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Energy efficiency in forward capacity market: experiences in ISO New England, PJM and the UK



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- EE in forward capacity market
- Difference of EE and DR in capacity market

Forward capacity market uses auctions to procure resources to meet projected peak demand and reserve requirements in future years



Energy efficiency (EE) can reduce system peak demand, thus a resource for meeting capacity adequacy



1 Real-time hourly system load is equal to or greater than 90% of the most recent '50/50' system peak load forecast for the applicable season

Source: DECC; ISO-NE; PJM; Liu (2017)

CASE OF ISO-NE AND PJM

Participation of EE is primarily driven by regulatory obligation to improve energy efficiency at customer end-uses



1 Includes 'quasi-government' entities obliged to undertake energy efficiency projects

Regulated utilities are main contributors

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Participation mainly from obliged utilities – in ISO-NE, >94% of EE in main auctions for 2012-20 is from obliged utilities¹, with share growing to 99% for 2015-19

Strength of regulatory obligation for EE – level of utility obligation for energy savings tends to higher in states covered by ISO-NE (median 1.6% of annual sales in 2014), as opposed to those by PJM (median 0.6% of annual sales in 2014)

C Shorter eligibility of EE in PJM limiting financial returns – in PJM, EE resources are eligible to participate for up to 4 years, whereas in ISO-NE, resources are eligible as long as they are operational

Capacity market may not be adequate as a primary funding to drive EE



Source: EIA; Knight et al (2014); MAGEEPA (2015); REED

Electricity Demand Reduction (EDR) Pilot in the UK is limited in incentivising EE projects



1 GB system peak demand at ~50GW

Source: DECC; Liu (2017); Stakeholder interviews

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DR AND EE IN CAPACITY MARKET

DR and EE differ in their capacity delivery and drivers

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	Energy efficiency	Demand response
Nature	 Permanent peak savings 	 Temporary peak savings
Key Parameters	 Average demand reduction during peak hours 	 Speed, duration and frequency of reduction
Driver	 Regulatory energy supplier obligations 	 Response requirements Capacity price

DR AND EE IN CAPACITY MARKET

High performance requirements limit potential for DR participation

