

5.2 Independent System Operator Authority

The ISO will act as the Control Area operator, as defined by NERC, for the NYCA. The ISO will provide all Control Area Services in the NYCA. Control Area Services provided by the ISO will be in accordance with the terms of the ISO Services Tariff, the Reliability Rules, the ISO Related Agreements and Good Utility Practice. The ISO will interact with other Control Area operators as required to effect External Transactions pursuant to this Tariff and to ensure the effective and reliable coordination with the interconnected Control Areas. In acting as the Control Area operator, the ISO will be responsible for maintaining the safety and the short-term reliability of the NYCA and for the implementation of reliability standards promulgated by NERC and NPCC and for the Reliability Rules promulgated by the NYSRC. To be included within NYCA, a Market Participant must meet the requirements of Section 5.6. Each Market Participant that (1) withdraws Energy to supply Load within the NYCA; or (2) provides installed Capacity to an LSE serving Load within the NYCA, benefits from the Control Area Services provided by the ISO and from the reliability achieved as a result of ISO Control Area Services and therefore must take service as a Customer under the Tariff. To be included within NYCA, a Market Participant must meet the requirements of Section 5.6. A Market Participant that is not included within the NYCA may take service as a Customer under the Tariff, provided that it meets the requirements of Section 5.7.

5.2.1 Suspension of Virtual Transactions

The ISO may temporarily suspend Virtual Transactions if it determines that:

- 5.2.1.1 The financial exposure of customers engaged in Virtual Transactions cannot be determined with a reasonable degree of accuracy or to factors such as software or system failures;

5.2.1.2 A market aberration associated with Virtual Transactions substantially impairs the functioning of the ISO-administered markets; or

5.2.1.3 Virtual Transactions substantially impair the ability of the ISO to maintain the reliability of the electric system.

As soon as reasonably practicable, the ISO shall notify the Commission and Market Participants of the reason(s) for any suspension of Virtual Transactions, the action(s) necessary to restore Virtual Transactions, and the estimated time required to restore Virtual Transactions.