



# A novel two-stage structure for coordination of energy efficiency and demand response in the smart grid environment

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## ABSTRACT

In recent years, Energy Efficiency Programs (EEPs) have been greatly expanded in multifarious aspects. Here, EEPs is considered as a virtual resource affecting operating expenditures of the power system. On the other hand, under the smart environment, Demand Response (DR) programs are also contemplated as virtual power plants in energy policy decisions ranging from short term to long term. Therefore, in this paper, a novel integrated model of demand in presence of EEPs as well as DR programs has been nominated. The presented model is handled in a Two-Stage Structure to Coordinate the EEPs and DR programs, namely  $TSSC_{DR}^{EEP}$ . In the first stage, the level of Energy Efficiency Investment (EEL) is determined over the midterm horizon time. In the next stage, regarding the rate of EEL, a unit commitment problem incorporating EEPs as well as DR programs is handled while the interactions between EEPs and DR have been scrutinized. The proposed problem is implemented in GAMS. To evaluate the capability of EEPs and DR programs coordination, several analysis are carried out on the IEEE 10-unit to confirm the capability of the proposed framework from economic aspect.

## 1. Introduction

In the last decades, the growing energy consumption has increased the operation expenditures in electricity sector which causes to release the large amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. However, smart grid utilization is considered as an efficient tool to decline the negative impacts of growing electricity demand. Under the smart environment, the economic and environmental as well as technical considerations such as energy efficiency as well as loading improvement, reducing losses and increasing the penetration rate of distributed generations can be observable [1]. In fact, the increasing penetration rate of green energy is considered as one of the interesting advantages of smart grid's implementation [2]. Furthermore, smart grid technologies will enable the grid to better adapt to demand-side behaviors to procure safe, reliable and sustainable electricity for all consumers [3]. In fact, handling the consumers' behavior in smart environment is more simple than conventional generating units due to utilizing advanced communication infrastructures which offer different opportunities to the system operator [4]. Under the smart environment, Demand Response (DR) programs and Energy Efficiency Programs (EEPs) are contemplated as important technologies which affect handling and controlling of power systems over the different horizon time.

EEPs include utility and non-utility energy efficiency programs [5]

which improves the operation conditions of the power system. Therefore, the level of investment on EEPs has been extensively increased all over the world [6]. In [5], an energy efficiency model regarding generation expansion planning has been proposed. The transmission expansion planning scheduling is performed in presence of EEPs in [7] while a novel technique of energy efficiency trading to decline the demand has been addressed. The EEPs is handled over a 20-year in [8] while the results show that the energy intensity has been reduced to 25% in 2030 in comparison with 2010. The potential of energy efficiency improvement in the long term power system scheduling has been investigated in [9].

DR is a program that is established to change electric use by demand-side resources from their normal consumption patterns in response to changes in the price of electricity, or to incentive payments designed to induce lower electricity use at times of high wholesale market prices or when system reliability is jeopardized [10]. DR programs can be utilized in smoothening the load profile, as well as deferral of additional investments, reducing the financial burden of the system, reducing the emitted greenhouse gases and improving the line congestion [11]. An MILP formulation of cost-emission based of unit commitment problem associated with DR has been addressed in [12]. The economic model of DR has been investigated in [13]. The integrated unit commitment problem in presence of DG and DR programs

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**Nomenclature**

$A$	incentive of DR programs in per hour	$NSF_i$	number of segments for the piecewise linearized fuel cost curve
$A(\cdot)_{min}$	minimum incentive level	$NSI_i$	number of segments for the piece-wise linearized total incentive curve
$A(\cdot)_{max}$	maximum incentive level	$P(\cdot)$	power generation output
$AS_m(\cdot)$	slope of mth segment in linearized total incentive curve	$\underline{P}(\cdot), \bar{P}(\cdot)$	minimum and maximum generation capacity of a unit
$a(\cdot), b(\cdot), C(\cdot)$	fuel cost coefficient	$p_m(\cdot)$	generation of mth segment in linearized fuel cost curve
$b_m$	slope of mth segment in linearized fuel cost	$P(\Delta D(t))$	total incentive to customers in a period
$CSC(\cdot)$	cold start-up cost of a unit	$SU(\cdot)$	start up cost
$CST(\cdot)$	cold start-up time of a unit	$SD(\cdot)$	shutdown cost
$d$	number of hours in per week	$t$	time index
$D(\cdot)$	demand in a period	$TC(\cdot)$	number of continuous hours while a unit is decommitted
$E(\cdot)$	price elasticity of demand	$u(\cdot)$	On/Off status of a unit status
$E EI$	final energy efficiency investment	$v_m(\cdot)$	award of mth segment in linearized total incentive curve
$E EI_0$	initial energy efficiency investment	$X(\cdot)_{on}$	duration of continuous on status of a unit at a time
$F(\cdot)$	fuel cost function	$X(\cdot)_{off}$	duration of continuous off status of a unit at a time
$\underline{F}(\cdot)$	lower limit on the fuel cost of a unit	$\gamma(\cdot)$	start-up indicator
$HSC(\cdot)$	hot start-up cost	$z(\cdot)$	shutdown indicator
$i$	index of units	$\delta(\cdot)$	efficiency-price cross elasticity of demand
$invcost$	investment cost	$\gamma(\cdot)$	elasticity of demand with respect to energy efficiency investment
$K$	expected income in a period	$\rho(\cdot)$	final price of electricity
$K(0)$	initial investment	$\rho_0(\cdot)$	initial price of electricity
$m$	segment index for linearized fuel cost and total incentive curve	$\Gamma^s(\cdot)$	demand ratio parameter of an hour
$MD(\cdot)$	minimum down time	$\lambda$	penetration rate of EEPs
$MU(\cdot)$	minimum up time	$\eta$	penetration rate of DR
$N_i$	scheduling time horizon	$\varepsilon$	discount rate
$N_i$	number of units		

been handled in [14] under the smart grid environment. The security-constrained unit commitment with consideration of DR programs as virtual power plants, is presented in [15]. The comprehensive energy dispatch including electricity, heating, cooling which connects the DR end user is provided in the wholesale market [16]. Multi-objective optimization with prevailing constraints and utility trade-off based on the model of a large-scale MG with flexible loads is suggested in [17] whereas DR's implementation reduces 17.5% of peak demand as well as declining 8.8% of financial burden.

Although the individual utilization of the DR programs as well as EEPs is efficient; however, the implementation of EEPs in presence of DR takes valuable advantages for the power system. In [18], requirement tools for combined usage of EEPs and DR have been scrutinized. In [19], EEPs and DR are considered for the optimal generation mix problem. In [20], DR and EEPs are considered in the forward capacity market. It should be mentioned that system operator has been incurred a considerable expenditures in EEPs. Therefore, coordination of the energy efficiency and the demand response programs is a fundamental requirement which can have significant effects on power systems scheduling and, is contemplated as an essential issue due to following reasons [1]:

- Energy efficiency affects how much load shift is available from a customer.
- Selected energy efficiency measures affect how much money the customer and utility have available to spend on demand response and, vice versa.
- Loads to be provided by operator to consumers after investments in energy efficiency and determination of incentives offered to consumers.

However, multifarious concerns and conflicts about simultaneous performance of energy efficiency and demand response programs will arise in order to have a suitable economic analysis as follows:

- The consumers, who participate in the demand response programs, are not interested in cooperation in the energy efficiency programs due to economic reasons. In the other words, the incentive in DRPs which is paid to consumers is proportional to the peak load of the system while energy efficiency programs decline the peak load of the system and as results reducing the incentives.
- The customers' revenue in DRPs is an uncertain probabilistic parameter; however, incentive in energy efficiency programs is more certain.

Therefore, it can be concluded that coordination of DR programs and EEPs can be considered as an attractive issue in power system studies. However, this issue has not been addressed in previous researches. In this paper, a novel combined demand model associated with EEPs and DR based upon the price elasticity of demand and the energy efficiency elasticity is provided. The nominated model is implemented to a Two-Stage Structure to Coordinate the EEPs and DR programs, namely TSSC<sub>DR</sub><sup>EEP</sup>. The presented model includes different economic targets over a midterm and short term horizon time to determine the level of energy efficiency invested by the government as well as participation level of customers in DR programs, respectively.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 provides a background of DSM including energy efficiency and demand response. The hierarchy of TSSC<sub>DR</sub><sup>EEP</sup> incorporating DR as well as EEPs from system operator perspective is presented in Section 3. The suggested load model and the proposed formulation of TSSC<sub>DR</sub><sup>EEP</sup> are also elaborated in Section 3. Section 4 conducts the numerical studies on IEEE 10-unit test system and, finally the concluding remarks are explained in Section 5.

## 2. Demand side management (DSM)

The concept of demand side management was proposed for the first time in 1970 [21]. The scope of DSM has been expanded to include purposes such as system expenditures reduction as well as power system's loading, reliability and stability improvement [22,23]. In fact,

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