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## *Role of System Operations and Market Operations*

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## Regulation of the System Operator

- Reliability Regulation: International Standards
- Economic Regulation: National/ State/ International
- Planning Regulation: Local/State/National/International
- Market Regulation  
Competition regulators, commodity regulators, energy regulators



# Regulation of the System Operator: Reliability Regulation

## *Development of International Standards: Security Standards*

- Loss of Load Probability
- Accountability for Impacts on Neighboring Systems
- Situational Awareness
- Emergency Response & Mutual Support
- Cyber Security
- Enforcement by the Regulator



# Regulation of the System Operator: Reliability Regulation

## *Development of International Standards---*

### *Adequacy Standards*

- Planning Standards
- Build Out Standards
- Distribution Service Quality—CAIFI, SAIFI, SAIDI
- Local Supplemental Standards--- “Stormwatch”



## Regulation of the System Operator: Economic Regulation

- Cost-based Power Transactions
- Purchased Power Adjustment Clauses
- Oversight of Security Constrained Economic Dispatch
- Monitoring for Market Abuses
- Antitrust Regulation of the Market
  - Policing Vertical Market Power
  - Policing Horizontal Market Power



# Regulation of the System Operator: Planning Regulation

- Integrated Resource Planning
- Pre-approval
- Rules and Oversight of Planning Processes
- Siting Authority
- Rate Recovery Authority
- Market Based Planning



# Regulation of the System Operator: Market Regulation

- Competition Regulation
- Commodity Regulation: Purchases and Sales
- Utility Regulation: Rate Recovery
- Regulation of Company Management Practices and Policies

## Traditional Role of the System Operator

- Safe, reliable operation of the grid
- Non discriminatory operation of the grid
- Transmission Planning



# Today's System Operator: Roles and Responsibilities

- Load forecasting
- Management of outages
- Congestion Management
- Frequency Control
- Provision of ancillary services
- Reliability Oversight and Control
- Invoking Emergency Procedures

## Role of the System Operator

- System Monitoring
  - Wide area view
  - Transparency of Information
  - Load Forecasting
- Outage Oversight and Reporting
- Scheduling and Dispatch
  - Contract vs. Flow Based Paths
  - Deviation Penalties vs. Network Service

# Role of the System Operator

## Congestion Management

- TLRs
- Redispatch
  - Economic Signals vs. Directives
  - Just Compensation Mechanisms
  - Incentives for Availability

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Up to 4 years ahead    Month Ahead

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**Real Time (operating day)**  
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## Ensuring Adequate System Reserves

- Payment of Opportunity Costs
- Avoiding disincentives to providing needed ancillary services
- Bid based vs. Cost-based
- Uplift vs. Market Based

# Role of the System Operator

## Emergency Procedures

- Customer Notifications
- Uniform Alerts to Market Participants
- Ability to Order Curtailments
- Use of Demand Side Resources

## System Restoration

- Centralized Command

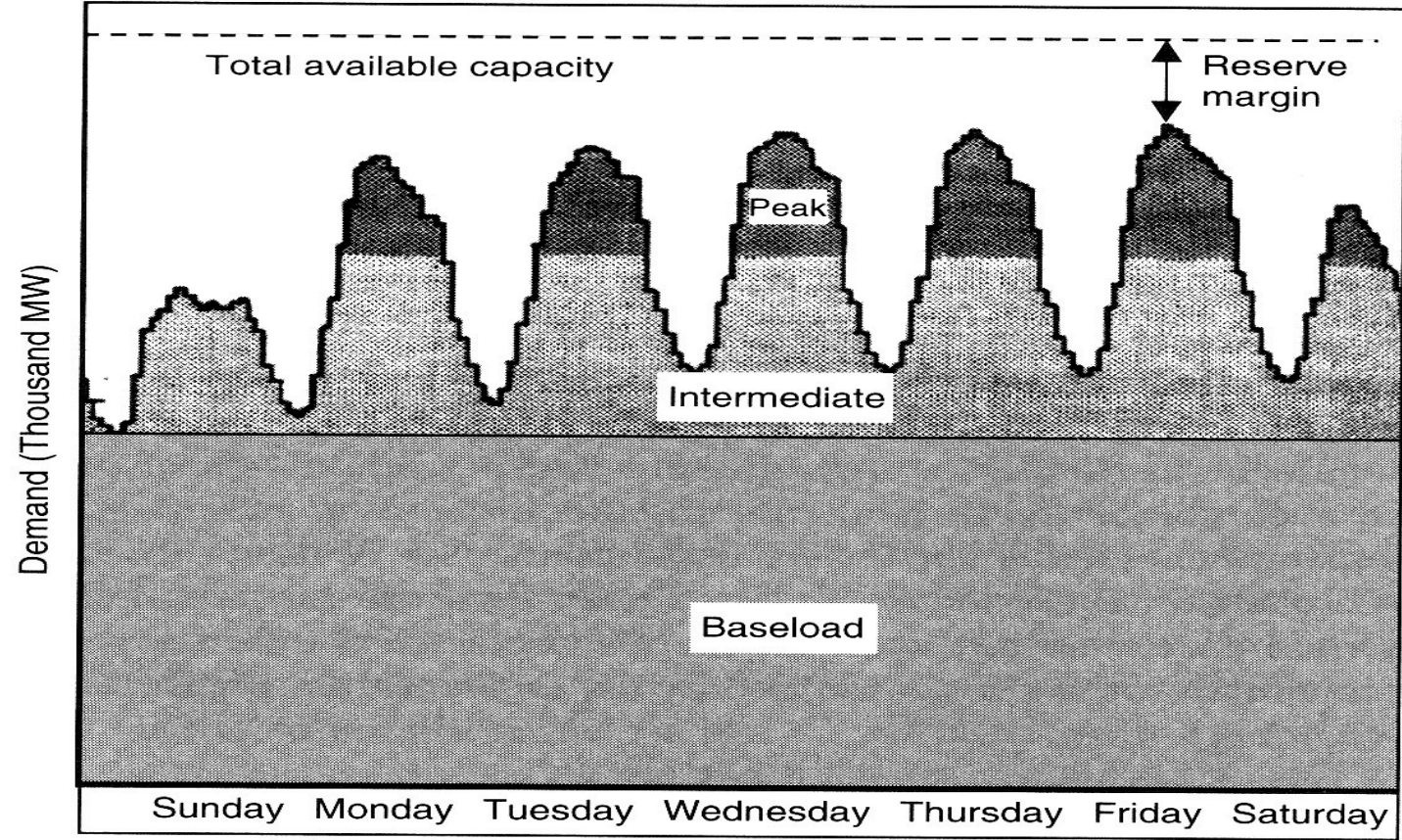
## Structure of the System Operator

- For Profit/ Not for Profit
- Ownership of the transmission asset vs. no ownership
- Stakeholder Boards vs. Independent Boards
- Stakeholder Processes and Involvement

## Potential New Roles for the System Operator

- Environmental Regulatory Role
- Generation Planning
- Infrastructure Development
- Environmental vs. Economic Dispatch
- Driver of social policy---universal service
- Managing hedging tools
- Managing/socializing credit risk

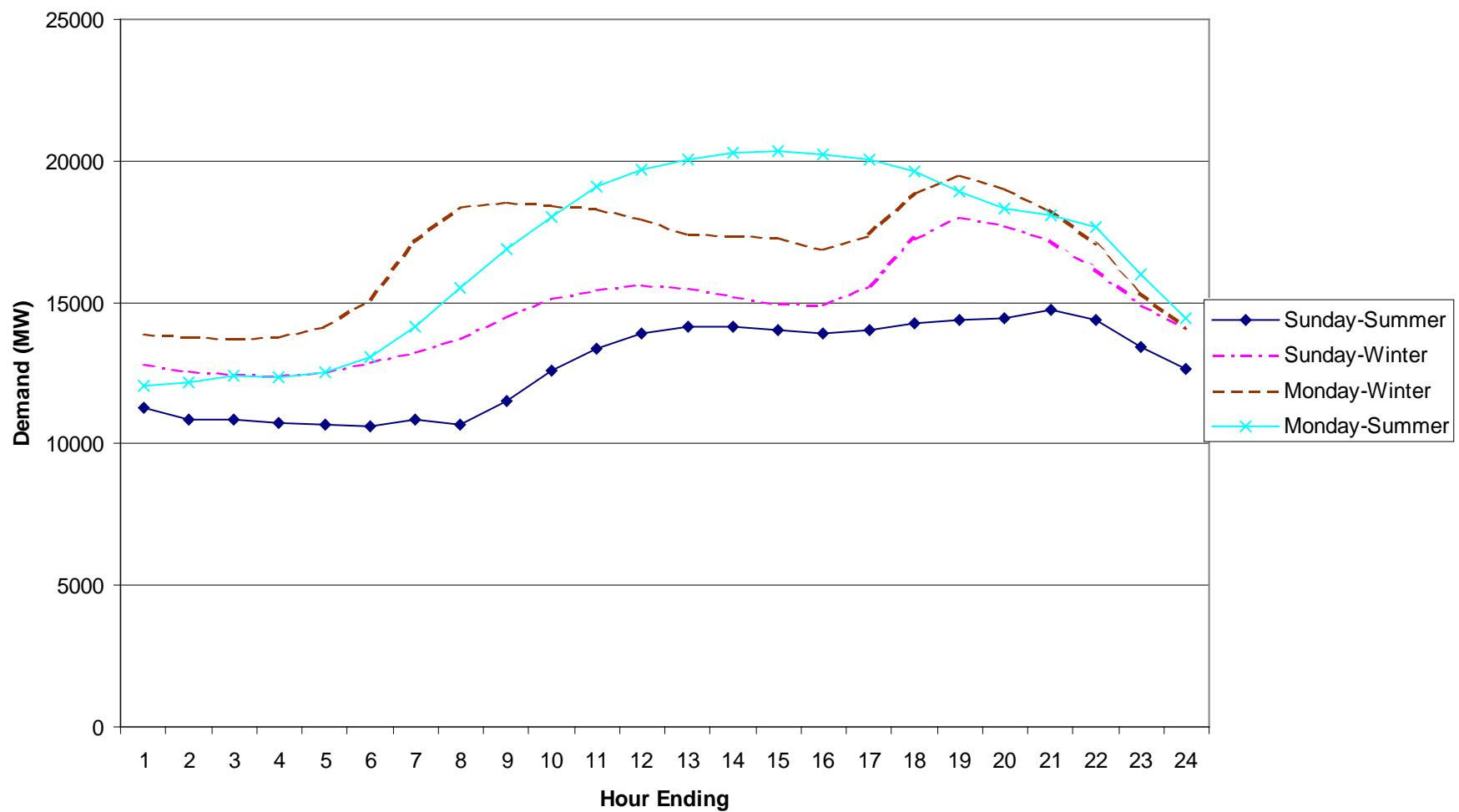
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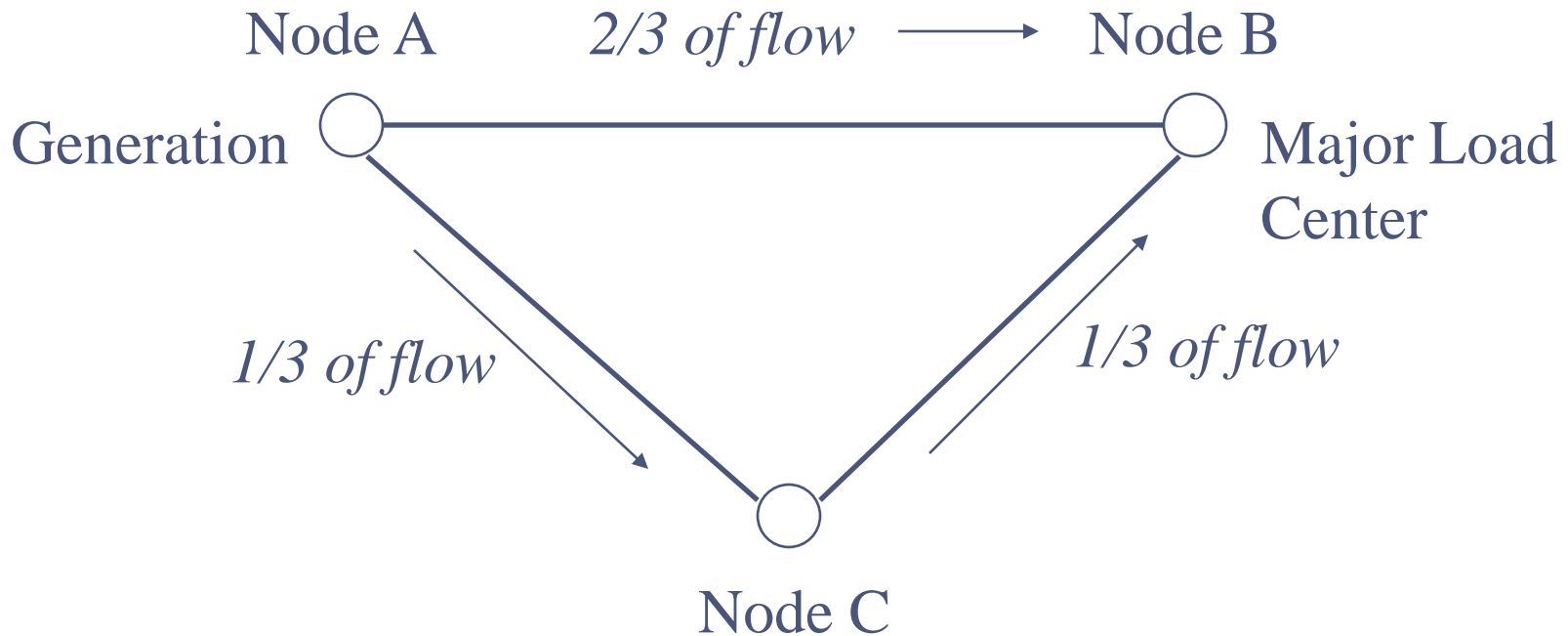
Source: Gilbert M. Masters, *Renewable and Efficient Electric Power Systems*, Wiley, 2004



# Hourly Electricity Demand in New England During Typical Summer and Winter Mondays and Sundays



## Loop Flows



Assume each transmission line has the same impedance (which is not true in practice)

Flows on each transmission line may be limited for a variety of reasons



## Power System Least Cost Objective

- Objective: Operate the bulk power system so that it satisfies system loads and engineering criteria at the least cost
  - Load flow analysis determines the current and voltages on a power system
  - Optimal power flow (OPF) determines the least cost dispatch to satisfy system loads and engineering criteria



## The Dispatch Problem

- minimize cost of serving electric energy demand
- subject to
  - Demand = Supply
  - Transmission constraints
    - thermal limits: prevent damage to transmission components
    - stability: keeping generation units in synchronism
    - voltage: maintain voltage within acceptable limits
    - frequency: maintain frequency within acceptable limits
    - contingency: ability to withstand the failure of components

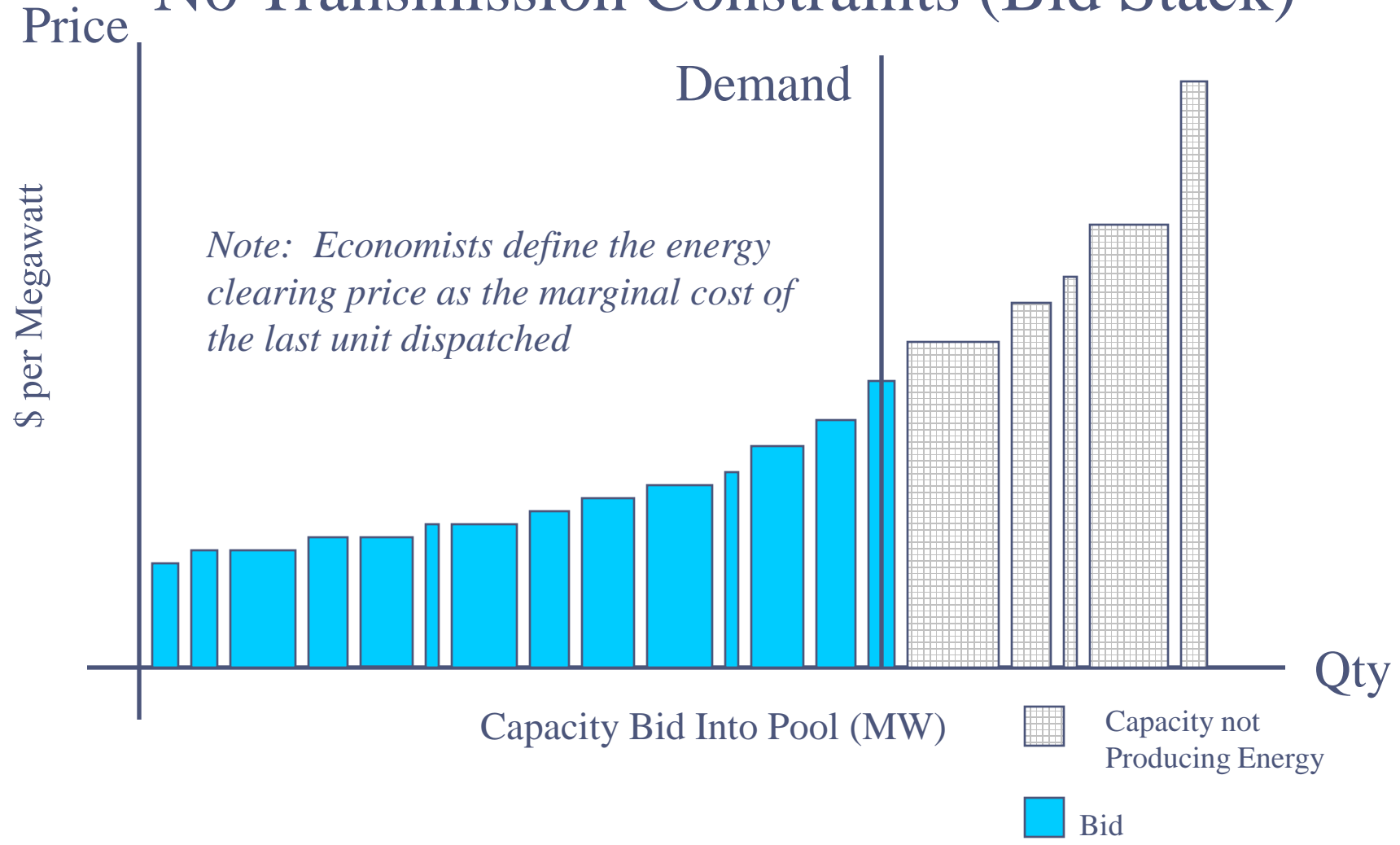


## Solution to the Dispatch Problem

- Dispatch Problem solution:
  - solution method is usually a linear program
  - for each time period (e.g., five minutes), a vector of generation output for each generator
  - for each time period, a vector of prices at each node that reflects the marginal cost of serving one more MWh at that node for that time period
- Nodal price (t) = marginal fuel cost + variable maintenance cost + transmission constraints + transmission losses

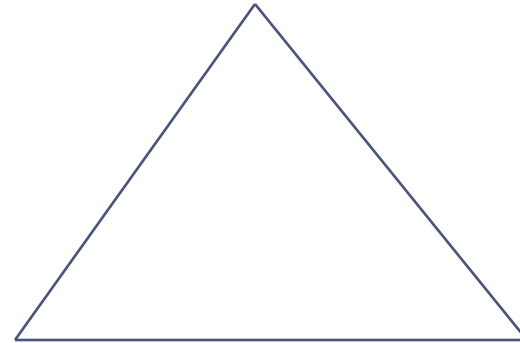
Note: LMPs = LBMPs = Nodal Prices = Locational Prices

# Minimum Cost Dispatch Solution with No Transmission Constraints (Bid Stack)



## Locational Based Marginal Pricing - NO TRANSMISSION CONSTRAINT

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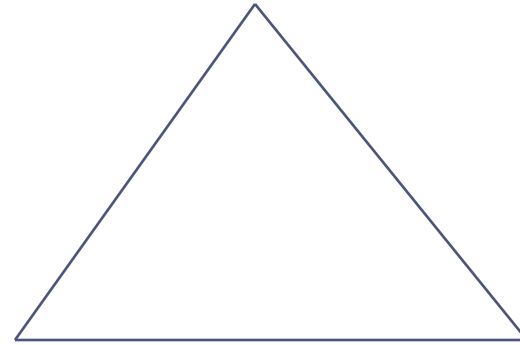
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  - G1: Dispatched 0 MW
  - G2: Dispatched 150 MW

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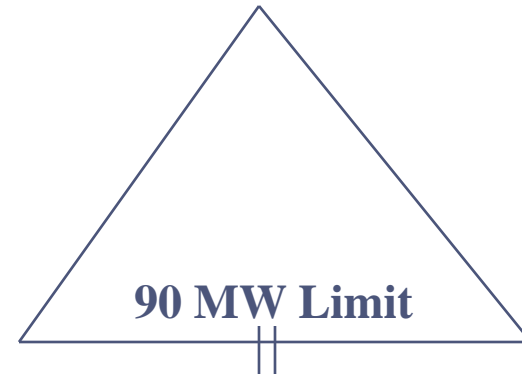
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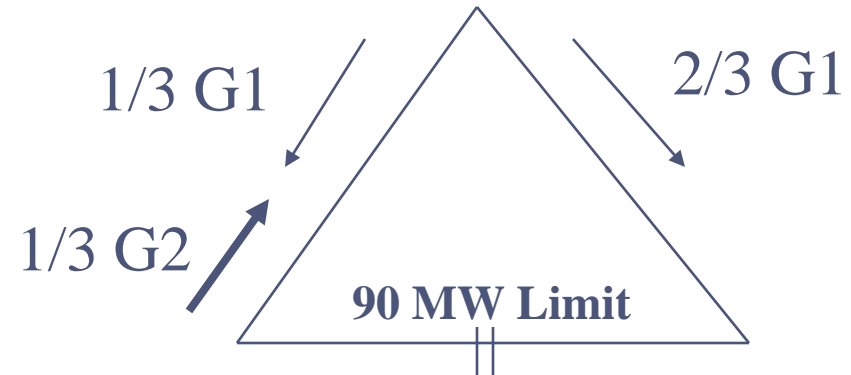
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- What is the least-cost dispatch?
  - With a 90 MW transmission constraint
- => Solution
  - G1: 30 MW
  - G2: 120 MW
  - G1+G2 = 150 MW = Load

G1 = 90 MW capacity at \$50/MWh



G2 = 150 capacity  
MW

L = 150 MW

at

\$30/MWh

→ 1/3 G1 = 10 MW

→ 2/3 G2 = 80 MW



## Unit Commitment vs. Dispatch

- Minimize start-up, no-load, and running costs  
subject to meeting load reliably & the constraints of the generation units (size, start-up time, ramp rates, min. run times, min. down times, etc.)
- The solution to this optimization is not only the output level of individual generation units but which units to commit
- Requires the use of a more sophisticated and time consuming algorithm than the linear programming used for the dispatch problem
- Minimize no-load and running costs  
subject to meeting load reliably & the constraints of the generation units (size and ramp rates)
- The solution to this optimization problem is the output level of individual generation units
- Uses a linear programming (LP) technique
- Solved every 5 minutes

Aka: Security Constrained Unit Commitment vs. Security Constrained Economic Dispatch  
See FERC July 31, 2006 report on this topic, available on its website

## Example of Unit Commitment

- A system operator needs another 100 MW per hour of additional energy
  - Choice 1: 100 MW coal unit
    - Start-up cost bid = \$5,000
    - Energy bid = \$20/MWh
  - Choice 2: 100 MW natural gas combustion turbine
    - Start-up cost bid = \$0
    - Energy bid = \$30/MWh
- Which unit does the system operator commit if only needed for 1 hour? 10 hours?

## Ancillary Services

- Operating Reserves
  - Ten minute spinning reserves
  - Ten minute non-spinning reserves
  - Thirty minute reserves
  - Replacement reserves
- Automatic Generation Control (AGC)
- Black Start Service, Voltage Control (VARs) aka Reactive Power, ...
- Definitions are not consistent
- Problems arise when ancillary services are such that they interact with the energy market