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# **Staff Subcommittees on Electricity & Electric Reliability**



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### **Agenda**

- **10:00 -11:00 am**      **Tour of the Newtown Creek Biodigester Plant**
- **1:00 – 2:00 pm**      **Frequency Response Decline in the Eastern Interconnect**
  - **Troy Blalock, South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.**
- **2:00 – 2:15 pm**      **Update on the Cause of the April 7, 2015 Outage in Washington DC.**
  - **David Souder, PJM**

# Newtown Creek Egg Biodigester Plant, Manhattan New York





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## **Frequency Response Decline in the Eastern Interconnect**



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**Troy Blaylock,**  
**Power System Reliability Specialist**  
**South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.**

# Frequency Response Initiative

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Troy Blalock – South Carolina Electric and Gas  
NERC Resource Subcommittee – Vice Chairman

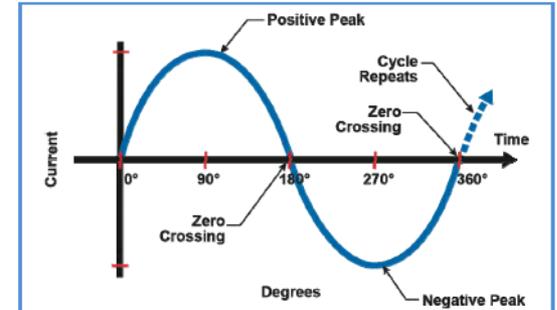
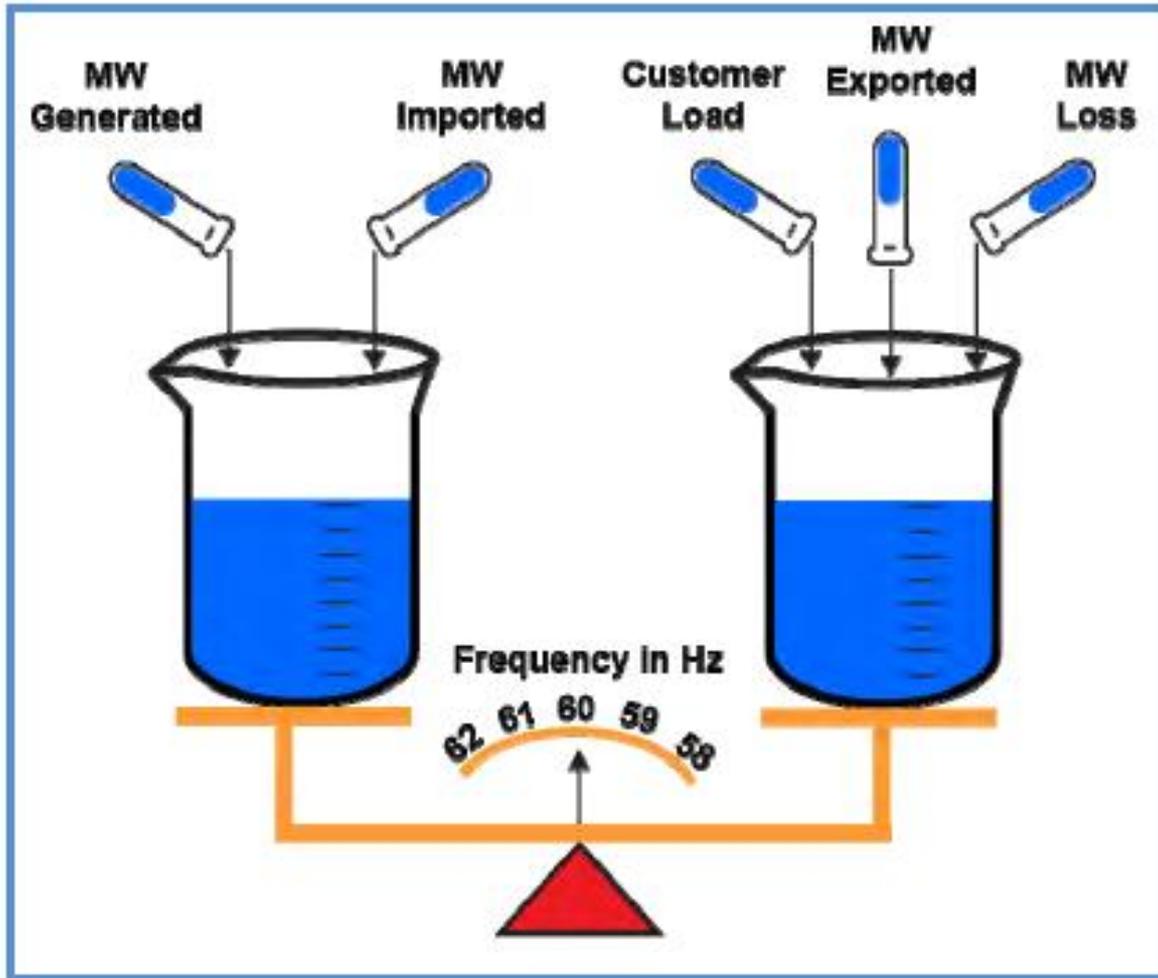
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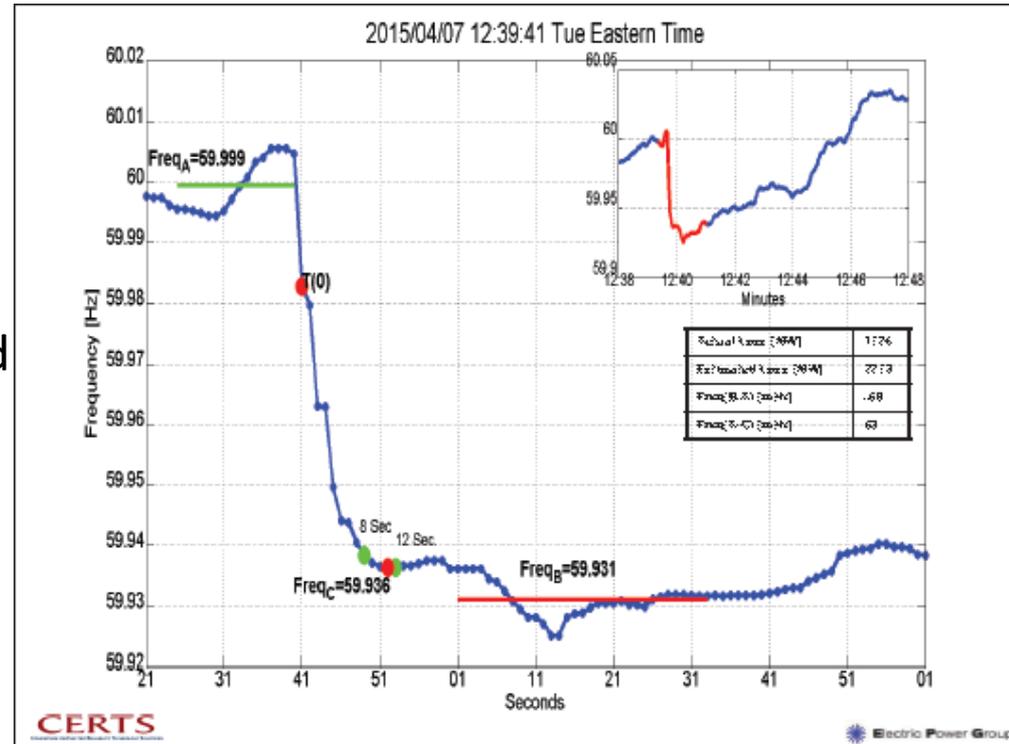
- Why Primary Frequency Response is Important
- Define Primary Frequency Response
- Discuss the NERC Advisory Generator Governor Frequency
- Discuss the Identified Issues
- Next Steps
- Questions

- Essential for Reliability of the Interconnections
  - Cornerstone for system stability
  - Line of defense to prevent Under Frequency Load Shedding(UFLS)
  - Prevent equipment damage
- Essential for System Restoration
  - Droop response is critical in restoration efforts
  - Hydro units and gas turbines are some of the first units to be restarted
- Compliance with NERC Standards BAL-003-1, BAL-001
  - Prevent future regulations related to generator frequency response performance
- To accurately predict system events (Transmission Models)



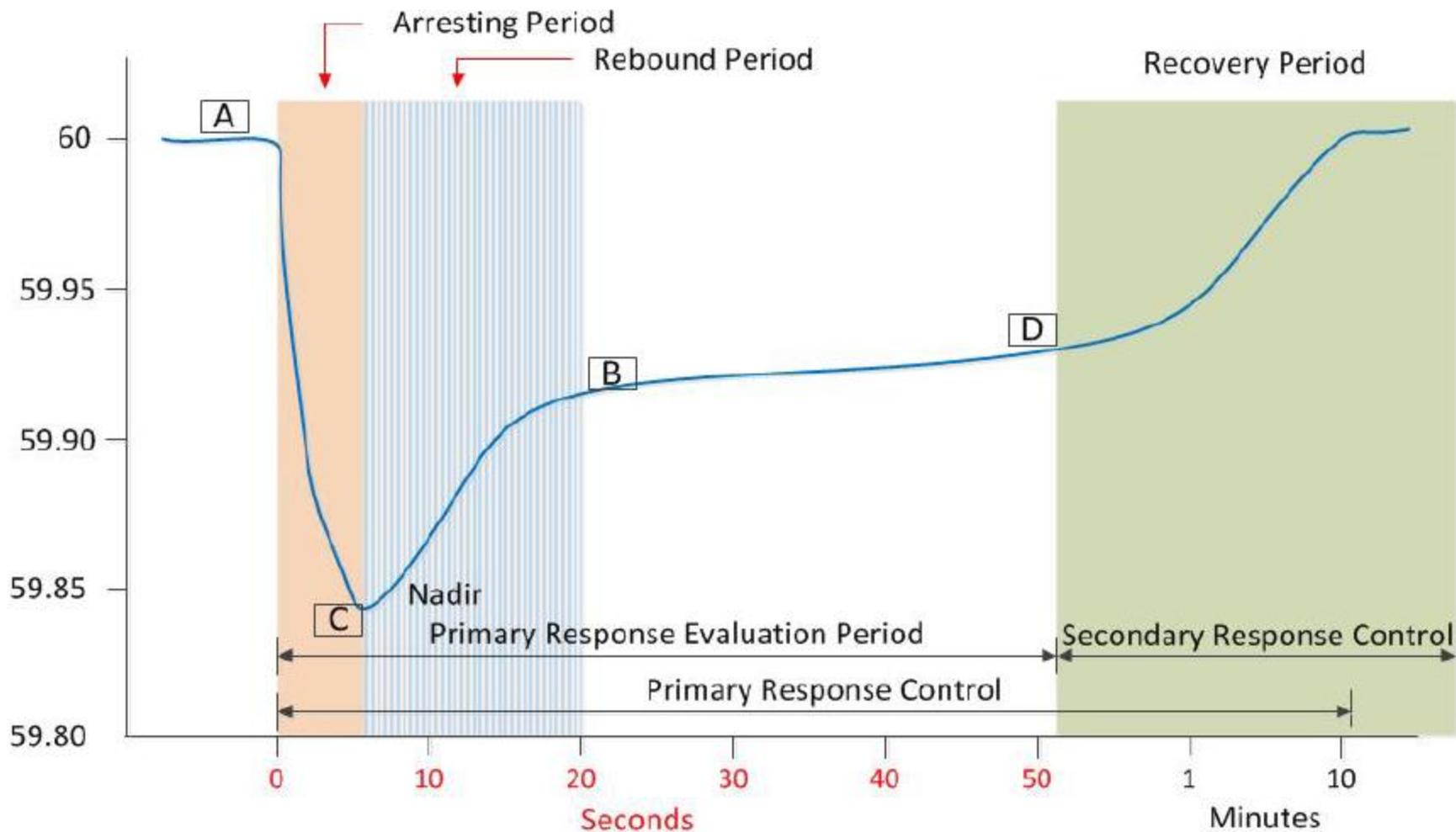
- Primary Frequency Response is the actions to arrest and stabilize frequency in response to locally detected frequency deviations. Primary Response comes from generator governor response, load response (motors) and other devices that provide immediate response based on local (device-level) control.
- Generator Governor Response within 0-10 seconds..

## Washington, DC Outage

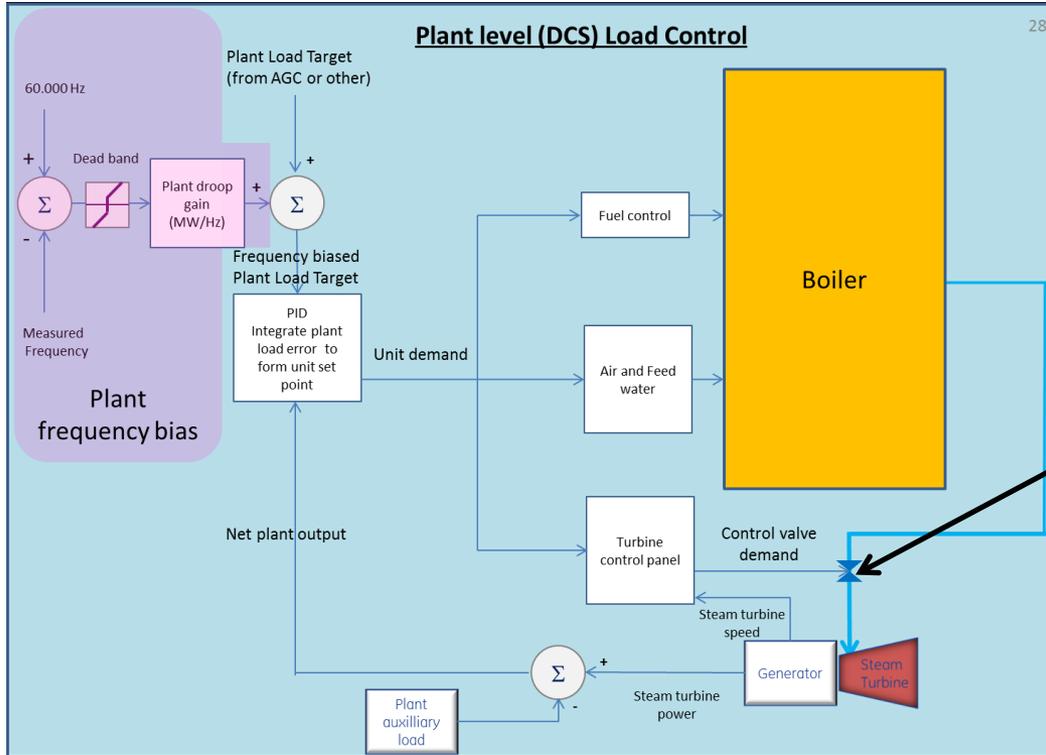


**Frequency Point A is the frequency prior to the event**  
**Frequency Point C is the nadir or lowest point**  
**Frequency Point B is the settling frequency**

# Classic Frequency Excursion Recovery

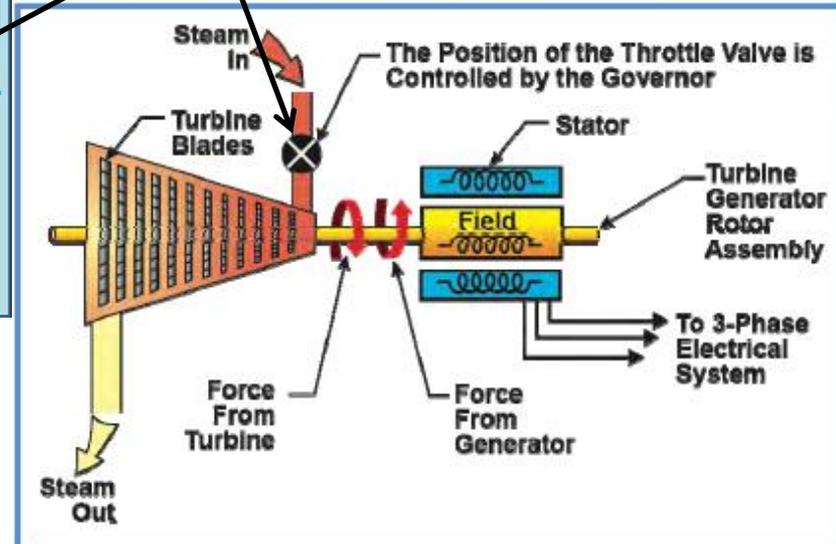


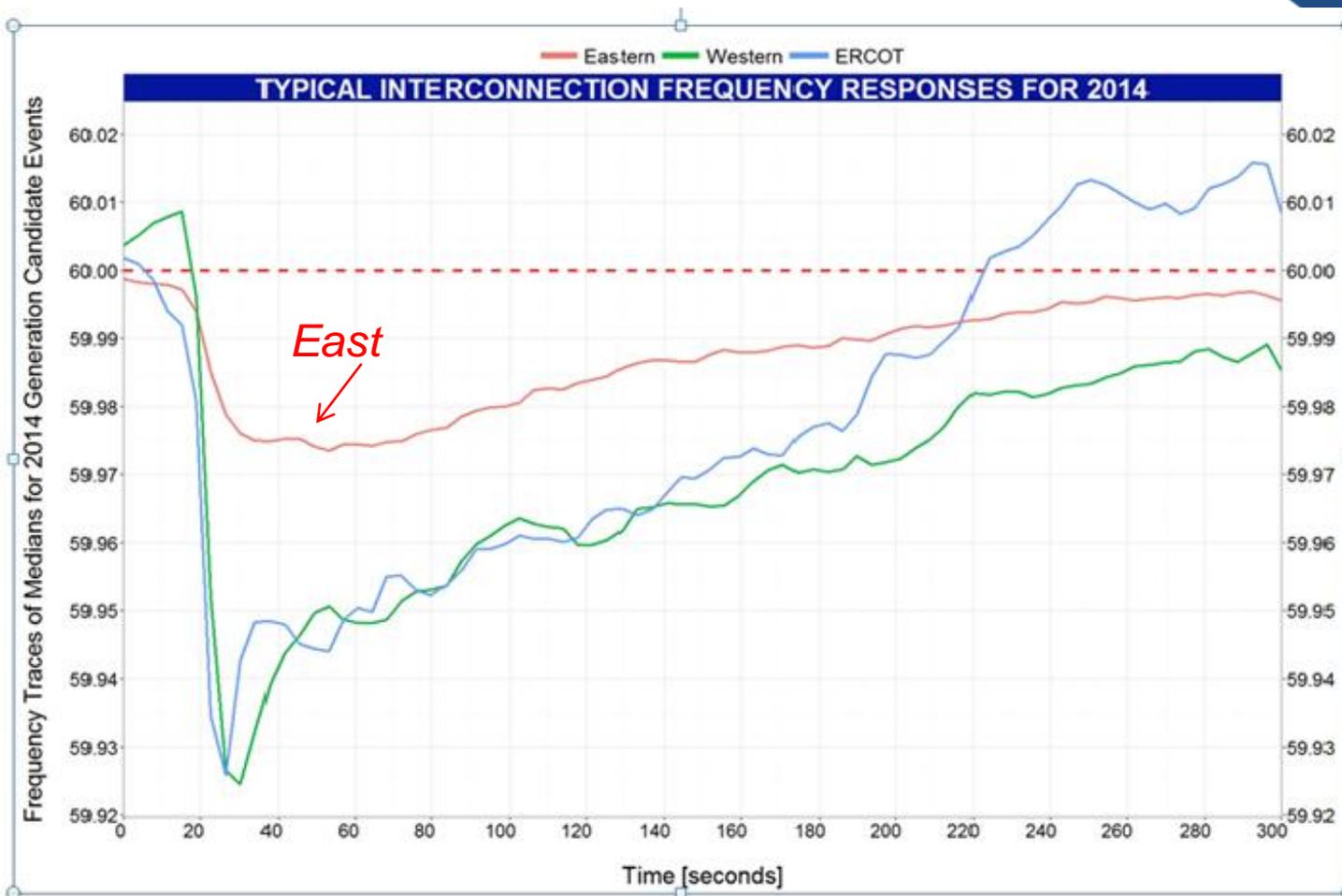
## Generator Response



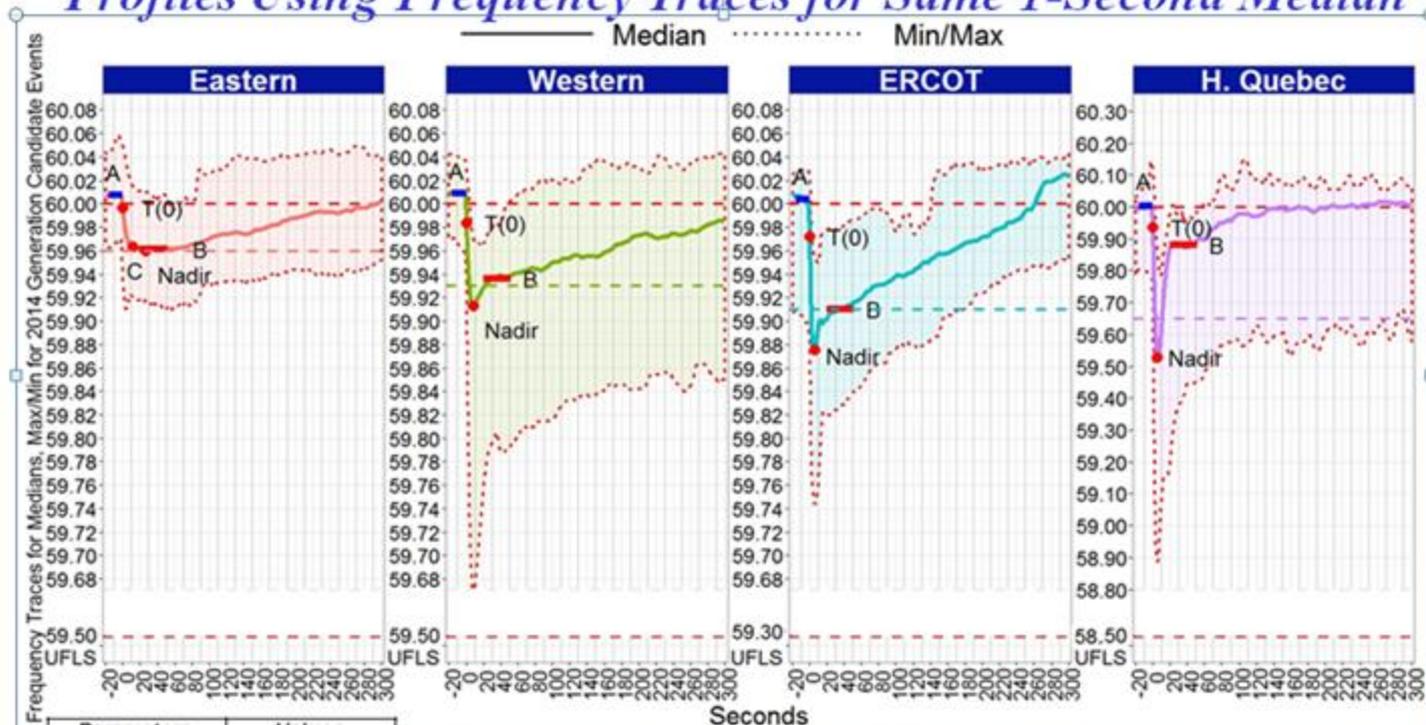
Graphic from GE info bulletin PSIB20150212

*Generator turbine governors either mechanically or electronically control the primary control valves to the turbine. Steam, Water or Fuel is what is regulated.*





## BAL-003 Field Test - Interconnections 2014 Candidate Events Profiles Using Frequency Traces for Same 1-Second Median



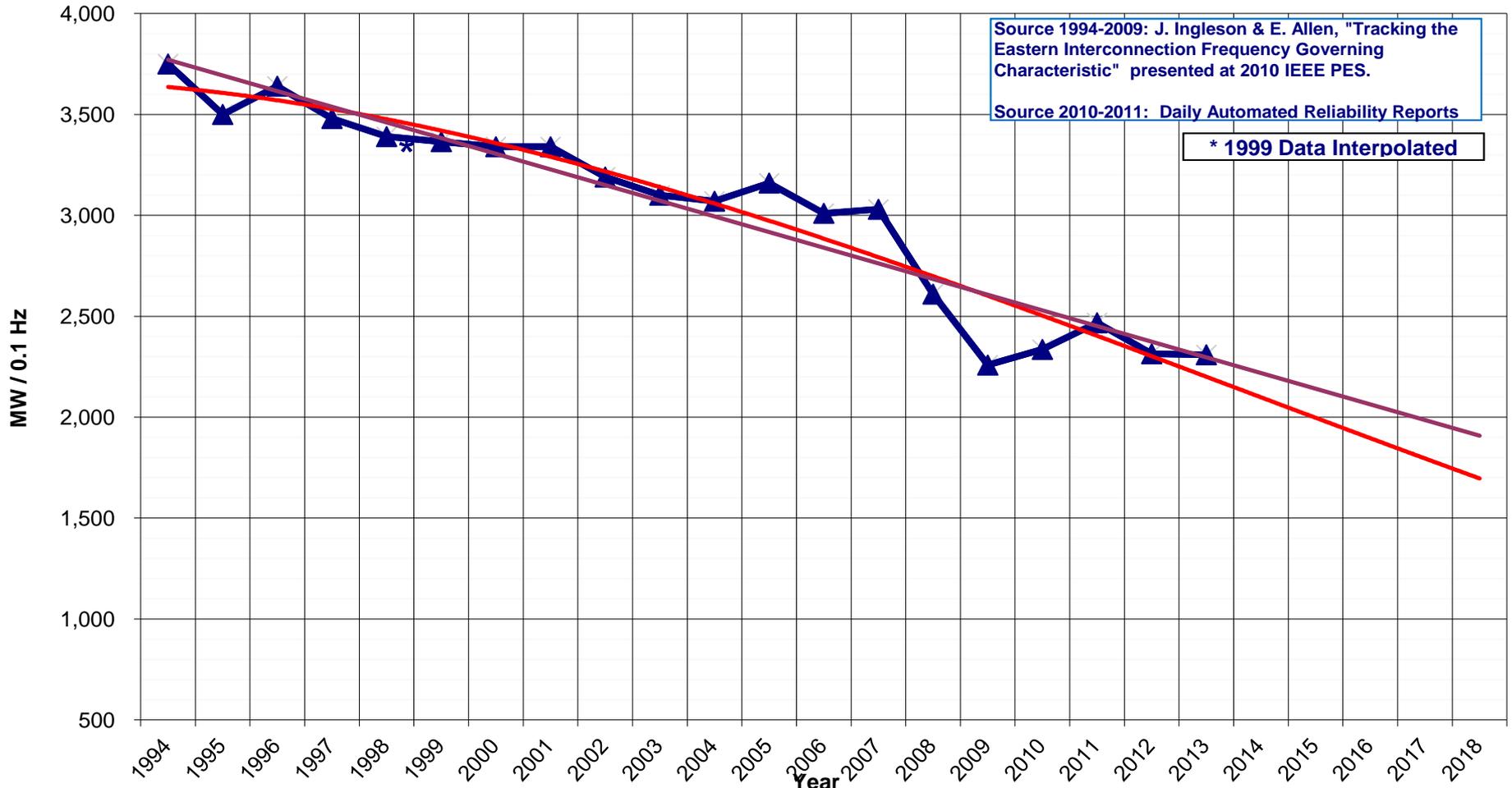
Parameters	Values
ValueA	60.007 [Hz]
ValueB	59.961 [Hz]
FreqC	59.963 [Hz]
Nadir	59.960 at 28 Secs
Min-UFLS	409 [mHz]
Risk to Reach ULFS	NA
Generation Events	104

Parameters	Values
ValueA	60.009 [Hz]
ValueB	59.936 [Hz]
FreqC=Nadir	59.913 at 9 Secs
Min-UFLS	171 [mHz]
Risk to Reach ULFS	NA
Generation Events	50

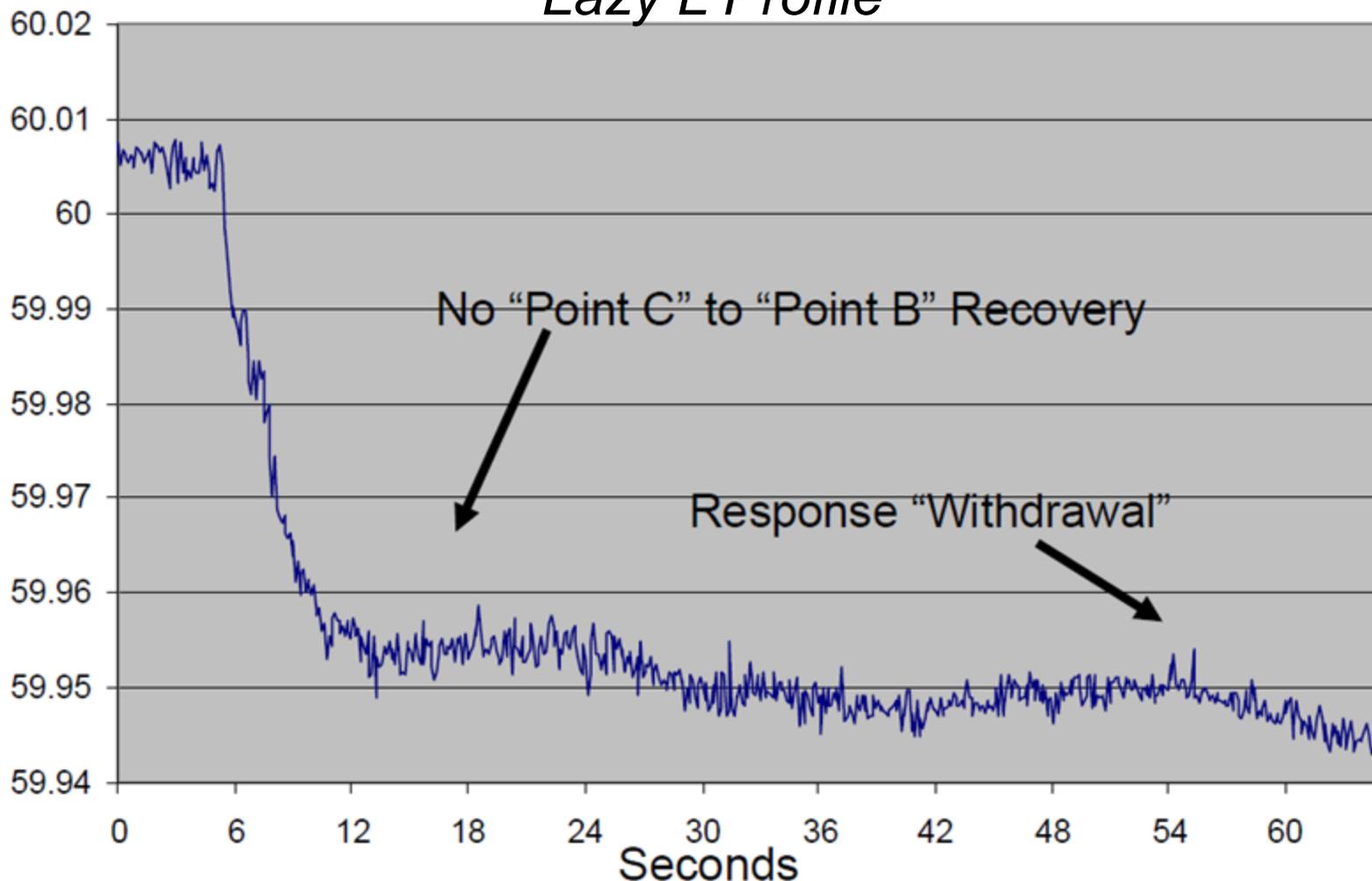
Parameters	Values
ValueA	60.004 [Hz]
ValueB	59.910 [Hz]
FreqC=Nadir	59.875 at 7 Secs
Min-UFLS	444 [mHz]
Risk to Reach ULFS	NA
Generation Events	52

Parameters	Values
ValueA	60.002 [Hz]
ValueB	59.882 [Hz]
FreqC=Nadir	59.529 at 6 Secs
Min-UFLS	388 [mHz]
Risk to Reach ULFS	NA
Generation Events	34

## Eastern Interconnection Mean Primary Frequency Response



## *“Lazy L Profile”*



## Industry Advisory

### Generator Governor Frequency Response

Initial Distribution: February 5, 2015

As a result of the Eastern Interconnection Frequency Initiative, the NERC Resources Subcommittee has determined that a significant portion of the Eastern Interconnection generator deadbands or governor control settings inhibit or prevent frequency response. While this specific work was based on the Eastern Interconnection, in the absence of more stringent regional requirements the following good practice and guidance is applicable to all interconnections. The proper setting of deadbands, droop, and other controls to allow for primary frequency response is essential for reliability of the Bulk Electric System (BES) and critical during system restoration. Further, the accuracy of Transmission Planning models are impacted by incorrect governor data. The purpose of this Advisory is to alert the industry of recommended governor deadband and droop settings that will enable generators to provide better frequency response to support the reliable operation of the Bulk Electric System.

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**Initial Distribution:** Balancing Authority, Generator Owner, Generator Operator, Reliability Coordinator, Transmission Operator, Transmission Planner

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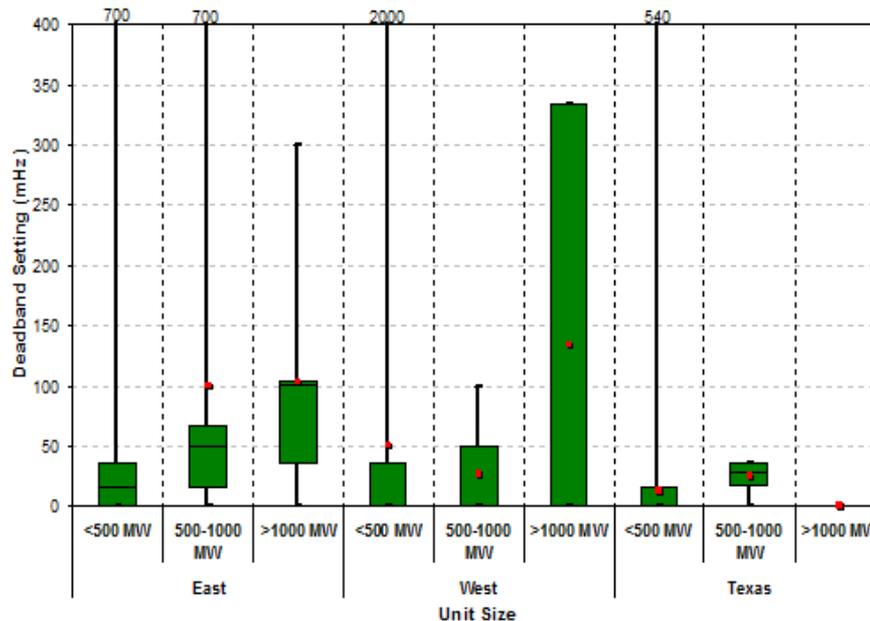
- Advisory issued February 5th
- Initiated by NERC Resource Subcommittee
  - Interconnections frequency response has declined
  - Eastern Interconnection Lazy L profile
  - 2010 and 2013 Generator Survey Data

## [Generator Governor Frequency Response Advisory](#)

# What Has Been Learned: 1) Dead Bands Exceed Recommendations

- Dead Bands Vary
  - Most exceed 36 mHz or 2.16 RPM
  - Large amount of responses reported they did not know
  - Most settings result in NO governor response unless catastrophic event

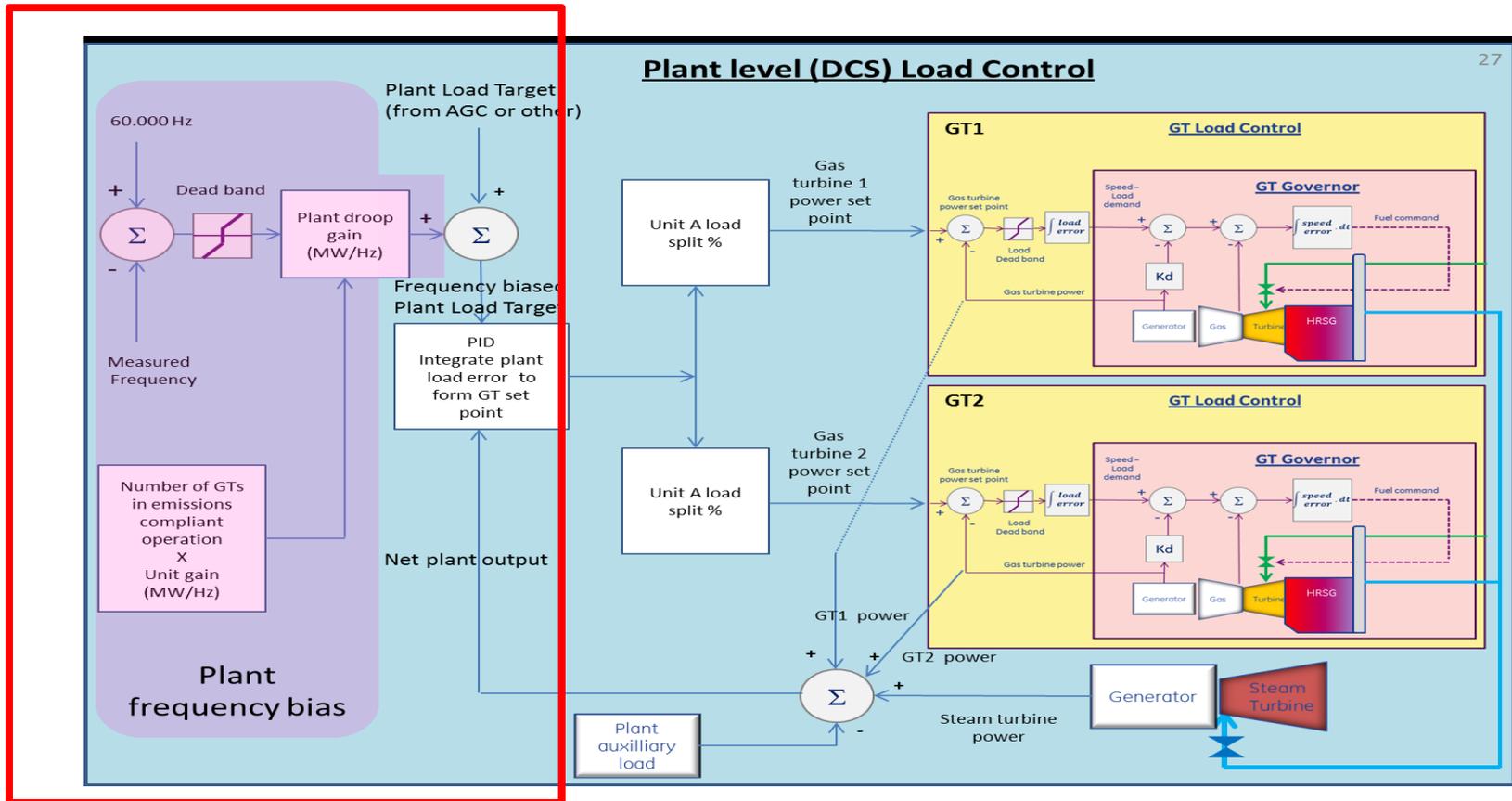
Figure 29: Reported Governor Deadband Settings



NERC Frequency Response Initiative Report - August 2012, Bob Cummings

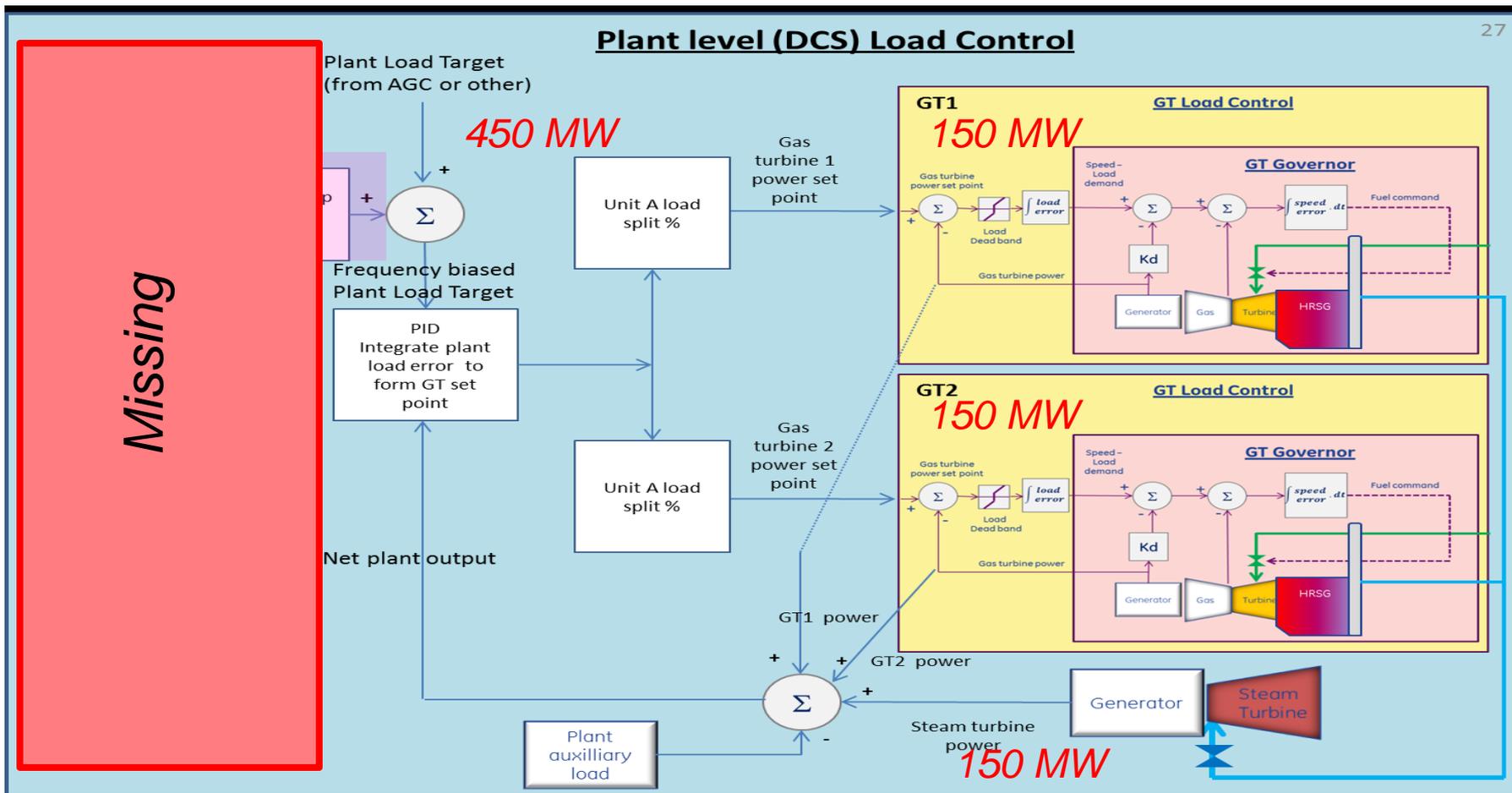
# What Has Been Learned: 2) Unit Response is Squelched or Withdrawn

- Coordination with plant Distributed Control System (DCS) is essential when operating in MW Set Point Coordinated Control.



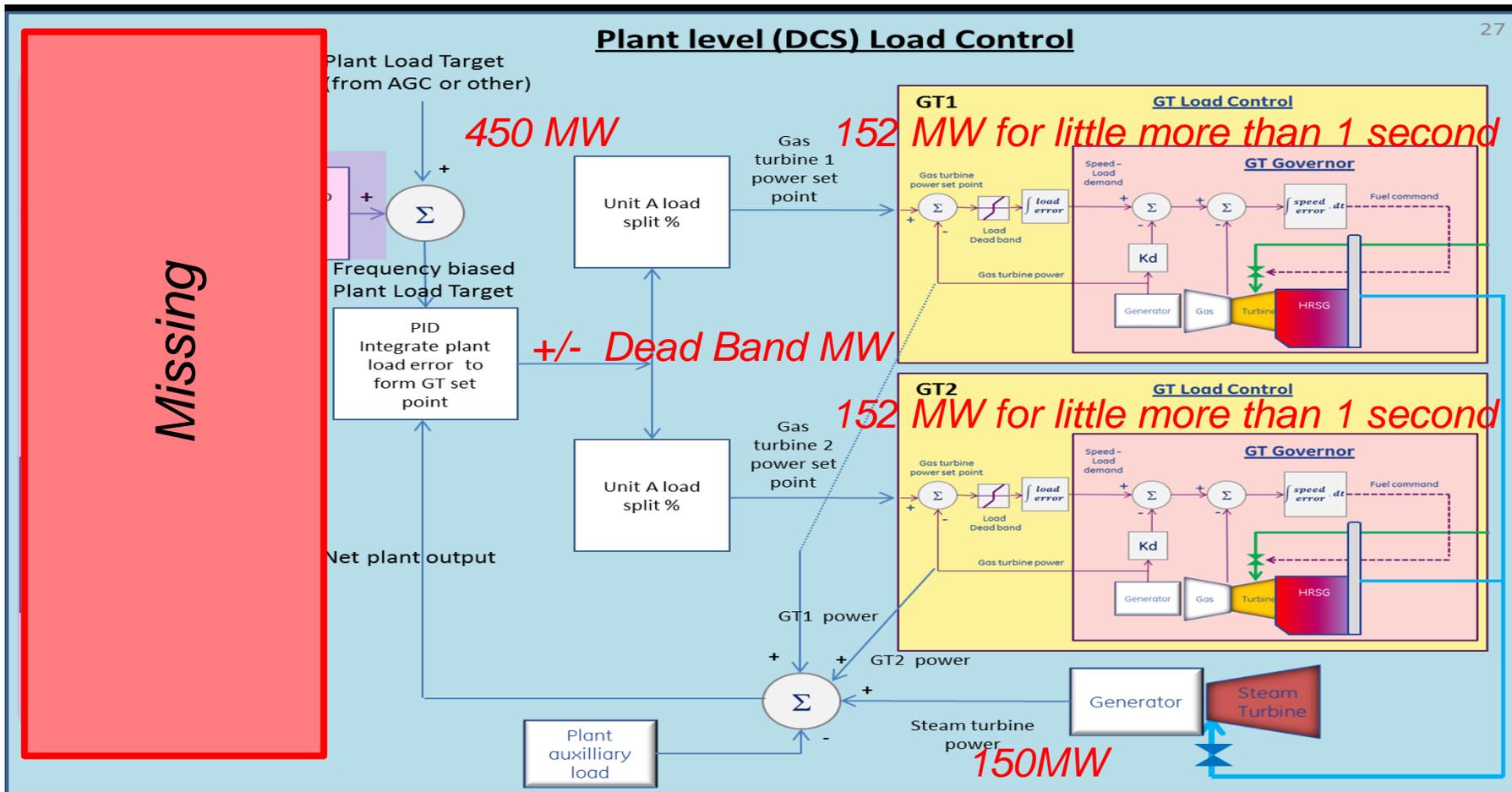
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**Frequency 60.000 Hz**



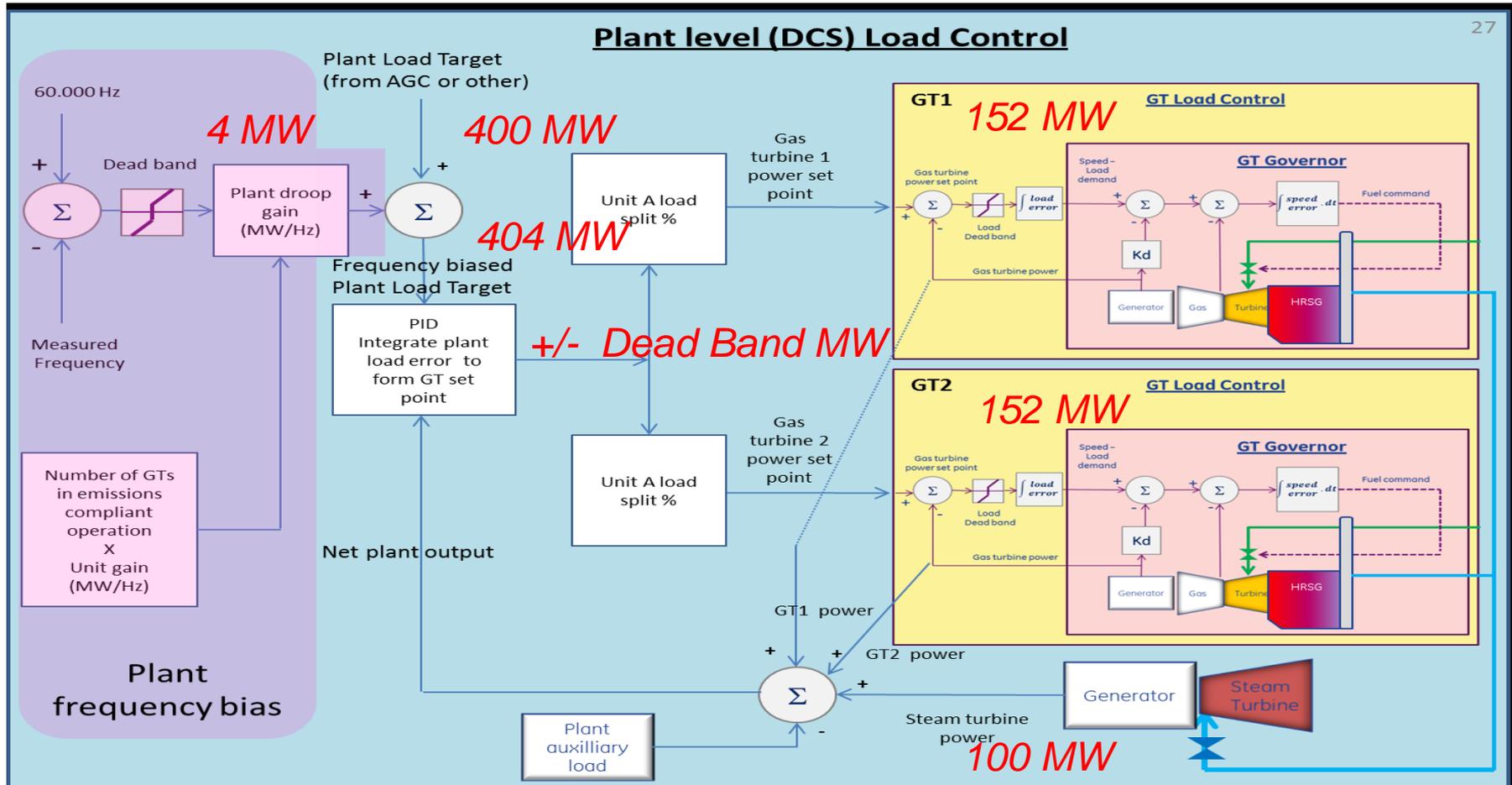
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**Frequency decline 59.940 Hz**



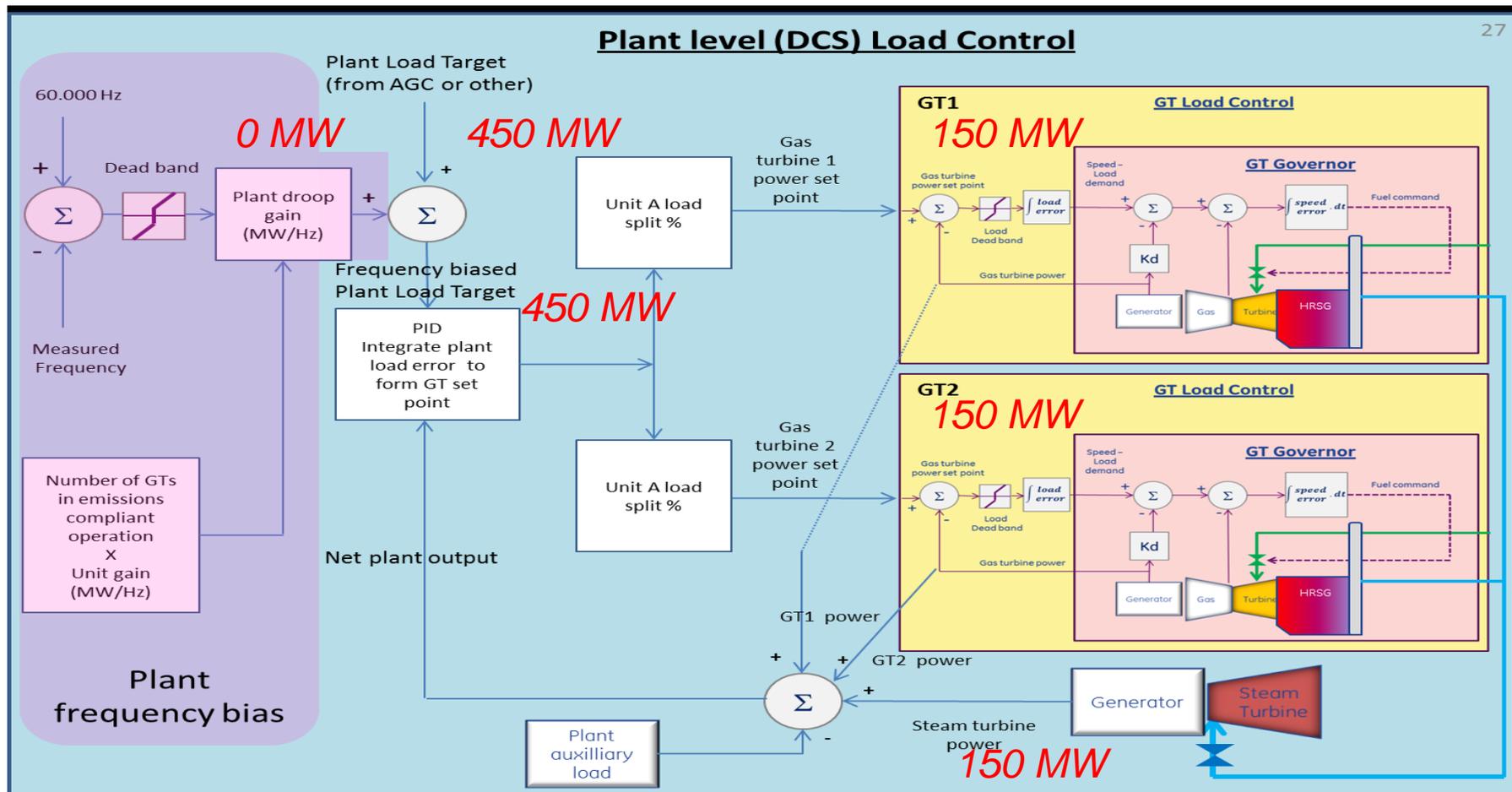
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**Frequency Decline 59.940**



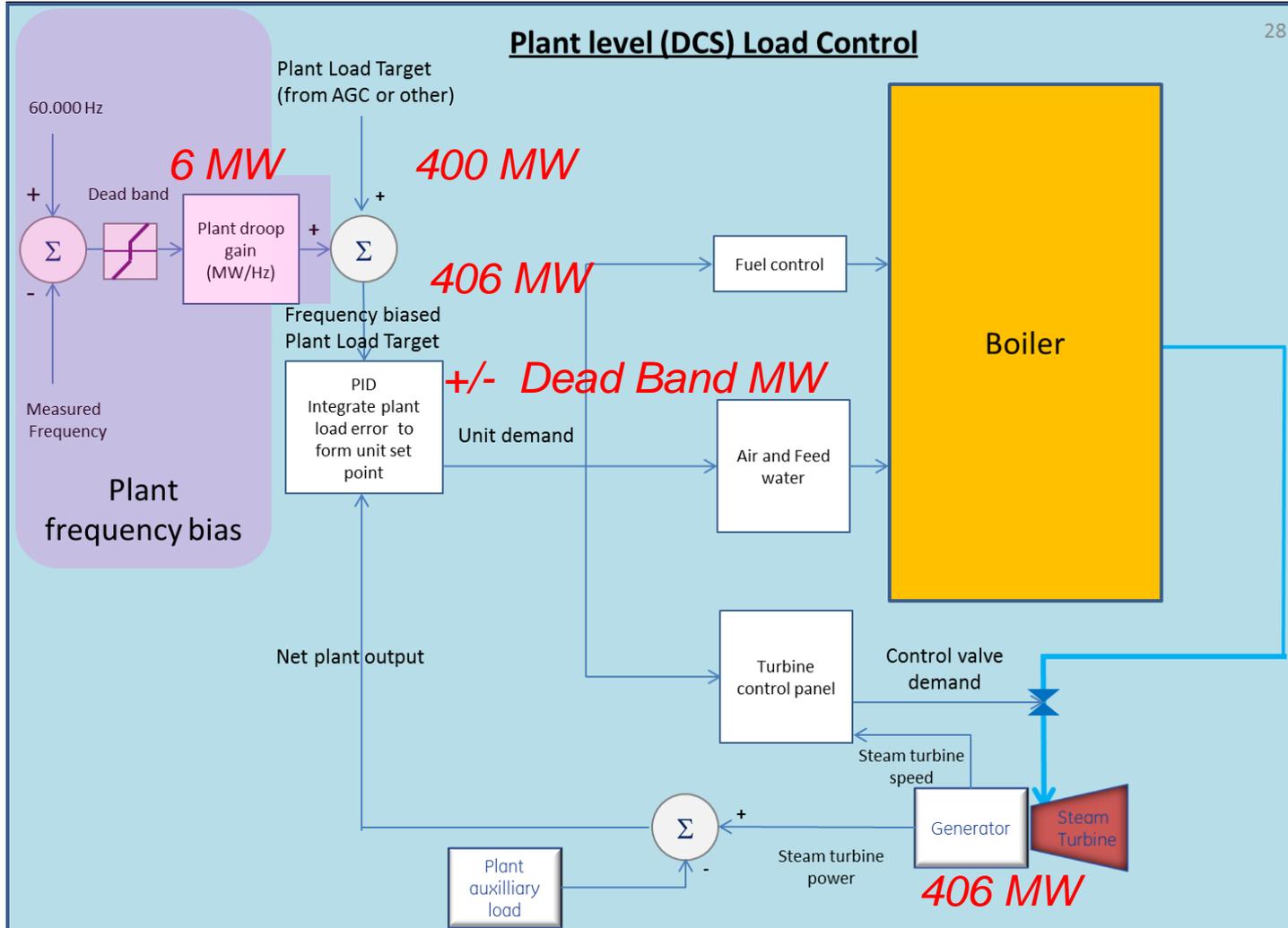
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## Frequency 59.940 Hz



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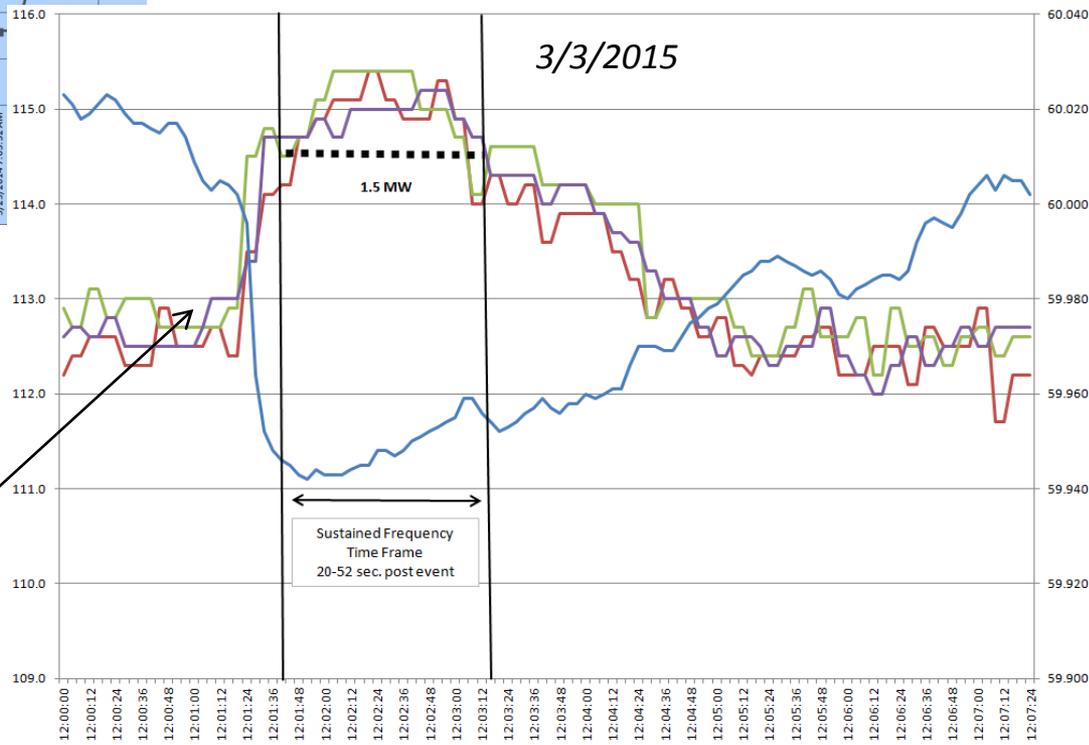
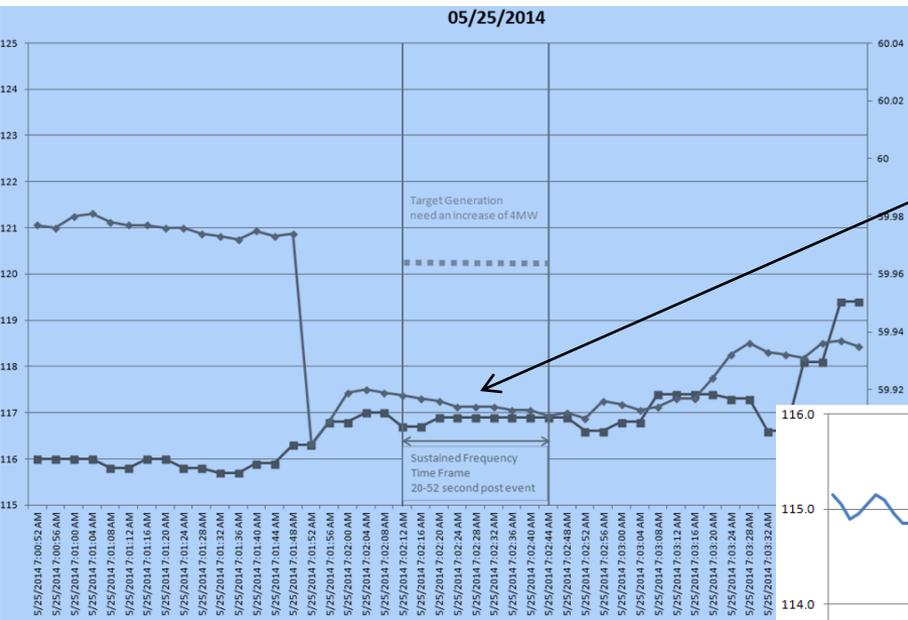
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*No Frequency Algorithm  
in DCS*

3 -175 MW GE7FA Gas Mark VIe Turbine

*Frequency Algorithm  
in Plant DCS*



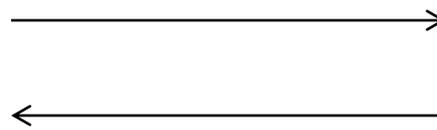
# What Has Been Learned: 3) BA EMS Pulse Control Squelching Response

*Balancing Authority EMS Pulse Control Squelching Frequency Response to the Generator*

*200 MW*

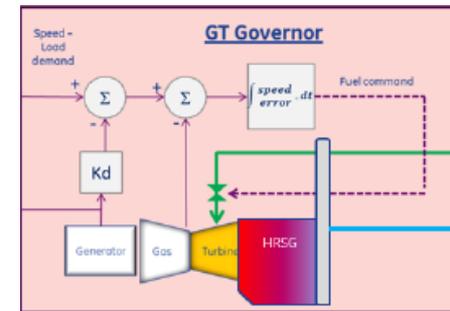


*Pulses Signals*



*200 MW*

*Generator*



*200 MW*

*200 MW Frequency Decline to 59.92 HZ*



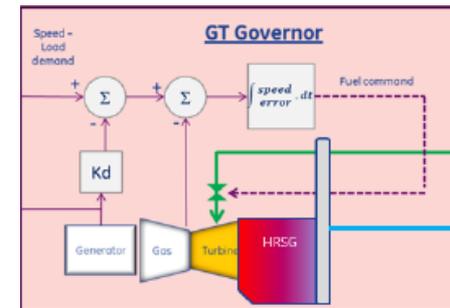
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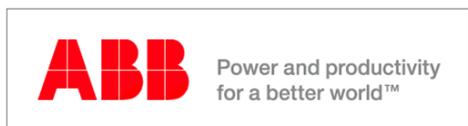


*203 MW*

*Missing Algorithm to calculate 203 MW*

1. OEMs, including GE, Siemens, and ABB, have and continue to communicate to its customer base through advisories and customer meetings.
2. Architect and Engineering Firms have been asked to communicate to their customer base.
3. Regions have been asked to formally communicate to GO's and BA's about the identified issues and request a timeline to address the issues.
4. NERC RS developing a Generator Governor Guideline for recommended settings for all Interconnections
5. Suggesting changes to FERC for governor requirements in the Large Generation Interconnection Agreement and Small Generation Interconnection Agreement

- NERC Resource Subcommittee
- North American Generator Forum [www.generatorforum.org](http://www.generatorforum.org)
- Original Equipment Manufacturers
- Industry Trade Associations
- Architect /Engineering Firms
- Balancing Authority





# Questions



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**Update on the Cause of the  
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