

2.6.5 Immature Units: Maintenance Costs

Immature Units - are units with less than 10 years of history or 30,000 Equivalent Service Hours.

Immature Units should use a blend of actual, costs, and calculated or forecasted costs. The weighted blend should be based on the ratio of historical operating hours to projected hours to meet 30,000 or achieving ten years of operation whichever comes first.

When information is not available to the Market Participant, estimates may be developed based on a methodology such as, but not limited to:

- Regional industry average
- Industry average in PJM
- Budgeted value for the business case
- Information from OEM
- or information from sister units

Once a unit hits 10 years of operation or 30,000 Equivalent Service Hours, it is considered a mature unit. Once a unit is mature, it will decide to use a 10 or 20 year history (see section 2.6.2). If a mature unit has less than 20 years of history and chooses to use 20 years as their maintenance period, the unit will use all available history to calculate opportunity cost, with a maximum of 20 years.

Example 2: Immature Unit

- A Combustion Turbine with 5,000 equivalent service hours after 10 years with unknown maintenance history

In this example the unit owner does not have the necessary information to compute historical maintenance costs. This unit could use:

- a. Regional industry average
- b. Industry average in PJM
- c. Budgeted value for the business case
- d. Information from OEM
- e. Information from sister units

The unit owner decides to use the budgeted value from the business model of \$25/ESH initially and a ten year maintenance history. In the following years the unit's VOM would be calculate as follows:ⁱ

<u>Year</u>	<u>ESH</u>	<u>VOM Calculation</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>6000</u>	<u>(Year 1 Actual + (9 * \$25/ESH)) / 10</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>7000</u>	<u>(Year 1+2 Actual + (8 * \$25/ESH)) / 10</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>8000</u>	<u>(Year 1+2+3 Actual + (7 * \$25/ESH)) / 10</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>9000</u>	<u>(Year 1+2+3+4 Actual + (6 * \$25/ESH)) / 10</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>(Year 1+2+3+4+5 Actual + (5 * \$25/ESH)) / 10</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>11000</u>	<u>(Year 1+2+3+4+5+6 Actual + (4 * \$25/ESH)) / 10</u>

<u>7</u>	<u>12000</u>	<u>(Year 1+2+3+4+5+6+7 Actual + (3 * \$25/ESH)) / 10</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>13000</u>	<u>(Year 1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8 Actual + (2 * \$25/ESH)) / 10</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>14000</u>	<u>(Year 1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9 Actual + (1 * \$25/ESH)) / 10</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>15000</u>	<u>(Year 1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10 Actual) / 10</u> <u>Unit is now Mature</u>

4.6 Maintenance Cost

Note: The information in Section 2.6 contains basic Maintenance Cost information relevant for all unit types. The following information only pertains to fossil steam units.

Fossil Steam - Maintenance Adder - is the dollars per unit of fuel (or heat) as derived from FERC Accounts 512 and 513 for fossil steam units.

Notes: Total Maintenance Dollars (TMD) plus (+) Total Start Maintenance Dollars (TSD) cannot exceed Total Dollars in FERC Accounts 512 and 513.

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Calculate total Maintenance Dollars for 2011, this example assumes a maintenance period of 10 years; please see section 2.6.3 for further explanation of Maintenance Periods.

Total Configuration Addition Maintenance Dollars =

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\text{Incremental (FERC 512 + 513 - Start Cost FERC 512 + 513)}_{2010} * \frac{\text{Escalation Index}_{2011}}{\text{Escalation Index}_{2010}} \right) + \\
 & \left(\text{Incremental (FERC 512 + 513 - Start Cost FERC 512 + 513)}_{2009} * \frac{\text{Escalation Index}_{2011}}{\text{Escalation Index}_{2009}} \right) + \\
 & \left(\text{Incremental (FERC 512 + 513 - Start Cost FERC 512 + 513)}_{2008} * \frac{\text{Escalation Index}_{2011}}{\text{Escalation Index}_{2008}} \right) + \dots \\
 & \left(\text{Incremental (FERC 512 + 513 - Start Cost FERC 512 + 513)}_{2000} * \frac{\text{Escalation Index}_{2011}}{\text{Escalation Index}_{2000}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Calculate total fuel burned (heat input in MBtu) for the maintenance period.

$$\text{Total Fuel} = \text{Fuel}_{2010} + \text{Fuel}_{2009} + \text{Fuel}_{2008} + \dots + \text{Fuel}_{2000}$$

These allow for the calculation of the maintenance adder:

$$\text{Maintenance Adder}_{2011} (\$/\text{MBTU}) = \frac{\text{Total Maintenance Dollars}}{\text{Total Fuel}}$$

Exhibit 9: Fossil Steam Unit's Sample Formula of Maintenance Adder

To Calculate the Start Maintenance Adder, Calculate the total Start Maintenance Cost. Please note the expenses in the maintenance adder and the expenses in the start maintenance adder are mutually exclusive.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Start Maintenance Cost} = & \\ & \left((\text{Start Cost FERC 512} + 513)_{2010} * \frac{\text{Escalation Index}_{2011}}{\text{Escalation Index}_{2010}} \right) + \\ & \left((\text{Start Cost FERC 512} + 513)_{2009} * \frac{\text{Escalation Index}_{2011}}{\text{Escalation Index}_{2009}} \right) + \\ & \left((\text{Start Cost FERC 512} + 513)_{2008} * \frac{\text{Escalation Index}_{2011}}{\text{Escalation Index}_{2008}} \right) + \dots \\ & \left((\text{Start Cost FERC 512} + 513)_{2000} * \frac{\text{Escalation Index}_{2011}}{\text{Escalation Index}_{2000}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This formula calculates the total number of starts:

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Where:

Cyclic starting factor = 5.0 for aircraft - type CTs and 10.0 for industrial - type CTs

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Cyclic peaking factor = 3.0 for all CTs

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[i We are ignoring the effects of inflation and use of the Handy Whitman Index for simplicity's sake.](#)