



SPP Congestion Hedging FAQ

This document is intended to address Frequently Asked Questions regarding SPP’s Congestion Hedging process and tools.

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Reports

- Q Where are the June monthly results for the TCR Market?**
 - a There is no June monthly process.*

- Q Does the aggregated Annual allocations for a path sum with the monthly allocations to make an aggregate of the annual and monthly?**
 - a When a Monthly Allocation is posted, the awards from the Monthly Allocation will aggregate with any unsettled ARRs from the Annual Allocation.*

- Q What is SPP's schedule for posting historical TCR bids and offers?**
 - a We post this information six months after each Auction.*

Self-Converts

Q Is the Self-Convert/Bid strategy what all MPs should be doing?

a SPP cannot say what MPs should or should not be doing. However, doing nothing has the potential to leave a participant's ARR assigned a value by the market.

Q If a MP self-converts and doesn't put a bid in at all, then the MP doesn't influence the price, correct?

a If a MP 100% self-converts, then this tells the system to do everything it can to get the TCR for the MP. This price will not affect the MP because they are effectively paying themselves. The MP would be paying into the auction if it added a bid.

Q What happens if a MP wants to convert all ARRs and there is not enough counterflow?

a The software will try and make that counterflow happen by purchasing Buy Bids. It will take as much as it can find. Keep in mind that Self-Converts occur during the auction process. A pre-run study is run prior so SPP knows what will settle. It considers the maximum of request or minimum-settled in pre-run in order to preserve viability of ARRs funding by the TCR auction process.

Q How can a Self-Convert be prorated when the path clears negative? If a path clears negative it is counterflow, so why isn't the full volume feasible to clear?

a A self-convert can be curtailed in the pre-run and then be counterflow in the full auction run. In the pre-run, there are only self-converts and ARRs, and bids are added in the full auction run. This difference in participation can flip the flows between runs.

Q I submitted self-convert requests in round 1 of a monthly auction and successfully converted 50% of my request. In order to convert the remaining, do I need to submit additional convert requests in round 2?

a Yes.

Q Should MP's attempt to bid above the minimum settled MW? Wouldn't this help me get more of my Self-Convert (i.e. For a 100MW ARR in September, should I Self-Convert 100 and also bid 10 if I want to guarantee myself 100 but expect the Self-Convert to be awarded at the minimum settled MW of 90.)

a No. A Self-Convert will always trump a bid (with the exception of self-converts curtailed in the pre-run). If a MP is not getting a TCR via self-convert, a bid on the same path will not help an MP receive more of their Self-Convert. Additionally, if a MP is awarded a Self-Convert equal to the minimum settled MW, their same-path bid may also clear. In this case, the MP would pay for the bid TCR out of pocket. (i.e. In the auction, the 100 MW Self-Convert could be awarded from 0 to 100MW and the MP would be, in effect, paying themselves. Any portion of the 10 MW bid which is awarded would be paid, out of pocket, into the auction by the MP.)



What if?

Q What if I have a question or a problem?

a Please contact us via the Request Management System (RMS) located at <https://spprms.issuetrak.com/Login.asp>. We'll be glad to help.

Q What if an MP doesn't submit their portfolio during an auction/allocation?

a They are unable to participate.

Q What if there was a way SPP could notify of us of market actions?

a Good news, there is. Simply submit a ticket via RMS requesting the Congestion Hedging notification survey.

Q Does SPP rename nodes after the TCR Auction results are published?

a SPP does not rename nodes after TCR auction results are published. We also do not maintain a comparison file of old vs new node names.

Q For a resource to be considered as annual LTCR or ARR source, when is the deadline that the associated NITS or PTP agreement to be approved by?

a For 2016, the annual processes will be starting in early February, a February 1 date would allow new entitlements to be considered for the annual LTCR and/or ARR processes.

Process

Q What is the bid limit per market participant?

- a Section 5.5.1 (3) of the Integrated Marketplace Protocols states that a Market Participant is limited to a maximum combined submittal of 2000 TCR bids (for each Asset Owner it represents) and/or TCR Offers per TCR round.

Q What is a reference bus in SPP?

- a The swing bus in the raw file.

Q How is the model made?

- a The TCR Market Modeling Practices guide can be found on www.spp.org.

You could use the url

<http://www.spp.org/publications/TCR%20Market%20Modeling%20Processes%20%20%20V1%201.pdf> or follow www.spp.org >> Integrated Marketplace >> Marketplace Phase I >> TCR Project Folder >> TCR Market Modeling Practices.

Q How are outages applied in the TCR process?

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The section Scheduled Outages can be found on page 6.

Q Where can I track my enhancement requests?

- a Enhancement requests tracked in Silk must be approved by SPP management. SPP periodically assesses this information, and when enhancements are approved it is communicated through the Change Working Group process. To be added to system notifications, subscribe to the Change Working Group Exploder [here](#). Enhancement efforts may be tracked in CWG meeting materials.

Q Why isn't there a calendar of the process?

- a Good news, there is! Here is a link from the SPP Marketplace Portal that has the latest TCR calendar information: <https://marketplace.spp.org/web/guest/tcr-calendar>. Please feel free to utilize the .ics files available in this folder, we worked very hard on them!