

# Market Surveillance Committee Monthly Over-riding Constraints Report

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**LUZON**

**VISAYAS**

# MONTHLY REPORT ON OVER-RIDING CONSTRAINTS

## IMPOSITIONS BY CATEGORY AND REGION

**36,178 Total Impositions**  
 91% of which were **non-security** limits.

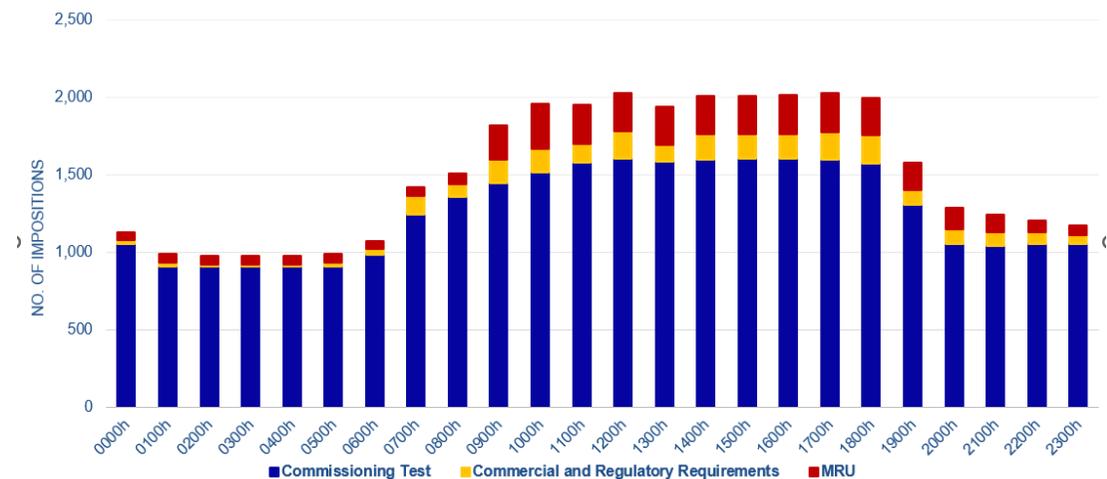


A decrease of **9.4%** in over-riding constraint (OC) impositions was observed during the April 2023 billing period involving **22 Luzon** and **16 Visayas plants**.

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*The monitoring of the over-riding constraints is based on the data and information provided by MO (i.e., real time market results and MMS-input files on security limits) and SO (i.e., SO Data for Market Monitoring).*

## IMPOSITIONS BY HOUR



Majority of over-riding constraints imposed over a 24-hour period were caused by the conduct of commissioning tests which constituted **84% of the total impositions**. Most of which were imposed during peak hours, mainly **due to entry of new solar plants**.

Commercial and regulatory requirement tests likewise increased during peak hours due to tests conducted by Hydro and Oil-based plants. Also, impositions related to Must-Run Units (MRUs) during the same period were mainly attributable to the dispatch of Oil-based plants.

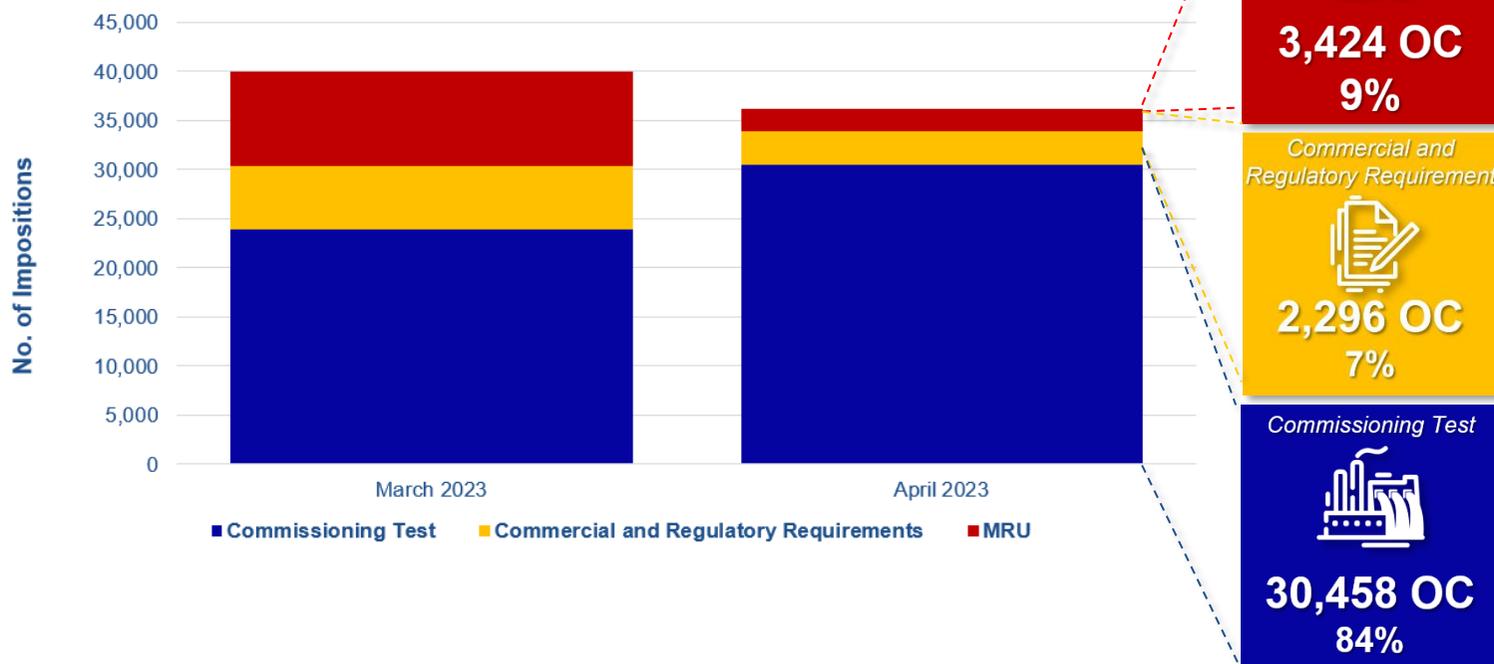
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## IMPOSITIONS BY INCIDENT

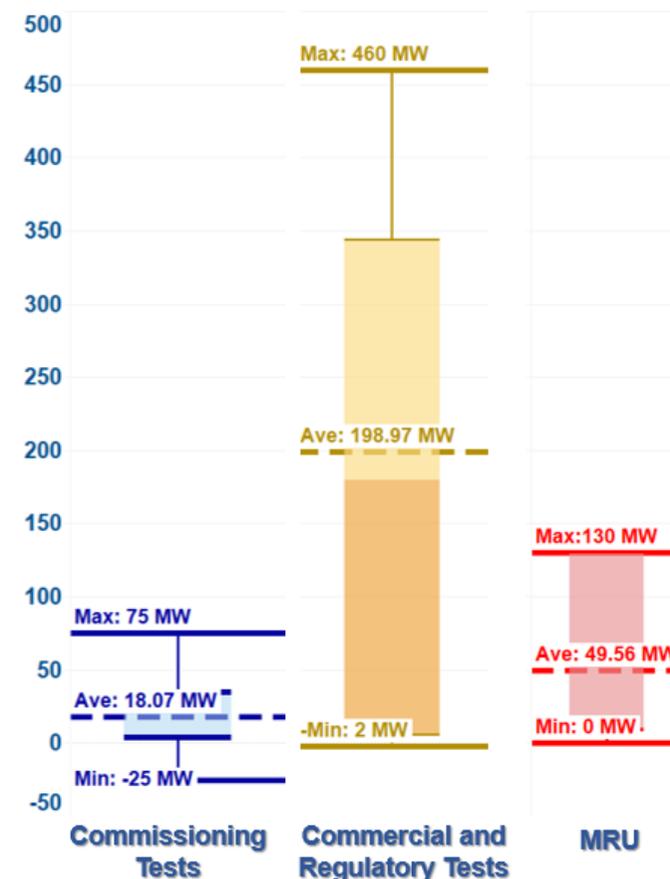
An increase in the number of impositions related to commissioning test was observed following the extension of testing period of one (1) Hydro and one (1) Solar plant. On the other hand, MRU impositions decreased during the period, specifically in Visayas which was mainly to address the thermal limit of lines in the area. Luzon grid was likewise experiencing impositions for MRU due to real power balancing and frequency control. Furthermore, incidents related to commercial and regulatory requirements (e.g., Ancillary Services Test, Grid Compliance Test, and Performance Test) decreased.

Plants imposed with OC due to the conduct of commercial and regulatory tests were scheduled at a higher MW level compared to plants imposed with commissioning tests and MRU due to their inherent large capacities.

The graph (on the right) shows the scheduled capacities corresponding to the impositions.



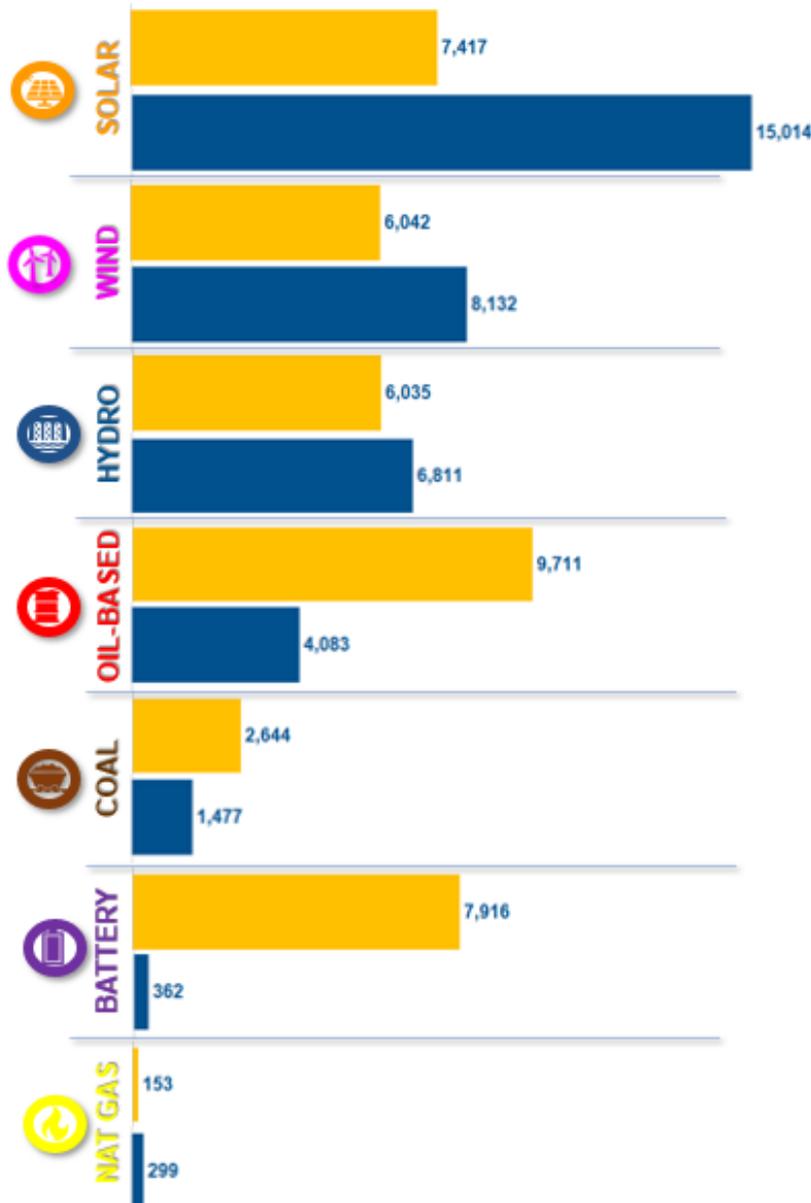
## SCHEDULED CAPACITIES (MW)



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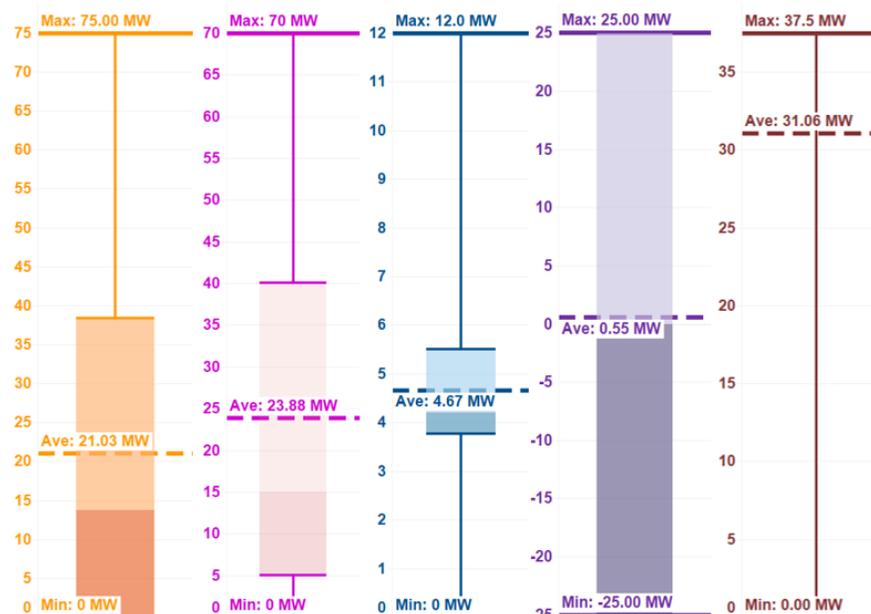
## IMPOSITIONS BY PLANT TYPE

Overall, over-riding constraints impositions decreased in April 2023 as compared with the previous billing period. The reasons for the impositions per plant types were as follows:

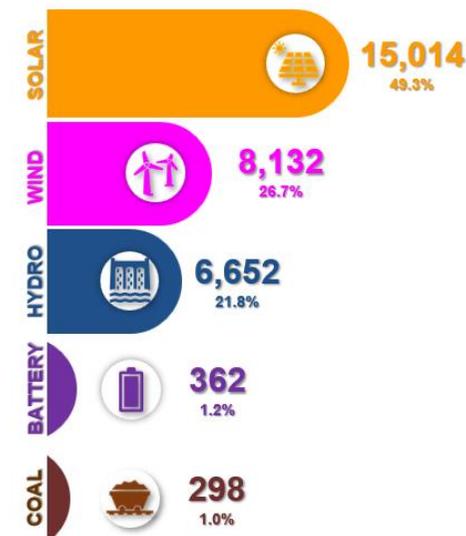
- Extension of commissioning test of one (1) plant caused the increase in imposition for **Solar** plants.
- Increase in impositions of OC due to commissioning test of one (1) **Wind** plant was noted.
- Increase in the number of events related to the conduct of commissioning test caused the rise in the recorded impositions attributable to **Hydro** plants.
- Decrease in the number of impositions to **Oil-based** plants was due to the decline in MRU impositions.
- A decrease in the number of ancillary services and emission tests conducted by **Coal** plants caused the decrease in the impositions observed this billing period.
- Expiration of commissioning test of two (2) **Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)** was the reason for the decrease in the OC impositions for this resource type.
- Increase in the number of impositions related to **Natural gas** plants was observed due to conduct of performance test.

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## MW Schedule



## Impositions



## PLANTS ON COMMISSIONING TEST

For April 2023, there was an observed **increase in the number of impositions of OCs** related to **commissioning tests**, logging a total of **30,458 impositions** with an average scheduled capacity of **18.07 MW**. Majority of these impositions were attributable to Solar plants, followed by Wind, BESS, and Hydro plants.

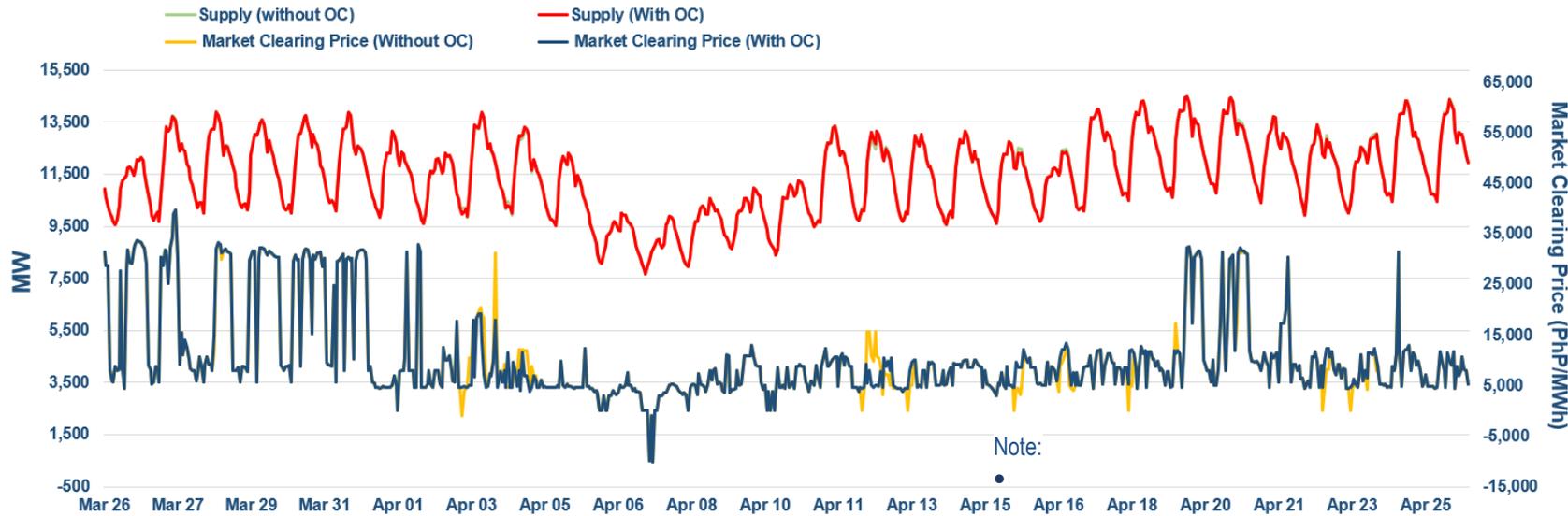
Based on the updates provided by the Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines (IEMOP) and the System Operator as of 08 May 2023, the following were the updates on the **status of power plants under commissioning tests**:

- **1 Solar plant** and **1 Hydro plant** have **extended** their respective **commissioning test periods**.
- **1 Wind plant**, **2 Solar plants**, **1 BESS facility**, and **1 coal plant** were continuing their respective **commissioning test periods**.

Generally, the scheduled capacities imposed to plants undergoing commissioning tests were noted to be less than their registered capacity.

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## PRICE IMPACT ON THE MARKET



Difference	MCP (PHP/MWh)	Supply (MW)
Minimum	-7,456.20	-273.00
Average	-31.12	5.30
Maximum	13,370.60	191.00

\* MCP Diff. = MCP (Without OC - With OC)  
 \*\*Supply Diff. = Supply (With OC - Without OC)

Note:

- The simulation is assumed to be unconstrained.
- OC imposed with Commissioning Tests were not altered due to their restriction to submit offers through MMS.

The effects of impositions in terms of market prices may vary based on the offers of the over-riden plants. It may be observed that when Hydro and Oil-based plants were imposed with OCs, there was an observed increase in the resulting market prices, at an average of **PHP 31.12/MWh**. Looking at the effects in terms of the supply, there was an observed decrease averaging at **5.30 MW** due to the scheduling of subject plants to lower levels of operations than being dispatched at their available capacities. However, it may also be noted that when Coal plants' offers are over-riden, the market prices tend to increase brought about by the dispatch of plants with higher offered prices considering that these Coal plants had lower prices. Though there may be instances that OC impositions caused a decrease in the resulting market prices based on the simulation, it does not reflect the true cost of generation thereby affecting the outcomes of the market.

Date of Imposition	Plant Type
Apr 3-4, 12-13, 18-23	Coal
Apr 13, 20, 23, 25	Hydro
Apr 15-17, 22-23	Natural Gas
Mar 26-31, Apr 13-20	Oil - based

**MINDANAO**

# MONTHLY REPORT ON OVER-RIDING CONSTRAINTS

## IMPOSITIONS BY CATEGORY

# 16,966

## Total Impositions

93% of which were **security** limit.

10,460 OC impositions for March 2023

62.2% increase

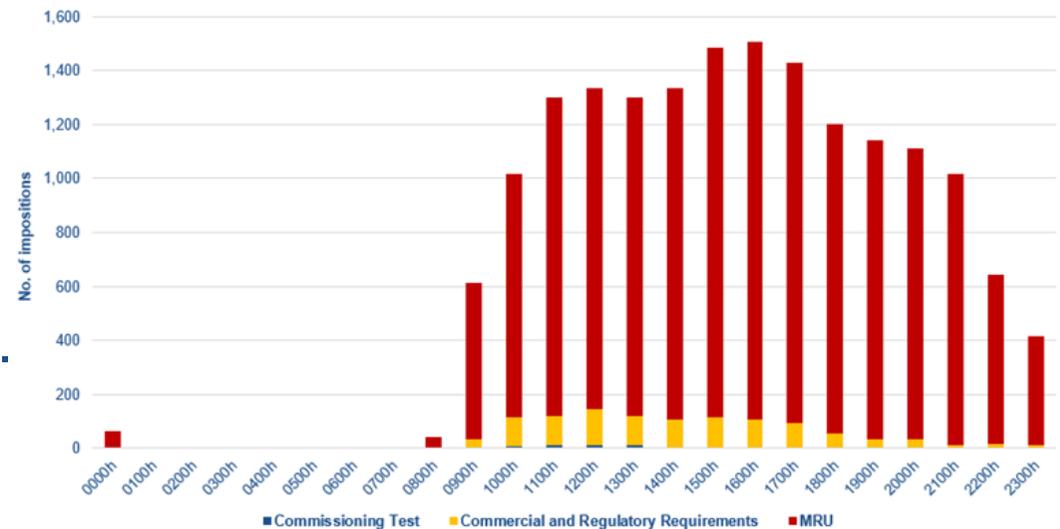


For April 2023, it was observed that the Mindanao region had a total of 16,966 OC impositions, a 62.2 percent increase from the previous billing period.

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## IMPOSITIONS BY HOUR



Majority of over-riding constraints imposed over a 24-hour period in Mindanao were for **Must-Run Units (MRUs)** constituting **93% of the total impositions**.

It can be observed that majority of the impositions, may it be non-security or security limits, were mainly imposed during peak hours when the demand is high.

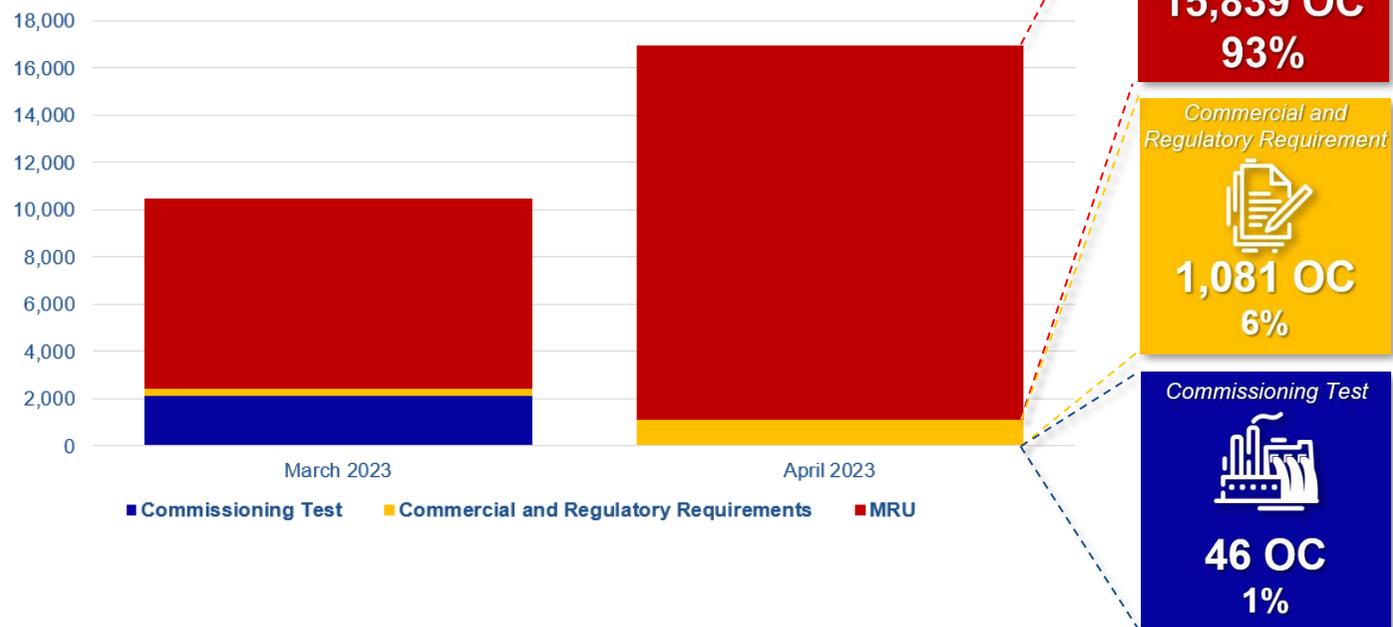
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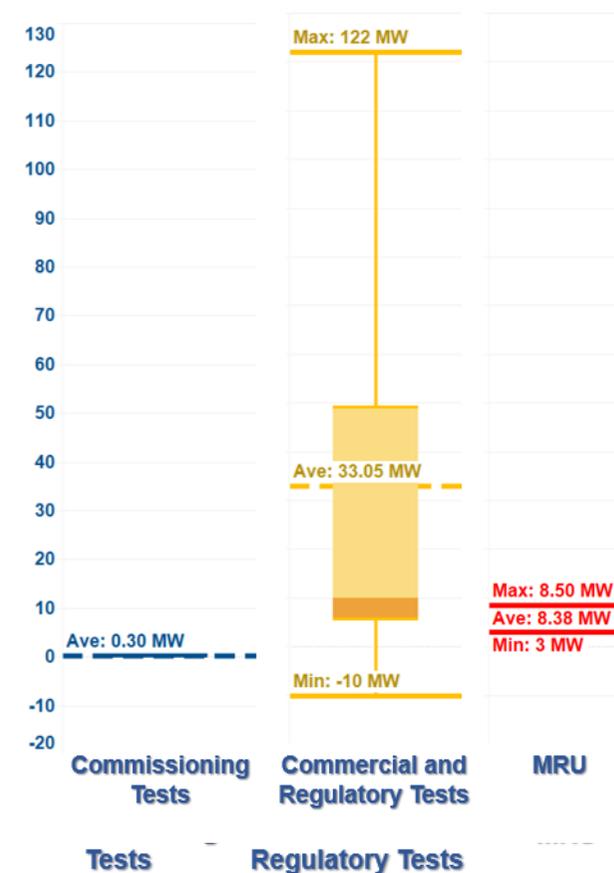
Most of the OCs in Mindanao were due to MRU impositions to address the system voltage requirement in the region. Increase in commercial and regulatory requirement impositions were attributed to the ancillary service and emission tests. Lastly, for plants under commissioning tests, it was noted that only one (1) plant was under this category.

Incidents related to commercial and regulatory requirements were imposed on plants with large capacities, specifically Coal plants, which had greater market impact than impositions for commissioning tests. It was however noted that despite the large capacities of these plants, majority were over-ridden to smaller capacities. Meanwhile, commissioning tests were mostly undertaken by renewable energy plants with relatively lower capacities.

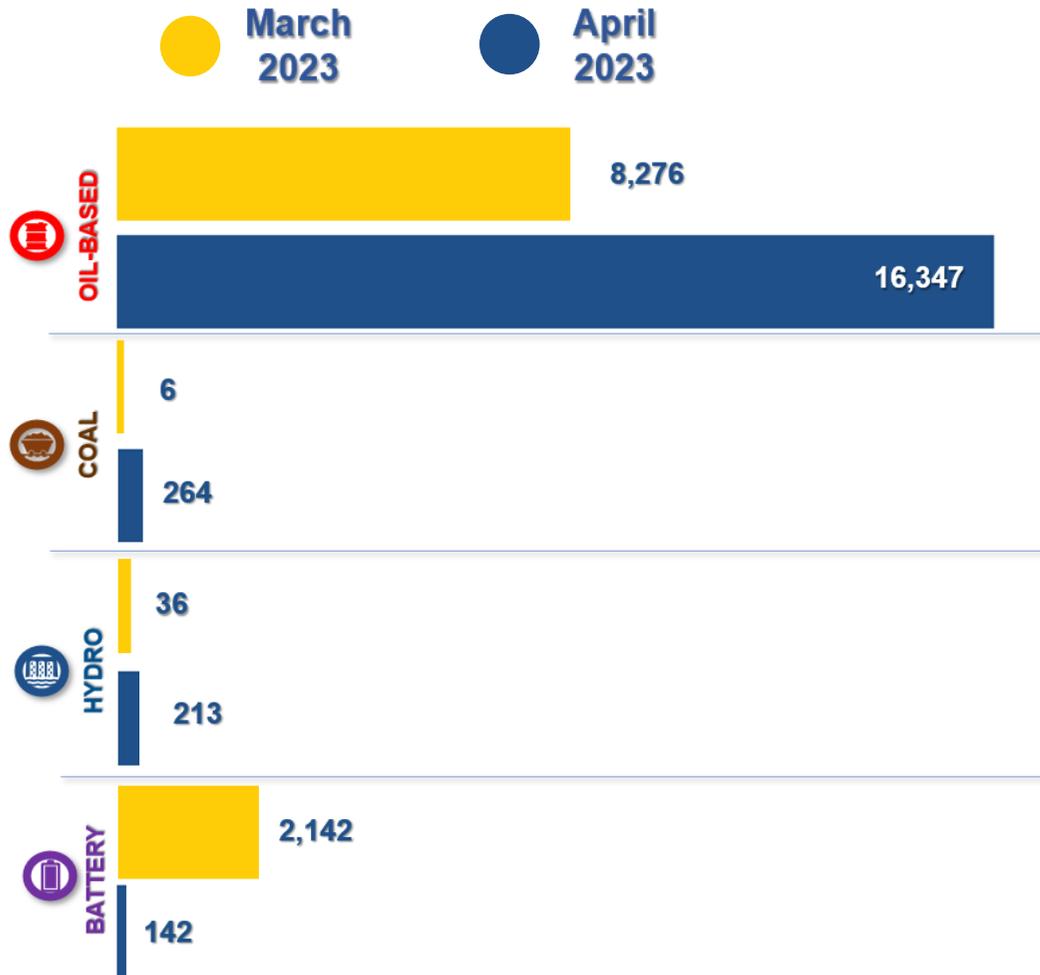
The graph (on the right) shows the scheduled capacities corresponding to the impositions.



## SCHEDULED CAPACITIES



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## IMPOSITIONS BY PLANT TYPE

Majority of the impositions in the Mindanao region were attributable to Oil-based plants, with Coal, Hydro, and BESS plants having a small share in the total impositions. The following were the reasons for the impositions per plant types:

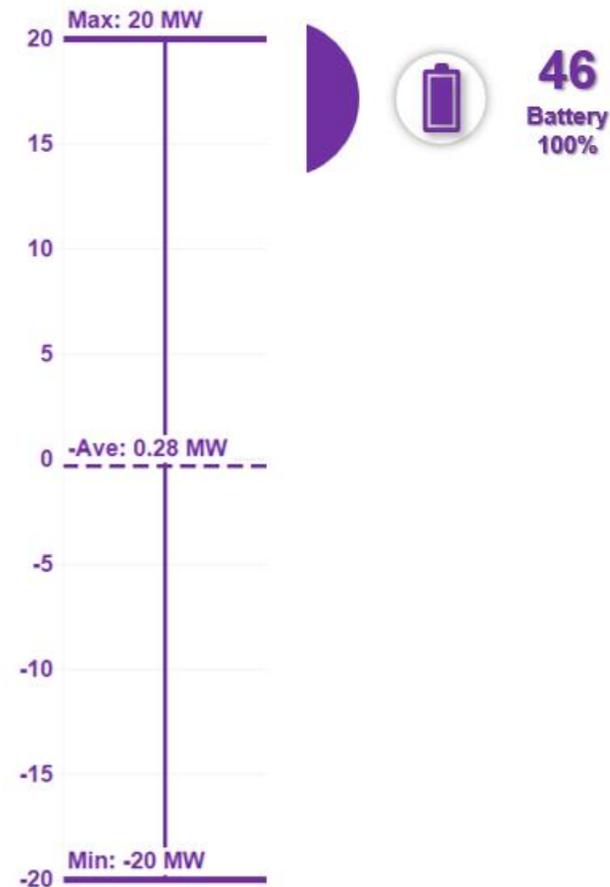
- Impositions to **Oil-based** plants were related to the dispatch of generators as MRUs in order address the system voltage requirement in the region.
- Impositions related to **Coal** plants were due to the conduct of ancillary service test.
- Conduct of commercial and regulatory requirement test was the reason for impositions related to **Hydro** plants during the billing period.
- Conduct of commissioning and ancillary service tests were the reason for impositions related to **BESS**.

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## PLANTS ON COMMISSIONING TEST

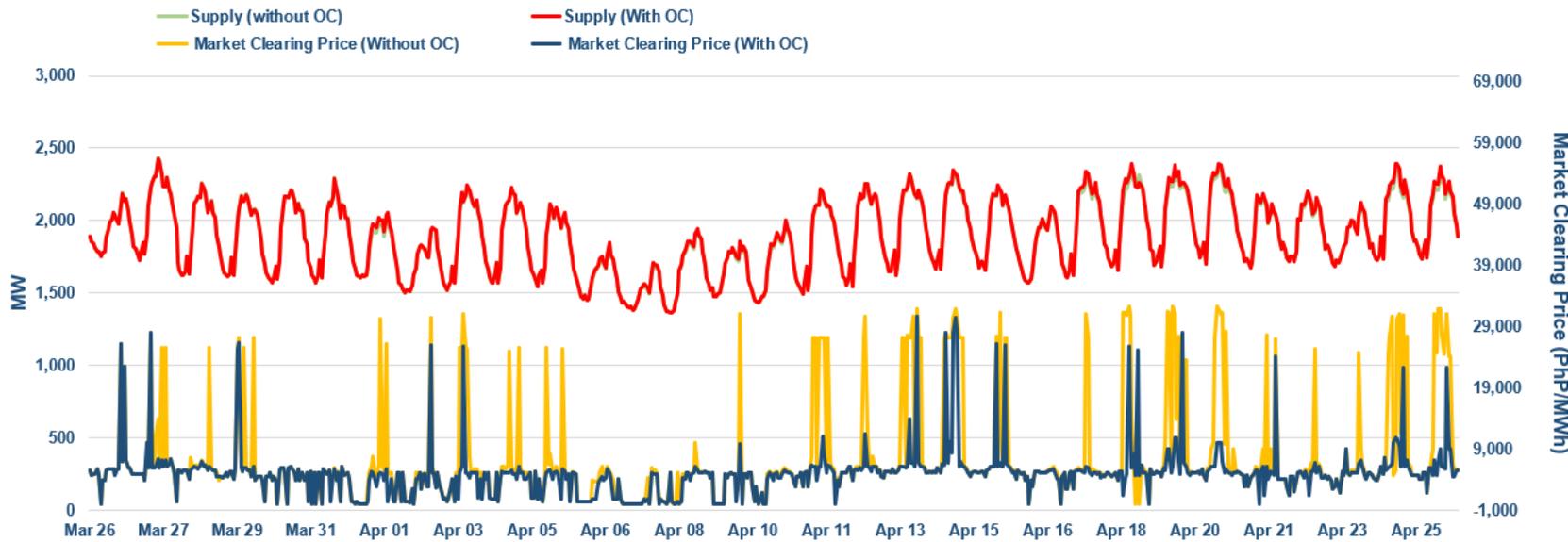
A total of **46 over-riding constraints impositions** was observed related to **commissioning tests**, with an average scheduled capacity of **-0.28 MW**. All of which were attributable to BESS plant, based on the updates provided by IEMOP and the System Operator as of 08 May 2023.

Generally, the scheduled capacities imposed to plants undergoing commissioning tests were noted to be less than their registered capacities.



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## PRICE IMPACT ON THE MARKET



Difference	MCP (PHP/MWh)	Supply (MW)
Minimum	-19,133.10	-53.00
Average	2,550.60	11.02
Maximum	29,857.85	71.00

- Note:
- The simulation is assumed to be unconstrained.
  - OC imposed with Commissioning Tests are not altered due to their restriction to submit through MMS.

When Hydro and Oil-based plants were imposed with OCs, there was an observed decrease in the resulting market prices that yielded an average price difference of **PHP 2,550.60/MWh**. Looking at the effect of impositions to the supply, a supply difference averaging at **11.02 MW** was likewise noted. The variability in supply difference is attributed to the offer behavior of the plants being imposed with OCs. Though there may be instances that OC impositions caused a decrease in the resulting market prices based on the simulation, it does not reflect the true cost of generation thereby affecting the outcomes of the market.

Date of Imposition	Plant Type
Apr 14	Battery
Apr 18-19	Coal
Apr 1-2, 11-12	Hydro
Mar 26 - Apr 25	Oil - based

# MONTHLY REPORT ON OVER-RIDING CONSTRAINTS

## ANNEX A. LIST OF PLANTS WITH OVER-RIDING CONSTRAINTS<sup>1</sup>

Plant/Unit Name	Plant Type	Registered Capacity (MW) <sup>2</sup>
<b>LUZON</b>		
Arayat-Mexico Solar Power Plant Project Phase 2	Solar	30.9
Balaoi and Caunayan Wind Power Project Phase 1	Wind	80
Concepcion Battery Energy Storage System	Battery	60
Currimao 2 Solar Power Plant	Solar	68.7
Magat Hydroelectric Power Plant Unit 1	Hydro	97
Magat Hydroelectric Power Plant Unit 2	Hydro	97
Mariveles Coal-fired Thermal Power Plant- Phase 1	Coal	150
Masinloc Coal-Fired Thermal Power Plant Unit 1	Coal	315
Pinugay Solar Power Plant	Solar	75
Caliraya Hydro Electric Power Plant	Hydro	28
Pililla Diesel Power Plant Sector 1	Oil-Based	28
Pililla Diesel Power Plant Sector 2	Oil-Based	22
Pililla Diesel Power Plant Sector 3	Oil-Based	22
Pililla Diesel Power Plant Sector 4	Oil-Based	28
Pililla Diesel Power Plant Sector 5	Oil-Based	22
Pililla Diesel Power Plant Sector 6	Oil-Based	28
Malaya Thermal Power Plant Unit 2	Oil-Based	130

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Market Operator Information Disclosure and Confidentiality (MO IDC) Manual Issue 7.0

<sup>2</sup> As of 02 June 2023

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Plant/Unit Name	Plant Type	Registered Capacity (MW) <sup>2</sup>
Pagbilao 3 Power Plant	Coal	420
QPPL Coal-Fired Power Plant	Coal	460
SBPL Coal Fired Power Plant	Coal	455
Sta. Rita Natural Gas Power Plant 2	Natural Gas	255.7
San Lorenzo Combined-Cycle Gas Turbine Power Plant Unit 60 (San Lorenzo CCGTTP)	Natural Gas	265
<b>VISAYAS</b>		
Tubig Hydroelectric Power Plant	Hydro	15.2
CPPC Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 1	Oil-Based	6.5
CPPC Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 2	Oil-Based	6.5
CPPC Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 3	Oil-Based	6.5
CPPC Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 4	Oil-Based	6.5
EAUC Bunker C-Fired Power Plant Unit 1	Oil-Based	11.5
EAUC Bunker C-Fired Power Plant Unit 2	Oil-Based	11
EAUC Bunker C-Fired Power Plant Unit 3	Oil-Based	11.5
EAUC Bunker C-Fired Power Plant Unit 4	Oil-Based	11.5
Unit 1 Calumangan Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant	Oil-Based	4.5
Unit 2 Calumangan Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant	Oil-Based	4.5
Unit 3 Calumangan Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant	Oil-Based	4.5
Unit 4 Calumangan Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant	Oil-Based	6.7
Unit 5 Calumangan Diesel Power Plant	Oil-Based	6.7
Power Barge 104 Unit 1	Oil-Based	7

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Timbaban Hydro Power Plant	Hydro	18.9
<b>MINDANAO</b>		
Misamis Occidental Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant 3	Oil-Based	15.5
Misamis Occidental Bunker C-Fired Power Plant 2	Oil-Based	15.7
Bunker-C Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 1	Oil-Based	10.7
Bunker-C Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 2	Oil-Based	10.7
Bunker-C Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 3	Oil-Based	10.7
Bunker-C Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 4	Oil-Based	10.7
Bunker-C Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 5	Oil-Based	10.7
Bunker-C Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 7	Oil-Based	10.7
Bunker-C Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 8	Oil-Based	10.7
Bunker-C Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 9	Oil-Based	10.7
Bunker-C Fired Diesel Power Plant Unit 10	Oil-Based	10.7
Agus I Hydroelectric Power Plant Unit 1	Hydro	35
Agus I Hydroelectric Power Plant Unit 2	Hydro	35
Agus II Hydroelectric Power Plant Unit 2	Hydro	60
Iligan Diesel Power Plant (Units 1-19)	Oil-Based	102
Jasaan Battery Energy Storage System	Battery	20
Bukidnon Bunker C-Fired Diesel Power Plant 2	Oil-Based	7.5
Villanueva Battery Energy Storage System	Battery	20
Mobile 1 Bunker C-Fired Power Plant Unit 1	Oil-Based	49
Mobile 1 Bunker C-Fired Power Plant Unit 2	Oil-Based	50

# MONTHLY REPORT ON OVER-RIDING CONSTRAINTS

Plant/Unit Name	Plant Type	Registered Capacity (MW) <sup>2</sup>
Phase1 Coal - Fired Power Plant	Coal	118.5
Phase 2 Coal-Fired Power Plant	Coal	118.5