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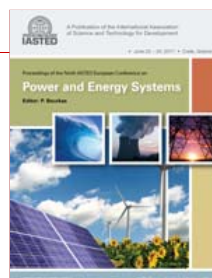


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KEY WORDS

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1. INTRODUCTION

Power systems in many countries of the world have experienced restructuring during the past decade. The aim has been to increase the efficiency in power generation and to offer better services to electric power consumers [1]. After restructuring of power systems, transmission lines have been subjected to more attention. In restructured power systems, bilateral contracts have received more attention. In this environment, determination of contract tariff has become more important than before.

In the new environment, attention should be paid to: 1) how to create necessary incentive for investment in transmission and 2) how to recover the investments on transmission fields.

Wheeling has been defined as “the usage of a utility’s transmission facilities to transmit power for other buyers and sellers” [11]. Therefore, a wheeling contract refers to the right for a buyer and a seller to use a utility’s transmission network for energy transfer. At least three parties are involved in a wheeling transaction: a buyer, a seller and one

or more utilities that transmit the power from the seller to the buyer. The third party is paid for the use of its network [6]. The wheeler may not necessarily be the owner of transmission network, but it mainly refers to the operator of the network. Until now, several methods have been proposed for wheeling cost. Wheeling cost models mainly have been based on two principles: the amount of transmission capacity used for the transaction and the cost for transmission capacity.

A wheeling transaction is defined as an injection into one or more nodes of the network and simultaneous retrieval from one or more nodes of the network. It can be separated into three groups, specified as follows [3]:

1- Point to point wheeling transaction: both injection and retrieval are located in the same network. In the case of injection, this is an independent power producer (IPP).

2- Interconnected system-point: in this case, the retrieval of electrical energy is released in distribution network and injection is located outside of this network.

3- Point-inter connected system: in this case, the retrieval of electrical energy is located outside of network and injection is located inside of network.

Wheeling contracts have several impacts on wheeler network such as increasing losses, transmission congestion and deviation from optimal power generation [10]-[13]. Normally, a wheeler tries to keep the power generation in its optimal pattern.

For any wheeling contract, the forced losses due to the contract must be recovered by sellers and buyers.

In this paper, the transmission cost is divided into two parts: capacity cost and congestion cost. For a fair transmission cost allocation, the method utilizes power transfer distribution factors. Firstly, transmission capacity cost is calculated using distribution factors and MW-MILE method [15]. Then with implementation of wheeling contract to the network, congestion costs related to wheeling contracts are allocated to the contract parties, fairly.

This paper is organized as following: in section 2, the existing different methods for transmission cost allocation are briefly explained. In section 3, the distribution factors method is described. In section 4, our proposed method for specifying fair hourly tariff of wheeling contracts has been

described. In section 5, the proposed method has been implemented on a 9-bus IEEE test system. Using simulation results in section 5, the validity of the method is evaluated. Finally, in section 6, the fairness of the method from the viewpoint of network's owner and users will be studied.

2. OVERVIEW OF TRANSMISSION PRICING METHODS

From network owner's point of view, transmission pricing should recover the total costs for transmission services. On the other hand, network users would like pricing schemes for usage of system be reasonable. Different methods for transmission pricing have been proposed. Based on proposed methods, so far, the wheeling prices mainly utilize one of two basic methods:

- 1- Marginal cost methods [2]
- 2- Embedded cost methods [15]

A complete wheeling charge method has to fulfill the following items [7], [8]:

- 1- Conciseness and transparency
- 2- Recovery of invested cost
- 3- Efficient operation of electric network
- 4- Fairness and acceptability for wheeling service users

Marginal cost methods do not necessarily satisfy the first and the second items mention above. Therefore, embedded cost methods are more acceptable. On the other hand, the embedded cost methods have remarkable features. Embedded cost methods are advantageous, because they not only allocate total costs among transmission network users according to their usage of system, but also, these methods can recover the investment cost [8]. In embedded cost methods, network owner cannot obtain excess profit by market power. However, as in these methods, the total cost for transmission usage is recovered; it is more acceptable for network users [5]. On the other hand, the embedded cost method may be disadvantageous, because this method, in its general form, does not identify high or low usage of network. The main deficiency for both of above mentioned methods is that they do not consider the costs for congestion and losses.

Embedded cost methods include post stamp, contract path and MW-mile methods. In the first two methods load flow calculation is not performed. On the other hand, the MW-Mile method is based on load flow calculation. In MW-mile method, transmission embedded cost is allocated among transactions in proportion to the ratio of flow magnitude contributed by each particular transaction. To consider reactive power transactions together with active power in transmission facilities, MW-mile method may be expanded as MVA-mile method. In this way, both active and reactive power changes are considered [5], [14]. In [7], wheeling charges are calculated based on identification of transactions paths. Utilizing this method, some of disadvantages of conventional MW-mile method may be resolved.

In this paper, a fair method for specifying transmission tariffs especially for wheeling contracts during peak and off-peak periods is proposed. In this method, the congestion cost is allocated to all users whose transactions contribute in congestion.

3. DISTRIBUTION FACTOR METHOD

Distribution factors are calculated using linear load flow. Then, using these factors, the effect of each generator and load on transmission flow can be evaluated with respect to these factors [9].

3.1 Generalized Generation Distribution Factors (GGDF or D Factors)

These factors specify the amount of change in real power of a transmission line caused by variation in generation of a certain generator. They may be negative or positive. D factors are defined as below:

$$F_{l-k} = \sum_{i=1}^N D_{l-k,i} G_i$$

$$D_{l-k,i} = D_{l-k,r} + A_{l-k,i}$$

$$D_{l-k,r} = \left\{ F_{l-k}^0 - \sum_{i=1}^N A_{l-k,i} G_i \right\} / \sum_{i=1}^N G_i$$
(1)

F_{l-k} : total transmission flow between buses l and k

F_{l-k}^0 : transmission flow between buses l and k obtained in previous iteration

$D_{l-k,r}$: D factor related to line connecting buses l and k caused by generation variation in reference bus

G_i : total generation in bus i

$A_{l-k,i}$: Generation Shift Distribution Factors(GSDF or A factors) related to line connecting buses l and k caused by generation changes in bus i.

GGDF factors determine the total usage of transmission network related to injections in the network.

3.2 Generalized Load Distribution Factors (GLDF or C Factors)

These factors determine the contribution of each load in transmission line flow. C factors are defined as below [9]:

$$C_{l-k,r} = \left\{ F_{l-k}^0 + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq r}}^N A_{l-k,j} L_j \right\} / \sum_{j=1}^N L_j$$
(2)

$$C_{l-k,j} = C_{l-k,r} - A_{l-k,j}$$
(3)

$$C_{l-k,r} = \left\{ F_{l-k}^0 + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq r}}^N A_{l-k,j} L_j \right\} / \sum_{j=1}^N L_j$$
(4)

F_{l-k} : total transmission flow between buses l and k

$F_{l,k}^0$: transmission flow between buses l and k obtained in previous iteration

$C_{l-k,j}$: C factor related to the line between buses l and k caused by demand in bus j

$C_{l-k,r}$: GLDF related to the line between buses l and k caused by demand in bus r

L_j : total demand in bus j

Notice that GLDF factors are calculated with DC load flow.

4. PROPOSED METHOD FORMULATION

In this paper, the transmission cost is divided into two parts: capacity cost and congestion cost. The congestion cost is allocated to all users whose transactions contribute in congestion. Distribution factors are used to allocate this cost to different buses. Capacity cost is calculated using distribution factors and utilizing the MW-mile method. Then, applying wheeling contracts to the network, the congestion cost related to the contract is allocated fairly to contract parties.

4.1 Calculation of Capacity Cost

In this paper, transmission capacity cost is calculated using the method in [9]:

$$TC_i = TC \cdot \frac{\sum_{k \in K} C_k L_k MW_{t,k}}{\sum_{i \in T} \sum_{k \in K} C_k L_k MW_{t,k}} \quad (5)$$

TC_i : the allocated cost to contract

TC : total transmission cost

L_k : length of line k (mile)

C_k : cost per MW due to line unit length

T : set of contracts

K : set of transmission lines

According to the above formulation, each user of the network should pay for transmission cost corresponding to its contribution to flows of transmission lines which can be calculated using distribution factor method.

4.2 Congestion Cost Calculation

Applying wheeling contracts, due to system congestion and losses, the wheeler network deviate from its optimal generation pattern. So wheeler should receive additional costs imposed by contract parties. To do this, OPF¹ is executed for the network until injections and deviations of generations from the optimal pattern are calculated. This cost will be added to transmission cost. Therefore, if congestion occurs in any line, the congestion cost must be allocated only to contract parties. After calculating the contribution of each user in congested lines, according to distribution factors, the congestion cost will be calculated and added to transmission tariff. The wheeling tariff, then, can be written as below:

$$TP = \frac{TC + CC}{P} \quad (6)$$

TP: wheeling tariff for the contract

TC: transmission capacity cost

CC: congestion cost

P: the amount of transmitted power

According to the above formulation, we can evaluate wheeling tariff for the contract fairly considering congestion cost. It should be noted that, if the congestion occurs in the network, the transmission cost will be different for peak and off peak hours.

The flowchart for the proposed method is illustrated in figure 1. The proposed method is implemented on 9-bus test system shown figure 2.

5. CASE STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS

To investigate the proposed method, it has been applied to the 9-bus test system shown in figure 2 [4]. The network data are given in the appendix. It is also assumed that there is a wheeling transaction between buses 6 and 8. In this contract, the seller and the buyer are located in buses 8 and 6, respectively.

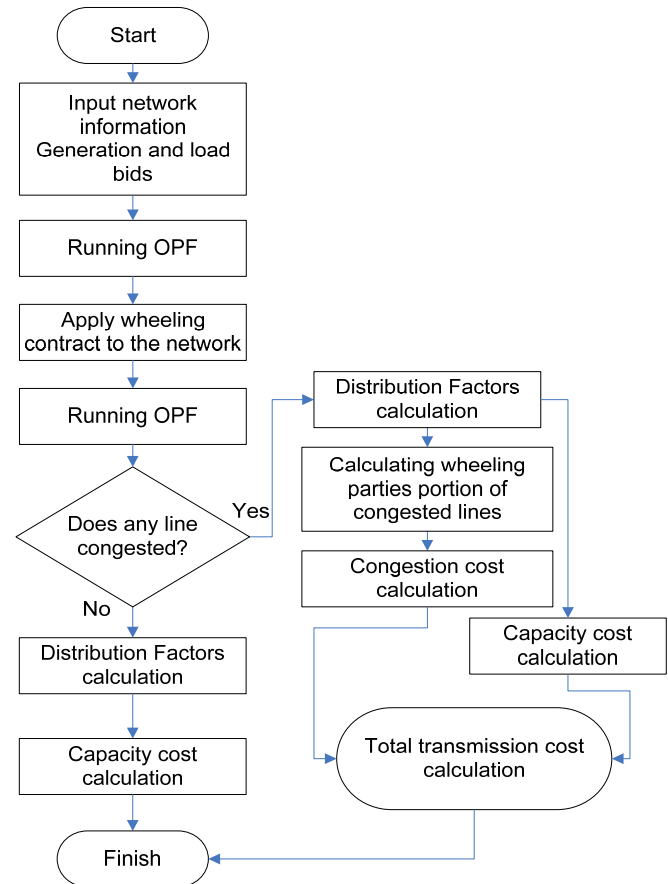


Figure 1. Flowchart of the proposed method

¹ Optimal Power Flow

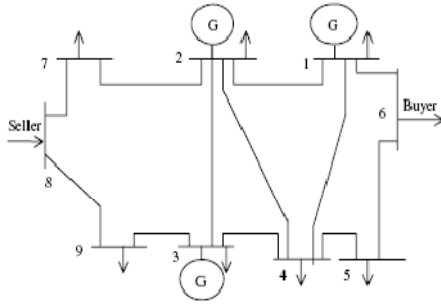


Figure 2. The 9 bus test system

5.1 Calculation of Transmission Cost during Peak Period

Assume a contract for exchanging power between contract parties at buses 6 and 8 with the amount of 60 MW are available, considering network topology, distribution factors C and D for these buses can be calculated as Table (1).

Table 1
Distribution factor due to wheeling transaction

Line	C _{ij,6}	D _{ij,8}
1-2	0.364595	-0.06408
1-4	0.029261	0.063964
1-6	0.59453	0.007066
2-3	-0.00768	0.205655
2-4	0.170499	0.005038
2-7	-0.00318	0.397659
3-4	0.280049	-0.10669
3-9	0.000999	0.609874
4-5	0.442296	-0.01657
5-6	-0.43124	0.011689
7-8	0.002026	-0.39153
8-9	-0.00168	-0.60149

Considering values in table 1 and D factors for the three generators, the contribution of injection buses in the network from the transmitted power will be as those shown in table (2).

Table 2
Transmission usage allocation applying distribution factor

Line	Line cost	P _{ij} ^{G8}	P _{ij} ^{G1}	P _{ij} ^{G2}	P _{ij} ^{G3}
1-2	200	-3.84	-34.93	100.38	34.42
1-4	840	3.84	37.20	12.27	-10.27
1-6	1000	0.42	21.57	37.64	16.61
2-3	760	12.34	12.34	88.56	-69.94
2-4	300	0.30	-2.19	51.53	12.19
2-7	400	23.86	11.00	42.54	-3.08
3-4	320	-6.40	-10.49	34.17	57.63
3-9	120	36.59	6.58	5.92	29.91
4-5	600	-0.99	9.09	47.21	30.21
5-6	80	0.70	-8.15	-1.13	3.42
7-8	280	-23.49	4.27	-0.24	26.06
8-9	380	-36.09	8.63	35.88	-6.51
total	5280	-	-	-	-

Now, using equation (5), considering values in table (2), the capacity cost due to the contract are calculated as below:

$$TC_t = TC \cdot \frac{\sum_{k \in K} C_k L_k MW_{t,k}}{\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{k \in K} C_k L_k MW_{t,k}} \quad (7)$$

$$= 5280 \times \frac{50812}{50812 + 88963 + 221566 + 140363}$$

$$= 534.76 \frac{\$}{hr}$$

Therefore, the transmission capacity cost that should be paid by contract parties can be calculated as mentioned above.

In the test system, if the wheeling contract is not considered, the generation cost will be equal to 5638.13 \$/h. On the other hand, considering the wheeling transaction for the network, the line 1-4 becomes congested. This is mainly because of the fact that the transfer capacity is only 60 MW. After generation re-dispatch in the network, the generation cost deviate from the optimum value and increases to 5923.47 \$/h.

Considering the section 4.2, the excess cost related to congestion problem must be compensated by transaction parties. Table I shows that the distribution factor for both buyer and seller. As it can be observed, they are equal to 0.029261 and 0.063964 respectively. This means that the seller and buyer should pay 68.7% and 31.3% of congestion cost, respectively. Therefore, the transmission cost due to the capacity and congestion cost is equal to:

$$TTC = TC + CC \quad (8)$$

$$= 534.76 + 285.34 = 820.1 \text{ \$/hr}$$

In (8), TTC is the total transmission cost. According to (6), wheeling tariff for mentioned transaction is equal to:

$$TP = \frac{TC + CC}{P} = \frac{820.1}{60} = 13.66 \frac{\$}{MWh} \quad (9)$$

Wheeler receives the tariff calculated in (9) from transaction parties. It should be noted that this cost must be compensated by transaction parties according to their contribution in transmission capacity and the congestion they cause. Transmission capacity cost for both seller and the buyer is paid equally. However, the congestion cost will be allocated between both contributors according to their portion in congestion (table 3).

Table 3
Wheeling tariff

Wheeling Tariff for contract parties (\\$/MWh)		
seller	buyer	tariff
4.456	4.456	capacity
3.267	1.488	congestion
7.723	5.944	total

5.2 Calculation of Transmission Cost during Off Peak Period

The network data for off peak period is given in table (10). In this case, line 1-4 is loaded less than 60 MW and therefore, it will not be congested. Data for line flow and D

factors are listed in table (4).

Table 4
D factors in off peak period

Line	Flow (MW)	D _{ij,8}	D _{ij} ^{G1}	D _{ij} ^{G2}	D _{ij} ^{G3}
1-2	9.69	-0.21683	-0.28088	0.328652	0.214912
1-4	52.99	0.179851	0.333093	0.033962	-0.06753
1-6	62.78	0.044929	0.2301	0.15213	0.125591
2-3	25.53	0.237307	0.086643	0.2499	-0.38779
2-4	24.64	-0.03665	-0.0105	0.171102	0.078407
2-7	18.1	0.400995	0.056855	0.094474	-0.05246
3-4	24.52	-0.19727	-0.067	0.1297	0.349497
3-9	1.79	0.589746	0.004768	-0.0325	0.113073
4-5	50.29	-0.04896	0.103597	0.180239	0.206319
5-6	0.58	0.046873	0.046212	-0.02917	-0.05483
7-8	22.16	-0.40008	0.063166	0.025606	0.172318
8-9	37.67	-0.59306	0.115324	0.152903	0.006117

The transmission capacity cost in this case is equal to:

$$TC_i = TC \cdot \frac{\sum_{k \in K} C_k L_k MW_{i,k}}{\sum_{i \in T} \sum_{k \in K} C_k L_k MW_{i,k}} \quad (10)$$

$$= 489.61 \frac{\$}{hr}$$

Considering (6), the wheeling tariff for this contract will be equal to:

$$TP = \frac{TC}{P} = \frac{489.61}{60} = 8.16 \frac{\$}{MWh} \quad (11)$$

Transmission capacity cost for the seller and the buyer will be divided equally. Therefore, the seller and the buyer each will pay 4.08 \$/MWh. We can see that during off peak period, the transmission cost is less than that of the peak period. The main reason is the absence of congestion in all lines.

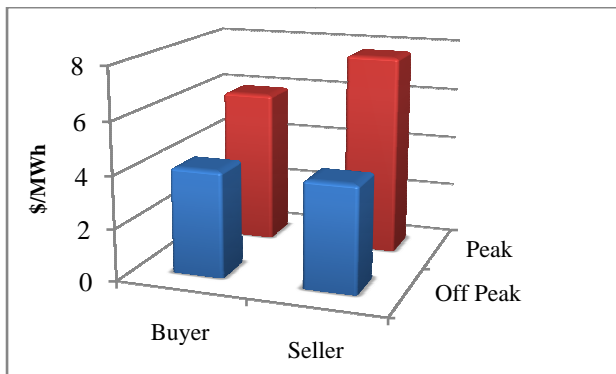


Figure 3. Wheeling tariff comparison in peak and Off-peak periods

6. ANALYSIS OF THE METHOD FAIRNESS

In this section, fairness of the method is investigated with calculating LMP (Locational Marginal Pricing) in the wheeler network with and without the wheeling contract. In section 5-A, the generation cost with and without contract

are calculated. These costs are obtained from LMP at network buses. The LMP and generation at injection buses with and without the transaction are listed in table (5).

Table 5
LMP and generation in injection buses

Bus No.	Before Contract		After Contract	
	Generation(MW)	LMP(\$/MWh)	Generation(MW)	LMP(\$/MWh)
1	269.6	8.761	122.34	8.302
2	250.61	8.82	337.5	9.16
3	117.21	9.093	186.04	9.763

According to table (5), without wheeling contract, the generation cost is equal to 5638.13 \$/h. However, applying the wheeling transaction to the network, the line 1-4 is congested. This is because this line can transfer only 60 MW. So after re-dispatch in the network, the generation cost deviates from the optimum value and increases to 5923.47 \$/h. If the line 1-4 is not congested, the LMP and generation are as shown in table 6.

Table 6
LMP and generation in injection buses

Bus No.	With Contract(without congestion)	
	Generation(MW)	LMP(\$/MWh)
1	290.54	8.921
2	238.5	8.775
3	108.28	9.014

We can see that, the generation cost in this case is equal to 5660.78 \$/h. So, if congestion does not occur, the imposed cost to the wheeler network is low. Therefore, the wheeler just receives the capacity cost and spends this money for network expansion.

If congestion occurs in the wheeler network, the users of the network should pay excess charges related to the wheeling contract. The LMP and load at all buses of network are listed in table (7).

Table 7
LMP and load in wheeler network

Bus No.	Before Contract		After Contract	
	Demand(MW)	LMP(\$/MWh)	Demand(MW)	LMP(\$/MWh)
1	80	8.761	80	8.302
2	80	8.82	80	9.16
3	80	9.093	80	9.763
4	120	9.366	120	12.94
5	120	9.736	120	12.527
6	0	9.341	0	11.193
7	70	9.585	70	9.808
8	0	9.648	0	9.801
9	70	9.675	70	9.957

According to table (7), without wheeling contract, the loads should pay about 5774 \$/h. On the other hand, applying the wheeling transaction to the network, the demand charge deviate from the optimum value and increases to 6618 \$/h. Therefore, when wheeling contract is applied to the network, the wheeler loads should pay about 844 \$/h more than the normal condition. The total wheeling cost in section 5.1 is evaluated to be about 820 \$/h. Therefore, the wheeler can pay this cost to the network loads to compensate the excess cost imposed. The results show

that the proposed method can compensate the imposed cost to the wheeler network fairly.

7. CONCLUSION

Proper transmission pricing can promote the efficient operation of power system and encourage investment in production and transmission. The marginal cost method may not cover all of the investment and operation costs. Therefore, the embedded cost methods are more acceptable.

In this paper, the transmission pricing method is evaluated. Then, the wheeling tariff has been modified to allocate the congestion cost to all users who contribute in congestion according to their contribution to the congestion. Also, the wheeling tariffs during peak and off peak periods are compared.

8. APPENDIX

Table 8
Test system data

Line No.	Start and End Bus	R(p.u)	X(p.u)	Y(p.u)
1	1-2	0.042	0.0168	0.041
2	1-4	0.031	0.121	0.031
3	1-6	0.053	0.21	0.051
4	2-3	0.031	0.126	0.031
5	2-4	0.084	0.336	0.082
6	2-7	0.053	0.21	0.051
7	3-4	0.053	0.21	0.051
8	3-9	0.053	0.126	0.051
9	4-5	0.03	0.126	0.031
10	5-6	0.031	0.126	0.031
11	7-8	0.03	0.126	0.031
12	8-9	0.015	0.0513	0.015

Table 9
Wheeler generators data

Generator	$C(P_g)=A.P_g^2+B.P_g+C$ (\$/hr)			Q_{gmax}	Q_{gmin}	P_{gmax}	V
	A	B	C	(MVar)	(MVar)	(MW)	(p.u)
1	0.00156	7.92	561	800	-800	1000	1.06
2	0.00194	7.85	310	100	-90	400	1.045
3	0.00482	7.97	78	100	-90	400	1.01

Table 10
Wheeler buses load

Condition	load	Bus 1	Bus 2	Bus 3	Bus 4	Bus 5	Bus 7	Bus 9
Peak	Active(MW)	80	80	80	120	120	70	70
	Reactive(MW)	30	30	30	50	50	20	20
Off peak	Active(MW)	50	50	50	50	50	40	40
	Reactive(MW)	20	20	20	20	20	20	20

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