

# Technical Study Report

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## **New York Control Area Installed Capacity Requirement**



**For the Period May 2017  
to April 2018**



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Note: The final 2017 base case IRM had not been released by the NYISO as of 10/28/16; therefore, this draft does not include IRM and certain related data and figures.

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The New York State Reliability Council (NYSRC) is a not-for-profit corporation responsible for promoting and preserving the reliability of the New York State power system by developing, maintaining and, from time to time, updating the reliability rules which must be complied with by the New York Independent System Operator and all entities engaging in electric power transactions on the New York State power system. One of the responsibilities of the NYSRC is the establishment of the annual statewide Installed Capacity Requirement for the New York Control Area.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A New York Control Area (NYCA) Installed Reserve Margin (IRM) Study is conducted annually by the New York State Reliability Council (NYSRC) Installed Capacity Subcommittee (ICS). ICS has the overall responsibility of managing studies for establishing NYCA IRM requirements for the following capability year, including the development and approval of all modeling and database assumptions to be used in the reliability calculation process. This year's report covers the period May 2017 through April 2018 (2017 Capability Year).

**Results of the NYSRC technical study show that the required NYCA IRM for the 2017 Capability Year is \_\_\_% under base case conditions.** This IRM satisfies the NYSRC and Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC) reliability criterion of a Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) of no greater than 0.1 days per year.

This study also determined corresponding *preliminary* Locational Capacity Requirements (LCRs) of \_\_\_% and \_\_\_% for New York City and Long Island, respectively. In accordance with its responsibility of setting LCRs, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) will later determine *final* LCRs for the New York City and Long Island zones using a separate calculation process in accordance with NYISO tariff and procedures, while adhering to NYSRC Reliability Rules.

The \_\_\_% IRM base case value for the 2017 Capability Year represents a \_\_\_% *increase* from the 2016 base case IRM of 17.4%. Table 6-1 shows the IRM impacts of individual updated study parameters that result in this change. There are five parameter drivers that in combination *increased* the 2017 IRM from the 2016 base case. Of these, the three most significant drivers are (1) updated Ontario, New England, Quebec, and PJM Interconnection (PJM) interconnected external area models, which increased the IRM by \_\_\_%; (2) updated generating unit EFORs, which increased the IRM by \_\_\_; and (3) additional wind capacity, which increased the IRM by \_\_\_.

Five other parameter drivers collectively *decreased* the IRM. Of these, the most significant driver is an updated load forecast for 2017, which decreased the IRM by \_\_\_%.

This study also evaluated IRM impacts of several sensitivity cases. The results of these sensitivity cases are summarized in Table 7-1, and in greater detail in Appendix B, Table B-1. In addition, a confidence interval analysis was conducted to demonstrate that there is a high confidence that the base case \_\_\_% IRM will fully meet NYSRC and NPCC resource adequacy criteria that require a Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) of no greater than 0.1 days/year.

Two new models were introduced for the 2017 IRM Study. A new multiple wind shape model, available in a new version of GE-MARS, was tested and accepted for use in the 2017 IRM Study. This model, which allows inputting of several years of historical wind shape data, is an improvement over the previous wind shape model which could accept historical wind shape data from only one year. After testing, a new five-zone PJM model was accepted to replace the previous four-zone PJM model for use in the 2017 IRM Study. The five-zone model provides a more accurate representation of the PJM system. Another advantage of the new model is that data updates from PJM will be consistent with that provided to NPCC, which also now utilizes a five-zone model.

The base case and sensitivity case IRM results, along with other relevant factors, will be considered in a separate NYSRC Executive Committee process in which the Final NYCA IRM requirement for the 2017 Capability Year is adopted. The 2017 IRM Study also evaluated Unforced Capacity (UCAP) trends. UCAP is the manner the NYISO values installed capacity considering the forced outage ratings of individual generating units. This analysis shows that UCAP margins, which steadily decreased over the 2006-2010 period, have ranged between 5.5% and 7% since then.

## 1. Introduction

This report describes a technical study, conducted by the NYSRC Installed Capacity Subcommittee (ICS), for establishing the NYCA Installed Reserve Margin (IRM) for the period of May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2019 (2017 Capability Year). This study is conducted each year in compliance with Section 3.03 of the NYSRC Agreement which states that the NYSRC shall establish the annual statewide Installed Capacity Requirement (ICR) for the NYCA. The ICR relates to the IRM through the following equation:

$$\text{ICR} = \left( 1 + \frac{\text{IRM Requirement (\%)}}{100} \right) * \text{Forecasted NYCA Peak Load}$$

The base case and sensitivity case study results, along with other relevant factors, will be considered by the NYSRC Executive Committee for its adoption of the Final NYCA IRM requirement for the 2017 Capability Year.

The NYISO will implement the Final NYCA IRM as determined by the NYSRC, in accordance with the NYSRC Reliability Rules<sup>1</sup>, the NYISO Market Services Tariff, and the NYISO Installed Capacity (ICAP) Manual.<sup>2</sup> The NYISO translates the required IRM to an Unforced Capacity (UCAP) basis. These values are also used in a Spot Market Auction based on FERC-approved Demand Curves. The schedule for conducting the 2017 IRM Study was based on meeting the NYISO's timetable for conducting this auction.

The study criteria, procedures, and types of assumptions used for the study for establishing the NYCA IRM for the 2017 Capability Year (2017 IRM Study) are set forth in NYSRC Policy 5-10<sup>3</sup>, *Procedure for Establishing New York Control Area Installed Capacity Requirement*. The primary reliability criterion used in the IRM study requires a LOLE of no greater than 0.1 days/year for the NYCA. This NYSRC resource adequacy criterion is consistent with Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC). IRM study procedures include the use of two study methodologies: the *Unified Methodology* and the *IRM Anchoring Methodology*. The NYSRC reliability criterion and IRM study methodologies are described in Policy 5-10 and discussed in more detail later in this report.

In addition to calculating the NYCA IRM requirement, the above methodologies identify corresponding preliminary LCRs for New York City (NYC) and Long Island (LI). In its role of

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nysrc.org/NYSRCReliabilityRulesComplianceMonitoring.asp>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets\\_operations/market\\_data/icap/index.jsp](http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets_operations/market_data/icap/index.jsp)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.nysrc.org/policies.asp>

setting the final LCRs, the NYISO will utilize the IRM value approved by the NYSRC. The LCR values determined in this NYSRC study are considered *preliminary* because the NYISO, using a separate calculation process in accordance with its tariff and procedures, sets the final LCRs. The 2017 IRM Study included a modeling process – initiated in the 2016 IRM Study – whereby all hours in the year (8760 hours) are considered in the IRM simulation rather than only daily peak hours as represented in earlier IRM studies.

The 2017 IRM Study was managed and conducted by the NYSRC Installed Capacity Subcommittee (ICS) and supported by technical assistance from NYISO staff.

Previous IRM Study reports, from 2000 to 2016, can be found on the NYSRC website.<sup>4</sup> Appendix C, Table C-1 provides a record of previous NYCA base case and final IRMs for the 2000 through 2016 Capability Years. Figure 8-1 and Appendix C, Table C-2, show UCAP reserve margin trends over previous years. Definitions of certain terms in this report can be found in the Glossary (Appendix D).

## 2. NYSRC Resource Adequacy Reliability Criterion

The acceptable LOLE reliability level used for establishing NYCA IRM Requirements is dictated by the NYSRC Reliability Rule A.1, *Establishing NYCA Statewide Installed Reserve Margin Requirements*, which states:

*The NYSRC shall establish the IRM requirement for the NYCA such that the probability (or risk) of disconnecting any firm load due to resource deficiencies shall be, on average, not more than once in ten years. Compliance with this criterion shall be evaluated probabilistically, such that the loss of load expectation (LOLE) of disconnecting firm load due to resource deficiencies shall be, on average, no more than 0.1 days per year. This evaluation shall make due allowance for demand uncertainty, scheduled outages and deratings, forced outages and deratings, assistance over interconnections with neighboring control areas, NYS Transmission System emergency transfer capability, and capacity and/or load relief from available operating procedures.*

This NYSRC Reliability Rule is consistent with NPCC Resource Adequacy Requirement 4 in Section 3.0 of NPCC Directory 1, *Design and Operation of the Bulk Power System*.

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.nysrc.org/reports3.asp>

In accordance with NYSRC Reliability Rule A.2, *Establishing Load Serving Entity (LSE) Installed Capacity Requirements and Deliverable External Area Installed Capacity*, the NYISO is required to establish LSE installed capacity requirements, including locational capacity requirements (LCRs), for meeting the statewide IRM requirement established by the NYSRC for complying with NYSRC Reliability Rule A.1 above.

### 3. IRM Study Procedures

The study procedures used for the 2017 IRM Study are described in detail in NYSRC Policy 5-10, *Procedure for Establishing New York Control Area Installed Capacity Requirements*. Policy 5-10 also describes the computer program used for reliability calculations and the types of input data and models used for the IRM Study.

This study utilizes a *probabilistic approach* for determining NYCA IRM requirements. This technique calculates the probabilities of generator unit outages, in conjunction with load and transmission representations, to determine the days per year of expected resource capacity shortages.

General Electric's Multi-Area Reliability Simulation (GE-MARS) is the primary computer program used for this probabilistic analysis. This program includes detailed load, generation, and transmission representation for eleven NYCA load zones — plus four external Control Areas (Outside World Areas) directly interconnected to the NYCA. The external Control Areas are: Ontario, New England, Quebec, and the PJM Interconnection. The eleven NYCA zones are depicted in Figure 3-1.<sup>5</sup> GE-MARS calculates LOLE, expressed in days per year, to provide a consistent measure of system reliability. The GE-MARS program is described in detail in Appendix Section A.1.

Prior to the 2016 IRM Study IRM base case and sensitivity analyses were simulated using only weekday peak loads rather than evaluating all 8,760 hours per year to reduce computational run times. However, the 2016 IRM Study determined that the difference between study results using the daily peak hour versus the 8,760 hour methodologies would be significant. Therefore, the 2016 IRM Study and again in this 2017 IRM Study, the base case and sensitivity cases were simulated using all hours in the year (8760 hours).

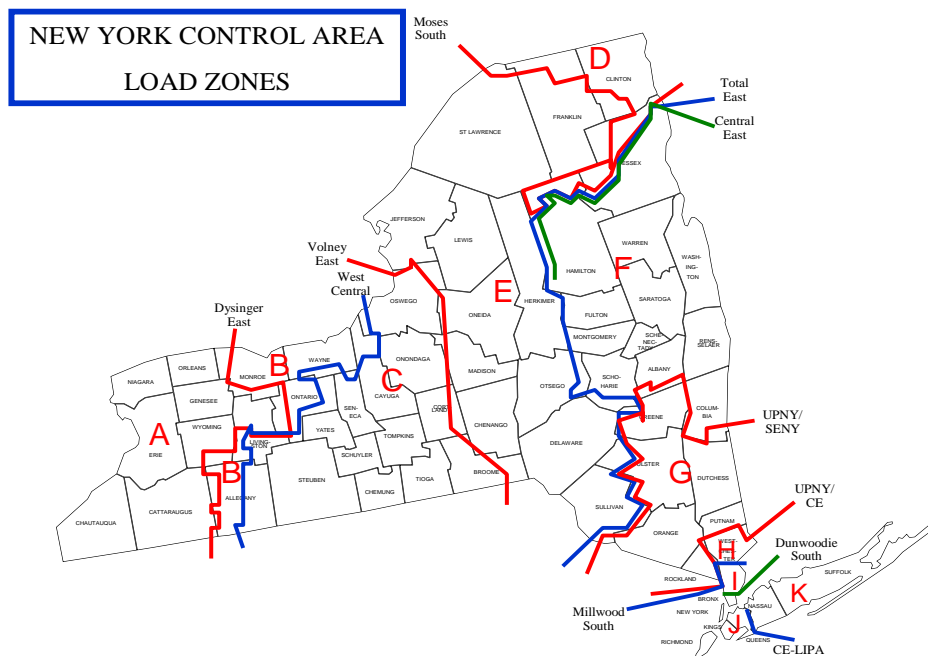
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<sup>5</sup> The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has ordered the creation of a new capacity zone (NCZ) within the NYISO's ICAP market encompassing Load Zones G, H, I, and J (the "G-J Locality"). The creation of the G-J Locality did not impact the current Unified and IRM Anchoring Methodologies and NYSRC's calculation of the NYCA IRM that is discussed in this report.



Using the GE-MARS program, a procedure is utilized for establishing NYCA IRM requirements (termed the *Unified Methodology*) which establishes a relationship between NYCA IRM and preliminary LCRs, as illustrated in Figure 3-2. All points on these curves meet the NYSRC 0.1 days/year LOLE reliability criterion described above. Note that the area above the curve is more reliable than criteria, and the area below the curve is less reliable. This methodology develops a pair of curves, one for New York City (NYC), Zone J; and one for Long Island (LI), Zone K. Appendix A of Policy 5-10 provides a more detailed description of the Unified Methodology.

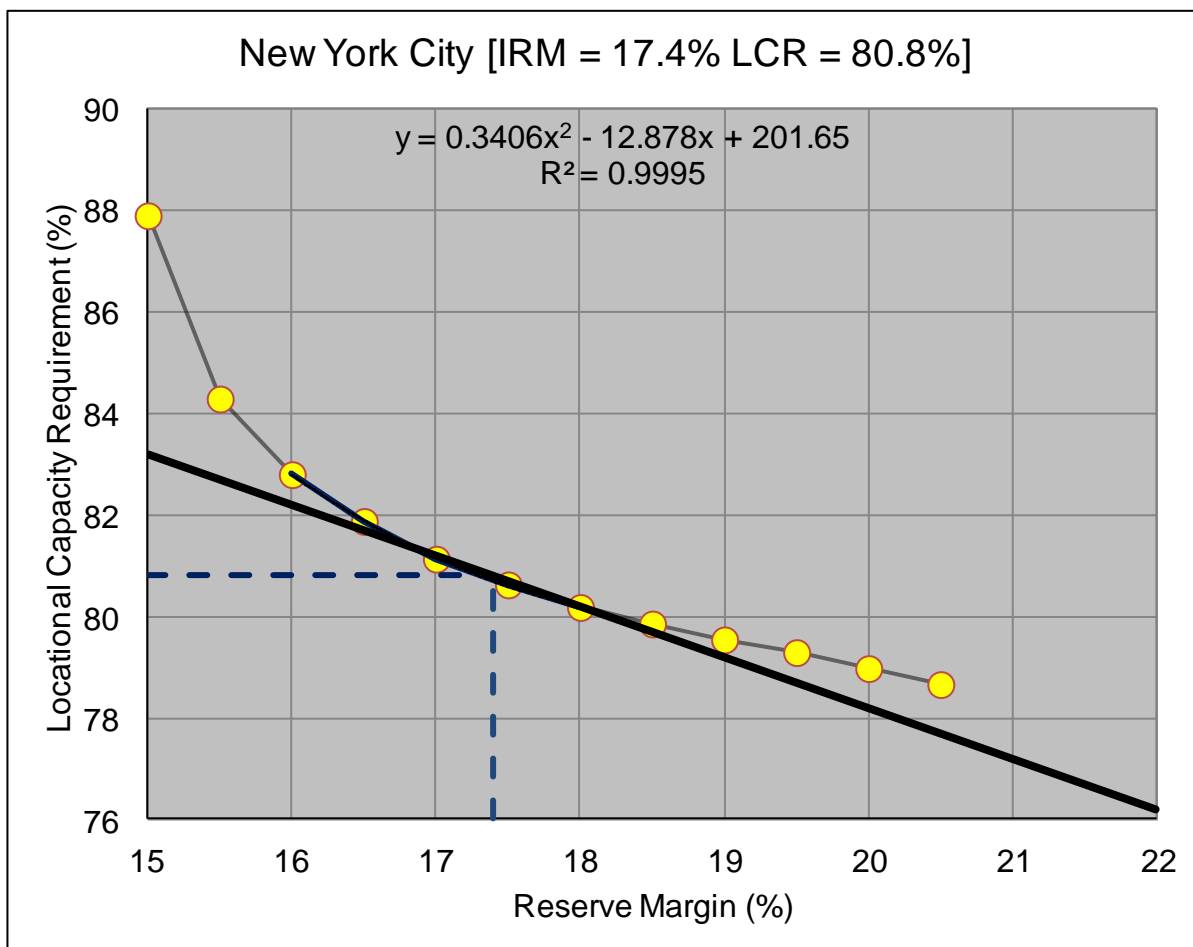
Figure 3-1 NYCA Load Zones

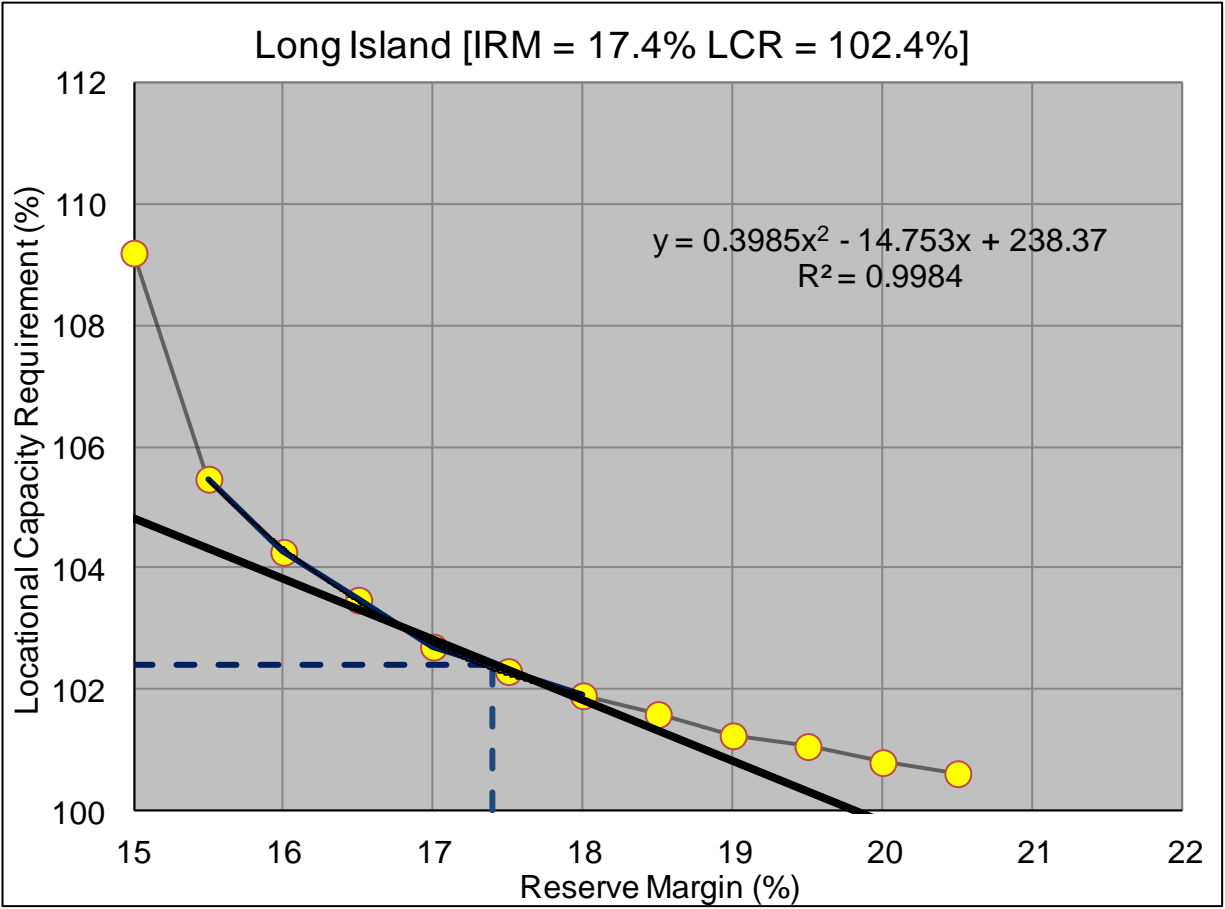


Base case NYCA IRM requirements and related preliminary LCRs are established by a supplemental procedure (termed the *IRM Anchoring Methodology*) which is used to define an *inflection point* on each of these curves. These inflection points are selected by applying a tangent of 45 degrees (Tan 45) analysis at the bend (or “knee”) of each curve. Mathematically, each curve is fitted using a second order polynomial regression analysis. Setting the derivative of the resulting set of equations to minus one yields the points at which the curves achieve the Tan 45 degree inflection point. Appendix B of Policy 5-10 provides a more detailed description of the methodology for computing the Tan 45 inflection point.

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Figure 3-2  
Locational Requirements vs. Statewide Requirements





#### 4. Study Results – Base Case

Results of the NYSRC technical study show that the required NYCA IRM is \_\_\_% for the 2017 Capability Year under base case conditions. Figure 3-2 depicts the relationship between NYCA IRM requirements and resource capacity in NYC and LI.

The tangent points on these curves were evaluated using the Tan 45 analysis. Accordingly, it can be concluded that maintaining a NYCA installed reserve of \_\_\_% for the 2017 Capability Year, together with corresponding preliminary LCRs of \_\_\_% and \_\_\_% for NYC and LI, respectively, will achieve applicable NYSRC and NPCC reliability criteria for the base case study assumptions shown in Appendix A.3.

Comparing the preliminary LCRs in this 2017 IRM Study to 2016 IRM Study results (NYC LCR=80.8%, LI LCR=102.4%), the preliminary NYC LCR increased by \_\_\_%, while the preliminary LI LCR increased by \_\_\_%.

In accordance with NYSRC Reliability Rule A.2, *Load Serving Entity ICAP Requirements*, the NYISO is required to separately calculate and establish final LCRs. The most recent NYISO

LCR study,<sup>6</sup> dated January 14, 2016, determined that for the 2016 Capability Year, the final LCRs for NYC and LI to be 80.5% and 102.5%, respectively. An LCR Study for the 2017 Capability Year is scheduled to be completed by the NYISO in January 2017.

A Monte Carlo simulation error analysis shows that there is a 95% probability that the above base case result is within a range of \_\_\_% and \_\_\_% (see Appendix A.1.1) when obtaining a standard error of 0.025 per unit at 1,500 simulated years. This analysis demonstrates that there is a high level of confidence that the base case IRM value of \_\_\_% is in full compliance with the one day in 10 year LOLE criterion in NYSRC Reliability Rule A.1.

## 5. Models and Key Input Assumptions

This section describes the models and related input assumptions for the 2016 IRM Study. The models represented in the GE-MARS analysis include a *Load Model*, *Capacity Model*, *Transmission System Model*, and *Outside World Model*. Potential IRM impacts of pending environmental initiatives are also addressed. The input assumptions for the final base case were approved by the Executive Committee on October 14, 2016. Appendix Section A.3 provides more details of these models and assumptions and comparisons of several key assumptions with those used for the 2017 IRM Study.

### 5.1 Load Model

#### 5.1.1 Peak Load Forecast

A 2017 NYCA summer peak load forecast of 33,316 MW was assumed in the 2017 IRM Study, a decrease of 62 MW from the 2016 summer peak forecast used in the 2016 IRM Study. The 2017 load forecast, completed by the NYISO staff in collaboration with the NYISO Load Forecasting Task Force and presented to ICS on October 5, 2016, considered actual 2016 summer load conditions. After accounting for the peak load impacts of weather and demand response programs, the weather/demand response adjusted or normalized peak load during the 2016 summer was determined to be 33,263 MW.

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<sup>6</sup> *Locational Installed Capacity Requirements Study*,  
[http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets\\_operations/services/planning/planning\\_studies](http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets_operations/services/planning/planning_studies)

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Use of the 2017 peak load forecast in the 2017 IRM study increased the IRM by \_\_\_% compared to the 2016 Study due to the distribution of load growth (Table 6-1); downstate load growth increased more than upstate. The NYISO will prepare a final 2017 summer forecast in early 2017 for use in the NYISO 2017 Locational Capacity Requirement Study. It is expected that the 2017 summer peak load forecast used for this study and the NYISO final summer 2017 forecast will be similar.

### **5.1.2 Load Forecast Uncertainty (LFU)**

Some uncertainty exists relative to forecasting NYCA loads for any given year. This uncertainty is incorporated in the base case model by using a load forecast probability distribution that is sensitive to different weather conditions. Recognizing the unique LFU of individual NYCA areas, separate LFU models are prepared for four areas: New York City (Zone J), Long Island (Zone K), Westchester (Zones H and I), and the rest of New York State (Zones A-G).

An NYISO examination of the LFU models used for the 2017 IRM Study indicated that, due to cool summer weather in 2015 and 2016, the LFU models did not need to be updated because there is no new information to model extreme weather conditions. Appendix Section A.3.1 describes these models in more detail. Modeling of load forecast uncertainty in the 2017 IRM Study has an effect of increasing IRM requirements by 7.9% as demonstrated by a sensitivity case (Table 7-1).

A feature in GE-MARS that allows for the representation of multiple load shapes was again utilized for the 2017 IRM Study. This multiple load shape feature enables a different load shape to be assigned to each of seven load forecast uncertainty bins. Part of the effort of implementing this model was to establish criteria for selecting the appropriate historical load shapes to use for each of these load forecast uncertainty bins. ICS concluded that an acceptable approach would be to select a combination of load shape years 2002, 2006, and 2007. The load shape for the year 2007 was selected to represent a typical system load shape over the 1999 to 2016 period. The load shape for 2002 represents a flatter load shape, a shape that has numerous daily peaks that are close to the annual peak. The load shape for 2006 represents a load shape with a small number of days with peaks that are significantly above the remaining daily peak loads. The combination of these

load shapes on a weighted basis represents an expected probabilistic LOLE result.

### **5.1.3 Planned Non-Wind Facilities, Retirements and Reratings**

Planned non-wind facilities and retirements that are represented in the 2017 IRM Study are shown in Appendix Section A.3.2. The rating for each existing and planned resource facility in the capacity model is based on its Dependable Maximum Net Capability (DMNC). In circumstances where the ability to deliver power to the grid is restricted, the value of the resource is limited to its Capacity Resource Interconnection Service (CRIS) value. The source of DMNC ratings for existing facilities is seasonal tests required by procedures in the NYISO Installed Capacity Manual.

Planned reratings of existing generating units in 2017 will increase the planned NYCA capability by 67.5 MW, while the capability of anticipated retirements will total 184 MW. No new resource capacity is planned in 2017.

### **5.1.4 Wind Generation**

It is projected that during the 2017 summer period there will be a total wind capacity of 1,676 MW participating in the capacity market in New York State. All wind farms are located in upstate New York in Zones A-E. This includes 221 of planned new wind capacity.

Previous GE-MARS versions allowed only a single year's wind shape to be represented in IRM studies, despite the availability of actual hourly wind generation output covering several past years. It had been the practice by ICS to either use the previous calendar year's hourly plant output as the basis for the wind shape model, or to represent a single typical year as was assumed for the 2016 IRM Study. A new GE-MARS version was recently made available that includes a feature that allows input of multiple years of wind data, an improvement over the present model. This multiple wind shape model randomly draws daily wind shapes from historical wind production data. After testing, this new wind shape model was accepted by ICS for use in the 2017 IRM Study. The 2017 IRM Study used available wind production data covering the 2011 through 2015 period. Results of a parametric study showed that use of the new multiple wind shape model has the effect of lowering the IRM by 0.1% from the 2016 IRM Study (see Table 6-1).

The 2017 IRM Study base case assumes that the projected 1,676 MW of wind capacity will operate at a 14% capacity factor during the summer peak period. This assumed capacity factor is based on an analysis of actual hourly wind generation data collected for wind facilities in New York State during the June through August 2013 period between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This test period was chosen because it covers the time during which virtually all of the annual NYCA LOLE occurrences are distributed.

Overall, inclusion of the projected 1,676 MW of wind capacity in the 2017 Study accounts for 3.9% of the 2017 IRM requirement (Table 7-1). This relatively high IRM impact is a direct result of the very low capacity factor of wind facilities during the summer peak period. The impact of wind capacity on *unforced capacity* is discussed in Appendix C.3, “Wind Resource Impact on the NYCA IRM and UCAP Markets.” A detailed summary of existing and planned wind resources is shown in Appendix A, Table A-7.

### **5.1.5 Generating Unit Availability**

Generating unit forced and partial outages are modeled in GE-MARS by inputting a multi-state outage model that represents an equivalent forced outage rate during demand periods (EFORd) for each unit represented. Outage data used to determine the EFORd is received by the NYISO from generator owners based on outage data reporting requirements established by the NYISO. Capacity unavailability is modeled by considering the average forced and partial outages for each generating unit that have occurred over the most recent five-year time period. The time span considered for the 2017 IRM Study covered the 2011-2015 period.

The calculated weighed average five-year EFORd for NYCA thermal and large hydro generating units for this period is higher than the 2010-2014 average value used for the 2016 IRM Study, causing the IRM to increase by 0.\_\_\_\_% (Table 6-1). Appendix A, Figure A-4 depicts NYCA 2003 to 2015 EFORd trends.

### **5.1.6 Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs)**

#### **(1) Special Case Resources (SCRs)**

SCRs are loads capable of being interrupted, and distributed generators rated at 100 kW or higher. SCRs are ICAP resources that only provide load curtailment when activated as needed in accordance with NYISO emergency

operating procedures. GE-MARS models SCRs as EOP steps which are activated to minimize expected loss of load. SCRs are modeled with monthly values based on July 2016 registration. For the month of July, the forecast SCR value for the 2017 IRM Study base case assumes that 1,192 MW will be registered, with varying amounts during other months based on historical experience.

The SCR performance model is based discounting registered SCR recognizing historical availability. The SCR model used for the 2017 IRM Study is based on July 2015 performance data. SCR performance factors were determined from one-hour performance tests. The 2017 IRM Study used an Effective Capacity Value of 0.90 which resulted in a SCR model value of 841 MW with an overall effective performance of 70.6%. (refer to Appendix Section A.3.7 for more details). The number of SCR calls in the 2017-18 Capability Year for the 2017 IRM base case is limited to 5 calls per month.

The SCR model used for the 2017 IRM Study resulted in an IRM decrease of 0.1% from the 2016 IRM Study (Table 6-1). The 2017 IRM Study determined that for the \_\_\_% base case IRM, approximately \_\_\_ SCR calls would be expected during the June-August 2017 period.

## **(2) Emergency Demand Response Program (EDRP)**

The EDRP is a separate program from the SCR Program that allows registered interruptible loads and standby generators to participate on a voluntary basis – and be paid for their ability to restore operating reserves after major emergencies have been declared. The 2017 IRM Study assumes 75 MW of EDRP resources will be registered in 2017, the same as was assumed for the 2016 IRM Study. The 2017 EDRP capacity was discounted to a base case value of 13 MW reflecting past performance. This value is implemented in the study in July and proportional to monthly peaks loads in other months, while being limited to a maximum of five EDRP calls per month. Both SCRs and EDRP are included in the Emergency Operating Procedure (EOP) model. Unlike SCRs, EDRP resources are not ICAP suppliers and therefore are not required to respond when called upon to operate.

Incorporation of SCR resources and EDRP in the NYCA capacity model has the effect of increasing IRM requirements by 2.8% (Table 7-1) because the overall SCR and EDRP availability is lower than the average statewide resource fleet availability.



### **(3) Other Emergency Operating Procedures**

In accordance with NYSRC requirements, the NYISO will implement various types of EOPs as required to avoid or minimize customer disconnections. Projected 2017 EOP capacity values are based on recent actual data and NYISO forecasts. Refer to Appendix A, Table A-13 for projected EOP values.

#### **5.1.7 Unforced Capacity Deliverability Rights (UDRs)**

The capacity model includes UDRs which are capacity rights that allow the owner of an incremental controllable transmission project to extract the locational capacity benefit derived by the NYCA from the project. Non-locational capacity, when coupled with a UDR, can be used to satisfy locational capacity requirements. The owner of UDR facility rights designates how they will be treated by the NYSRC and NYISO for resource adequacy studies. The IRM modeling accounts for both the availability of the resource that is identified for each UDR line as well as the availability of the UDR facility itself.

LIPA's 330 MW High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Cross Sound Cable, LIPA's 660 MW HVDC Neptune Cable, Hudson Transmission Partners 660 MW HVDC Cable, and the 315 MW Linden Variable Frequency Transformer are facilities that are represented in the 2017 IRM Study as having UDR capacity rights. The owners of these facilities have the option, on an annual basis, of selecting the MW quantity of UDRs they plan on utilizing for capacity contracts over these facilities. Any remaining capability on the cable can be used to support emergency assistance which may reduce locational and IRM requirements. The 2017 IRM Study incorporates the confidential elections that these facility owners made for the 2017 Capability Year.

## **5.2 Transmission Model**

### **5.2.1 Internal Transmission Model**

A detailed NYCA transmission system model is represented in the GE-MARS topology. The transmission system topology, which includes eleven NYCA zones and four Outside World Areas, along with transfer limits, is shown in Appendix A, Figures A-12, 13, and 14. The transfer limits employed for the 2017 IRM Study were developed from emergency transfer limit analysis included in various studies performed by the NYISO, and from input from

Transmission Owners and neighboring regions. The transfer limits are further refined by additional assessments conducted specifically for this cycle of the development of the topology. The assumptions for the transmission model included in the 2017 IRM Study are listed in the Appendix A, Tables A-8 and A-9, and described in detail in Appendix Section A.3.3.

Forced outages based on historic performance are represented in the GE-MARS model for the IRM study for the underground cables that connect New York City and Long Island to surrounding zones. The GE-MARS model uses transition rates between operating states for each interface, which are calculated based on the probability of occurrence from the failure rate and the time to repair. Transition rates into the different operating states for each interface are calculated based on the circuits comprising each interface, which includes failure rates and repair times for the individual cables, and for any transformer and/or phase angle regulator associated with that particular cable. Updated cable outage rates in the 2017 IRM Study had no impact on the IRM compared to the 2016 IRM Study (Table 6-1).

As in all previous IRM studies, forced outage rates for overhead transmission lines were not represented in the 2017 IRM Study. This was confirmed by a study conducted by ICS in 2015, *Evaluation of the Representation of Overhead Transmission Outages in IRM Studies*, which concluded that representing overhead transmission outages in IRM studies would have no material impact on the IRM (see [www.nysrc.org/reports](http://www.nysrc.org/reports)).

The impact of NYCA transmission constraints on NYCA IRM requirements depends on the level of resource capacity in any of the downstream zones from a constraining interface, especially in the NYC and LI zones J and K. To illustrate the impact of transmission constraints on IRM, if there were no transmission constraints, the required IRM in 2017 would decrease by 2.9% (Table 7-1).

**PARAGRAPH ON TOPOLOGY CHANGES TO BE PROVIDED BY NYISO**

Refer to topology details in Appendix Section A.3.3.

## 5.2.2 Outside World Model

The Outside World Model consists of four interconnected external control areas contiguous with NYCA: Ontario, Quebec, New England, and the PJM Interconnection (PJM). NYCA reliability is improved and IRM requirements reduced by recognizing available emergency capacity assistance support from these neighboring interconnected control areas, in accordance with control area agreements governing emergency operating conditions. Representing all such external interconnection support arrangements in the 2017 IRM Study base case for permitting emergency assistance to NYCA reduces the NYCA IRM requirements by 8.3% (Table 7-1). This reserve value of NYCA interconnections compares to 8.5% in the 2016 IRM Study. A model for representing neighboring control areas, similar that used in previous IRM studies, was utilized in the 2017 IRM Study. The assumptions for the Outside World Model included in the 2017 IRM Study are listed in Appendix A, Table A-10.

The primary consideration for developing the base case load and capacity assumptions for the Outside World Areas is to avoid overdependence on these Areas for emergency assistance support. For this purpose, from Policy 5-10, a rule is applied whereby an Outside World Area's LOLE cannot be lower than its own LOLE criterion. Therefore, for each of the Ontario, Quebec and New England control areas, a minimum LOLE of 0.1 days/year is modeled in accordance with NPCC requirements and the Areas' own individual resource adequacy criteria. For PJM, the 2017 IRM Study assumed a minimum LOLE of 0.14 day/year, which PJM uses for its planning studies. This is based on PJM's LOLE or resource adequacy criterion of 0.10 days/year, plus a PJM internal transmission constraint risk adder of 0.04 days/year. Also, each of these control areas' isolated LOLE cannot be lower than that of the NYCA, and its IRM can be no higher than that Area's minimum requirement.

In addition, Policy 5-10 does not allow EOPs to be represented in Outside World Area models for providing emergency assistance to NYCA because of the uncertainties associated with the performance and availability of these resources.

Another consideration for developing models for the Outside World Areas is to recognize internal transmission constraints within those Areas that may limit emergency assistance into the NYCA. This recognition can be explicitly considered through direct multi-area modeling of well-defined external area bubbles and their internal interface constraints. The model representation explicitly requires adequate data to accurately model transmission interfaces, load areas, resource and demand balances, load shape, and coincidence of peaks among the load zones within these Outside World Areas. If adequate data is unavailable, the area can also be modeled implicitly either by aggregating bubbles and associated interfaces and reflecting the constraint limits at the interfaces between aggregated bubbles and at the NYCA border, or by increasing the LOLE of the Outside World Areas.

For this study, two Outside World Areas – New England and the PJM Interconnection – are each represented as multi-area models, i.e., 13 zones for New England and five zones for the PJM Interconnection. The 13 zones for New England is an explicit representation that is reviewed by the ISONE staff and aligns with their own models for reserve margin studies.

During early 2016, the NYISO tested the impact of transitioning the PJM system representation, from a four-zone model used in previous IRM studies, to a five-zone representation. PJM has confirmed that a five-zone model is more accurate representation of the PJM system. Further, a five-zone model is currently utilized by NPCC. Given the NYISO's successful testing of a five zone PJM model, the NYSRC accepted transitioning from the previous four-zone model to a five-zone model for representing the PJM system in the 2017 IRM Study. Use of the five-zone model reduces the IRM by 0.1% compared to use of the four-zone model in the 2016 IRM Study.

The existing PJM-SENY group transfer limit is imposed to reflect internal constraints in both the PJM and NYCA systems. The transmission model in previous IRM studies allowed for the contractual delivery of 1000 MW at Waldwick and PJM re-delivery of 1000 MW at the Hudson and Linden interface ("PJM wheel"). The PJM wheel will be discontinued in 2017 and is therefore not represented in the 2017 IRM Study. Removal of the PJM wheel increases the IRM by 0.1% (Table 6-1).

As earlier discussed, excess generation capacity is delivered as emergency assistance from neighboring control areas to NYCA – recognizing interconnection limits – to avoid load shedding. As earlier stated, the modeling of emergency assistance permits NYCA to operate at an IRM lower than otherwise required. A concern has been recently raised that calculated emergency transfer levels from neighboring control areas in past GE-MARS studies may have been overstated considering actual operating conditions. A reason for this concern is that a portion of excess generation in neighboring control areas as identified by MARS as available for potentially provide emergency assistance could actually be off-line at the time when emergency capacity is needed by NYCA. In consideration of this concern, a preliminary study to examine issues related to the amount of emergency assistance that can be reasonably relied on was conducted by the NYISO in early 2016. Recognizing the results of this study, ICS is currently reviewing alternate models for representing emergency assistance. Cases 6 and 6a in Table 7-1 depict IRM impacts for a range of emergency assistance limit scenarios (2250 to 2750 MW) based on a preliminary analysis of actual excess 10-minute operating reserves in neighboring external areas. From Table 7-1 sensitivity case results, NYCA’s reserve value of interconnections would be reduced from 8.3% in the 2017 IRM base case to a range of 7.6 to 8.0%, assuming these emergency assistance limit scenarios. It is expected that a revised emergency assistance model will be available for use in the 2018 IRM Study after additional studies are completed.

### 5.3 Environmental Initiatives

The NYISO 2016 RNA identified environmental regulatory programs that could impact the operation of NYS Bulk Power System facilities. These state and federal regulatory initiatives cumulatively have required considerable investment by the owners of New York’s existing thermal power plants in order to comply. The programs are as follows:

**NO<sub>x</sub> RACT:** Reasonably Available Control Technology (Effective July 2014).

**BART:** Best Available Retrofit Technology for regional haze (Effective January 2014).

**MATS:** Mercury and Air Toxics Standard for hazardous air pollutants (Effective April 2015).

**MRP:** Mercury Reduction Program for Coal-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units – Phase II reduces Mercury emissions from coal fired power plants in New York (Effective January 2015).

**CSAPR:** Cross-State Air Pollution Rule for the reduction of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in 28 Eastern States. Additional Phase 2 ozone season NO<sub>x</sub> emissions reductions were recently finalized in the CSAPR Update Rule to begin in 2017.

**RGGI:** Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Phase II cap reductions started January 2014. The program design is undergoing review by the RGGI states in 2016 for design changes expected to take effect in 2018-2020.

**CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Standards:** NSPS effective June 2014, Existing Source Performance Standards (*i.e.*, the Clean Power Plan) become effective in 2022 pending outcome of judicial review.

**RICE:** NSPS and NESHAP – New Source Performance Standards and Maximum Achievable Control Technology for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (Effective July 2016, however, the exemption for use of non-compliant engines in energy markets has been removed from the regulatory text to address judicial remand).

**BTA:** Best Technology Available for cooling water intake structures (Effective upon SPDES Permit Renewal).

**NYC Residual Oil Elimination:** Phase out of residual oil usage in New York City (NYC) utility boilers

**DG Rule:** New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) proposed rule to lower emissions from small generators (potentially effective in 2018)

The NYISO has determined that as much as 27,500 MW in the existing fleet (72% of 2015 Summer Capacity) will have some level of exposure to environmental regulations. However, these initiatives are not expected to result in NYCA capacity reductions or retirements that would increase LOLE or IRM requirements during the 2017 Capability Year. For more details see the 2016 RNA Report.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> NYISO Reliability Needs Assessment Report dated yy/xx/2016 at NYISO/planning/documents/xxx

## 5.4 Database Quality Assurance Reviews

It is critical that the data base used for IRM studies undergo sufficient review in order to verify its accuracy. The NYISO, General Electric (GE), and two New York Transmission Owners (TOs) conducted independent data quality assurance reviews after the preliminary base case assumptions were developed and prior to preparation of the final base case. Masked and encrypted input data was provided by the NYISO to the transmission owners for their reviews. Also, certain confidential data were reviewed by two independent NYSRC consultants.

The NYISO, GE, and TO reviews found several minor data errors, none of which affected IRM requirements in the preliminary base case. The data found to be in error by these reviews were corrected before being used in the final base case studies. A summary of these quality assurance reviews for the 2016 IRM Study input data is shown in Appendix Section A.4.

## 6. Comparison with 2016 IRM Study Results

The results of this 2017 IRM Study show that the base case IRM result represents a \_\_% increase from the 2016 IRM Study base case value. Table 6-1 compares the estimated IRM impacts of updating several key study assumptions and revising models from those used in the 2016 Study. The estimated percent IRM change for each parameter was calculated from the results of a parametric analysis in which a series of IRM studies were conducted to test the IRM impact of individual parameters. The results of this analysis were normalized such that the net sum of the -/+ % parameter changes total the \_\_% IRM increase from the 2016 Study. Table 6-1 also provides the reason for the IRM change for each study parameter from the 2016 Study.

The three principal drivers shown in Table 6-1 that *increased* the required IRM from the 2016 IRM base case are: (1) updated models for Quebec, Ontario, PJM, New England, (2) updated generating unit EFORs, and (3) the addition of 221 MW of new wind capacity. These parameter changes increased the IRM by 0.5%, 0.4%, and 0.4%, respectively. The principal driver that *decreased* the required IRM from the 2016 IRM base case is the updated load forecast. This parameter change decreased the IRM by 0.2%. The parameters in Table 6-1 are discussed under *Models and Key Input Assumptions*.

**Table 6-1: Parametric IRM Impact Comparison – 2016 vs. 2017 IRM Study**  
 (The table below to be replaced)

Parameter	Estimated IRM Change (%)	IRM (%)	Reasons for IRM Changes
<b>2015 IRM Study – Final Base Case</b>		<b>17.3</b>	
<b>2016 IRM Study Parameters that Increased the IRM</b>			
All 8760 hours in simulation instead of only daily peak hours	+0.4		Increase in 'off peak' LOLE events
Huntley retirement with related topology changes	+0.4%		Decreased transfer limits in western New York
Updated IESO, NE, Quebec, and PJM models	+0.3		Less assistance from the new external models
Updated load forecast (Gold Book)	+0.1		Downstate load growth higher than upstate
Non-SCR EOPs	+0.1		Slightly lower voltage response
<b>Total IRM Increase</b>	<b>+1.3</b>		
<b>2016 IRM Study Parameters that Decreased the IRM</b>			
Updated PJM load and capacity (4-zone model)	-0.5		Increased planned PJM installed reserve
Updated generating unit EFORD's	-0.4		Five-year average performance improved
Updated SCRs	-0.1		Performance improvement
Updated large hydro model	-0.1		Improved hydro availability
Updated NYCA topology & generation additions	-0.1		Slight improvement of transmission and resource capability downstate
<b>Total IRM Decrease</b>	<b>-1.2</b>		
<b>2016 IRM Study Parameters that do not change the IRM</b>			
Updated Solar Shape	0		
Updated Sales	0		
Updated Cable Outage Rates	0		
Change Study Year	0		
Updated DMNC	0		
2013 Wind Shape Model* (Same as for 2015 IRM Study)	0		
<b>Net Change from 2015 Study</b>		<b>+0.1</b>	
<b>2016 IRM Study – Final Base Case</b>		<b>17.4</b>	



## 7.0 Sensitivity Case Study Results

Determining the appropriate IRM requirement to meet NYSRC reliability criteria depends upon many factors. Variations from the base case will, of course, yield different results. Table 7-1 shows IRM requirement results for selected sensitivity cases.

Sensitivity Cases 1 through 5 illustrate how the IRM would be impacted if certain major IRM study parameters were not represented in the IRM base case. The remaining group of cases – Cases 6 through 13 – shows IRM impacts assuming selected base case assumptions are changed to reasonable alternative levels. NYSRC Executive Committee members consider one or more of the latter group of sensitivity case results, in addition to the base case IRM, when the Committee develops the Final IRM for 2017.<sup>8</sup> Appendix B, Table B-1 includes a more detailed description and explanation of each sensitivity case.

The methodology used to conduct the sensitivity cases starts with the preliminary base case IRM results, and adds or removes capacity from all NYCA zones<sup>9</sup> until the NYCA LOLE approaches criteria. Because of the lengthy computer run time and manpower needed to utilize a Tan 45 analysis in IRM studies,<sup>10</sup> this method was applied for only Cases 9 and 11 in Table 7-1.

All of the sensitivity cases, except Case 8, determined the IRM required for meeting the 0.1 days/year LOLE criterion for the sensitivity condition assumed. However, for Case 8, Indian Point 2 and 3 were assumed to be shut down in 2017 – without being replaced – when the NYCA IRM is \_\_\_% (the base case IRM for the 2017 Capability Year). The LOLE for this sensitivity increased from 0.1 days/year with both Indian Point both units in service, to \_\_\_ days/year with both units shut down. Therefore, if Indian Point was to close, New York customers would be expected to experience service interruptions at a rate about six times that permitted by the NYSRC Resource Adequacy Reliability Criterion.

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<sup>8</sup> See Section 5 of Policy 5 for a description of the process the NYSRC Executive Committee uses to establish the Final IRM.

<sup>9</sup> With the exception of the “No Wind Capacity” sensitivity in which replacement capacity only occurs in Zones A-F.

<sup>10</sup> See Section 3 for a description of a Tan 45 analysis.

**Table 7-1: Sensitivity Cases – 2017 IRM Study**

(Note: Cases 7, 8, 10, 10b, and 11 will be removed)

Case	Description	IRM (%)	% Change from Base Case
1	Base Case		0
1	NYCA isolated		+8.3
2	No internal NYCA transmission constraints		-2.9
3	No load forecast uncertainty		-7.9
4	No wind capacity		-3.9
5	No SCRs		-2.8
6	New emergency assistance model under consideration: 2750 MW limit		+0.3
6a	New emergency assistance model under consideration: 2250 MW limit		+0.7
7	Indirect Energy Assistance eliminated		
8	Retire Indian Point 2 and 3, w/o replacing capacity (LOLE)		
9	Forward Capacity Market – MW leaving NY		
10	Ginna and Fitzpatrick retired (using normal zone adjustment method – zones A-K adjusted)		
10a	Ginna and Fitzpatrick retired (Tan 45)		+0.5
10b	Ginna and Fitzpatrick retired (zones A, C, and D adjusted)		
11	Determine IRM and emergency assistance while including all NYCA capacity resources		
12	One Ramapo PAR out of service		+0.3
13	Sale of Roseton unit to New England		

## 8. NYISO Implementation of the NYCA Capacity Requirement

The NYISO values capacity sold and purchased in the market in a manner that considers the forced outage ratings (UCAP) of individual units. To maintain consistency between the DMNC rating of a unit translated to UCAP and the statewide ICR, the ICR must also be translated to an unforced capacity basis. In the NYCA, these translations occur twice during the course of each capability year, prior to the start of the summer and winter capability periods.

Additionally, any LCRs in place are also translated to equivalent UCAP values during these periods. The conversion to UCAP essentially translates from one index to another; it is not a reduction of actual installed resources. Therefore, no degradation in reliability is expected. The NYISO employs a translation methodology that converts ICAP requirements

to UCAP in a manner that ensures compliance with NYSRC Resource Adequacy Rule A.1 (R1). The conversion to UCAP provides financial incentives to decrease the forced outage rates while improving reliability.

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The increase in wind resources increases the IRM because wind capacity has a much lower peak period capacity factor than traditional resources. On the other hand, there is a negligible impact on the need for UCAP. Figure 8-1 below illustrates that UCAP reserve margins, which trended downward during the 2006-2010 period, have ranged between 5.5 and 7% since then. This indicates a generally lower burden on New York loads over the 2006 to 2015 time period. Appendix C provides details of the ICAP to UCAP conversion process used for this analysis.

**Figure 8-1 NYCA Reserve Margins**

