



Real-Time 101



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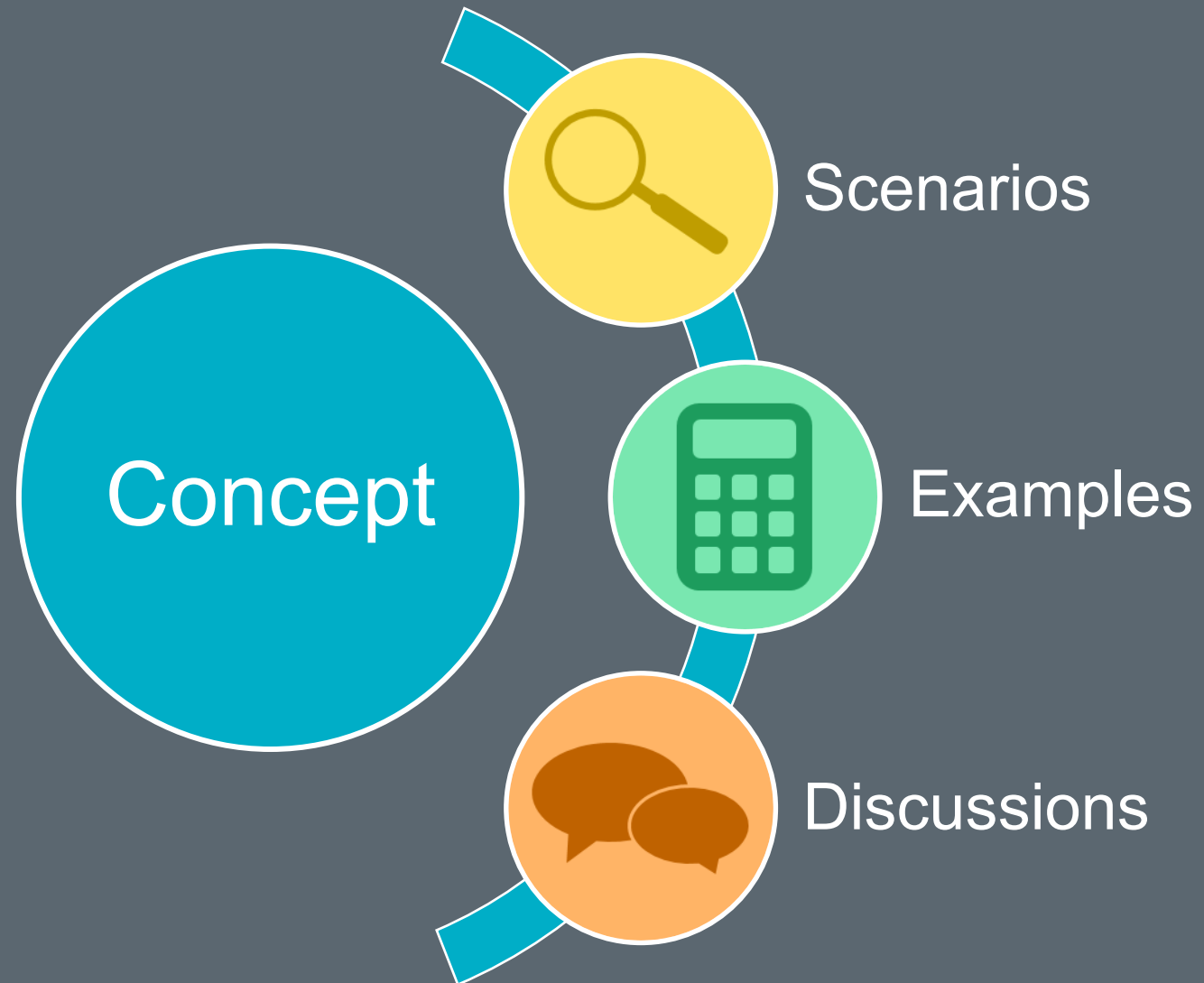


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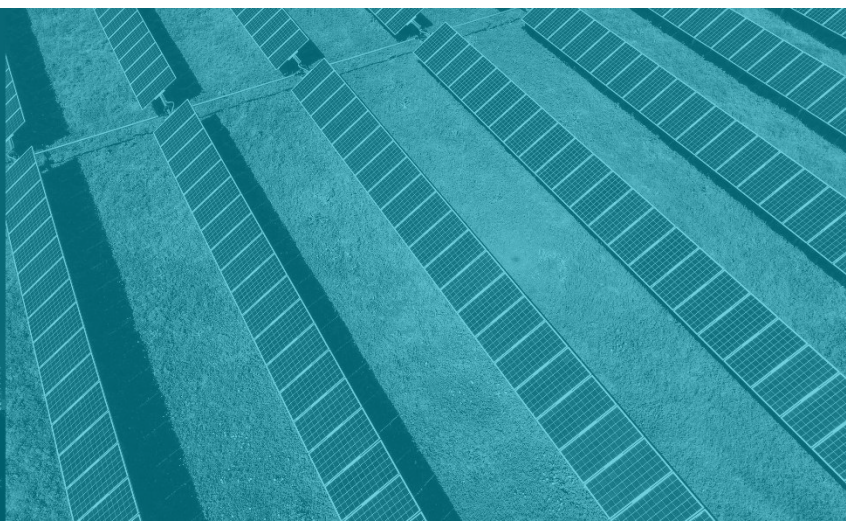
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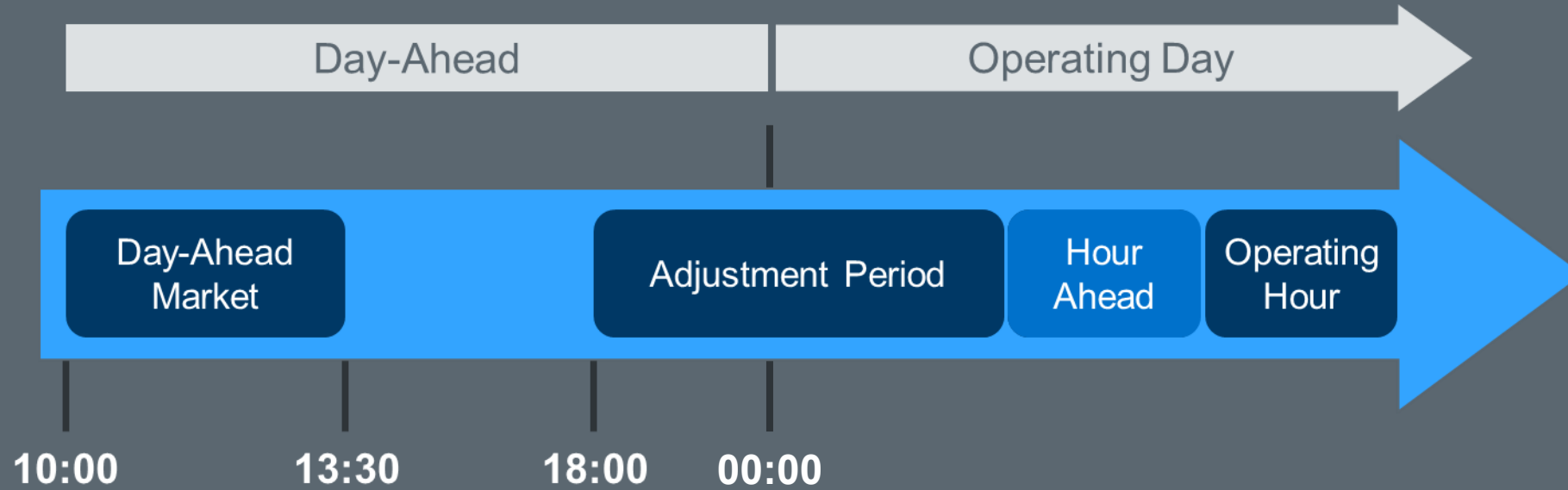
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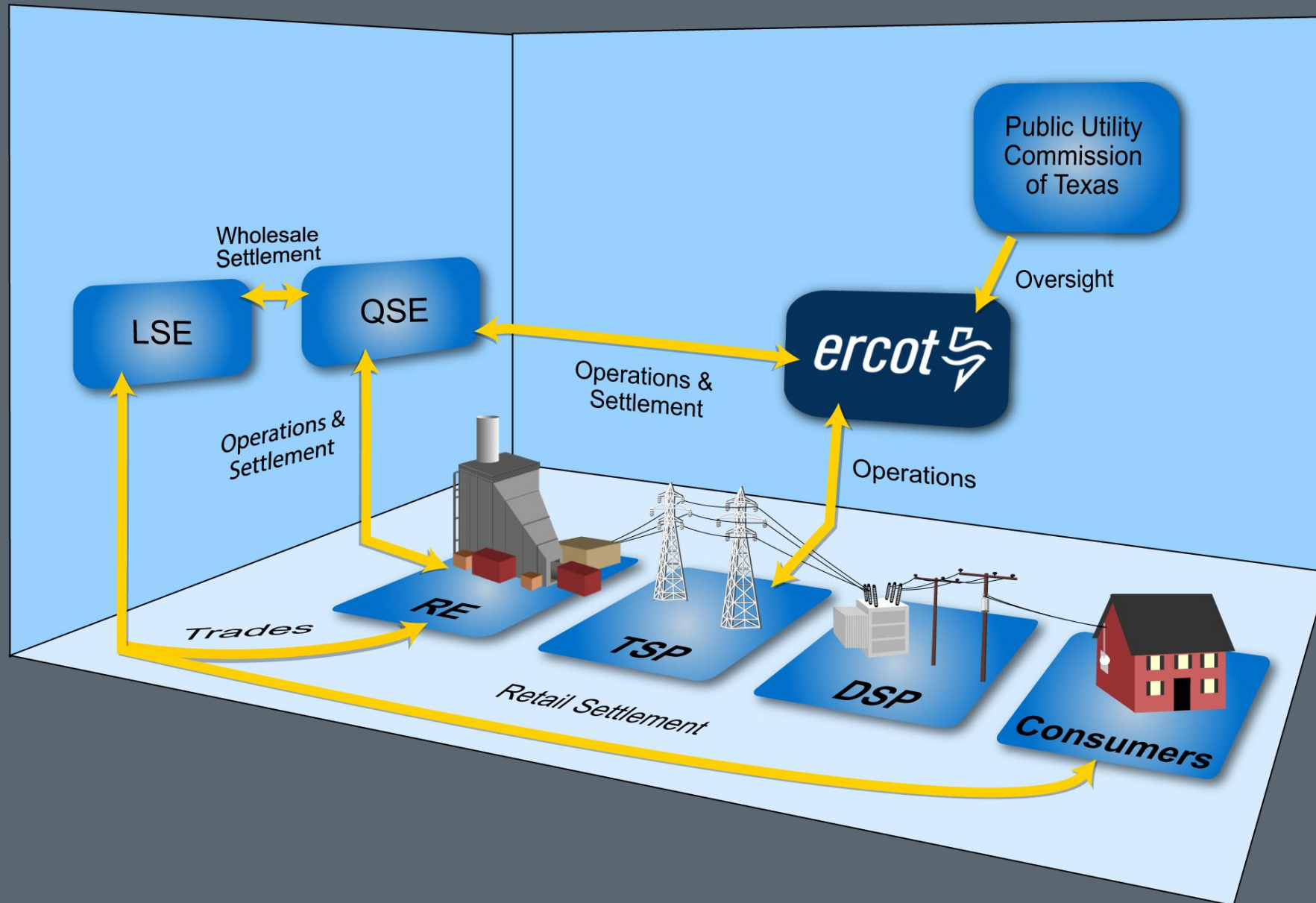


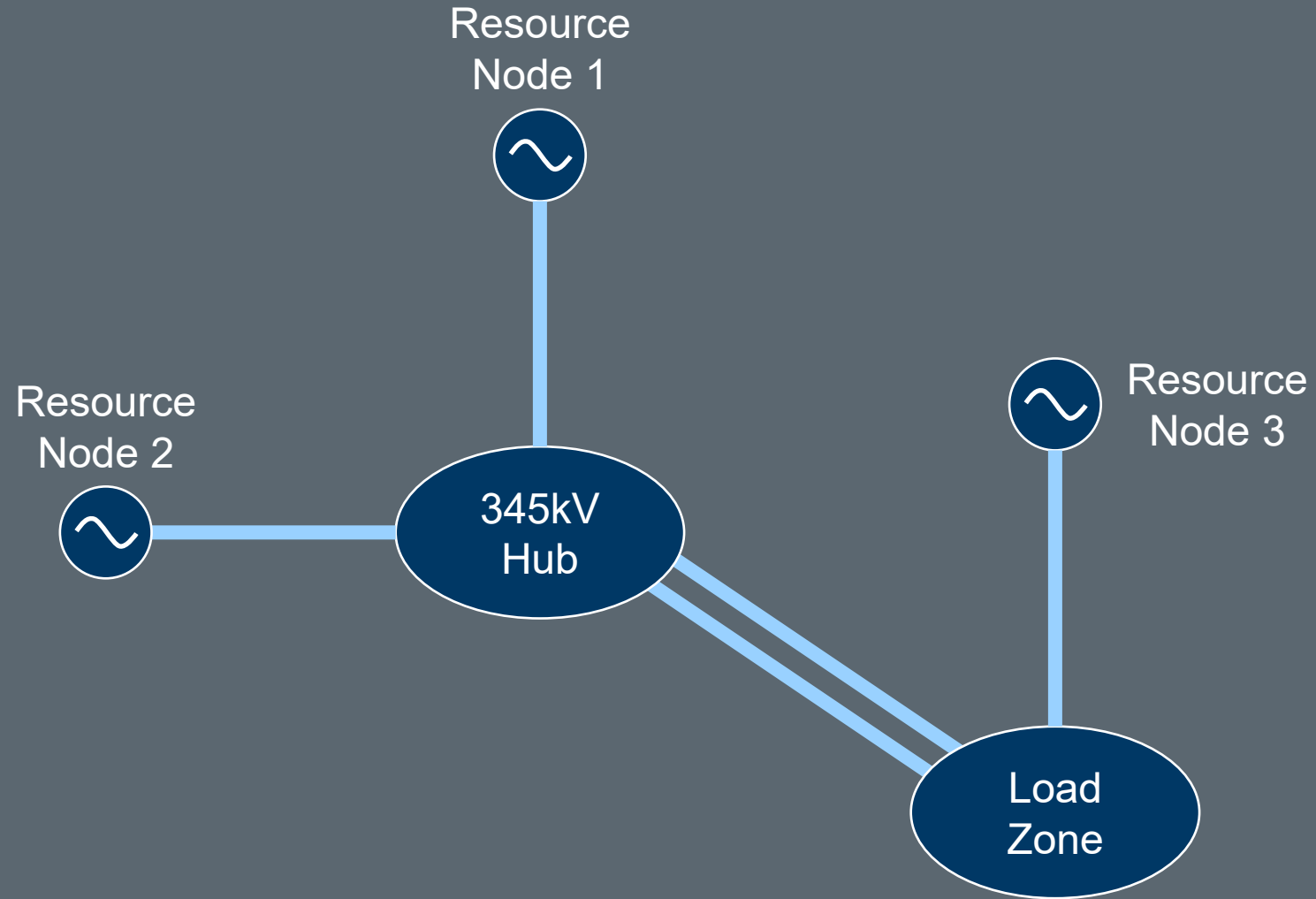
Introduction



In general, . . .

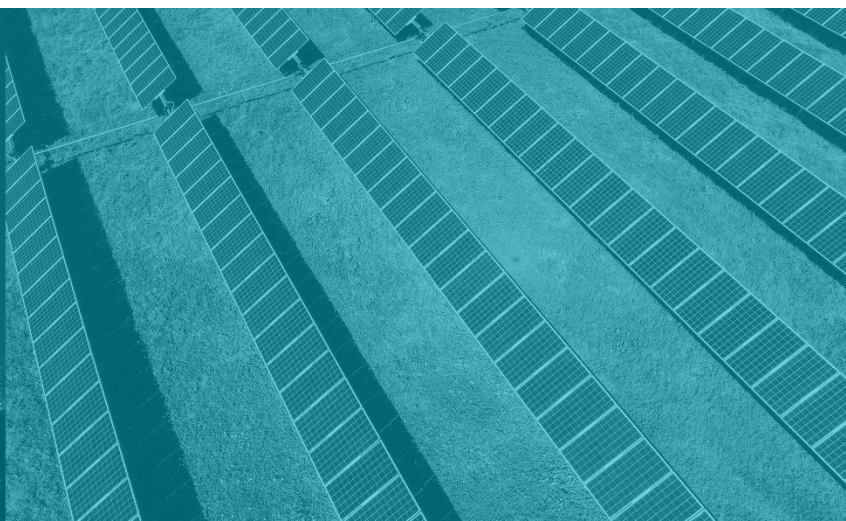




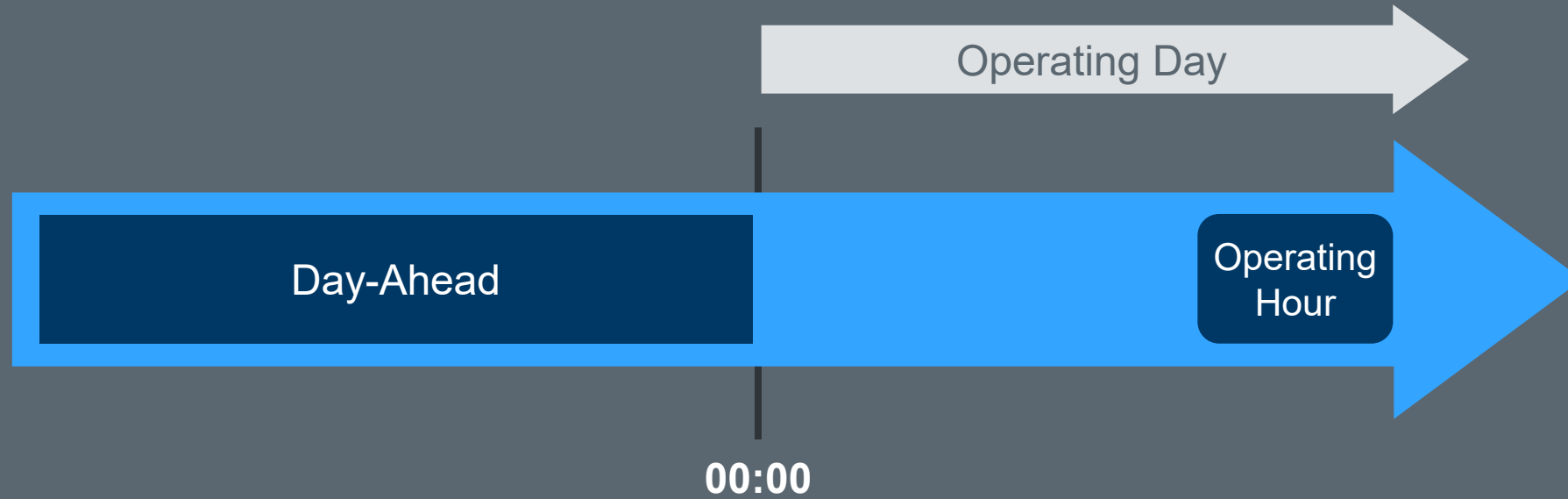




Real-Time Dispatch and Pricing



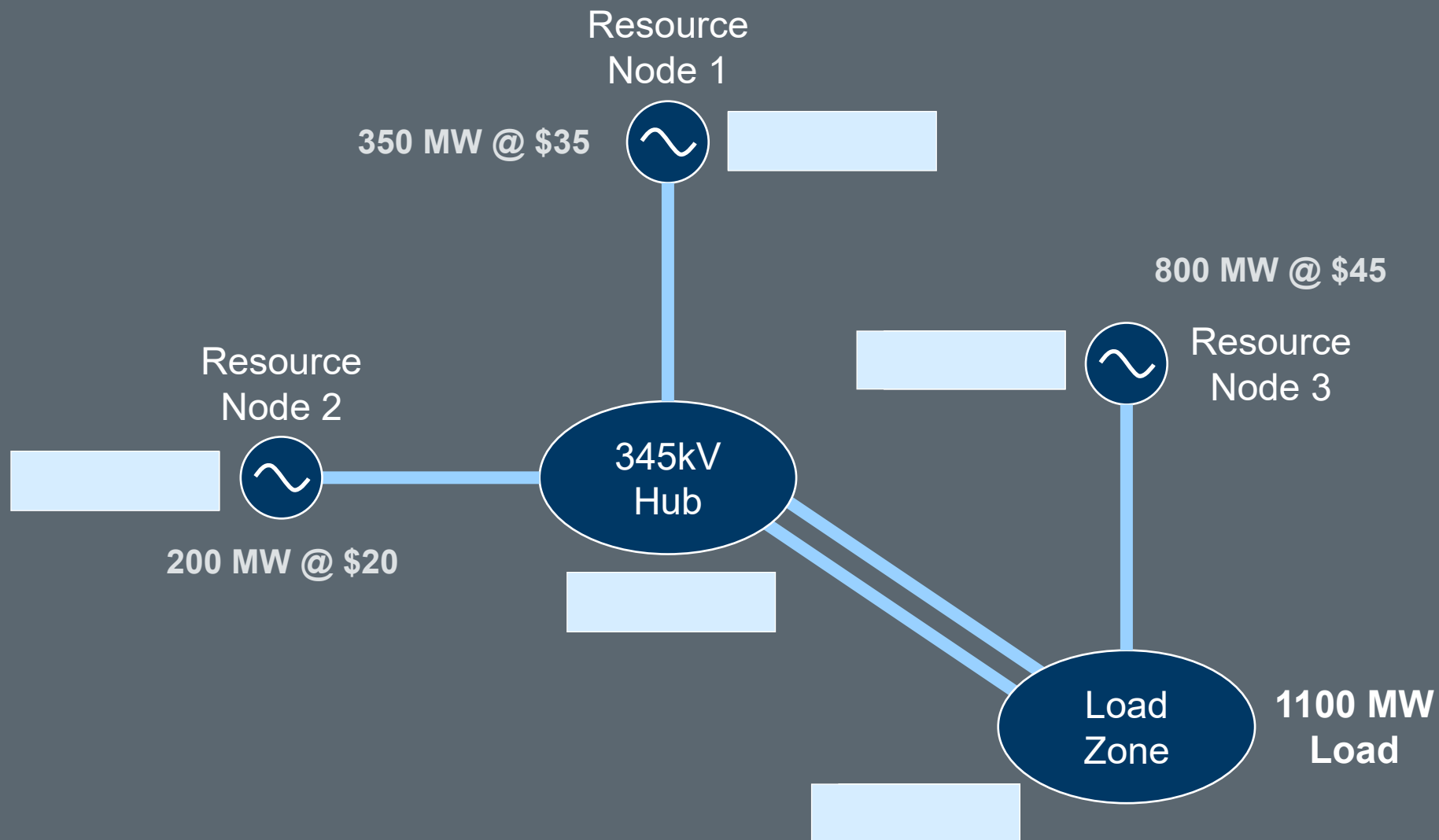
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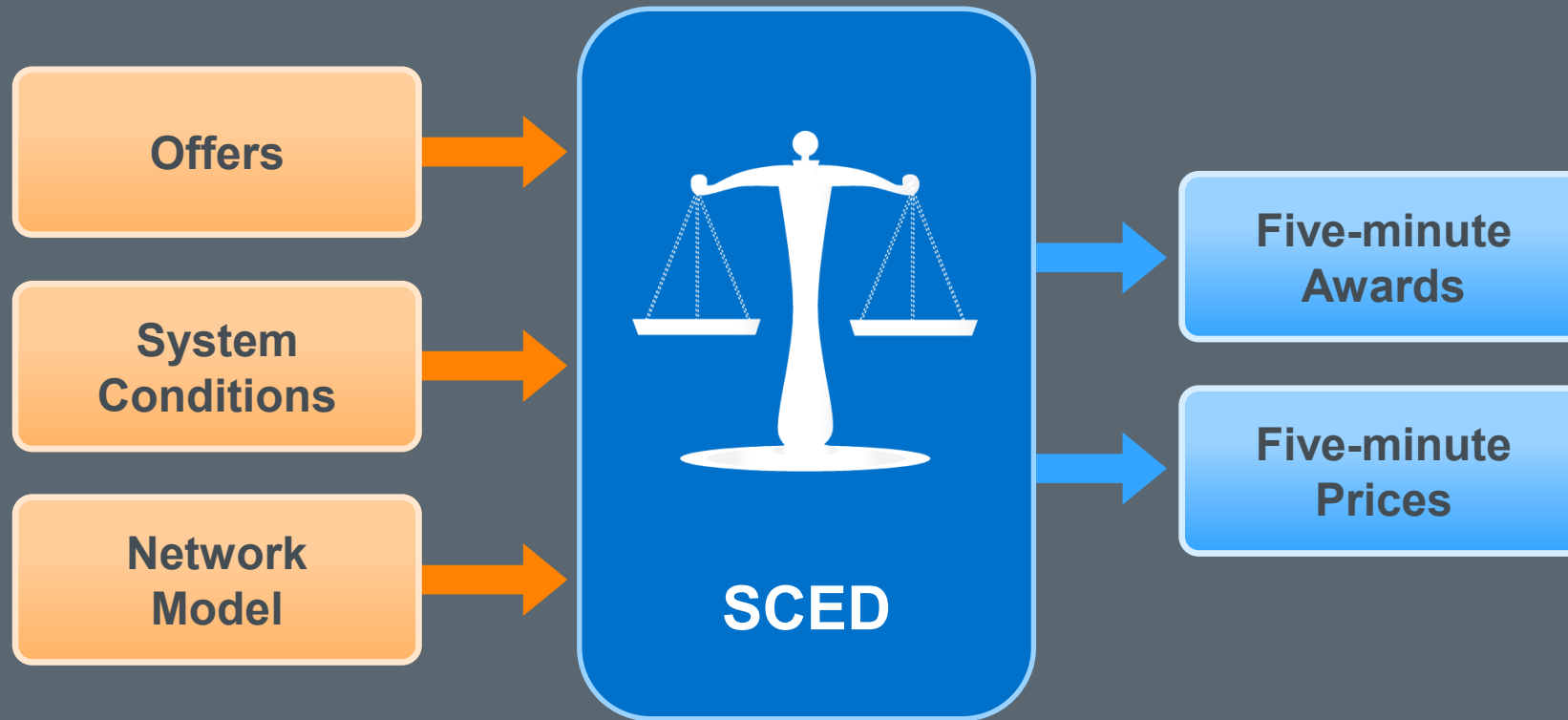


Goals

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

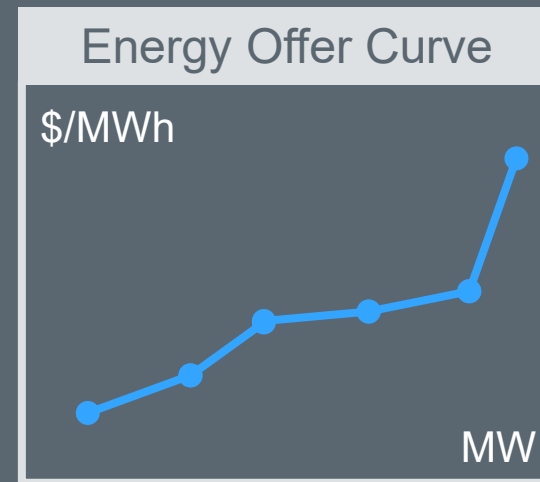






Energy Offer Curve

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





Monitored Conditions

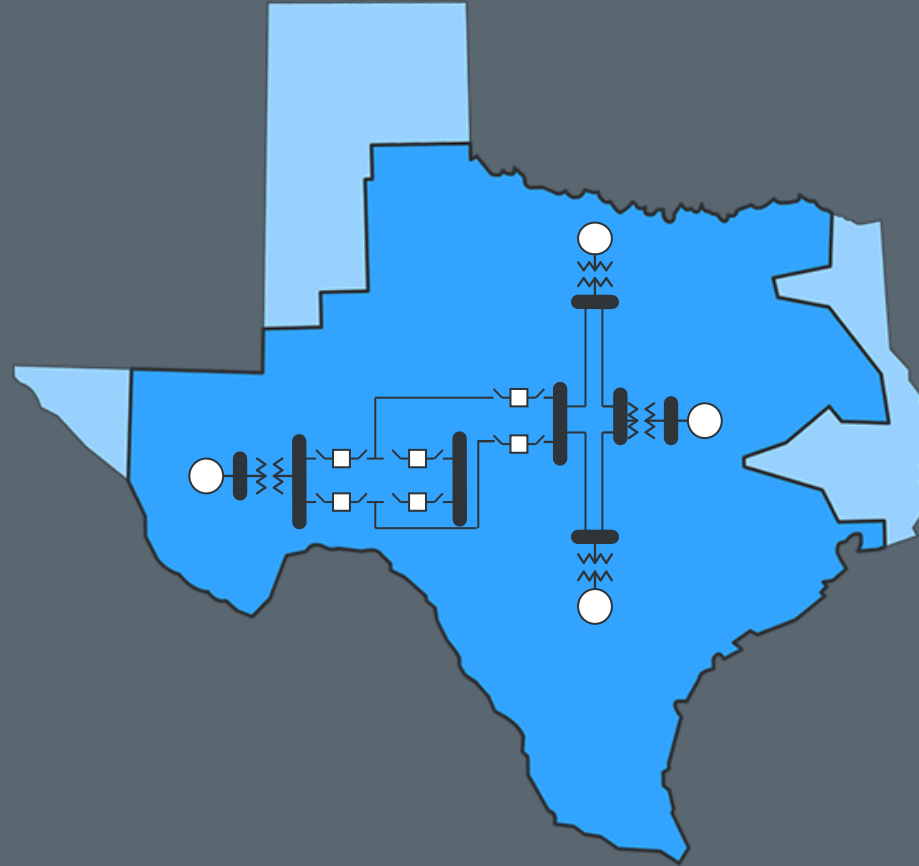
*What do we need to know to
dispatch energy?*



Represents physical
transmission grid

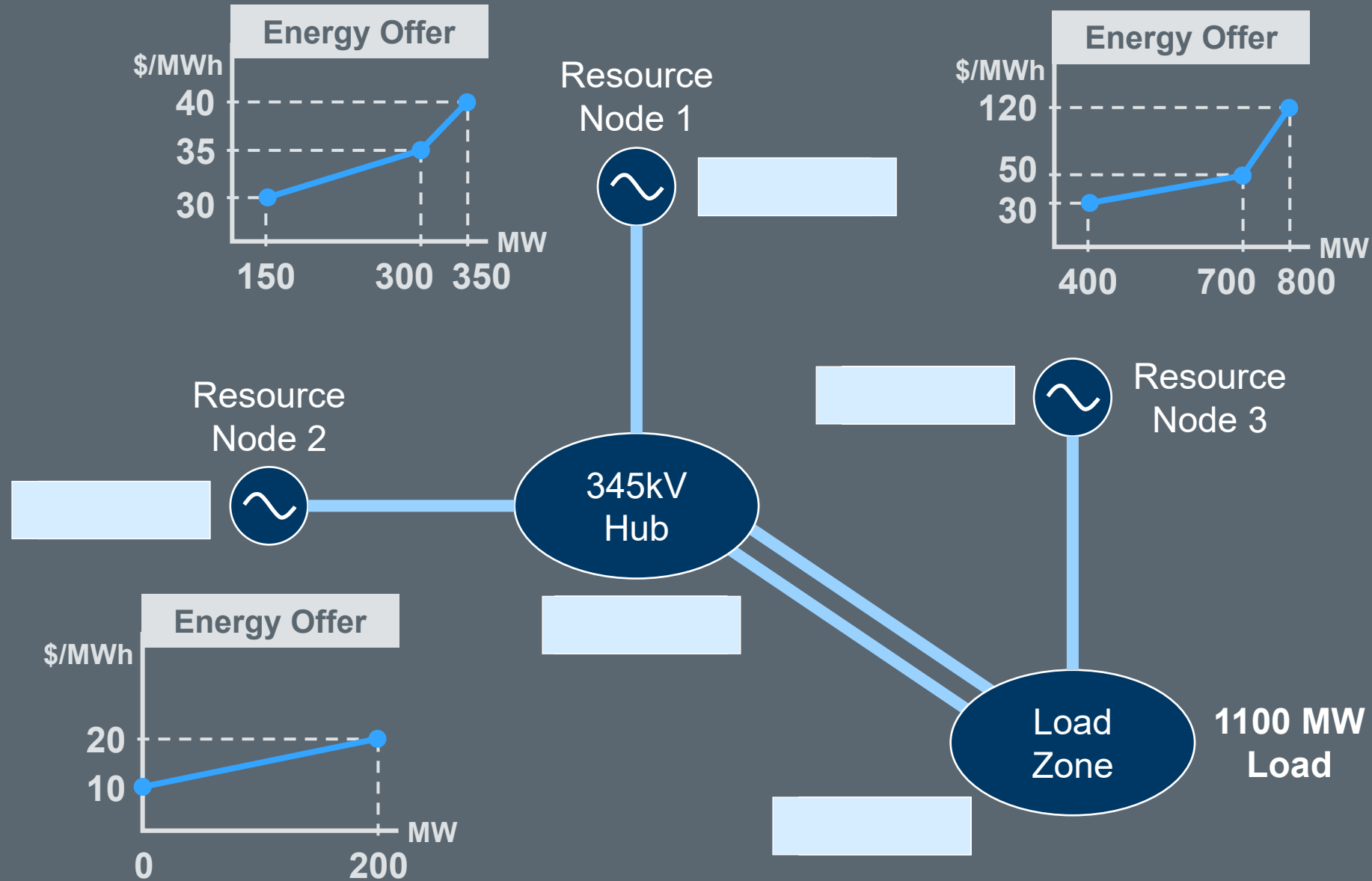
Used for:

- Reliability studies
- All Market Processes



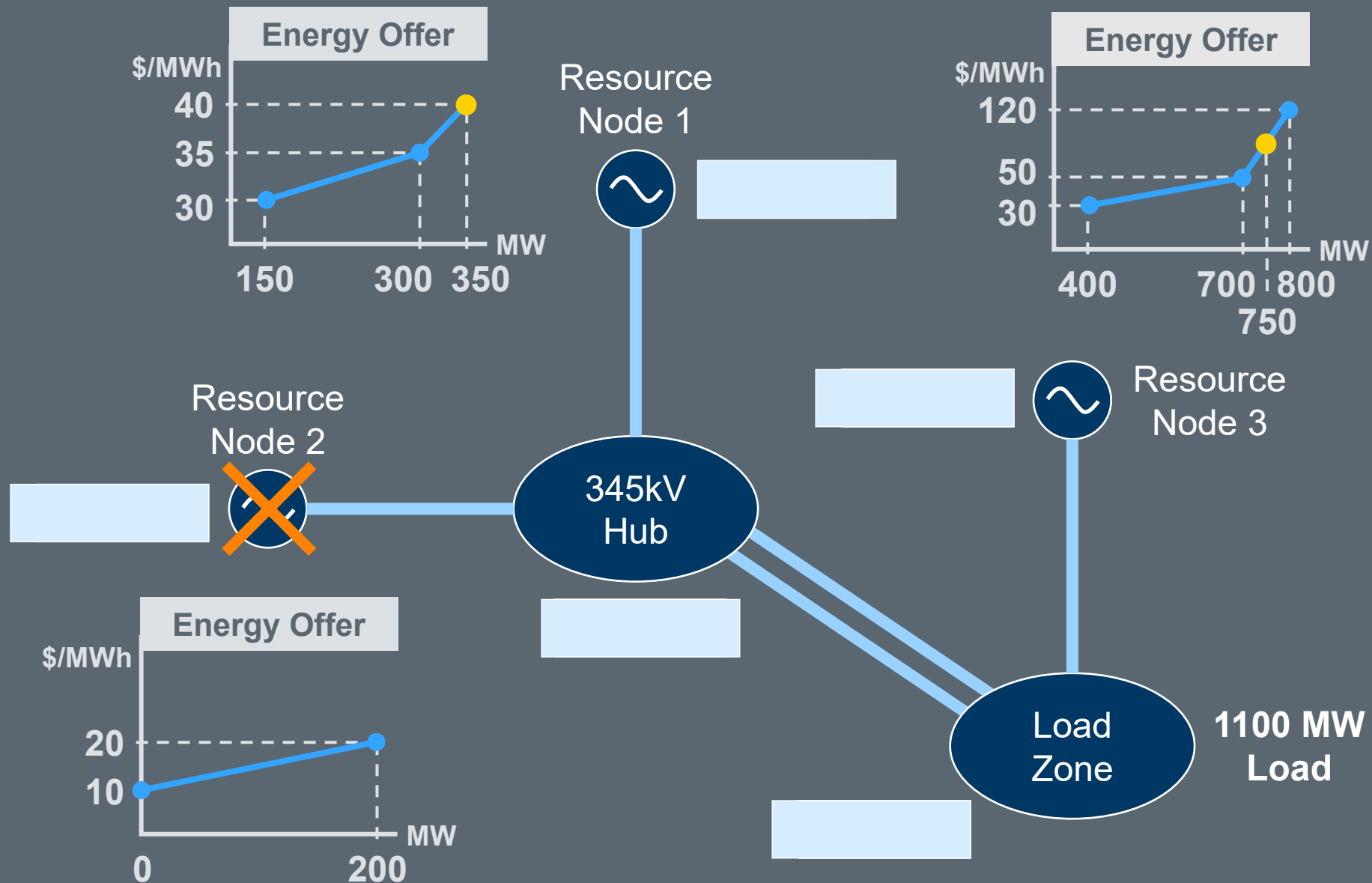


Scenario: Find Dispatch Solution



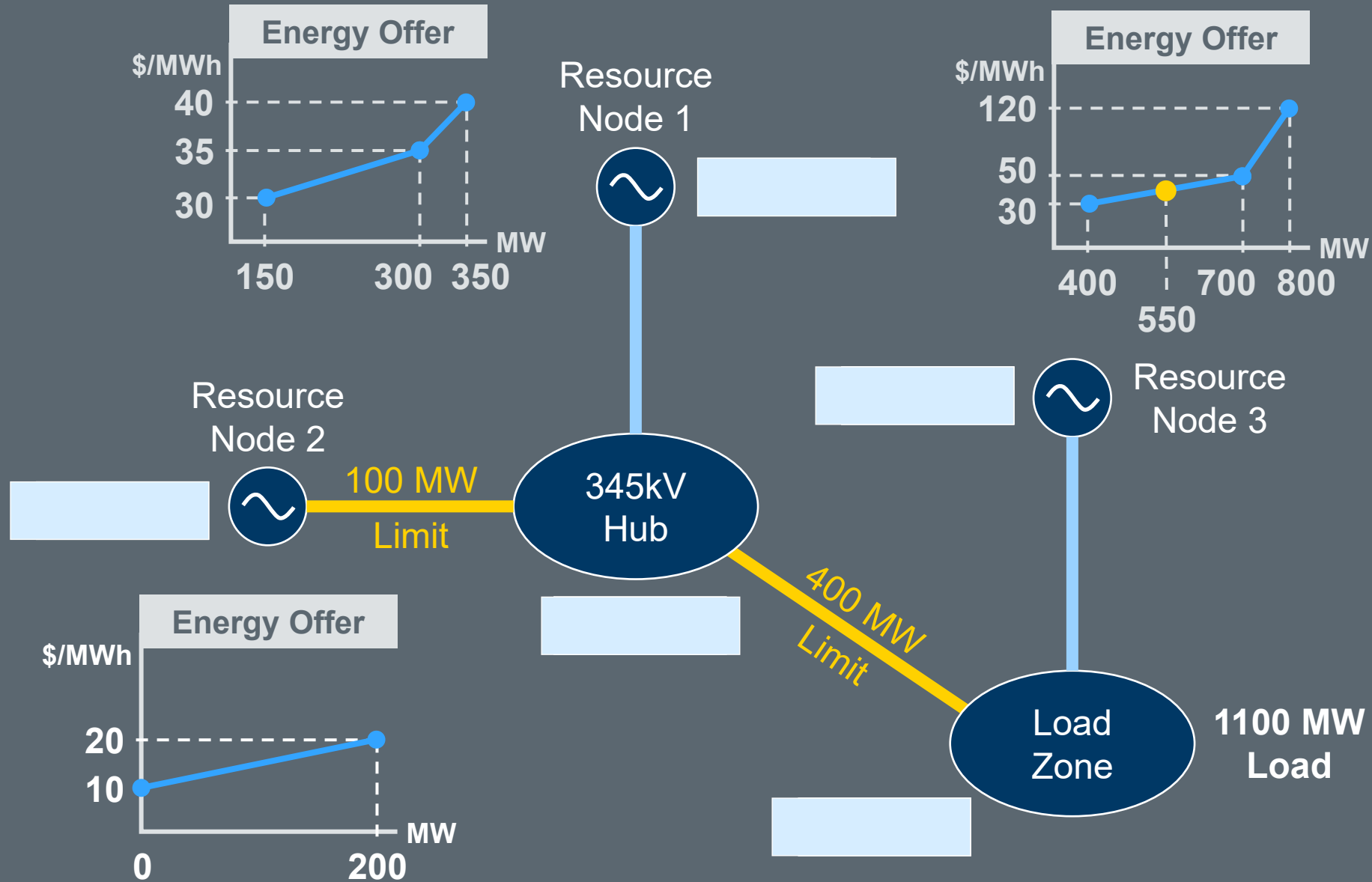


Scenario: Loss of a Resource



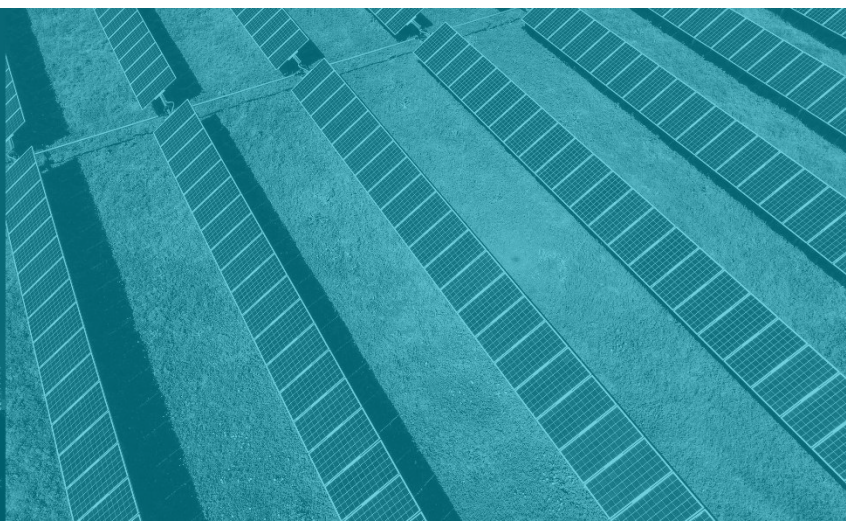


Scenario: Transmission Constraints



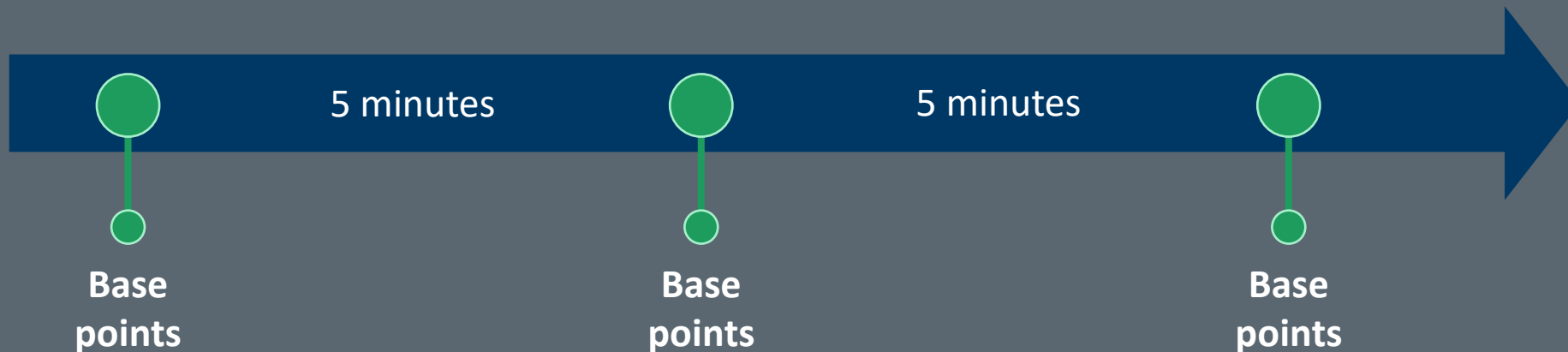


Ancillary Services



Security Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED)

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



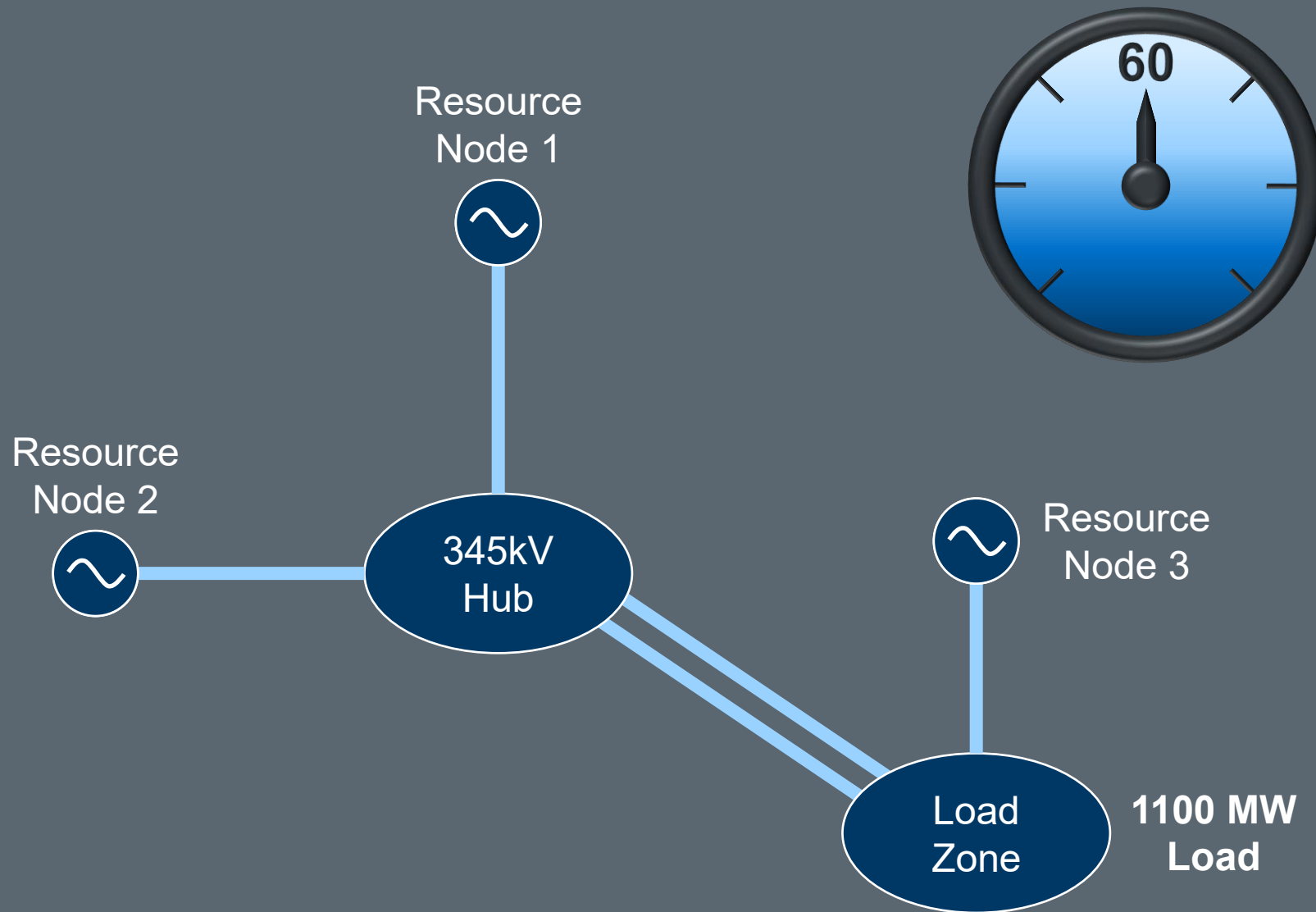


Discussion: Is five-minute dispatch enough?



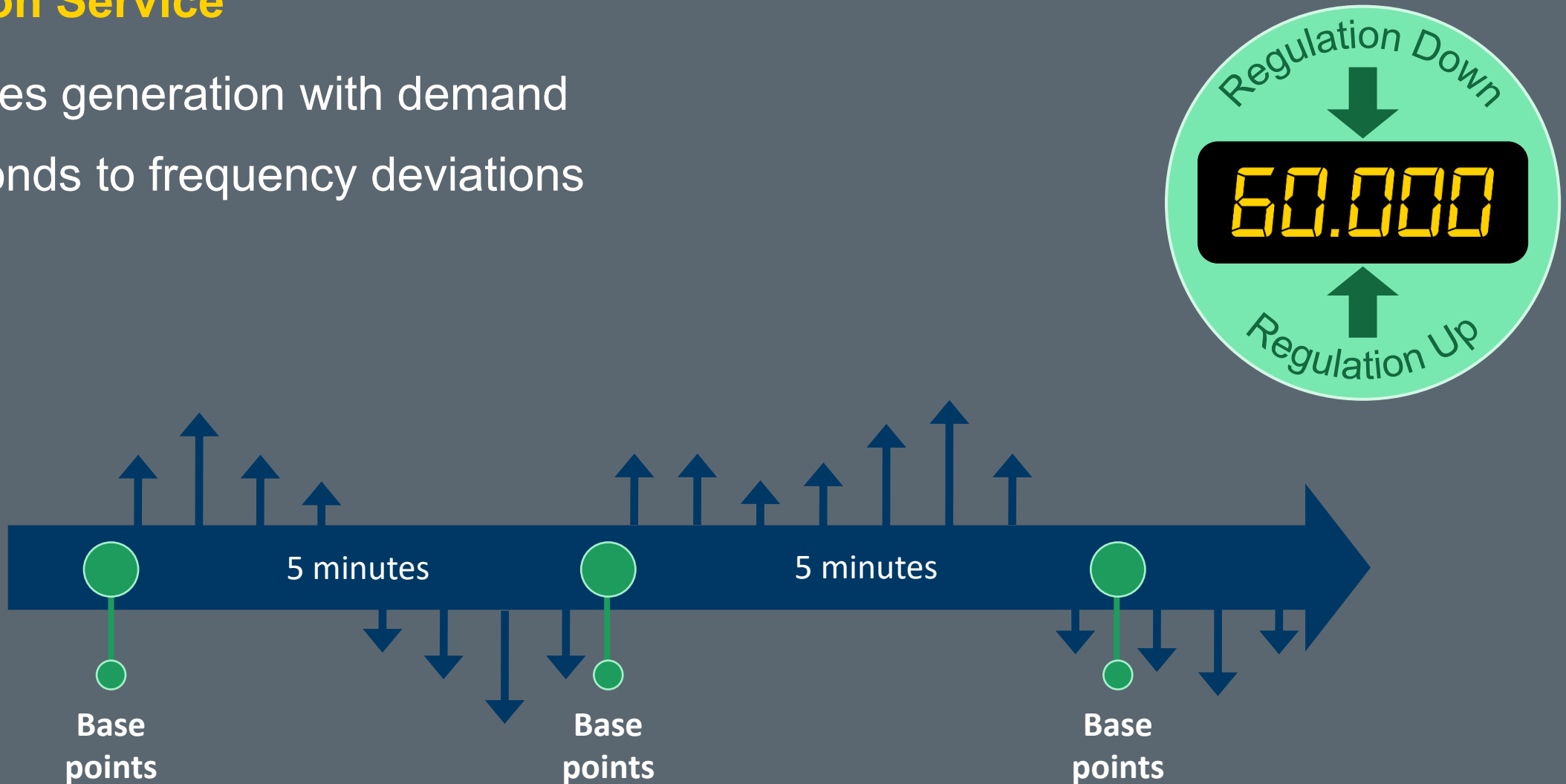


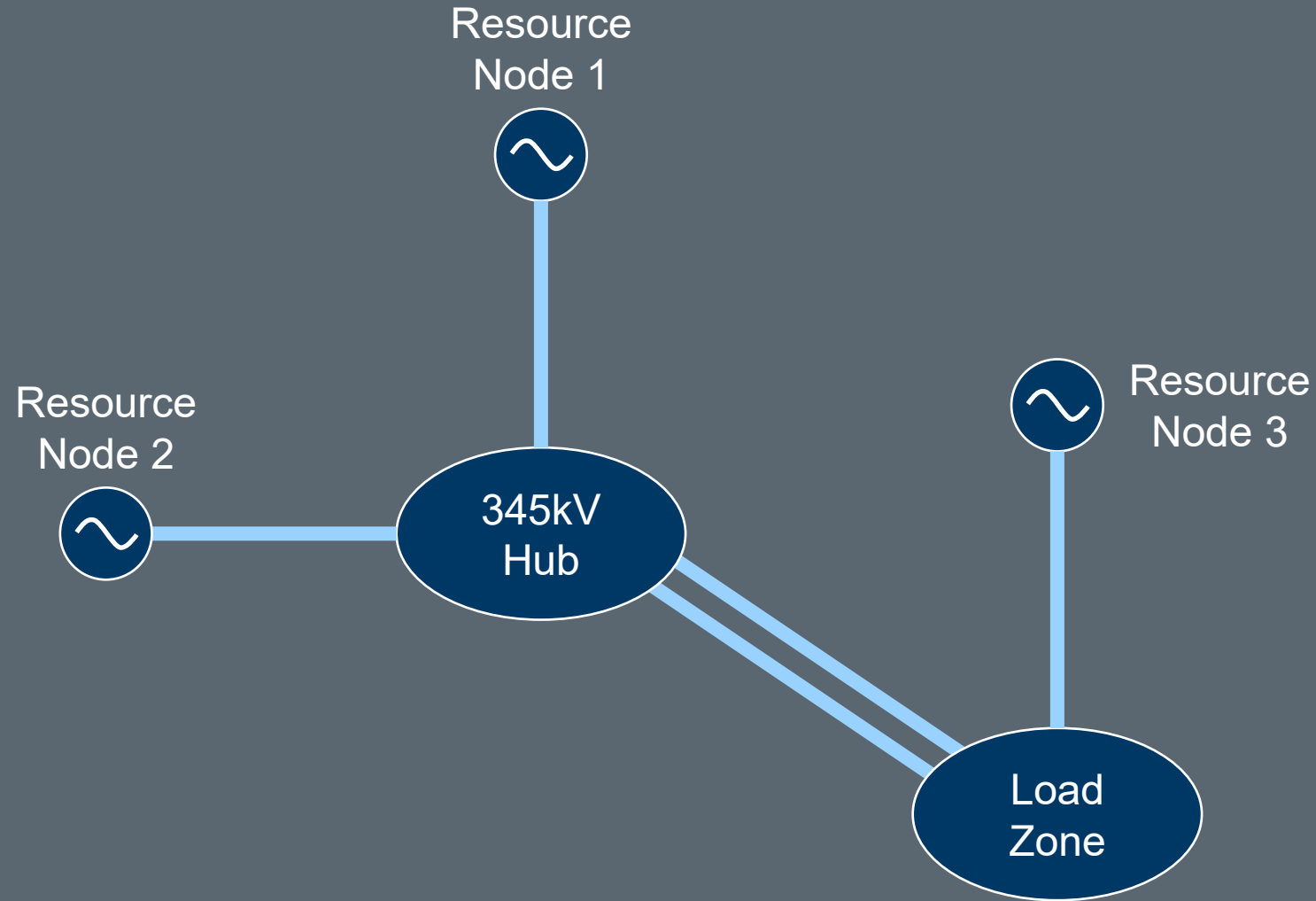
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Regulation Service

- 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

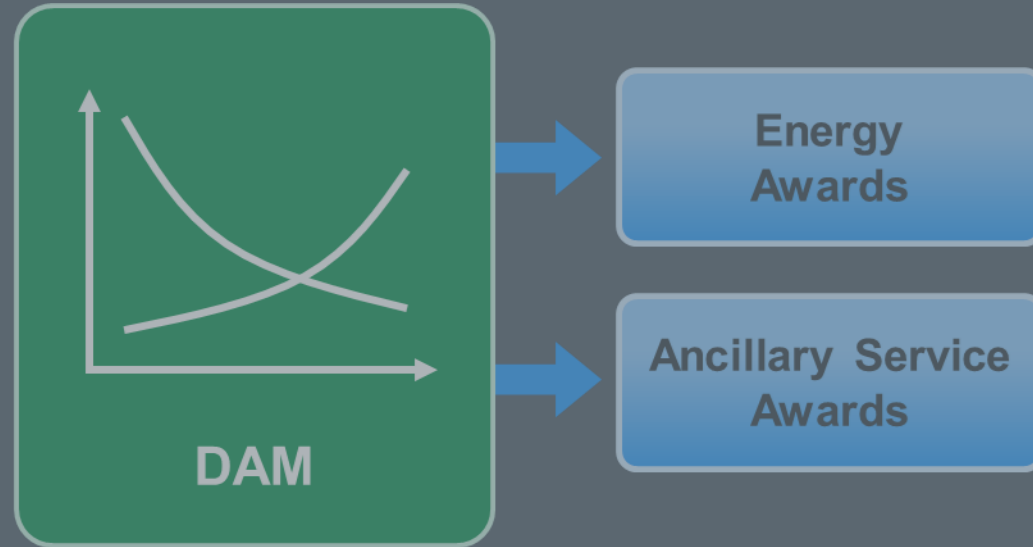


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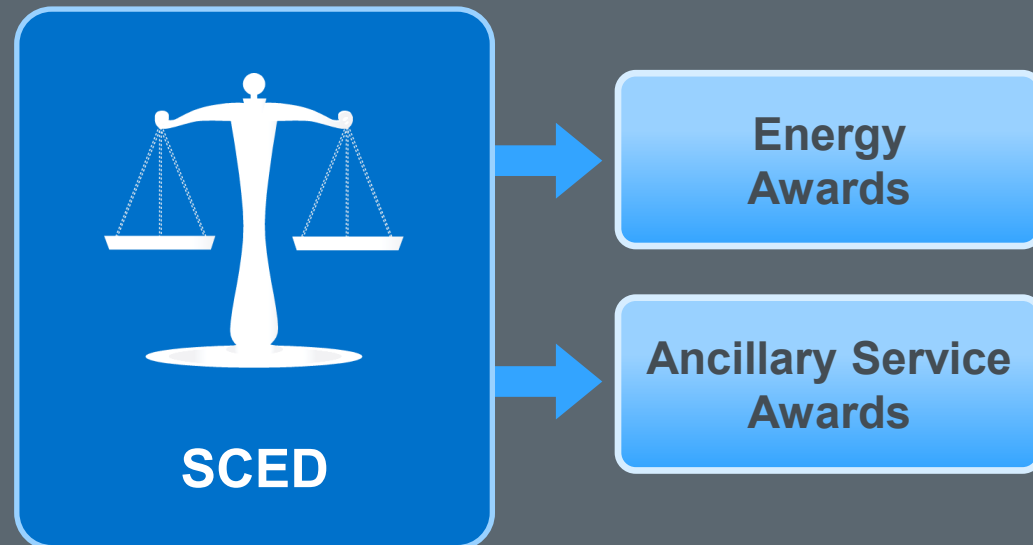
- Restore RRS and ECRS
- Provide ramping reserves to SCED

Resources must be capable of 4-hour deployment

Day-Ahead Market

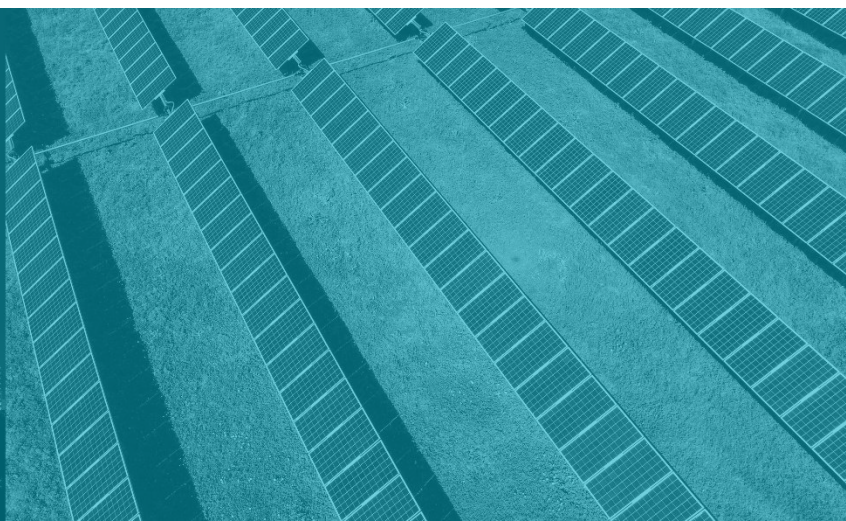


Security Constrained Economic Dispatch

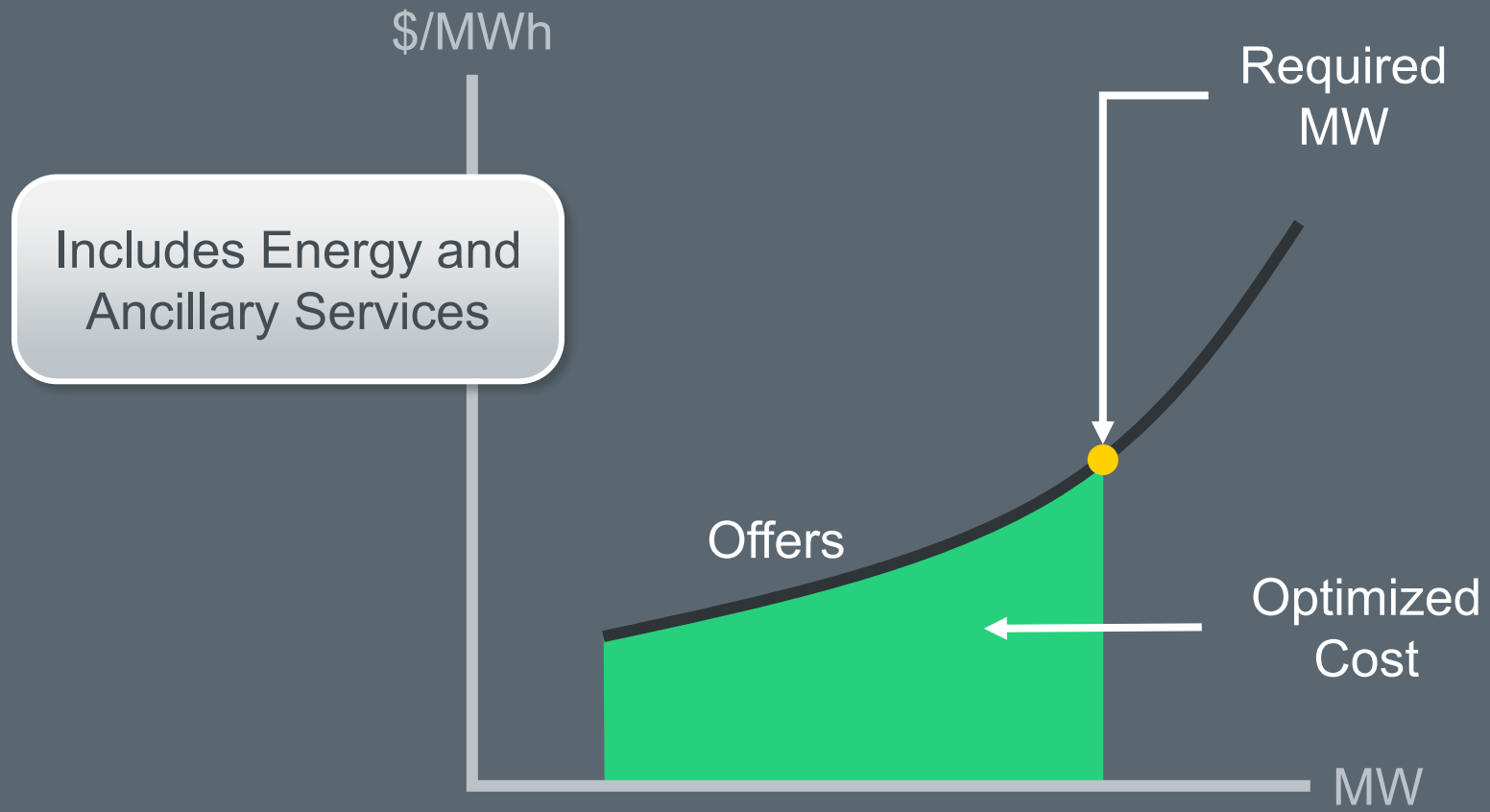




Real-Time Co-Optimization



The SCED process is optimized for cost





Resource-Specific Offers for Each Service

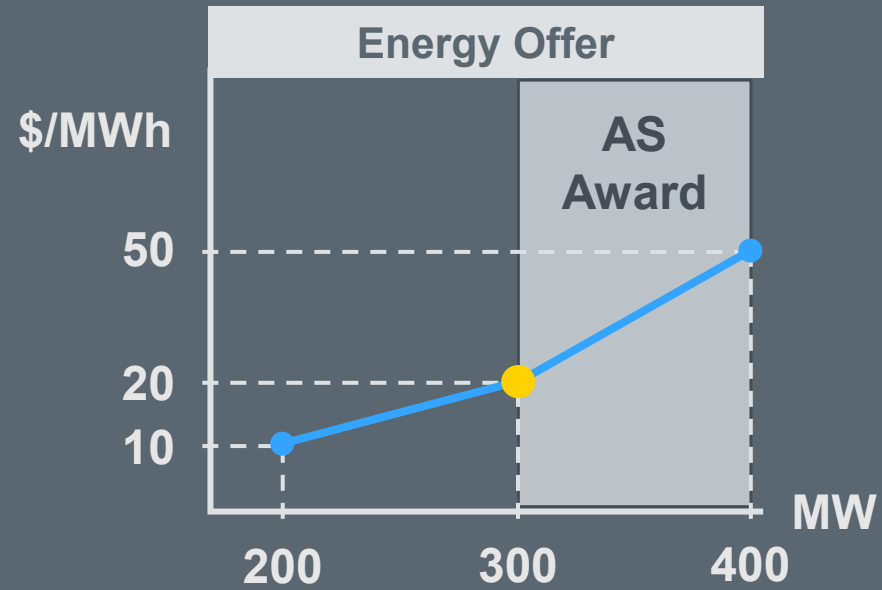
Type of Service	Offer	
Regulation Up	MW	\$ / MW
Regulation Down	MW	\$ / MW
Responsive Reserve	MW	\$ / MW
Contingency Reserve	MW	\$ / MW
Non-Spinning Reserve	MW	\$ / MW

Multiple offers from single Resource:

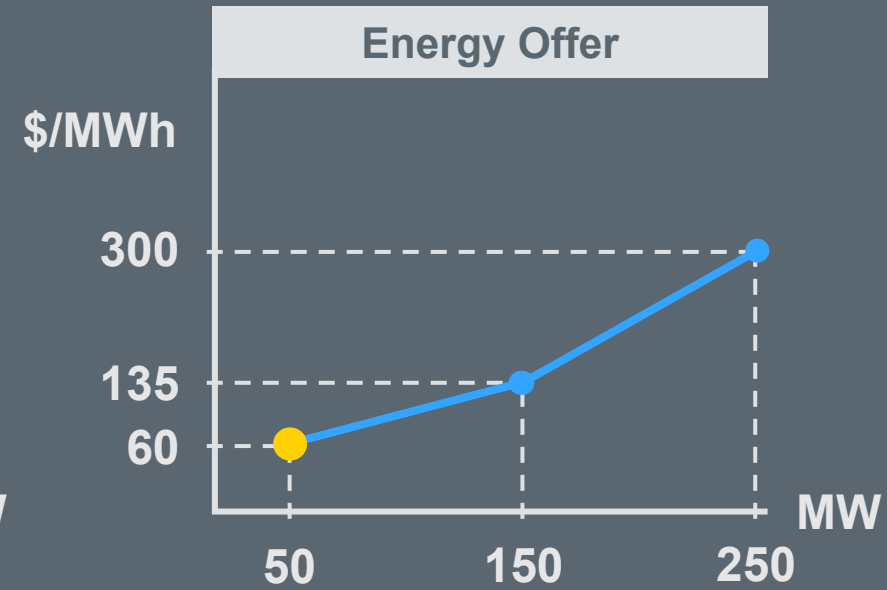
- Multiple Ancillary Services
- Combined with Energy Offers



GEN 1



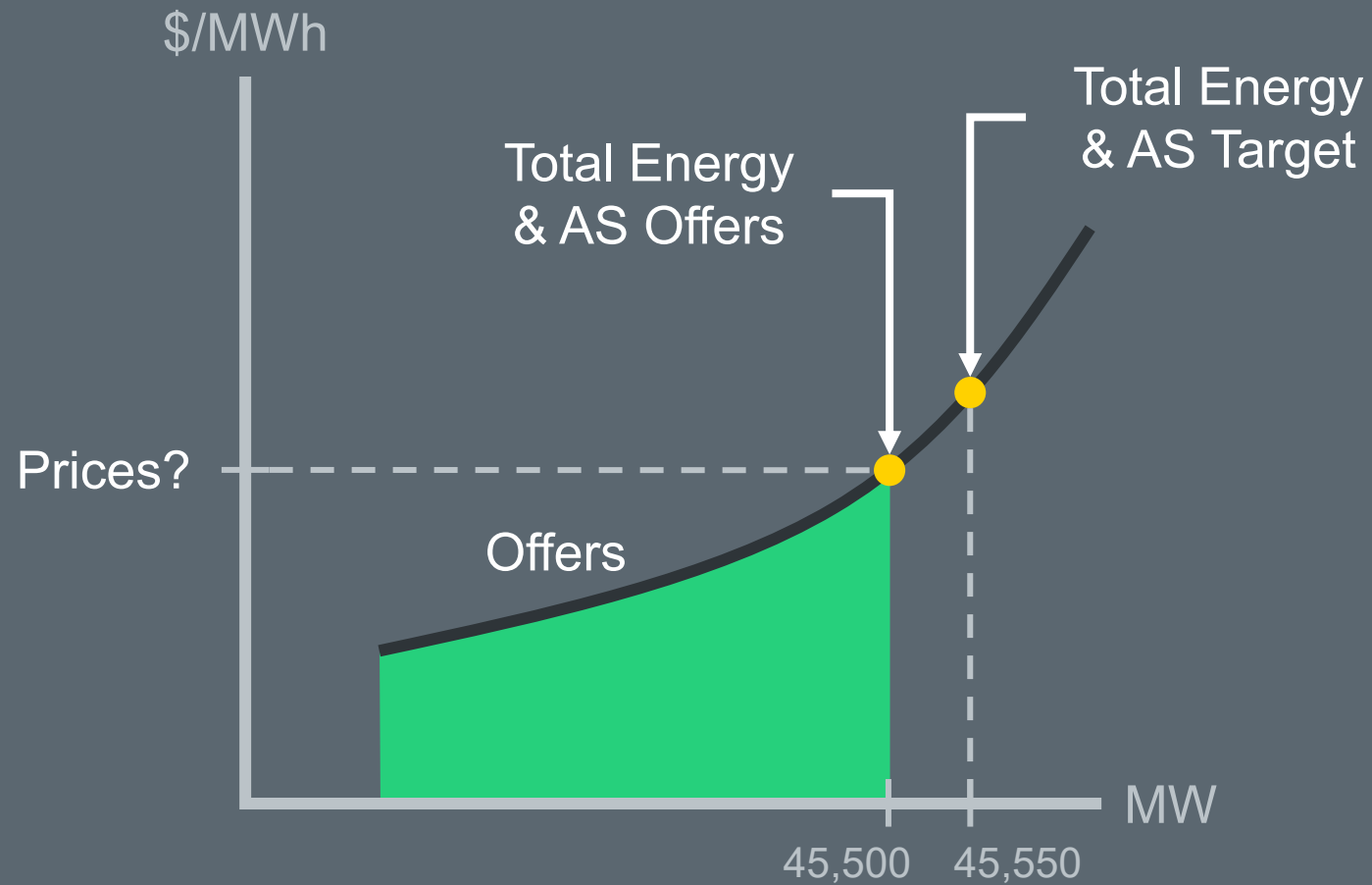
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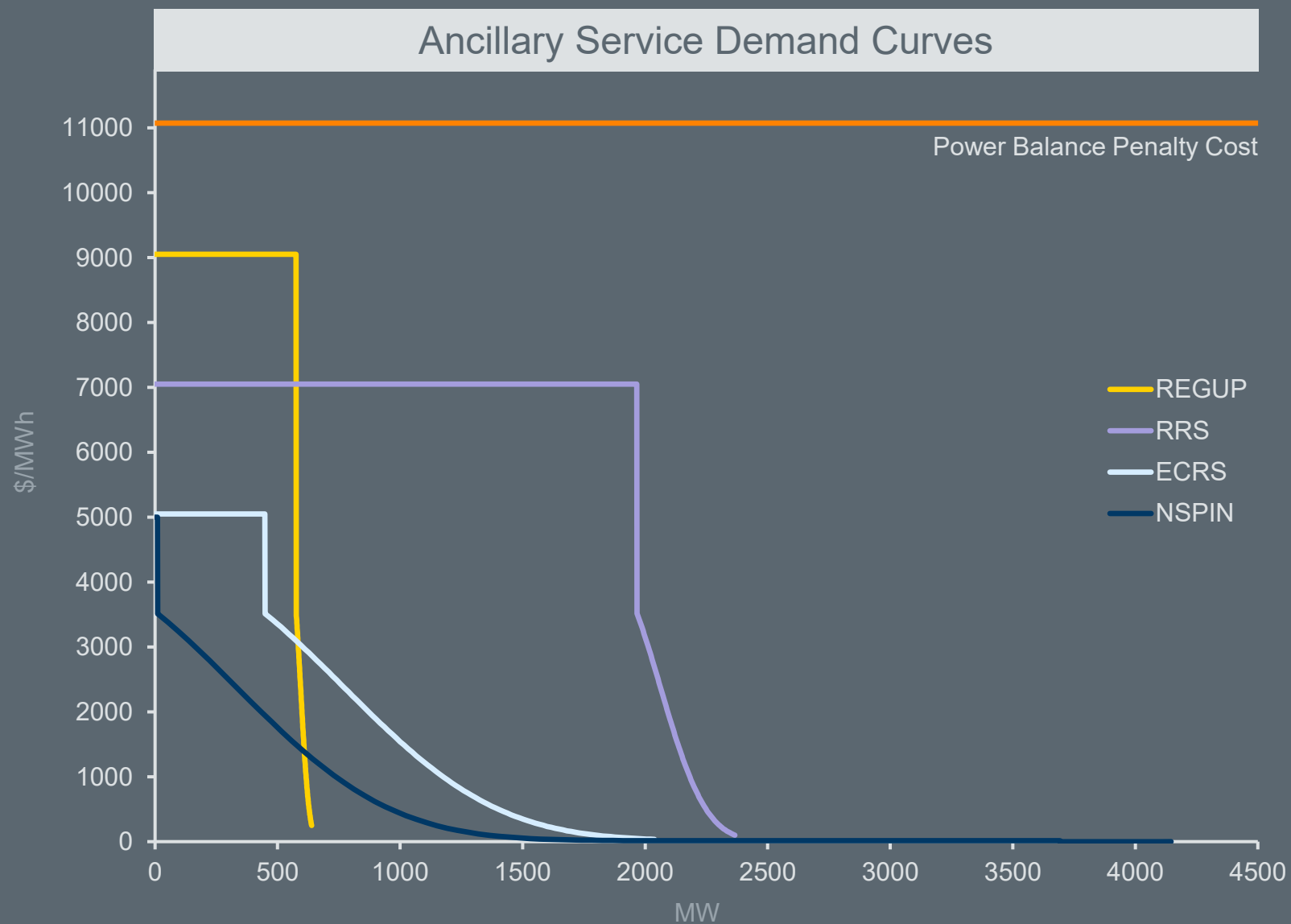


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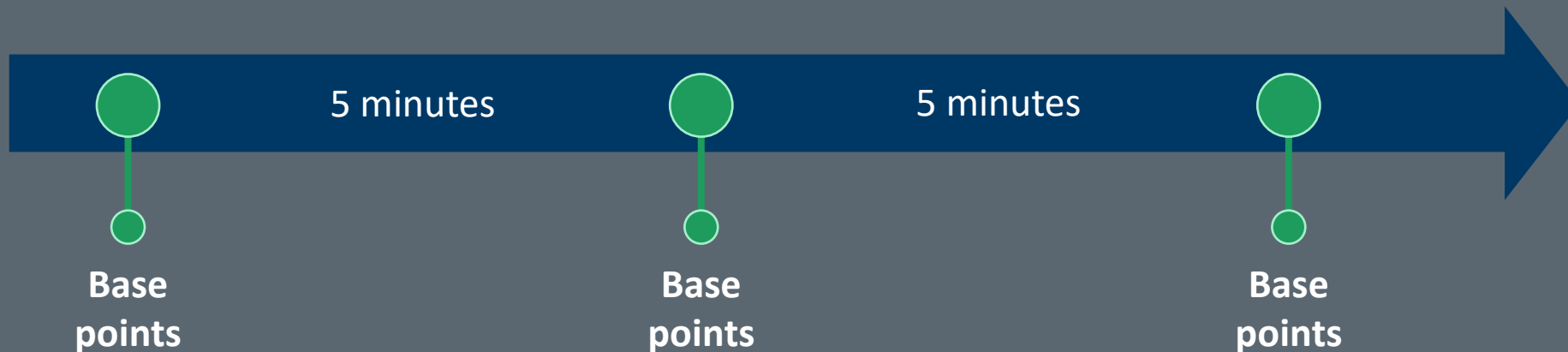
What will SCED do?

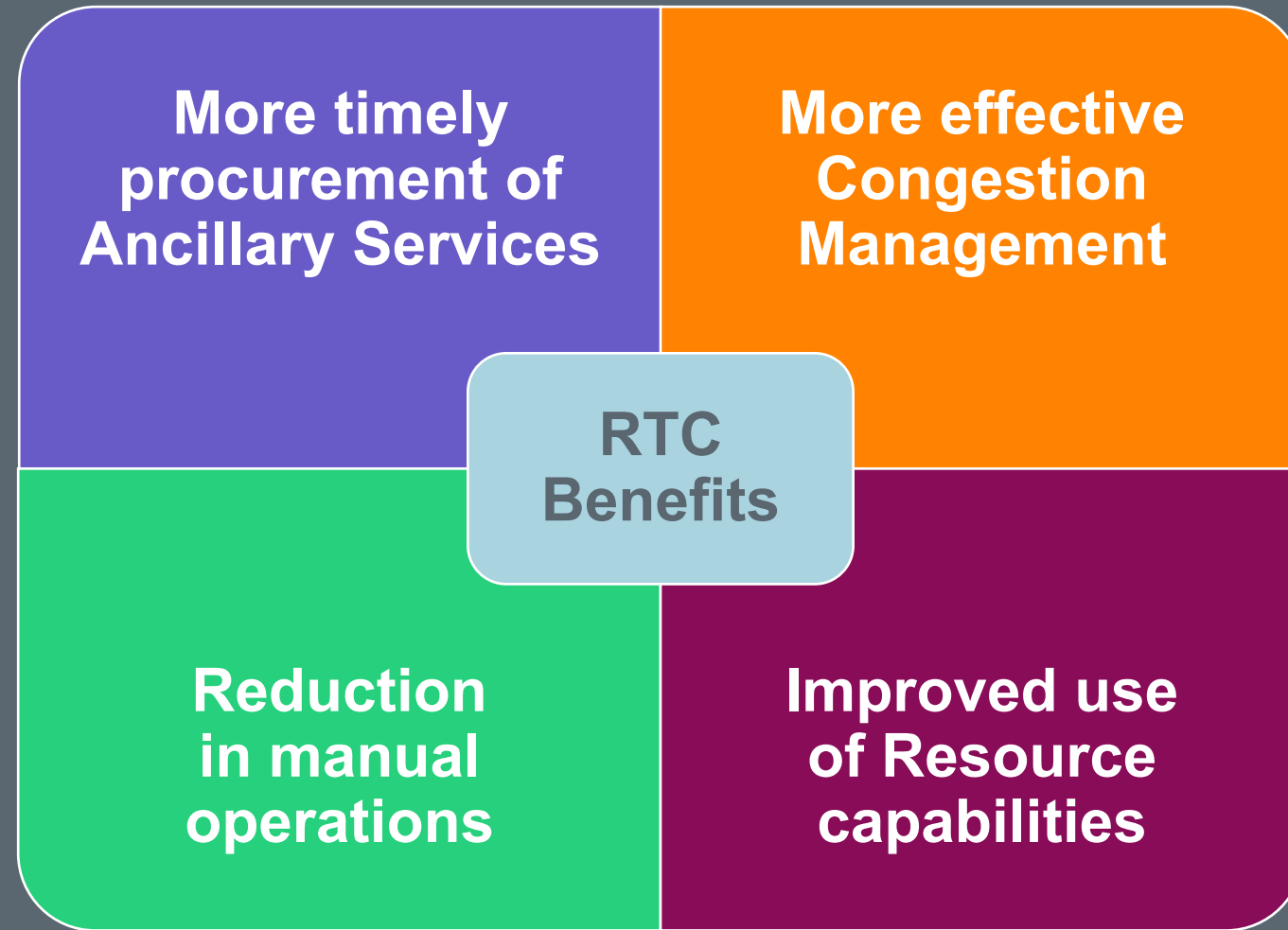




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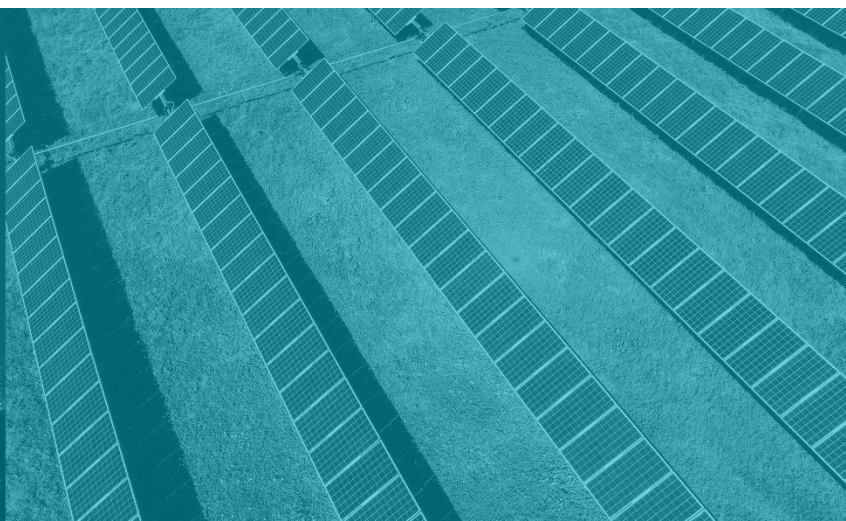
- Dispatches Energy
- Manages Congestion
- Awards Ancillary Services
- Achieves least cost solution

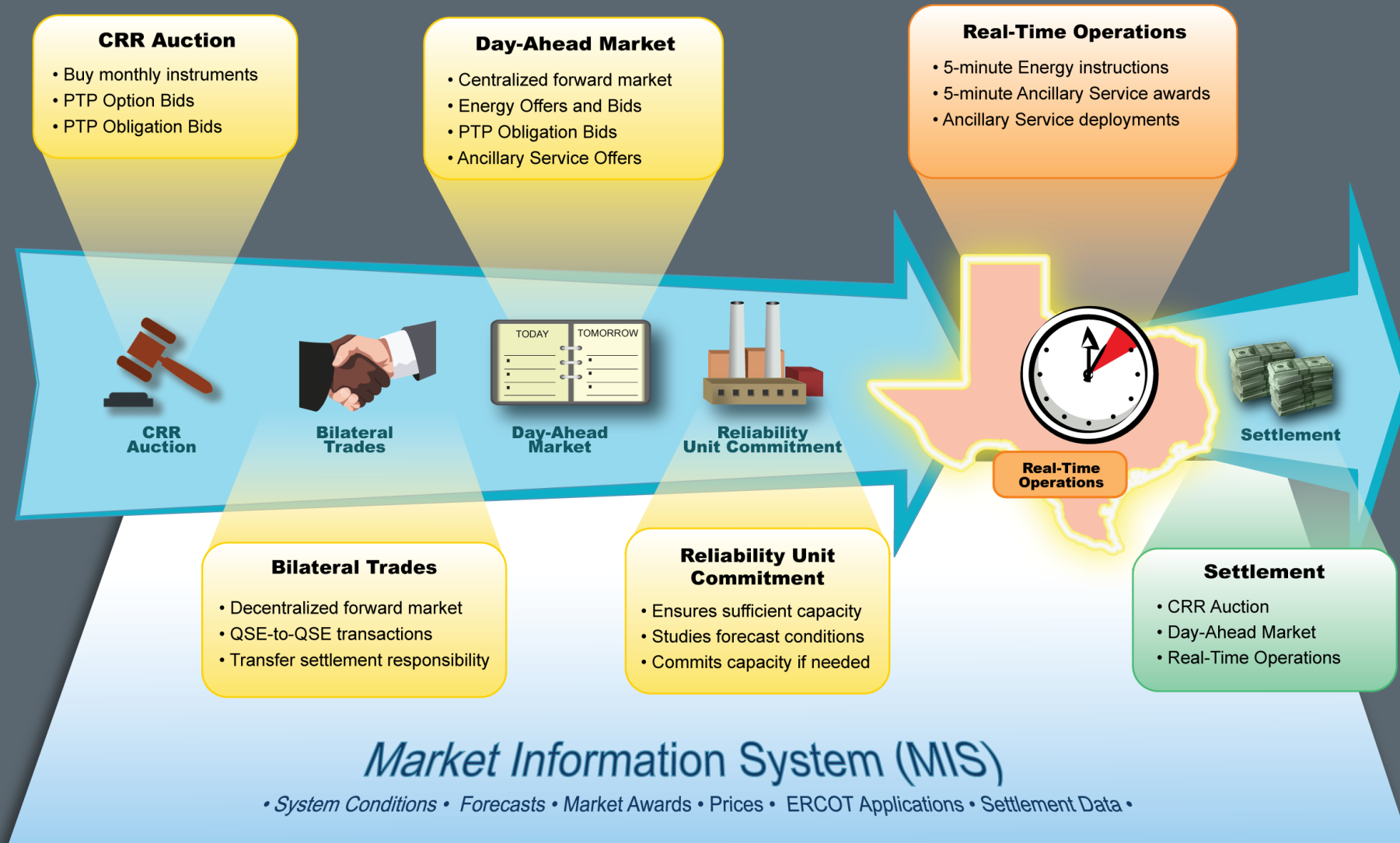






Summary and Conclusion







Available to
the General
Public



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all Market
Participants



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specific Market
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