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## Billing Policy Changes Now Effective

The ISO New England Billing Policy has recently been modified to include the collection of the Qualification Process Cost Reimbursement Deposit (QPCRD), which is a deposit due in the Forward Capacity Market.

For each Forward Capacity Auction, the QPCRD will be included on the non-hourly settlement bill issued on the first Monday after the tenth calendar day of a month. Additionally, the annual true-up of the QPCRD will be included on the non-hourly settlement bill. One of the major benefits to our customers is that there will no longer be a separate bill issued for the QPCRD amounts because the bills will now be part of the normal settlement billing process. The Billing Contact for your company receives the settlement invoice.

It is important to note that the amount of these deposits will not be counted toward a customer's financial assurance obligations under the ISO New England Financial Assurance Policy. This change is effective November 13, 2009, and was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on October 20, 2009. The [filing](#) and [order](#) for ER09-1721-000 are available on the ISO New England Web site.

If you have questions on the Billing Policy changes, contact ISO New England Customer Support at 413-540-4220 or e-mail [custserv@iso-ne.com](mailto:custserv@iso-ne.com).●●●

## December 2009 Forward Capacity Auction Deadlines Approaching

December will be a busy month for Market Participants involved in the Forward Capacity Auction (FCA) for the Capacity Commitment Period beginning June 1, 2013 (FCA 2013-2014).

By the close of business on **December 1, 2009**, representatives of Existing Capacity Resources that previously participated in the Forward Capacity Market (FCM) and **do not** want to receive an obligation for FCA 2013-2014 need to submit, through the Forward Capacity Tracking System (FCTS), a de-list bid for their resource in accordance with Section III.13.1.2.3.1. of the [Transmission, Markets & Services Tariff](#) (the Tariff).

**December 1, 2009**, is also a deadline for Existing Capacity Resources flagged as having a significant decrease in capacity for FCA 2013-2014. Market Participants with flagged resources should make an election using the FCTS, in accordance with Section III.13.1.2.2.4 of the Tariff.

As part of the New Resource Qualification Process, Project Sponsors that submitted a Show of Interest form for their New Capacity Resource by the July 14, 2009 deadline, and are still active in the qualification process, must, *by no later than December 15, 2009*, submit a New Resource Qualification Package in accordance with Section III.13 of the Tariff. New Resource Qualification Packages are submitted using the FCTS.

If you have questions on the December 2009 deadlines, contact ISO New England Customer Support at 413-540-4220 or e-mail [custserv@iso-ne.com](mailto:custserv@iso-ne.com).●●●

## Publication of Peak Energy Rent Data Reports Begins in December

ISO New England will release Hourly and Monthly Peak Energy Rent (PER) Data Web (WW) reports for the months of January 2008 through November 2009 by **December 18, 2009**.

The Hourly PER value is calculated for hours where the Locational Marginal Price exceeds a Strike Price. The Strike Price is calculated using proxy unit parameters and a scaling factor defined in [Section III -Market Rule 1](#) of the Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff. Monthly PER is a summation of the Hourly PER for the obligation month. An Average Monthly PER value equal to the 12-month rolling average Monthly PER prior to the obligation month will be used in the settlement of the Forward Capacity Market (FCM). June 2010 will be the first obligation month settled for FCM.

The Average Monthly PER for the June 2010 obligation month will be based upon PER data for the months of June 2009 through May 2010. Although the PER data for the months of January 2008 through May 2009 will not affect any FCM settlements, this historical data provides Market Participants with a gauge on the variability of monthly PER values. Market Participants will be able to calculate the 12-month rolling Average Monthly PER beginning with December 2008 and each month thereafter.

Hourly and Monthly PER Data WW reports will be posted to the ISO New England Web site in the FCM [Reports](#) area. By December 1, 2009, two new sections entitled *Hourly Peak Energy Rent (PER) Data* and *Monthly Peak Energy Rent (PER) Data* will be added to the Web site. Additional supporting documentation and report descriptions will be available in the *Related Information* area of the Reports Web page.

Sample Hourly and Monthly PER Data Web (WW) reports were released on October 19, 2009, in the [Market Information Server \(MIS\) Reports](#) documentation posted on the ISO New England Web site. If you have any questions on PERs or the new reports, contact ISO New England Customer Support at 413-540-4220 or e-mail [custserv@iso-ne.com](mailto:custserv@iso-ne.com). ●●●

## Web Site Improvements for Billing Consolidation and Reference Materials are Scheduled for Release in 2010

The [February 2009](#) ISO News spotlighted the result of a survey about settlement-related Web usage. The survey results revealed how Market Participants use the ISO New England Web site to obtain settlement-related information and to verify their invoice line items. Additional feedback was collected from customers who indicated their willingness to participate further in the endeavor to improve the ISO New England Web.

As a result, improvements to billing aids and reference materials are expected to be unveiled by March 31, 2010. The [Billing Consolidation \(Bill Job Aid Replacement\) Plan](#) Web page, available on the ISO New England Web site, contains additional information related to these improvements. Additional details on the anticipated changes will be included in *ISO News* issues prior to the release date.

If you have questions on this subject, e-mail the ISO New England Web Content Manager at [wcm@iso-ne.com](mailto:wcm@iso-ne.com). ●●●

## Planning Procedure No. 4 Informational Session Announced

Do you have questions on the Transmission Cost Allocation (TCA) Application submittal process as defined in Schedule 12C of the Tariff? Are you unsure what information ISO New England is requiring for Planning Procedure No. 4 (PP-4) Attachment B and exactly what information needs to be presented to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) when using PP-4 Attachment D?

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, you should sign up for the ISO New England sponsored workshop to be held on **December 9, 2009**, at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough, MA.

The session will focus on answering questions about filling out either the TCA Application and/or the Cost Estimation Templates associated with PP-4. Reliability Committee members, project managers, finance and administrative staff of transmission companies, and anyone involved in filling out the TCA application are encouraged to attend this six-hour session.

To ensure the agenda covers all areas of interest, please e-mail your questions to [TCApps@iso-ne.com](mailto:TCApps@iso-ne.com) by December 7, 2009.

If you're interested in attending this meeting, [register now](#). ●●●

## Bilateral Electronic Bulletin Board Now Available

In 2008, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued Order No. 719 that required, in part, all Independent System Operators (ISOs) and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) to develop an electronic bulletin board on their Web sites for Market Participants to post bilateral transactions. [Order No. 719](#) is accessible from the FERC Web site.

Cooperating through the ISO/RTO Council (IRC), an electronic bulletin board that meets the requirements of Order 719 has been established on the PJM Web site and is available for use by non-PJM members, including ISO New England's Market Participants. Allowing ISO New England's Market Participants to post their offers on the PJM bulletin board provides exposure to a wider market and provides opportunities for Market Participants to better coordinate their contracting requirements.

The PJM bulletin board does not provide for actual trading; instead it allows for the posting of offers. An e-mail feature masks the identity of offering participants and will send responses without identifying replying respondents.

ISO New England's Market Participants will be allowed use of the PJM Power Contracts eBulletin Board without charge after registering with PJM. While users may log in to the bulletin board as a "Guest" without registering, the Guest status does not allow for posting or responding to offers through the e-mail functionality. Links to the PJM Power Contracts eBulletin Board are available from ISO New England's Web site. Registration and other information related to the use of the [Power Contracts eBulletin Board](#) are available under [Markets](#).

The screenshot shows the ISO New England website interface. The 'Markets' menu item is highlighted in red, and the 'Power Contracts eBulletin Board' link is also highlighted in red. The page features a navigation menu on the left, a search bar at the top right, and a 'Features' section in the main content area. The 'Features' section includes a recent FERC Order announcement and details about Generator Information System (GIS) exemptions. The right sidebar contains an 'AT A GLANCE' section with links to 'Morning Report', 'Calendar', 'LMP Map', 'Power System Conditions', 'Notices', and 'Feeds'. Below this is an 'LMP PRICE TICKER' for Highgate, showing data for 11/20/2009 13:40: Energy Comp: \$35.33, Congest Comp: \$0.00, Loss Comp: \$-2.57, LMP: \$32.76, and New England Load (MW): 14,992. The footer includes copyright information and links for 'Latest Site Updates', 'Future Initiatives', 'Site Index', 'Legal & Privacy', and 'Contact Us'.

Contact ISO New England Customer Support at (413) 540-4220 or [custserv@iso-ne.com](mailto:custserv@iso-ne.com), if you have questions on the PJM electronic bulletin board. ●●●

## SAVE THE DATE

**New Capacity Qualification Package Review for Supply Resources**

Web Conference | **December 1, 2009** | 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

## Forward Capacity Market Dates to Remember

### Specific to Capacity Commitment Periods

#### 2010-2011

**November 30, 2009 thru December 4, 2009:** Capacity Supply Obligation Bilateral Contracts for Third Annual Reconfiguration Auction submittal window. This is the only opportunity to submit annual Capacity Supply Obligation Bilateral Contracts for this Capacity Commitment Period. Refer to [ISO News Issue182](#) and the [Annual Bilateral Contracts and Qualified Capacity Web Conference](#), dated October 16, 2009, for additional details.

#### 2013-2014

<b>December 1, 2009:</b>	Existing Capacity Resource Qualification Deadline
<b>December 15, 2009:</b>	New Capacity Resource Qualification Deadline
<b>May 15, 2009 thru April 4, 2010:</b>	Non-Price Retirement Request submittal window
<b>August 2, 2010:</b>	Forward Capacity Auction begins

#### 2014-2015

<b>March 15, 2010:</b>	Show of Interest window opens for New Capacity Resources
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Note: The above are listed as a courtesy and not inclusive of all Forward Capacity Market dates. Refer to Section III.13 of the Transmission, Markets & Services Tariff and ISO New England Manual M-20: Installed Capacity and M-MVDR: Measurement and Verification of Demand Reduction Value from Demand Resources for complete Forward Capacity Market details or call ISO New England Customer Support at 413-540-4220.

## Black Start Testing Ends December 31, 2009

All generators designated as Black Start Capable must perform an actual black start of the generator without depending on the interconnected system or other unrelated generator support by the end of December 2009.

Complete details on test requirements, expectations, and test result reporting can be found in ISO New England [Operating Procedure No. 11](#), Black Start Testing Requirements, with additional details in Schedule 16 of the Transmission, Markets & Services Tariff, [Section 2](#) (Open Access Transmission Tariff). Both documents are available on the [ISO New England Web site](#).

Contact Crystal Jackson at (413) 535-4066 or e-mail [cjackson@iso-ne.com](mailto:cjackson@iso-ne.com), if you have questions on this annual requirement for Black Start units. ●●●



## Web-based Training Now Available for Viewing

Recent changes to the ISO New England Financial Assurance Policy have led to revisions of the Web-based training (WBT) on Financial Assurance for the Forward Capacity Market that was posted in early 2009. The revised WBT is accessible from the ISO New England Web site under [Support > Training > Course Materials > Financial Assurance](#). A downloadable version of the PowerPoint presentation, which includes the script, is also available.

*Designating Resources as Self-Supplied for the Forward Capacity Market* is the subject of a new WBT that is now available from the ISO New England Web site under [Support > Training > Course Materials > Forward Capacity Market](#). This 21-minute WBT was based on the June 2009 Web conference. The WBT provides the viewer with the basic concepts of a Self-Supplied Resource and introduces how to submit and confirm their data in the Forward Capacity Tracking System. A downloadable version of the PowerPoint presentation including the full script is also available.

If you have questions on either of these WBTs, please contact ISO New England Customer Support at 413-540-4220 or e-mail [custserv@iso-ne.com](mailto:custserv@iso-ne.com). ●●●