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WIEC 10<sup>th</sup> Data Request 10.5

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Please refer to the file provided with Mr. Duvall's workpapers called Actual Reserves 2010 CONF.xlsx. Please explain why the Merwin plant is shown as providing spinning reserves in this analysis, while it is not allowed to carry any spinning reserves in GRID.

### **Response to WIEC Data Request 10.5**

The Merwin plant is subject to downstream flow constraints which limit the Company's ability to rapidly modify its output. As such, the Merwin plant can only carry spinning reserves under certain conditions and on a limited basis. The GRID model reflects the normal operation of Merwin.