



IMM Quarterly Report: Summer 2020

MISO Independent Market Monitor

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Highlights and Findings: Summer 2020

- The MISO markets performed competitively this Summer, market power mitigation was infrequent, and conduct was competitive overall.
- A continuing trend of low natural gas prices in the first two months contributed to energy prices falling 6 percent compared to last summer.
 - ✓ Gas prices averaged less than \$2 per MMBTU this quarter, rising in August.
- MISO's summer peak load slightly above 117 GW occurred on August 24.
 - ✓ Average load remained consistent with prior summers, as COVID-related impacts diminished and were offset by hotter temperatures.
- MISO experienced several significant events this summer.
 - ✓ In Michigan, MISO declared a Local Transmission Emergency in June and a Transmission System Emergency in July, resulting in very high congestion.
 - ✓ MISO experienced a week of hot temperatures in early July and on July 7, it declared a Maximum Generation Event in the Midwest region.
 - ✓ In Western WOTAB on Aug 27, MISO declared an emergency and cut load.
 - Prices were finalized a week after the event and set at the VOLL.
 - ✓ MISO also declared on Local Transmission Emergency in Texas on August 28 that was caused by storm-related transmission outages.

Quarterly Summary

		Value	Change ¹		Value	Change ¹			
			Prior Qtr.	Prior Year		Prior Qtr.	Prior Year		
RT Energy Prices (\$/MWh)	●	\$24.36	32%	-6%	FTR Funding (%)	●	101%	99%	96%
Fuel Prices (\$/MMBtu)					Wind Output (MW/hr)	●	6,128	-25%	44%
Natural Gas - Chicago	●	\$1.76	8%	-15%	Guarantee Payments (\$M)⁴				
Natural Gas - Henry Hub	●	\$1.83	7%	-19%	Real-Time RSG	●	\$16.6	153%	14%
Western Coal	●	\$0.68	-2%	-3%	Day-Ahead RSG	●	\$5.7	-9%	-1%
Eastern Coal	●	\$1.24	2%	-18%	Day-Ahead Margin Assurance	●	\$10.9	94%	173%
Load (GW)²					Real-Time Offer Rev. Sufficiency	●	\$1.1	176%	55%
Average Load	●	83.6	29%	0%	Price Convergence⁵				
Peak Load	●	117.5	28%	-3%	Market-wide DA Premium	●	-1.1%	2.6%	0.3%
% Scheduled DA (Peak Hour)	●	100.3%	98.8%	99.3%	Virtual Trading				
Transmission Congestion (\$M)					Cleared Quantity (MW/hr)	●	16,715	-8%	4%
Real-Time Congestion Value	●	\$331.0	41%	23%	% Price Insensitive	●	28%	33%	32%
Day-Ahead Congestion Revenue	●	\$222.6	75%	47%	% Screened for Review	●	1%	1%	1%
Balancing Congestion Revenue ³	●	\$75.5	\$6.5	\$4.6	Profitability (\$/MW)	●	\$0.30	\$0.70	\$0.32
Ancillary Service Prices (\$/MWh)					Dispatch of Peaking Units (MW/hr)	●	2,569	829	1775
Regulation	●	\$7.86	-2%	3%	Output Gap- Low Thresh. (MW/hr)	●	191	55	45
Spinning Reserves	●	\$1.90	-11%	-12%	Other:				
Supplemental Reserves	●	\$0.30	85%	-51%					

Key: ● Expected
● Monitor/Discuss
● Concern

Notes: 1. Values not in italics are the values for the past period rather than the change.
2. Comparisons adjusted for any change in membership.
3. Net real-time congestion collection, unadjusted for M2M settlements.
4. Includes effects of market power mitigation.
5. Values include allocation of RSG.



Highlights for Summer 2020

Hot Week in Early July (Slides 21-25)

- Between July 1-10, MISO issued Hot Weather Alerts and Capacity Advisories for the Midwest due to high temperatures and humidity.
- *Long-lead commitments.* On July 1, MISO forecasted operating margins in the Midwest of only 4 and 3 percent on July 6 and 7, respectively.
 - ✓ MISO committed long-lead time units in the South to ensure power could be transferred as needed to the Midwest – resulted in > \$800,000 in RSG.
 - ✓ From July 1-9, more than 1,700 MW on average were trapped in the South in the peak hours between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. so their usefulness was limited.
 - ✓ The implied VOLL for these commitments exceeded \$40,000 per MWh. We have recommended VOLL for shortage pricing of \$23,000 so we find these commitments conservative, but not unreasonable.
- *Forecast Errors.* MISO's load forecast was impacted on multiple days because of large storms, causing significant forecast errors.
 - ✓ Day-ahead forecast errors were as high as 8 and 7 percent on July 8 and 10.



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Hot Week in Early July (cont.)

- *July 6.* Conditions were tighter on July 6 than any other day of the week.
 - ✓ Although temperatures and load were not quite as high on this day, wind output was very low.
 - ✓ MISO declared conservative operations but did not proceed to an emergency.
- *July 7.* At 1 p.m., MISO declared a Max Gen Event that quickly escalated to an Emergency Event in the North and Central Regions.
 - ✓ The emergency led to the commitment of all available resources.
 - ✓ Morning temperatures rose more than expected, but storms flattened the load.
 - ✓ Ultimately, this caused: a) the emergency declaration to be unnecessary and b) the 433 MW of emergency-only resources to not set prices.
- *July 8.* July 8 was the hottest day of the week and exhibited the highest day-ahead forecasted load.
 - ✓ Conditions ultimately were not tight because the load came in much lower than forecast; and
 - ✓ Wind output was very high and led to a large supply margin on this day.



Highlights for Summer 2020

Summer Capacity Availability (Slides 26-28)

- Currently, resource accreditation is based primarily on forced outages.
- In reality, a large share of the resources procured in the PRA are ultimately unavailable for reasons other than forced outage.
- On July 7, almost **15 GW** was unavailable because of outages and derates.
 - ✓ The largest share of the unavailable MWs were in Zone 7.
 - ✓ In MISO's 2020-2021 PRA, Zone 7 cleared at CONE (\$257.53/MW-day).
 - ✓ Several capacity resources in Zone 7 were unavailable or derated during most of the summer, affecting congestion and prices in Michigan.
 - ✓ Two of these resources were together paid more than \$154 million in the PRA.
- We continue to recommend that MISO reform capacity accreditation to reflect the actual availability of resources during MISO's tightest hours.
 - ✓ The average capacity derates in Zones 6 and 7 were 8.9 and 8.2 in the PRA.
 - ✓ The actual average derates (including outages) of conventional resources in the tightest hours in July in these zones were 23.5 and 28.4 percent, respectively.



Highlights for Summer 2020

Increased Congestion and Michigan Tx Emergencies (Slides 27-28, 30-31)

- Although gas prices remained low in June and July, day-ahead and real-time congestion rose 47 and 23 percent over last year, respectively.
- More than \$45 million in increased congestion was attributable to low generation availability in Michigan, including almost \$35 million on 2 days.
 - ✓ On June 10, MISO declared a Local Transmission Emergency from 11:25 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. to access 260 MW of emergency generation.
 - ✓ On July 9, MISO declared a Transmission System Emergency from 4:10 p.m. to 7 p.m. for two parallel constraints to access emergency ranges.
 - IESO was in EEA 1 and had reduced imports to Michigan by 700 MW.
 - ✓ A critical unit that would have provided significant congestion relief was unavailable during both events because of a COVID outbreak at the unit.
- Over \$10 million in day-ahead congestion accrued in Texas on August 28 because of the hurricane-related system effects.
- MISO has made progress in discussing TLR procedures with IESO.



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August Load Shed in the Western Load Pocket

- On August 27, Hurricane Laura forced out several transmission lines and more than 6,000 MW of generation in Eastern Texas and Western Louisiana.
 - ✓ MISO declared an emergency and shed > 500 MW of firm load in the Western load pocket.
 - ✓ The results of this event raise energy and capacity market concerns.
- *Energy Market.* Ex ante prices averaged \$15 per MWh throughout the event and did not reflect the shortages.
 - ✓ Operators had to manually re-dispatch multiple units.
 - ✓ MISO set ex post prices in the Western Load Pocket a week later to reflect the current value of lost load (VOLL) of \$3,500 for several hours.
 - ✓ MISO's current VOLL of \$3,500 per MWh is inefficiently low. MISO would have lost of up to 830 MW from a key resource to ERCOT if it had been tight, since ERCOT will set prices up to \$9,000 per MWh.
 - ✓ We have recommended that MISO update the VOLL used in shortage pricing based on data from the Midwest to \$23,000 per MWh.



Highlights for Summer 2020

August Load Shed in Western Load Pocket (Cont.)

- *Capacity Market.* We continue to be concerned that the capacity market zones do not reflect these load pockets that are very tight.
 - ✓ We have been recommending MISO define local capacity zones consistent with electrical constraints in order to send better economic signals.
 - ✓ The capacity market does not reflect the Western Load Pocket and, thus, produced inefficient results for this area in the 2020-2021 PRA.
 - 885 MW of UCAP cleared at \$6.88 per MW-day (very close to zero), down from almost 1,200 MW the prior year.
 - A large resource that straddles MISO and ERCOT and could have provided an additional 800 MW of UCAP did not clear the 2020-2021 PRA.
 - ✓ Fortunately, this resource switched to MISO and provided energy to the pocket on August 27 or the load shed would have been larger.
- *Additional Effects of Laura.* On August 28, MISO declared an LTE from roughly 9:30 a.m to 7:30 p.m. in Eastern Texas due to damage from the hurricane.

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Coal Commitment and Dispatch Study

- We are completing a study of coal resource commitments and dispatch to evaluate recent concerns raised that they are running uneconomically.
- Our study finds that most coal resources are started economically:
 - ✓ 90 percent were economic in 2016-2018 on the day they started, with roughly half offered economically and half scheduled as “must-run”.
 - ✓ This share fell in 2019 as natural gas prices declined, making it more difficult to predict when the coal resources will be economic.
 - ✓ Merchant resources started economically 99 percent of the days they started.
 - ✓ Roughly 20 percent of the uneconomic starts appeared to be economic based on the prices on the day prior to the start.

	2016-2018		2019	
	Starts	% of Starts	Starts	% of Starts
All Coal Resources	5882		1800	
Economic Starts	5270	90%	1497	83%
<i>Offered Economically</i>	2553	43%	730	41%
<i>Must-Run and Economic</i>	2717	46%	767	43%
Uneconomic Starts	612	10%	303	17%
<i>Not Expected to be Economic</i>	491	8%	239	13%
<i>Expected to be Economic</i>	121	2%	64	4%

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Coal Commitment and Dispatch Study (cont.)

- The most significant decision coal resources make is whether to stay online each day after they start.
- This decision is complicated by the costs of cycling the units – when a unit turns off, it must then incur a start-up cost to come back on.
- We evaluated the decision to run each day and found:
 - ✓ The decision to stay on by integrated utilities was efficient **96** percent of the time, although they were only profitable on 80 percent of these days.
 - ✓ The unprofitable days that are efficient reflect periods when the transitory losses of staying on are less than the cycling costs of turning off.
 - ✓ Again, the conduct of merchant generators was more economic than their regulated counterparts.

	Integrated Utilities		Merchants		
	Efficient	Not Efficient	Efficient	Not Efficient	
Profitable	80%	0%	96%	0%	Profitable
Unprofitable	16%	4%	4%	0%	Unprofitable
	96%	4%	100%	0%	



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Progress on Improving Transmission Ratings

- We continue to promote the use of ambient temperature-adjusted ratings (AARs) and short-term emergency ratings – as we’ve shown in our SOM reports, the benefits have averaged almost \$150 million per year.
- We’ve been meeting with the TOs, individual states and OMS.
- The states are recognizing the value of fuller utilization of the transmission system for their customers, and on August 13, OMS issued a position Statement on Enhanced Line Ratings.** It calls for TOs to:
 - ✓ Provide greater transparency and consistency in line ratings and methods.
 - ✓ Provide both normal and emergency ratings to MISO per the TO Agreement.
 - ✓ Develop procedures for identifying facilities for enhanced line ratings.
- Although valuable discussions are taking place and there has been little technical disagreement, progress has been very limited to date.
- MISO has participated in some of the meetings but has devoted very few resources to this effort – more will be needed from MISO to make progress.

**https://www.misostates.org/images/PositionStatements/OMS_Position_Statement_Enhanced_Line_Ratings.pdf



Submittals to External Entities and Other Issues

- The IMM function has not experienced detrimental impacts from COVID-19.
- We responded to several FERC questions related to prior referrals and FERC investigations. We continued to meet with FERC on a weekly basis and we responded to several requests for information on market issues.
- In June, we presented a summary of MISO South market results and issues to the Entergy Regional State Committee.
- We filed comments in June in the FERC NOPR Incentives requesting FERC consider alternative incentives for existing transmission (other than ROE).
- In July, we presented the Spring Quarterly Report and the 2019 SOM Recommendations to the MSC.
- We participated in a FERC conference of the RTO market monitors in July, making presentations on FTR markets, RTO credit practices, and the evolving generation portfolios.

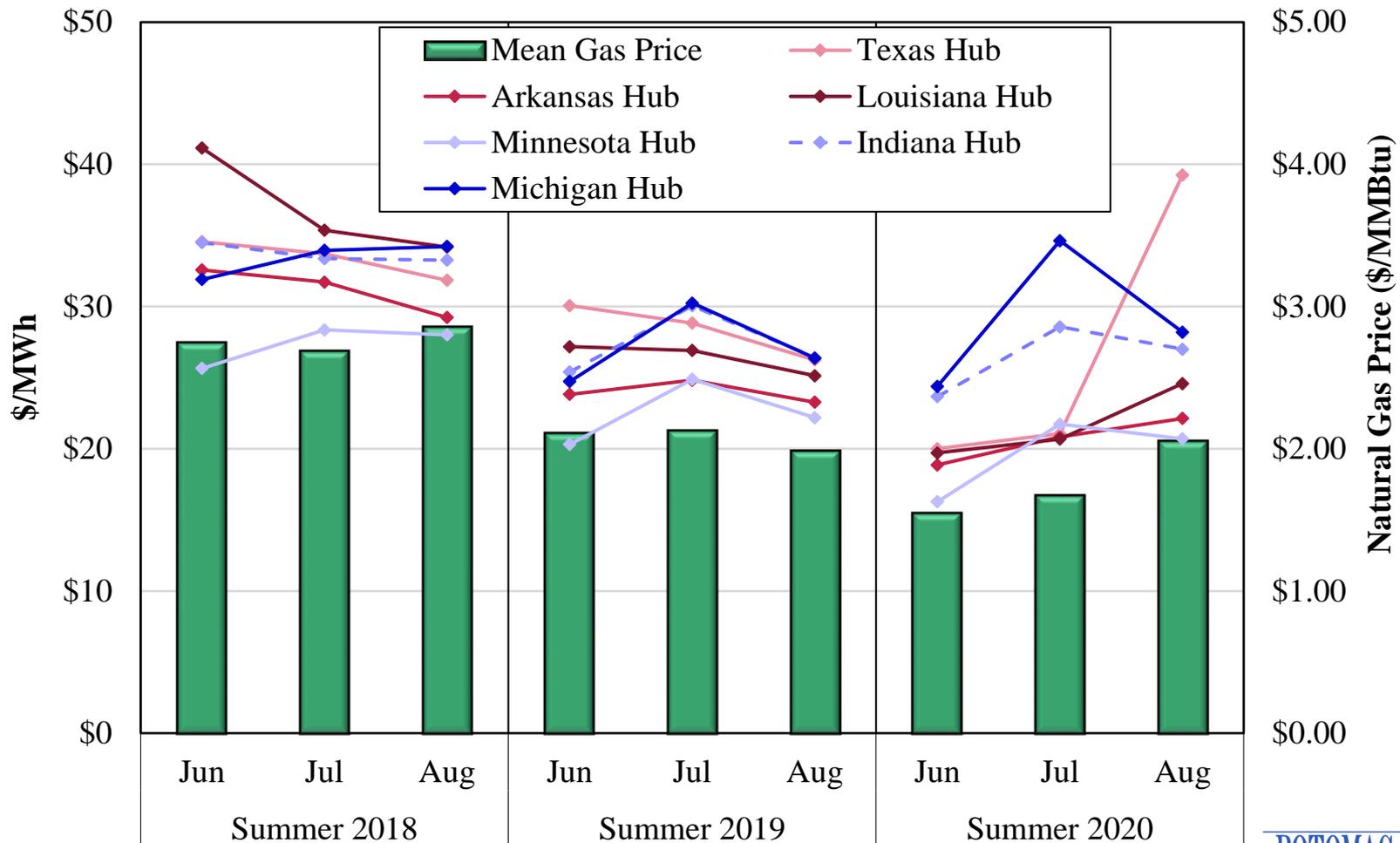


Submittals to External Entities and Other Issues

- We completed work with the SPP MMU and MISO on the Tier 1 and Tier 2 items and presented the results to the OMS.
 - ✓ We published the Tier 2 Interface Pricing study in August and presented it to OMS/RSC in September.
 - ✓ Additional items in Tier 2 and Tier 3 may be considered in the future if approved by the Markets Committee.
- We continue discussing issues with Emergency Pricing and Shortage Pricing with MISO and the MSC
 - ✓ These discussions included the elimination of offline ELMP pricing, which artificially mutes MISO's shortage pricing.
- We continued working with MISO on proposed improvements to the market power mitigation measures in Module D of the Tariff at the MSC.
 - ✓ We will also be supporting MISO's re-filing of the physical withholding provision in Module D with an affidavit.

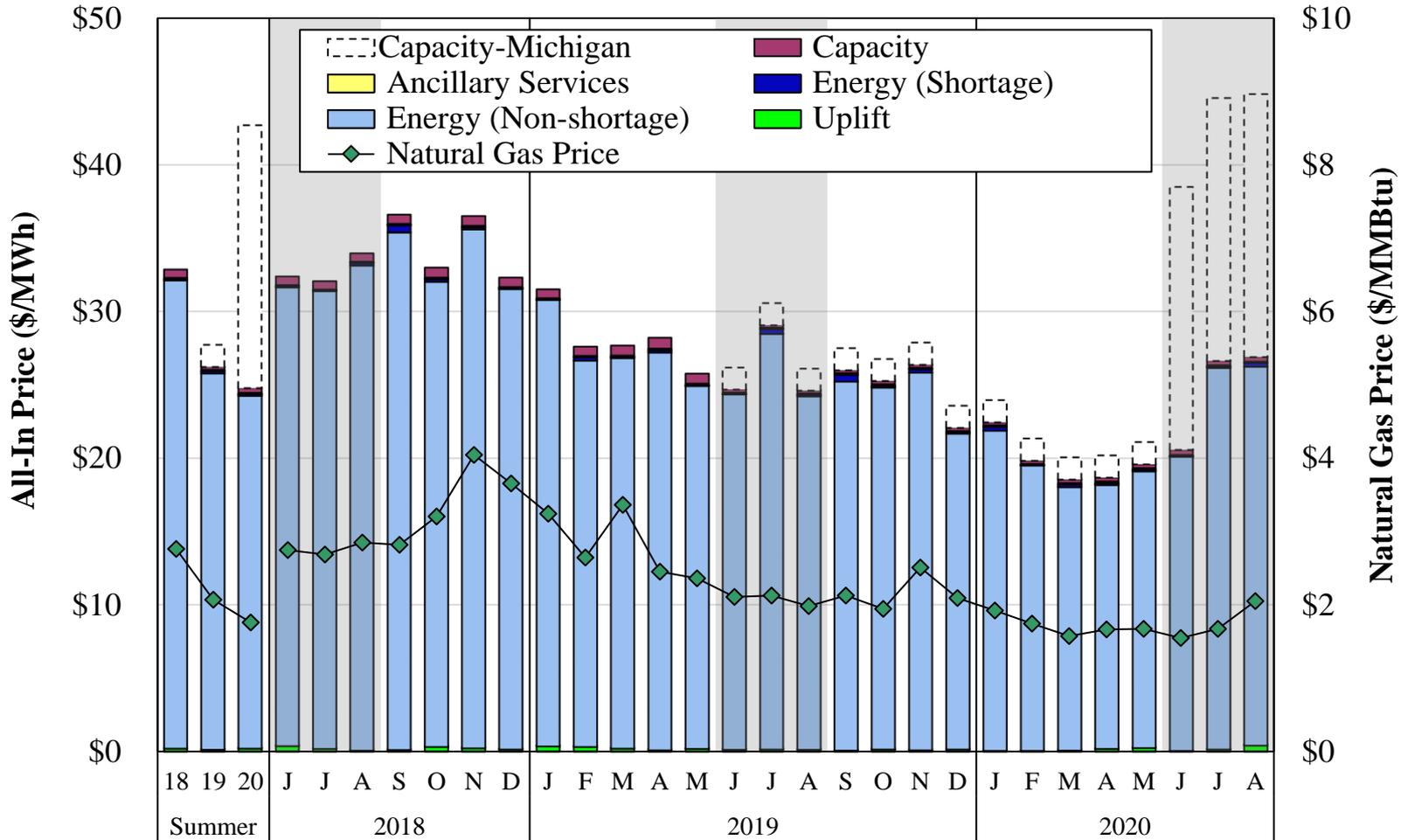


Day-Ahead Average Monthly Hub Prices Summer 2018-2020



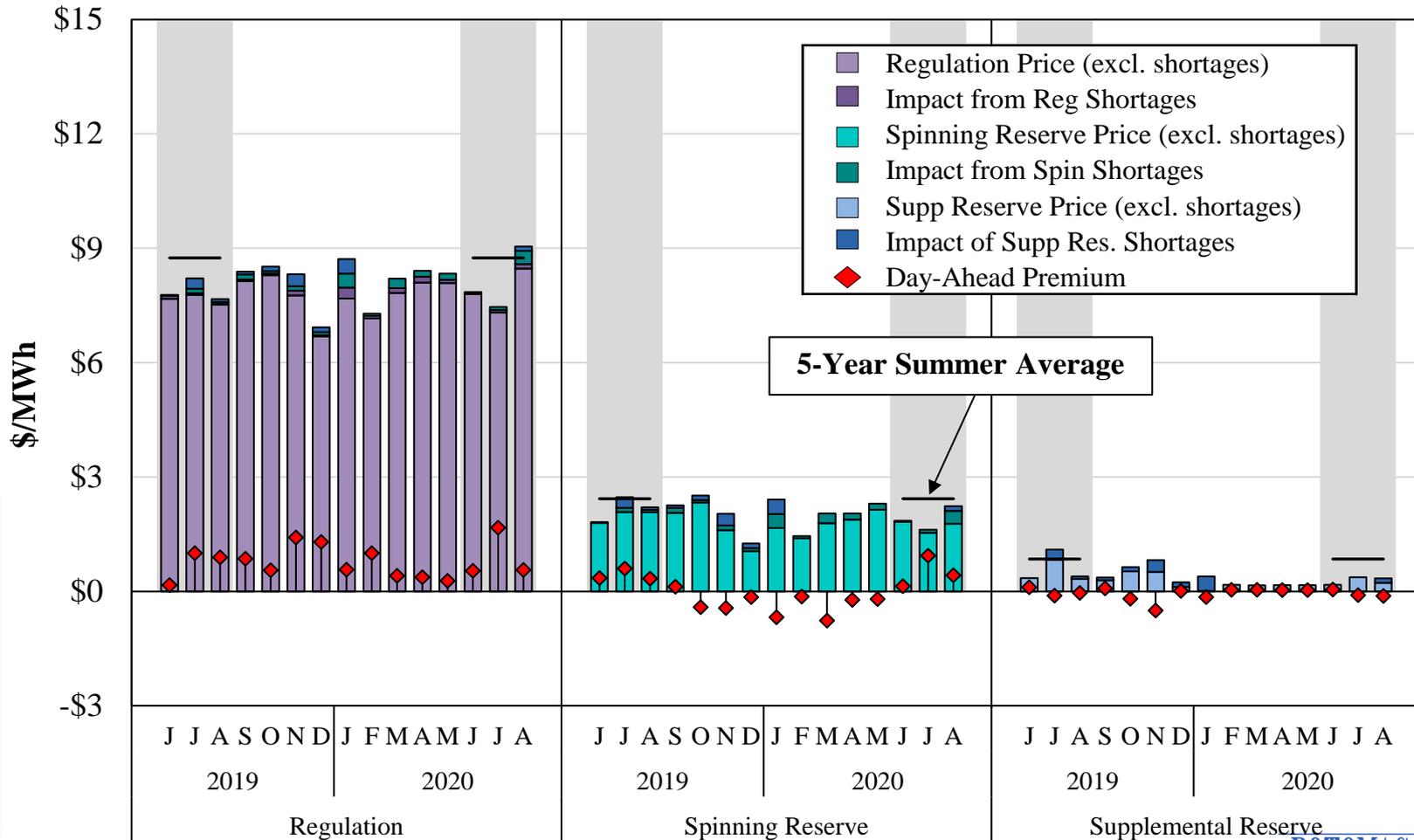


All-In Price 2018-2020



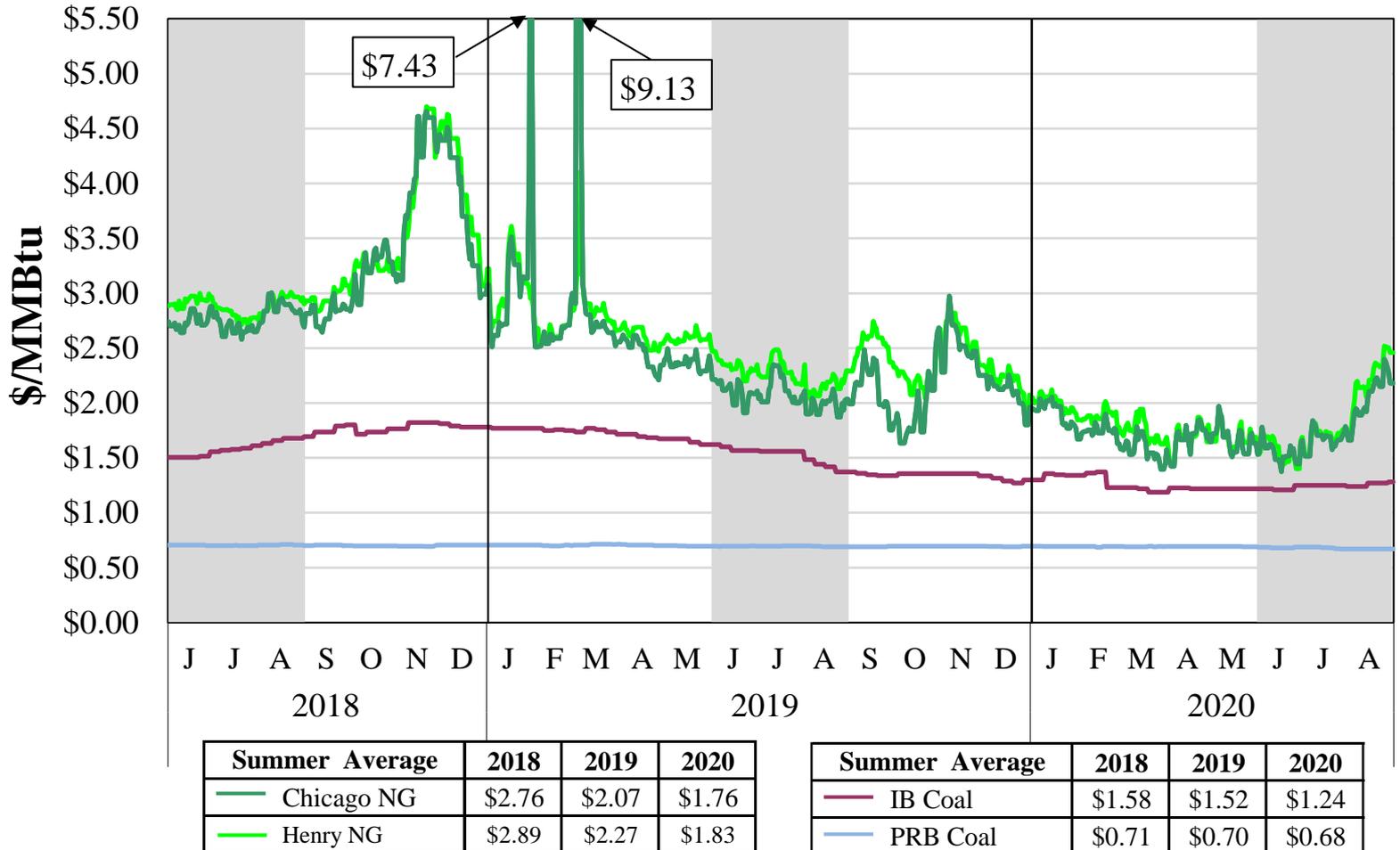


Ancillary Service Prices Summer 2019 – 2020



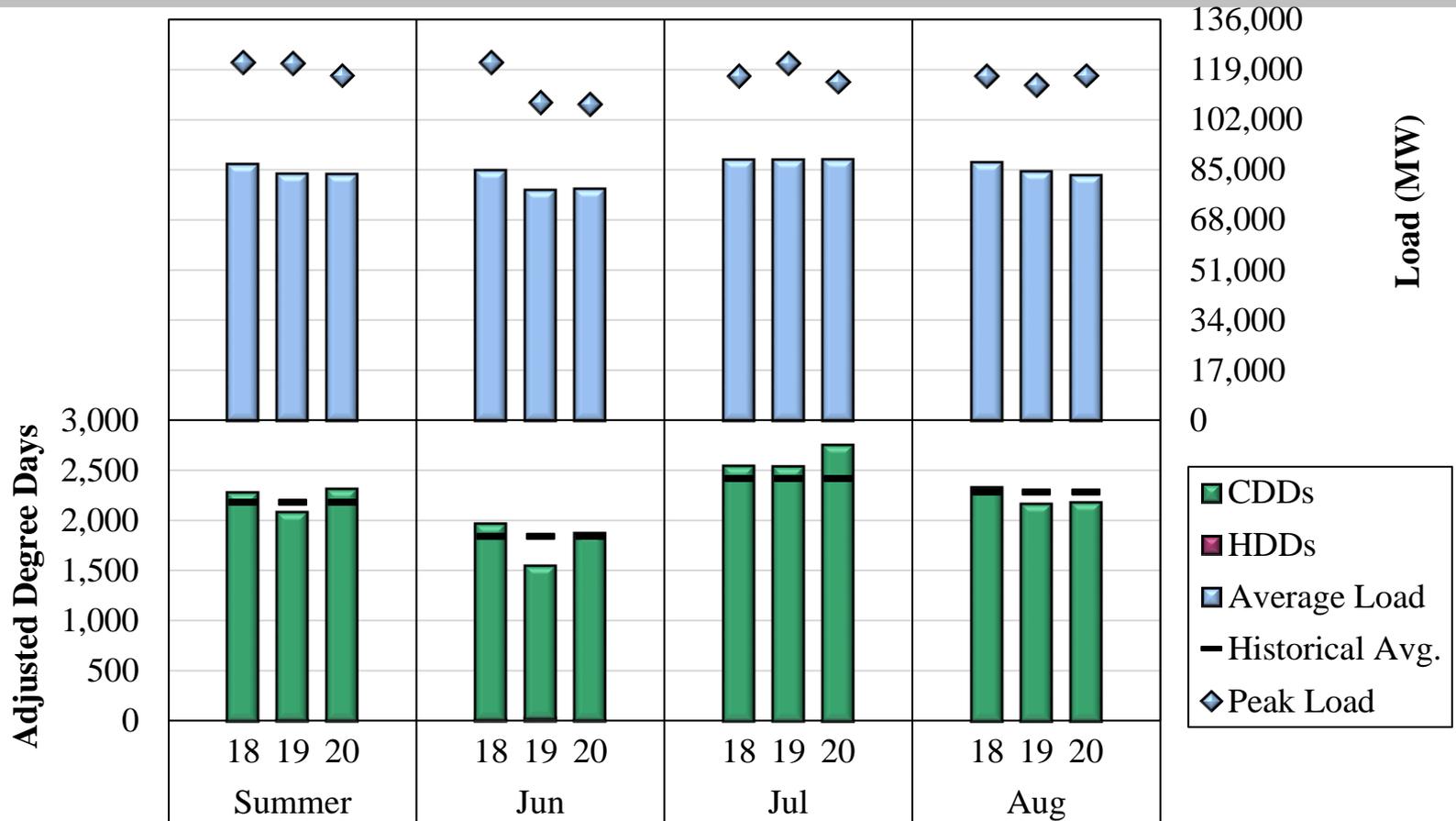


MISO Fuel Prices Summer 2018-2020





Load and Weather Patterns Summer 2018-2020



Notes: Midwest degree day calculations include four representative cities in the Midwest: Indianapolis, Detroit, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. The South region includes Little Rock and New Orleans.

Capacity, Energy and Price Setting Share Summer 2019-2020

Summer	Unforced Capacity				Energy Output		Price Setting			
	Total (MW)		Share (%)		Share (%)		SMP (%)		LMP (%)	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Nuclear	12,225	12,107	10%	9%	16%	15%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Coal	48,775	46,864	38%	37%	40%	38%	51%	43%	93%	90%
Natural Gas	55,240	56,673	43%	44%	35%	37%	46%	55%	98%	97%
Oil	1,691	1,568	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Hydro	3,966	4,034	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	4%
Wind	3,005	3,660	2%	3%	6%	8%	1%	0%	23%	50%
Other	2,678	2,703	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	7%
Total	127,580	127,608								

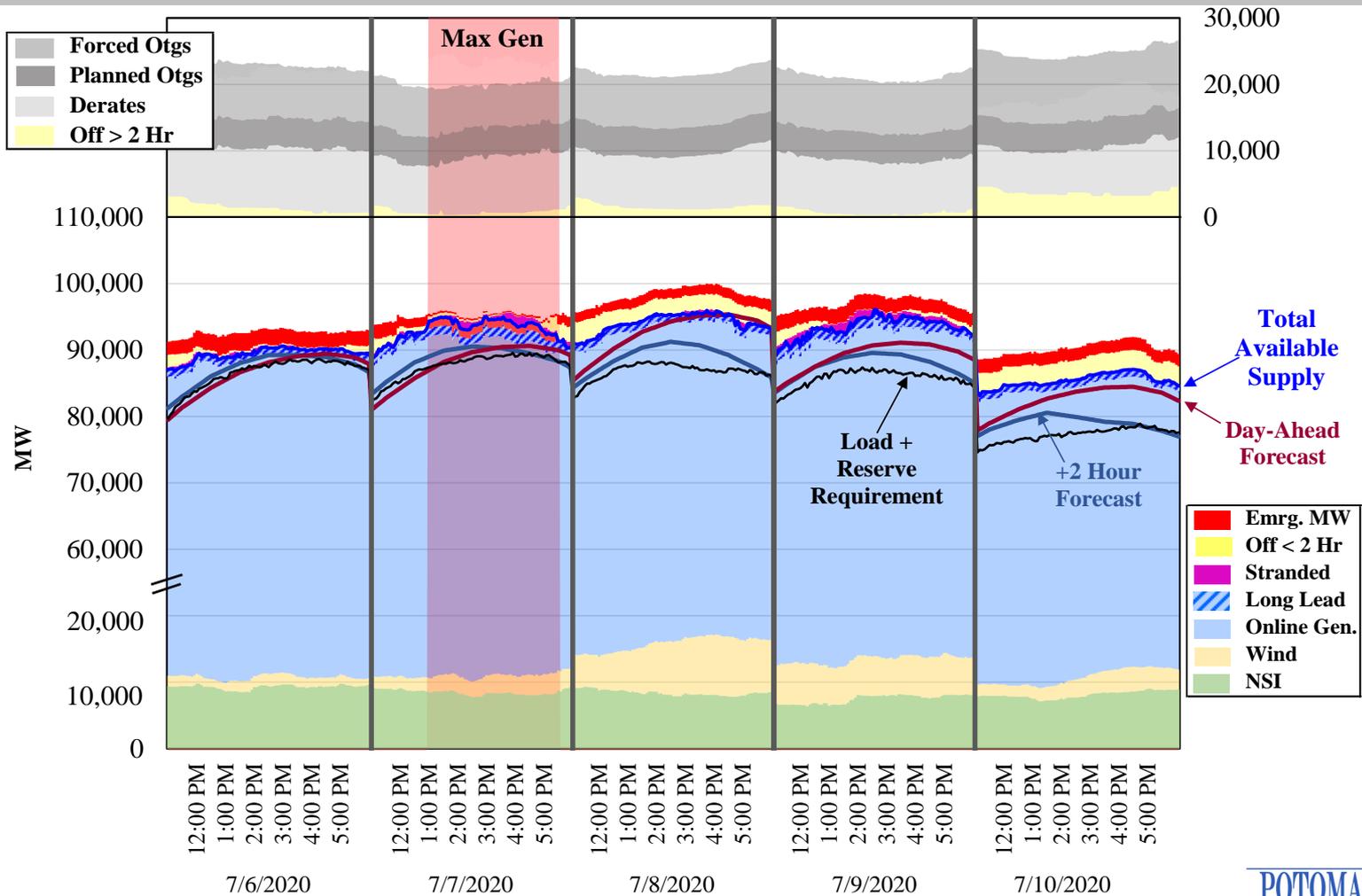


Hot Week in Early July Daily High Temperatures

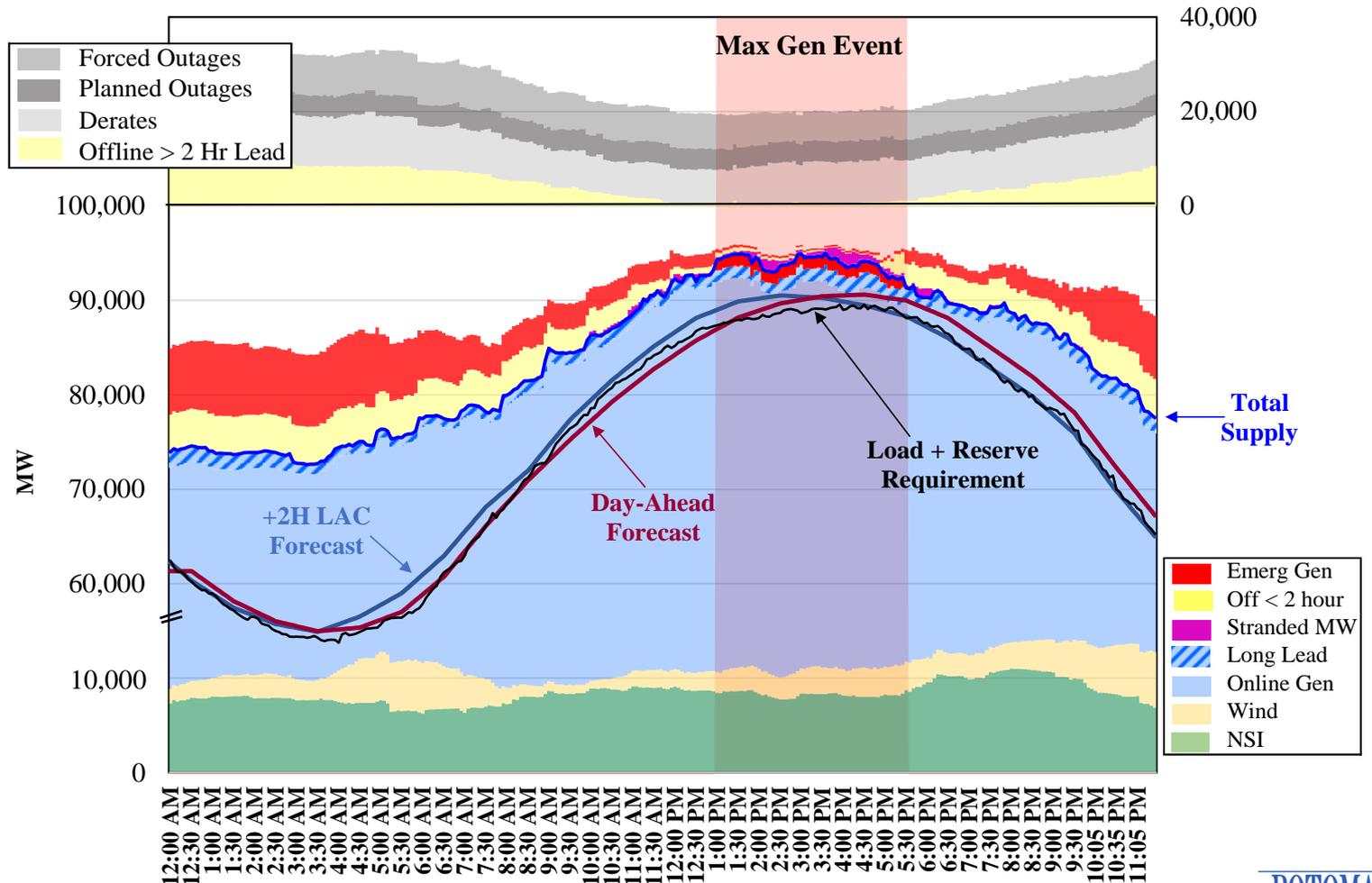
	Hist. Avg.	July			
		6	7	8	9
Detroit	83	92	95	91	92
Indianapolis	85	92	91	94	91
Milwaukee	80	93	93	89	88
Minneapolis	84	86	88	93	82
Little Rock	92	92	91	88	90
New Orleans	92	82	88	94	96



Hot Week in Early July Midwest Region

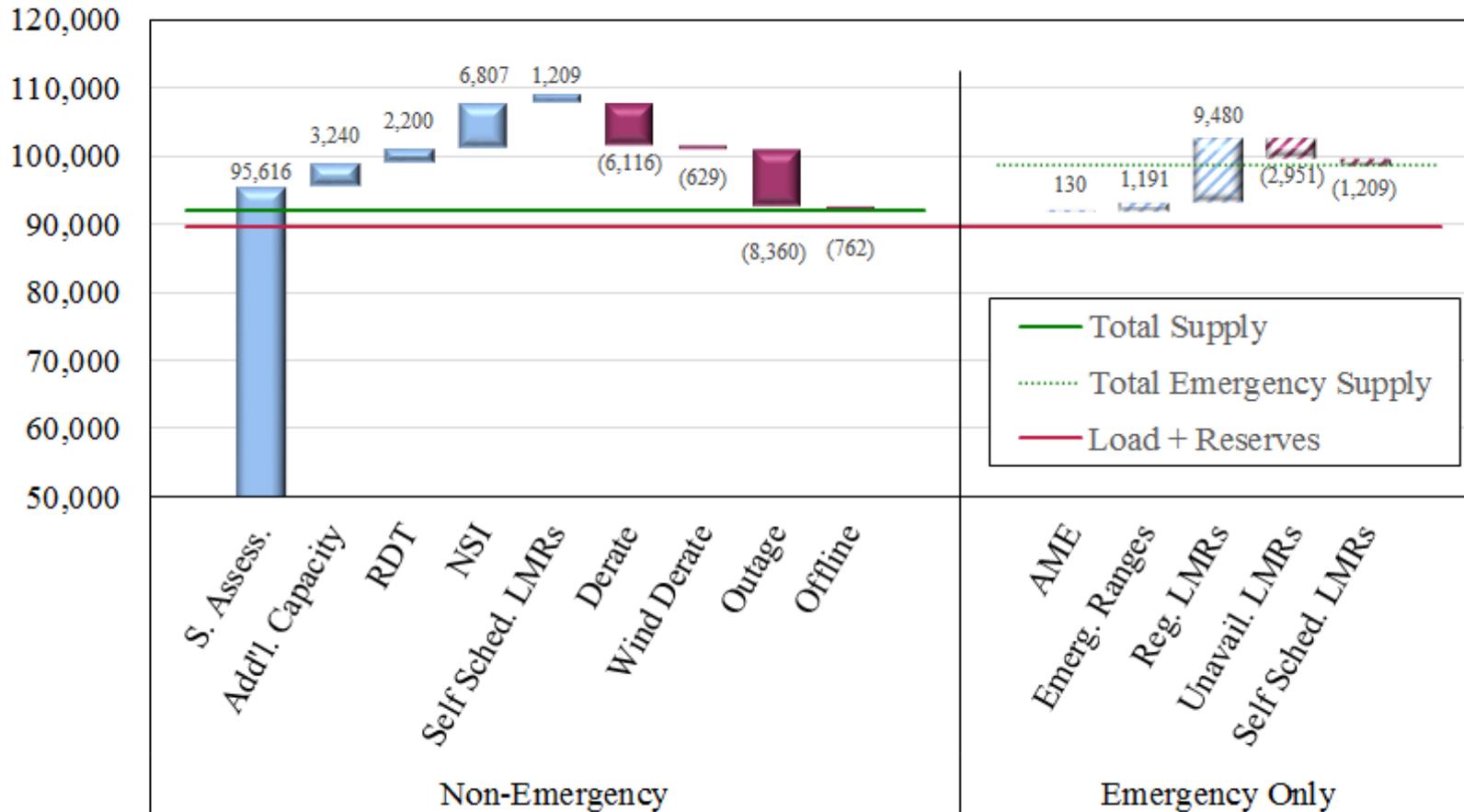


Maximum Generation Event on July 7, 2020 Midwest Region



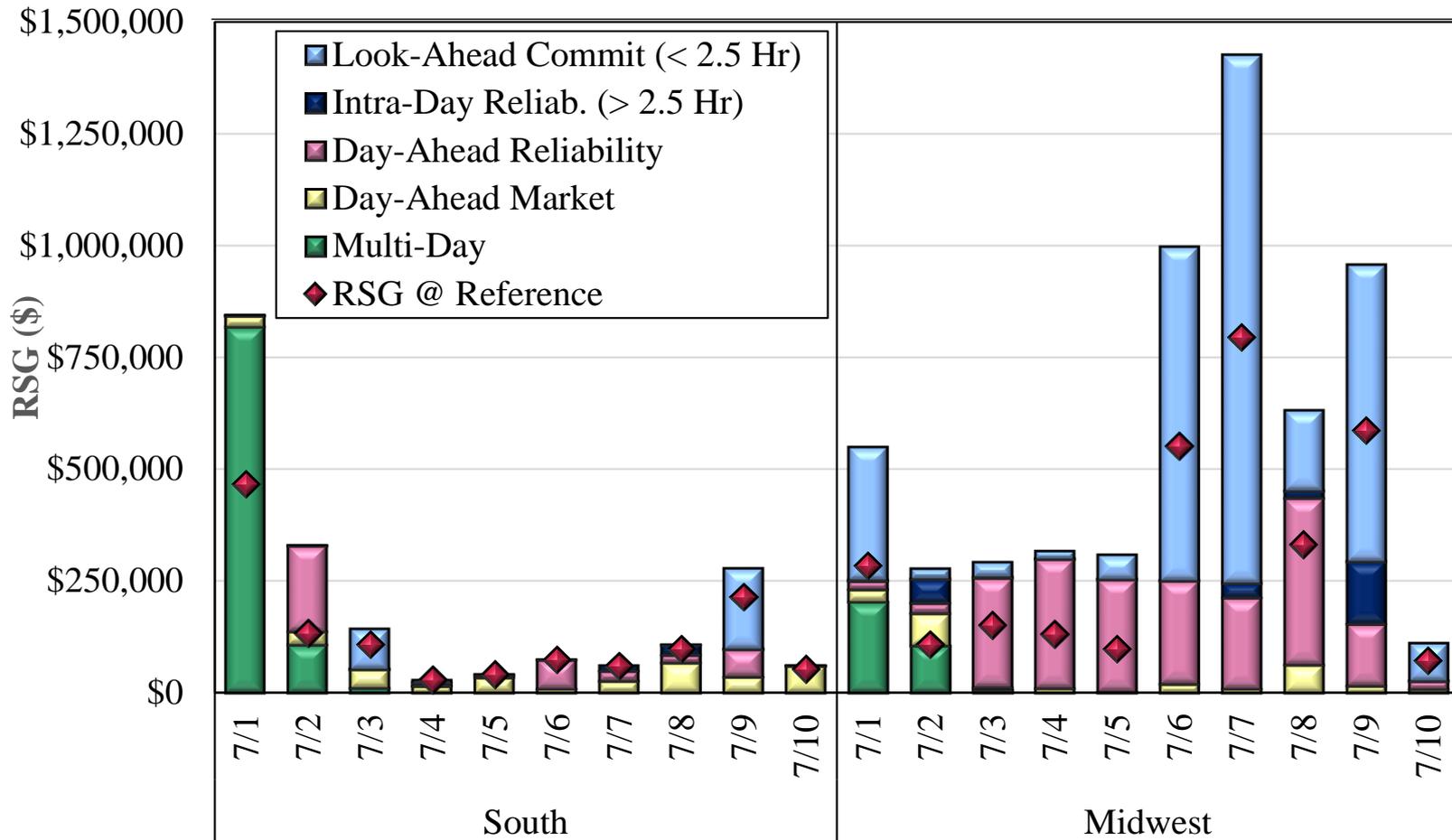
Peak Hour Midwest Capacity Availability

Midwest Region - July 7, Hour 16



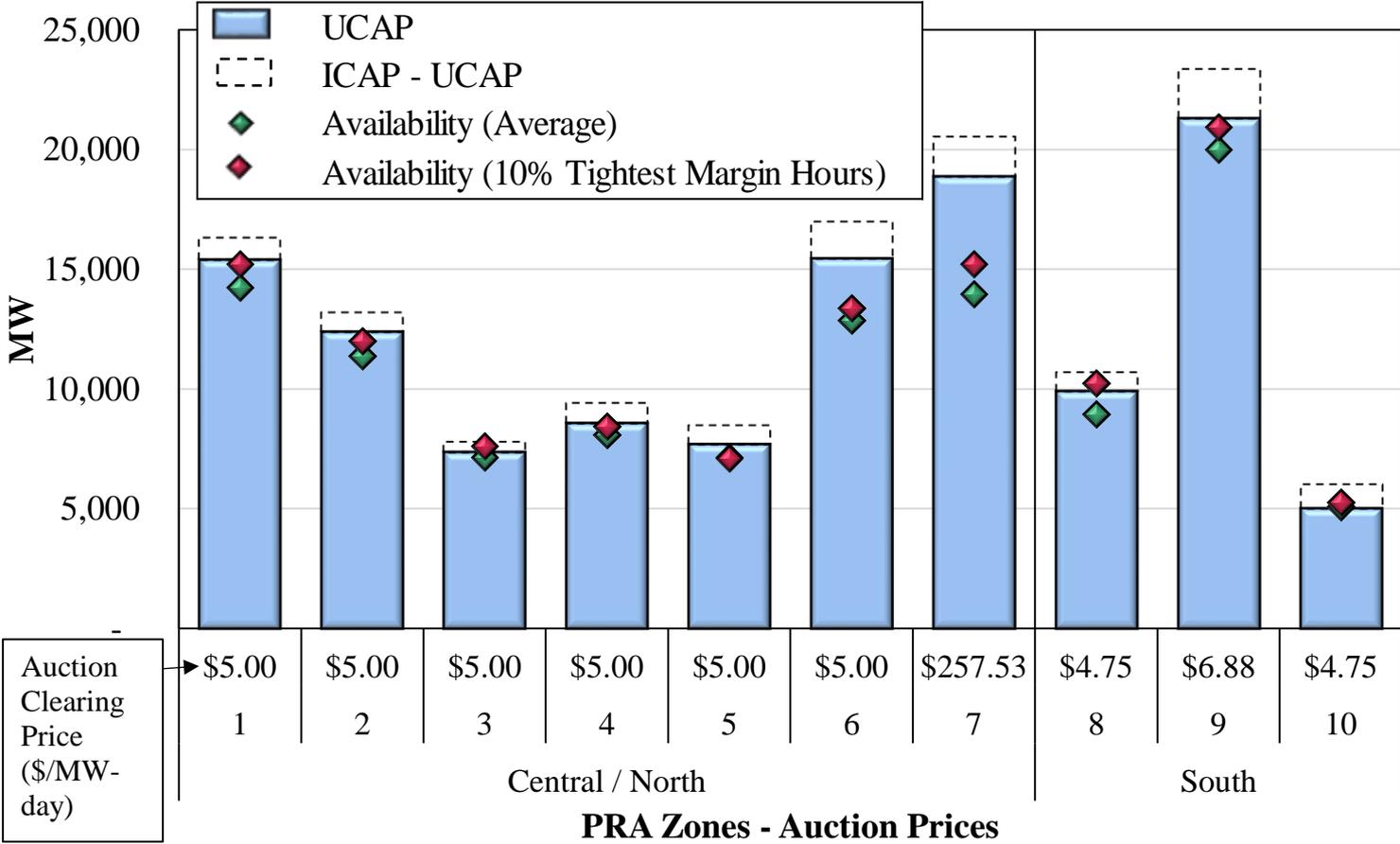


Uplift by Commitment Time Hot Week in Early July





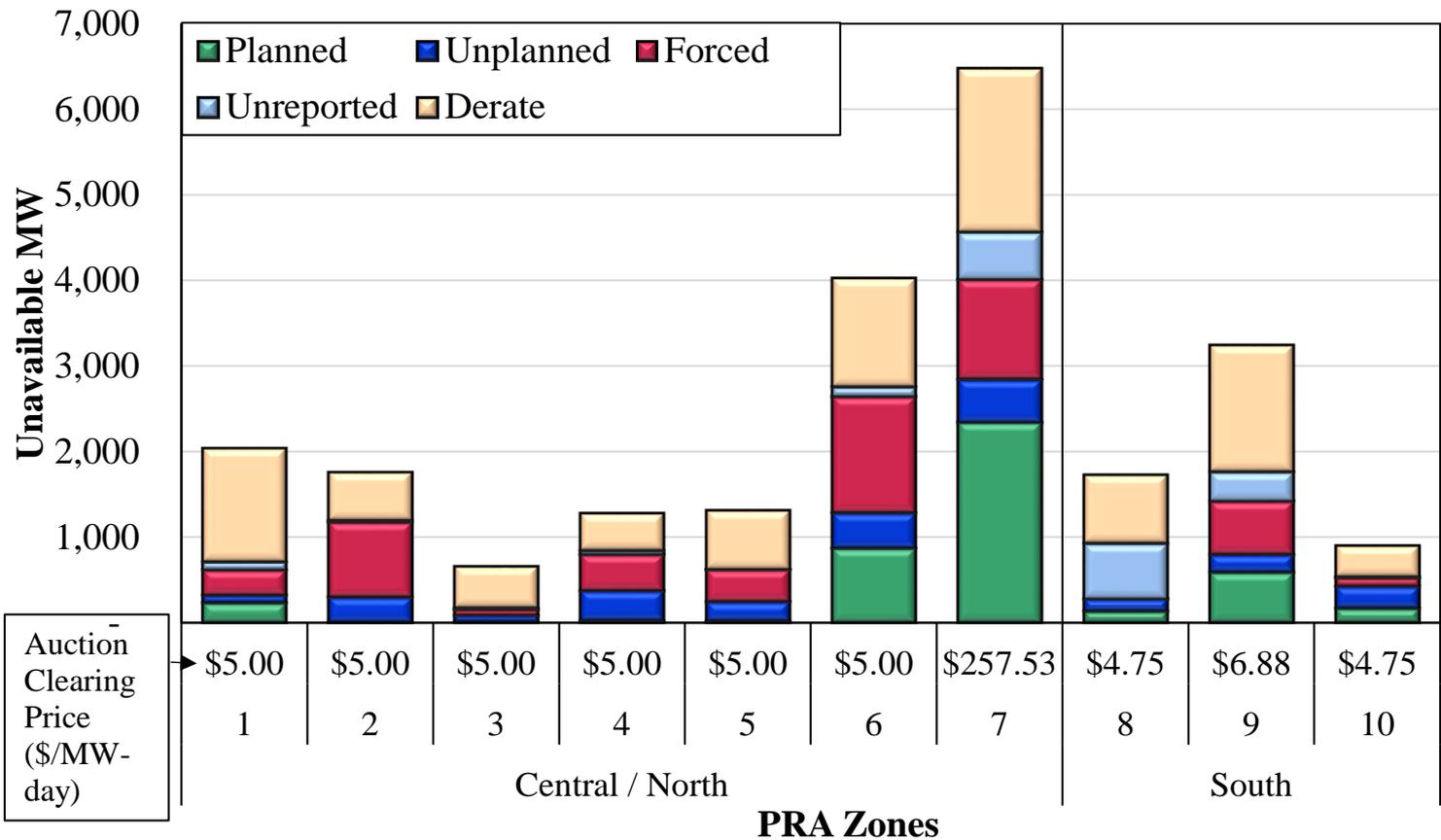
Planning Resource Availability July 2020



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Resource Unavailability by Outage Category

July 2020 – Hour 16

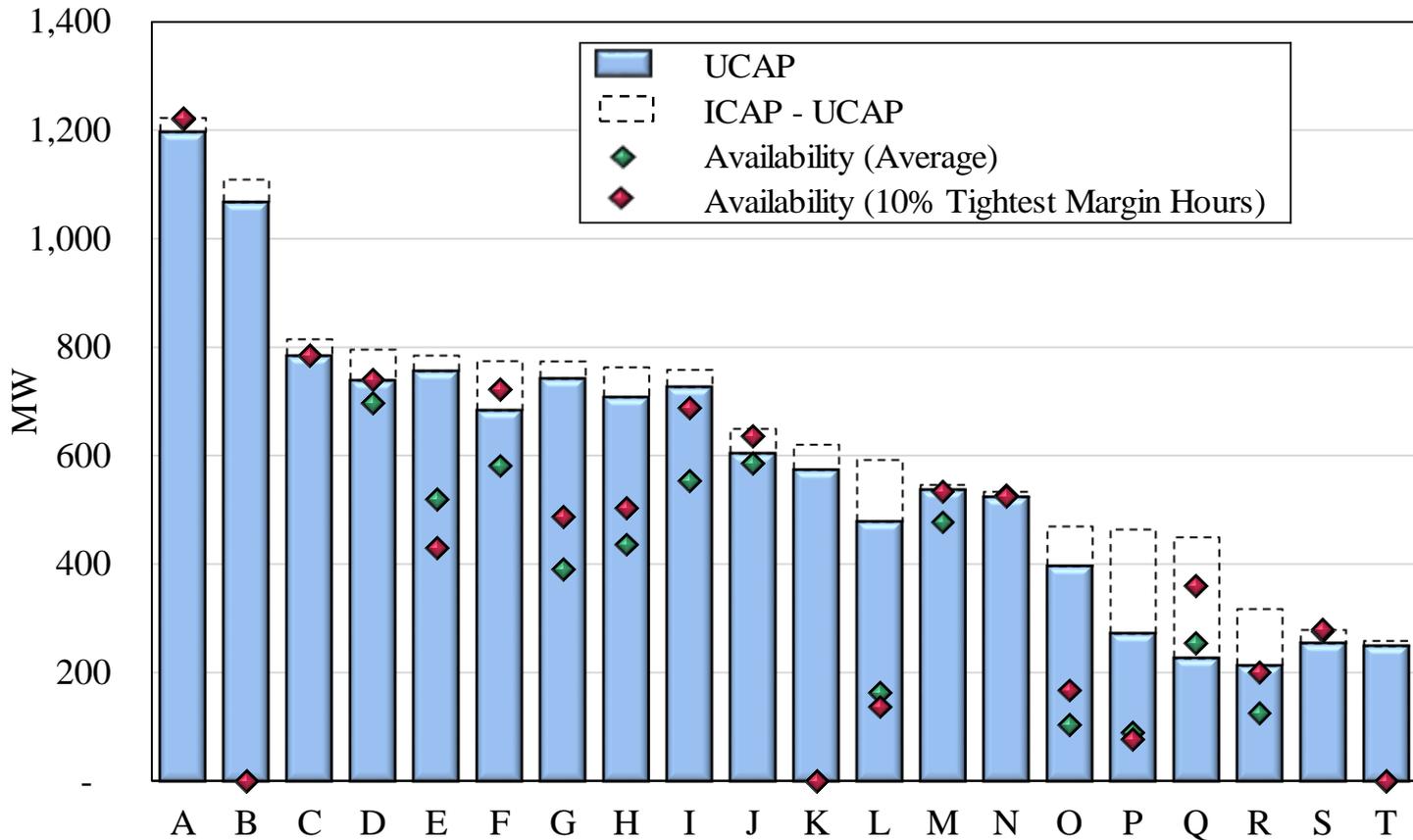


* Unavailable MW based on the difference between ICAP (20/21 PY) and actual available MW. Excludes intermittent resources (e.g., wind, solar) and LMRs.



Planning Resource Availability in Zone 7

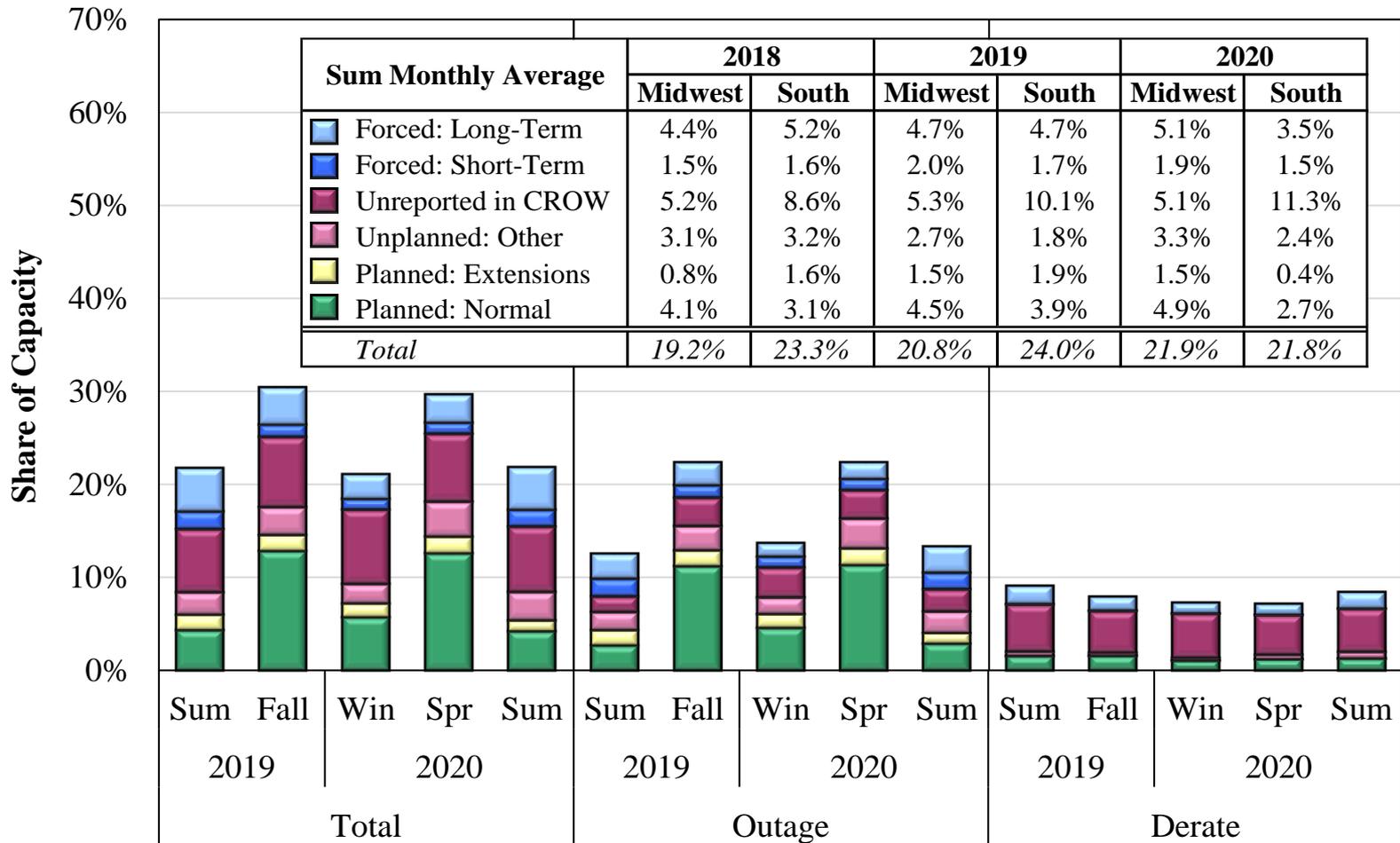
Largest 20 Units – July 2020



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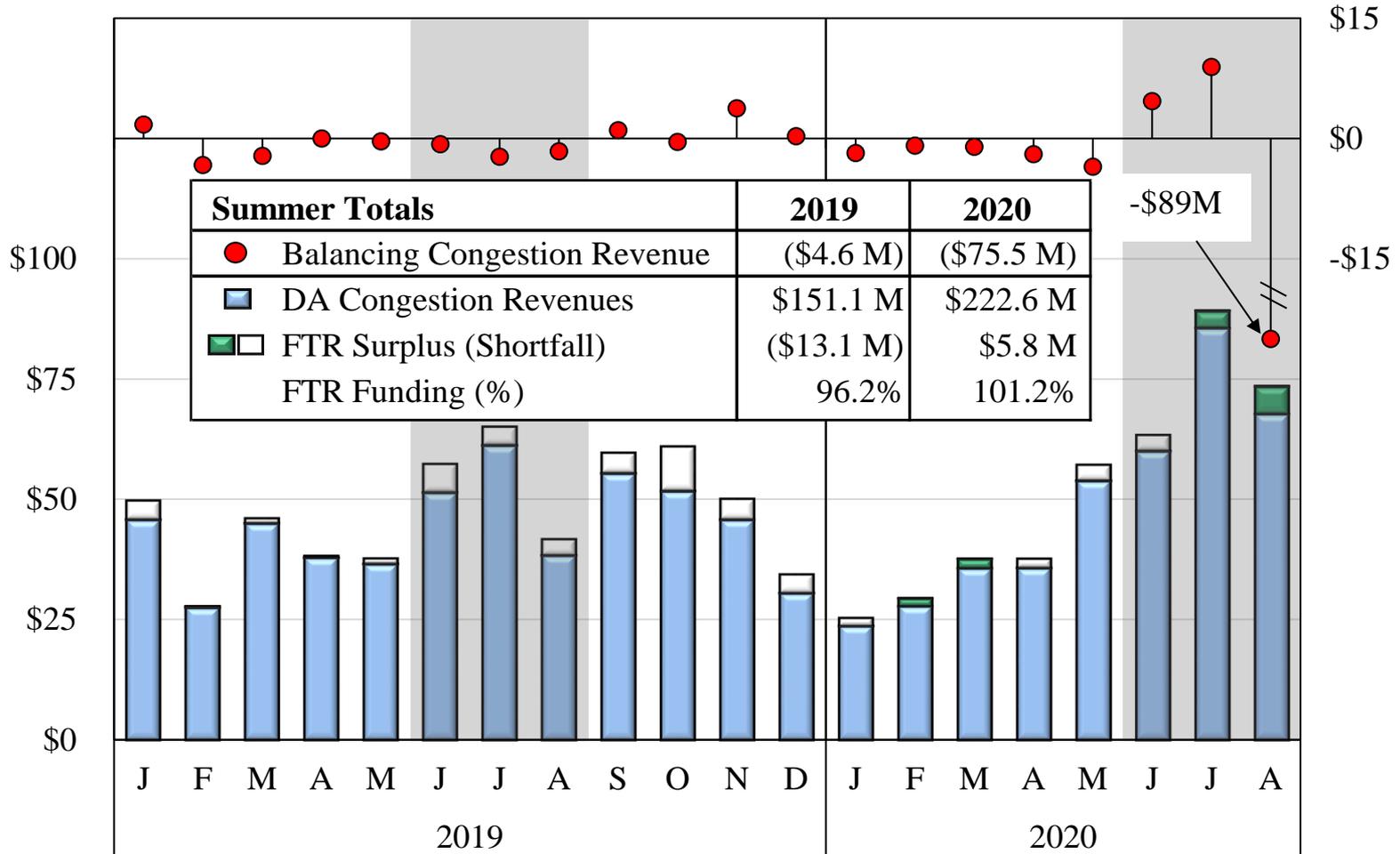
Generation Outages and Deratings

Summer 2019-2020



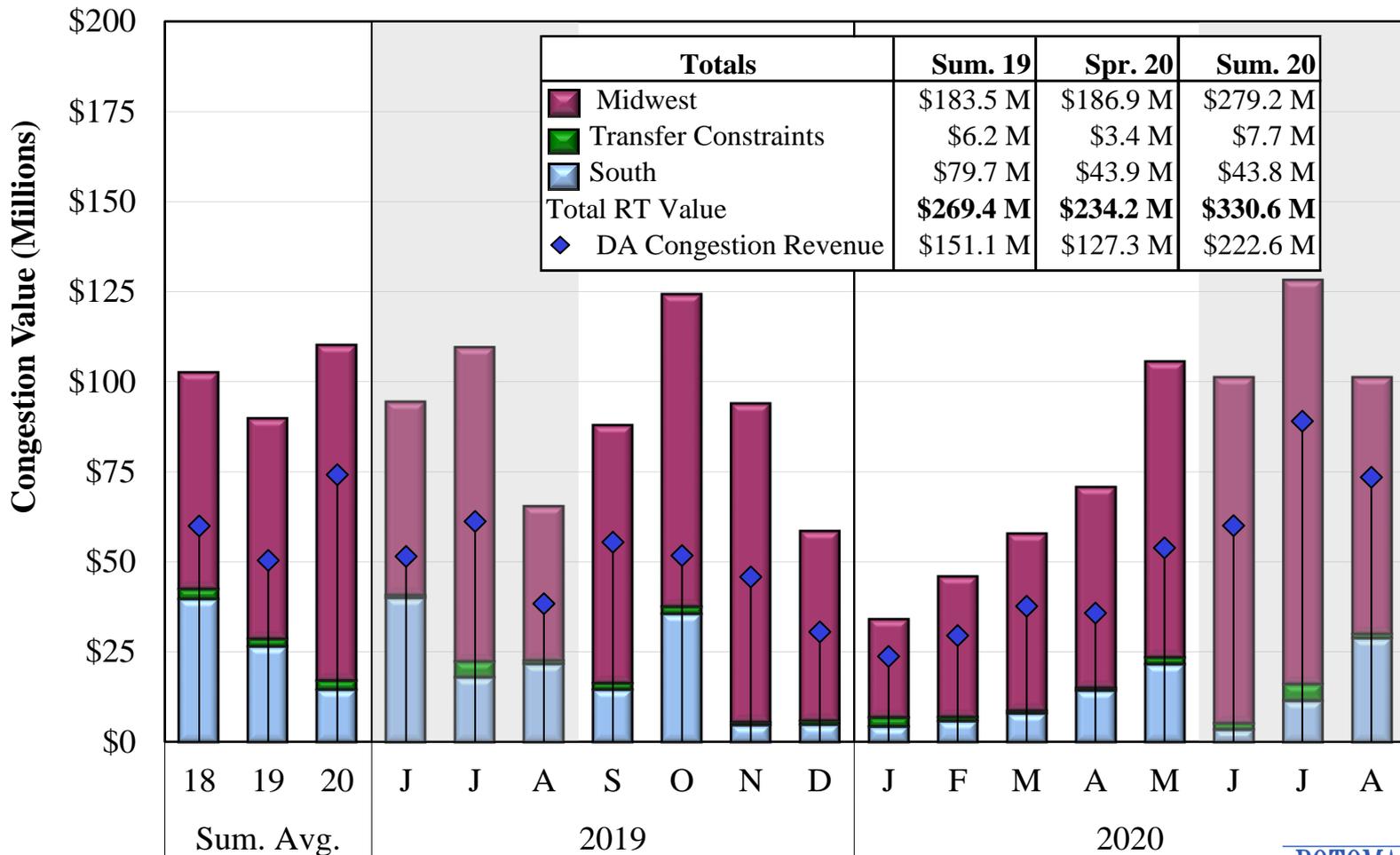


Day-Ahead Congestion, Balancing Congestion and FTR Underfunding



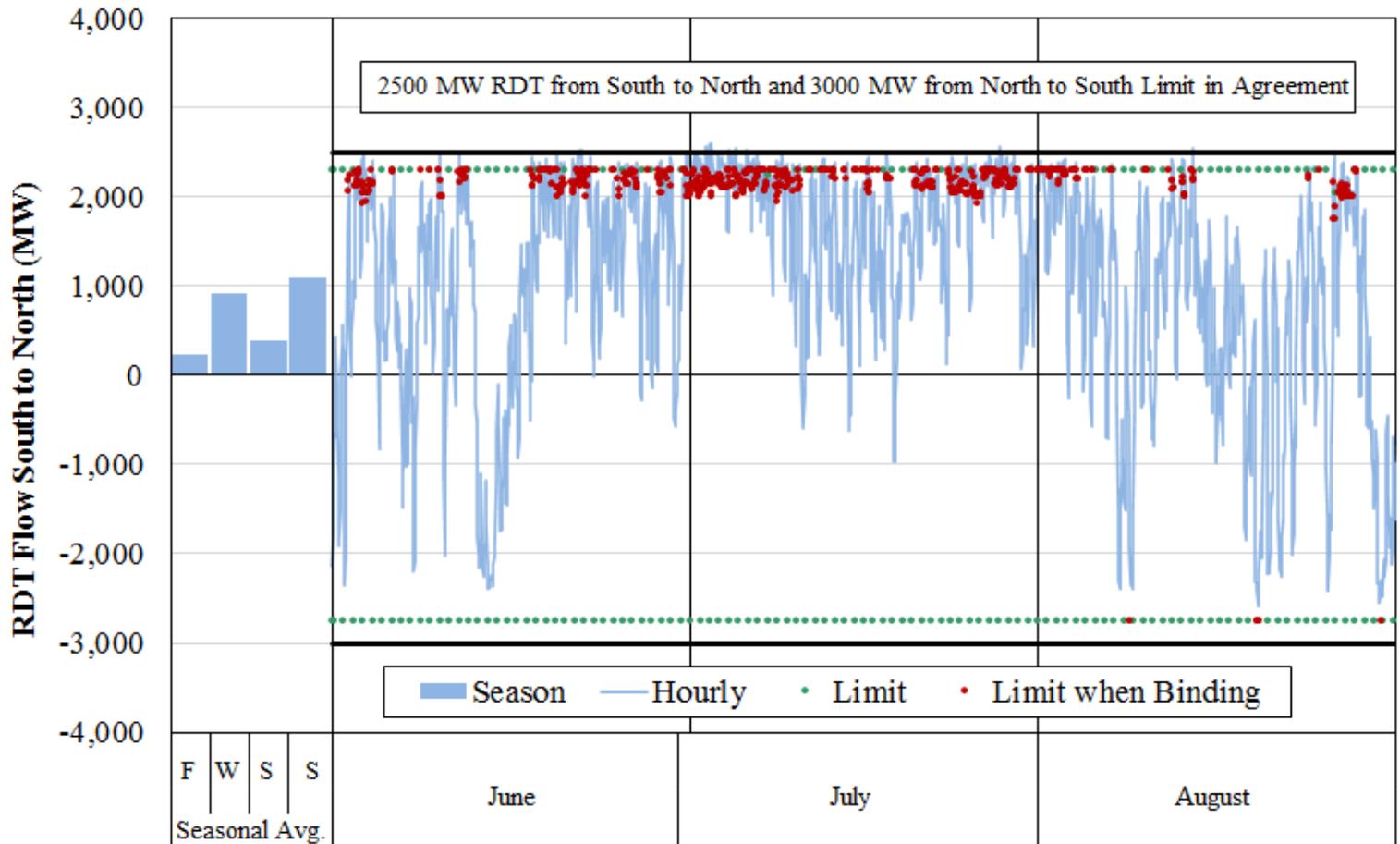


Value of Real-Time Congestion Summer 2019-2020



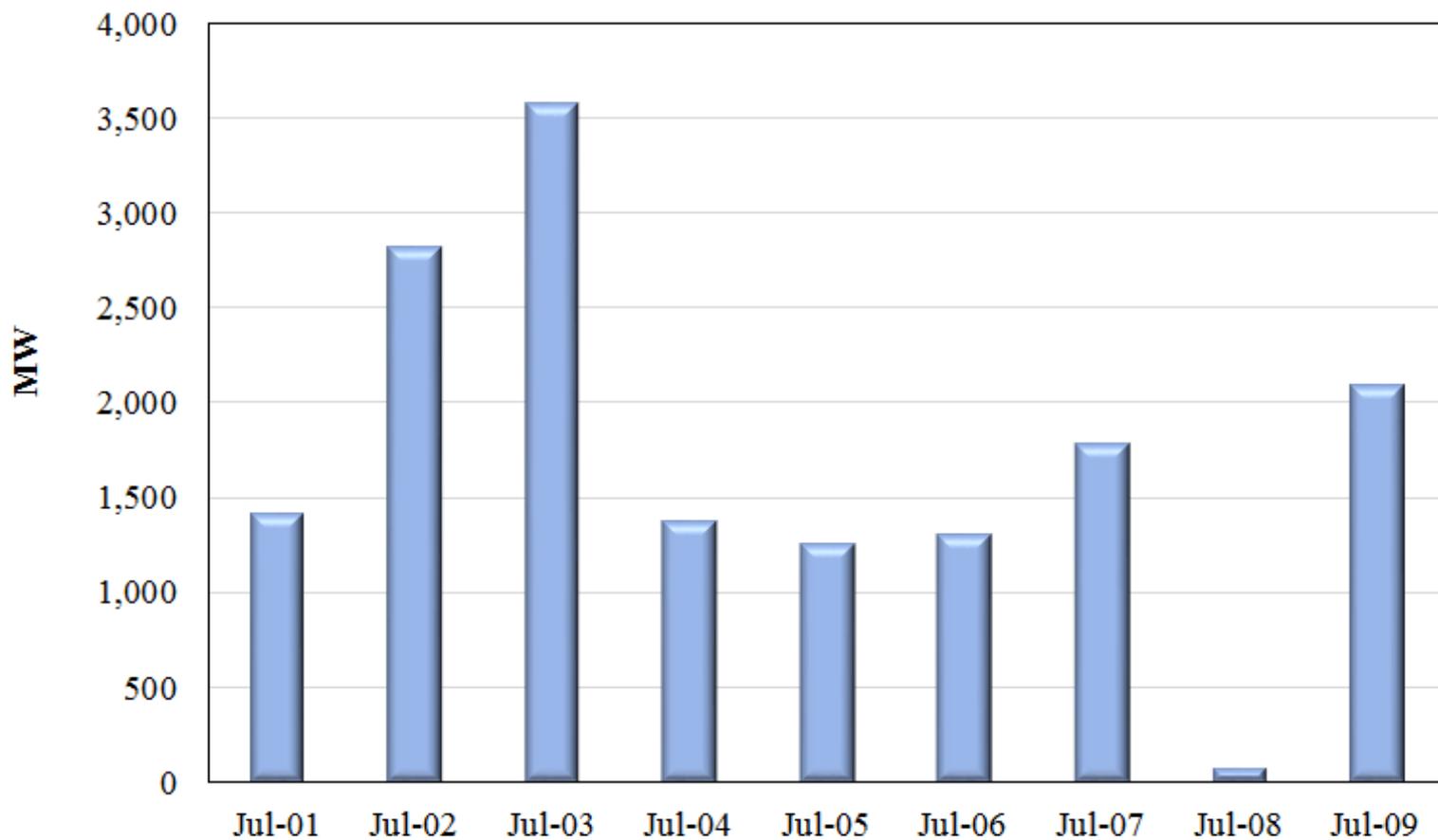


Real-Time Hourly Inter-Regional Flows Summer 2020



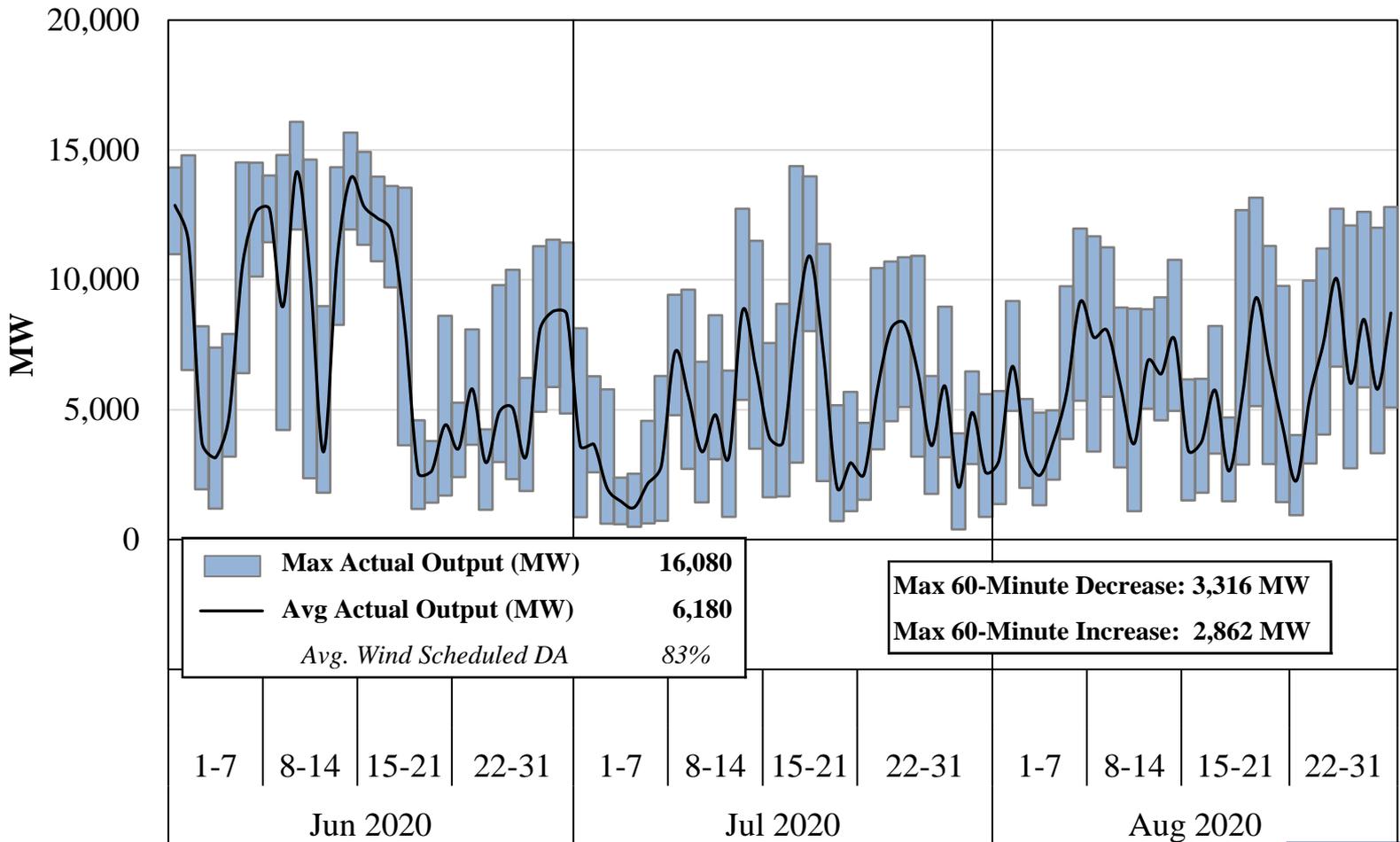


Trapped MW in MISO South Average, Hours Ending 15-17



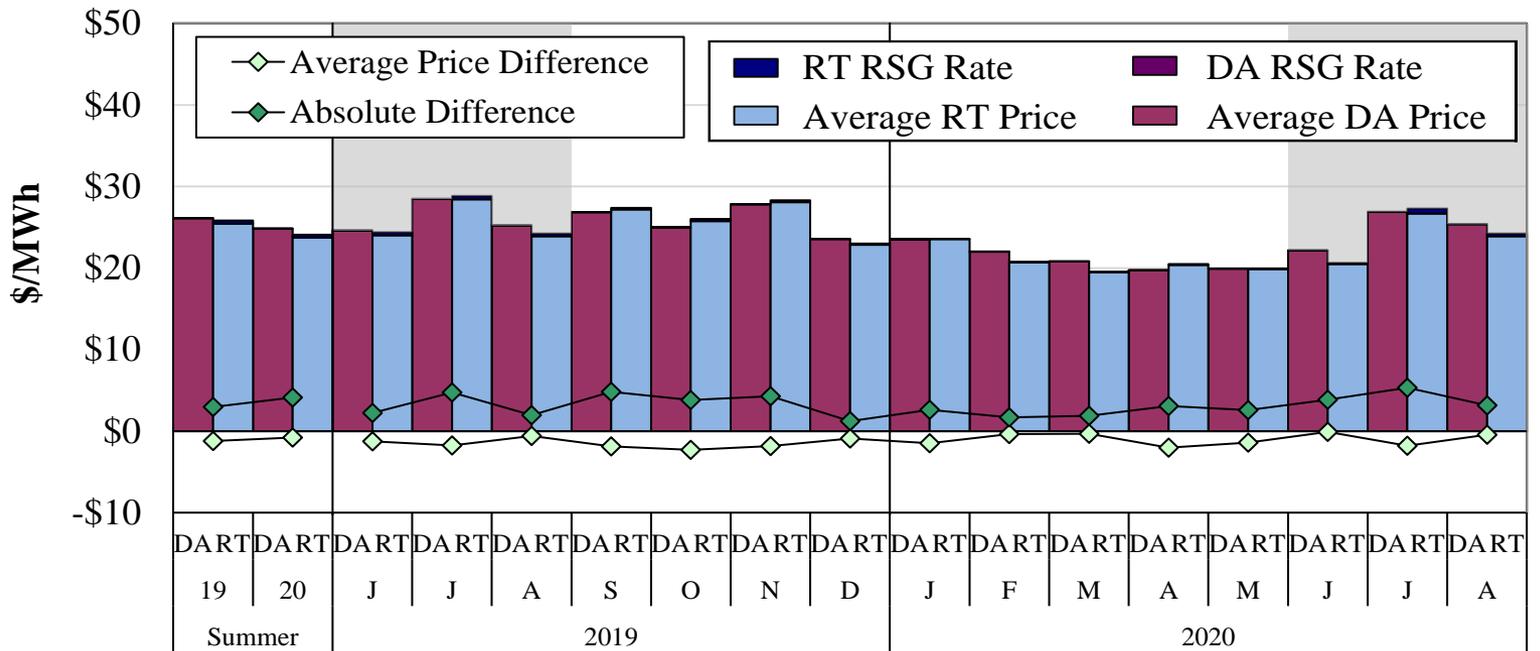


Wind Output in Real-Time Daily Range and Average





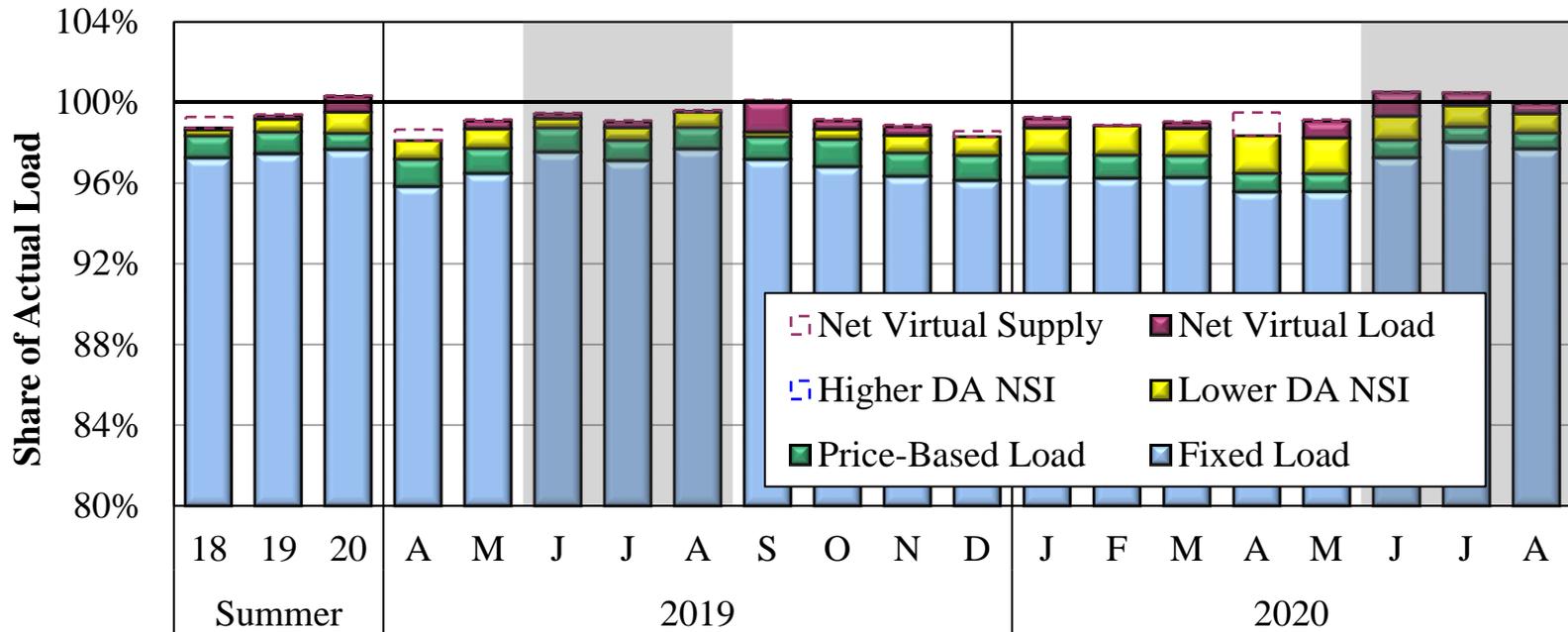
Day-Ahead and Real-Time Price Convergence Summer 2019-2020



Average DA-RT Price Difference Including RSG (% of Real-Time Price)

Indiana Hub	1	4	1	-1	4	-2	-4	-2	3	0	6	7	-3	0	8	-2	5
Michigan Hub	0	0	1	-5	4	1	-4	-1	3	-1	6	7	-6	4	3	-5	3
Minnesota Hub	1	-2	2	-3	6	1	0	2	5	-4	7	3	1	0	-5	-3	1
WUMS Area	-4	-1	-6	-11	6	4	-3	5	5	-1	3	6	2	1	1	-3	-2
Arkansas Hub	3	0	8	-1	2	-2	-4	-3	4	1	4	6	5	6	6	-7	2
Texas Hub	-4	-12	1	5	-18	1	-16	-1	4	1	6	10	5	13	7	2	-44
Louisiana Hub	5	2	10	0	6	2	1	-3	2	1	-2	12	4	5	6	1	0

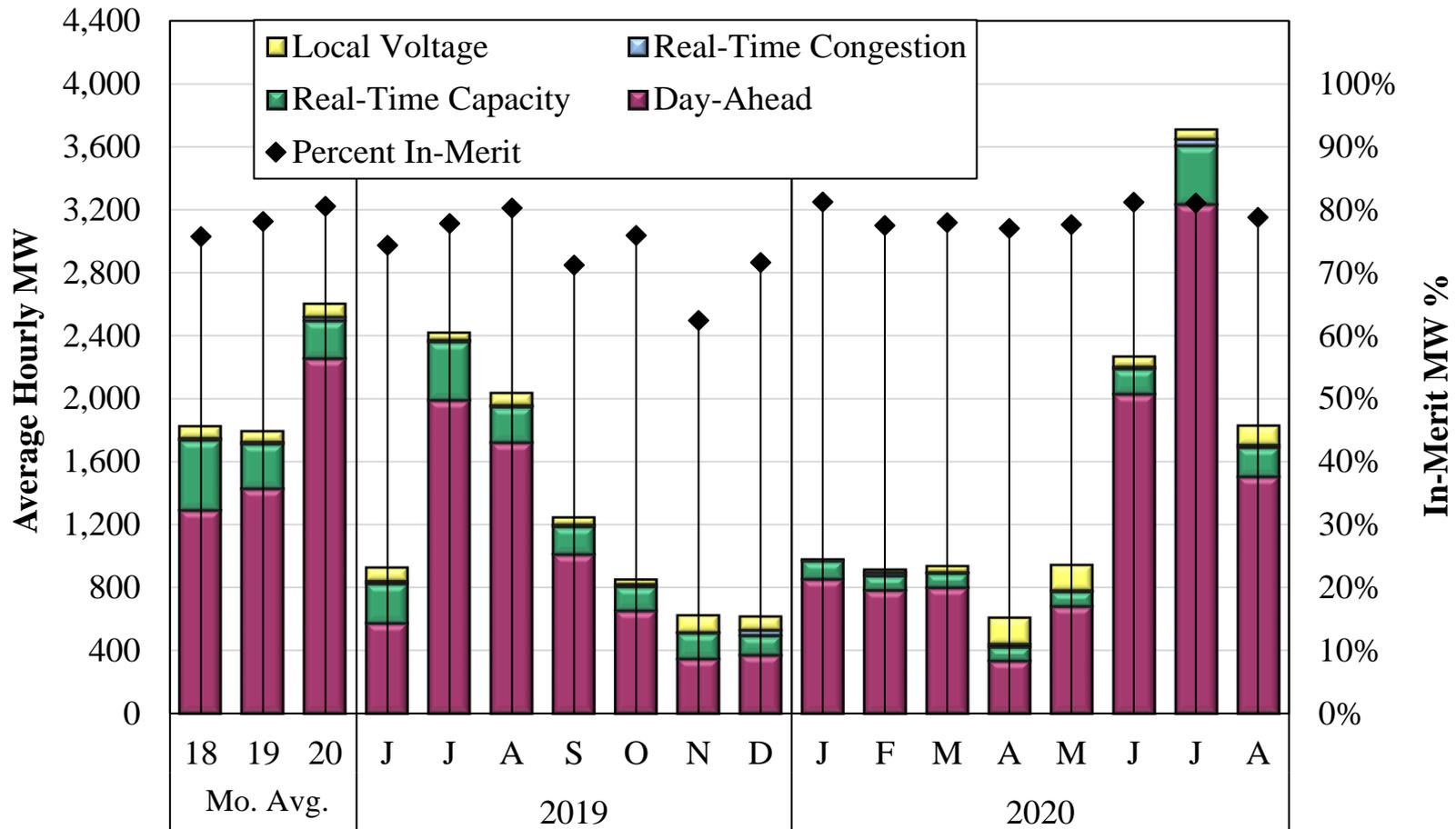
Day-Ahead Peak Hour Load Scheduling Summer 2019-2020



Share of Actual Load (%)

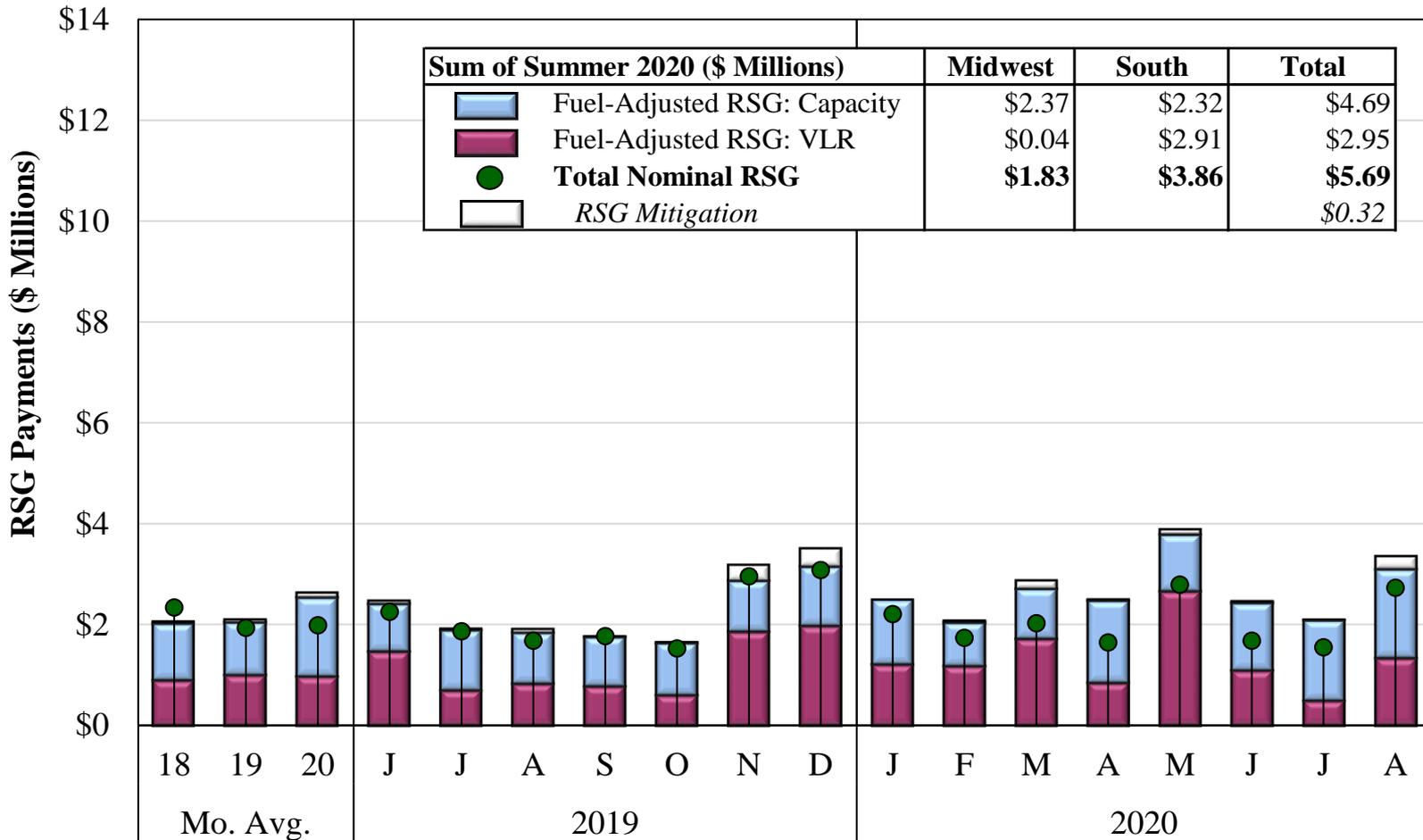
All Hours	99.5	99.8	100.9	98.5	99.0	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.0	98.9	98.5	98.2	99.5	99.0	98.9	99.0	99.5	100.4	101.5	101.0
Peak Hours Midwest	98.1	99.0	99.5	97.4	98.8	98.8	98.6	99.7	99.9	99.0	98.2	98.5	99.6	98.9	100.2	98.2	98.4	99.9	99.8	98.9
Peak Hours South	100.6	100.0	101.7	99.9	98.5	100.9	100.2	98.9	100.2	100.6	100.7	99.1	99.2	98.5	98.2	101.0	101.5	101.2	101.8	102.0

Peaking Resource Dispatch Summer 2019-2020



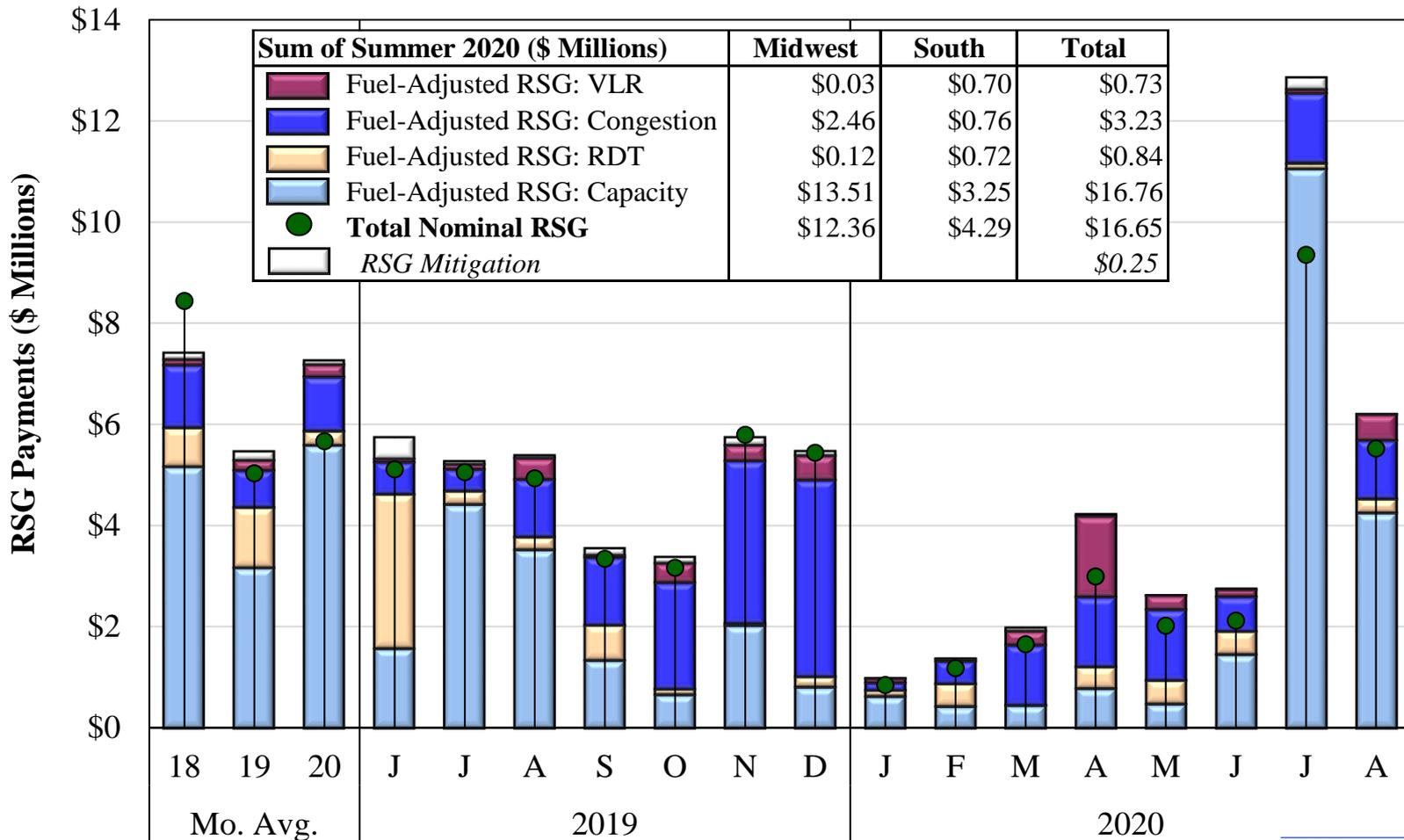


Day-Ahead RSG Payments Summer 2019-2020

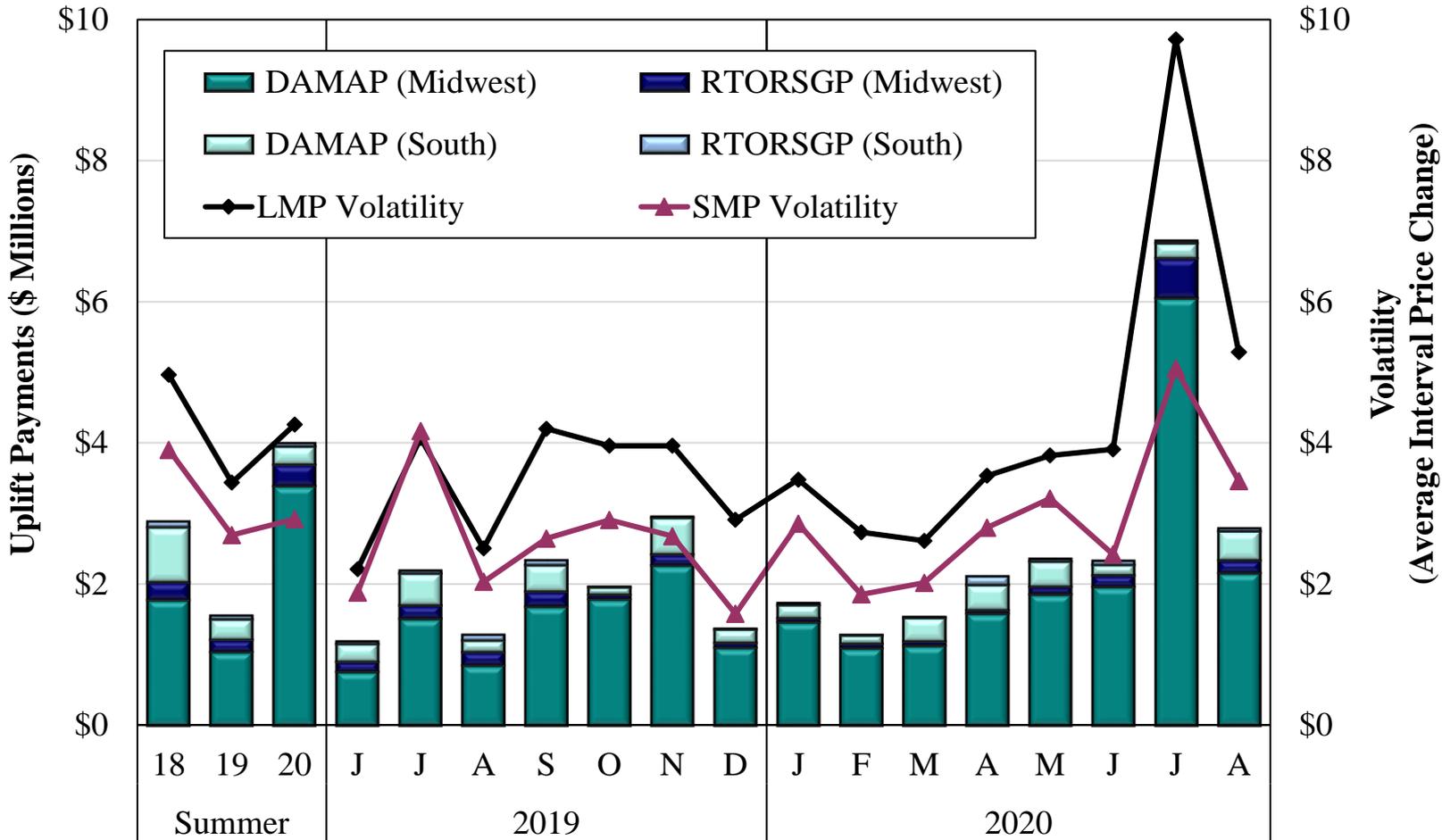




Real-Time RSG Payments Summer 2019-2020

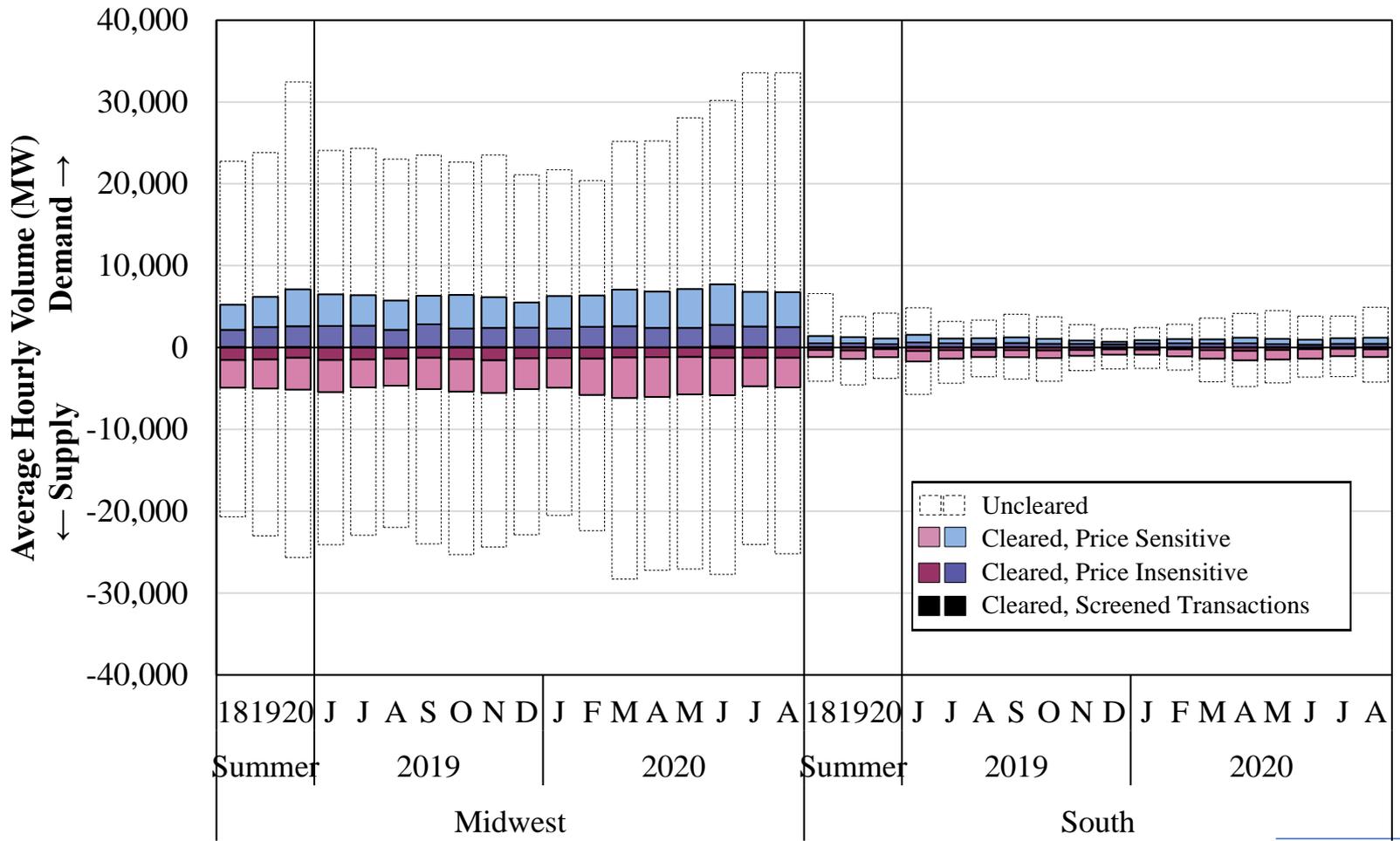


Price Volatility Make Whole Payments Summer 2019-2020



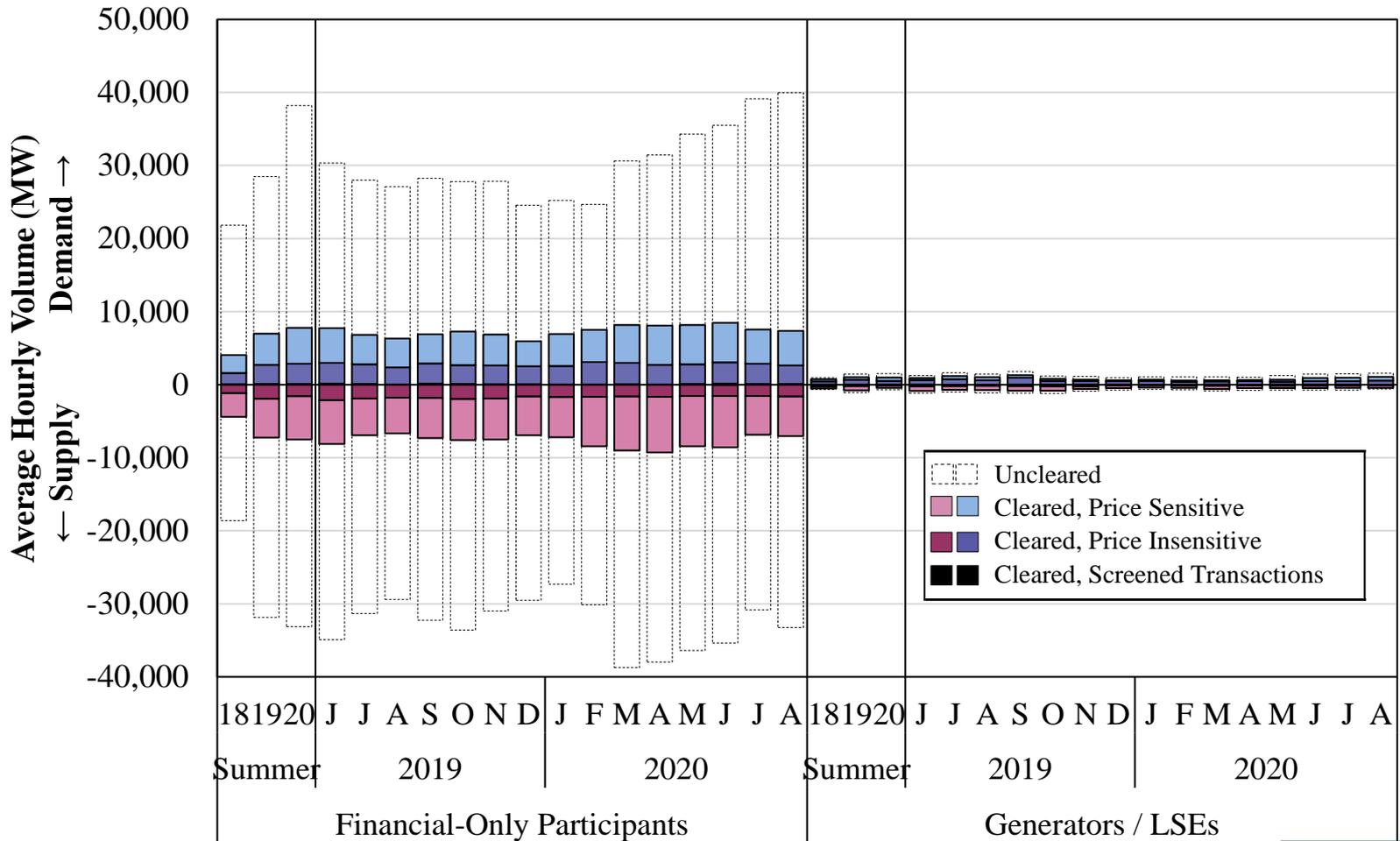


Virtual Load and Supply Summer 2019-2020



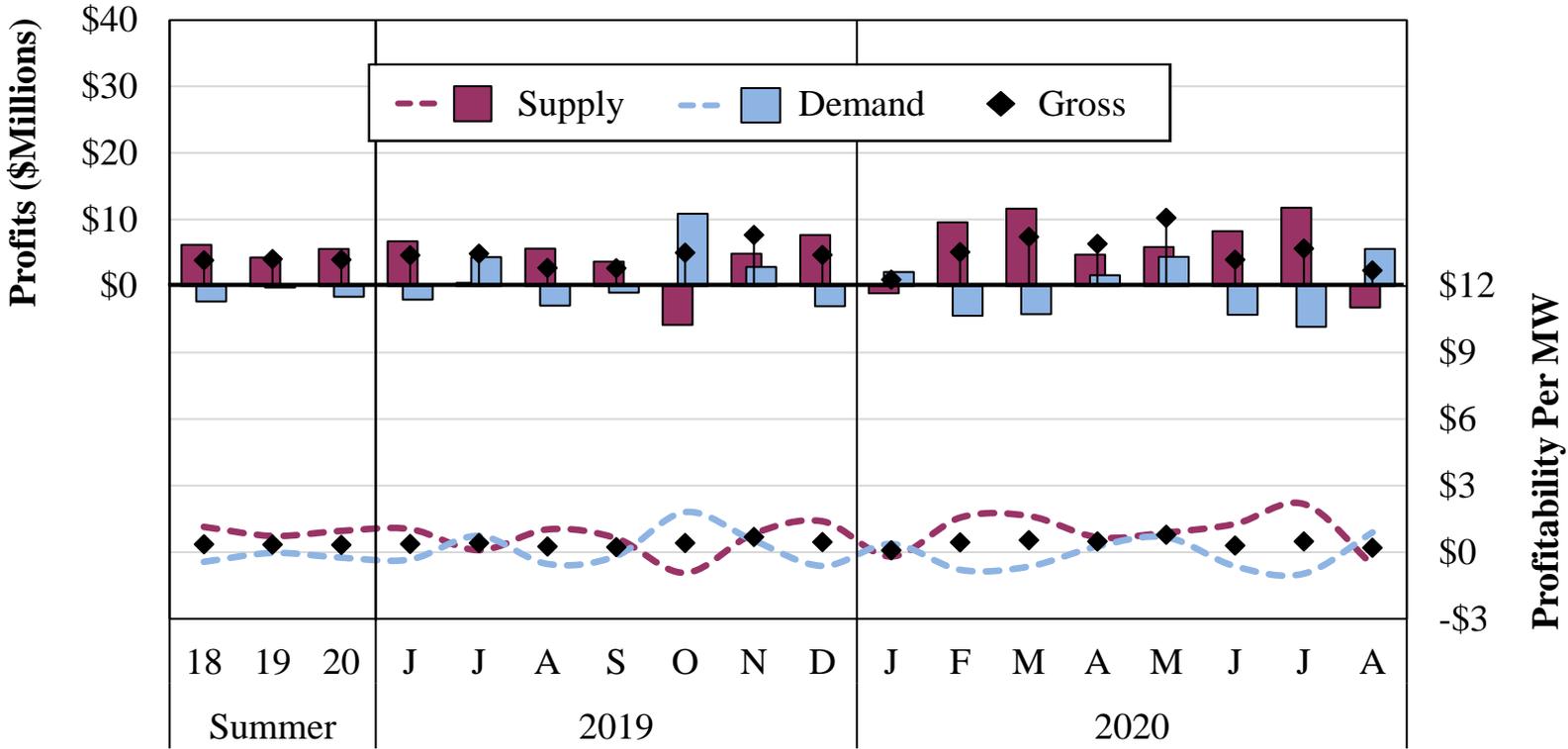


Virtual Load and Supply by Participant Type Summer 2019-2020





Virtual Profitability Summer 2019-2020

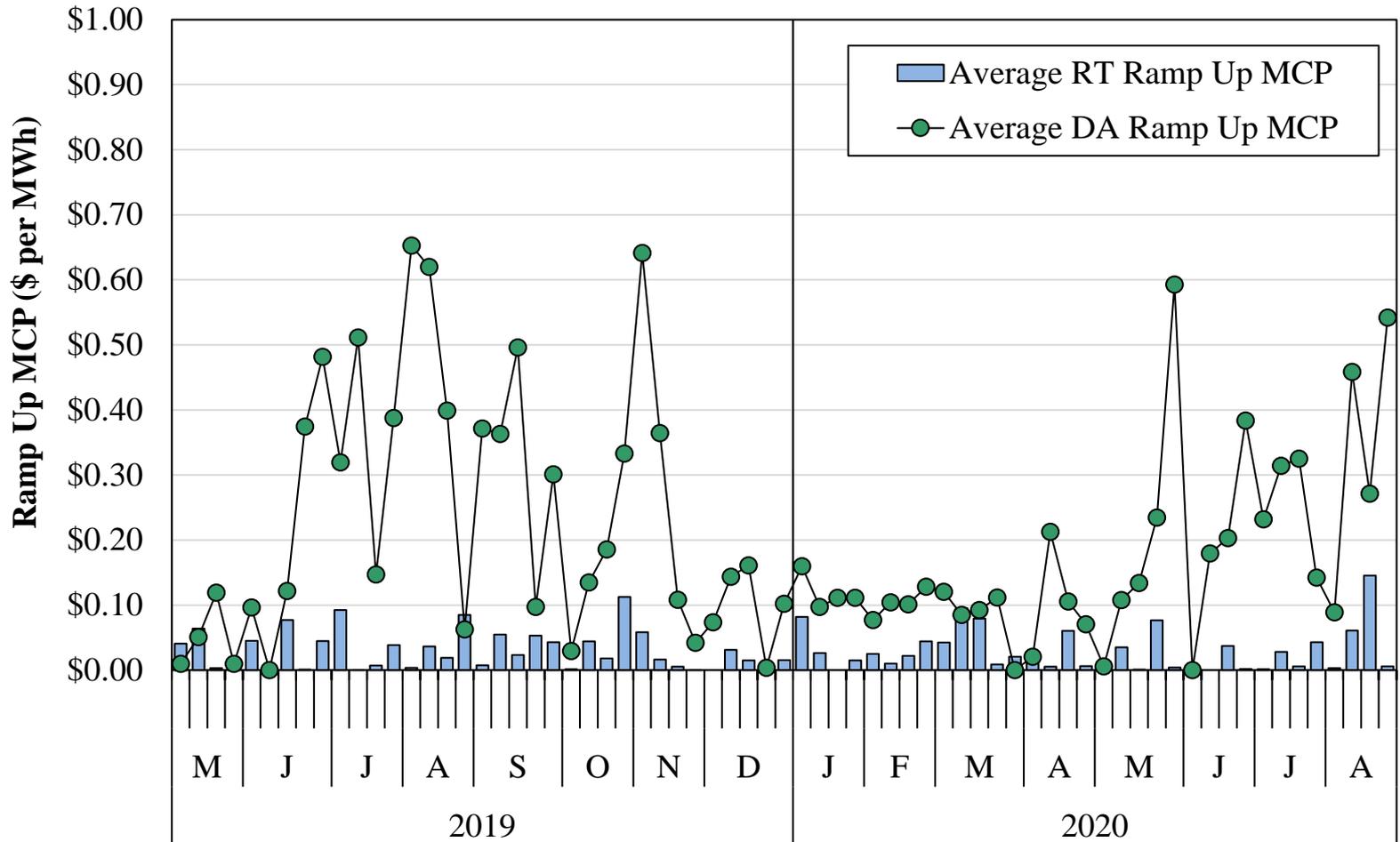


Percent Screened

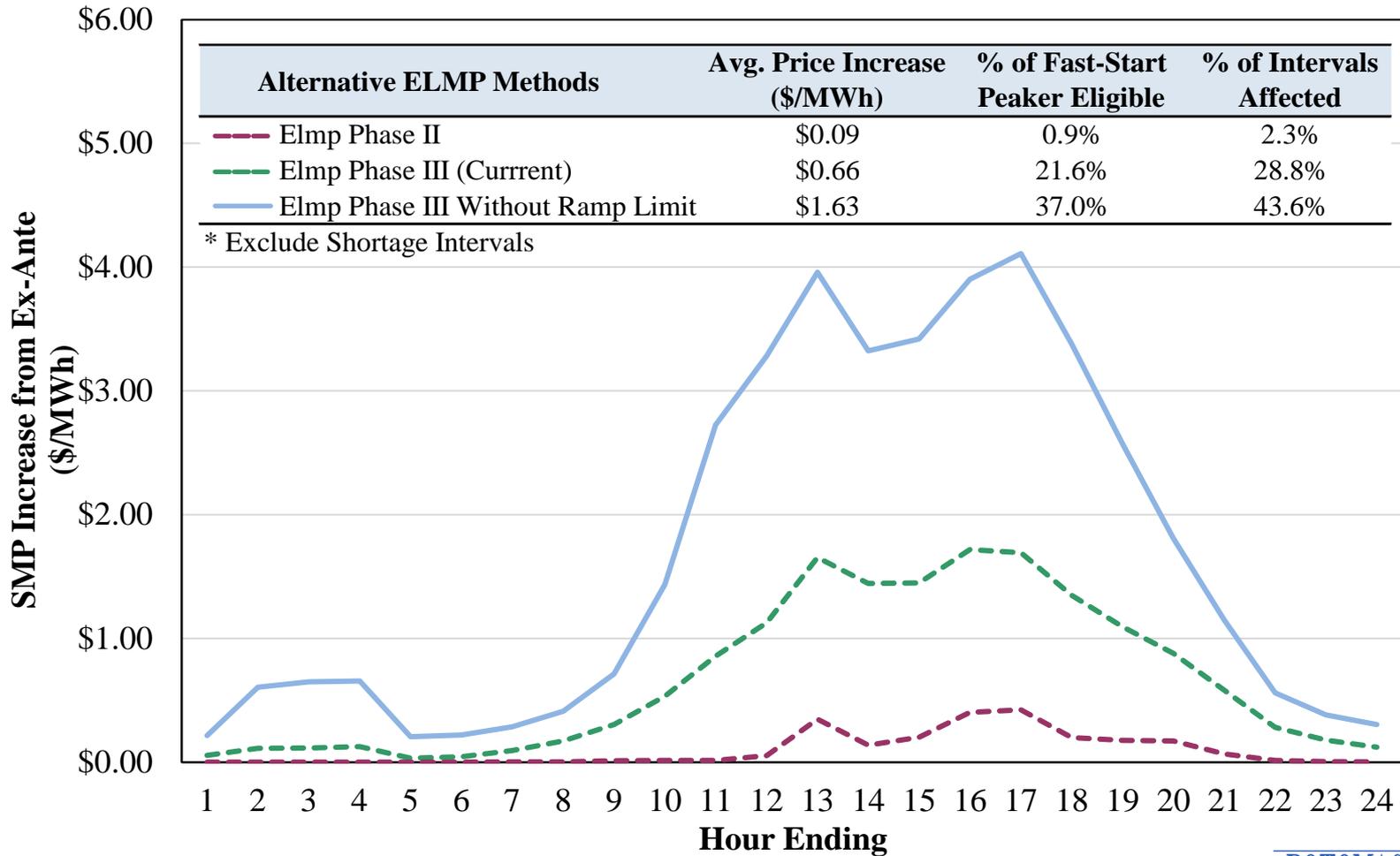
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Demand	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.6	1.2	1.1
Total	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.7



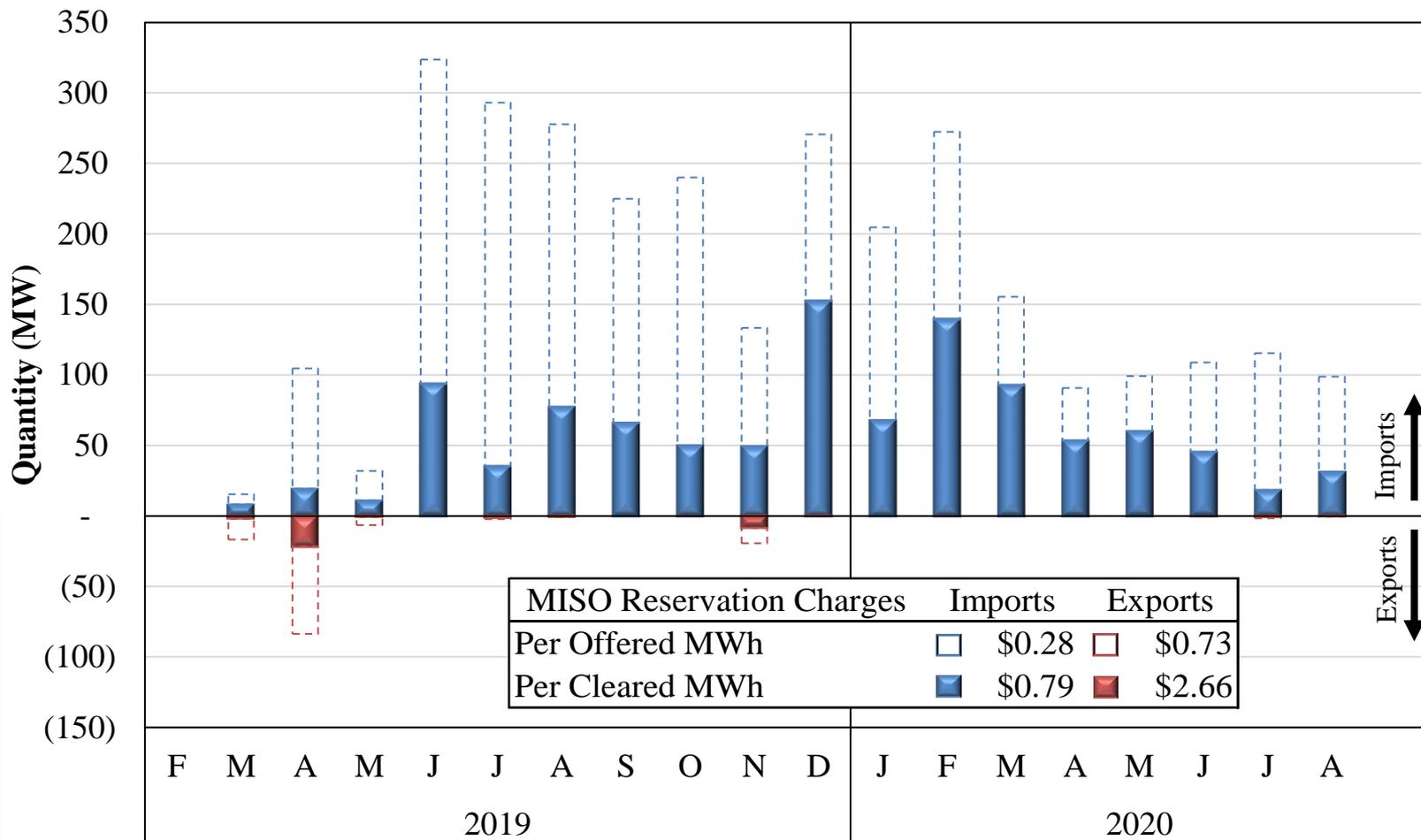
Day-Ahead and Real-Time Ramp Up Price 2019-2020



Evaluation of ELMP Assumptions Summer 2020

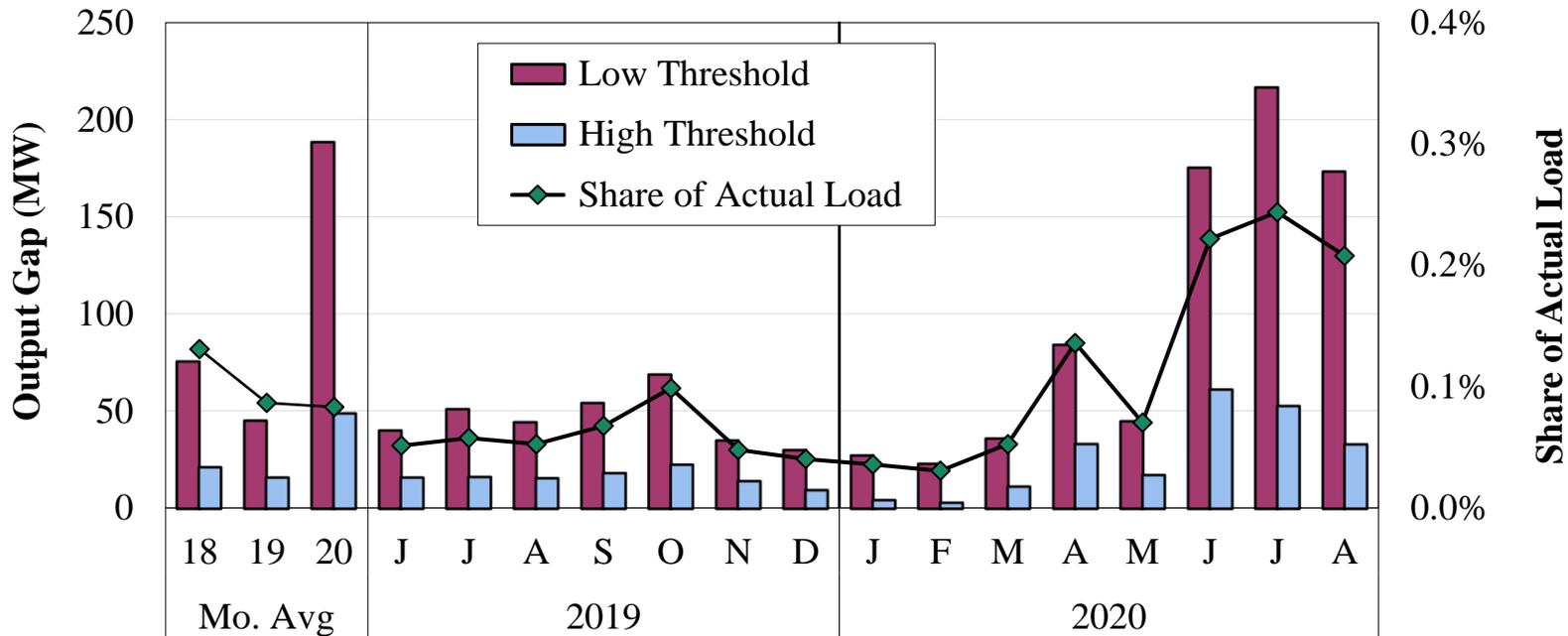


Coordinated Transaction Scheduling (CTS) 2019-2020





Monthly Output Gap Summer 2019-2020



Low Threshold Results by Unit Status (MW)

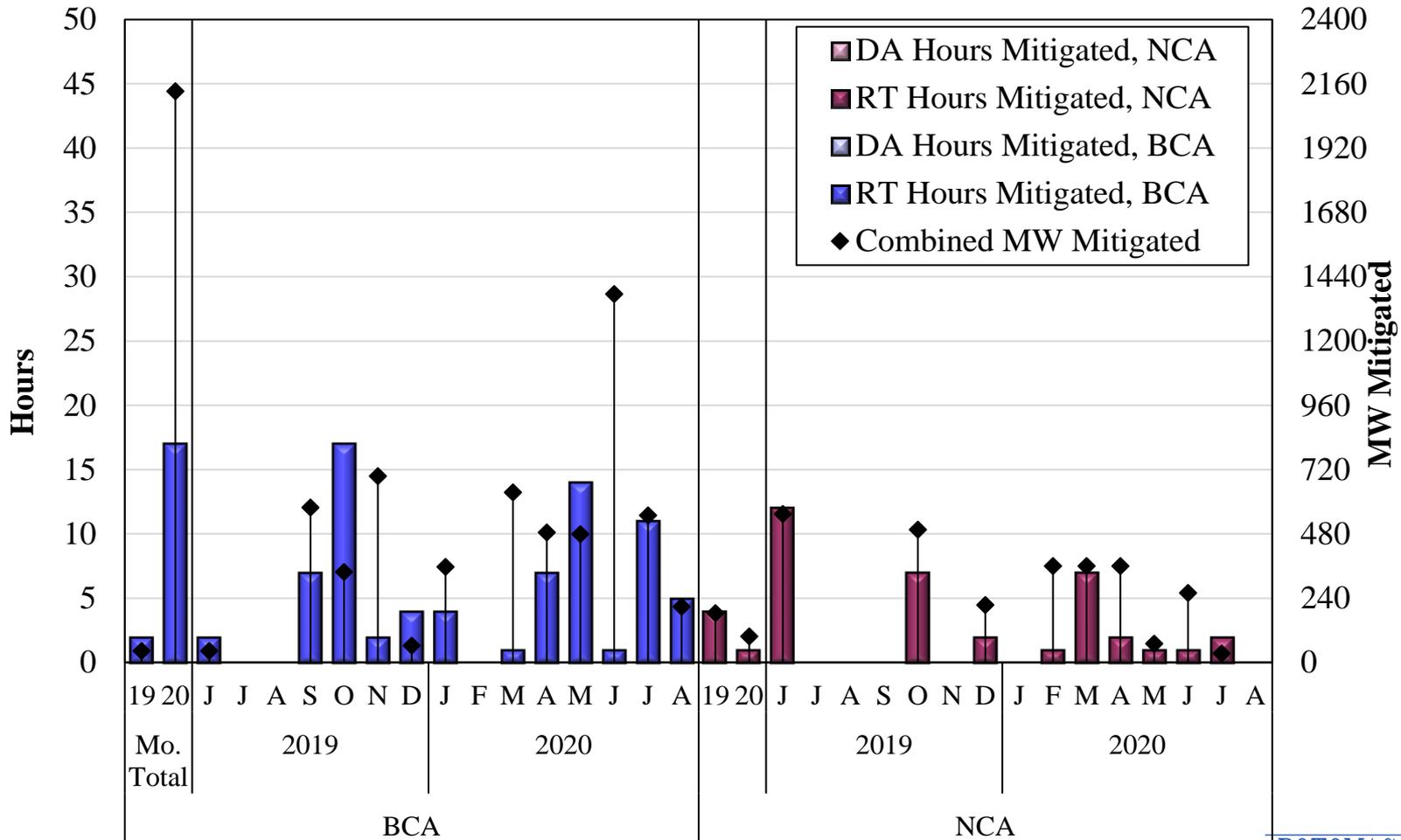
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High Threshold Results by Unit Status (MW)

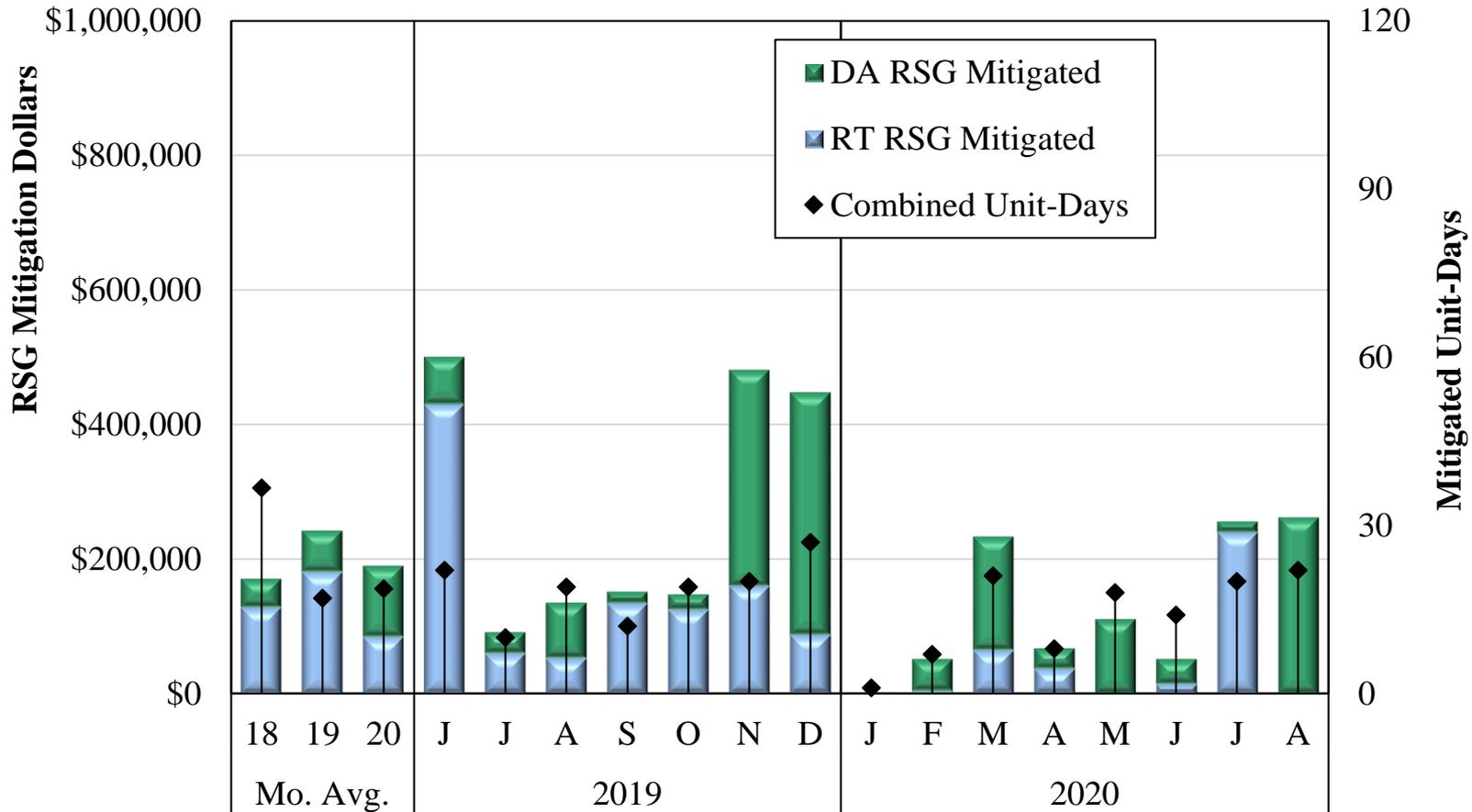
Offline	7	8	19	7	9	8	8	11	10	5	0	0	0	0	3	11	31	16
Online	14	8	29	9	8	7	10	12	4	4	5	3	11	33	15	50	21	17



Day-Ahead And Real-Time Energy Mitigation 2019-2020



Day-Ahead and Real-Time RSG Mitigation Summer 2019-2020



List of Acronyms

- AAR Ambient-Adjusted Ratings
- AMP Automated Mitigation Procedures
- BCA Broad Constrained Area
- CDD Cooling Degree Days
- CMC Constraint Management Charge
- CTS Coordinated Transaction Scheduling
- DAMAP Day-Ahead Margin Assurance Payment
- DDC Day-Ahead Deviation & Headroom Charge
- DIR Dispatchable Intermittent Resource
- HDD Heating Degree Days
- ELMP Extended Locational Marginal Price
- JCM Joint and Common Market Initiative
- JOA Joint Operating Agreement
- LAC Look-Ahead Commitment
- LSE Load-Serving Entities
- M2M Market-to-Market
- MSC MISO Market Subcommittee
- NCA Narrow Constrained Area
- ORDC Operating Reserve Demand Curve
- PITT Pseudo-Tie Issues Task Team
- PRA Planning Resource Auction
- PVMWP Price Volatility Make Whole Payment
- RAC Resource Adequacy Construct
- RDT Regional Directional Transfer
- RSG Revenue Sufficiency Guarantee
- RTORSGP Real-Time Offer Revenue Sufficiency Guarantee Payment
- STE Short-Term Emergency
- SMP System Marginal Price
- SOM State of the Market
- TLR Transmission Loading Relief
- TCDC Transmission Constraint Demand Curve
- VLR Voltage and Local Reliability
- WUMS Wisconsin Upper Michigan System