DC-OPC Energy Price Formation Proposal

Markets & Reliability Committee

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Guiding Principles

- ❖Reforms must bring value to consumers through enhanced resource responsiveness and appropriate pricing of needed reserves
- Energy markets should be designed to reward transparency and resource flexibility
- Increases in energy market revenue must be examined in light of total market revenue with other revenue streams appropriately reduced
- Any changes must be supported by facts and simulations provided to stakeholders in a reasonable time

Consolidation of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Synchronized Reserves

- Consolidation of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Reserves will bring greater resource responsiveness to the system
- Must Offer Penalty and penalties for non-performance are necessary to ensure resource responsiveness

Locational Reserves

Keep existing RTO reserve sub-zone structure, but define several possible reserve sub-zones

Day-ahead and Real-time Energy Markets Alignment

Examining possible options for alignment of day-ahead and real-time energy markets

Operating Reserve Demand Curve

- ❖ Support the ORDC proposed by PJM at the November 28 EPFSTF employing \$850/MWh penalty factor
- This curve will more appropriately value needed reserves

Penalty Factor

- Current penalty factor of \$850/MWh is appropriate to compensate needed reserves at this time
- Any increase in the penalty factor must be limited and based on empirical evidence that reserves are not being met

Transition Mechanism

- Transition mechanism is necessary to ensure consumers do not pay twice for resources in the first years of implementation
- Examining transition mechanism based on a forward looking E&AS offset and circuit breaker provision to protect consumers