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Question:
Program Administrator Order No. 3 Compliance, August 3, 2026, Att. 2, pp. 54, 59. Explain why neither EDC called an active dispatch event during the Winter 2025/2026 peak hour. Further, explain the measures the EDCs will implement to ensure that active dispatch events are called, where appropriate, during future winter and summer daily and seasonal peak hours.

Response:

Eversource was aware that the ISO-NE system's winter peak could occur on January 25, 2026 because the three-day ahead ISO forecast was showing peak demand above 20,000 MW for that day. However, Eversource could not could call an event for January 25, 2026 due to a major winter storm that was also predicted to impact Connecticut residents on January 25, 2026. The storm struck on January 25, 2026 and carried into the following day and Eversource staff were activated for an Emergency Restoration Plan.

Section 6.9 of the ESS Program Manual states: "The EDCs will cancel events (Active or Passive) for the two (2) days preceding any predicted Emergency Restoration Plan level (level 1-5) outage events, leaving the customer to use the BESS as the customer deems appropriate."

This is the protocol that was followed.

Please see the response to CAE-39 for a detailed explanation of the analysis that goes into demand response decision making.