

First Wind Request to Address Inappropriate External Resource Priority Status

Issue:

Under existing rules, commercial internal generating capacity cannot use the interconnection space set aside for capacity imports even if the internal generating capacity could provide cheaper capacity supply or the interconnection space would otherwise go unused for the Commitment Period. Changes are needed to permit competition between internal generators and imports for use of that interconnection space (including the ability for internal generators to qualify for FCM sales using interconnection space that would otherwise be left unused).

Supporting Reason:

The current structure of the tariff and rules inappropriately provides a priority status to external resources over internal generating resources and presents an inefficiency which can prevent load from accessing cheaper internal generating resources. This issue is identified as Item 1.a.iv. on the RC Issues List and is related to items 1,2 & 4 of the Forward Capacity Market Working Group issues list.