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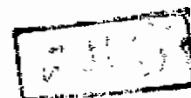
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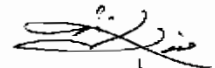
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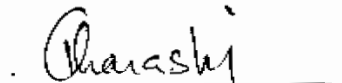
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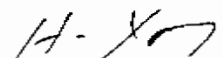
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ABSTRACT

Scheduling electric power in a system containing both hydro and thermal units is a complicated and challenging problem mainly because of the different operating characteristics of thermal and hydro plants.

Thermal plants operate at a substantial marginal cost with no restrictions on the total energy that can be generated over certain period within the limits imposed by capacity and availability. On the other hand hydro plants operate at negligible marginal cost, but their energy production is subject to strict limitations imposed by reservoir storage, inflow, and releases.

The basic problem is to find an optimal startup/ shutdown schedule of thermal units and the hourly power dispatch from the hydro and thermal units in the system so that the total production cost, measured in terms of thermal fuel economy, is minimized over appropriate period of time in a manner consistent with reliable service within the limits imposed by constraints.

This research presents the methods used in developing daily operational strategies for the hydro-thermal system of Egypt considering transmission limitations. The algorithm decomposes the problem into a hydro and a thermal subsystems. The hydro subsystem is solved via the combination of a heuristic and a

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dynamic programming techniques. The thermal subsystem is solved via a lagrangian relaxation technique. Transmission constraints are checked by a DC load flow model, violations are relieved using a dual linear programming generation shift algorithm.

This research brings a new contribution on this complicated subject in the following areas:

- A new approach to update lagrange multipliers
- A practical approach to relieve transmission overloads
- Reliable distribution of spinning reserve
- Reduction of execution time

The procedures developed in this work constitute a very powerful methodology for optimizing a combined hydro-thermal generation system with transmission limitations. Although every system has its own particular characteristics, the basic concepts can be applied to any system. The new method used in updating the lagrange multipliers improved the solution speed drastically without tolerating the accuracy, and led to reliable distribution of spinning reserve among all the units. Also the inclusion of security aspects within the complicated problem of scheduling has been efficiently treated to suit the requirements of realistic size systems.

Finally, the test results and conclusions from the application of the developed procedures on the Egyptian hydro-thermal system have revealed their efficiency as a tool for decision making in the operation planning process.

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