

**Assignment to Warren Clark and Ray Brush from  
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**Question:** Does RTO West subtract out a self-trackers load from the total RTO West load for AGC. Or in other words are there specific metering requirements RTO West will require from a self-tracker to allow RTO West to control for AGC?

**Answer:** Regulation, Frequency Response, and Load Following Services may be provided by self-tracking. Self-trackers will operate within the RTO West single control area framework and their obligations are restricted to matching generation and load taking into account frequency response of their resources. The self-tracker is required to certify with RTO West that it can continuously monitor net actual metered powerflow into or out of the self-tracker's area to meet its obligations on a data scan rate consistent with RTO West policy. The self-tracker must have the ability to direct generation and or controllable loads to raise/lower regulation at the same data scan rate. The ability to perform AGC should not be confused with the performance of and continued RTO West certification of the self-tracker. The self-tracker should be certified on the basis of following load automatically with resources committed for these ancillary services but should not be evaluated on compliance with current CPS standards. The self-tracker is not operating a control area.

RTO West, as the single control area, will need to monitor the metered boundaries between itself and other RTO's and Control Areas. Since the self-tracker's area is within the RTO control area, no special provisions need to be made to RTO West's AGC to accommodate this option. RTO West as the single control area is responsible for matching all generation and loads within its metered boundaries (including those load within the boundary of a self-tracker). Energy Imbalance between the self-tracker and RTO West will be settled on an hourly basis. The self-tracker will be responsible for any metering requirements that allow RTO West to determine how well the self-tracker provides its ancillary services.

No special metering beyond what is needed to certify ones self with RTO West will be required for self-trackers.