

# Frequency Response Initiative

Industry Advisory – Generator Governor Frequency Response

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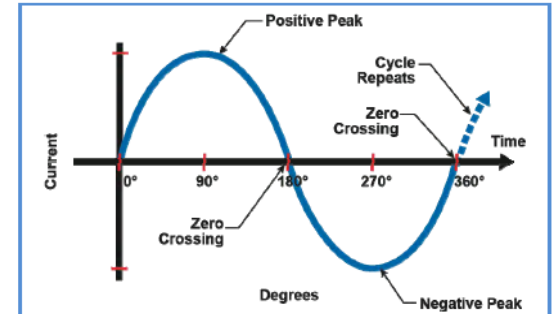
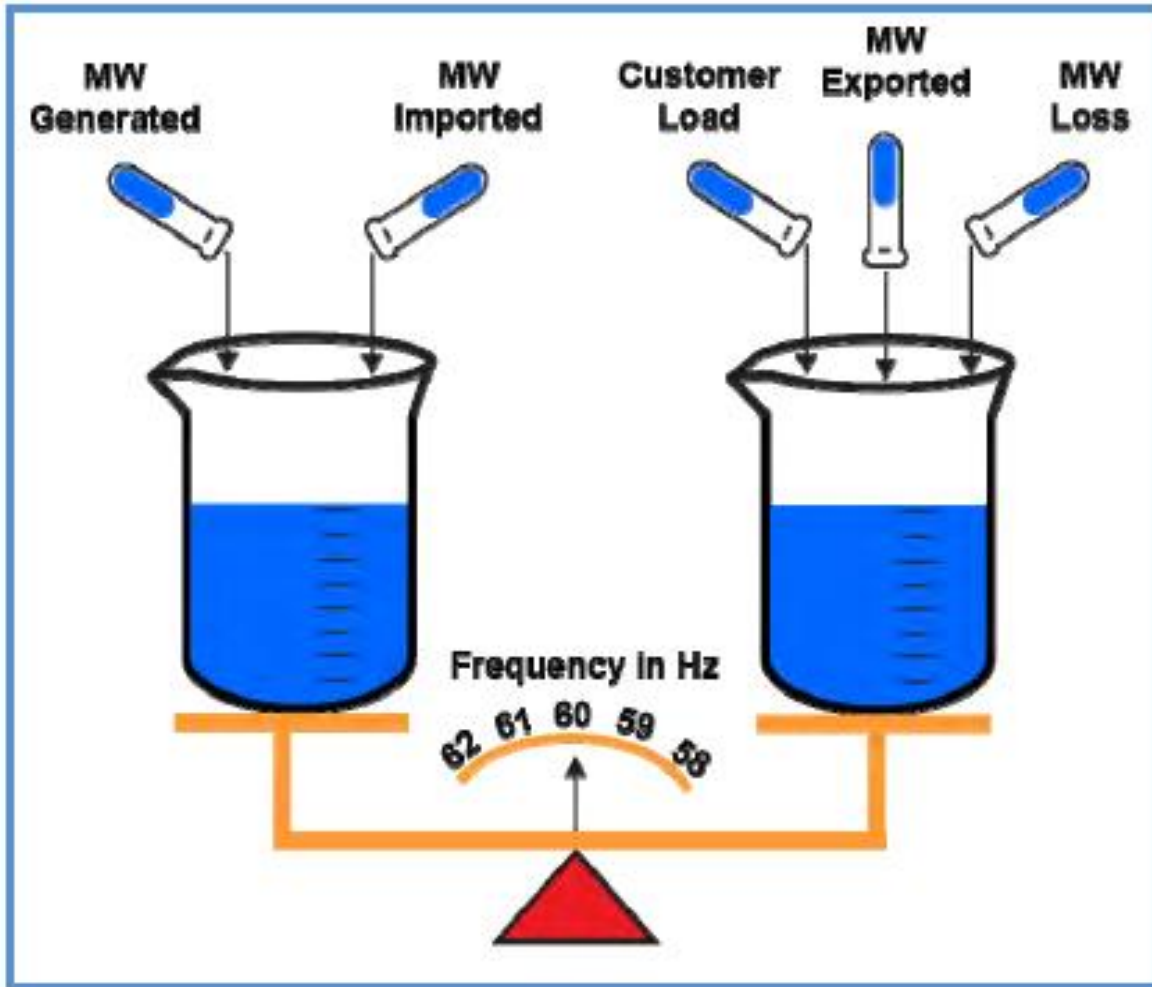
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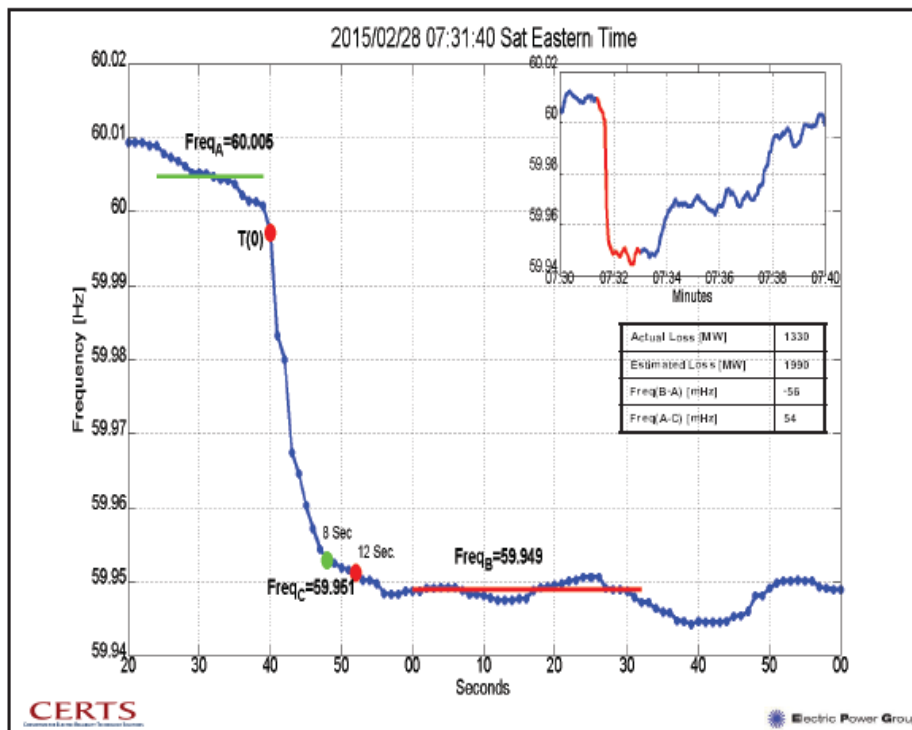


- Why Primary Frequency Response is important
- Define Primary Frequency Response
- Discuss the NERC Advisory Generator Governor Frequency
- Recommendations for Dead Band and Droop
- Coordination Requirement with Plant DCS
- Step vs. Linear Response
- Frequent Occurring Issues
- Questions

- 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
- 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)

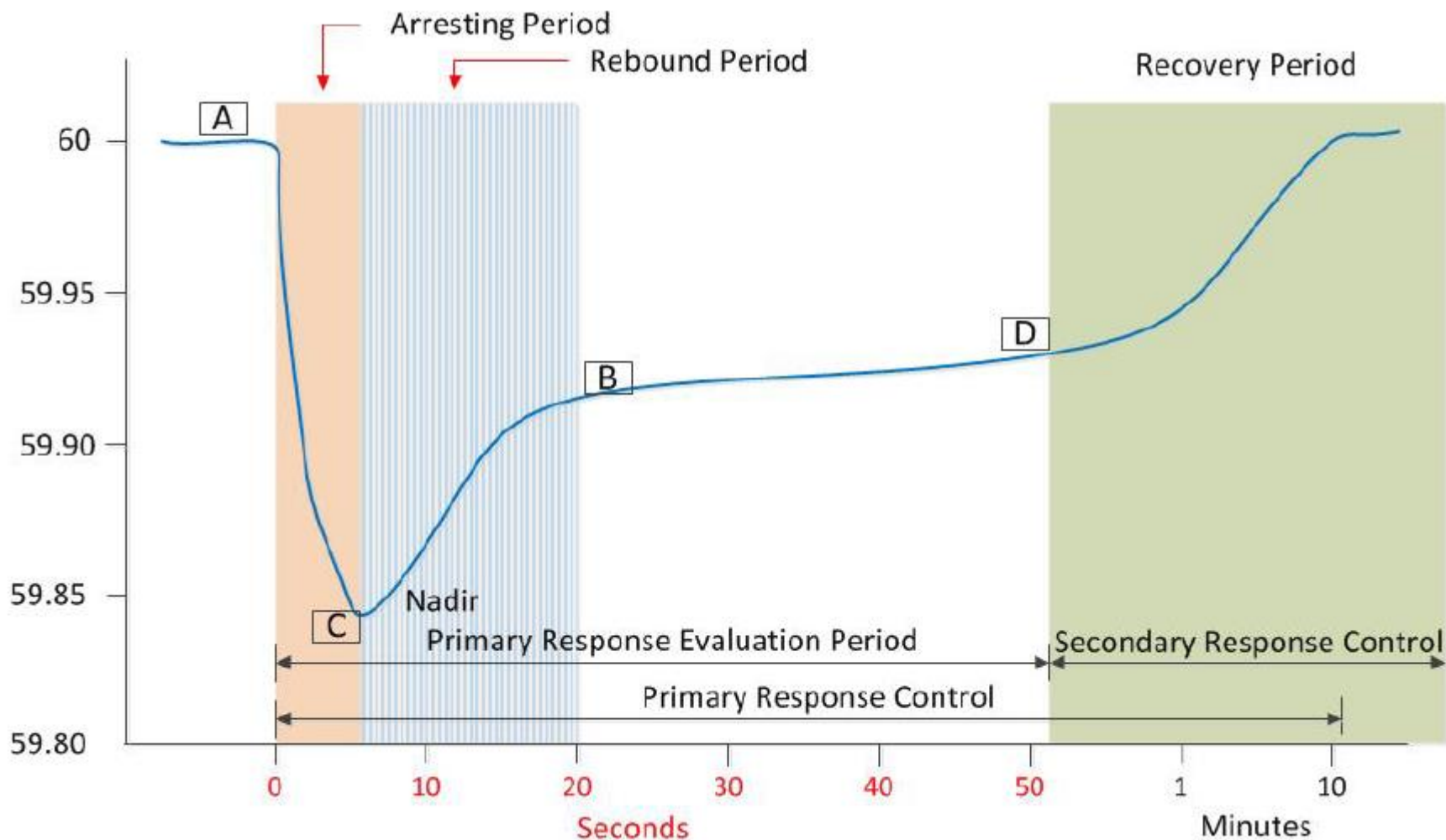


- Primary Frequency Response are actions to arrest and stabilize frequency in response to frequency deviations. Primary Response comes from generator governor response, load response (motors) and other devices that provide immediate response based on local (device- level) control.
- Generator Governor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

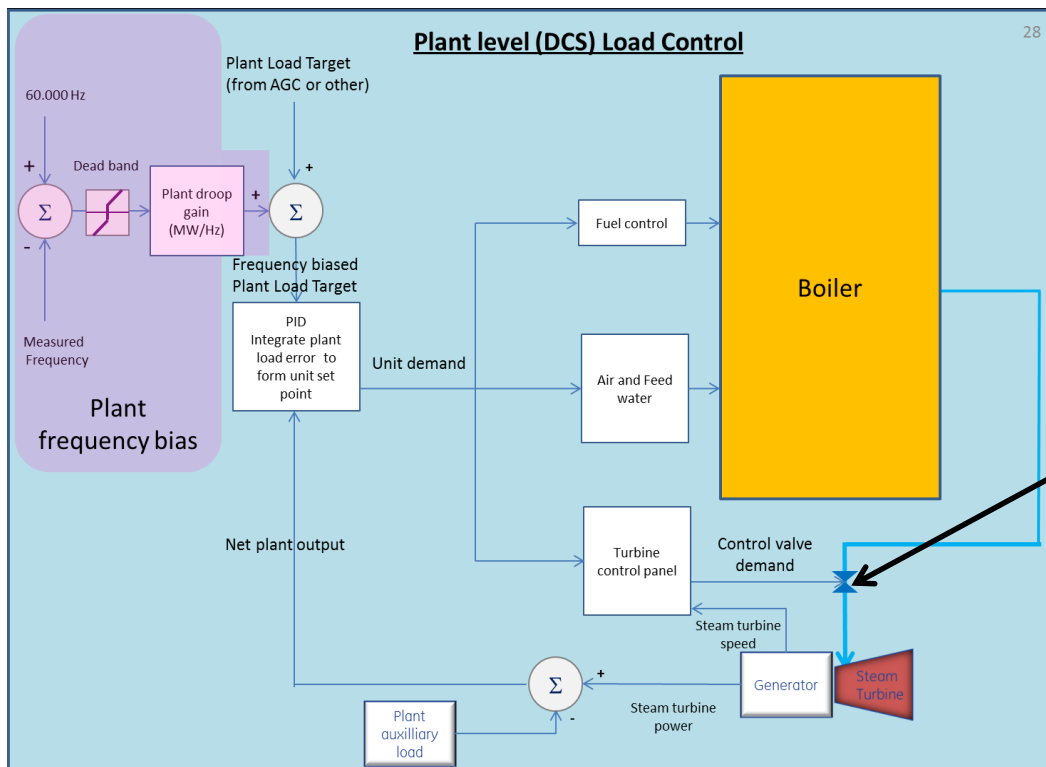


**Frequency Point A is the frequency prior to the event**  
**Frequency Point C is the nadir or lowest point**  
**Frequency Point B is the settling frequency**

# Classic Frequency Excursion Recovery

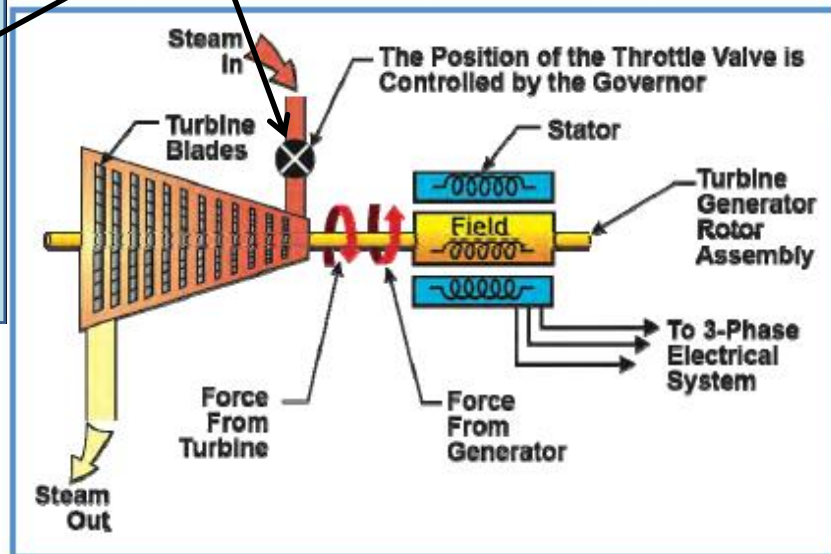


## Generator Response



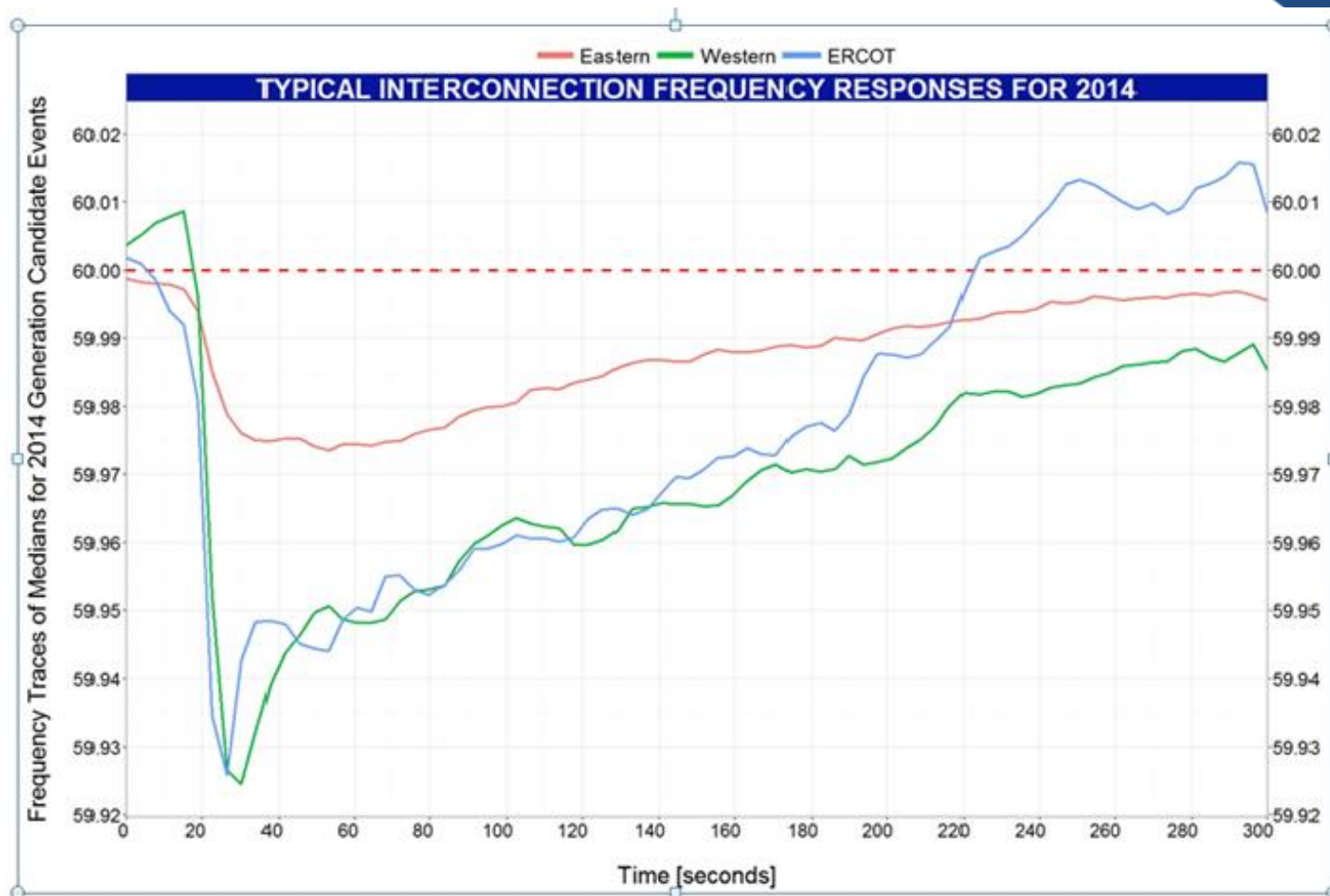
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*Generator turbine governors either mechanically or electronically control the primary control valves to the turbine. Steam, Water or Fuel is what is regulated.*



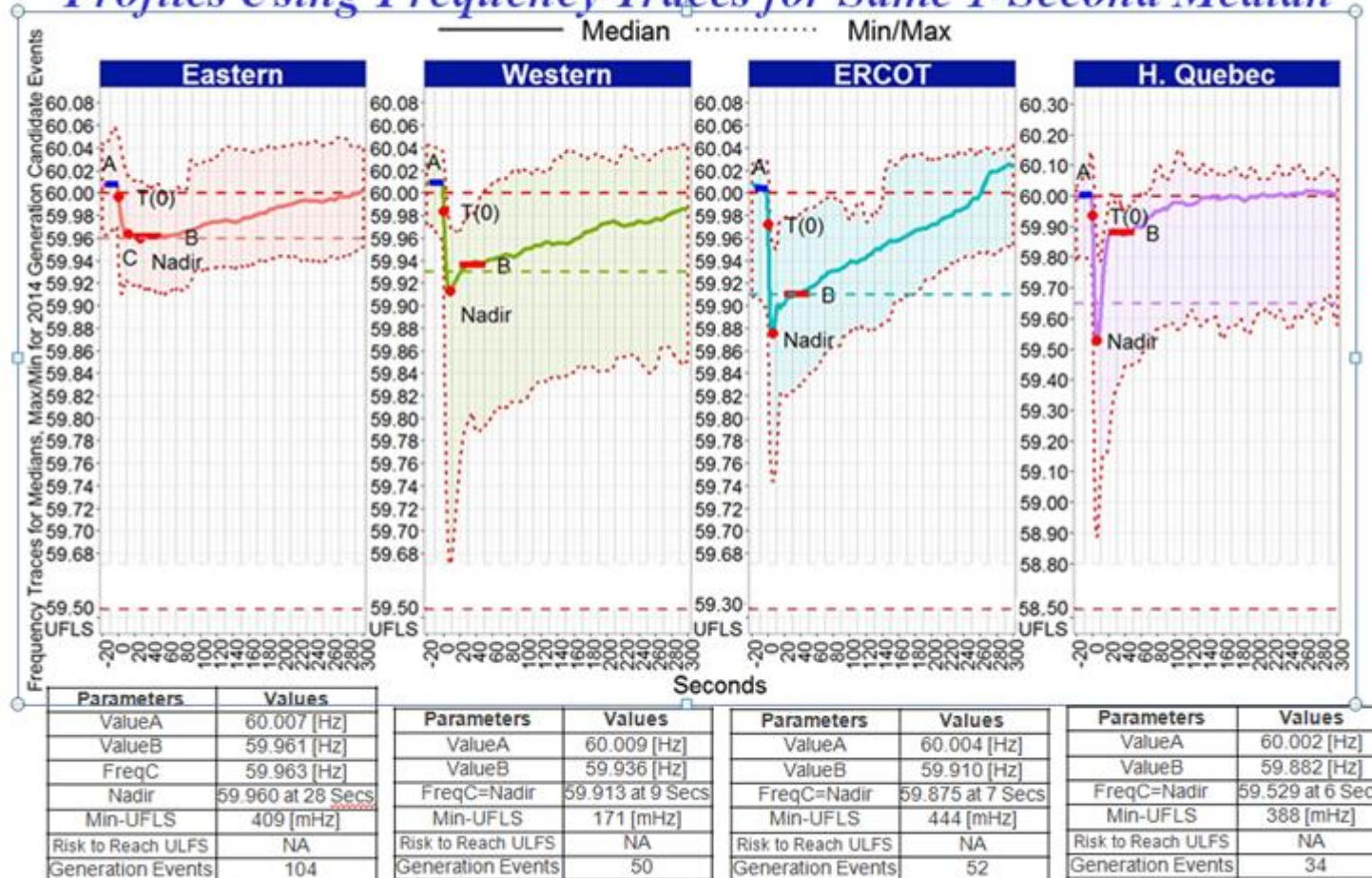


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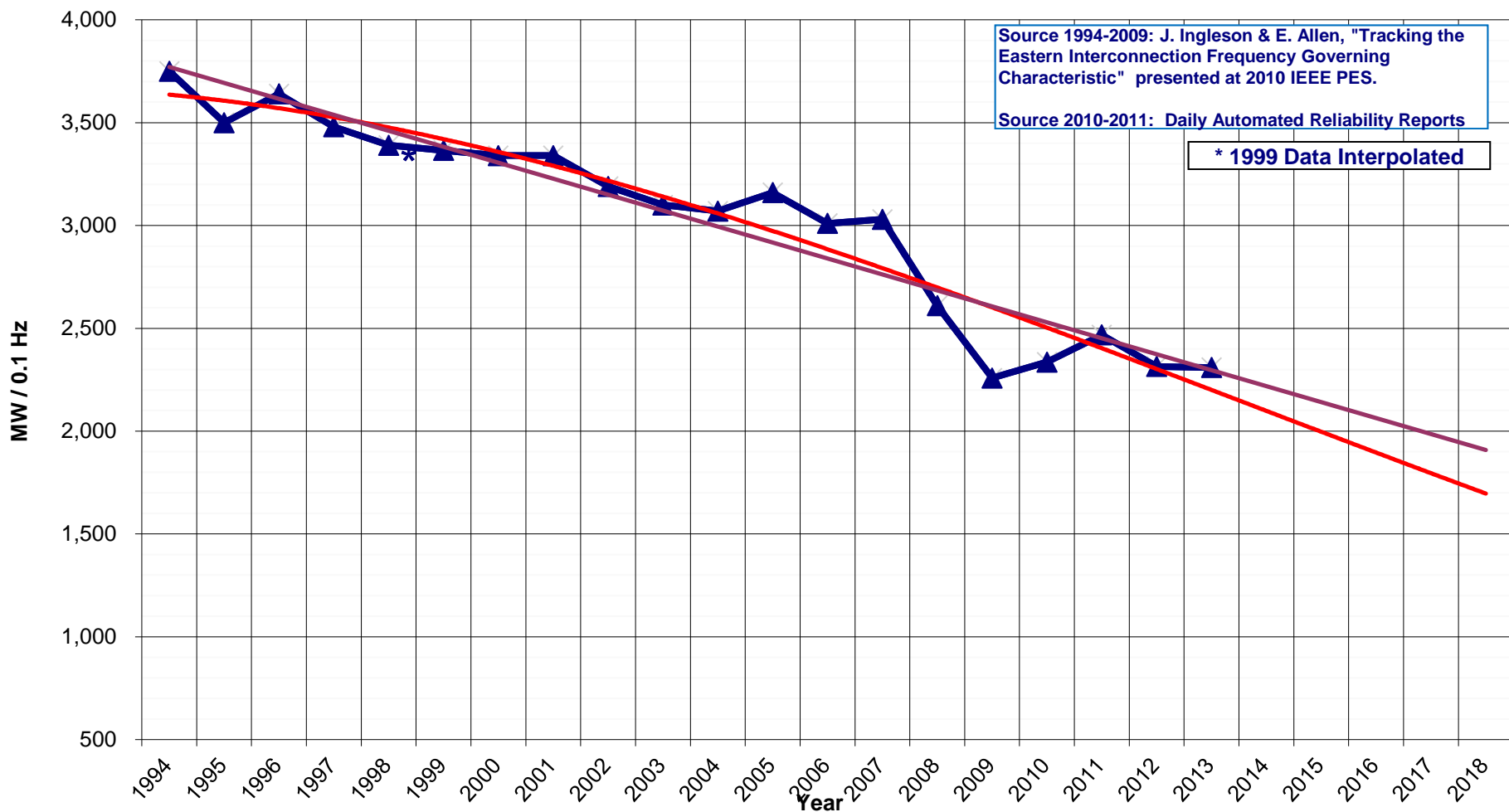


## BAL-003 Field Test - Interconnections 2014 Candidate Events Profiles Using Frequency Traces for Same 1-Second Median

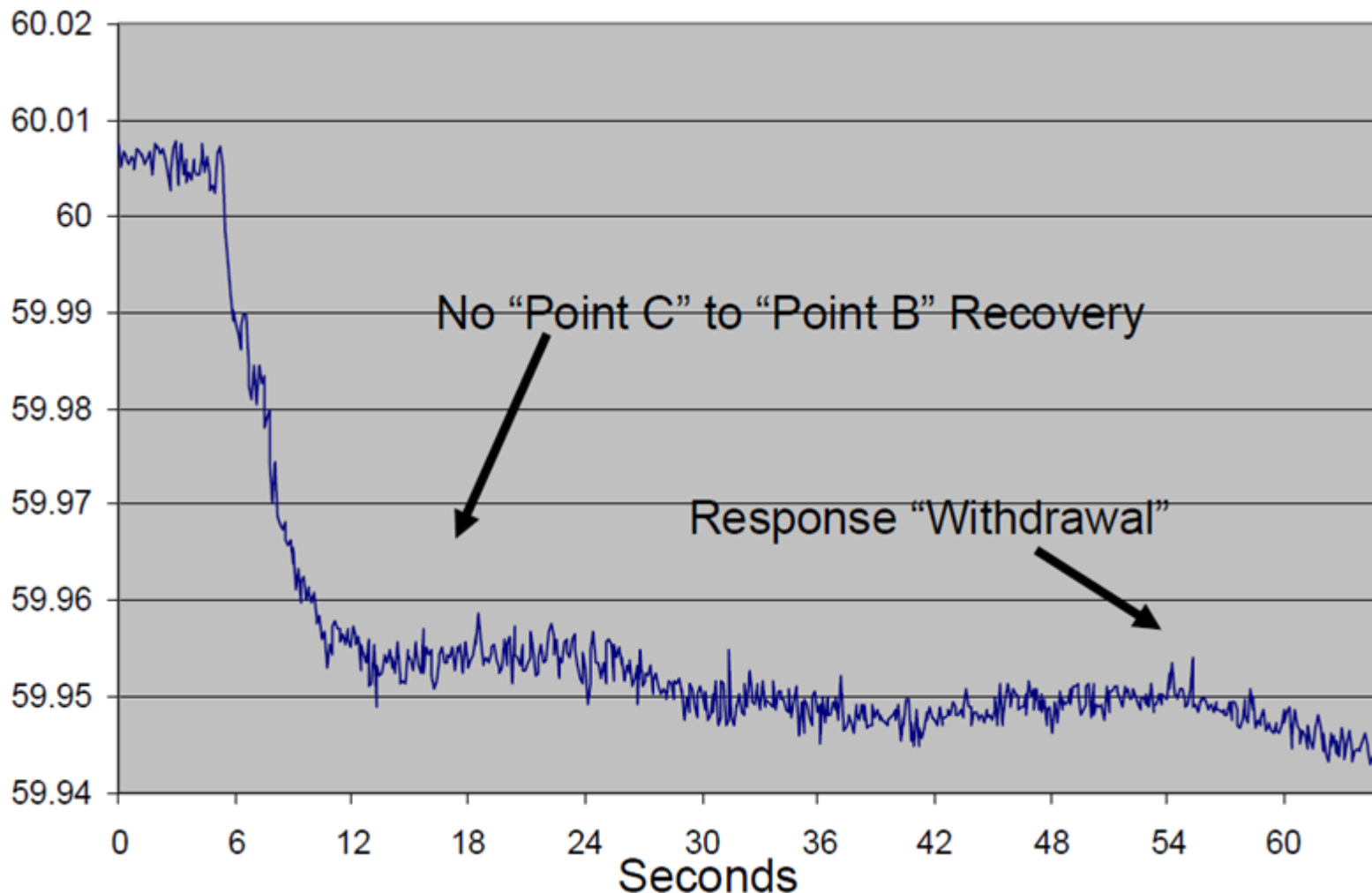


# Decline in Eastern Interconnection Frequency Response

## Eastern Interconnection Mean Primary Frequency Response



# Current Eastern Interconnection Frequency Response



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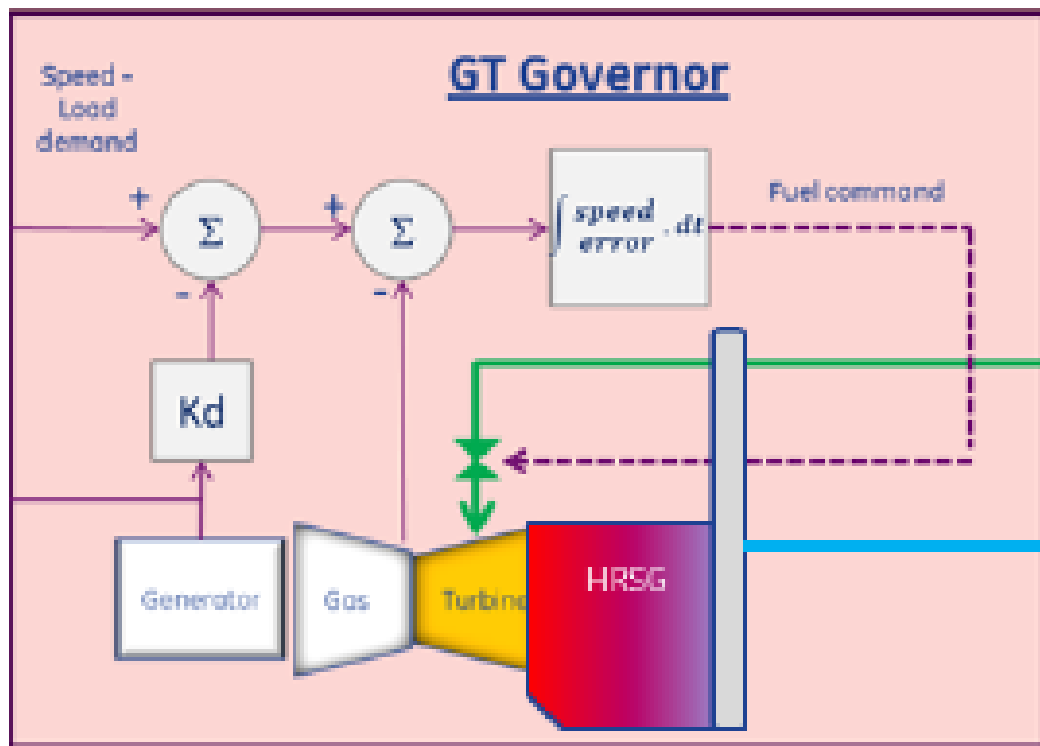
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- Advisory issued February 5th
- Prompted by NERC Resource Subcommittee
  - Interconnections frequency response has declined
  - Eastern Interconnection Lazy L profile
  - 2010 and 2013 Generator Survey Data

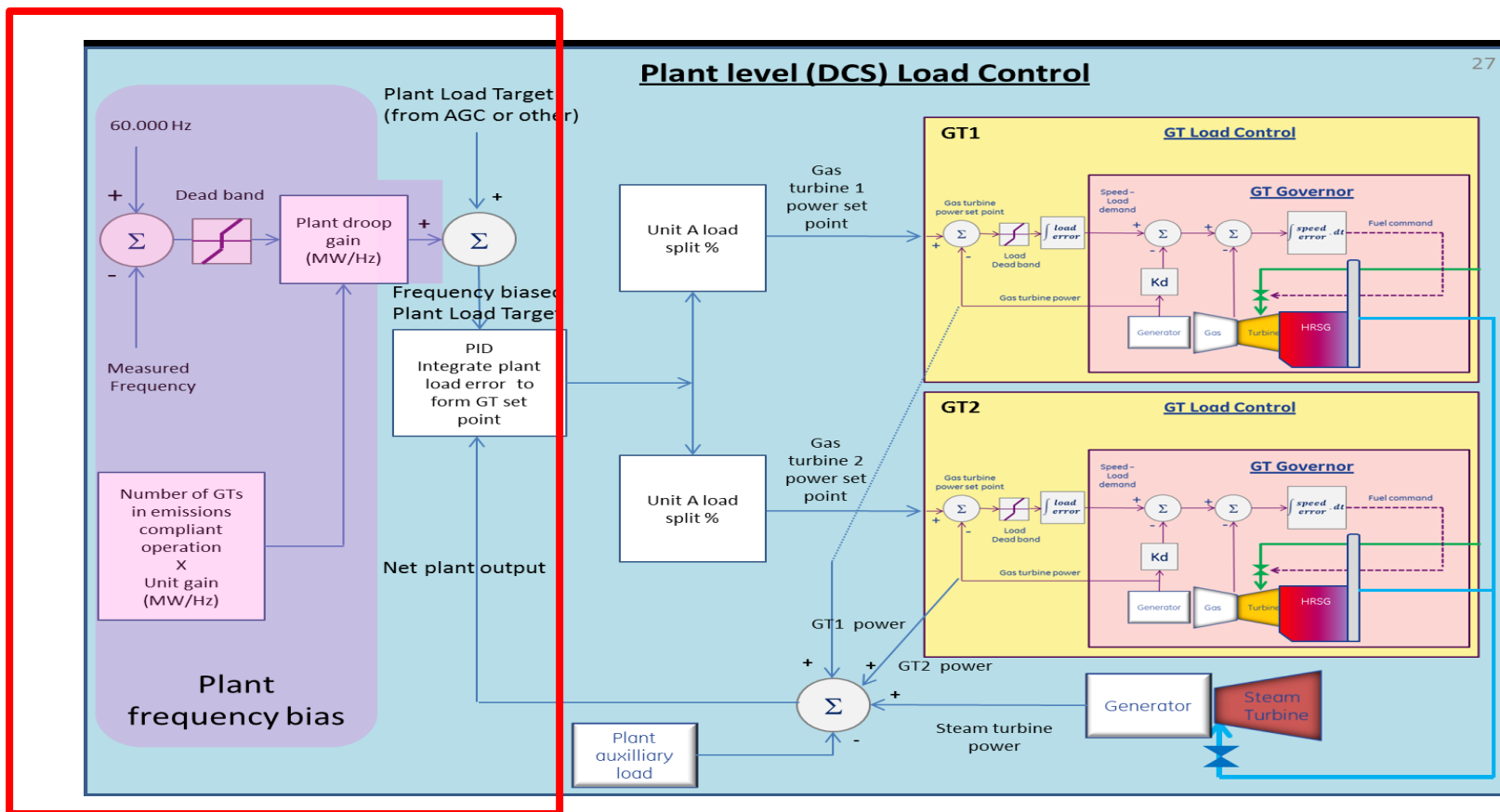
## Generator Governor Frequency Response Advisory

- Primary Frequency Response logic typically resides in the turbine controls.
- Dead Bands Vary
  - Many exceed 36 mHz or 2.16 RPM
- Droops Settings Vary
  - Majority Droops reported 5%



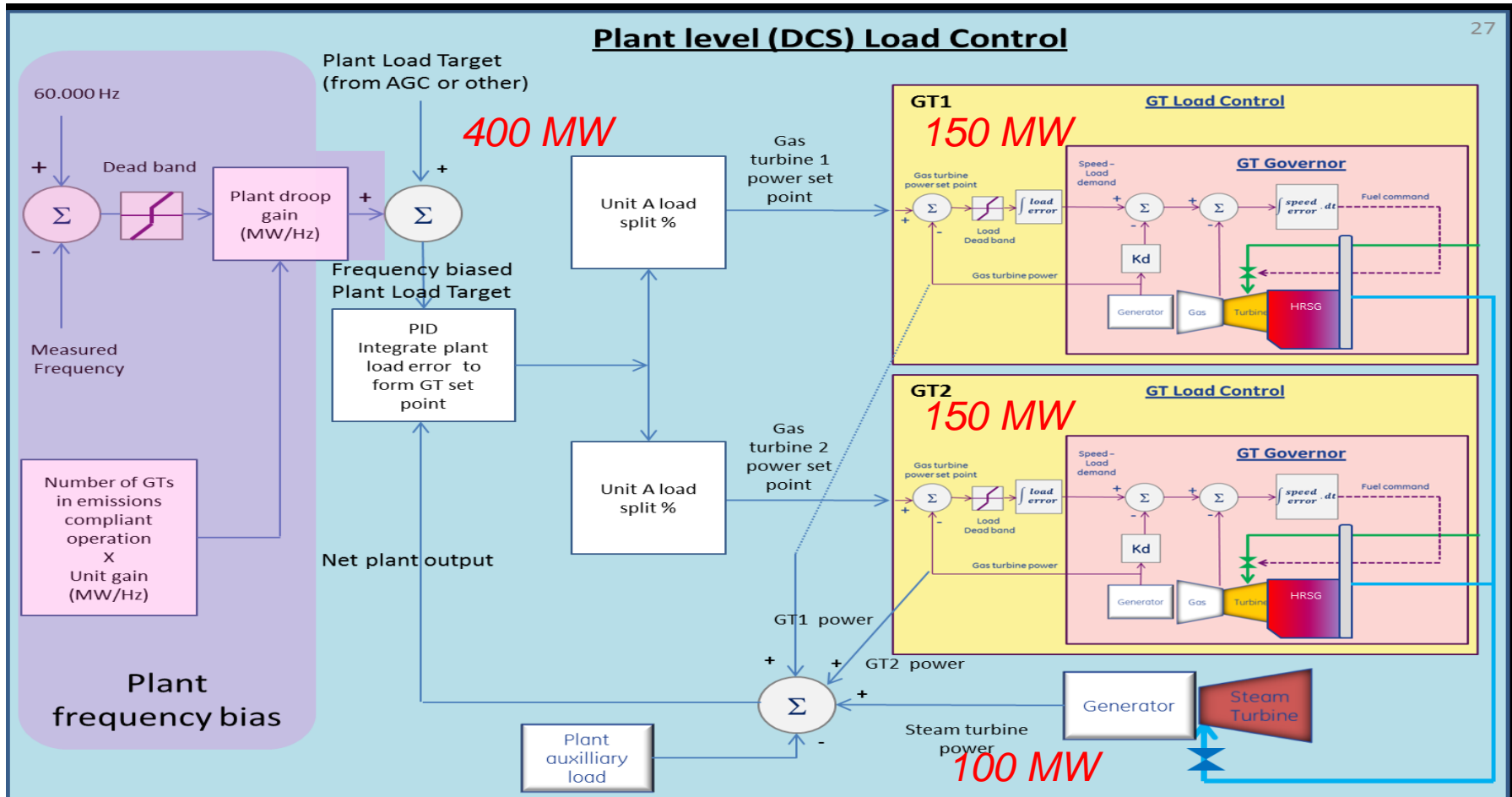
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- Coordination with plant DCS is a requirement when operating in MW Set Point Coordinated Control.



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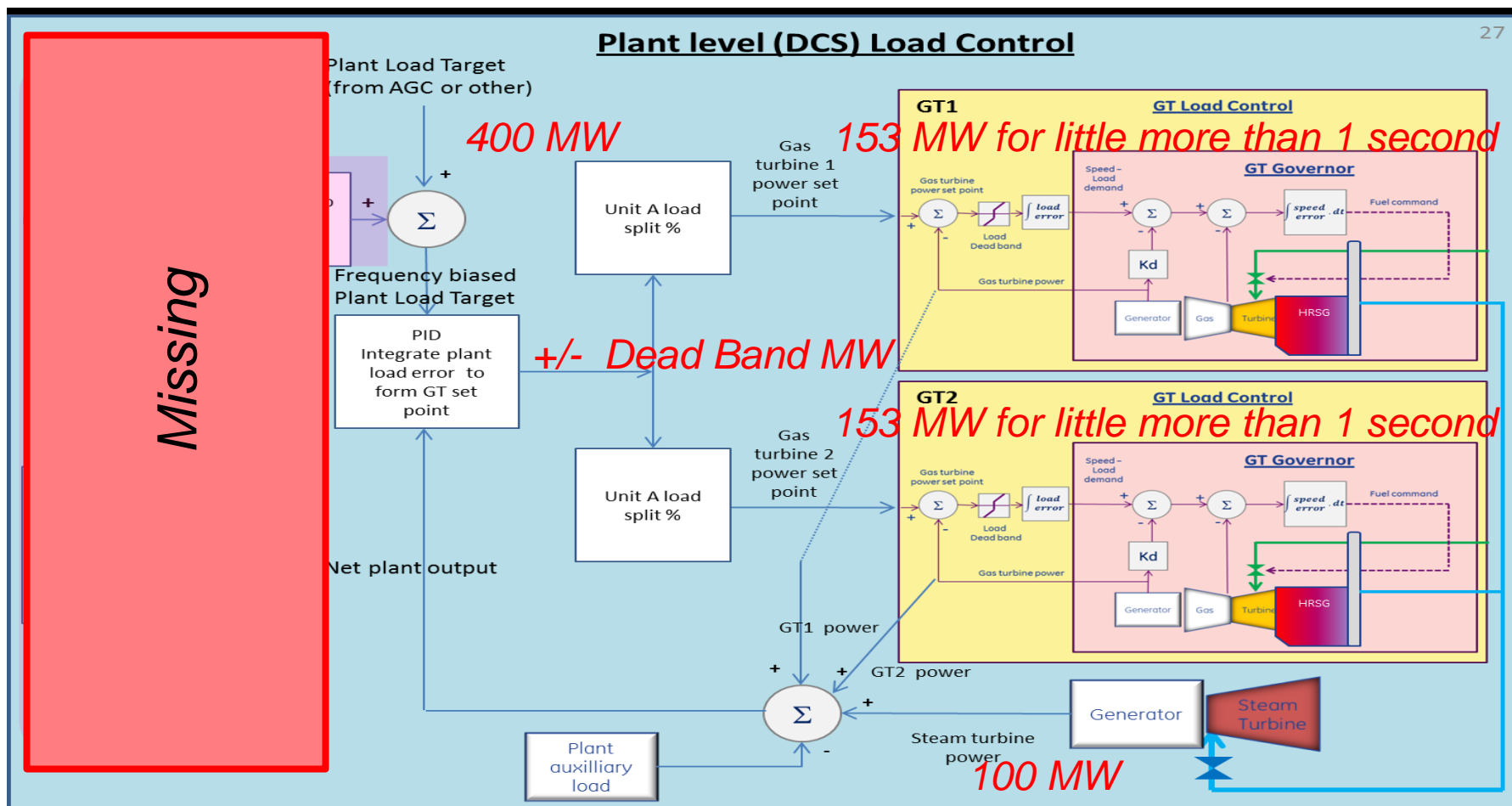
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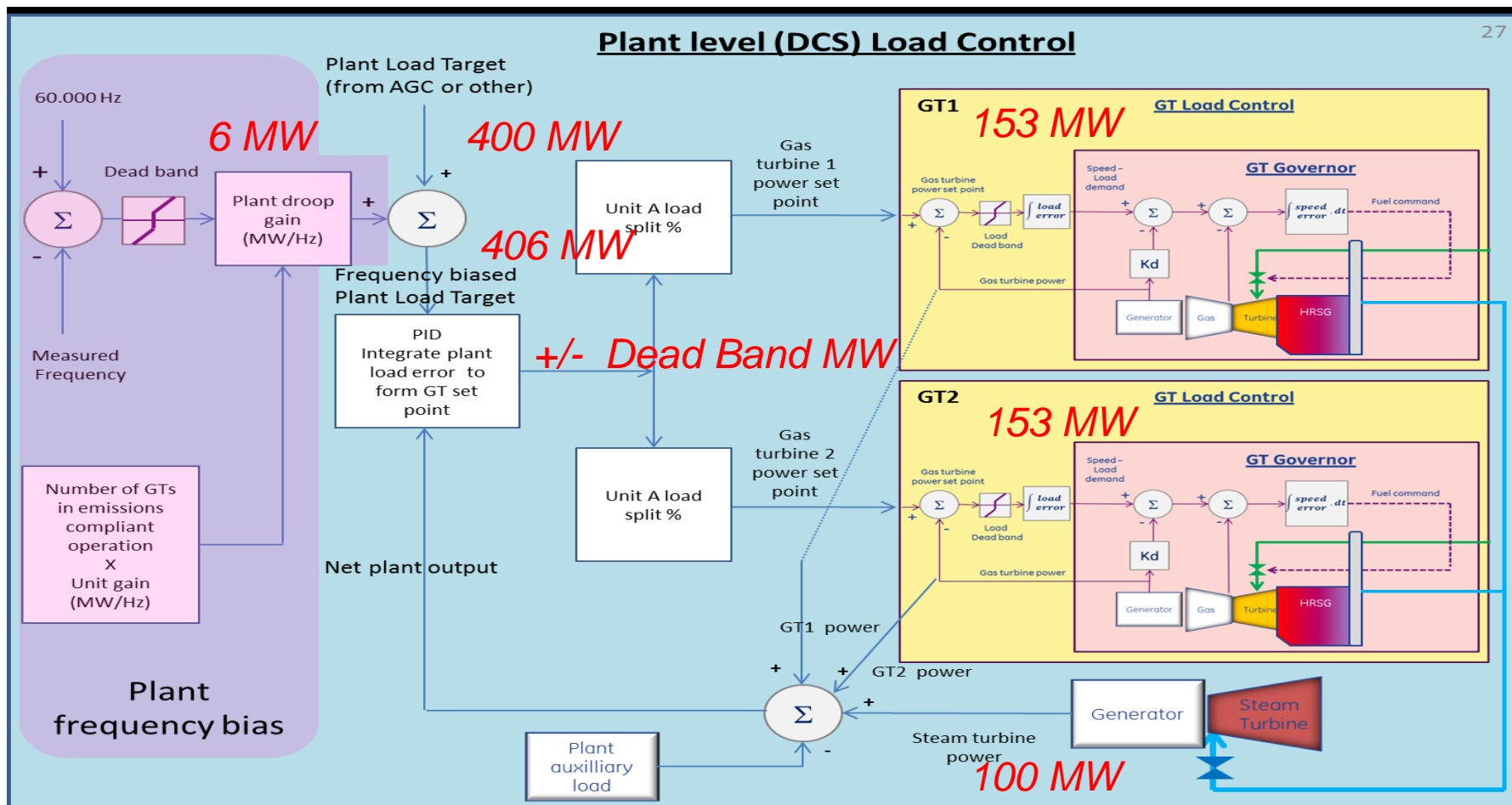


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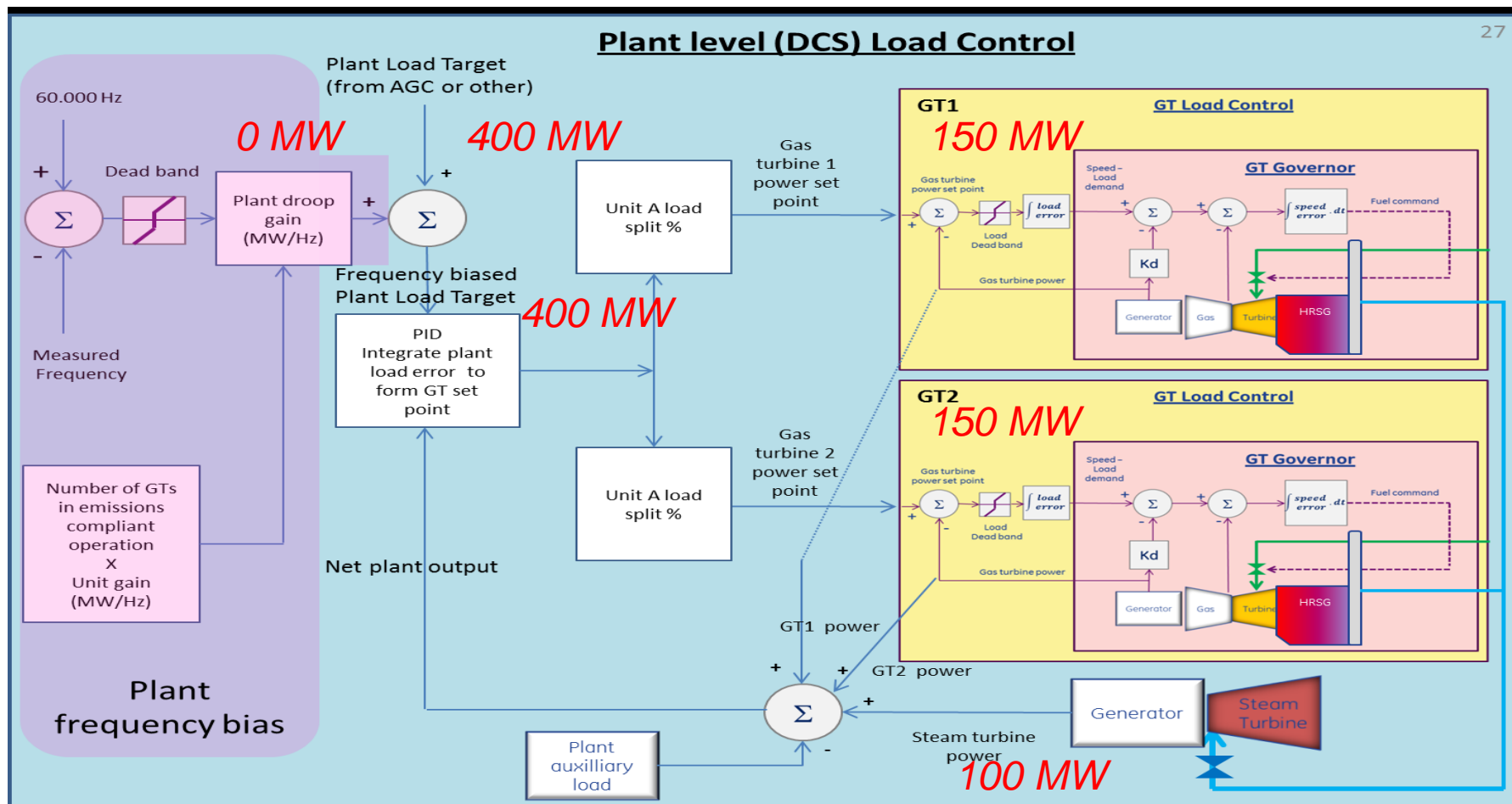
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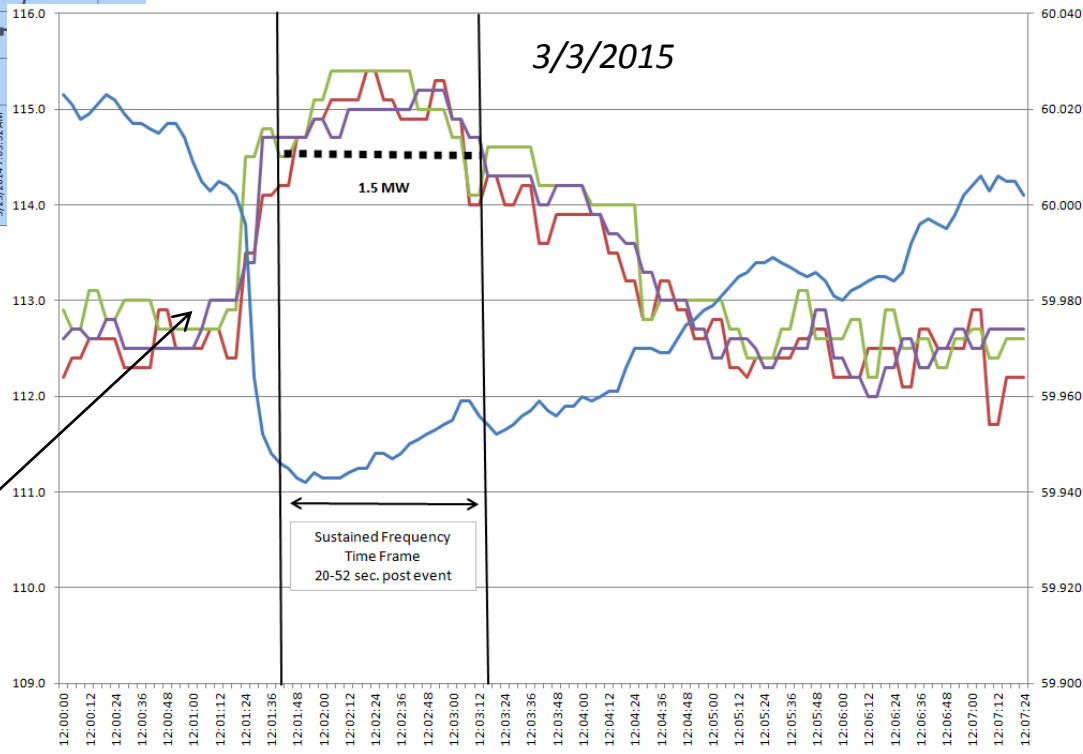
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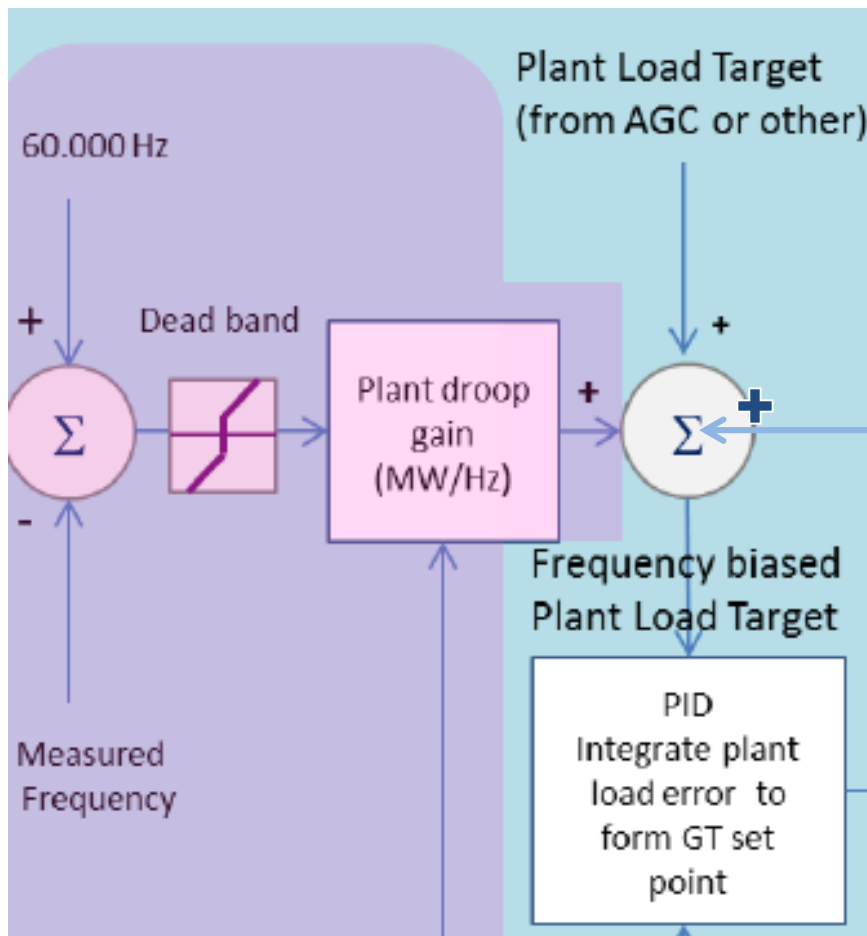
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in DCS*

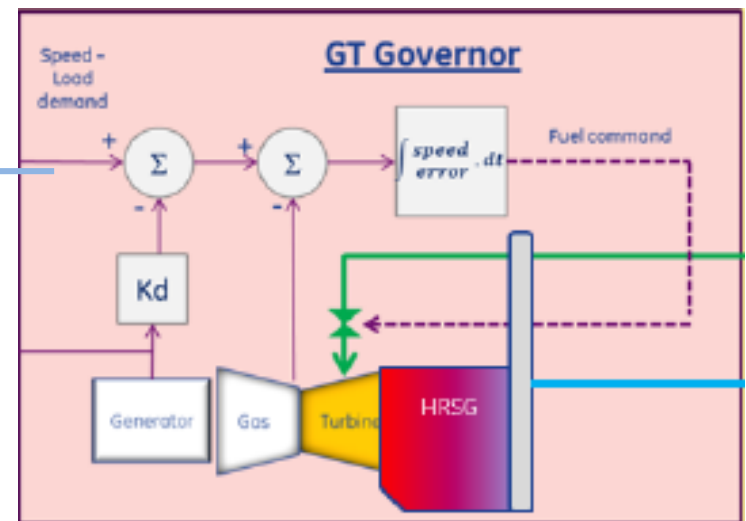
3 -175 MW GE7FA Gas Mark VIe Turbine

*Frequency Algorithm  
in Plant DCS*



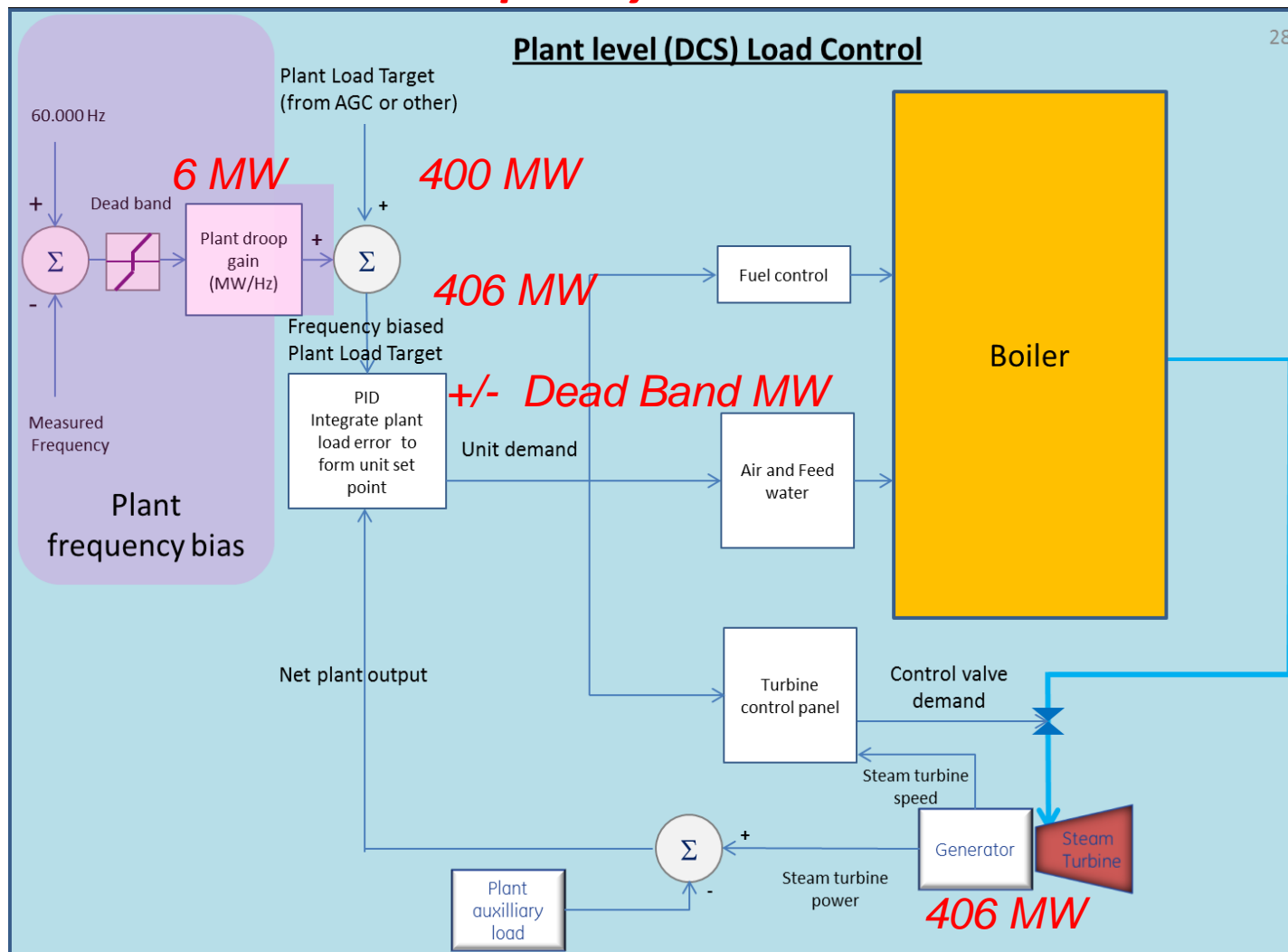


OR



$$MW_{PrimaryControl} = \left[ \frac{(HZ_{actual} - 60 + DB)}{(60 * Droop - DB)} \right] * (Frequency Responsive Capacity) * (-1)$$

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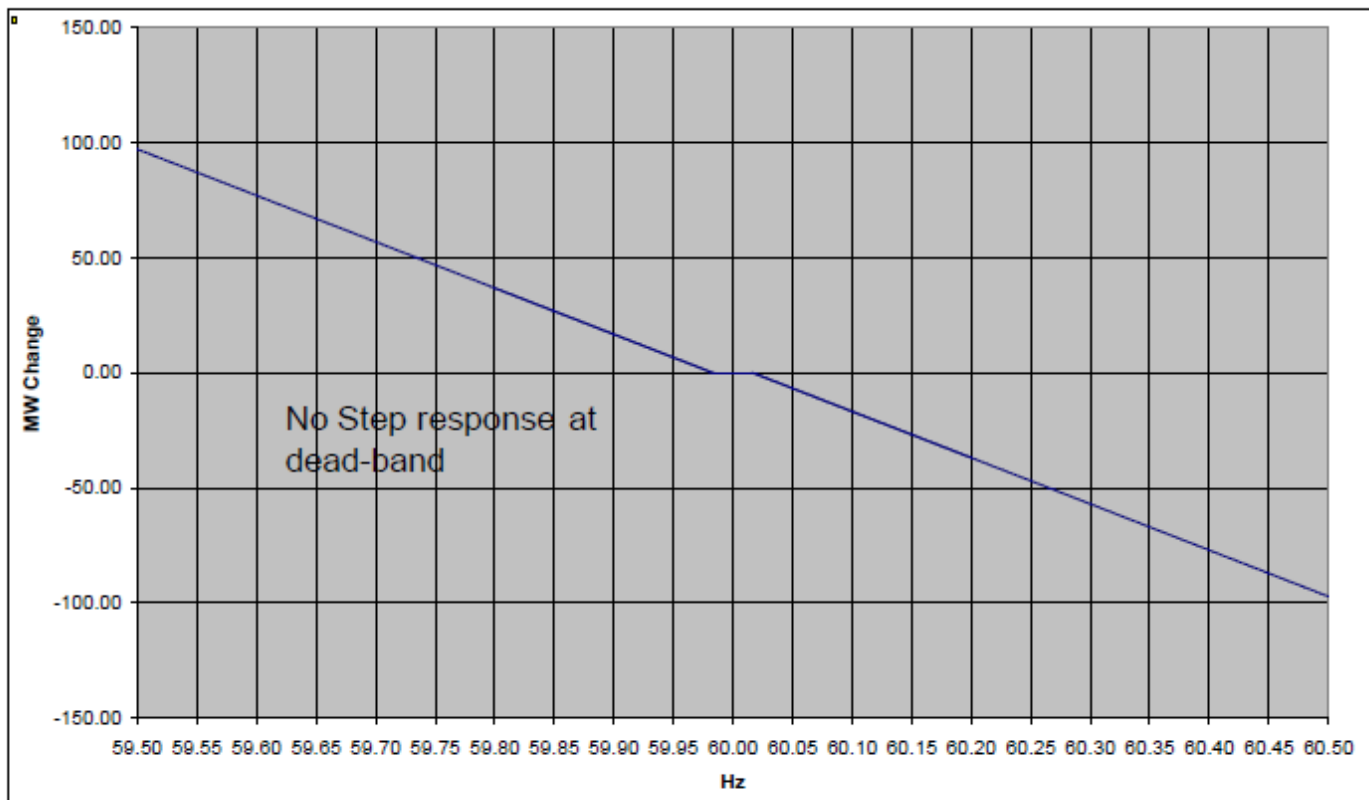
**Figure 42: Frequency Response of 600 MW Unit  $\pm 36.0$  mHz Deadband and Step Response**



Source: Frequency Response Initiative Report: *The Reliability Role of Frequency Response*,  
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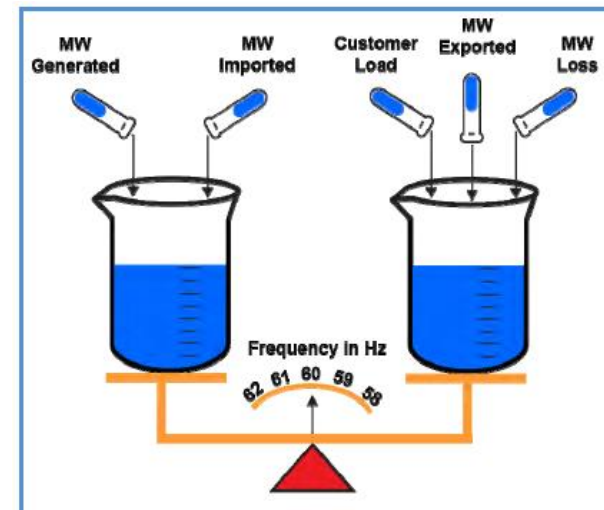
**Figure 43: Frequency Response of 600 MW Unit  $\pm 16.67$  mHz Deadband and No-Step Response**



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- The majority of the Eastern events where frequency declines in excess of 36 mHz is when the interconnections are lightly loaded and the majority of generation is dispatch is less than Pmax.



Source: MYBA\_2015\_FRS\_FORM\_19a\_Eastern Interconnection\_Final

## Combustion Turbine

## Conventional Steam Unit

|                                 |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| No Droop response               | Verify that CT has droop logic         | Verify that ST droop is enabled                        |
|                                 | Verify that the logic is enabled       | Determine if ST was rejected from REMOTE mode          |
|                                 | Add plant control frequency bias logic |  |
| Droop response less than 5%     | Check CT settings (% , deadband, step) | Compare Coordinated & ST settings (% , deadband, step) |
|                                 | ST MWs will lag the 4% CT droop        | Trend Throttle Pressure and Temperature                |
| Initial response is pulled back | Check plant control logic              | Trend boiler master % vs. turbine master %             |
| Response in wrong direction     | Check plant control logic              | Check Coordinate Control logic for proper math         |

## Other issues

- Some units come out of AGC or MW Set Point Control when frequency response is being provided.
- Conventional Steam Turbines operating in sliding pressure or turbine following mode
- Resolution/quality of speed signal

## **“If I provide primary frequency response I will be penalized.”**

- Interconnection frequency events resulting in deviations below the recommended governor deadband settings are infrequent (about 1 / week)
- Primary frequency response is a relatively small amount of energy for a short period
  - Typically provided for about 120 seconds
  - Roughly 0.5% of capacity
- Tariff provisions vary but typically measure dispatch imbalance or deviation charges based on substantially longer time intervals (on the order of 30 to 60 minutes with a tolerance band of 5-10%)
- Tariff provisions typically allow for exemptions or recourse if a generating resource is subject to imbalance or deviation charges due to providing frequency response
- Contact your Transmission Provider for specific tariff information

## Fall Outages 2015/ Spring 2016

- Check and add if necessary Frequency Response Algorithm on Frame Gas Turbines
- Check/ Adjust Dead Bands and Droops
- Check Conventional Steam Unit

*Note: Need to make sure dead bands and droop are coordinated to be the same in the Plant DCS as Turbine.*

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



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