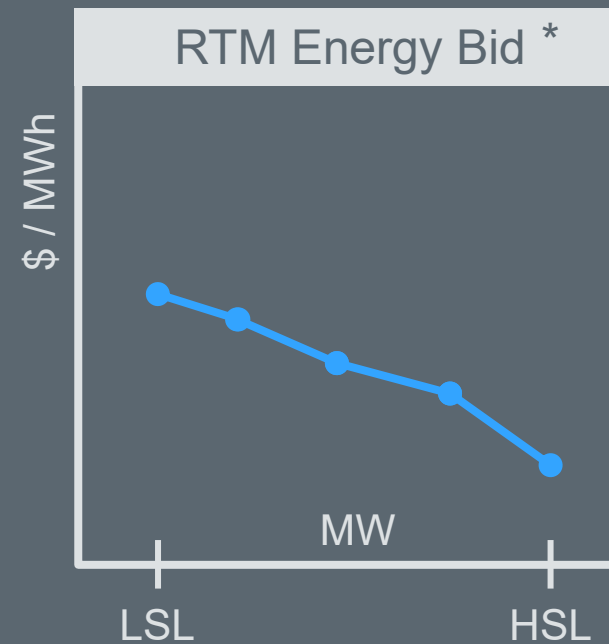


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HSL = High Sustained Limit
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* Capped at VOLL



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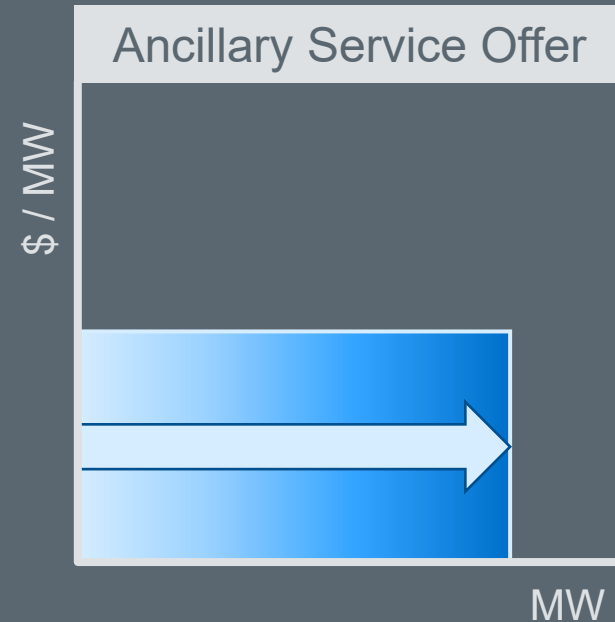


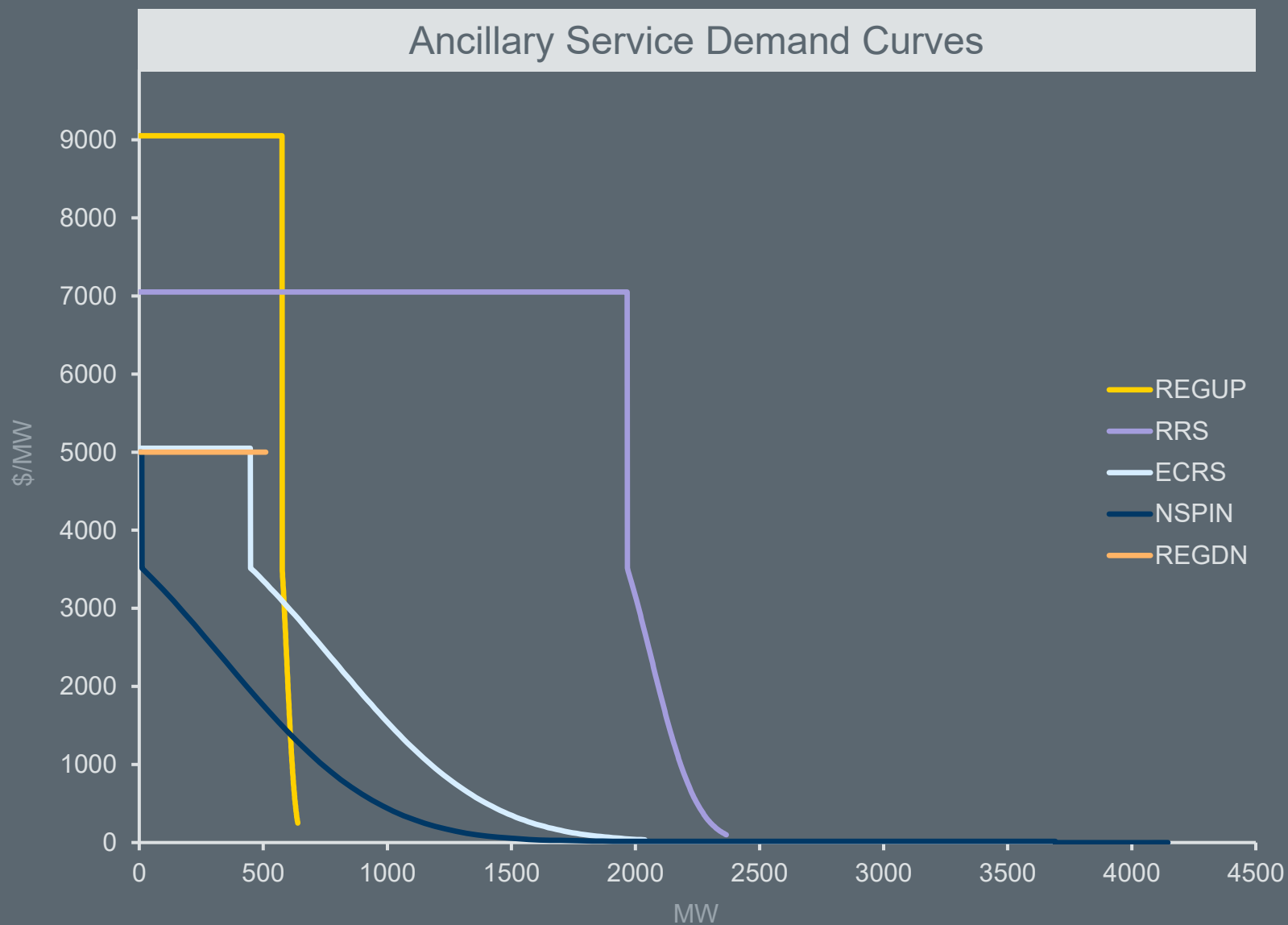
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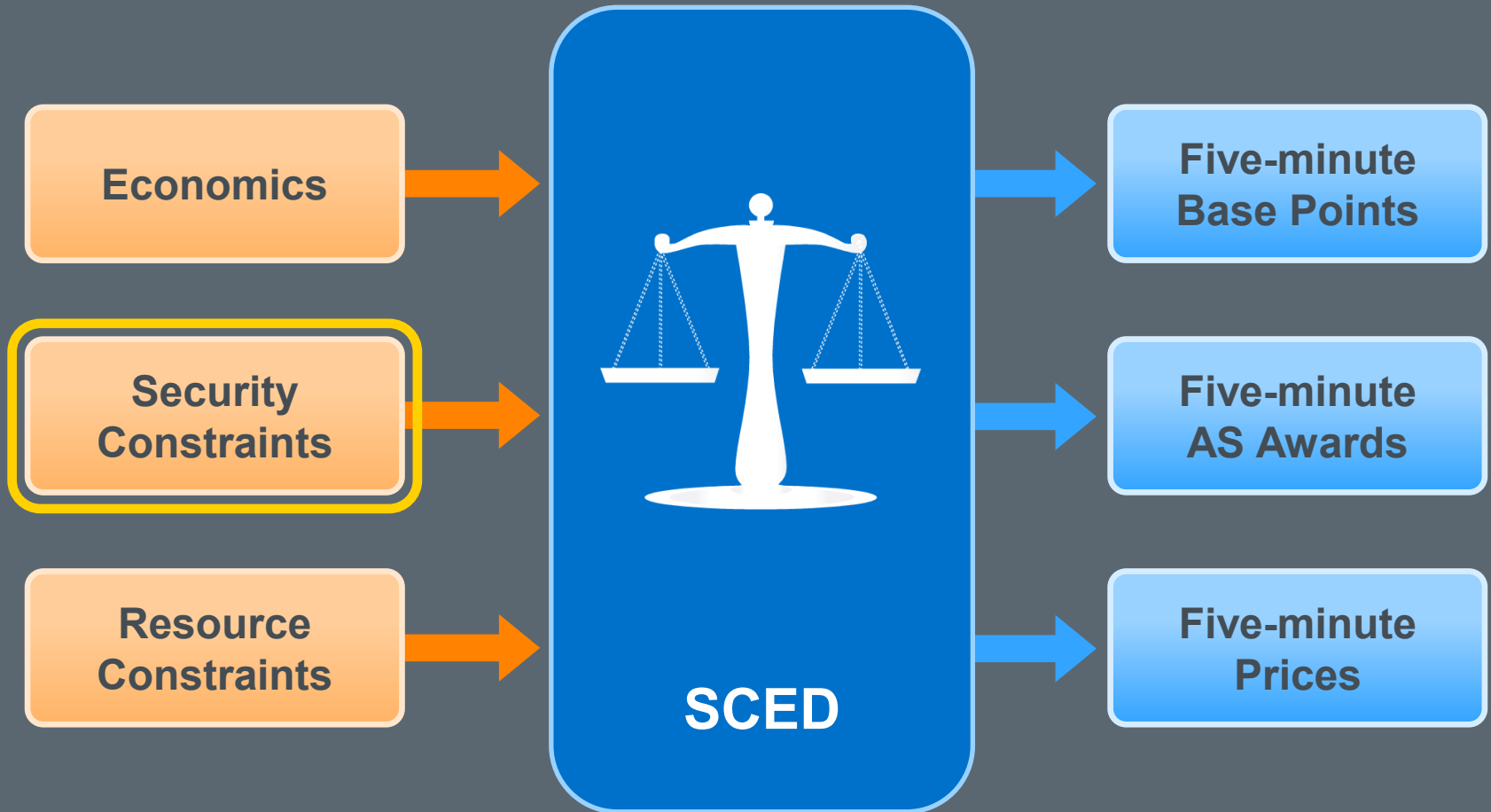
Resource-specific offer for each qualified AS Type

ERCOT creates proxy offers for each qualified Resource not offered by QSE





Solves Power Balance and Transmission Constraints

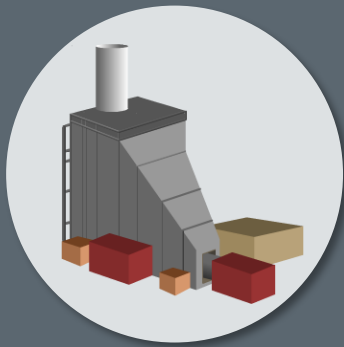


Security Analysis before each SCED cycle





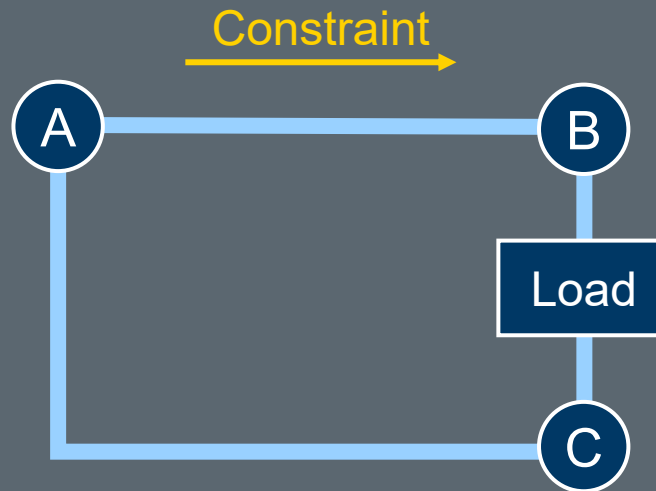
How Resource impacts a Transmission Constraint



Positive SF



Negative SF

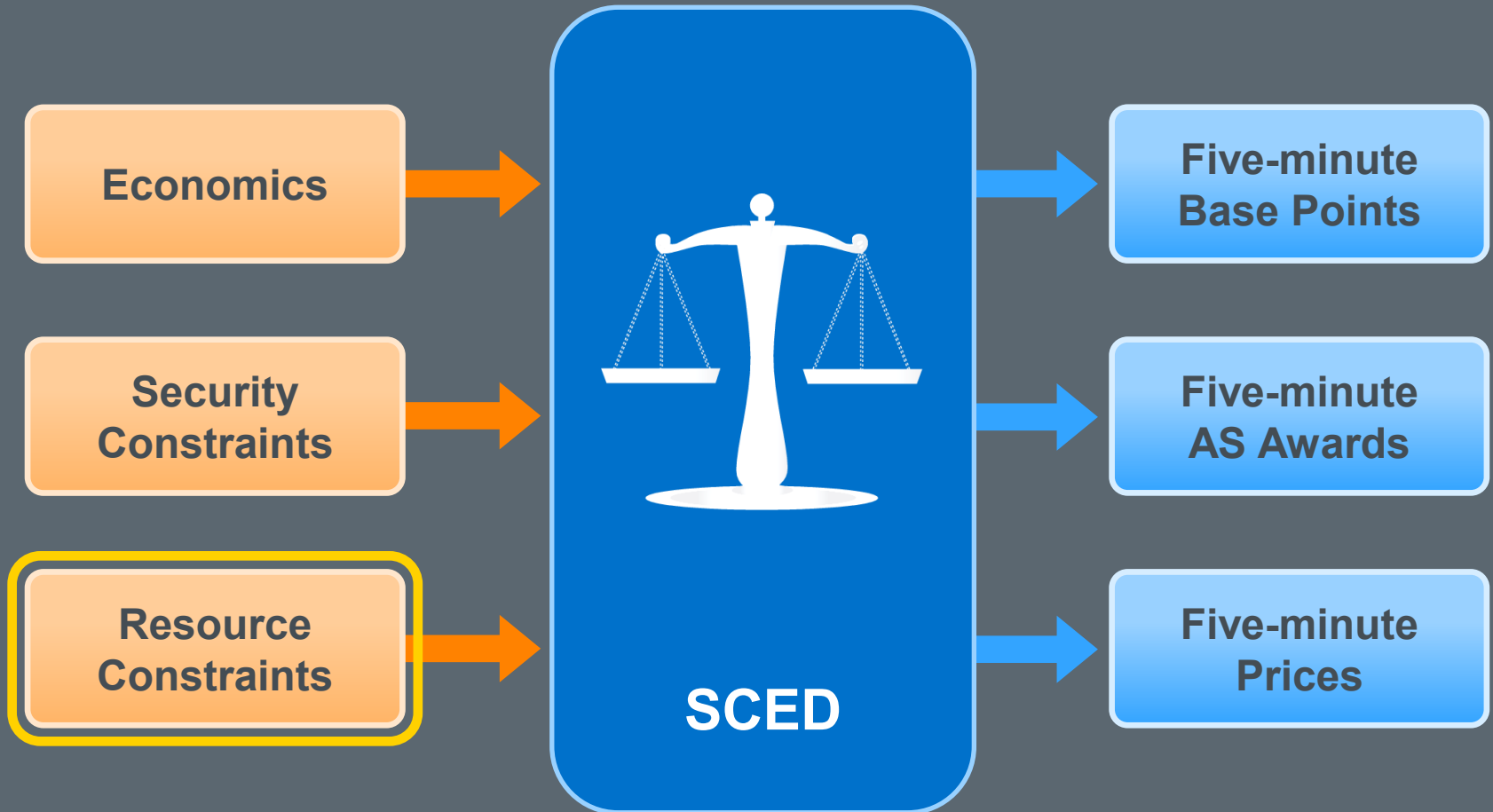


Substation

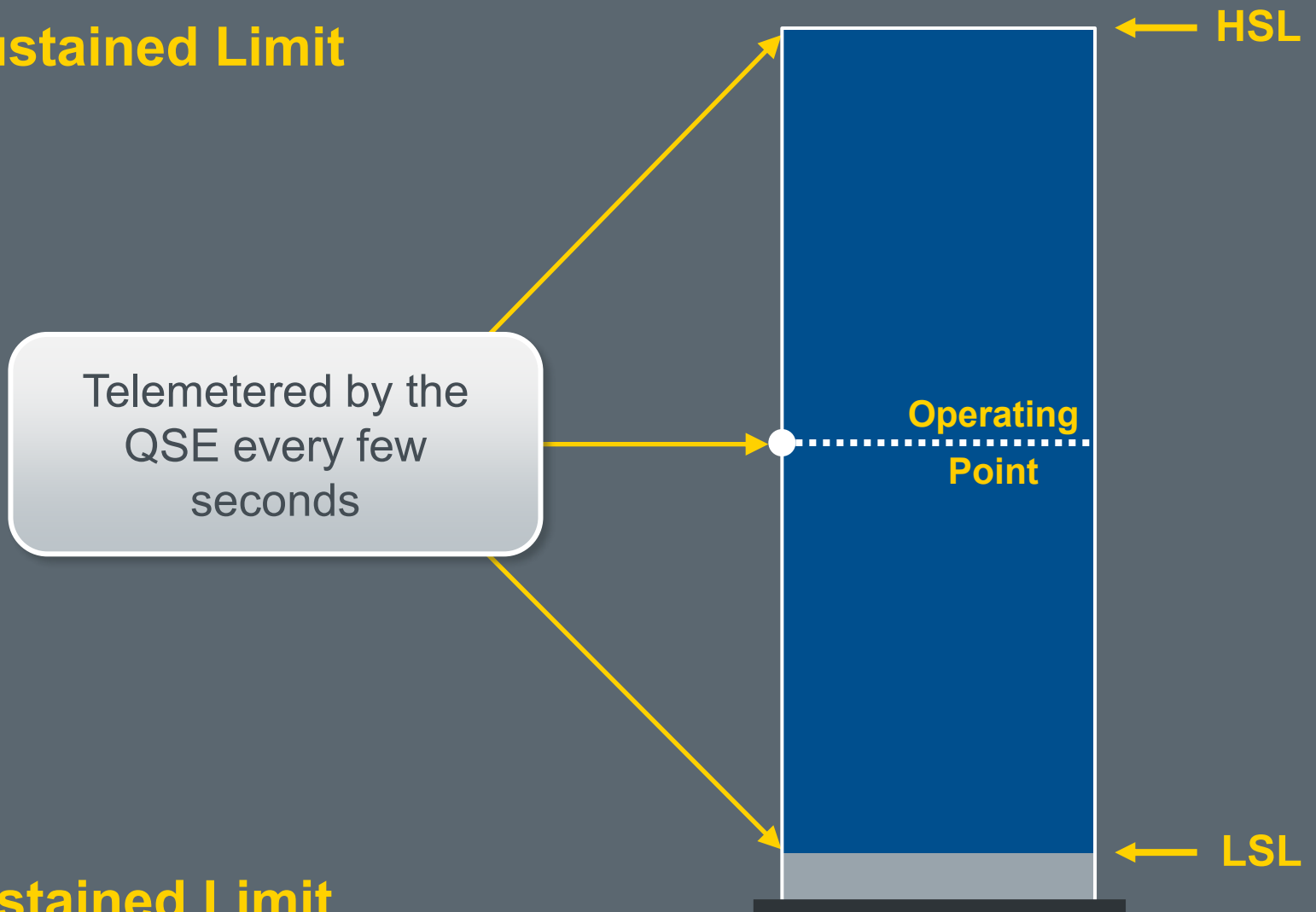


Transmission Line

Observes Resource capabilities when dispatching

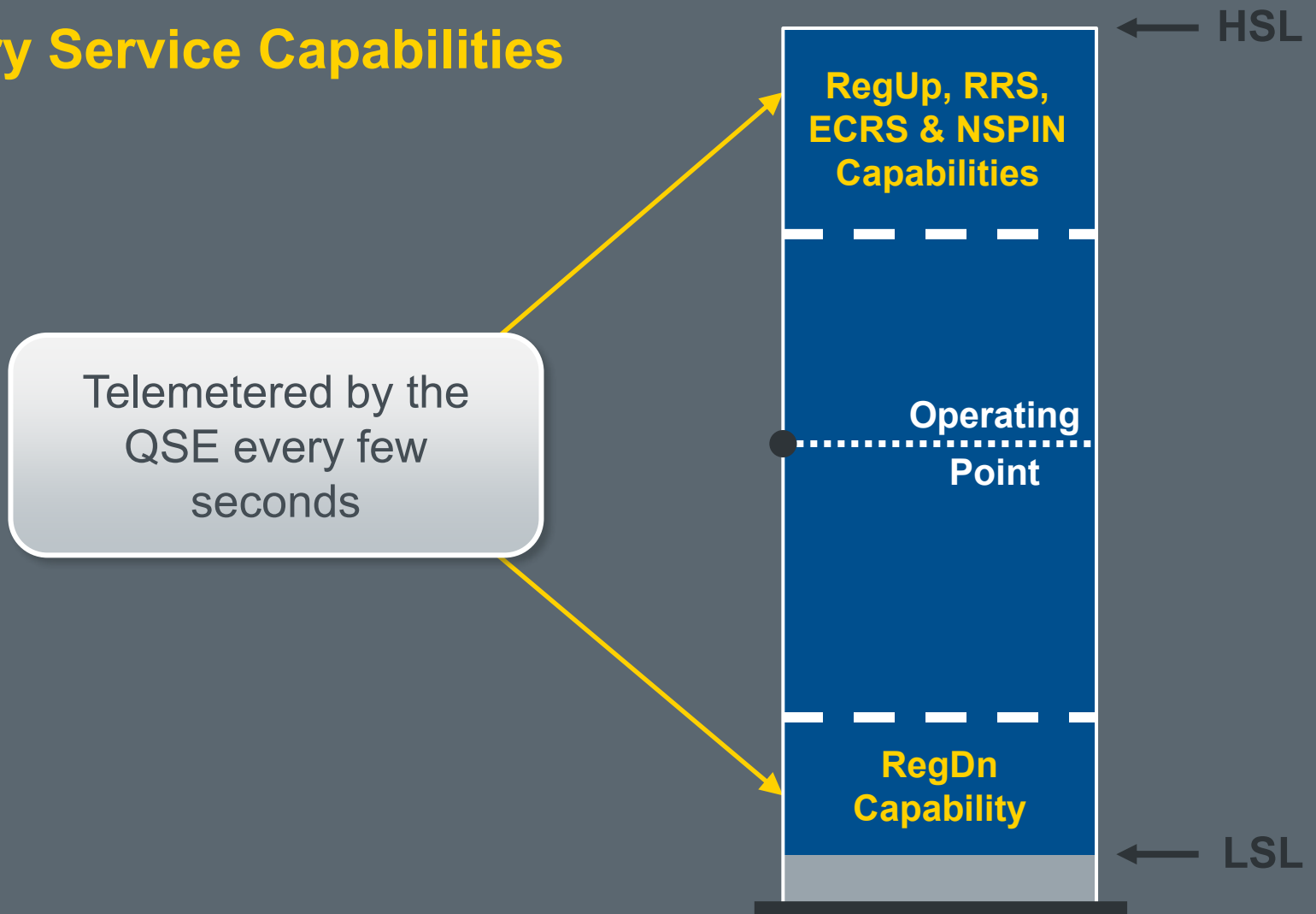


High Sustained Limit



Low Sustained Limit

Ancillary Service Capabilities

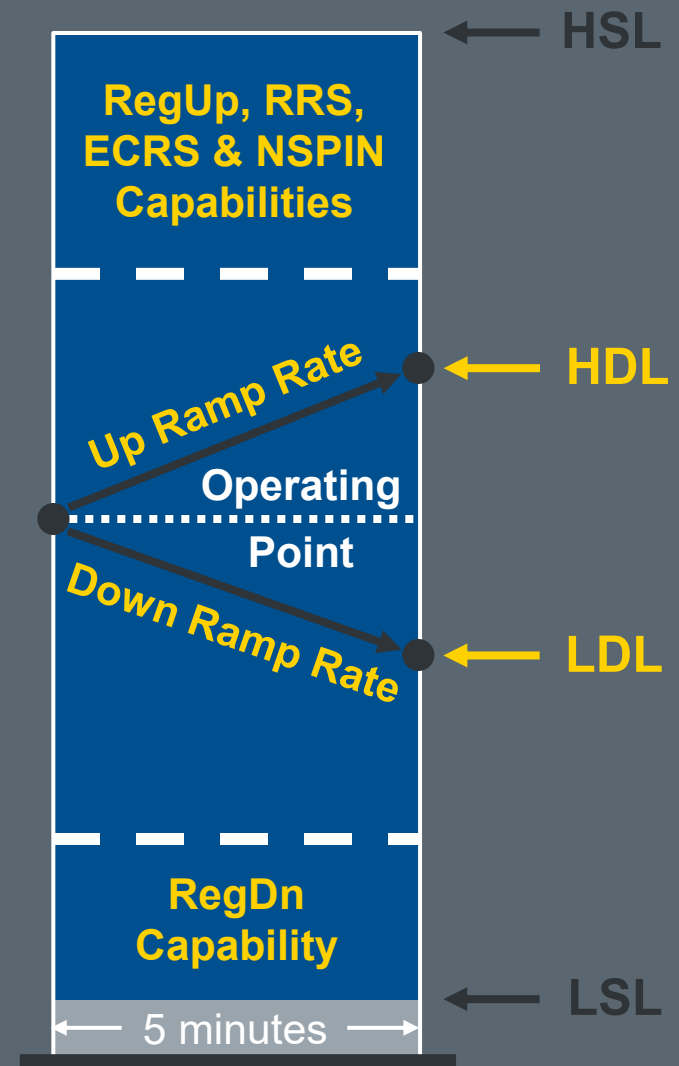


High Dispatch Limit

$\text{Base Point} + (5/7) \text{ RegUp Award} \leq \text{HDL}$

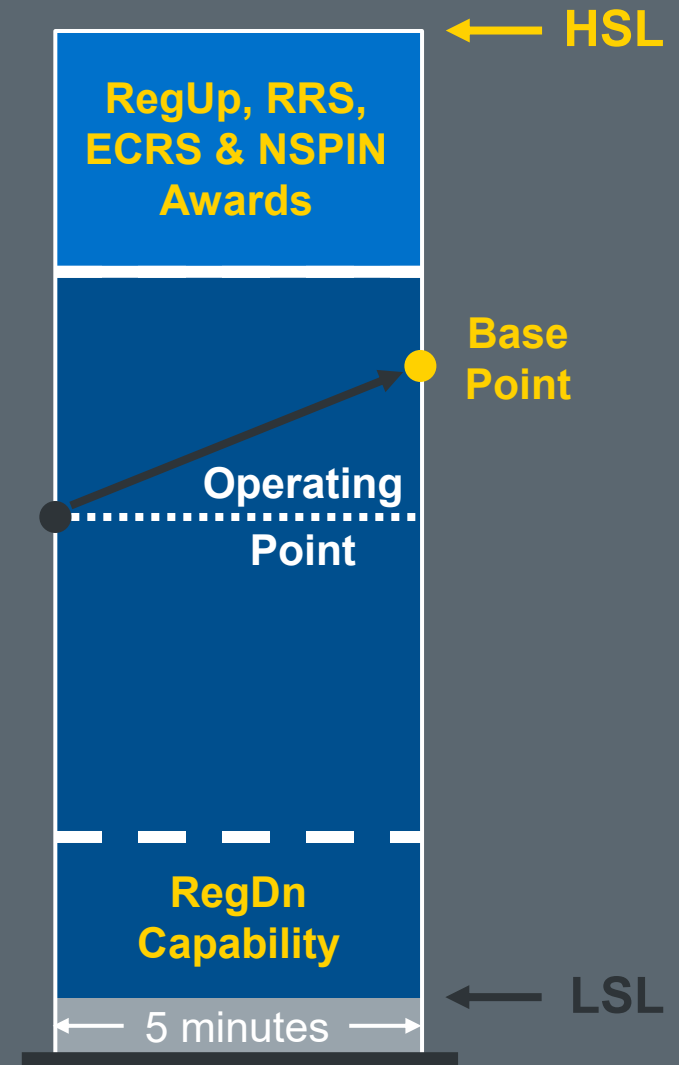
$\text{Base Point} - (5/7) \text{ RegDn Award} \geq \text{LDL}$

Low Dispatch Limit



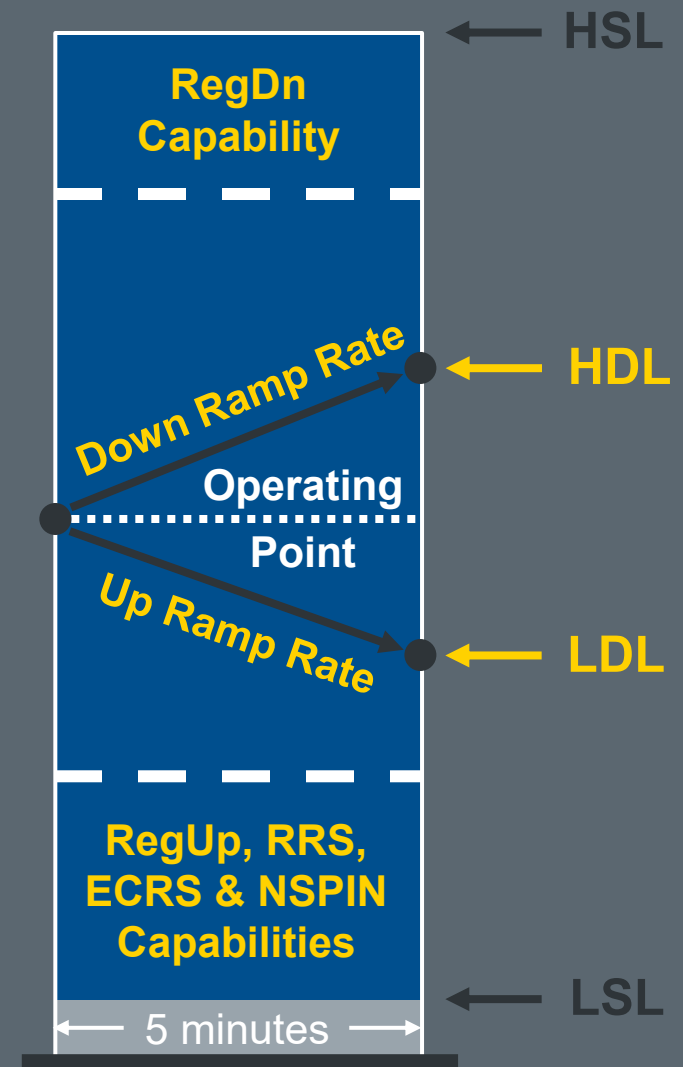
Resource Limit Calculator

$$\text{Base Point} + \text{RegUp Award} + \text{RRS Award} + \text{ECRS Award} + \text{NSPIN Award} \leq \text{HSL}$$



High Dispatch Limit

Low Dispatch Limit



Resource Limit Calculator



Ancillary Service awards have duration constraints

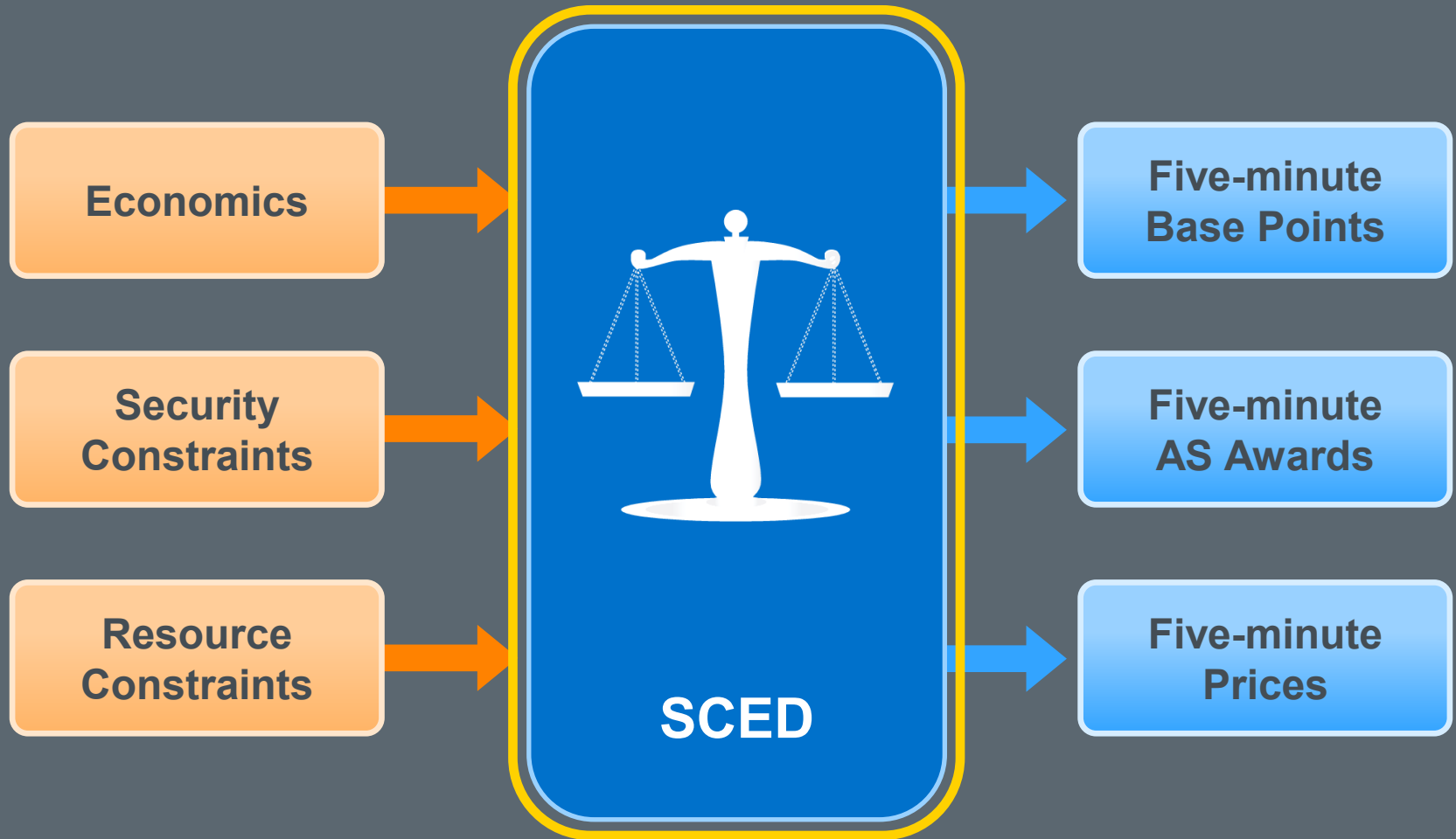


Ancillary Service	Duration
RegUp	30 minutes
RegDn	30 minutes
RRS	Depends
ECRS	1 hour
Non-Spin	4 hours

... calculated from State-of-Charge Telemetry

SCED Process

So what does SCED do with all this stuff?



The Texas Two Step



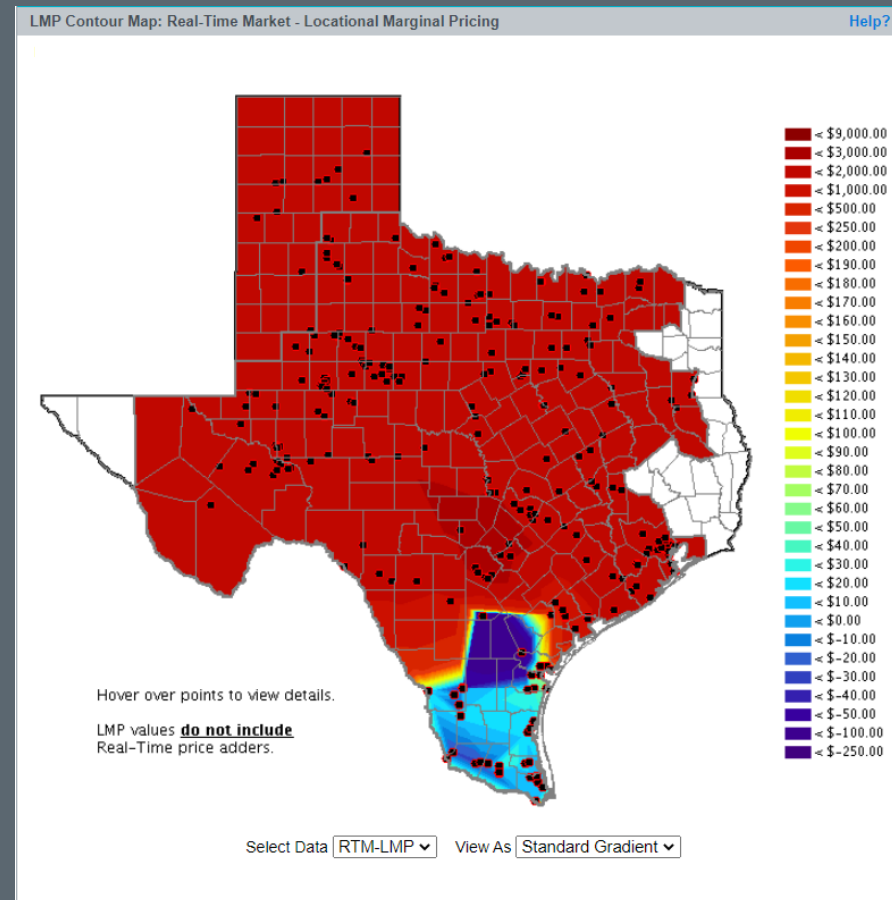
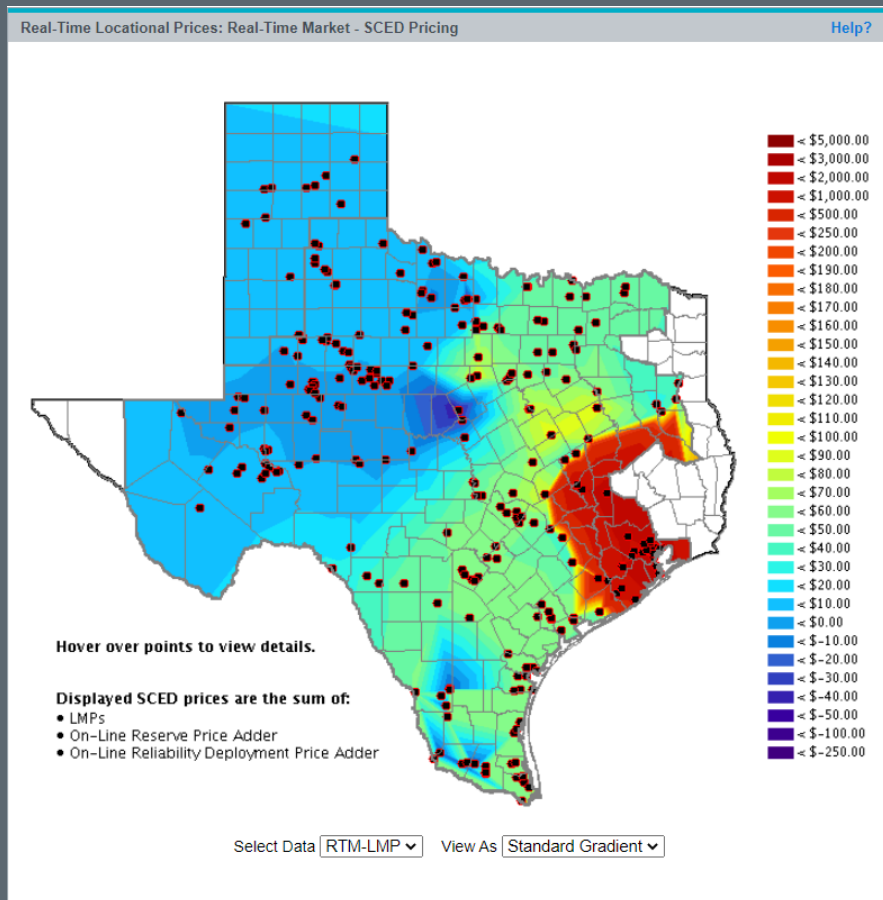


SCED executes twice each cycle

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



Discussion: Right Circumstances for High Prices?



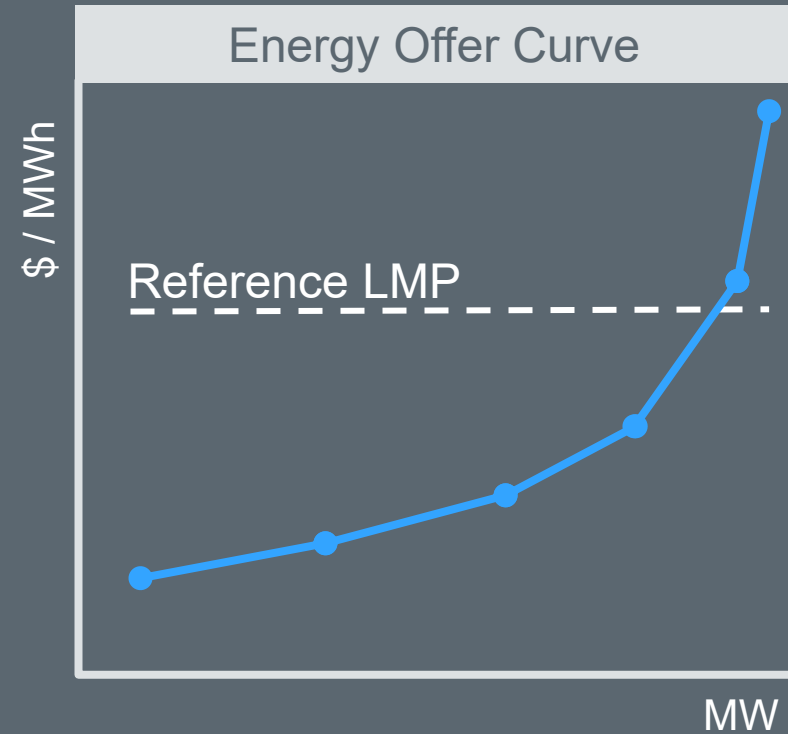
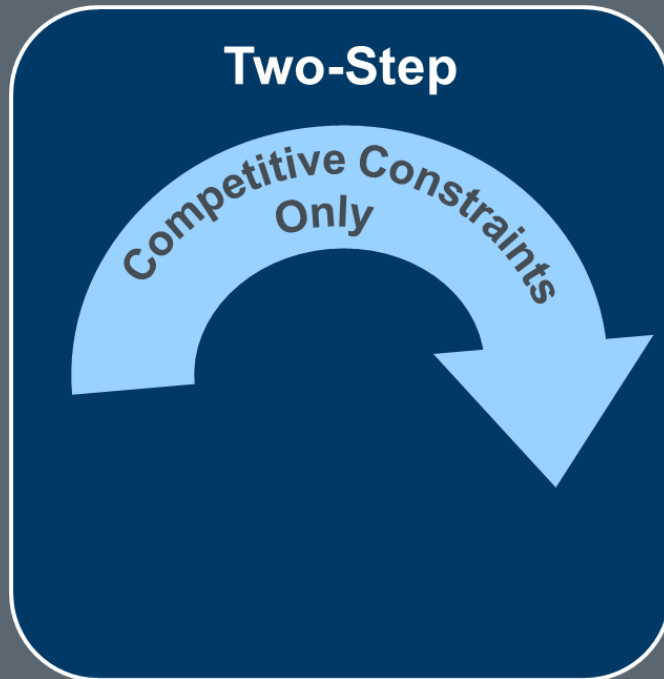
Transmission Constraints must be classified*



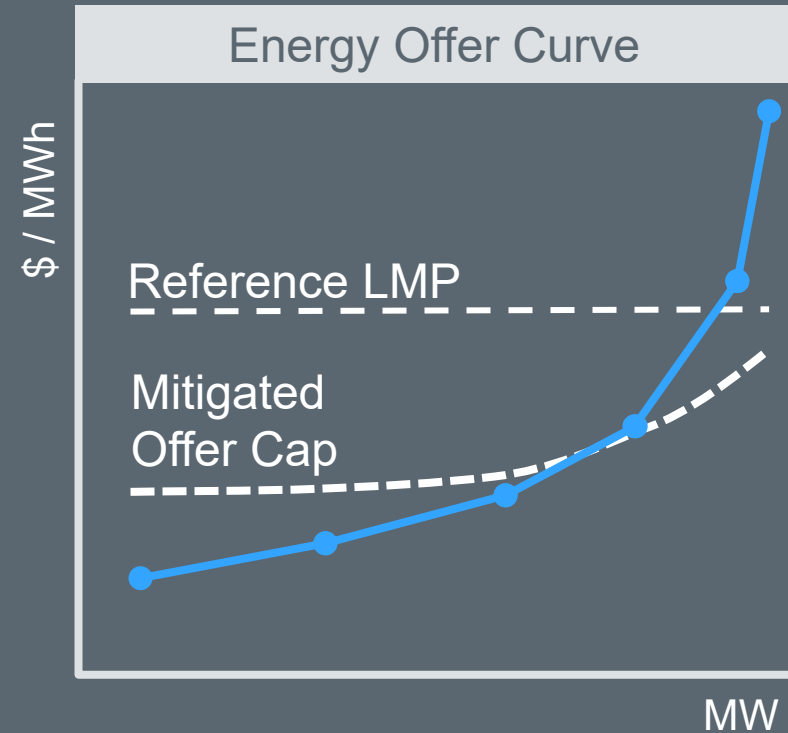
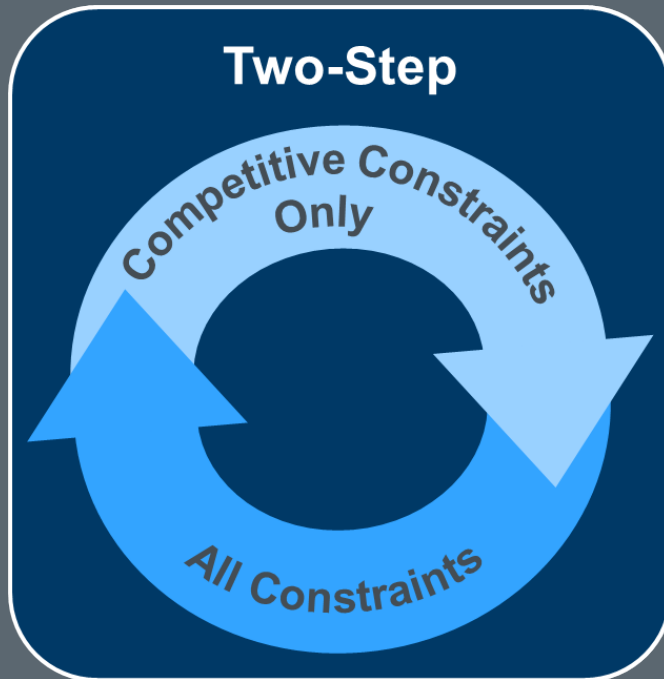
Competitive?
-- or --
Non-Competitive?

*See Protocol Section 3.19.4 for details

Step One



Step Two

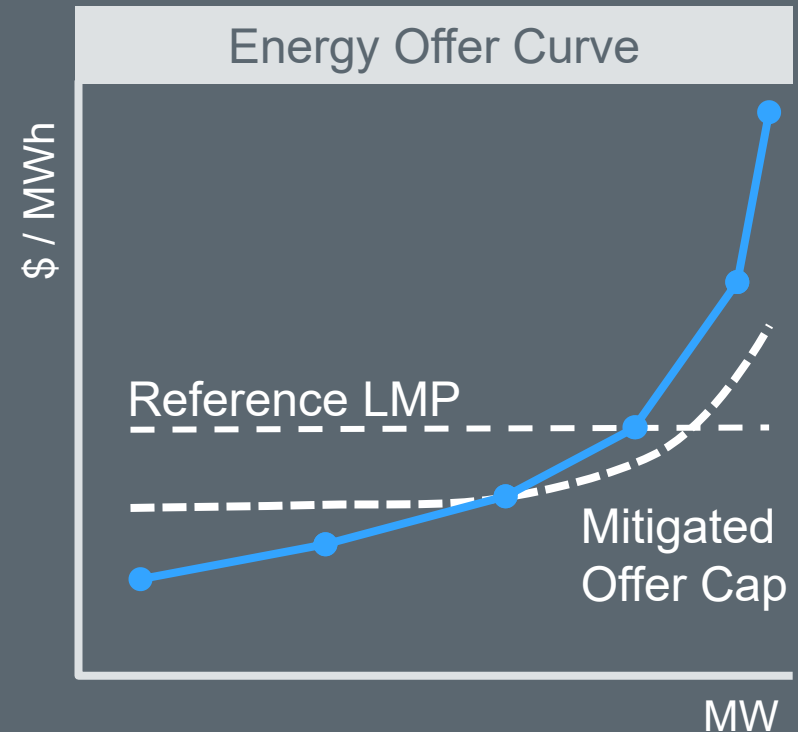


Capped at greater of
Reference LMP or Mitigated Offer Cap



SCED has completed Step One

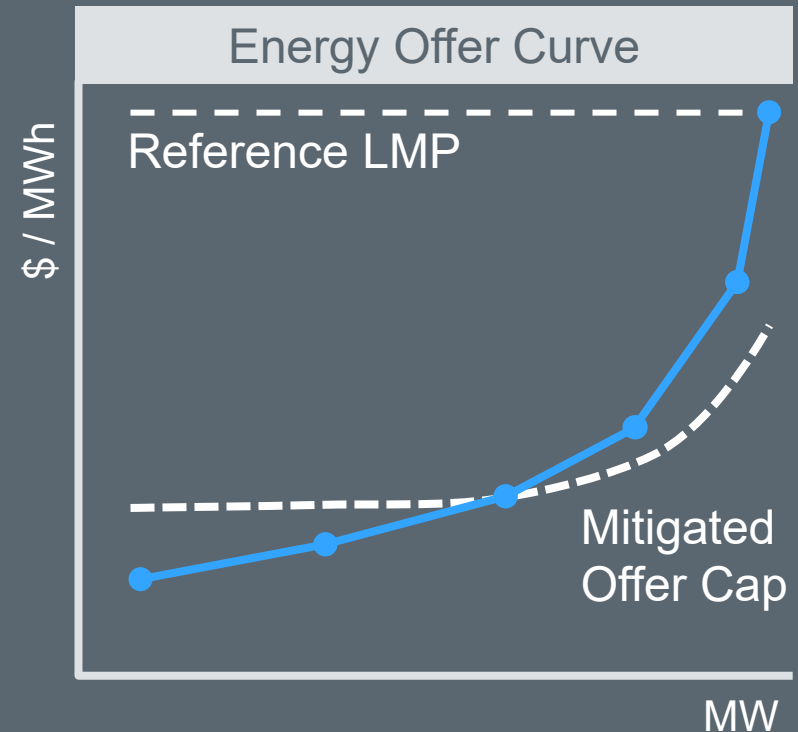
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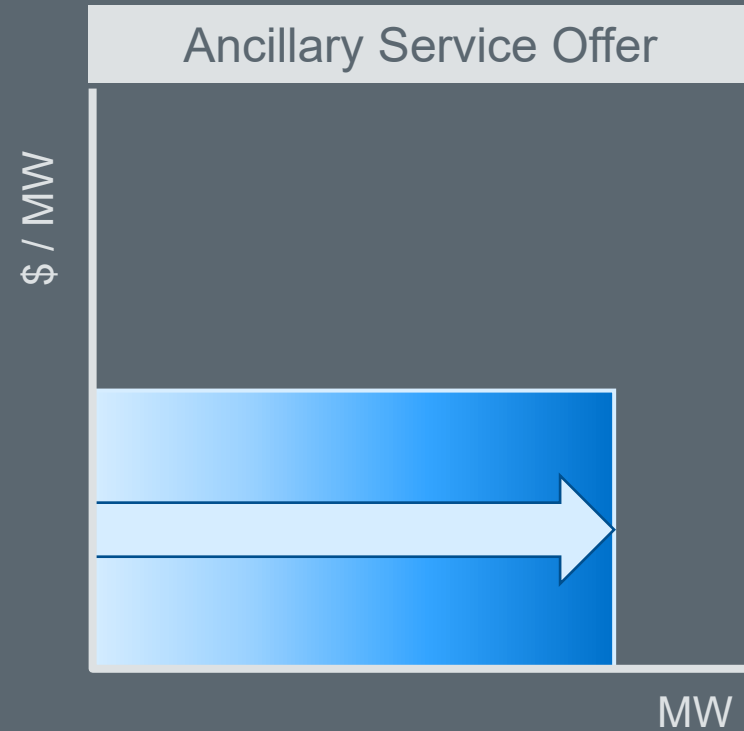
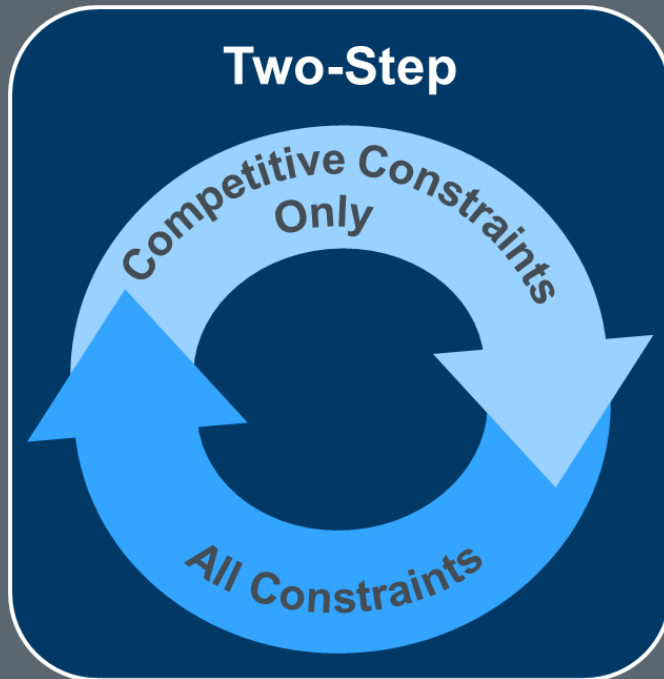




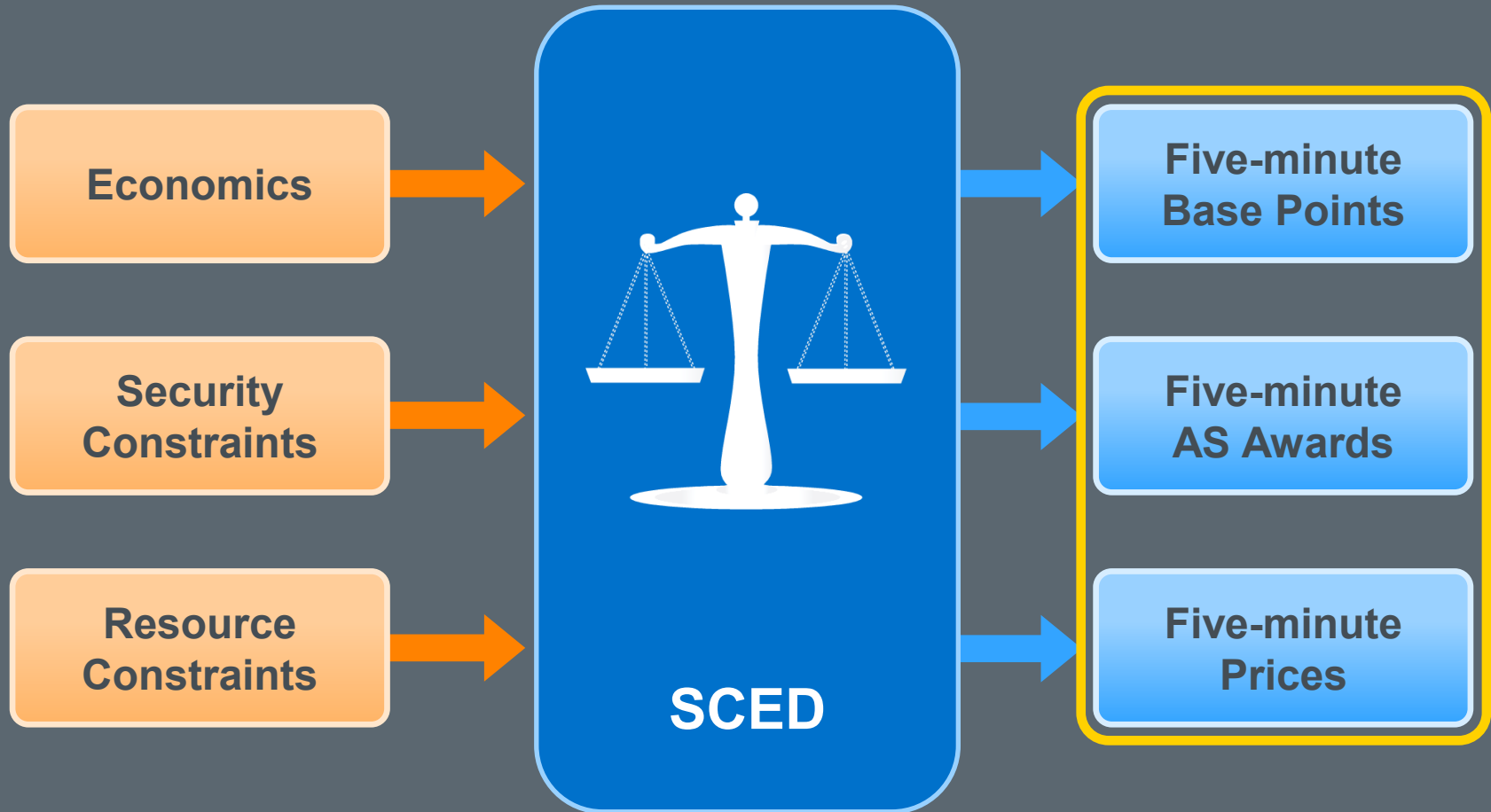
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SCED Results



Base Points, AS Awards and prices sent to QSEs



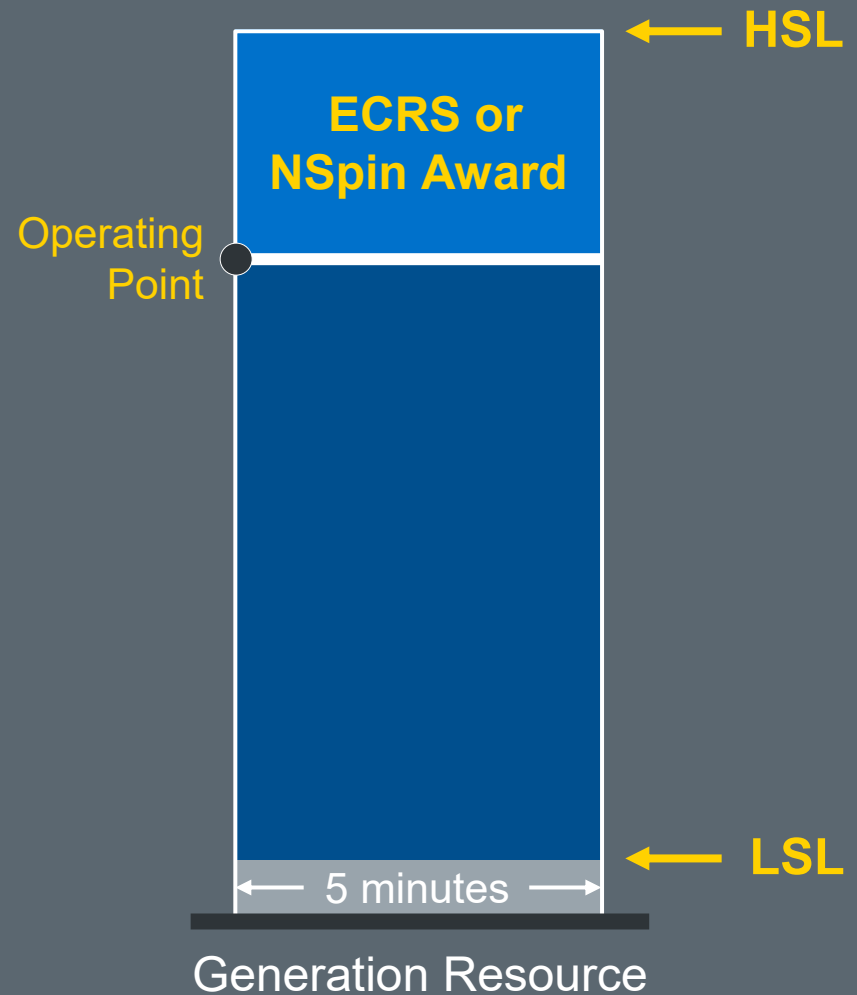
ICCP = Inter-Control Center Protocol

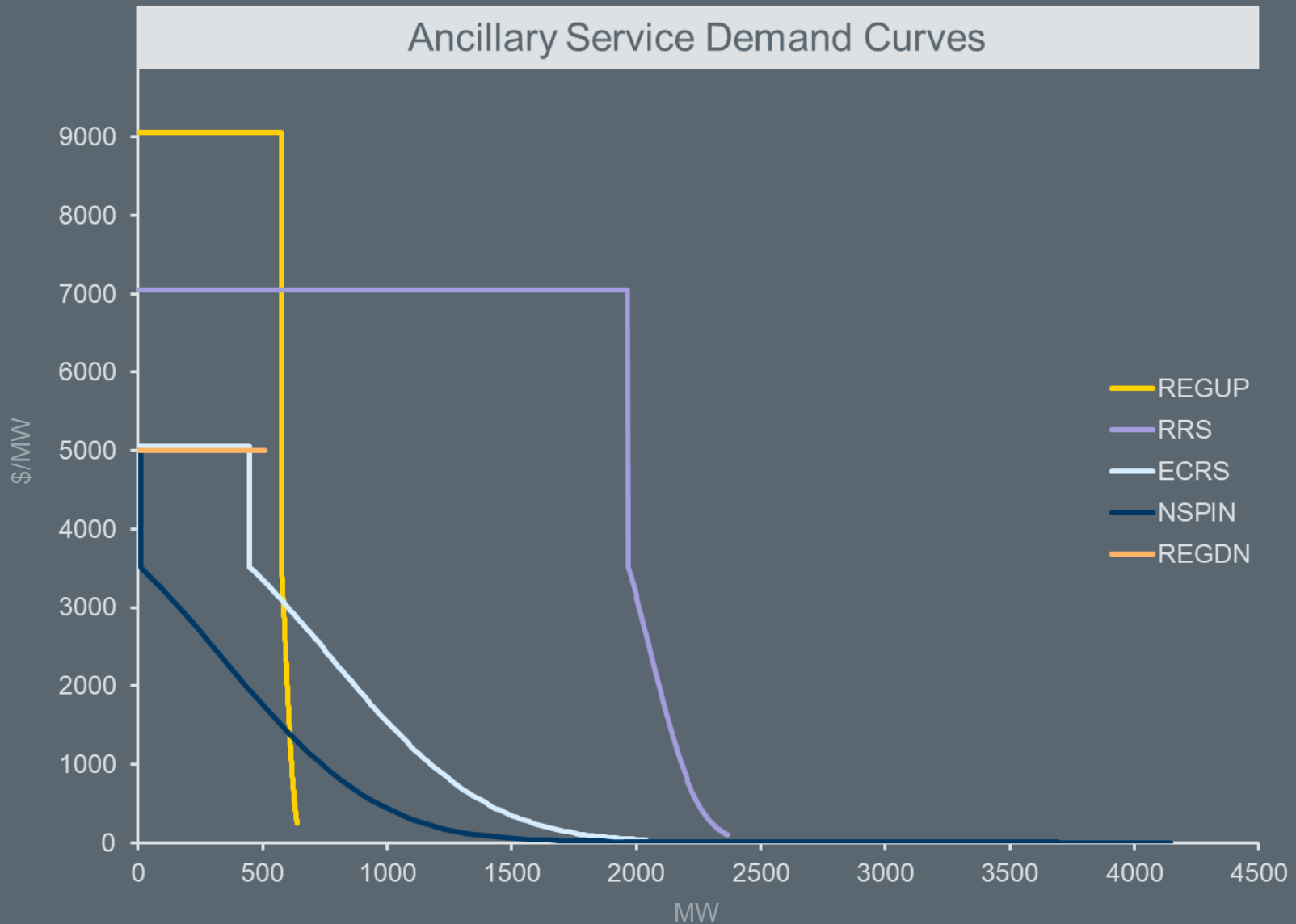
AS Type	Deployment Methodology
ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service	SCED
On-line Non-Spin	SCED
Off-line Non-Spin	Operator Dispatch Instruction
Regulation Up and Regulation Down	Load Frequency Control
Responsive Reserve Service	Frequency Trigger



Reserves are managed by SCED

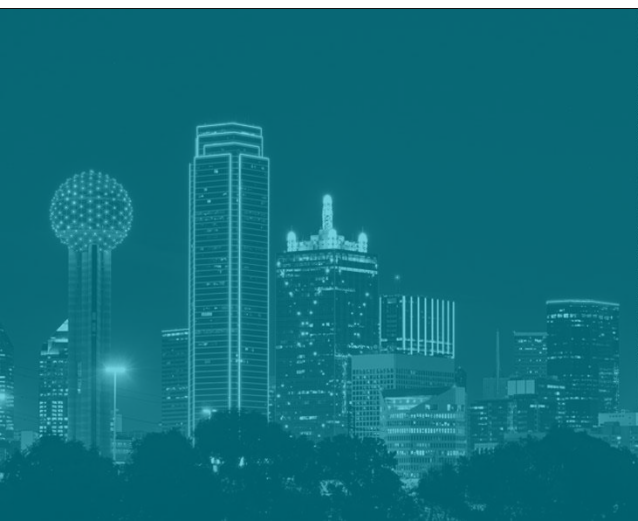
1. *SCED needs more energy*
2. *Convert AS into Energy*
 - *Less AS Award*
 - *New Base Point*
3. *Which AS does it choose?*

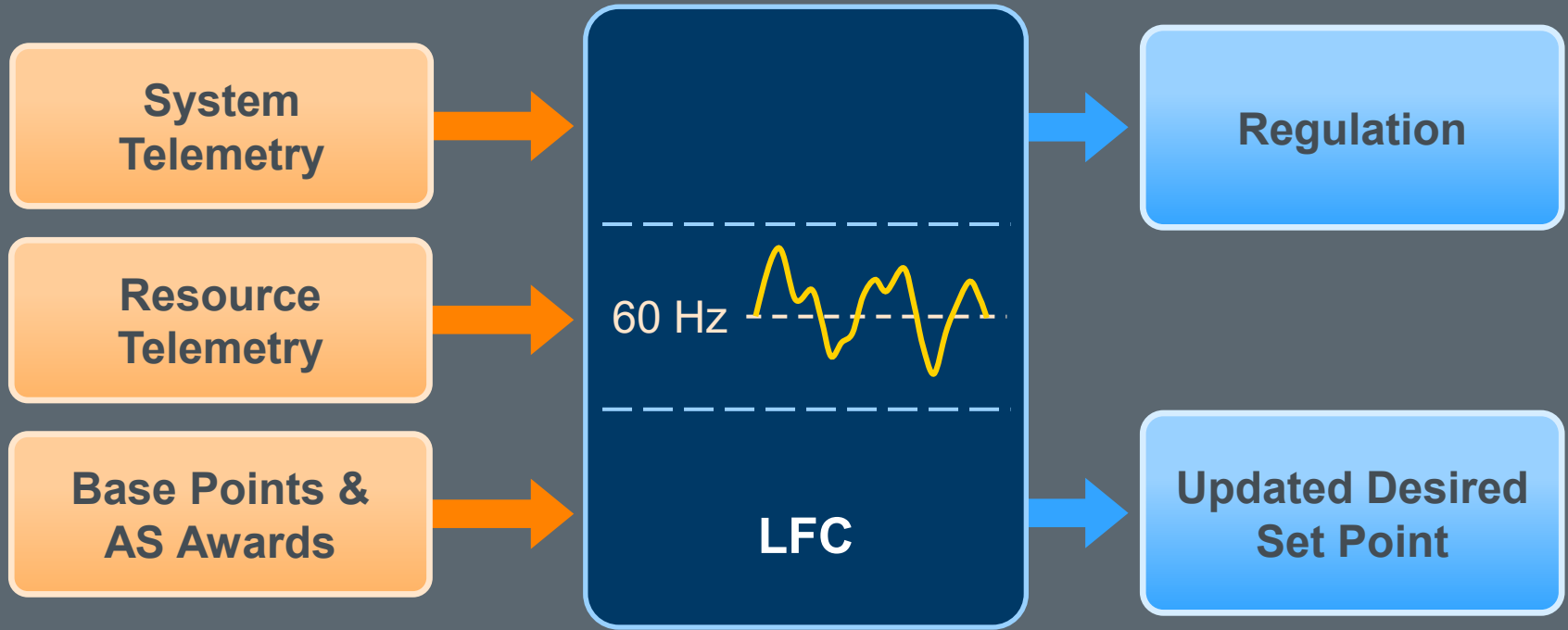






Load Frequency Control





Runs every 4 seconds!



Deployed by pro-rata share

- Resource-specific
- No price consideration



Instructed output level of Resource to meet:

- SCED Base Point Ramping
- Regulation deployments
- Expected FFR deployments

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
- Responds within 15 Cycles

RRSUF – Load Resource on Under-Frequency Relay

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

Regulation Deployments and UDSP sent to QSEs





Financial Impacts



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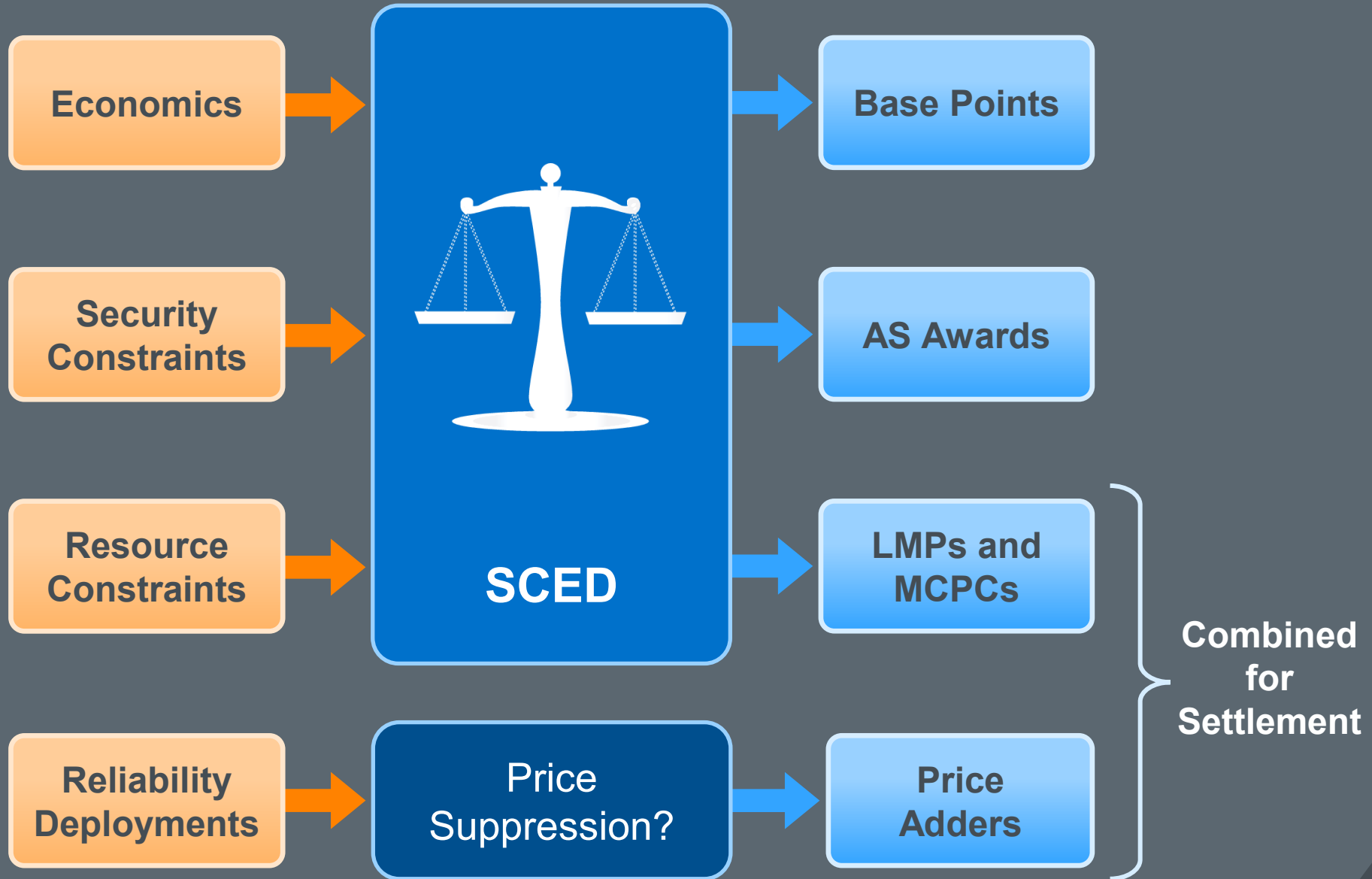
Real-Time Pricing

2

Energy and Ancillary Service Settlement

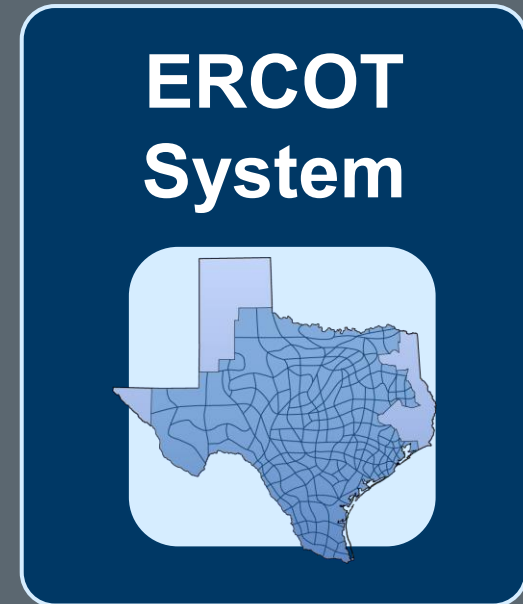
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Set Point Deviation



RTRDPA – Real-Time
Reliability
Deployment
Price Adder

RTRDPA[AS] – Real-Time
Reliability
Deployment
Price Adder
per AS Product



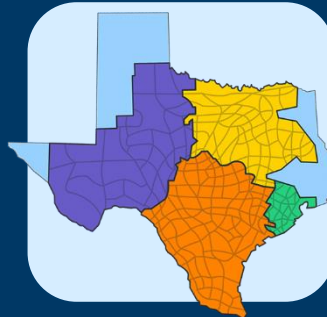
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$$\text{Real-Time Settlement Point Prices (RTSPPs)} \\ = \text{Ave (RTLMPs)} + \text{Ave (RTRDPAs)}$$

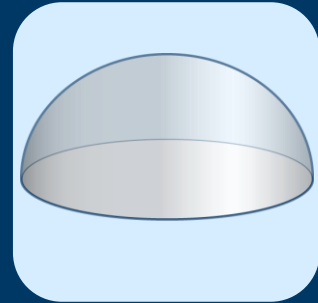
**Resource
Nodes**



**Load
Zones**



Hubs



... for each 15-minute interval

Real-Time Market Clearing Prices for Capacity (MCPCs)

Regulation-Up

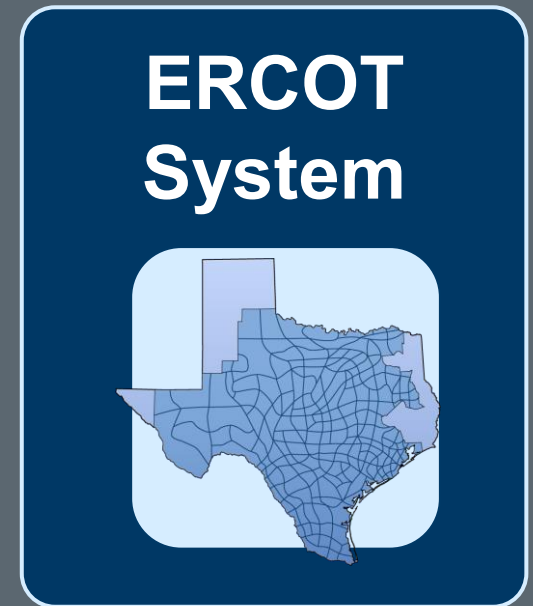
$$\text{RTMCPCRU} = \text{Ave (RTMCPCRUS)} + \text{Ave (RTRDPARUS)}$$

RTMCPCRD – Regulation-Down

RTMCPCRR – Responsive Reserve

RTMCPCECR – Contingency Reserve

RTMCPCNS – Non-Spin Reserve



... for each 15-minute interval

1

Real-Time Pricing

2

Energy and Ancillary Service Settlement

3

Set Point Deviation

Real-Time Energy Imbalance

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

Supplies **Obligations**

Each Settlement Point
settled separately

Real-Time Ancillary Service Imbalance

$$= (-1) \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Real-Time AS Awards} \\ + \\ \text{Trade AS Purchases} \end{array} \right] - \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{DAM AS Awards} \\ + \\ \text{DAM Self-arranged AS} \\ + \\ \text{Trade AS Sales} \end{array} \right] * \text{RTMCPC}$$

Supplies

Obligations

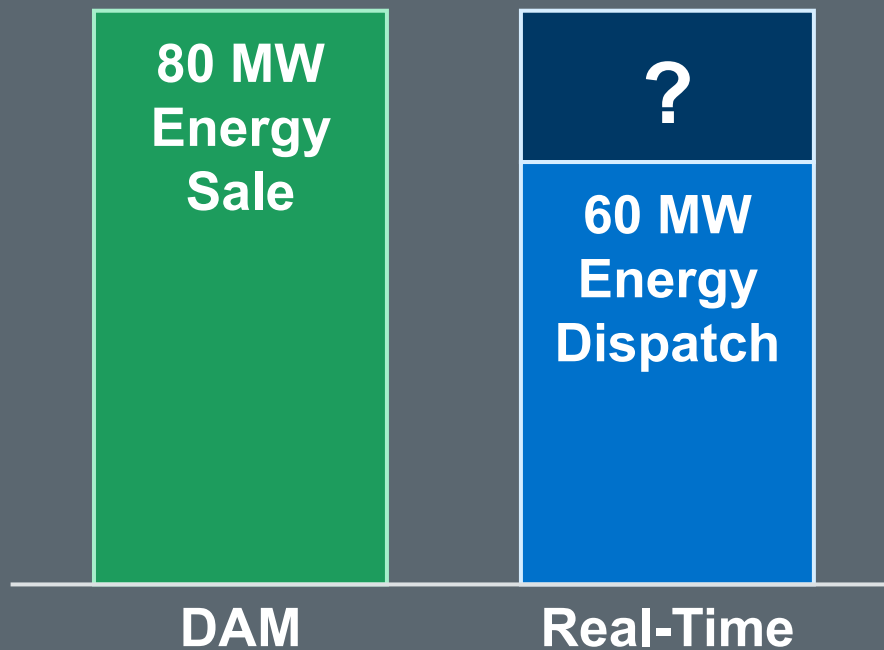
Settled ERCOT-wide
per AS product



QSE has transactions for their Resource

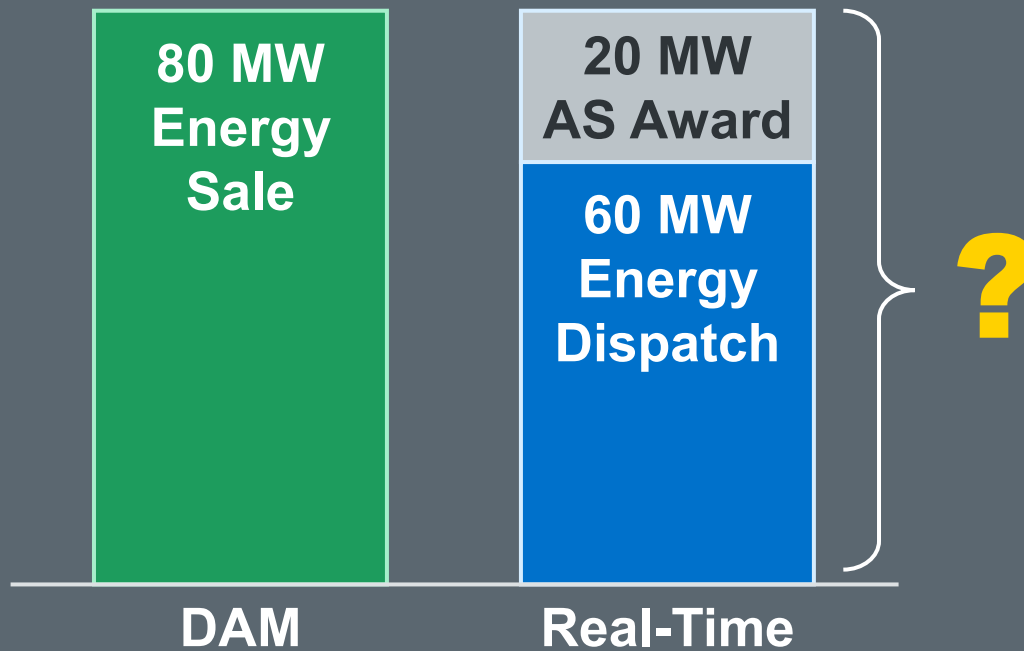


Generation Resource



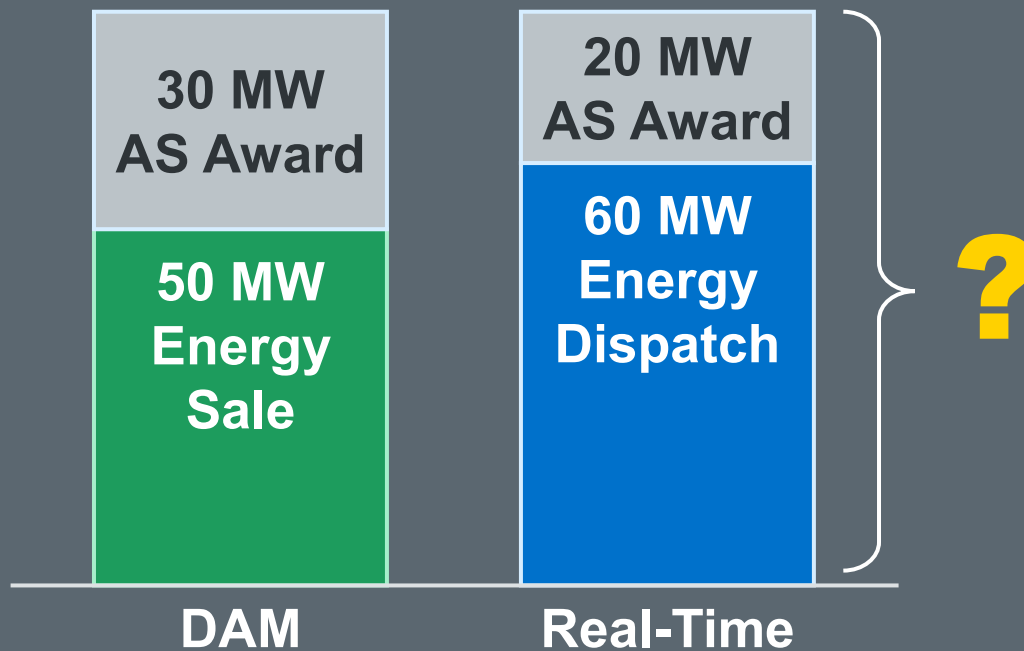


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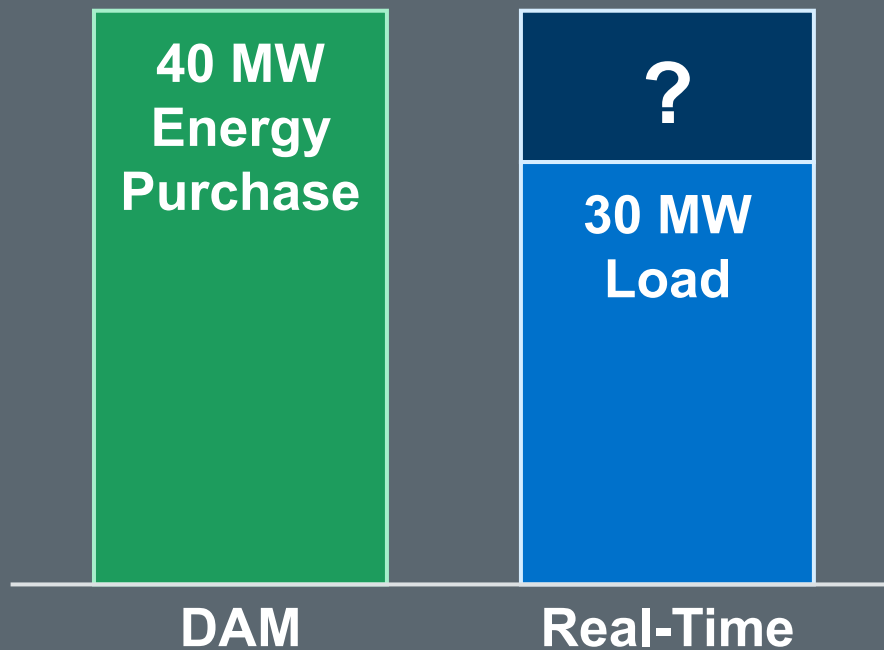




QSE has transactions for their Load



Houston Load Zone





QSE has transactions for their Load



Houston Hub

Houston Load Zone

30 MW
Energy
Purchase



30 MW
Load

Trade

Real-Time

1

Real-Time Pricing

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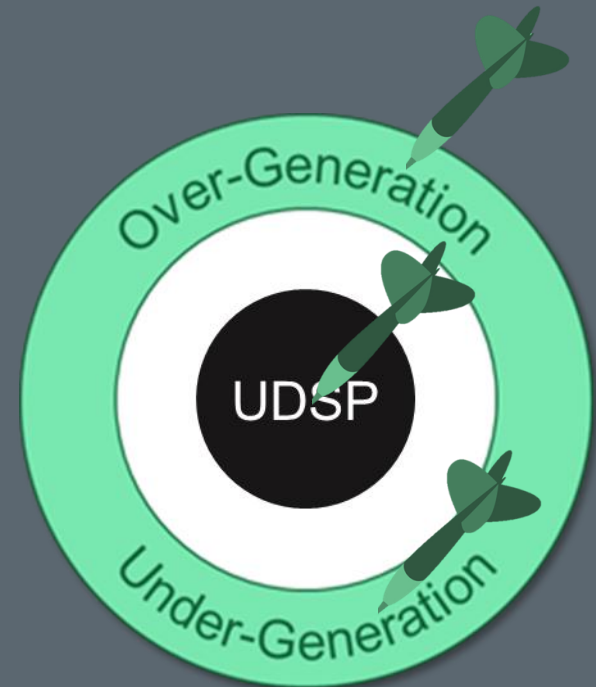
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Set Point Deviation

Resource shall follow Updated Desired Set Point



QSE may be charged if Resource outside tolerance

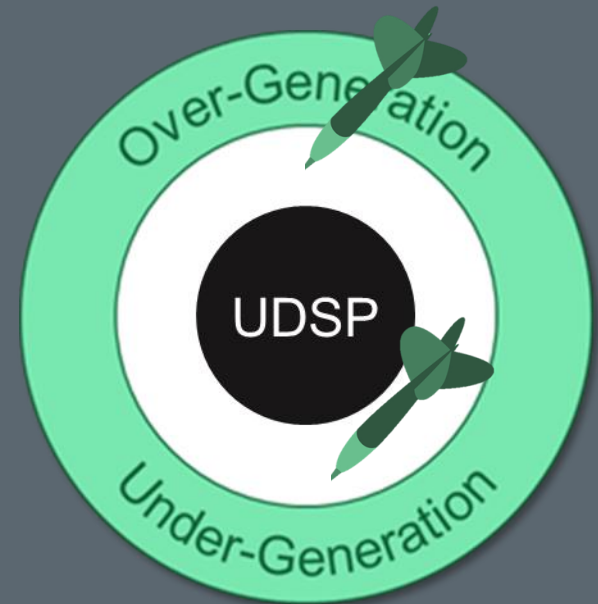


Protocol Tolerances

- Greater of $\pm 5\%$ or $\pm 5\text{MW}$
- 5% for IRRs that over-generate with no Ancillary Service awards
- Greater of $\pm 3\%$ or $\pm 3\text{MW}$ for ESRs

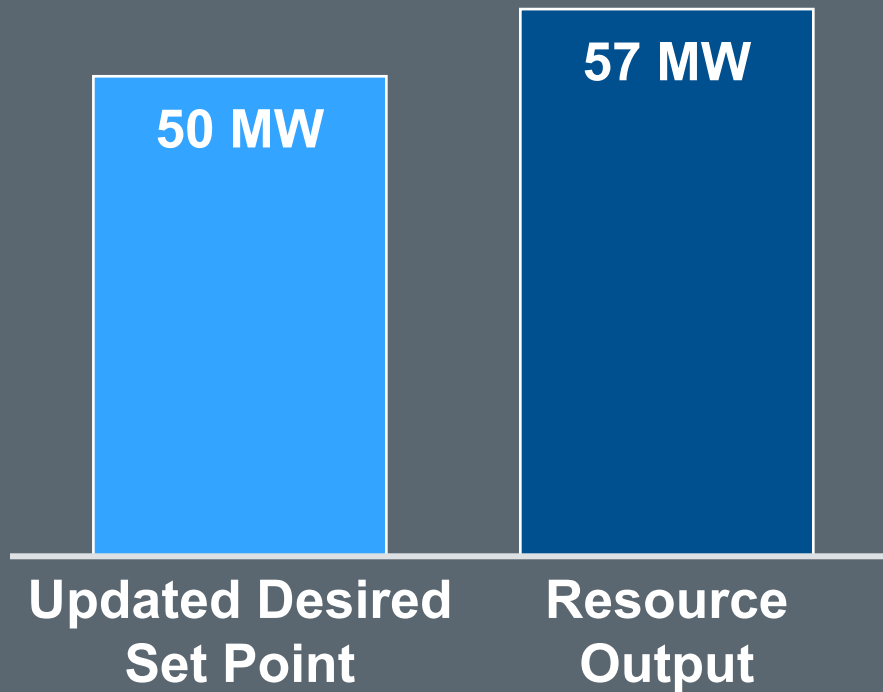
Waived if two conditions are met

1. Frequency deviation greater than 0.05Hz
2. Resource's deviation helps correct frequency





Does the QSE incur a Set Point Deviation Charge?

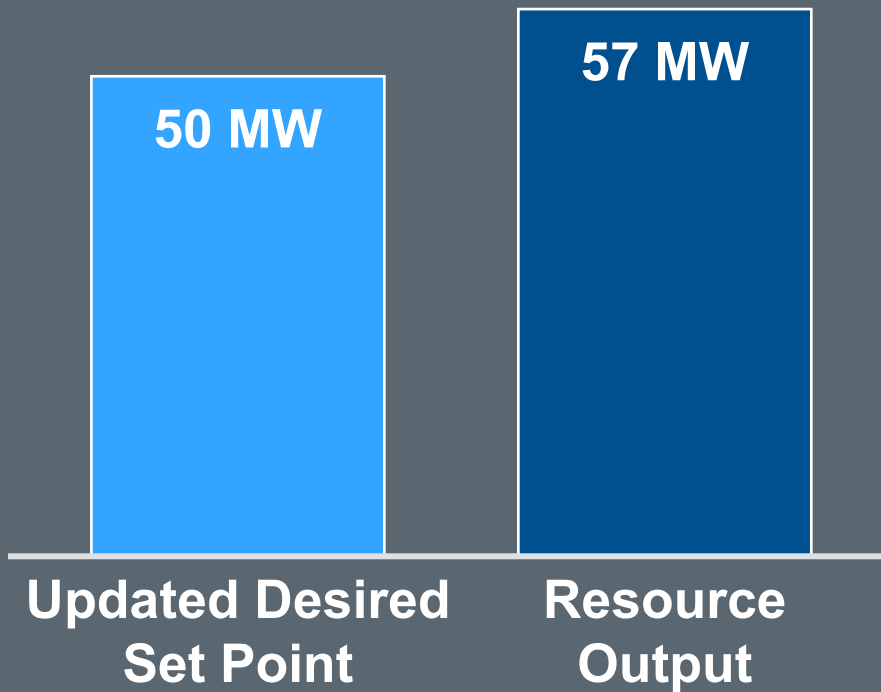


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Frequency at max deviation during interval



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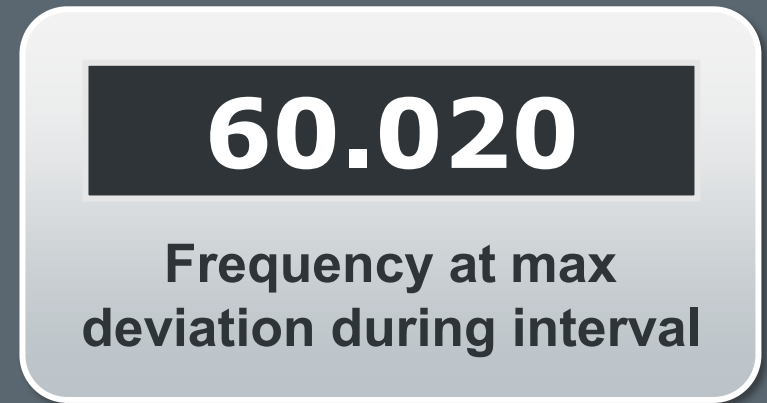
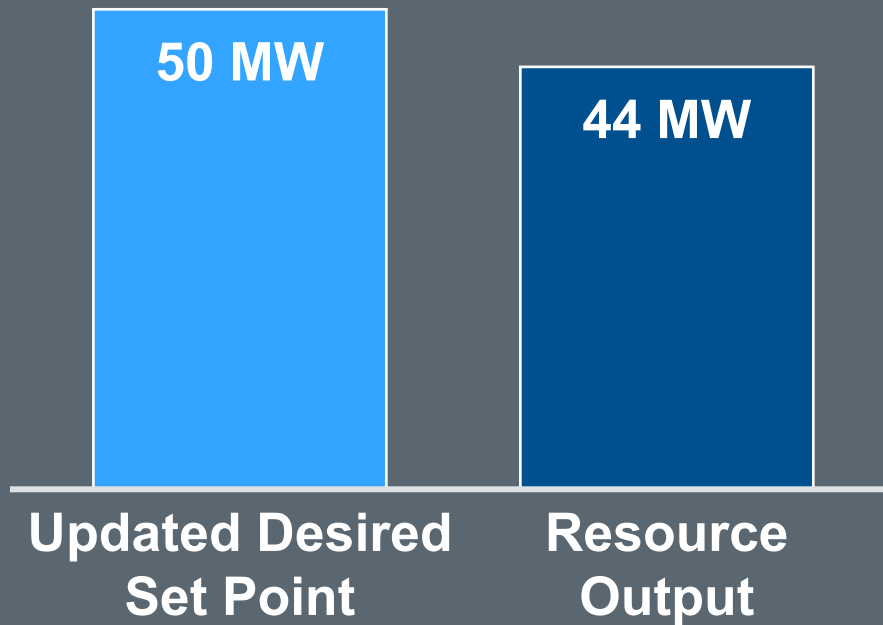


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Set Point
Deviation
Charges

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Payments

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