

# 2014-2015 Self Supply of Balancing Reserves

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# Follow up to Self-Supply Questions

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At the 2/5/2013 ACS Forum, parties asked questions about customer's ability to self supply all Types of acquisitions.

An entity that has elected to self-supply all three components needs to make the correct amount of capacity available at all times. Hence, the "Type" acquisitions do not apply to parties who have chosen to self-supply all three components.

# Self-Supply of Balancing Reserves

- An entity that chooses to self-supply all three components will need to make available, at a minimum, the amount of capacity that BPA would have been holding for the entity had the entity selected Base service.
- An entity that chooses to self-supply all three components and provides the minimum required capacity to BPA, has an equivalent exposure to curtailments under BPA's Variable Generation Limitation and Curtailment procedure as parties electing Base Service.
- A party that chooses to self-supply all three components can provide to BPA capacity in excess of the minimum requirement in order to reduce its exposure to curtailments under BPA's Variable Generation Limitation and Curtailment procedure.
- All VERBS components are pooled, and deployed by BPA with the rest of the balancing resources BPA has available.

# Self-Supply of Balancing Reserves

- Balancing Resource(s) need to be prequalified by BPA
- Balancing Resource(s) must respond to automated signals sent from BPA's Control Area calling upon the resource(s), and an observable response must occur
- The Customer may use a resource in another control area to supply Balancing Reserves Services provided that the resource's deployment signal is automated and that BPA Transmission Services can observe a distinct measurable response.
- BPA Transmission Services will determine the amount of energy delivered.