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- Synchronous condensers incur certain costs when operating in condensing mode. Units operate in condensing mode to provide reserves, reactive support or post contingency operation.
- Condensers provide PJM with three operating parameters and three financial parameters as part of their offers. These parameters are:
 - Condense Energy Use (MW), Condense Notification Time, Condense to Generate Time.
 - Condense Startup Cost, Condense to Gen Cost, Condense Hourly Cost.

Problem Statement

- The definitions of these parameters need to be reviewed, clarified or corrected when necessary, and documented in Manual 15 and the Operating Agreement.
- The references to Condense Hourly Cost were removed from Manual 15 as part of the Reserve Market changes in October 1, 2022.
- Manual 11, Manual 28 and the OA uplift related sections of synchronous condensing were not revised.

OA References

- Condensing costs are referenced in five sections of Schedule 1 of the Operating Agreement.
 - 3.2.3: Operating Reserves (Uplift)
 - 3.2.3A: Synchronized Reserves
 - 3.2.3A.01: Secondary Reserves
 - 3.2.3B: Reactive Services
 - 3.2.3C: Post-Contingency Operation
- Condensing costs are referenced in Manual 11, 15 and 28.

OA References

- None of the sections include definitions.
- Terms used:
 - offered prices for synchronous condensing
 - condense start-up cost
 - cost to provide synchronous condensing
 - startup cost of providing synchronous condensing

PJM/IMM Proposal

- Clearly define and document all condensing costs.
- Remove Condense Hourly Cost.
- Update OA and manuals.
- All redlines have been included in a separate material.

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