



# Malaysian Grid Code

## Part VII: Scheduling & Dispatch Code SDC1: Generation Scheduling

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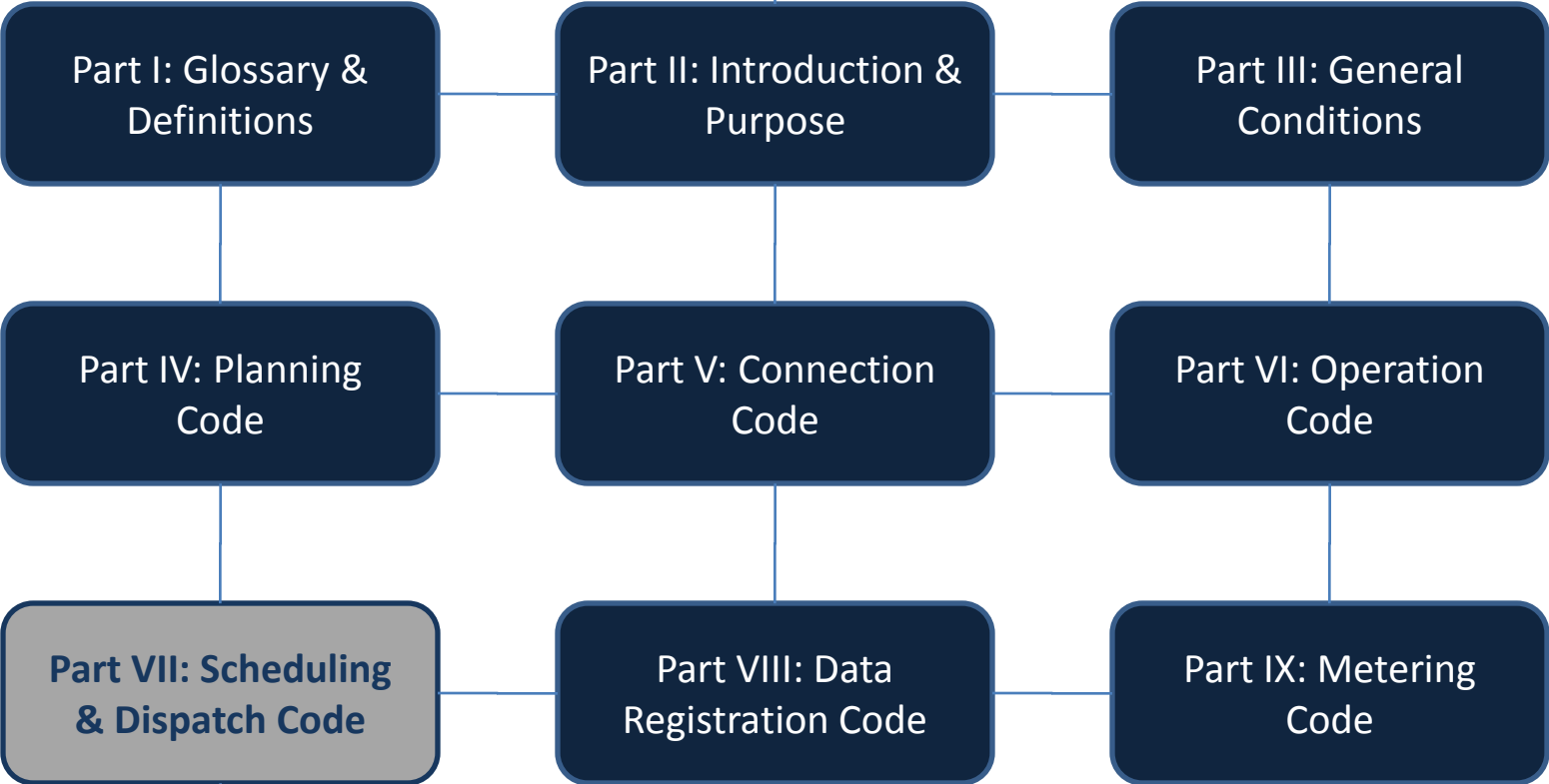
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# MALAYSIAN GRID CODE



**SDC 1:  
Generation  
Scheduling**

**SDC 2:  
Control,  
Scheduling  
& Dispatch**

**SDC 3: Frequency  
& Interconnector  
Transfer Control**



- Generation Scheduling : Scheduling of generators to meet demand, based on availability, parameters & cost, flexibility, transmission constraints , security and system losses
- The schedule should be based on least cost operation for the grid system within the limitations mentioned above

# SDC 1: Generation Scheduling

## SDC 1.1 : Introduction



No	Procedures	Affected Parties
1	Daily Availability Declaration	Generators, Single Buyer, GSO
2	SDP- Scheduling Dispatch Parameters for following Schedule Day	Generators, Single Buyer, GSO
3	Monthly, weekly, daily notification of power export availability/import request including price information	Interconnected parties, Single Buyer, GSO
4	Submission of certain network data by each User with a Network connected to the Transmission system to which Generating Units are connected (considerations for Network constraints)	Generators, Single Buyer, GSO
5	Submission of certain network data by each User with a Network connected to the Distribution Network to which Generating Units are connected (considerations for Network constraints)	Generators, Single Buyer, GSO

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## SDC 1.1 : Introduction



No	Procedures	Affected Parties
6	The submission by Users of Demand Control information (OC4)	Generators, Single Buyer, GSO
7	Agreement on Power and Energy flows between Interconnected Parties by the Single Buyer following discussion with GSO	Generators, Single Buyer, GSO
8	The production of Least Cost Generation Schedule – unit commitment and generation Dispatch level	Interconnected parties, Single Buyer, GSO

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## SDC 1.2 : Objectives



**SDC1: To enable Single Buyer to prepare a schedule based on Least Cost Dispatch model. To include : Cost inputs, fuel constraints, hydro limitation and optimization of hydro-thermal**

1. Ensures Integrity of the interconnected transmission system

2. Ensures security of supply

3. Ensures sufficient generating capacity to meet transmission system demand as often as practicable with appropriate margin of reserve

4. Enables preparation and issue of a Generation Schedule

5. Enables optimization of the total cost of Grid System operation over a specific period taking into account of scheduled and forced outages and factors 6, 7 and 8

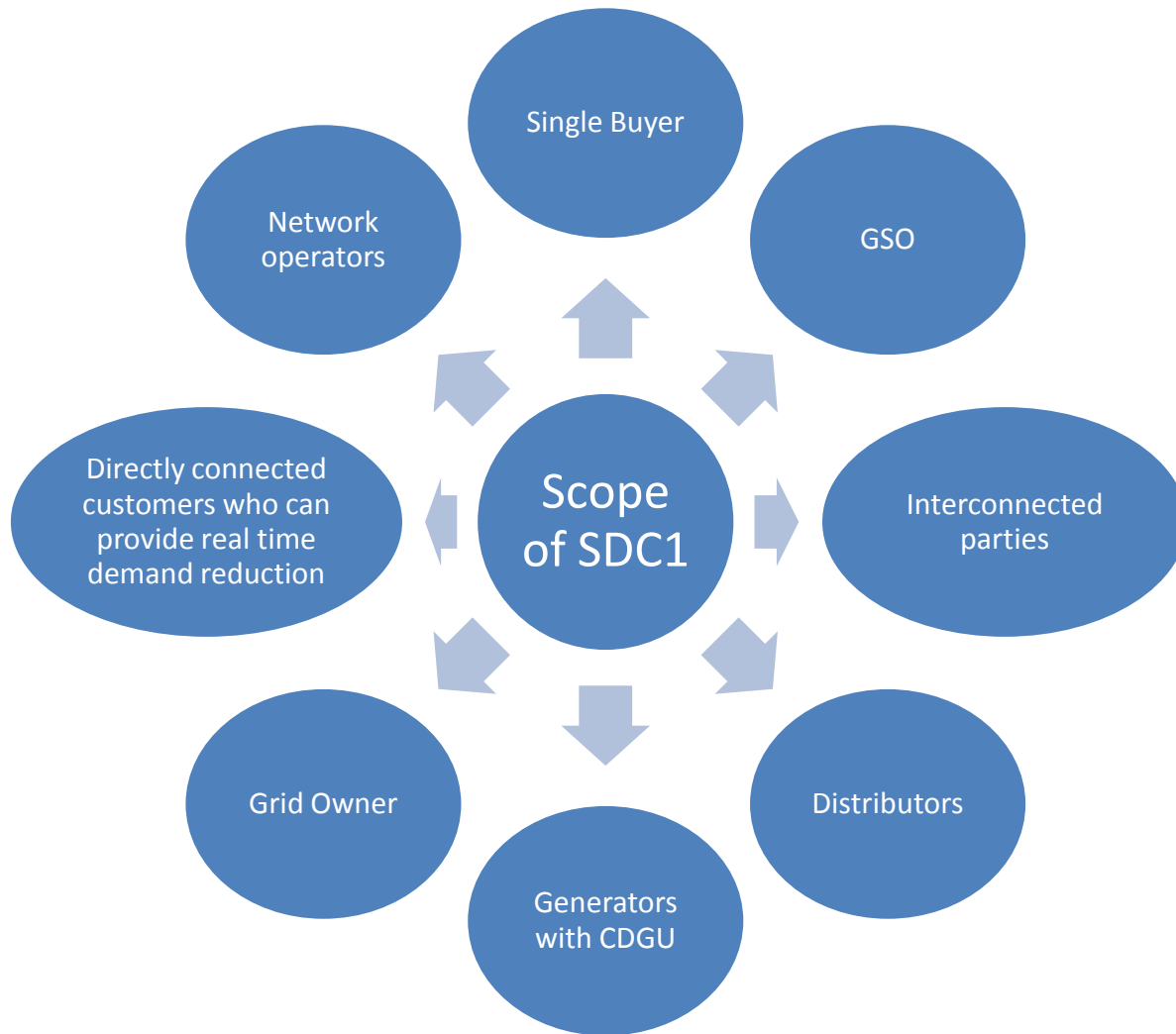
6. Enables optimization of use of generating and transmission capacities

8. Maintains sufficient fuel stocks, optimizes hydro reservoir depletion and meet fuel-contract requirement

7. Enables use of energy from Hydro power stations to optimize system marginal cost with consideration for reservoir levels, riparian requirements and seasonal variations

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## SDC 1.3 : Scope



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## SDC 1.4.1 : Procedure (Applicability) : Normal Working Day



D-1 :

Users: To provide input for tomorrow  
Single Buyer : To produce Day Ahead  
Unit Commitment Schedule

D-day (Normal Working Day) :  
Operation day



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## SDC 1.4.1 : Procedure (Applicability) : 1 Day Public Holiday



D-1 :

Users: To provide input for tomorrow and day after

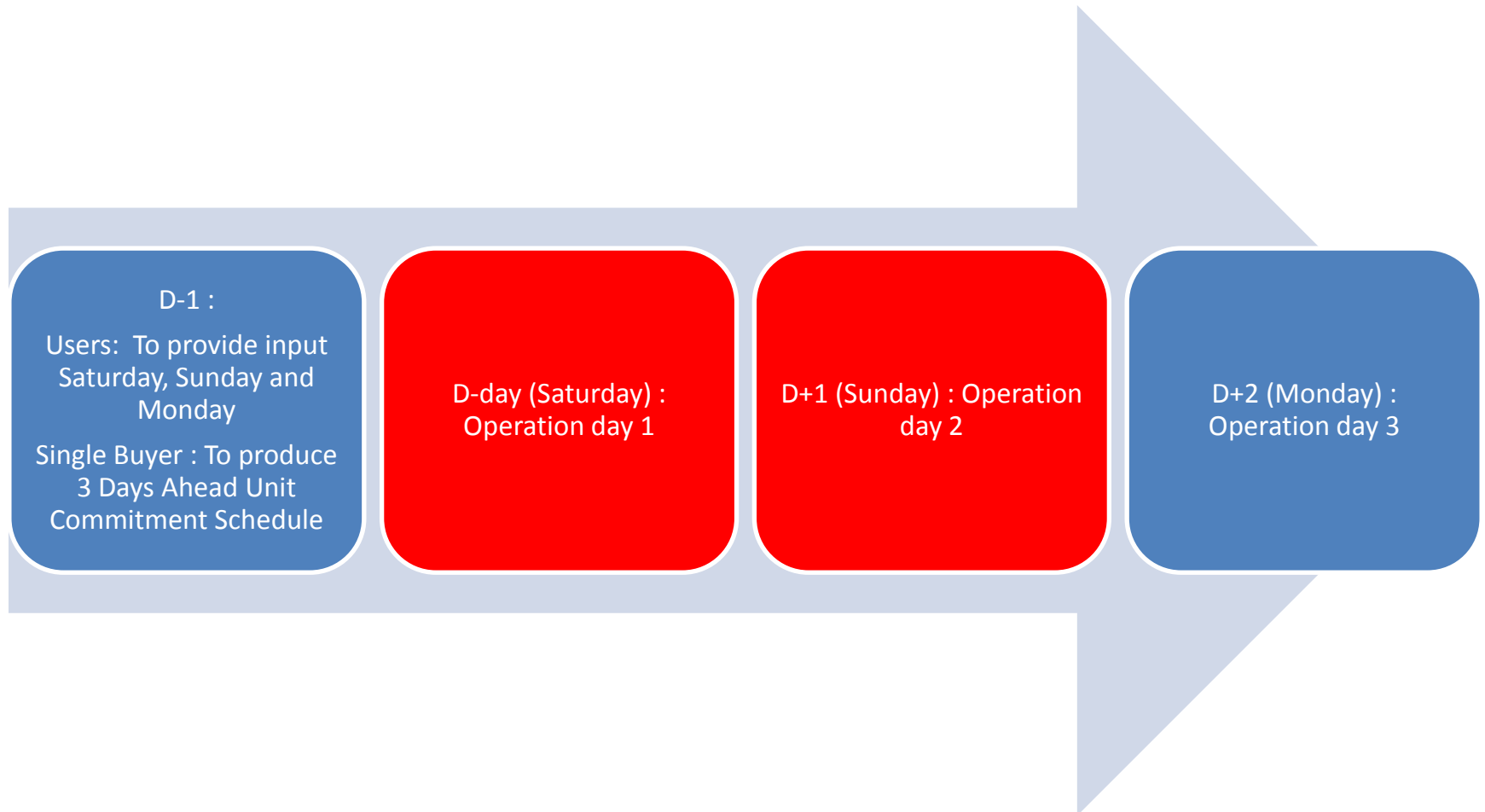
Single Buyer : To produce 2 Days Ahead Unit Commitment Schedule

D-day (Public Holiday) :  
Operation day 1

D+1 (Normal Working Day) :  
Operation day 2

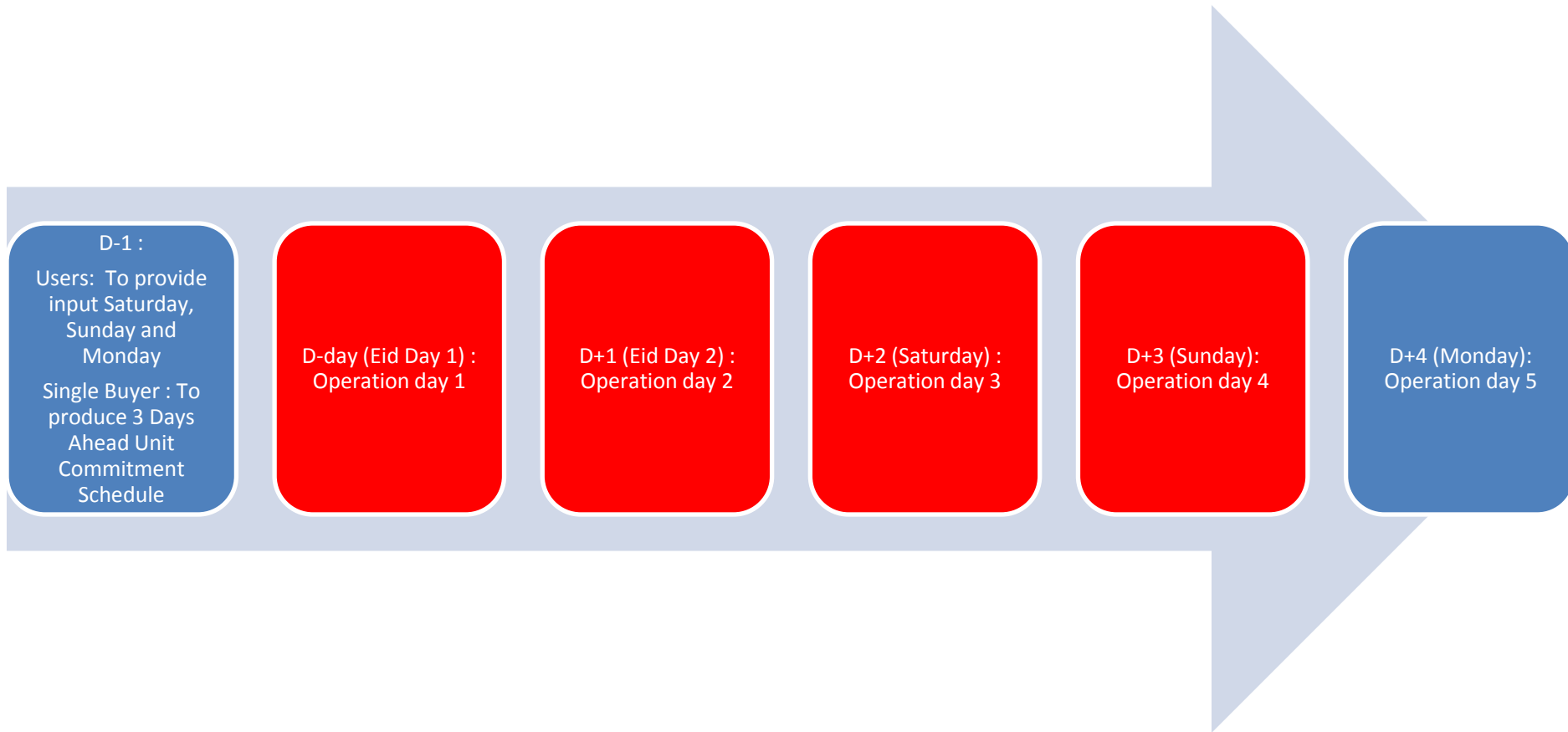
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## SDC 1.4.1 : Procedure (Applicability) : Weekends



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## SDC 1.4.1 : Procedure (Applicability) : Consecutive PHs+Weekends



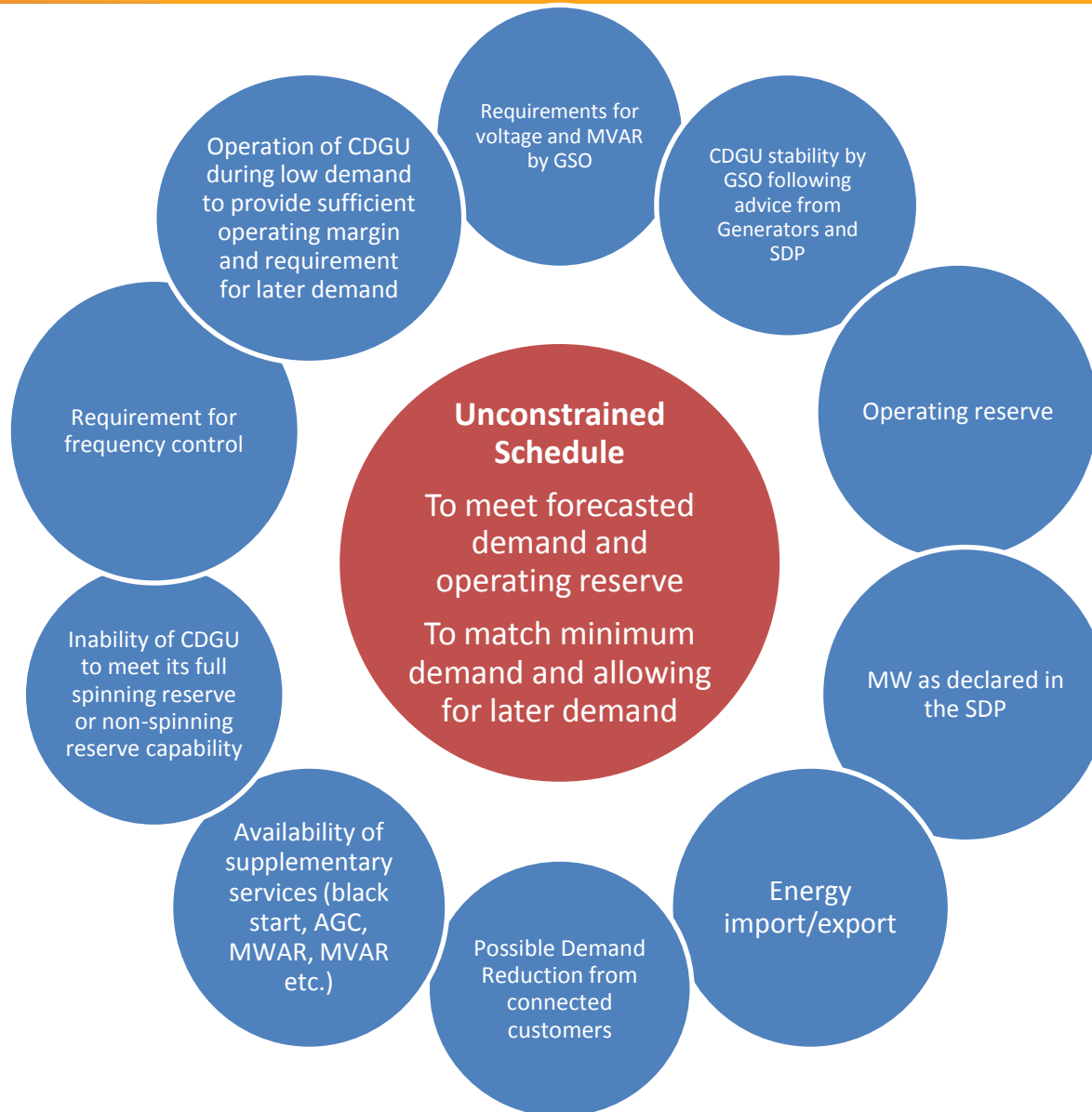
**Maximum of 4 non working days + 1 day after 4 consecutive non working days**



- Day Ahead Plan: CDGUs on least system operating cost
- With considerations:
  - CDGU pricing : energy price only – fuel cost + VOR
  - Hydro Thermal optimization : hydro based on year-end lake level target.
  - Operational restriction or CDGU flexibility
  - Fuel constraints – gas, etc.
  - Max-min water-take for hydro CDGU for riparian
  - Energy export/import
  - Government fuel conservation policy
  - CDGU availability
  - Government fuel pricing policy
- Single Buyer to prepare :
  - Least cost unconstrained schedule
  - Least cost constrained schedule

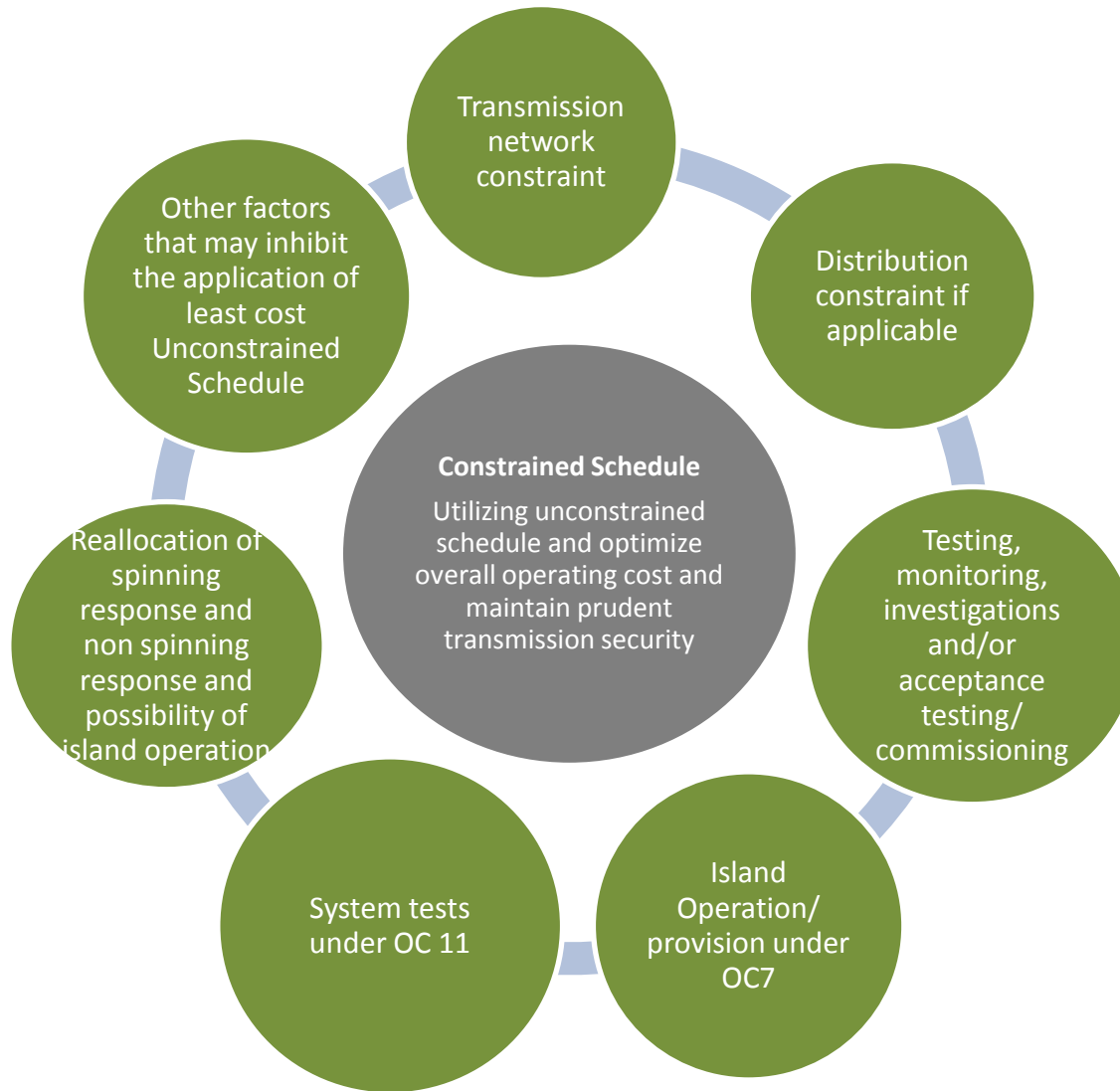
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## SDC 1.4.5: Unconstrained Schedule



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## SDC 1.4.5: Constrained Schedule



The least cost constrained schedule will be deemed as the least cost schedule for the next day

GSO may deem it necessary to change the schedule after the issuance of the schedule due to various factors. Record of the changes should be kept by GSO for at least 12 months



- Generators to highlight risks on CDGU such as fuel supply interruption or plants problem by 1000hrs each day
- Temporary changes to Registered Data, supplementary services
- Highlight details of re-commissioning /retesting plans
- Distributors to also highlight any constraints on its network to the Single Buyer

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## SDC 1.6: Data Validity Checking

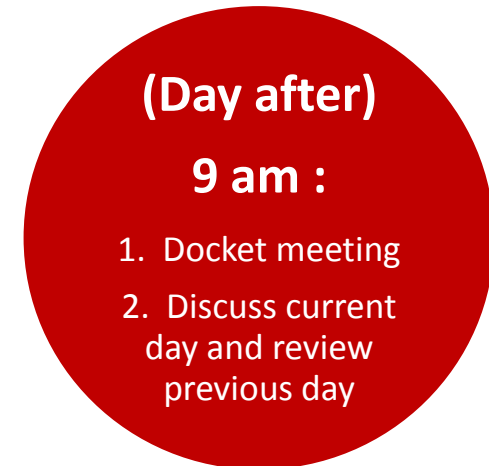
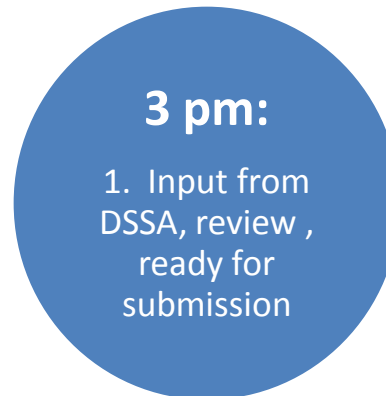
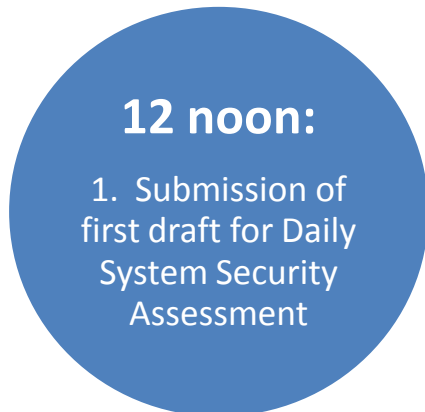
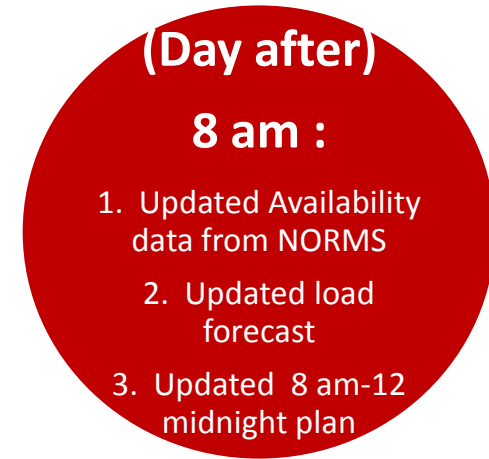
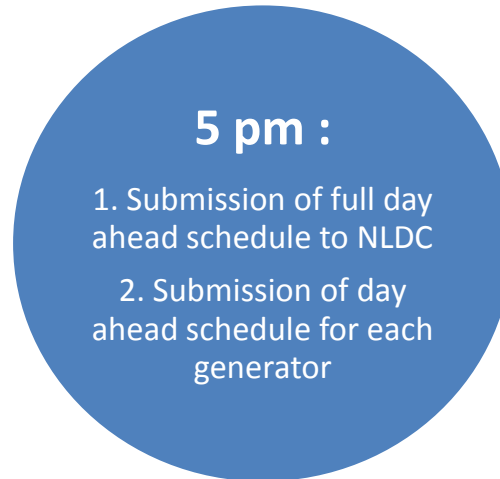
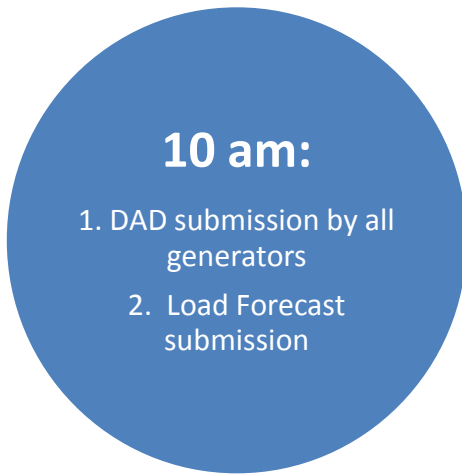


- Availability data declaration, Generation Scheduling & Dispatch Parameters and other relevant Generator data will be checked with Data Validity and Default Rules
- Data could be automatically amended if the data do not meet the requirements of the rules
- Failure to submit data by 1000hrs on each scheduling day, could result to utilization of previous data
- User is responsible in ensuring data is up-to-date and to notify Single Buyer of any changes



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## Daily Practice : Implementation



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## Least Cost Concept



### Minimize Cost:

**Cost = Generator Fuel & VOM cost**

**+ Generator Start Cost**

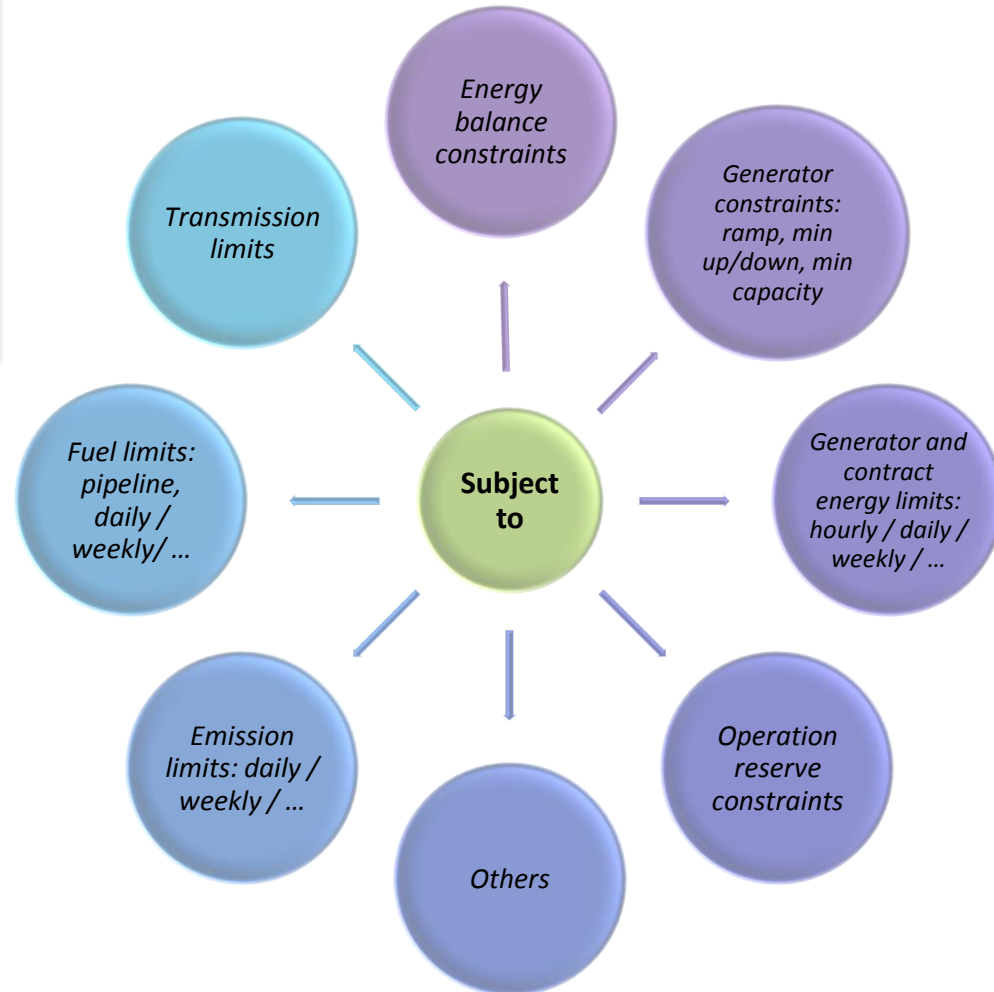
**+ Contract Purchase Cost – Contract Sale Saving**

**+ Transmission Wheeling**

**+ Energy / AS / fuel / capacity market purchase cost**

**– Energy / AS / fuel / capacity market sale revenue**

- The objective is to minimize generation cost, within various limitations/constraints
- The strategy is to pick the cheapest possible combination of generating units to serve the demand at all times



# SDC 1: Generation Scheduling

## Input-Output



### Inputs:

- Heat Rate
- Demand forecast
- Planned/Forced Outages/Availability
- Gas Allocation
- Hydro Energy
- Scheduled commitment
- Co-generation
- Import-Export
- Energy cost (Fuel +VOR)
- Start-up cost
- Ramp-up/down rate
- Min up time, min down time
- Synchronizing time

Optimization

### Outputs:

- Generation Schedule
- Gas Nomination
- Average cost
- Marginal cost

A unit commitment economic dispatch software (PLEXOS) based on mixed integer and dynamic programming method is utilized to solve this complex problem

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## Merit Order vs. Computer Simulation



- Traditionally, merit order list is utilized as a tool for dispatching.
- With advancement in computer technology, simulation software is now available to help us solving the unit commitment and dispatching
- Merit order: A ranking list of power plants, from the lowest cost per unit to the highest cost per unit (RM/kWh) at the maximum supply level of all plants

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## Discussion



Assume a grid system with the following units:

Unit	Capacity	Heat rate (kJ/kWh)				VOR
	MW	100%	75%	50%	25%	RM/MWh
A1	50	10100	10500	11200	NA	13.0
A2	40	10700	11200	11700	NA	13.5
B1	35	7700	8100	8600	NA	19.8
B2	40	7000	7600	8000	8200	16.2
C1	15	12000	12360	12731	15000	12.0
C2	15	11000	11330	11670	13800	11.5
D1	12	12500	12875	13261	14600	10.0
D2	10	10600	10918	11246	11583	11.0
D3	12	12500	12875	13261	14600	12.5
Total capacity	229					

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## Discussion



The total energy cost = Fuel + VOR are as follows:

Unit	Capacity	RM/mmbtu		Fuel cost/kWh				Energy cost/kWh			
	MW	Fuel	fuel price	100%	75%	50%	25%	100%	75%	50%	25%
A1	50	coal	14.38	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.00
A2	40	coal	16.00	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.00	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.00
B1	35	gas	25.00	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.00
B2	40	gas	25.00	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.21
C1	15	gas	25.00	0.28	0.29	0.30	0.36	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.37
C2	15	gas	25.00	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.33	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.34
D1	12	gas	25.00	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.35	0.31	0.32	0.32	0.36
D2	10	gas	25.00	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.29
D3	12	gas	25.00	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.35	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.36

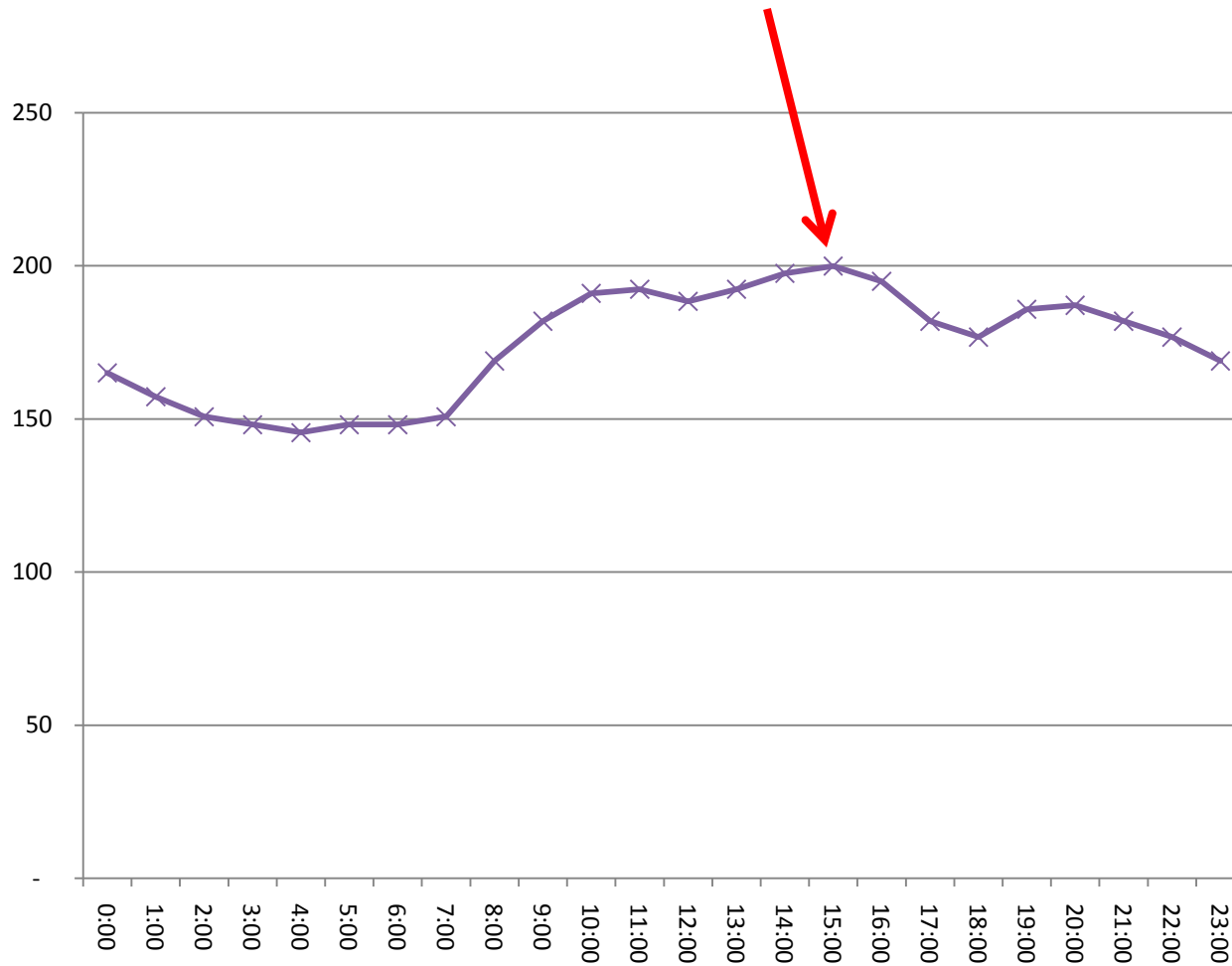
The Merit Order list is as follows:

Unit	Capacity MW	Total cost RM/kWh
A1	50	0.15
A2	40	0.18
B2	40	0.18
B1	35	0.20
D2	10	0.26
C2	15	0.27
C1	15	0.30
D1	12	0.31
D3	12	0.31

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Assume system demand as follows (200 MW MD at 1500hrs):



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Dispatch based on merit order:

Unit	MW Dispatched	Capacity	Energy Cost/kWh	Total Cost
A1	50	50	0.151	7533.67
A2	40	40	0.176	7031.00
B2	40	40	0.182	7283.07
B1	35	35	0.202	7079.26
D2	10	10	0.262	2621.85
C2	15	15	0.272	4082.45
C1	10	15	0.314	3140.00
Total	200			38771.30

Cost = RM0.314/kWh @67% capacity

Savings of 0.2% of the total cost

Although Merit Order could still be used as an indication tool, utilization of software will allow various combinations to be assessed, hence resulting to a better cost optimization

Second option (pick D1 instead of C1):

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D2	10	10	0.262	2621.85
C2	15	15	0.272	4082.45
D1	10	12	0.305	3050.00
Total	200			38681.30

Cost = RM0.305/kWh @83% capacity





- Single Buyer will reconfirm on all generators submission for the purpose of updating the software
- We will also request for additional outstanding inputs, start-up time, ramp-up/down, minimum stable operating level etc. (within the limits specified under the Malaysian Grid Code)
- We request full co-operation from all generators to ensure correct data, hence resulting to better modeling
- Inputs to improve our processes are always welcomed
- Our aim is to optimize the total system cost and prepare a useable schedule for GSO
- Having a good plan will allow us to anticipate future problems better, hence preparing a contingency plan well ahead to ensure lights is always on.



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