

PCDS Meeting

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2036 ADS V2.0 Assumptions

- Approach
 - LnR
 - PF
 - ...
- Example of some difference
 - PF – Extend retirements of old units
 - LnR – Retire old units, adds new units

What will be in the 2036 ADS PCM V2.0?

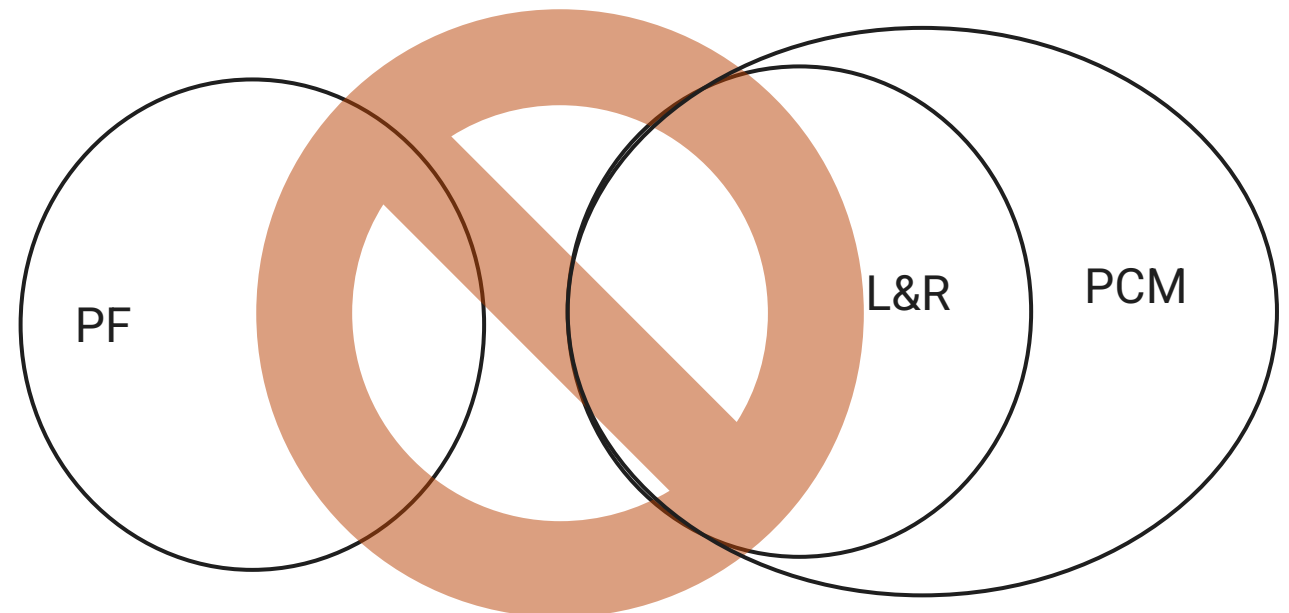
- Already decided
 - Transmission (busses, transformer, branches) will be from the 2036HS1a PF
 - Loads based on the 2026 L&R
 - Non-conforming load status from the 2036HS1a PF

V2.0 Approach Decision

- Should the 2036 ADS PCM V2.0 be Power Flow(PF) based or L&R based?
 - Do we use the unaligned PF units, or do we use the unaligned L&R units?
 - Keep in mind that the aligned PF and L&R units (meaning, we have matched the units in the PF and L&R datasets) will be included in the 2036 ADS PCM V2.0 no matter which way we decide.
 - Do we include the unaligned PF units, or do we use the unaligned L&R units?
 - We can put both in the case, but we should only have one set enabled (dispatchable) to prevent double counting.

V2.0 Approach Decision

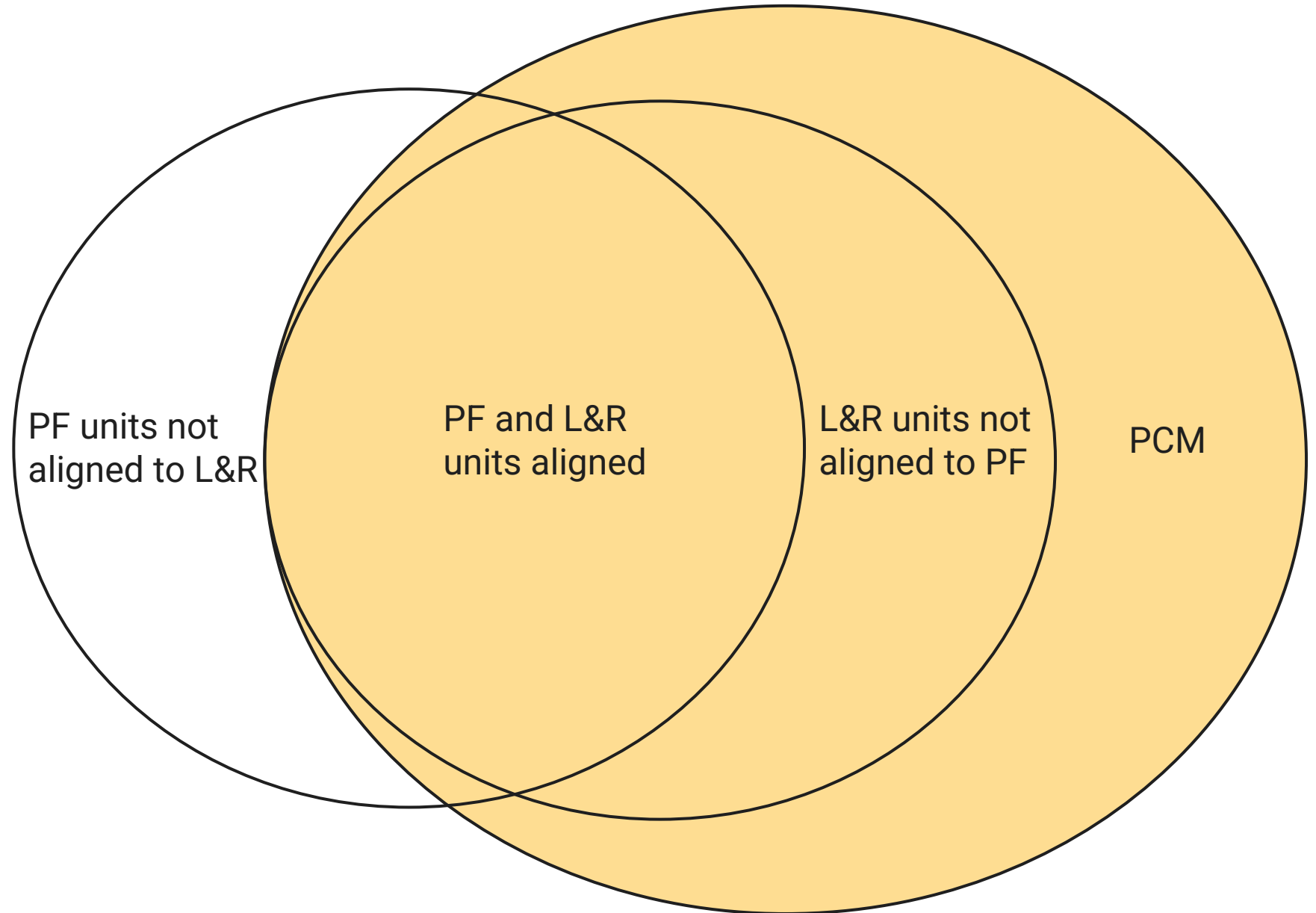
- L&R-based or PF-based decision
 - Does not mean that one data source or the other will be entirely excluded
- The units that are aligned in PF and L&R will be included
- The question:
 - Use the unaligned PF units
 - Or use the unaligned L&R units



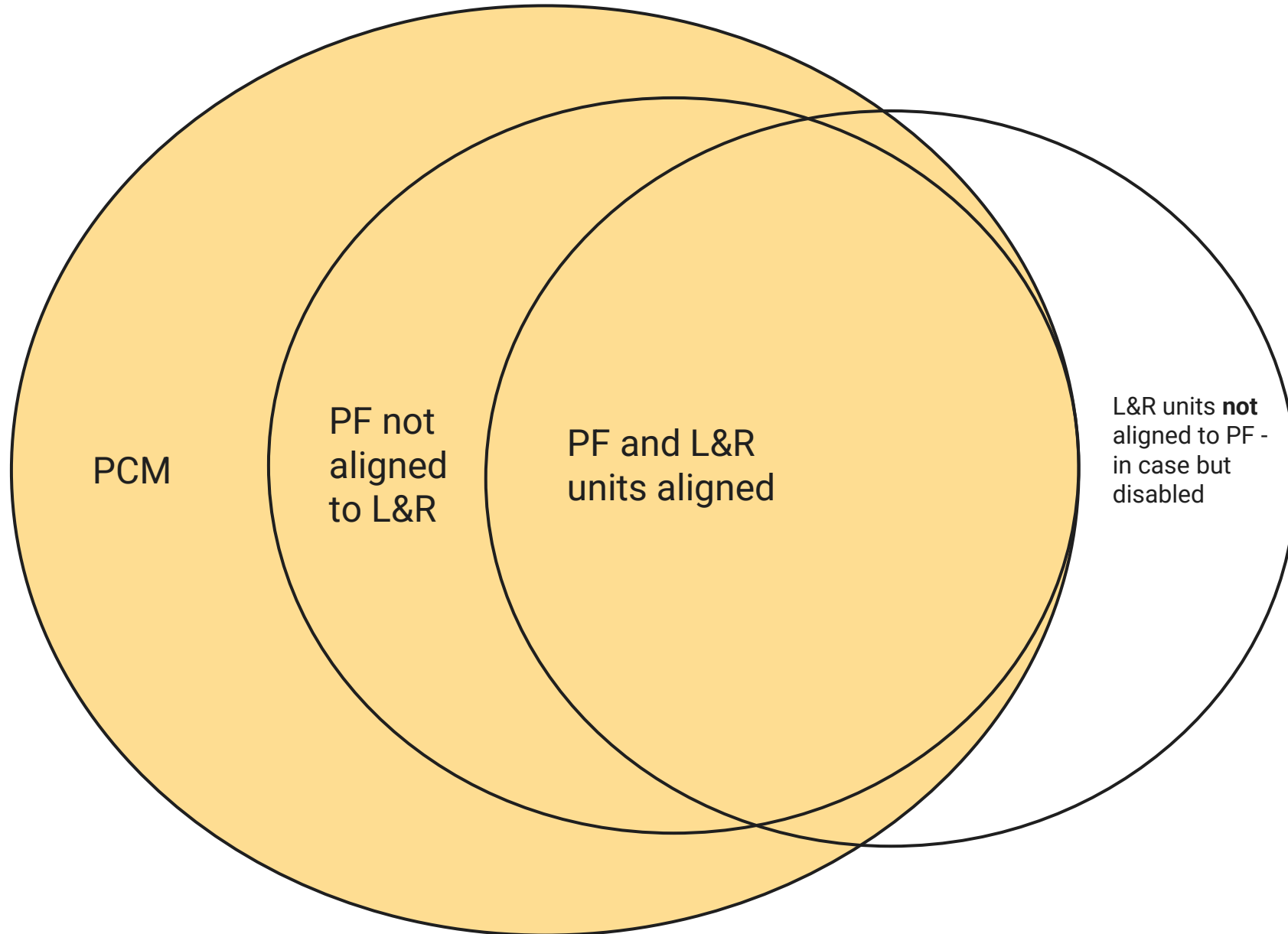
Key Differences and Considerations for 2036 ADS V2.0

- PF – Tend to keep older units in case and extend retirement dates
 - Commission and retirement dates – generally not usable
 - Locations will always be provided
 - Gen types are sometimes unknown
 - Four Corners – dispatchable in PF, retired in L&R
- L&R – Tend to retire old units and add new units, tend to add more speculative
 - Locations are sometimes unknown
 - Gen types are always known
 - IRP identified generic solar – included in L&R without location, not found in PF

L&R Based

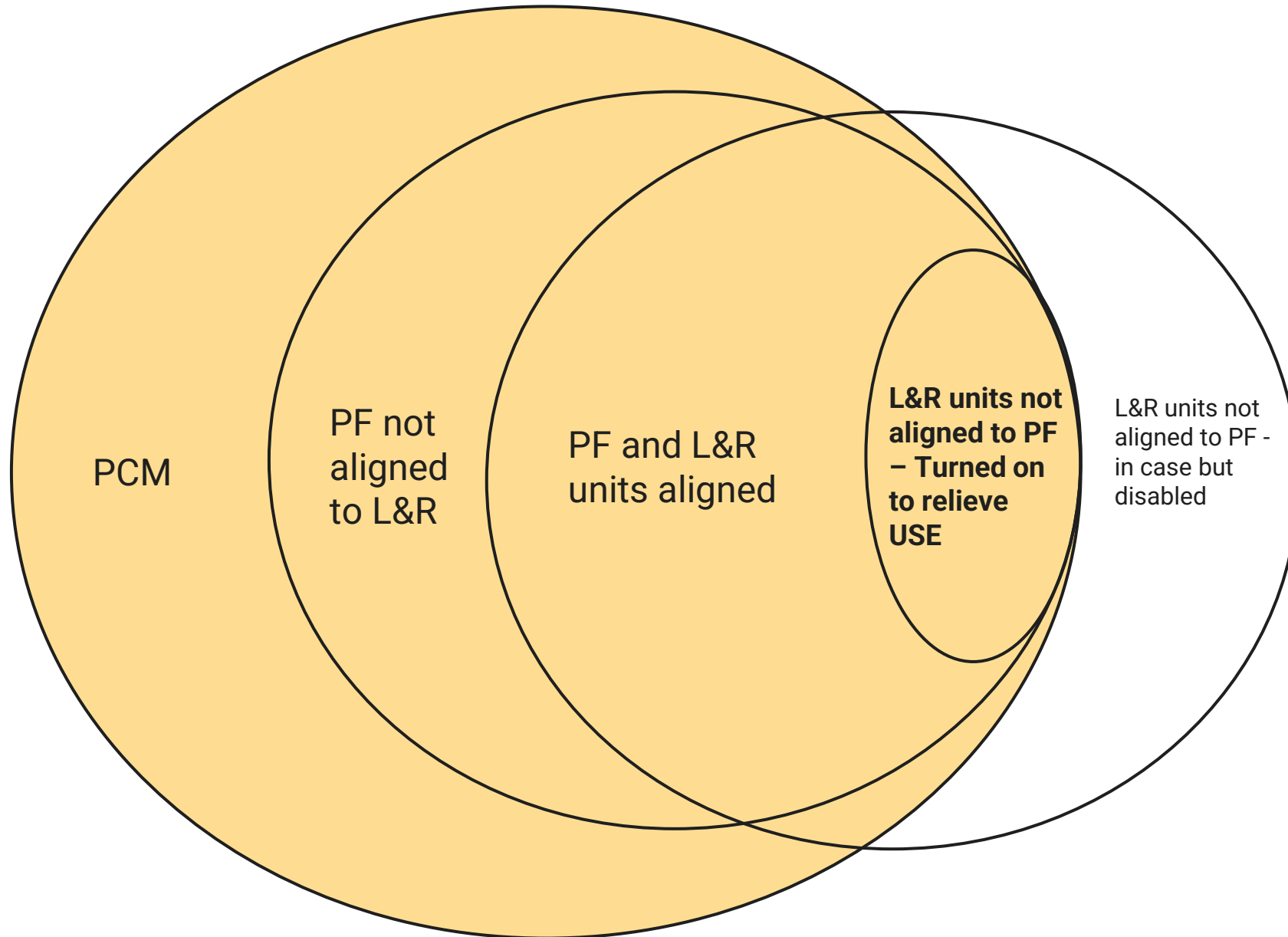


PF 2a Based





PF 2b Based



Definitions

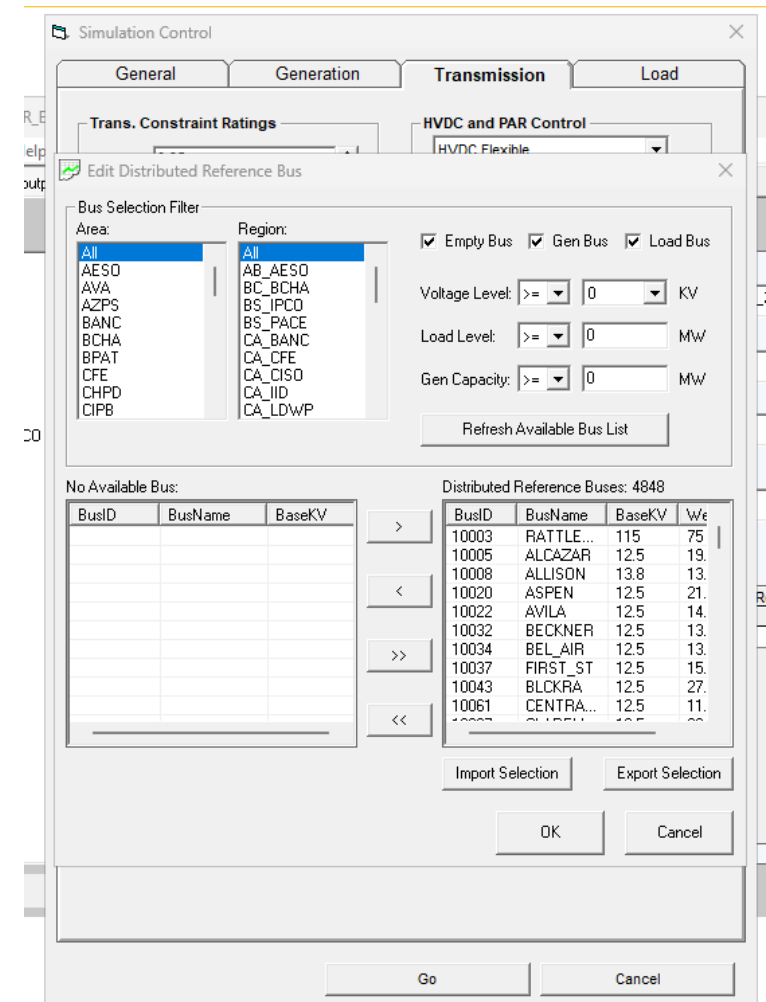
- L&R Based – Only L&R units enabled
- 2a – Only PF enabled
- 2b – PF units enabled with some L&R units turned on to relieve USE

Final Thoughts

- We can keep both the 2026 L&R in the case along with the 2036HS1a power flow units so the user can use whatever data best suits their needs.
 - This only affects what will be used in the released case.

Distributed Reference Bus

- For distributed reference buses
 - Hitachi recommends...
 - Using load weighted distribution for any voltage level.
 - You may use any loads above 5MW or 10 MW.
 - Follow up
 - Distributed reference buses are related to losses only.
It does not affect load distribution by each area.



Hydro

- What representation does the PCDS want for Hydro?
 - Most recent?
 - BAU Recent?
 - Hybrid Average?

- PCDS Decision:
 - Median year
 - Updated river regulations



Status

- Mapping 2026L&R to 2025L&R
- 2026L&R Loads
- Paths update
- Wheeling updates
- Fuel price updates
- Cutoff date for new projects?
- PNNL updated 2018 hourly wind and solar
- GERP updates
- NW hybrid hydro year update

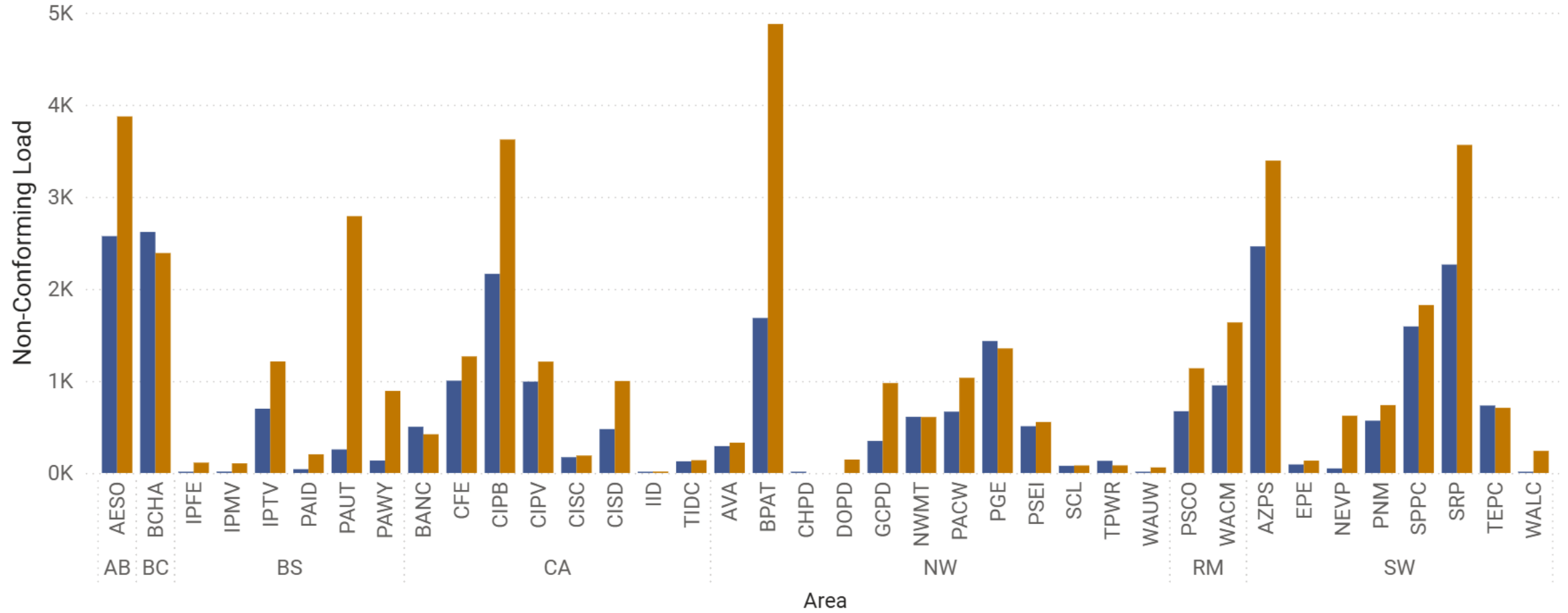
Status

- Base Year for profiles – Start on Monday
- Trading hubs modeling – Continue discussion
- North Plains discussion at future meeting
- Model hybrid units
 - TX constraint –
 - Monitor or nomogram
 - Nomogram
 - Assumption, if no info, assume grid charging
 - Contractually, obligated to charge from only PV?
 - Check tax credit



NCL Comparisons 2034 VS 2036

Case ● 2034_V3.2(2024LnR) ● 2036_V1.0_PF_and_LnR_Existing_(1b)





GV Enhancements-Update

- Received the new version, WECC is testing
 - Maintenance scheduler update
 - Battery enhancement



2036 ADS V1 (1a) – Unserved by Hour

DATE	BCHA	BPAT	IPFE	IPMV	IPTV	NWMT	WAUW	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, October 15, 2036		1,122			386			1,509
16		118						118
17		124						124
18		327			386			713
19		335						335
20		137						137
21		82						82
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, October 16, 2036		2,225	59		317			2,601
0		72						72
5		88	59		38			185
6		156			279			435
7		393						393
8		308						308
9		177						177
13		106						106
17		275						275
18		333						333
19		191						191
20		127						127
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday, December 08, 2036	11		482	469	6,610	21	5	7,598
6			59		89			148
7					413			413
8					412			412
16			59	56	515			629
17	3		113	101	1,150	21	5	1,392
18	3		76	101	1,151			1,330
19	3		59	101	1,062			1,223
20	3		59	101	863			1,025
21			59	11	683			753
22					272			272
Total	11	3,348	541	469	7,314	21	5	11,708

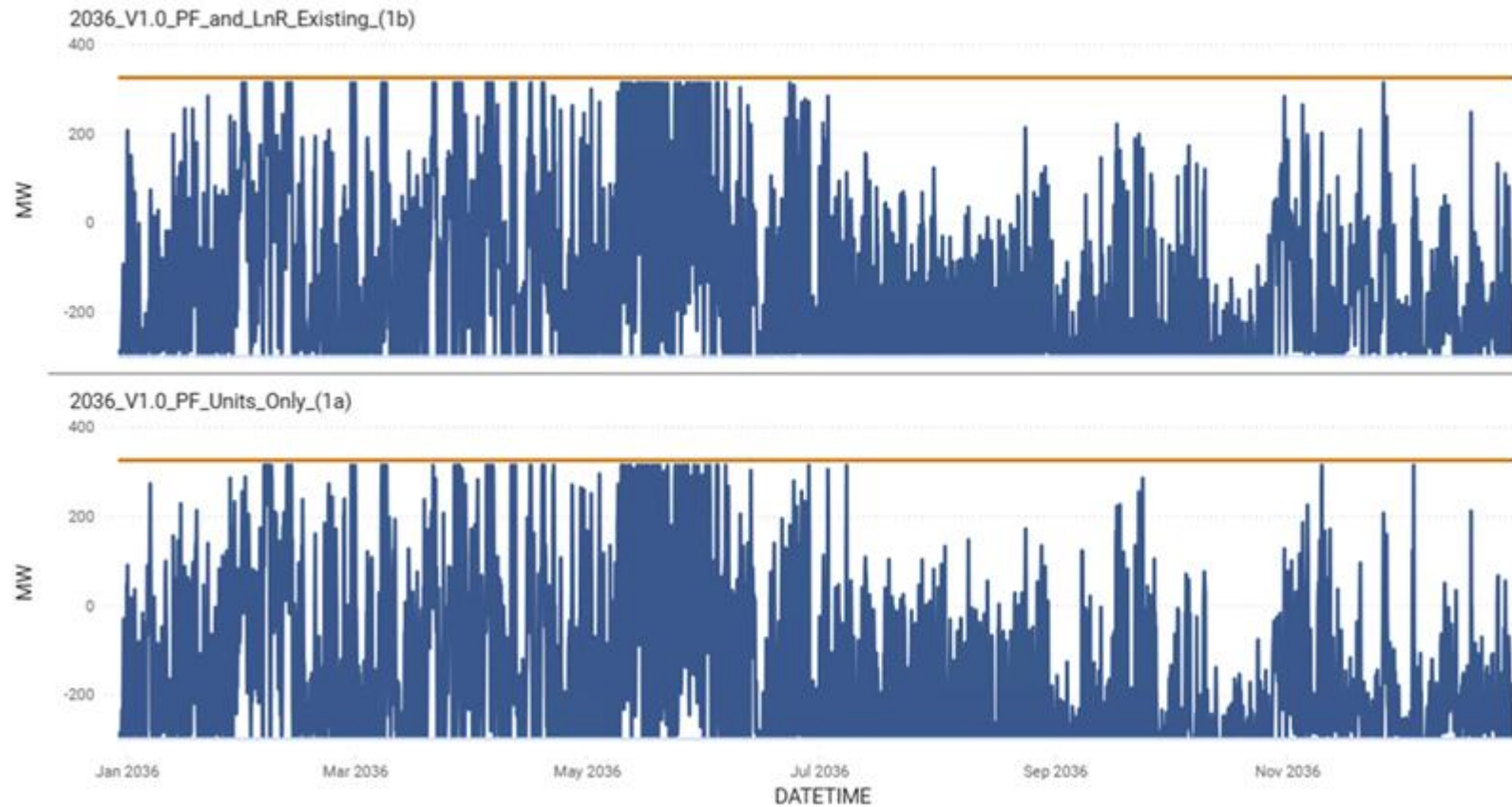


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Path 83 is the only line in the interchange of NW to AB. Below is the hourly flow for Path 83 which is between 313.5 MW and -300 MW.

P83 Montana Alberta Tie Line N-S

● FLOW ● MAX_LIMIT ● MIN_LIMIT





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CASENAME	Max	Min	Net Total
2036_V1.0_PF_and_LnR_Existing_(1b)	313.5	-300.0	-1,228.6K
2036_V1.0_PF_Units_Only_(1a)	313.5	-300.0	-1,312.5K
Total	313.5	-300.0	-2,541.1K

CASENAME	2036_V1.0_PF_Units_Only_(1a)
INTERCHANGE	NW_AB
Net Flow (GWh)	-1,312.5
MAX Flow (MW)	313.5
MIN Flow (MW)	-300.0
Positive Direction (NW to AB) (GWh)	247.8
Negative Direction (AB to NW) (GWh)	1,560.3
Positive Hours (NW to AB) %	19.5
Negative Hours (AB to NW) %	80.5



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