

# EIM Resource Sufficiency Flexible Ramping Sufficiency Test Enhancements

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#### EIM Resource Sufficiency: Progress to Date

- Resource Sufficiency framework was new for the EIM
  - Unsurprising that enhancements are necessary, as EIM experience is gained
- Powerex appreciates CAISO's efforts and progress in multiple related areas
  - Incremental EIM RS improvements (through Business Practice Manual changes)
  - Additional metrics/transparency (Market Performance & Planning Forum)
  - Intertie Deviation Settlement Initiative
  - Resource Adequacy Enhancements
- However, Powerex believes Resource Sufficiency is not working as intended from a flexibility perspective and needs to be overhauled
  - Flexible Ramping Sufficiency Test is leading to counterintuitive results

## **Evaluating EIM Flexible Ramping Sufficiency Test (FRST)**

EIM FRST results appear inconsistent with actual system conditions

#### **Actual Grid Conditions**

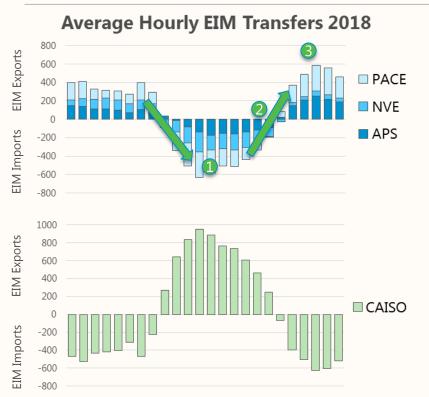
- California's capacity and flexibility challenges are growing as the resource mix evolves
- EIM Entities provide surplus flexibility to California to help balance the grid in Real-Time

#### **EIM FRST Results**

• CAISO appears to **rarely**, if ever, fail RS

 EIM Entities have difficulty passing the Flexible Ramping Sufficiency Test

# EIM Entities Generally Provide Surplus Flexibility to EIM Area

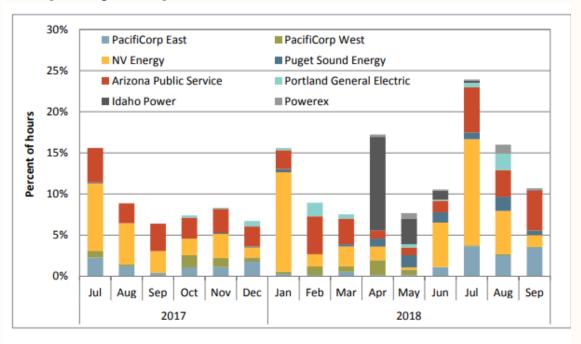


Source: CAISO OASIS

Time Period	EIM Entities
① Mid-Day	EIM Entities generally <b>provide flexibility</b> by backing down dispatchable generation
2 Evening Net Load Ramp	EIM Entities generally <b>provide flexibility</b> by quickly increasing dispatchable generation
3 Evening Peak Load	EIM Entities generally provide flexibility from dispatchable generation to support exports during their own evening peak

# Yet EIM Entities Continue to Have <u>Difficulty Passing</u> FRST

#### **Frequency of Upward FRST Failures**



## Evaluating the EIM Resource Sufficiency Framework: Next Steps

#### Performing an accurate real-time flexibility test is complex

- Relies on "just in time" information about actual system conditions each hour
- Requires a method to account for EIM transfers that have already occurred (e.g., flex credits)

#### Powerex recognizes CAISO has many competing initiatives

- But, it should be recognized that FRST is not working from a flexibility perspective
- Powerex supports CAISO's proposal for a holistic review of EIM Resource Sufficiency during EDAM initiative (mid-2019)
  - Progress in other CAISO BAA initiatives (RA Enhancements, Intertie Deviations) are both complimentary and necessary



## Thank You

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