



## Real-Time 101



2025\_07 Real-Time 101



# Greetings and Introductions

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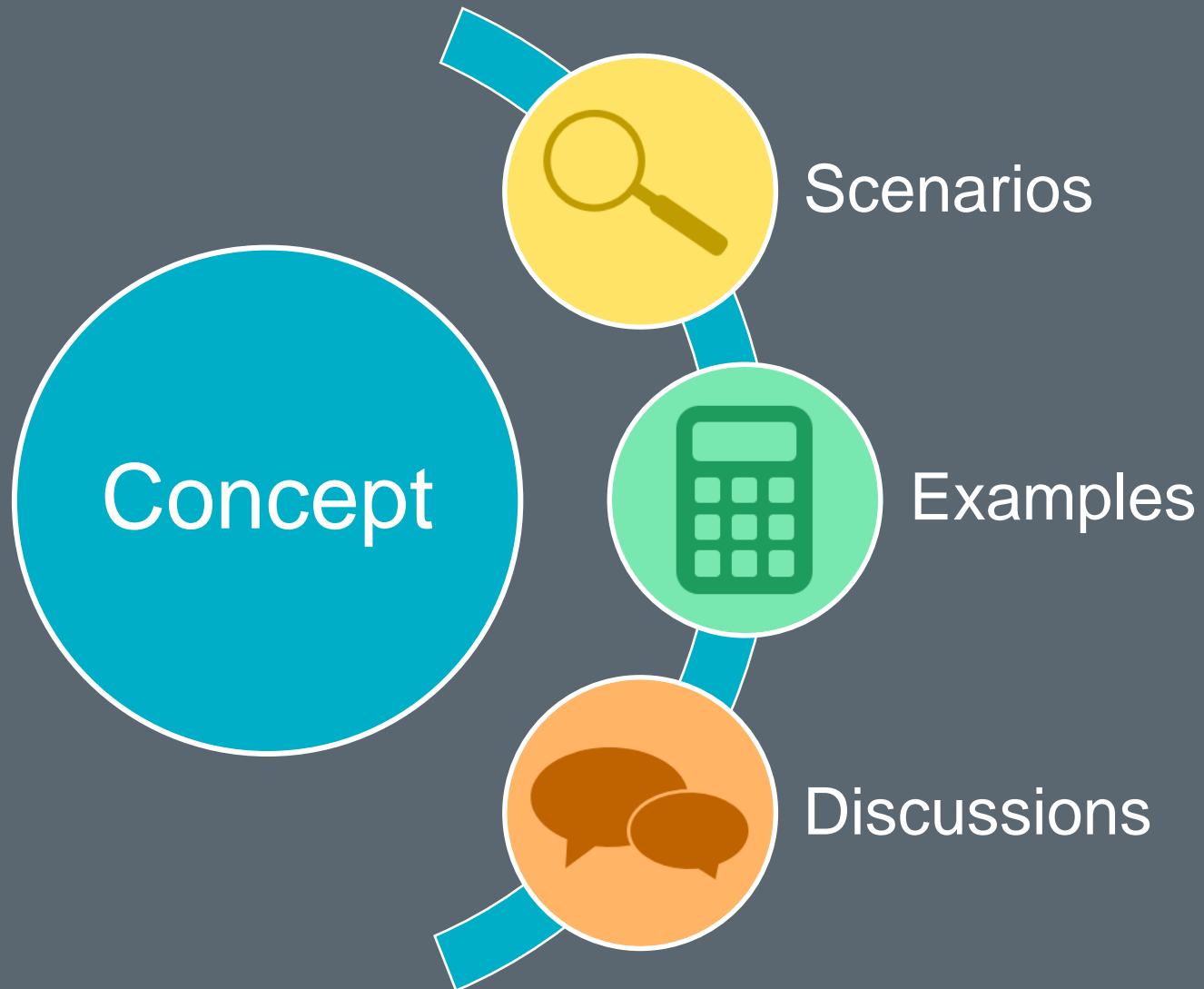
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## Applicability to RTC+B

This presentation contains material that is effective upon implementation of Real-Time Co-Optimization plus Batteries in the ERCOT Market. Portions of this course are not relevant to the ERCOT Market before RTC+B implementation.

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Ancillary Services

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Real-Time Co-Optimization

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System Capacity

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Summary and Conclusion

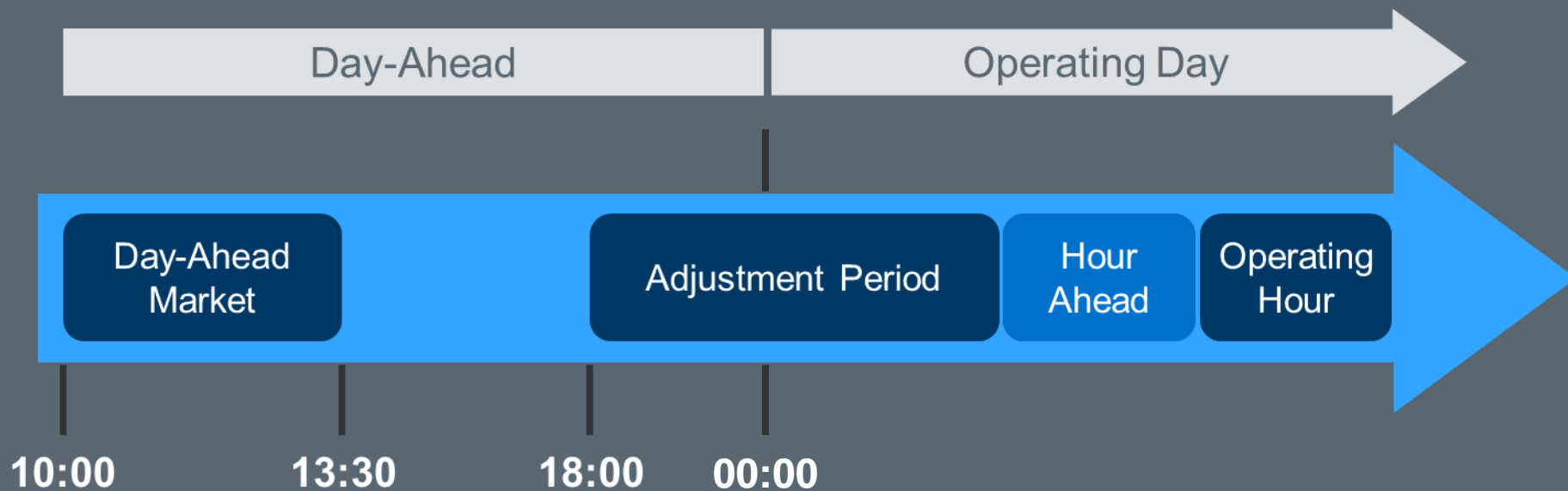


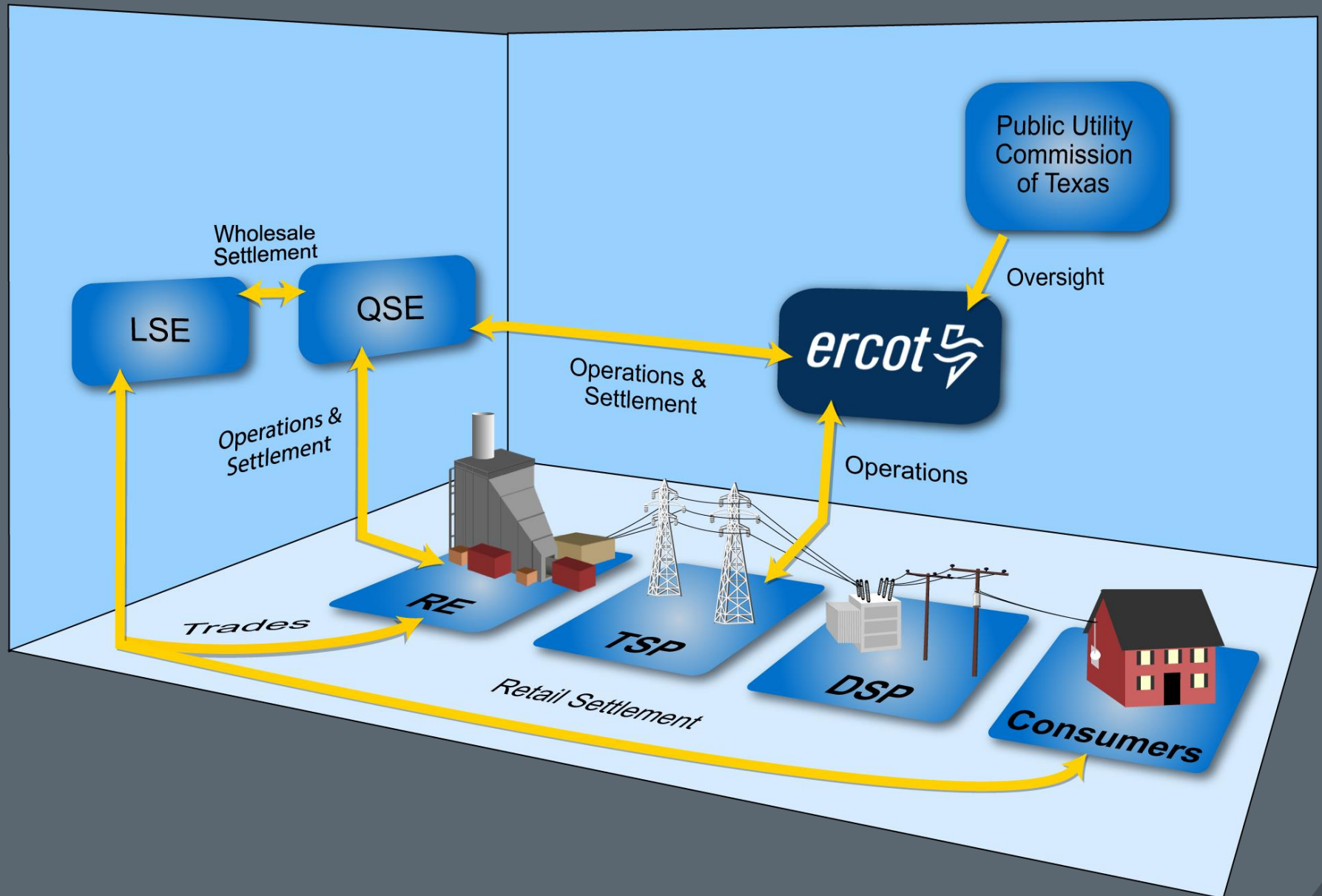
# Introduction

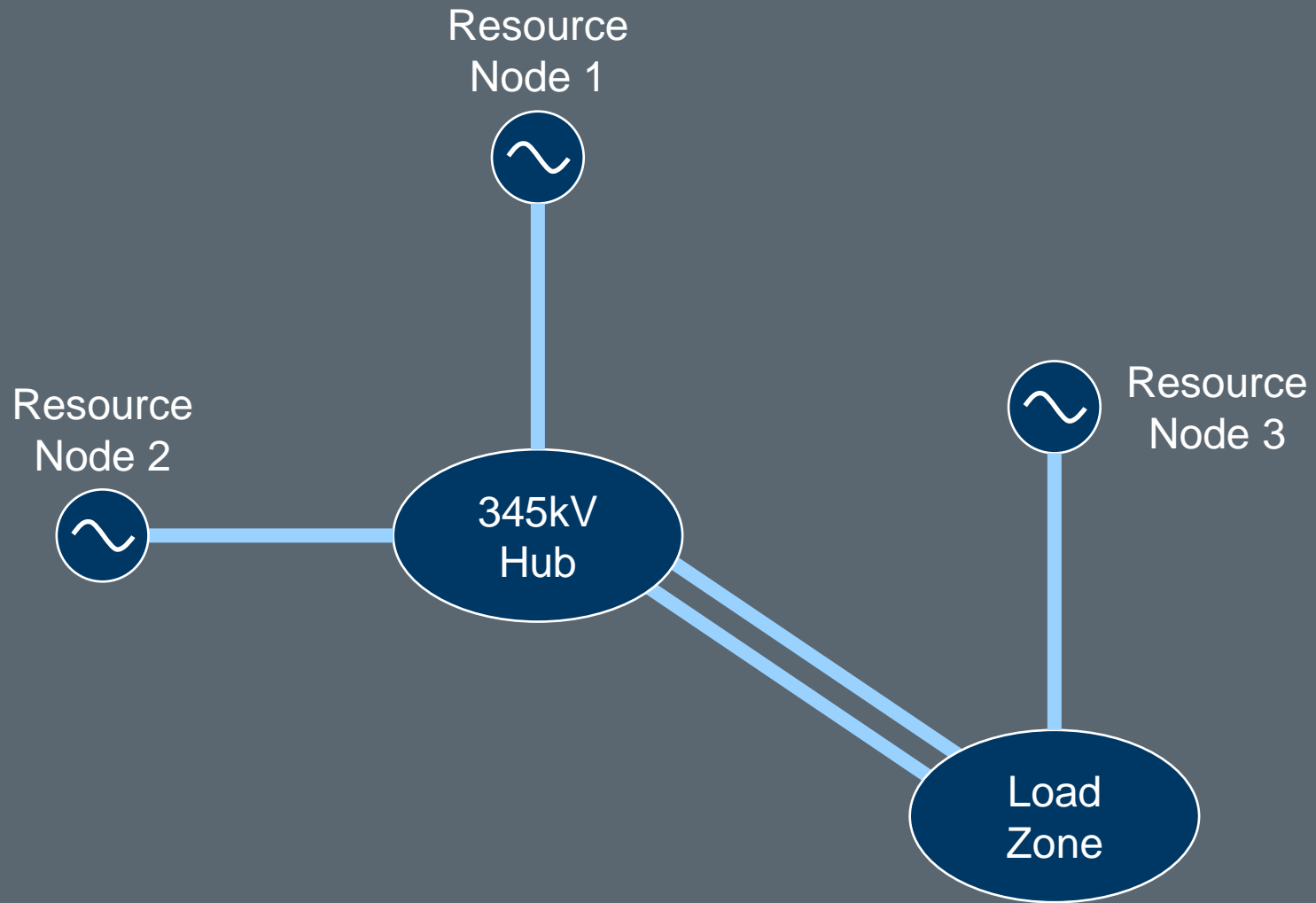




## In general . . .





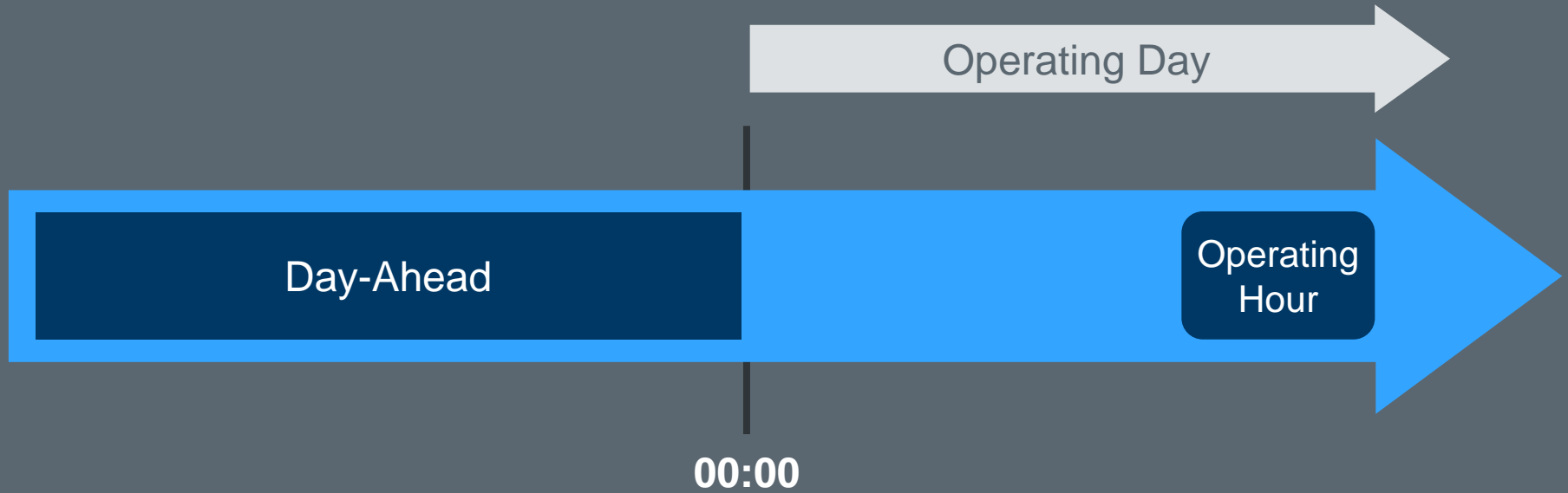




# Real-Time Dispatch and Pricing



## Timing





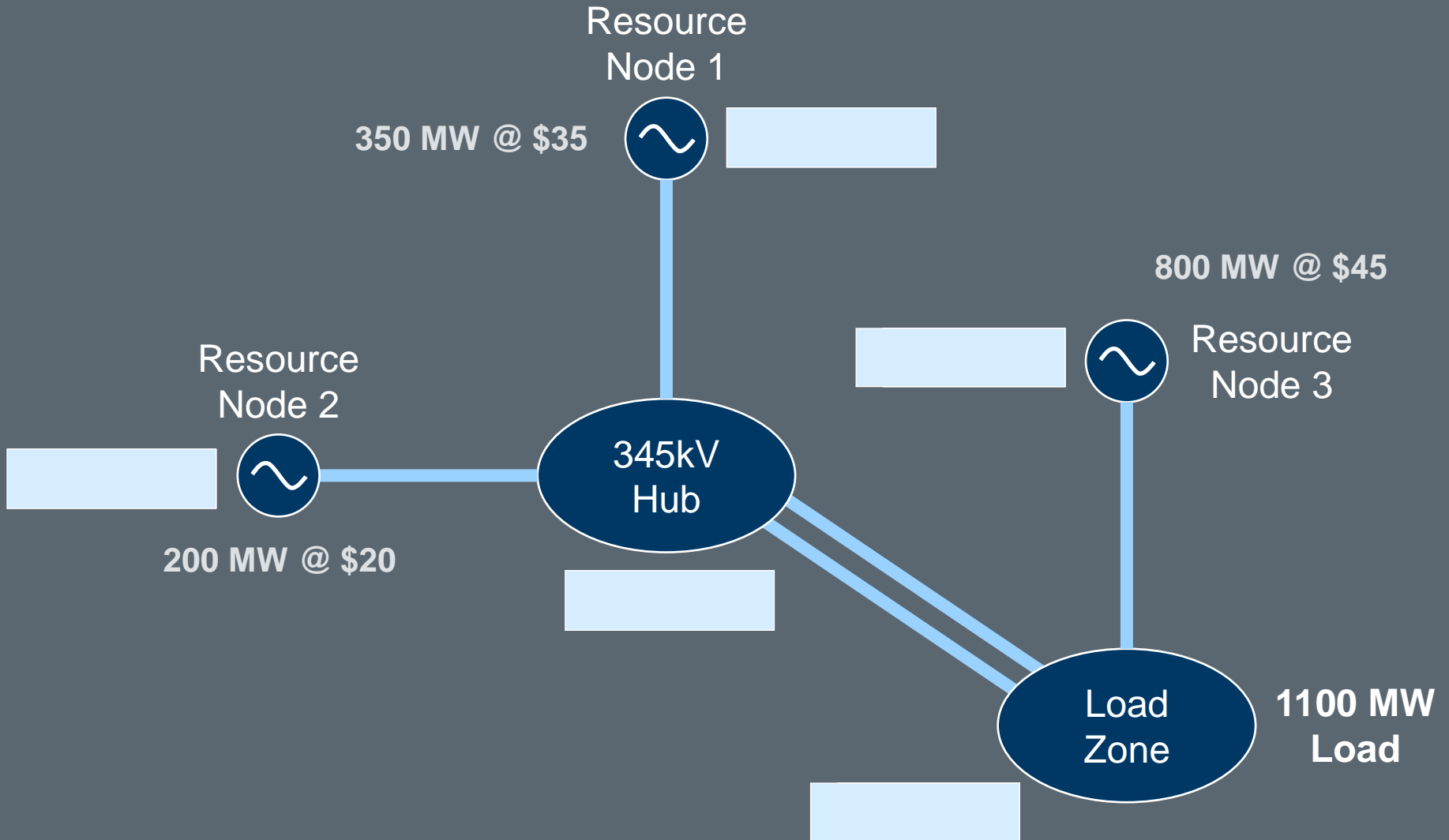
## Goals

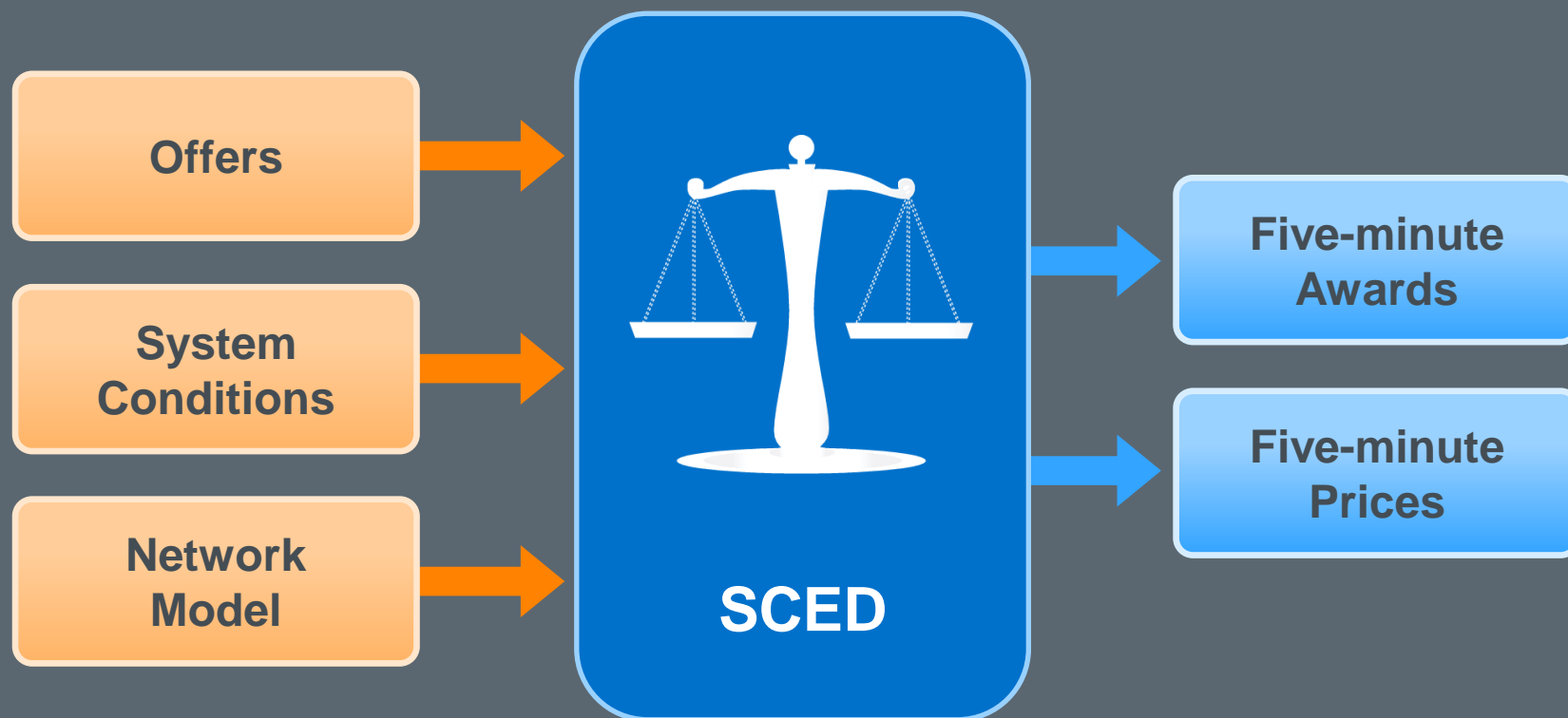
- Manage reliability
  - Match generation with demand
  - Keep transmission flows within limits
- Operate the system at least cost





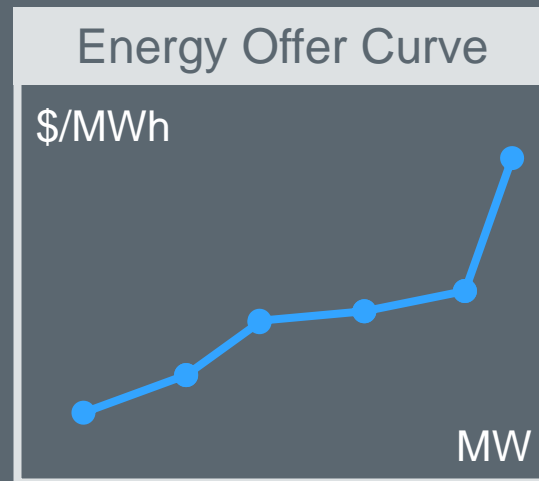
# Scenario: Find Real-Time Dispatch Solution





## Energy Offer Curve

- Non-decreasing curve
- Ten price/quantity pairs max
- One MW minimum quantity
- Prices between -\$250 and appropriate Offer Cap





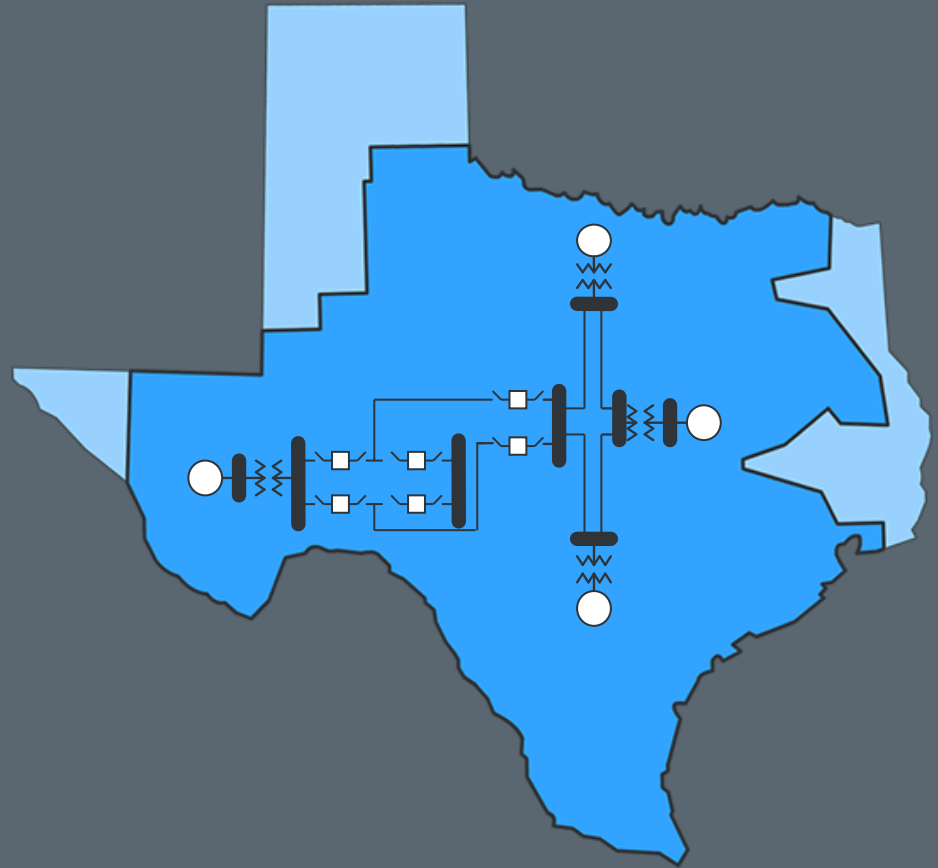
### Monitored Conditions

*What do we need to know to  
dispatch energy?*





Represents physical  
transmission grid

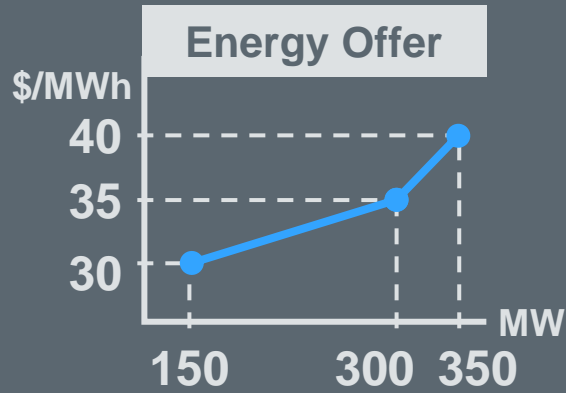


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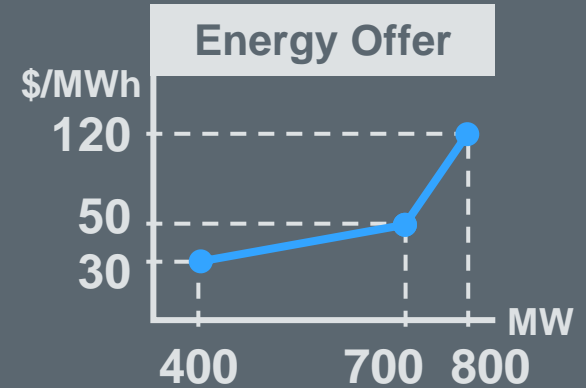
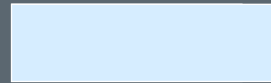
- Reliability studies
- All Market Processes



# Scenario: Find Dispatch Solution



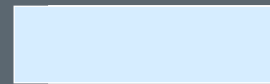
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Node 1



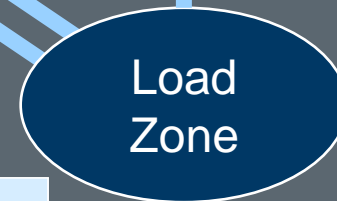
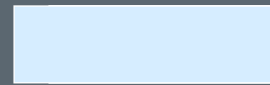
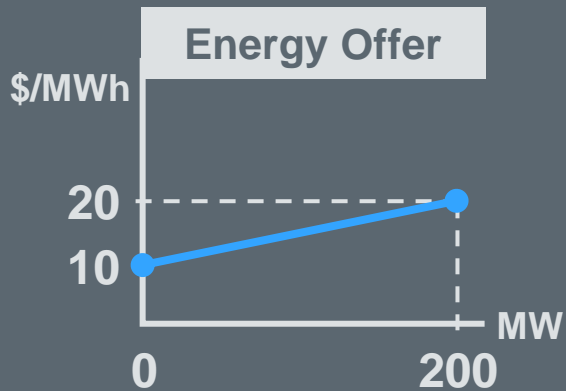
Resource  
Node 2



345kV  
Hub



Resource  
Node 3

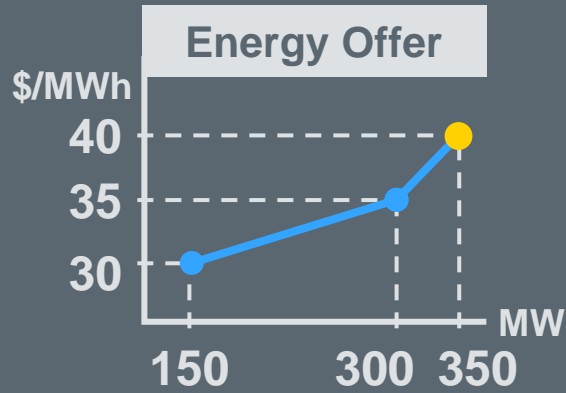


Load  
Zone

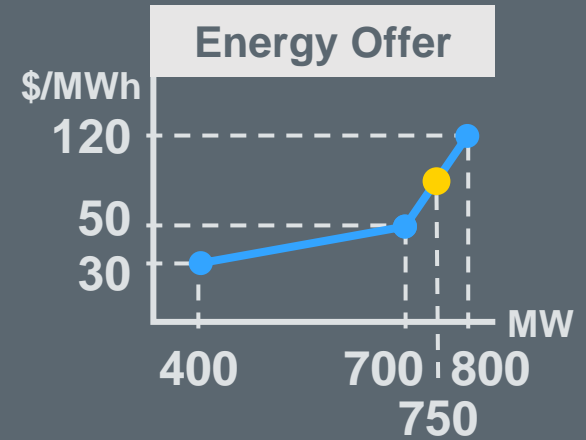
1100 MW  
Load



# Scenario: Loss of a Resource



Resource Node 1



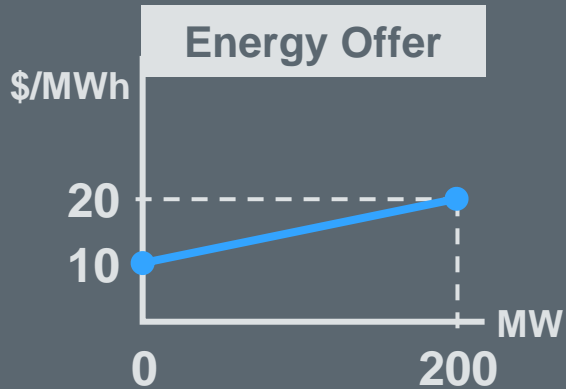
Resource Node 3



Resource Node 2



345kV Hub

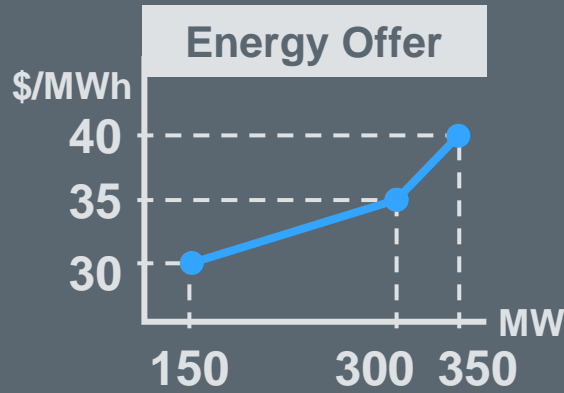


Load Zone

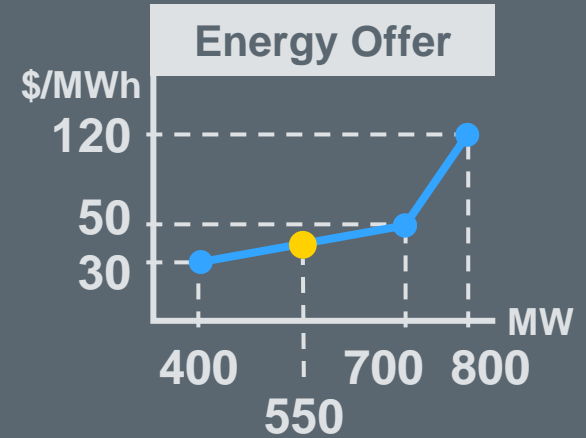
1100 MW Load



# Scenario: Transmission Constraints



Resource Node 1



Resource Node 3

Resource Node 2

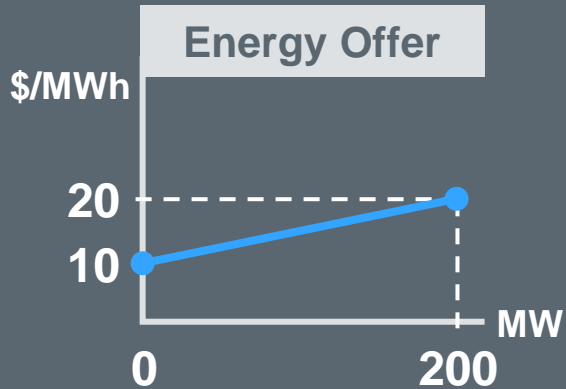
100 MW  
Limit

345kV  
Hub

400 MW  
Limit

Load  
Zone

1100 MW  
Load





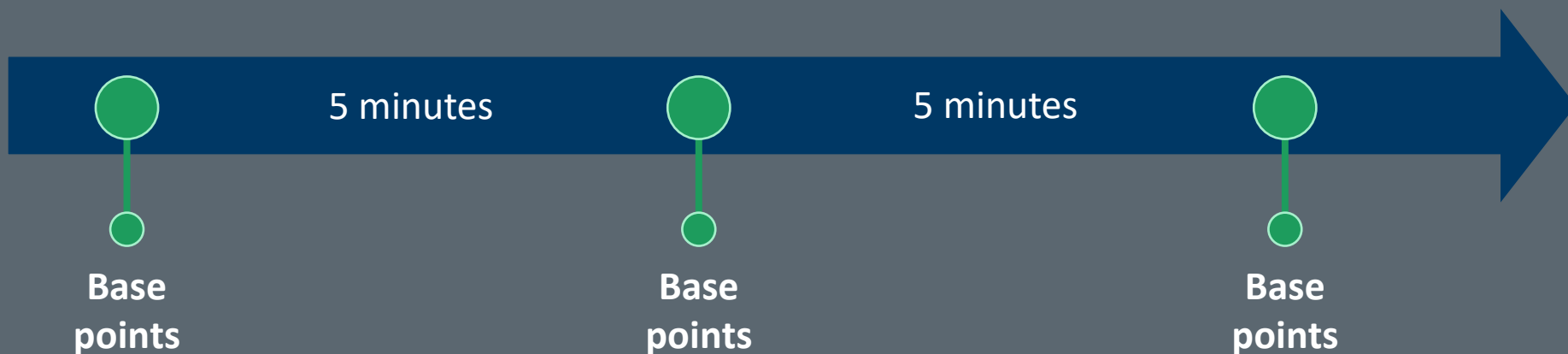
# Ancillary Services





## Security Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED)

- Matches generation with demand
- Manages congestion
- Achieves least cost dispatch



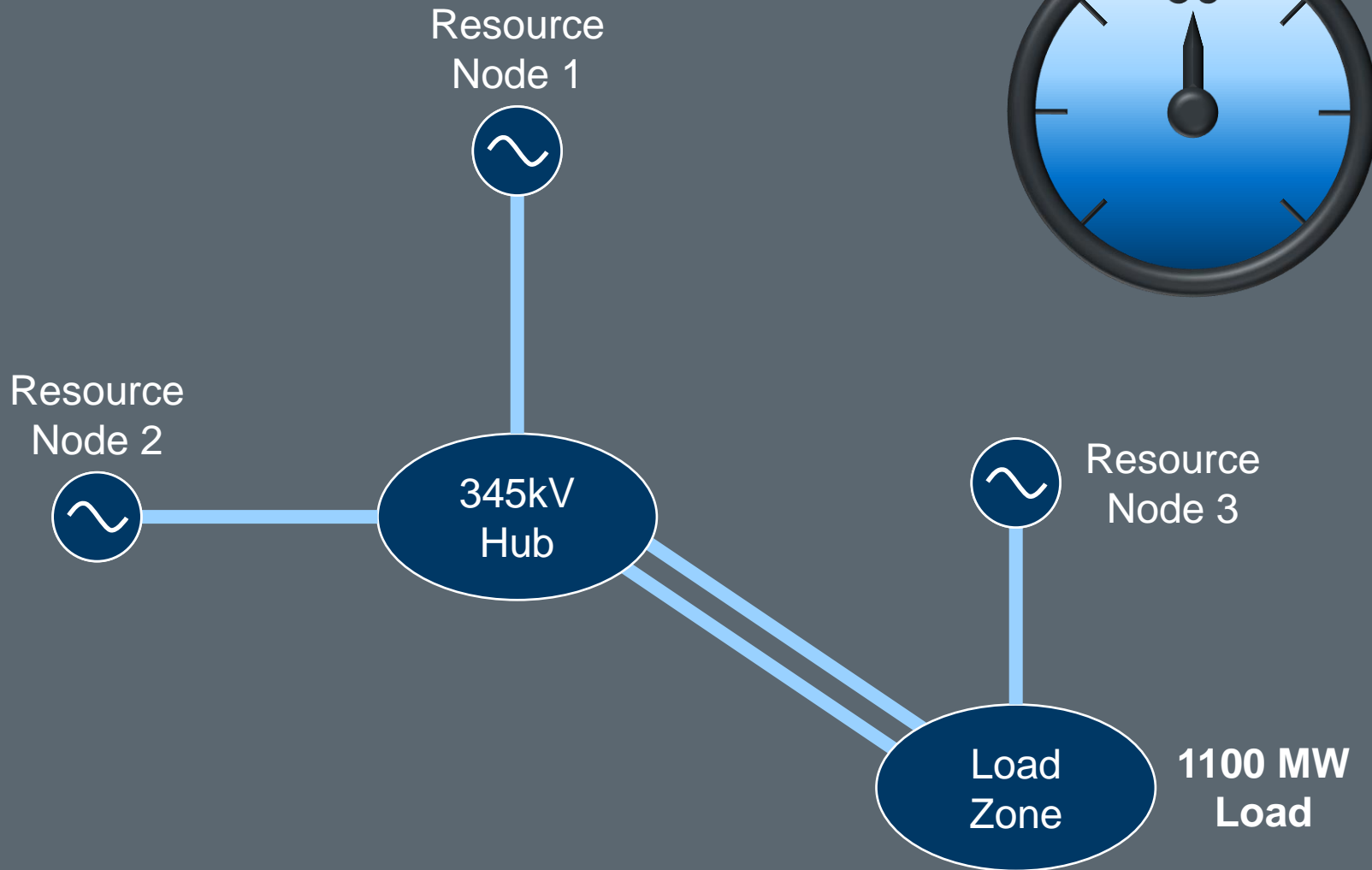


## Discussion: Is five-minute dispatch enough?



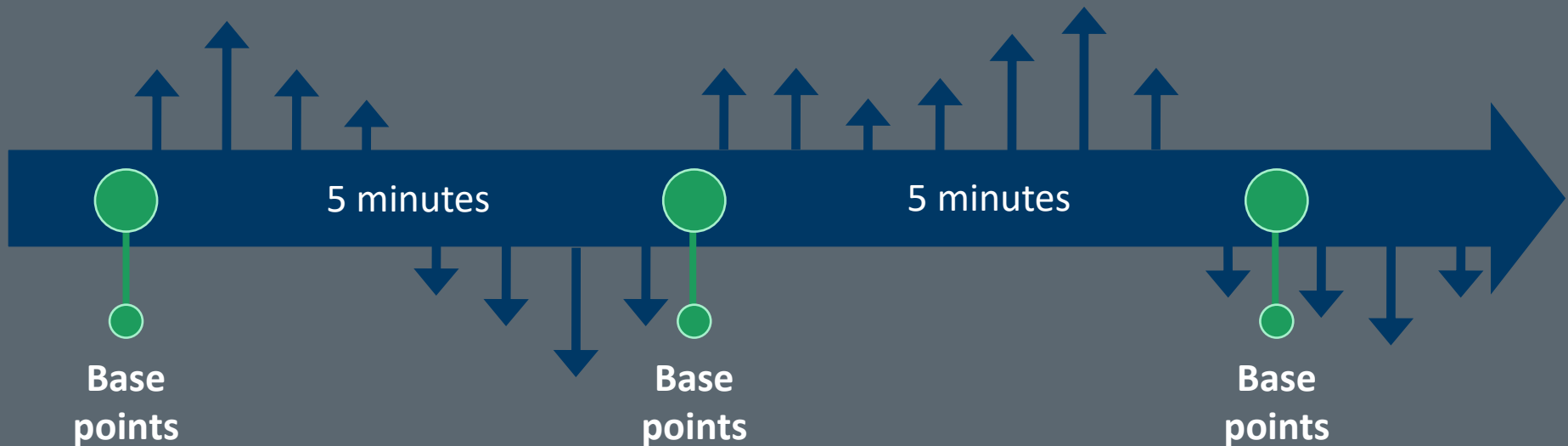


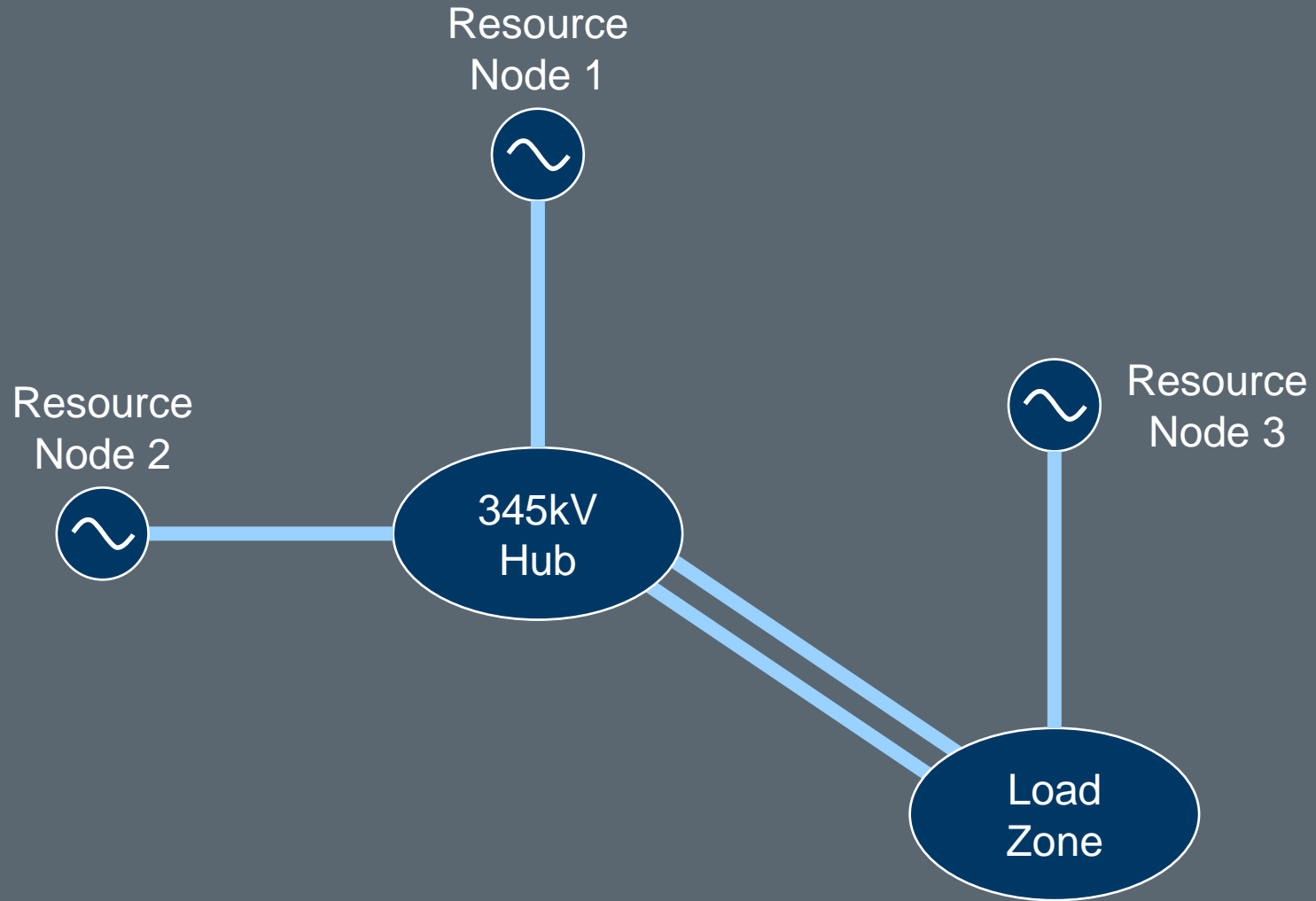
## Discussion: Is five-minute dispatch enough?



## Regulation Service

- Matches generation with demand
- Responds to frequency deviations







## Responsive Reserve Service



### Possible Uses

- Loss of Generation
- Large load-ramps

## Responsive Reserve is frequency responsive



### RRSPF – Primary Frequency Response

- Automatic response at 59.983 Hz
- Proportional to frequency decay

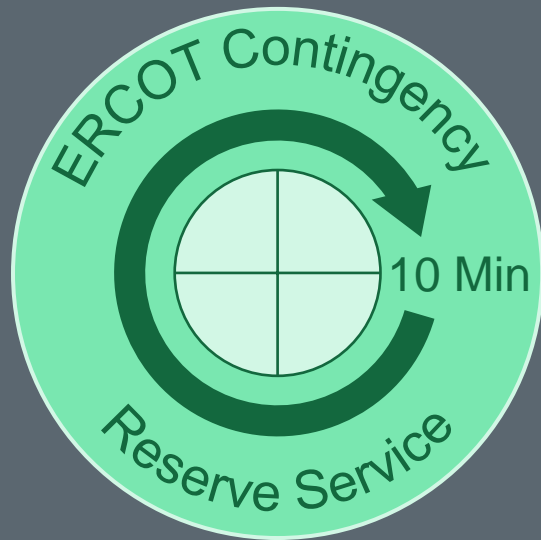
### RRSFF – Fast Frequency Response

- Auto-deployed at 59.85 Hz
- Full response within 15 Cycles

### RRSUF – Load Resource on Under-Frequency Relay

- Auto-deployed at 59.70 Hz
- Trips within 30 cycles

## ERCOT Contingency Reserve Service



### Possible Uses

- Restore RRS
- Provide ramping reserves to SCED

Resources must be capable of 1-hour deployment

## Non-Spinning Reserve Service

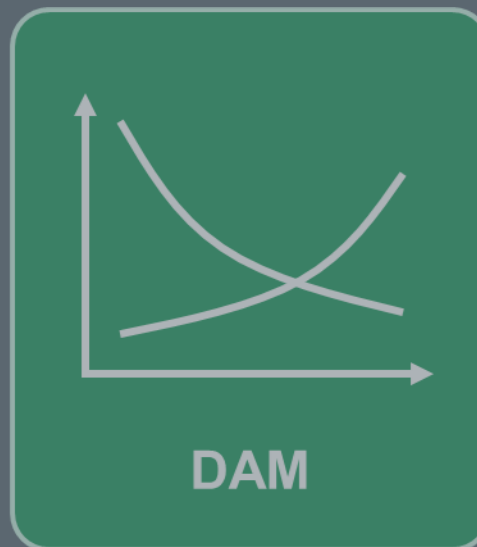


### Possible Uses

- Restore RRS and ECRS
- Provide ramping reserves to SCED

Resources must be capable of 4-hour deployment

## Day-Ahead Market



Energy  
Awards

Ancillary Service  
Awards

## Security Constrained Economic Dispatch



Energy  
Awards

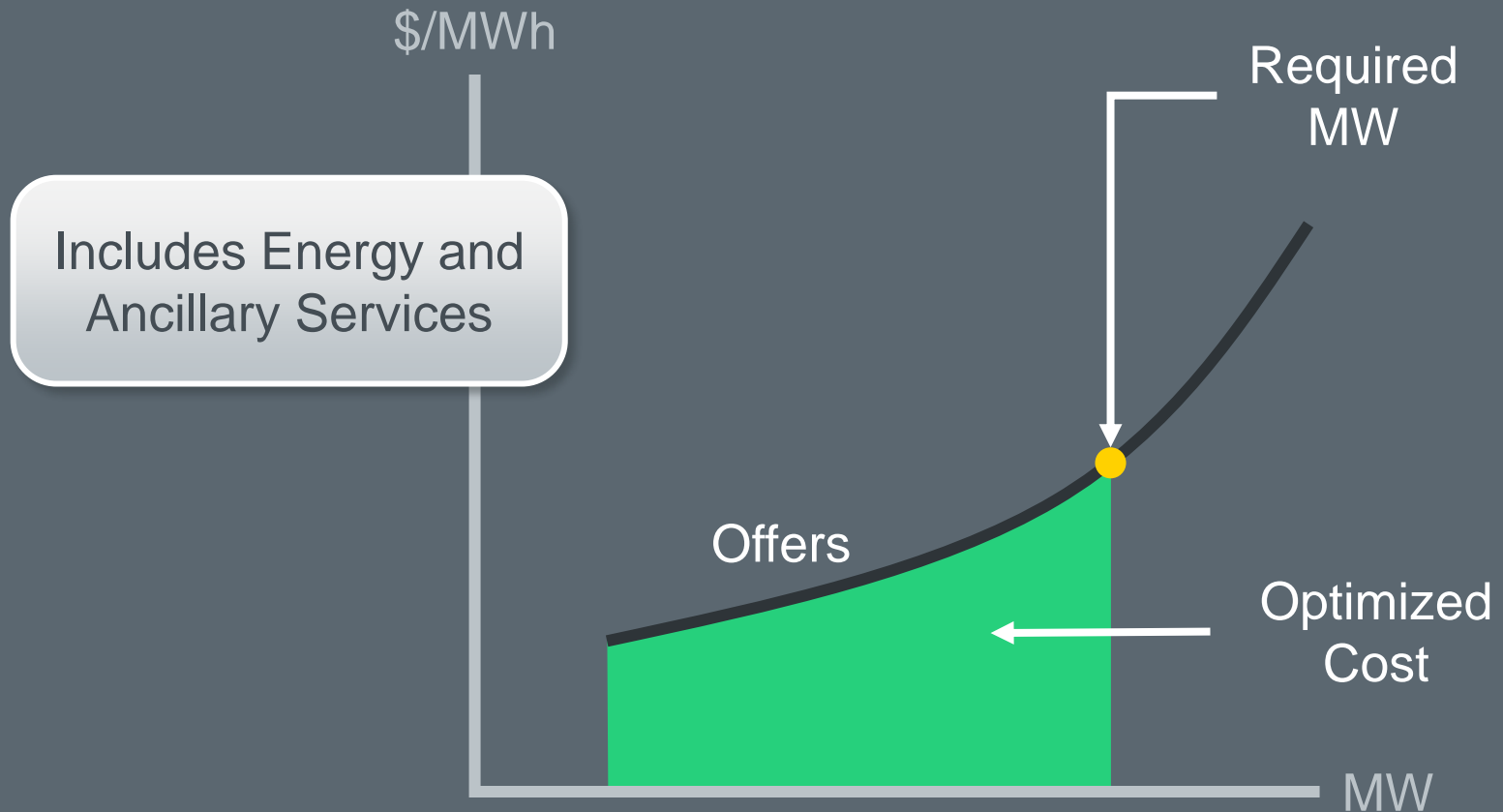
Ancillary Service  
Awards



# Real-Time Co-Optimization



## The SCED process is optimized for cost







## Resource-Specific Offers for Each Service

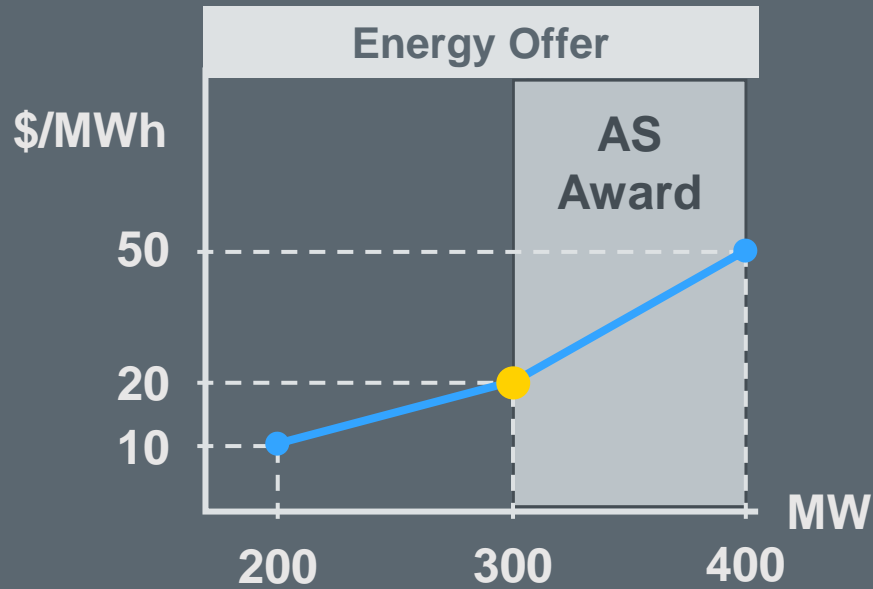
Type of Service	Offer	
Regulation Up	MW	\$ / MW
Regulation Down	MW	\$ / MW
Responsive Reserve	MW	\$ / MW
Contingency Reserve	MW	\$ / MW
Non-Spinning Reserve	MW	\$ / MW

### Multiple offers from single Resource:

- Multiple Ancillary Services
- Combined with Energy Offers

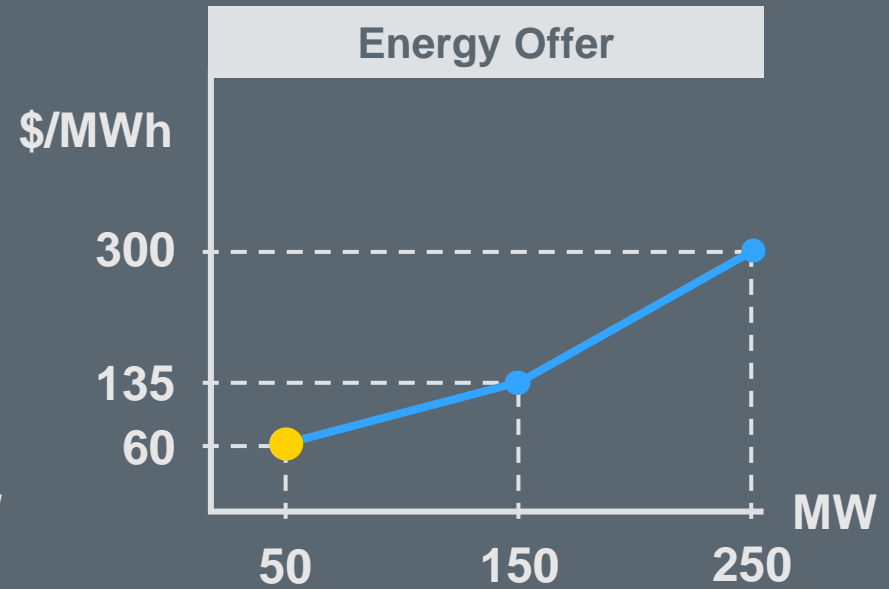


## GEN 1



AS offer \$10/MW

## GEN 2

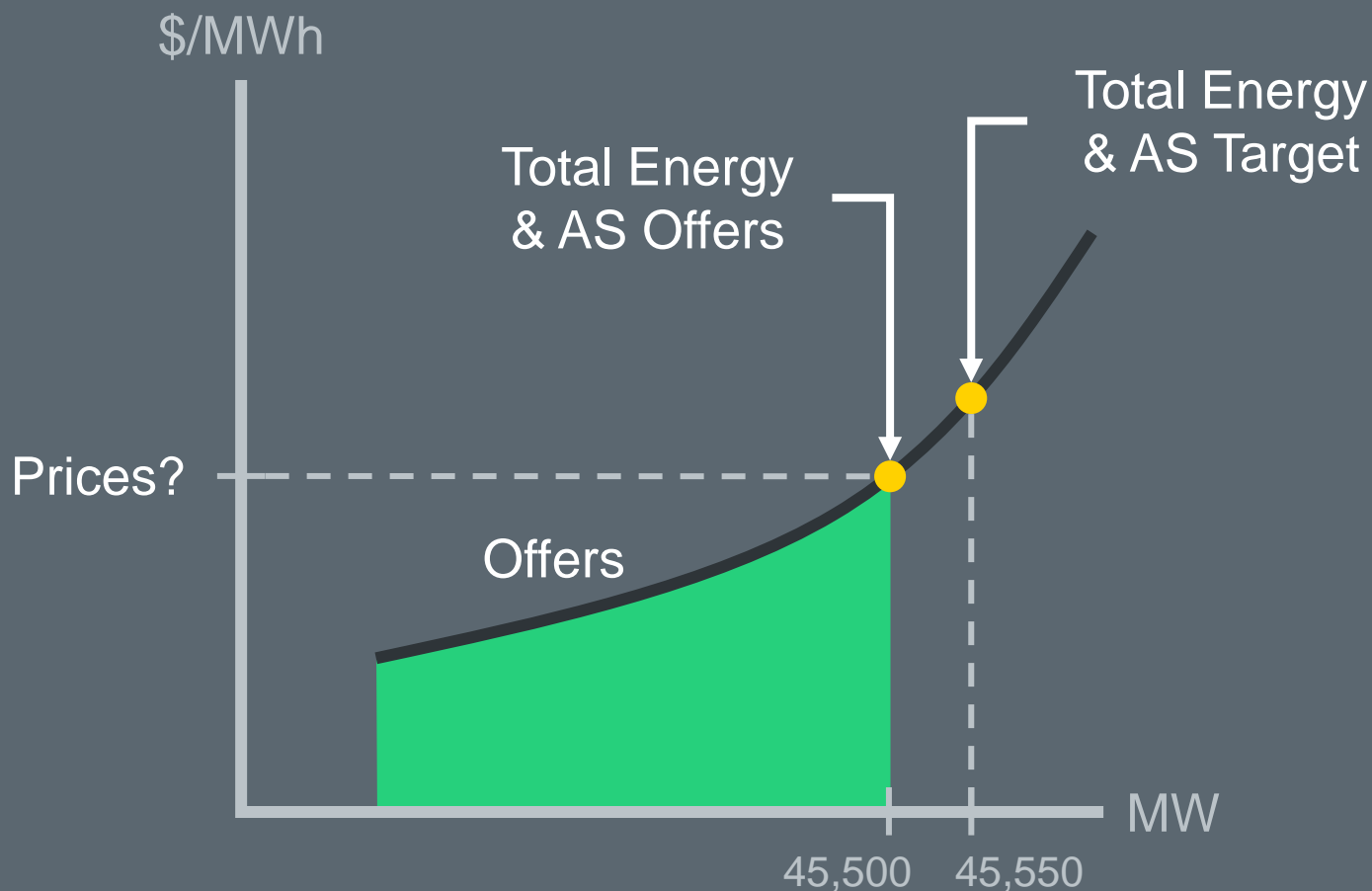


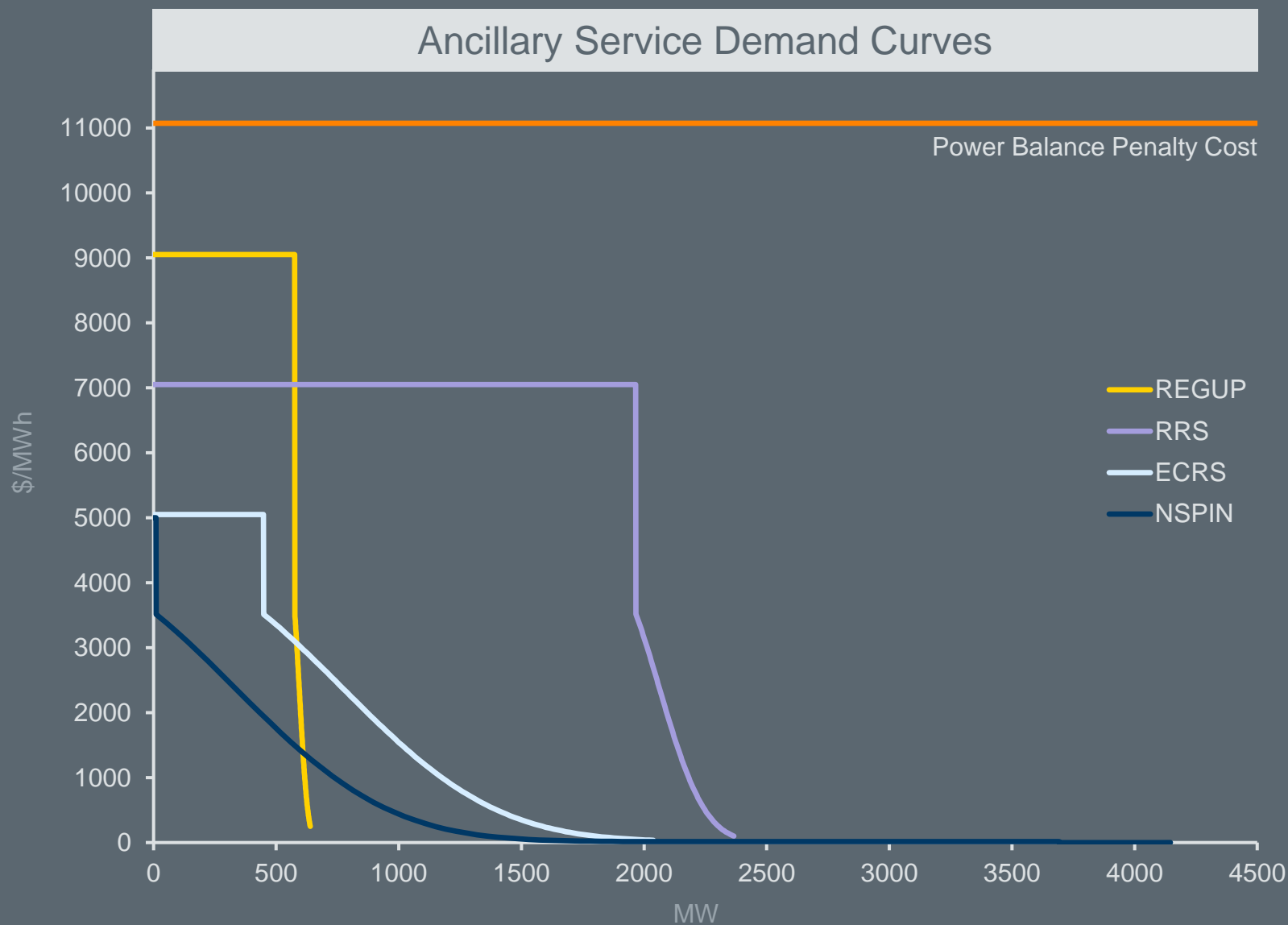
AS offer \$20/MW

**\$20.00**



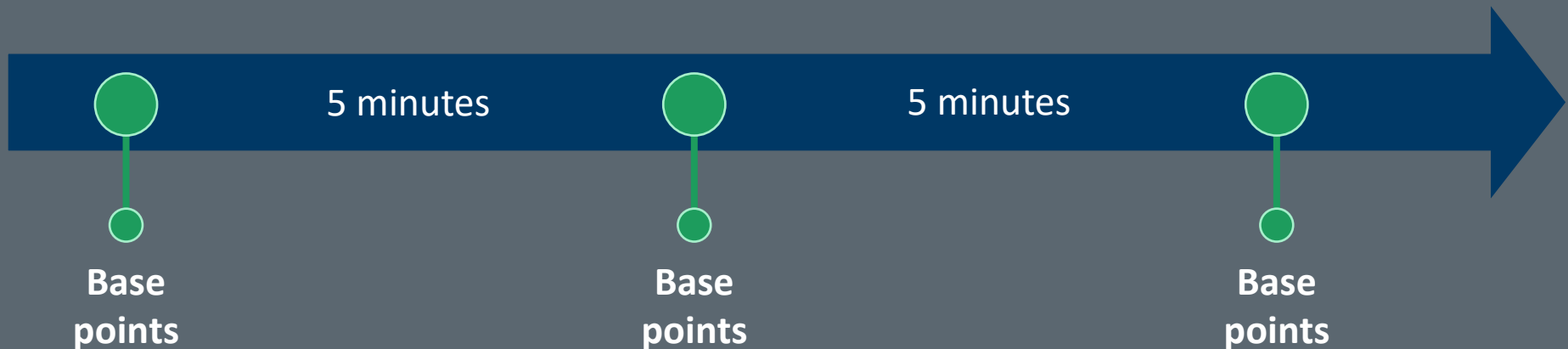
## What will SCED do?

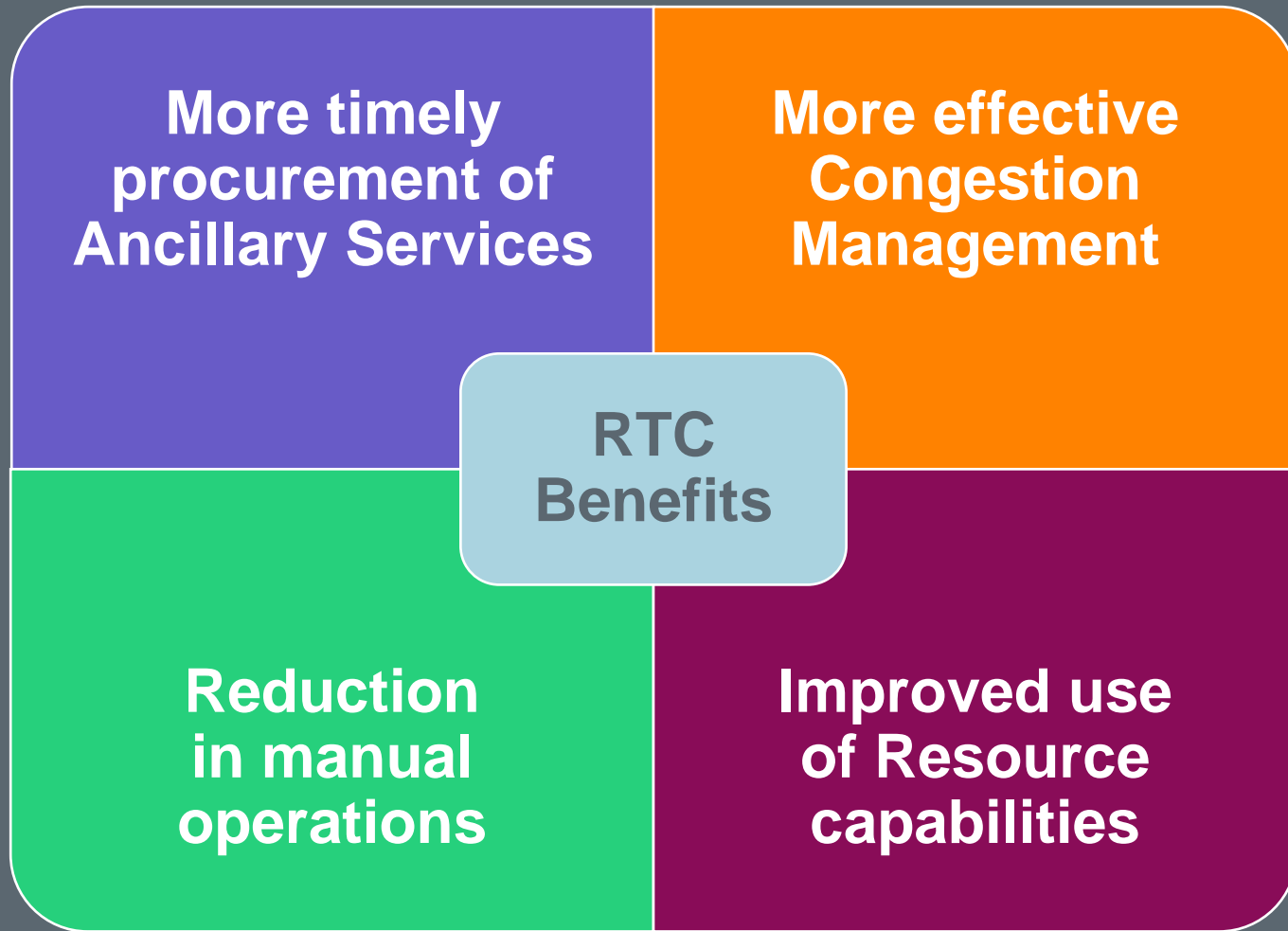




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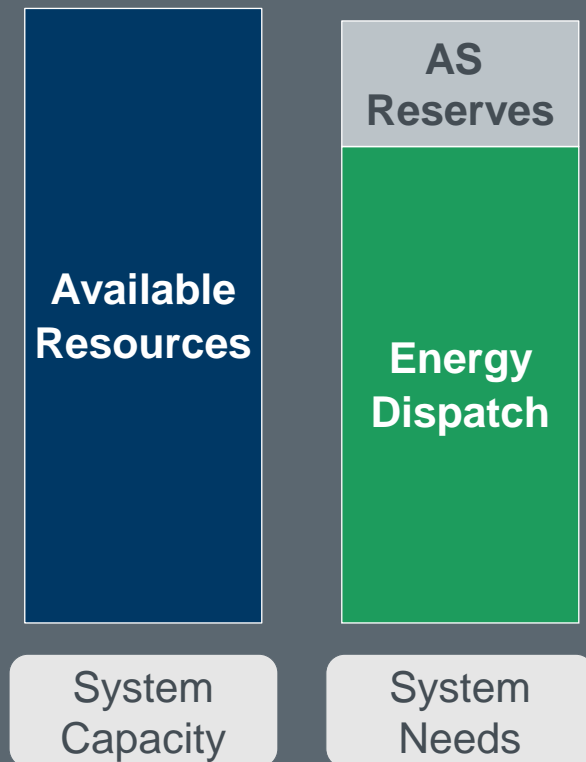




# System Capacity



## Co-Optimization requires sufficient capacity



### Requirements:

- Serve Load
- Award Ancillary Services
- Manage Congestion

## Current Operating Plan (COP)

Anticipated Resource operating conditions

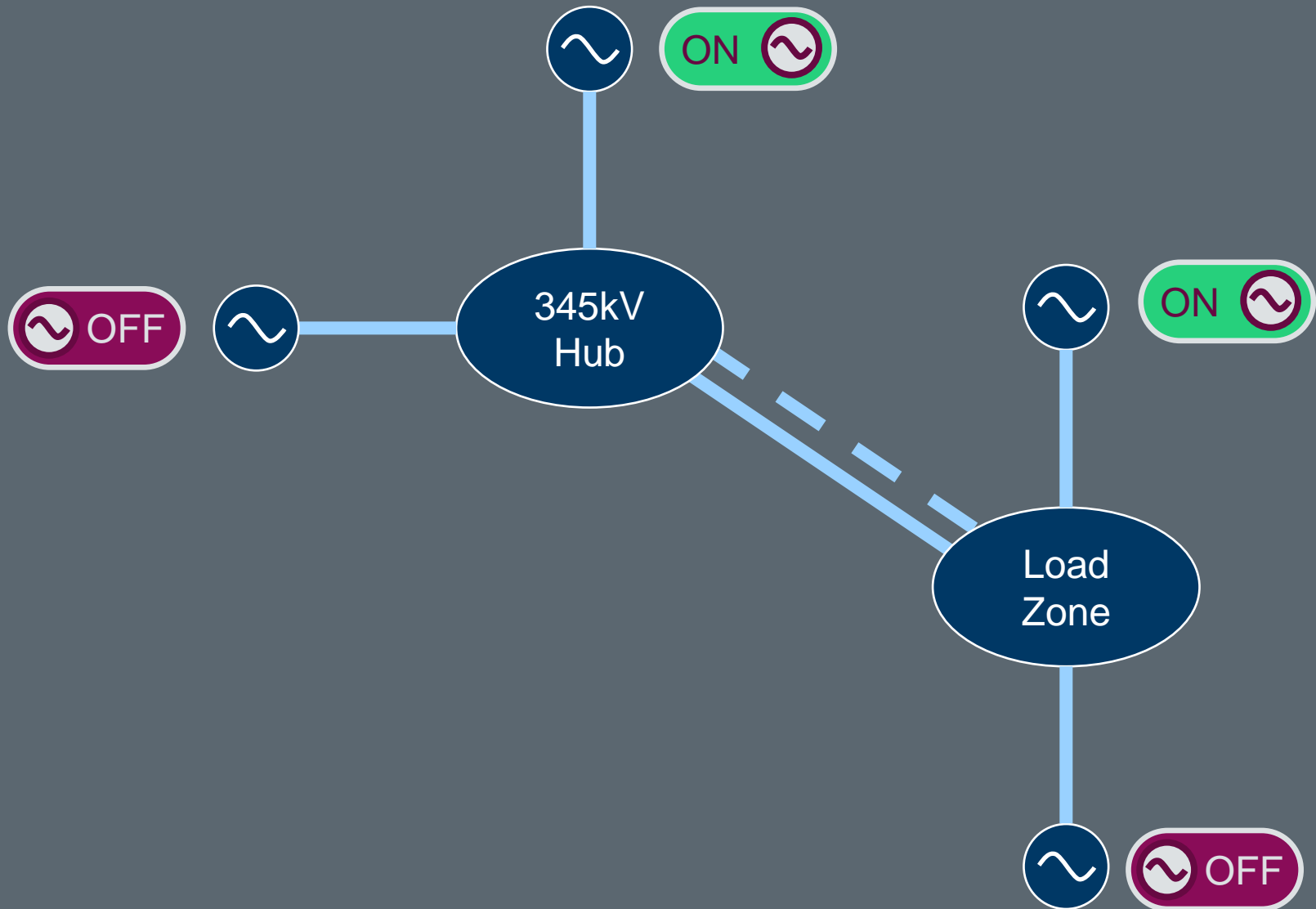
- Resource Status
- Resource Limits
- Ancillary Service Capabilities

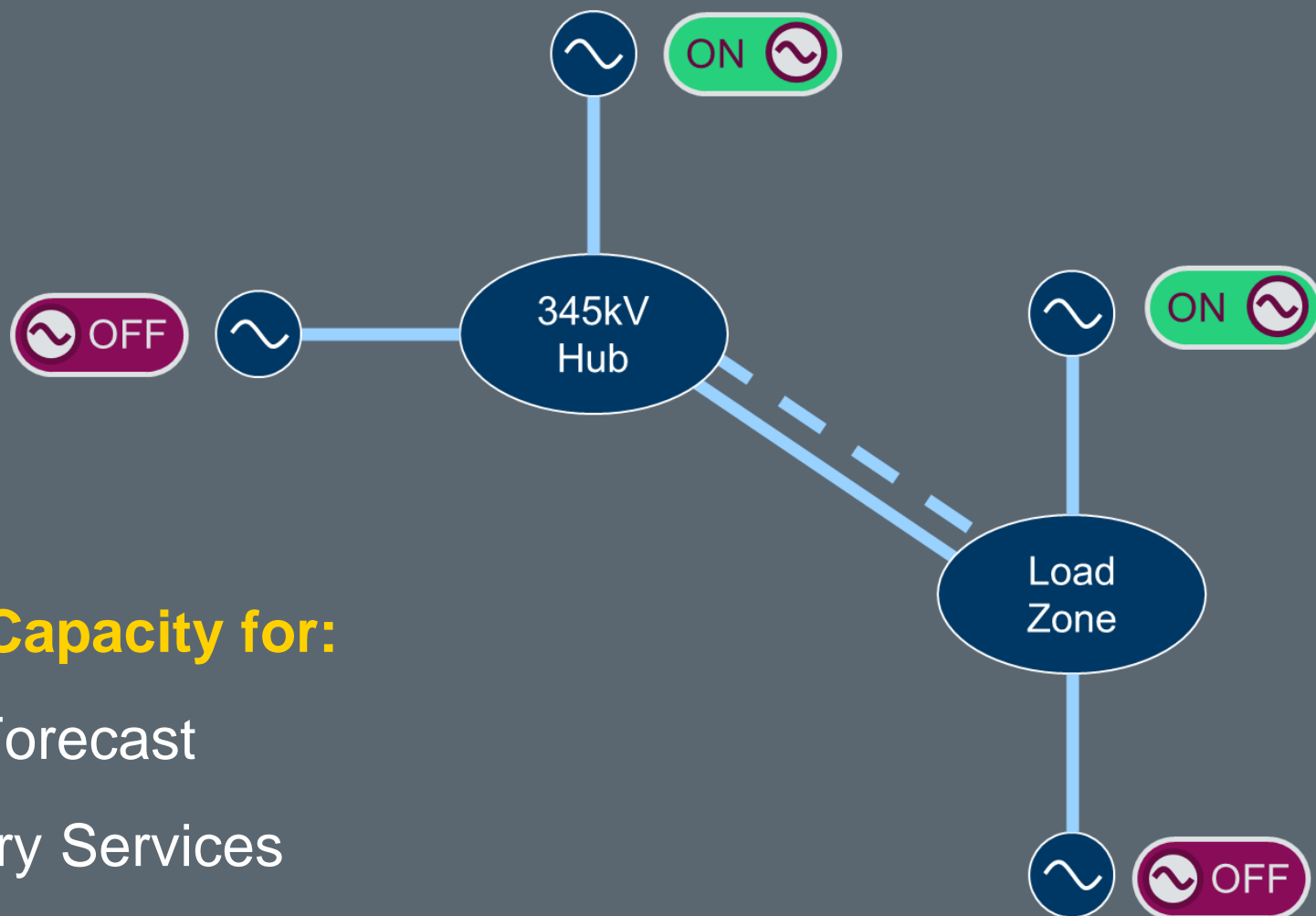


Resource QSEs must maintain a  
COP for each hour of the next 7 days



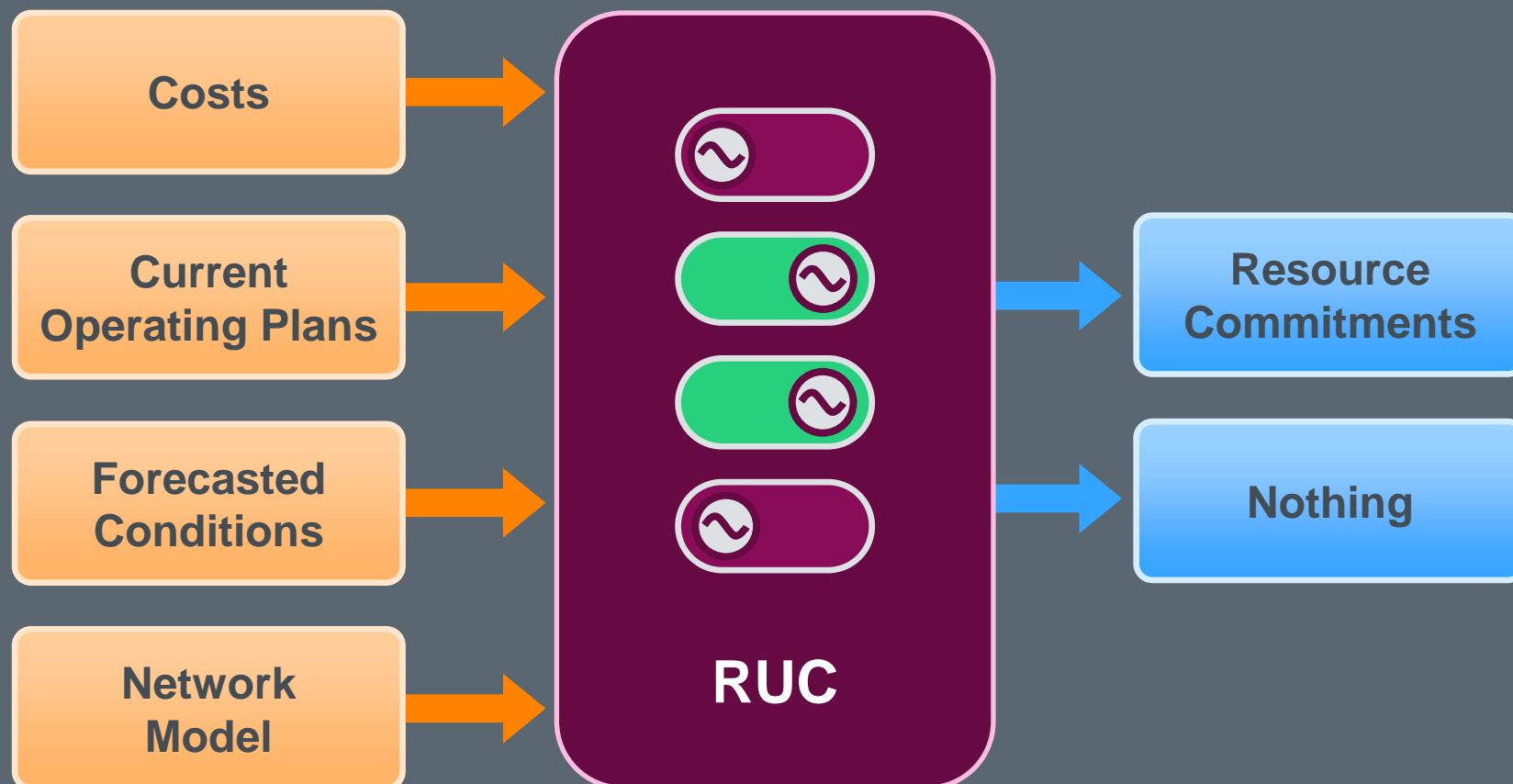
# Discussion: What if not enough generators plan to run? *ercot*



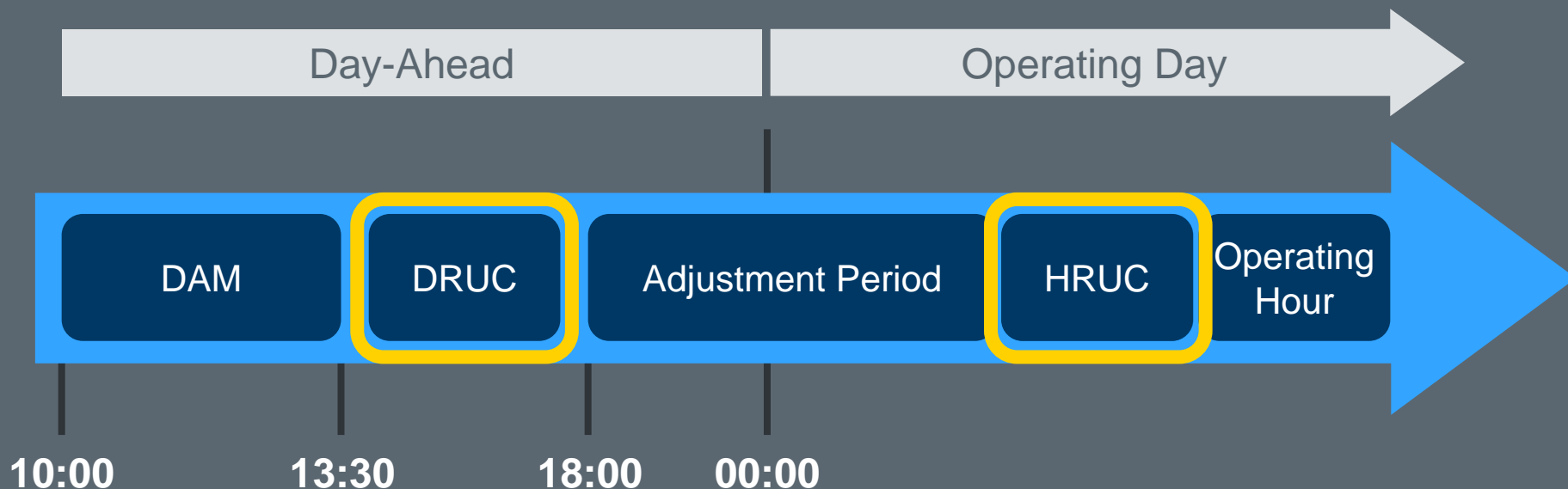


## Ensures Capacity for:

- Load Forecast
- Ancillary Services
- Congestion Management



## Timing



*DRUC = Day-Ahead Reliability Unit Commitment*

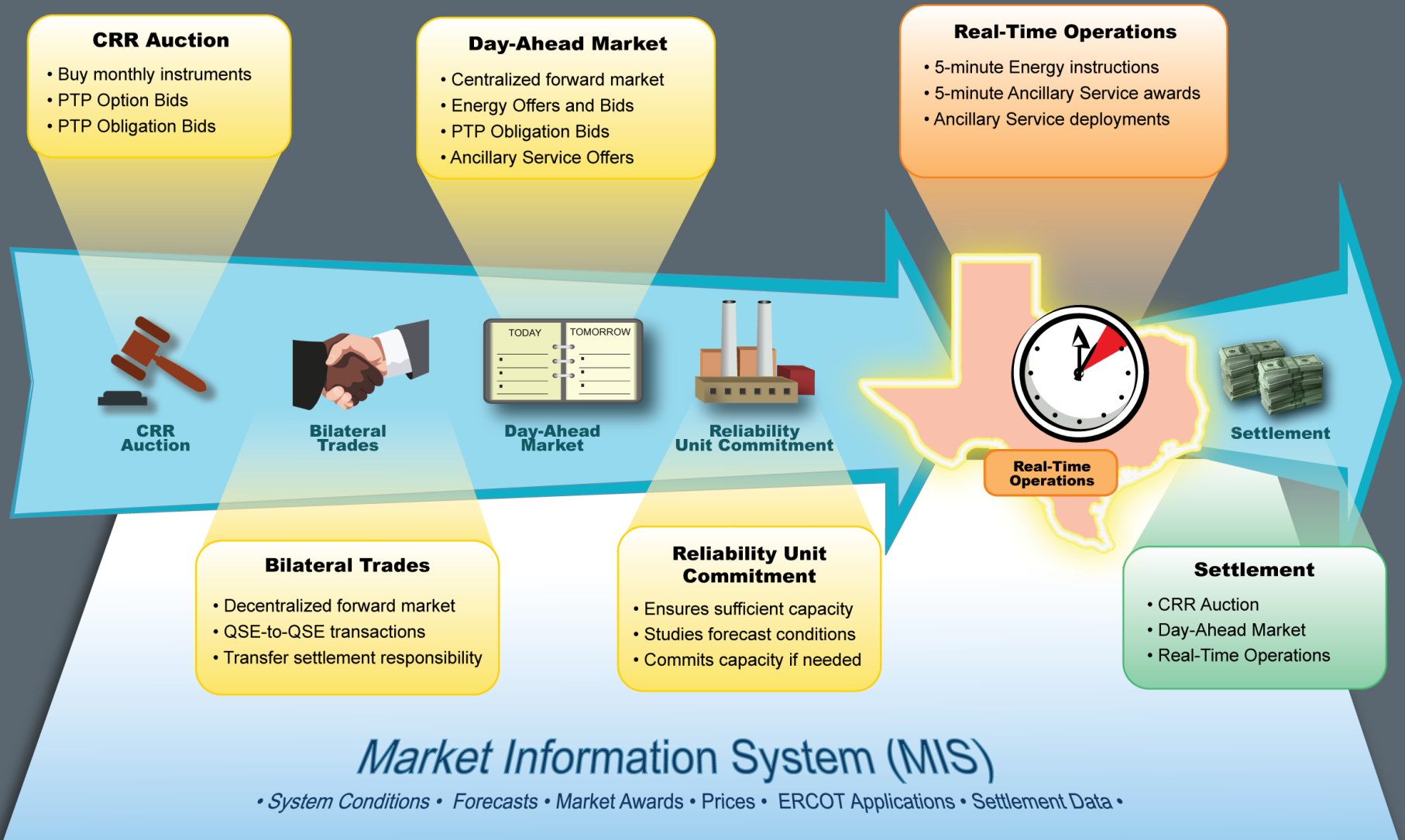
*HRUC = Hourly Reliability Unit Commitment*





## Summary and Conclusion







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