# ISO Rules Part 200 Markets Division 203 Energy Market Section 203.4 Delivery Requirements for Energy



## **Applicability**

- 1 Section 203.4 applies to:
  - (a) a **pool participant** with a **source asset**, excluding an import asset, that has an associated current **offer** when participating in the energy market; and
  - (b) the ISO.

### Requirements

## **Compliance Responsibilities**

- **2(1)** A **pool participant** may only deliver energy to the **interconnected electric system** pursuant to a **dispatch** or a **directive** the **ISO** issues.
- (2) A pool participant must:
  - (a) operate its source asset or cause it to be operated; and
  - (b) respond to dispatches from the ISO,

using **good electric industry practice**, including the design, implementation and use of reasonable **dispatch** protocols, together with personnel and software systems designed to detect and address errors or omissions in a timely fashion.

## **Generating Asset Steady State Compliance**

- **3(1)** A **pool participant** must not, during **generating asset steady state**, vary the average MW it delivers from a **source asset** in any **10 minute clock period** outside the **allowable dispatch variance**.
- (2) A pool participant that is supplying regulating reserve from a source asset must ensure that the average MW delivered in any 10 minute clock period is not outside the allowable dispatch variance plus the regulating reserve.

### **Ramping Compliance**

- **4(1)** A **pool participant** must move the output of a **source asset**, which is the subject of a **dispatch**, towards the MW level indicated in that **dispatch** within 10 minutes of, but not prior to, the time specified in the **dispatch**.
- (2) A pool participant must ensure that each source asset reaches generating asset steady state in:
  - (a) no longer than the period of time calculated as follows:
    - (i) divide the change in **dispatch** MW by the **ramp rate** the **pool participant** submits;
    - (ii) add 40% of the time calculated in subsection 4(2)(a)(i) or 5 minutes, whichever is greater; and
    - (iii) add the 10 minutes referred to in subsection 4(1);

and

- (b) no sooner than the period of time calculated as follows:
  - (i) divide the change in **dispatch** MW by the **ramp rate** the **pool participant** submits; and
  - (ii) subtract 40% of the time calculated in subsection 4(2)(b)(i) or 5 minutes, whichever is greater.

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#### **Operational Deviation**

- **5(1)** A **pool participant** must, if a **source asset** experiences an **operational deviation**, verbally inform the **ISO** as soon as practicable of the occurrence of the **operational deviation** and provide a description of the cause if known.
- (2) A **pool participant** must inform the **ISO** of the information required under subsection 5(1) on a telephone line the **ISO** designates, which must contain a voice recording system.
- (3) A pool participant must, if an operational deviation extends for 20 minutes or longer, submit an available capability restatement or MW restatement for the source asset that represents the operational capability of the source asset and must do so no later than 20 minutes after the commencement of the operational deviation.

### **Exceptions to Non-Compliance**

- **6(1)** Notwithstanding the provisions set out in subsections 3, 4 and 5, the **ISO** must not determine that a **pool participant** is non-compliant with a **dispatch** for a **source asset** if the **pool participant** has met its responsibilities as set out in subsection 2 and one or more of the following circumstances occur:
  - (a) the **source asset** is **ramping** into position to provide **operating reserve** or **fast frequency response service** in response to a **dispatch** in the 15 minutes before the time indicated in that **dispatch**;
  - (b) the **source asset** is **ramping** following a **fast frequency response service directive**, in the 15 minutes following the end of the directive;
  - (c) the **source asset** is operating below the **minimum stable generation** level indicated in the Energy Trading System, but only if that **source asset** is:
    - (i) synchronizing and its **available capability** the **pool participant** submitted is equal to its **minimum stable generation** and it has received a **dispatch** for that quantity, in MW;
    - (ii) going off line and its **available capability** the **pool participant** submitted is equal to 0 MW and it has received a **dispatch** for that quantity, in MW;
    - (iii) unable to follow the **ramp rate** the **pool participant** submitted when its output is being increased to its **minimum stable generation** and the **pool participant** has submitted a verbal plan to the **ISO** indicating a proposal for **ramping** to **minimum stable generation**, which verbal plan must provide an estimate of the time required to achieve the **ramp rate** and be updated for deviations of greater than 30 minutes or 50 MW; or
    - (iv) stopped at an output level not identified in the verbal plan referenced in subsection 6(1)(c)(iii) above, but which is below minimum stable generation for more than 30 minutes for an operational reason and the pool participant has submitted a restatement of the available capability accordingly;
  - (d) the **source asset** is responding to abnormal frequency through automatic **governor** or **governor system** action;
  - (e) an operational deviation has occurred and the pool participant has complied with subsection5; and
  - (f) energy is being delivered to the **interconnected electric system** from a **source asset** while it is being tested or commissioned or both, in accordance with applicable provisions of the **ISO rules**.

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## **Concurrent Energy and Ancillary Services Requirements**

**7(1)** A pool participant must, if the pool participant receives a directive for spinning reserve, supplemental reserve, or fast frequency response service while responding to a dispatch to decrease the real power output of the pool asset in the energy market:

- (a) cease responding to the **dispatch** in the energy market;
- (b) provide, as applicable, the **spinning reserve** quantity in accordance with Section 205.5 of the **ISO rules**, *Spinning Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards*, the **supplemental reserve** quantity in accordance with Section 205.6 of the **ISO rules**, *Supplemental Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards*, or the **fast frequency response service** in accordance with the contract; and
- (c) commence or resume response to the dispatch in the energy market 15 minutes after the receipt of the latest directive for spinning reserve, supplemental reserve, or fast frequency response service.
- (2) A pool participant must, if the pool participant receives a directive for spinning reserve, supplemental reserve, or fast frequency response service while responding to a dispatch to increase the real power output of the pool asset in the energy market:
  - (a) provide, as applicable, the spinning reserve quantity in accordance with Section 205.5 of the ISO rules, Spinning Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards, the supplemental reserve quantity in accordance with Section 205.6 of the ISO rules, Supplemental Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards, or the fast frequency response service in accordance with the contract; and
  - (b) commence or resume the response to the **dispatch** in the energy market after first achieving the **spinning reserve** quantity, **supplemental reserve** quantity, or the **fast frequency response service** response.
- (3) A pool participant must, if the pool participant receives a dispatch to decrease the real power output of the pool asset any time after a directive for spinning reserve, supplemental reserve, or fast frequency response service, and while the directive remains in effect:
  - (a) not respond to the **dispatch** in the energy market for 15 minutes after receiving the latest **directive** for **spinning reserve**, **supplemental reserve**, or **fast frequency response service**, as applicable;
  - (b) continue to provide the spinning reserve quantity in accordance with Section 205.5 of the ISO rules, Spinning Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards, the supplemental reserve quantity in accordance with Section 205.6 of the ISO rules, Supplemental Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards, or the fast frequency response service in accordance with the contract; and
  - (c) start responding to the **dispatch** in the energy market 15 minutes after the receipt of the latest **directive** for **spinning reserve**, **supplemental reserve**, or **fast frequency response service**.
- (4) A pool participant must, if the pool participant receives a dispatch to increase the real power output of the pool asset any time after a directive for spinning reserve, supplemental reserve, or fast frequency response service, and while the directive remains in effect:
  - (a) continue to provide, as applicable, the **spinning reserve** quantity in accordance with Section 205.5 of the **ISO rules**, *Spinning Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards*, the **supplemental reserve** quantity in accordance with Section 205.6 of the **ISO**

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- rules, Supplemental Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards, or the fast frequency response service in accordance with the contract; and
- (b) start responding to the **dispatch** in the energy market after first achieving the **spinning** reserve quantity, supplemental reserve quantity, or fast frequency response service response.
- (5) A pool participant must, when responding to an energy dispatch in accordance with subsection 7(1) through 7(4) consider the MW quantity to be the energy dispatch quantity in addition to the directive for spinning reserve in accordance with Section 205.5 of the ISO rules, Spinning Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards, supplemental reserve in accordance with Section 205.6 of the ISO rules, Supplemental Reserve Technical Requirements and Performance Standards, and fast frequency response service in accordance with the contract, as applicable.

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