

Auxiliary File Format for Simulator 11.0

1. Describes the DATA section used for input/output of data
2. Describes the SCRIPT section for using in writing batch commands

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Introduction

PowerWorld has incorporated the ability to import data to/from data sources other than power flow models into PowerWorld Simulator. The text file interface for exchanging data, as well as for executing a batch script command, is represented by the auxiliary files. The script language and auxiliary data formats are incorporated together. This format is described in this document.

Script/Data files are called *auxiliary files* in Simulator. An auxiliary file may be comprised of one or more *DATA* or *SCRIPT* sections. A *DATA* section provides specific data for a specific type of object. A *SCRIPT* section provides a list of script actions for Simulator to perform. These sections have the following format:

```
SCRIPT ScriptName1
{
script_statement_1;
.
script_statement_n;
}

DATA DataName1(object_type, [list_of_fields], file_type_specifier)
{
data_list_1
.
data_list_n
}

DATA DataName2(object_type, [list_of_fields], file_type_specifier)
{
data_list_1
.
data_list_n
}

SCRIPT ScriptName2
{
script_statement_1;
.
script_statement_n;
}
```

Note that the keywords *SCRIPT* or *DATA* must occur at the start of a text file line. Auxiliary files may contain more than one *DATA* and/or *SCRIPT* section. These sections always begin with the keyword *DATA* or *SCRIPT*. *DATA* sections are followed by an argument list enclosed in (). The actual data or script commands are then contained within curly braces { }. The Script commands available in Simulator 11.0 are described in the next main section. The *DATA* sections are then described after this.

SCRIPT Section

```
SCRIPT ScriptName
{
script_statement_1;
.
script_statement_n;
}
```

Scripts may optionally contain a ScriptName. This enables you to call a particular SCRIPT by using the LoadScript action (see General Actions). After the optional name, the SCRIPT section begins with a left curly brace and ends with a right curly brace. Inside of this, script statements can be given. In general, a script statement has the following format

```
Keyword(arg1, arg2, ...);
```

- Statement starts with a keyword.
- The keyword is followed by an argument list which is encompassed in parentheses ().
- The arguments are separated by commas.
- If an single argument is a list of things, this list is encompassed by braces []. (eg. SetData
- Statements end with a semicolon.
- Statements may take up several lines of the text file.
- You may put more than one statement on a single text line.

Those familiar with using Simulator will know that there is a RUN and EDIT mode in Simulator. Some features in Simulator are only available in one mode or the other. This functionality will be preserved in the script language, but additionally a feature called a “submode” will be used.

Submodes limit what script commands can be called. Only those commands available to the submode can be executed. To switch submodes, use the EnterMode (mode, submode) script command.

You will always be in one of the submodes when executing a script. By default, when a script is initially started, you will be placed in the RUN, POWERFLOW submode.

General Actions

Generic Data Actions

Available to you regardless of the Mode or SubMode

```
RenameFile ("oldfilename", "newfilename");
CopyFile   ("oldfilename", "newfilename");
DeleteFile ("filename");
LoadAux    ("filename", CreateIfNotFound);
LoadScript ("filename", ScriptName);
LoadData   ("filename", DataName, CreateIfNotFound);

SelectAll  (objecttype, filter);
UnSelectAll (objecttype, filter);
Delete     (objecttype, filter);

SaveData   ("filename", filetype, objecttype, [fieldlist], [subdatalist], filter);

SetData    (objecttype, [fieldlist], [valuelist], filter);
CreateData (objecttype, [fieldlist], [valuelist]);
ChangeData (objecttype, [fieldlist], [valuelist], filter); (NOT AVAILABLE YET)
```

RenameFile("oldfilename", "newfilename");

Use this action to rename a file from within a script.

"oldfilename" : the present file name.
"newfilename" : the new file name desired.

CopyFile("oldfilename", "newfilename");

Use this action to copy a file from within a script.

"oldfilename" : the present file name.
"newfilename" : the new file name desired.

DeleteFile("filename");

Use this action to delete a file from within a script.

"filename" : the file name to delete.

LoadAux("filename", CreateIfNotFound);

Use this action to load another auxiliary file from within a script.

"filename" : The filename of the auxiliary file being loaded.
CreateIfNotFound : Set to YES or NO. YES means that objects which can not be found will be created while reading in DATA sections from filename.

LoadScript("filename", ScriptName);

Use this action to load a named Script Section from another auxiliary file. This will open the auxiliary file denoted by "filename", but will only execute the script section specified.

"filename" : The filename of the auxiliary file being loaded.
ScriptName : The specific ScriptName from the auxiliary file which should be loaded.

LoadData("filename", DataName, CreateIfNotFound);

Use this action to load a named Script Section from another auxiliary file. This will open the auxiliary file denoted by "filename", but will only execute the script section specified.

"filename" : The filename of the auxiliary file being loaded.
DataName : The specific ScriptName from the auxiliary file which should be loaded.
CreateIfNotFound : Set to YES or NO. YES means that objects which can not be found will be created while reading in DATA sections from filename. If this parameter is not specified, then NO is assumed.

SelectAll(objecttype, filter);

Use this to set the selected property of objects of a particular type to true. A filter may optionally be specified to only set this property for objects which meet a filter.

objecttype : the objecttype being selected
 filter : There are three options for the filter:
 SelectAll(objecttype); : No filter specified means to select all objects of this type.
 SelectAll(objecttype, "filename"); : "filename" means select those that meet the filter
 SelectAll(objecttype, AREAZONE); : AREAZONE means select those that meet the area/zone filters

UnSelectAll(objecttype, filter);

Same as SelectAll, but this action sets the selected properties to false.

Delete(objecttype, filter);

Use this delete objects of a particular type. A filter may optionally be specified to only delete object which meet a filter.

objecttype : the objecttype being selected
 filter : There are four options for the filter:
 Delete(objecttype); : No filter specified means to delete all objects of this type.
 Delete(objecttype, "filename"); : "filename" means delete those that meet the filter
 Delete(objecttype, AREAZONE); : AREAZONE means delete those that meet the area/zone filters
 Delete(objecttype, SELECTED); : SELECTED means delete those that are selected

SaveData("filename", filetype, objecttype, [fieldlist], [subdatalist], filter);

Use this action to save data in a custom defined format. A filter may optionally be specified to save only object which meet a filter.

"filename" : The file to save the data to
 filetype : AUX (or AUXCSV) – save as a space-delimited (or comma-delimited) auxiliary data file.
 objecttype : the objecttype being saved
 [fieldlist] : A list of fields that you want to save
 [subdatalist] : A list of the subdata objecttypes to save with the
 filter : There are four options for the filter:
 SaveData(...); : No filter specified means to save all objects of this type.
 SaveData(..., "filename"); : "filename" means save those that meet the filter
 SaveData(..., AREAZONE); : AREAZONE means save those that meet the area/zone filters
 SaveData(..., SELECTED); : SELECTED means save those that are selected

SetData(objecttype, [fieldlist], [valuelist], filter);

Use this action to set fields for particular objects. If a filter is specified, then it will set the respective fields for all objects which meet this filter. Otherwise, if no filter is specified, then the keyfields must be included in the field list so that the object can be found.

objecttype : the objecttype being set
 [fieldlist] : A list of fields that you want to save
 [valuelist] : A list of values to set the respective fields to
 filter : There are four options for the filter:
 SetData(...); : No filter specified – set data only for the object described by the [fieldlist] and [valuelist] parameters.
 SetData(..., "filename"); : "filename" – set data for all objects that meet the filter
 SetData(..., AREAZONE); : AREAZONE – set data for all objects that meet the area/zone filters
 SetData(..., SELECTED); : SELECTED – set data for all objects that are selected

CreateData(objecttype, [fieldlist], [valuelist]);

Use this action to create particular objects. Note that the key fields for the objecttype must be specified.

objecttype : the objecttype being set
 [fieldlist] : A list of fields that you want to save
 [valuelist] : A list of values to set the respective fields to

PowerWorld Simulator Actions

Available to you regardless of the Mode or SubMode

```
NewCase;
OpenCase      ("filename"); // assumes to open as PWB
OpenCase      ("filename", openfiletype );
                PWB
                GE
                PTI
                IEEECF
SaveCase      ("filename"); // assumes save as PWB
SaveCase      ("filename", savefiletype);
                PWB, PWB5, PWB6, PWB7,
                PTI23, PTI24, PTI25, PTI26, PTI27,
                GE
                IEEECF
EnterMode     (mode, submode);
                EDIT CASE
                RUN  POWERFLOW
                CONTINGENCY
                ATC
                FAULT
                PV
                QV
LogClear;
LogSave       ("filename", AppendFile);
                YES or NO
LogAdd        ("string...");
LogAddDateTime("label", includedate, includetime, includemilliseconds);
SaveYbusInMatlabFormat("filename", IncludeVoltages);
SaveJacobian("JacFileName", "JIDFileName",      FileType,      JacForm)
                M          R
                TXT        P
SetParticipationFactors(Method, ConstantValue, Object);
                MAXMWRAT      [Area num]
                RESERVE      [Zone num]
                CONSTANT      SYSTEM
                DISPLAYFILTERS
GenForceLDC_RCC(filter);
                unspecified
                "filtername"
                SELECTED
                PREFILTER
DirectionsAutoInsert(Source, Sink, DeleteExisting, UseDisplayFilters, Start, Increment);
                AREA  AREA  YES or NO  YES or NO  value value
                ZONE  ZONE
                INJECTIONGROUP
                SLACK
CaseDescriptionClear;
CaseDescriptionSet(Text, Append);
                YES or NO
```

NewCase;

This action clear out the existing case and open a new case from scratch.

OpenCase("filename", OpenFileType);

This action will open a case stored in "filename" of the type OpenFileType;

filename : The file to be opened.
OpenFileType : An optional parameter saying the format of the file begin opened is. If none is specified, then PWB will be assumed. It may be one of the following strings
PWB, PTI, GE, IEEECF.

SaveCase("filename", SaveFileType);

This action will save the case to "filename" in the format SaveFileType.

- filename : The file name to save the information to.
- SaveFileType : An optional parameter saying the format of the file to be saved. If none is specified, then PWB will be assumed. It may be one of the following strings
PWB, PWB5, PWB6, PWB7
PTI23, PTI24, PTI25, PTI26, PTI27
GE, IEEECF

EnterMode(mode or submode);

This action will save part of the power system to a "filename". It will save only those buses whose property pwEquiv must be set true.

- SubMode : The submode to enter. A parameter stating what submode to put the program in. Options available are CASE, POWERFLOW, CONTINGENCY, ATC, FAULT, PV, QV. One may also put in RUN or EDIT which will place the program in the POWERFLOW or CASE respectively.

LogClear;

Use this action to clear the Message Log.

LogSave("filename", AppendFile);

This action saves the contents of the Message Log to "filename".

- "filename" : The file name to save the information to.
- AppendFile : Set to YES or NO. YES means that the contents of the log will be appended to "filename". NO means that "filename" will be overwritten.

LogAdd("string...");

Use this action to add a personal message to the MessageLog.

- "string..." : The string that will appear as a message in the log.

LogAddDateTime("label", includedate, includetime, includemilliseconds);

Use this action to add the date and time to the message log

- "label" : A string which will appear at the start of the line containing the data/time
- includedate : YES – Include the data or NO to not include
- includetime : YES – Include the time or NO to not include
- includemilliseconds : YES – Include the milliseconds or NO to not include

SaveYbusInMatlabFormat("filename", IncludeVoltages);

Use this action to save the YBus to a file formatted for use with Matlab

- "filename" : file to save the YBus to
- IncludeVoltages : YES – Includes the per unit bus voltages in the file; NO does not include

SaveJacobian("JacFileName", "JIDFileName", FileType, JacForm)

Use this action to save the Jacobian Matrix to a text file or a file formatted for use with Matlab

- "JacFileName" : file to save the Jacobian to
- "JIDFileName" : File to save a description of what each row and column of the Jacobian represents
- FileType : M – Matlab form
TXT – Text file
- JacForm : R – Rectangular coordinates Jacobian
P – Polar coordinates Jacobian

SetParticipationFactors(Method, ConstantValue, Object);

Use this action to modify the generator participation factors in the case

- Method : MAXMWRAT – base factors on the maximum MW ratings
RESERVE – base factors on the (Max MW rating – Present MW)
CONSTANT – set factors to a constant value
- ConstantValue : specify the constant value for use with
- Object : specify which generators to set the participation factor for
[Area Num]
[Zone Num]
SYSTEM
DISPLAYFILTERS

GenForceLDC_RCC(filter);

Use this action to force generators in the case onto line drop / reactive current compensation.

- filter : There are four options for the filter:
 GenForceLDC_RCC;
 : No filter specified means to set all generator
 GenForceLDC_RCC (“filtername”);
 : “filtername” means to set generators that meet the filter
 GenForceLDC_RCC (AREAZONE);
 : AREAZONE means to set generators that meet the area/zone filters
 GenForceLDC_RCC (SELECTED);
 : SELECTED means to set generators that are selected

DirectionsAutoInsert(Source, Sink, DeleteExisting, UseAreaZoneFilters, Start, Increment);

Use this action to auto-insert directions to the case

- Source : AREA – Use areas as the source
 ZONE – Use zones as the source
 INJECTIONGROUP – use injection groups as the source
 Sink : AREA – Use areas as the sink
 ZONE – Use zones as the sink
 INJECTIONGROUP – use injection groups as the sink
 SLACK – Use the slack as the sink
 DeleteExisting : YES – to delete existing direction; NO to not do that
 UseAreaZoneFilters : YES – to filter Area/Zones by filter
 Start : The starting number for the new directions added
 Increment : The increment for subsequent directions

CaseDescriptionClear;

Use this action clear the case description of the presently open case.

CaseDescriptionSet(Text, Append);

Use this action to set or append text to the case description.

- Text : Specify the text to set/append to the case description
 Append : YES – will append the text specified to the existing case description
 NO – will replace the case description

Edit Mode Actions

Case Submode Actions

The following script commands are available during the case submode of Edit mode

```
Equivalence;
DeleteExternalSystem;
SaveExternalSystem("filename", Savefiletype, withties);
Scale (scaletype, basedon, [parameters], ScaleMarker);
    LOAD MW [P,Q] BUS
    GEN FACTOR [P] means constant pf AREA
    INJECTIONGROUP ZONE

    BUSSHUNT MW [P, +Q, -Q]
    FACTOR

Move ([elementA], [destination parameter]);
    [GEN numA idA] [numB idB]
    [LOAD numA idA] [numB idB] // NOT AVAILABLE YET
    [BRANCH numA1 numA2 cktA] [numB1 numB2 cktB] // NOT AVAILABLE YET

Combine([elementA], [elementB]);
    [GEN numA idA] [GEN numB idB]
    [LOAD numA idA] [LOAD numB idB] // NOT AVAILABLE YET
    [BRANCH numA1 numA2 cktA] [BRANCH numB1 numB2 cktB] // NOT AVAILABLE YET

InterfacesAutoInsert(Type, DeleteExisting, UseFilters, Prefix, Limits);
    AREA YES or NO YES or NO "pre" ZEROS
    ZONE AUTO
    [value1, ..., value8]

SplitBus([element], NewBusNumber, InsertBusTieLine, LineOpen);
    [BUS num] num YES or NO YES or NO

MergeBuses([element], Filter);
    [BUS num] unspecified
    "filtername"
    SELECTED
    PREFILTER

TapTransmissionLine([element], PosAlongLine, NewBusNumber, ShuntModel, TreatAsMSLine);
    [BRANCH numA1 numA2 cktA] value in % LINESHUNTS YES or NO
    CAPACITANCE
```

Equivalence;

This action will equivalence a power system. All options regarding equivalencing are handled by the Equiv_Options objecttype. Use the SetData() action, or a DATA section to set these options prior to using the Equivalence() action. Also, remember that the property Equiv must be set true for each bus that you want to equivalence.

DeleteExternalSystem;

This action will delete part of the power system. It will delete those buses whose property Equiv must is set true.

SaveExternalSystem("Filename", SaveFileType, WithTies);

This action will save part of the power system to a "filename". It will save only those buses whose property Equiv must is set true.

- filename : The file name to save the information to.
- SaveFileType : An optional parameter saying the format of the file to be saved. If none is specified, then PWB will be assumed. My be one of the following strings
PWB, PWB5, PWB6, PWB7
PTI23, PTI24, PTI25, PTI26, PTI27
GE
IEEECF
- WithTies : An optional parameter. One must specify the file type explicitly in order to use the WithTies parameter. Allows one to save transmission lines that tie the a bus marked with Equiv as false and one marked true. This must be a string which starts with the letter Y, otherwise NO will be assumed.

Scale(**scaletype**, **basedon**, [**parameters**], **scalemarker**);

Use this action to scale the load and generation in the system.

scaletype	:	the objecttype begin scaled. Must be either LOAD, GEN, INJECTIONGROUP, or BUSSHUNT.
basedon	:	MW – parameters are given in MW, MVAR units FACTOR – parameters a factor to multiple the present values by.
[parameters]	:	These parameters have different meanings depending on ScaleType. LOAD – [MW, MVAR] or [MW]. If you want to scale load using constant power factor, then do not specifying a MVAR value. GEN – [MW] INJECTIONGROUP – [MW, MVAR] or [MW] . If you want to scale load using constant power factor, then do not specifying a MVAR value. BUSSHUNT – [GMW, BCAPMVAR, BREAMVAR]. The first values scales G shunt values, the second value scales positive (capacitive) B shunt values, and the third value scales negative (reactive) B shunt values
scalemarker	:	This value specifies whether to look at an element's bus, area or zone to determine whether it should be scaled BUS – Means that elements will be scaled according to the Scale property of the element's terminal bus. AREA – Means that elements will be scaled according to the Scale property of the element's Area. Note that it is possible for the area of a load, generator, or switched shunt to be different than the terminal bus's area. ZONE – Means that elements will be scaled according to the Scale property of the element's Zone. Note that it is possible for the zone of a load, generator, or switched shunt to be different than the terminal bus's zone. OWNER – Means that elements will be scaled according to the Scale property of the element's Zone. Note that it is possible for the zone of a load, generator, or switched shunt to be different than the terminal bus's zone.

Move(**[elementA]**, [**destination parameters**]);

NOTE: THIS ACTION IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR GENERATORS

Use this action to move a generator, load, or transmission line.

[elementA]	:	the object that should be moved. Must be one of the following formats. [GEN busnum id] [LOAD busnum id] [BRANCH busnum1 busnum2 ckt]
[destination parameters]	:	These parameters have different meanings depending on object type of the element. GEN - [busnum id] LOAD – [busnum id] BRANCH – [busnum1 busnum2 id]

Combine(**[elementA]**, [**elementB**]);

NOTE: THIS ACTION IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR GENERATORS

Use this action to combine two generators, two loads, or two transmission line. Note that elementA and elementB must be of the same object type. You can not combine a BRANCH and a LOAD.

[elementA]	:	the object that should be moved. Must be one of the following formats. [GEN busnum id] [LOAD busnum id] [BRANCH busnum1 busnum2 ckt]
[elementB]	:	the object that element A should be combined with. Must the same format as for elementA

InterfacesAutoInsert(Type, DeleteExisting, UseFilters, "Prefix", Limits);

Use this action to auto-insert interfaces

- Type : AREA – insert area-to-area tieline interfaces
ZONE – insert zone-to-zone tieline interfaces
- DeleteExisting : YES – to delete existing interfaces; NO – to leave existing interfaces alone
- UseFilters : YES – to use Area/Zone Filters; NO – to insert for entire case
- "Prefix" : enter a string which will be a prefix on the interface names
- Limits : ZEROS – to make all limits zero
AUTO - limits will be set to the sum of the branch limits
[lima, limb, limc, limd, ...] – Enter 8 limits enclosed in brackets, separated by commas. This will set the limits as specified.

SplitBus([element], NewBusNumber, InsertBusTieLine, LineOpen);

Use this action to split buses

- Element : enter the description of which bus to split by enclosing the word bus followed by the bus number in brackets
- NewBusNumber : enter the number of the new bus to be created
- InsertBusTieLine : YES – insert a low impedance tie line between the buses; NO – to not do that
- LineOpen : YES – to make the inserted bus tie open; NO – to make the tie closed

MergeBuses([element], Filter);

Use this action to merge buses

- Element : enter the description of the bus that the other buses will be merged into
- Filter : enter the number of the new bus to be created
- MergeBuses([element]); : No filter specified means to merge all buses into one.
- MergeBuses([element], "filtername");: "filtername" means merge those that meet the filter
- MergeBuses([element], AREAZONE);: AREAZONE means to merge those that meet area/zone filters
- MergeBuses([element], SELECTED);: SELECTED means merge those that are selected

TapTransmissionLine([element], PosAlongLine, NewBusNumber, ShuntModel, TreatAsMSLine);

Use this action to tap a transmission line by adding in a new bus and splitting the line in two.

- Element : A description of the branch being tapped. Enclose description in brackets
[BRANCH numA1 numA2 cktA]
- PosAlongLine : The percent distance along the branch at which the line will be tapped
- NewBusNumber : The number of the new bus created at the tap point
- ShuntModel : How should the shunt charging capacitance values be handled for the split lines
LINESHUNT – Line shunts will be create (keeps exact power flow model)
CAPACITANCE – Convert shunt values capacitance in the PI model
- TreatAsMSLine : YES – the two new lines created will be made part of a multi-section line or
NO – the two lines will not be made multi-section lines

Run Mode Actions

The following script commands are available during any of the submodes of Run Mode.

CalculatePTDF	([transactor seller], [AREA num] [ZONE num] [SUPERAREA "name"] [INJECTIONGROUP "name"] [BUS num] [SLACK]	[transactor buyer], [AREA num] [ZONE num] [SUPERAREA name] [INJECTIONGROUP name] [BUS num] [SLACK]	LinearMethod); AC DC DCPS
CalculatePTDFMultipleDirections	(StoreForBranches, StoreForInterfaces, LinearMethod);	True False	True False AC DC DCPS
CalculateLODF	([BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt], LinearMethod);		
CalculateTLR	([flowelement], [INTERFACE "name"] [BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt]	direction, BUYER SELLER	[transactor], LinearMethod); same as above for PTDFs
CalculateVoltSense	([BUS num]);		
CalculateFlowSense	([flowelement], [INTERFACE "name"] [BRANCH num1 num2 ckt]	FlowType); MW MVAR MVA	
CalculateLossSense	(FunctionType);		
SetSensitivitiesAtOutOfServiceToClosest;			

CalculatePTDF([transactor seller], [transactor buyer], LinearMethod);

Use this action to calculate the PTDF values between a seller and a buyer. You may optionally specify the linear calculation method. Note that the buyer and seller must not be same thing. If no Linear Method is specified, Lossless DC will be used.

- [transactor seller] : the seller (or source) of power. There are six possible settings
 - [AREA num]
 - [ZONE num]
 - [SUPERAREA "name"]
 - [INJECTIONGROUP "name"]
 - [BUS num]
 - [SLACK]
- [transactor buyer] : the buyer (or sink) of power. There are six possible settings which are the same as for the seller.
- LinearMethod : the linear method to be used for the PTDF calculation. The options are
 - AC – for calculation including losses
 - DC – for lossless DC
 - DCPC – for lossless DC that takes into account phase shifter operation

CalculatePTDFMultipleDirections(StoreForBranches, StoreForInterfaces, LinearMethod);

Use this action to calculate the PTDF values between all the directions specified in the case. You may optionally specify the linear calculation method. If no Linear Method is specified, Lossless DC will be used.

- StoreForBranches : Specify YES to store the values calculated for each branch
- StoreForInterfaces : Specify YES to store the values calculated for each interface
- LinearMethod : the linear method to be used for the PTDF calculation. The options are
 - AC – for calculation including losses
 - DC – for lossless DC
 - DCPC – for lossless DC that takes into account phase shifter operation

CalculateLODF([BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt], LinearMethod);

Use this action to calculate the Line Outage Distribution Factors (or the Line Closure Distribution Factors) for a particular branch. If the branch is presently closed, then the LODF values will be calculated, otherwise the LCDF values will be calculated. You may optionally specify the linear calculation method as well. If no Linear Method is specified, Lossless DC will be used.

[BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt]: the branch whose status is being changed.
 LinearMethod : the linear method to be used for the LODF calculation. The options are
 DC – for lossless DC
 DCPC – for lossless DC that takes into account phase shifter operation
 Note: AC is NOT an option for the LODF calculation

CalculateTLR([flow element], direction, [transactor], LinearMethod);

Use this action to calculate the TLR values a particular flow element (transmission line or interface). You also specify one end of the potential transfer direction. You may optionally specify the linear calculation method. If no Linear Method is specified, Lossless DC will be used.

[flow element] : this is the flow element we are interested in. Choices are
 [INTERFACE “name”]
 [BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt]
 direction : the type of the transactor. Either BUYER or SELLER.
 [transactor buyer] : the transactor of power. There are six possible settings
 [AREA num]
 [ZONE num]
 [SUPERAREA “name”]
 [INJECTIONGROUP “name”]
 [BUS num]
 [SLACK]
 LinearMethod : the linear method to be used for the calculation. The options are
 AC – for calculation including losses
 DC – for lossless DC
 DCPC – for lossless DC that takes into account phase shifter operation

CalculateVoltSense([BUS num]);

This calculates the sensitivity of a particular buses voltage to real and reactive power injections at all buses in the system. (Note: this assumes that the power is injected at a given bus and taken out at the slack bus).

[BUS num] : the bus to calculate sensitivities for.

CalculateFlowSense([flow element], FlowType);

This calculates the sensitivity of the MW, MVAR, or MVA flow of a line or interface to an real and reactive power injections at all buses in the system. (Note: this assumes that the power is injected at a given bus and taken out at the slack bus).

[flow element] : this is the flow element we are interested in. Choices are
 [INTERFACE “name”]
 [BRANCH num1 num2 ckt]

FlowType : The type of flow to calculate this for. Either MW, MVAR, or MVA.

CalculateLossSense(FunctionType);

This calculates the loss sensitivity at each bus for an injection of power at the bus. The parameter FunctionType determines which losses are referenced.

FunctionType : this is the losses for which sensitivities are calculated.
 NONE – all loss sensitivities will be set to zero
 ISLAND – all loss sensitivities are referenced to the total loss in the island
 AREA –For each bus it calculates how the losses in the bus’ area will change
 (Note: this means that sensitivities at buses in two different areas can not be directly compared because they are referenced to different losses)
 AREASA – same as Each Area, but if a Super Area exists it will use this instead
 (Note: this means that sensitivities at buses in two different areas can not be directly compared because they are referenced to different losses)
 SELECTED – Calculates how the losses in the areas selected on the Loss Sensitivity Form will change

SetSensitivitiesAtOutOfServiceToClosest;

This will take the P Sensitivity and Q Sensitivity values calculated using CalculateTLR, CalculateFlowSense, or CalculateVoltSense actions and then populate the respective values at out-of-service buses so that they are equal to the value at the closest in service bus. The “distance” to the in-service buses will be measured by the number of nodes. If an out-of-service bus is equally close to a set of buses, then the average of that set of buses will be used.

PowerFlow Submode Actions

```
DoCTGAction([contingency action]);
SolvePowerFlow(SolMethod, "filename1", "filename2", CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);
SolvePrimalLP("filename1", "filename2", CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);
SolveFullSCOPF(BCMethod, "filename1", "filename2", CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);
ResetToFlatStart(FlatVoltagesAngles, ShuntsToMax, LTCsToMiddle, PSAnglesToMiddle);
DiffFlowSetAsBase;
DiffFlowClearBase;
DiffFlowMode (diffmode);
                PRESENT
                BASE
                DIFFERENCE
OPFWriteResultsAndOptions ("filename");
```

DoCTGAction([contingency action]);

Call this action to use the formats seen in the CTGElement subdata record for Contingency Data. Note that all actions are supported, except COMPENSATION sections are not allowed.

SolvePowerFlow (SolMethod, “filename1”, “filename2”, CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);

Call this action to perform a single power flow solution. The parameters are all optional and specify a conditional response depending on whether the solution is successfully found. If parameters are not passed then default values will be used.

SolMethod : The solution method to be used for the Power Flow calculation. The options are:

RECTNEWT – for Rectangular Newton-Raphson.

POLARNEWTON – for Polar Newton-Raphson.

GAUSSSEIDEL – for Gauss-Seidel.

FASTDEC – for Fast Decoupled.

DC – for DC.

Default Value = RECTNEWT.

“filename1” : The filename of the auxiliary file to be loaded if there is a successful solution. You may also specify STOP, which means that all AUX file execution should stop under the condition. Default Value = “”.

“filename2” : The filename of the auxiliary file to be loaded if there is a NOT successful solution. You may also specify STOP, which means that all AUX file execution should stop under the condition. Default Value = “”.

CreateIfNotFound1 : Set to YES or NO. YES means that objects which can not be found will be created while reading in DATA sections of filename1. Default Value = NO.

CreateIfNotFound2 : Set to YES or NO. YES means that objects which can not be found will be created while reading in DATA sections of filename2. Default Value = NO.

SolvePrimalLP(“filename1”, “filename2”, CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);

Call this action to perform a primal LP OPF solution. The parameters are all optional and specify a conditional response depending on whether the solution is successfully found. If parameters are not passed then default values will be used.

“filename1” : The filename of the auxiliary file to be loaded if there is a successful solution. You may also specify STOP, which means that all AUX file execution should stop under the condition. Default Value = “”.

“filename2” : The filename of the auxiliary file to be loaded if there is a NOT successful solution. You may also specify STOP, which means that all AUX file execution should stop under the condition. Default Value = “”.

CreateIfNotFound1 : Set to YES or NO. YES means that objects which can not be found will be created while reading in DATA sections of filename1. Default Value = NO.

CreateIfNotFound2 : Set to YES or NO. YES means that objects which can not be found will be created while reading in DATA sections of filename2. Default Value = NO.

SolveSinglePrimalLPOuterLoop("filename1", "filename2", CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);

This action is basically identical to the SolvePrimalLP action, except that this will only perform a single optimization. The SolvePrimalLP will iterate between solving the power flow and an optimization until this iteration converges. This action will only solve the optimization routine once, then resolve the power flow once and then stop.

SolveFullSCOPF (BCMethod, "filename1", "filename2", CreateIfNotFound1, CreateIfNotFound2);

Call this action to perform a full Security Constrained OPF solution. The parameters are all optional and specify a conditional response depending on whether the solution is successfully found. If parameters are not passed then default values will be used.

- BCMethod : The solution method to be used for solving the base case. The options are:
POWERFLOW – for single power flow algorithm.
OPF – for the optimal power flow algorithm.
Default Value = POWERFLOW.
- "filename1" : The filename of the auxiliary file to be loaded if there is a successful solution. You may also specify STOP, which means that all AUX file execution should stop under the condition. Default Value = "".
- "filename2" : The filename of the auxiliary file to be loaded if there is a NOT successful solution. You may also specify STOP, which means that all AUX file execution should stop under the condition. Default Value = "".
- CreateIfNotFound1 : Set to YES or NO. YES means that objects which can not be found will be created while reading in DATA sections of filename1. Default Value = NO.
- CreateIfNotFound2 : Set to YES or NO. YES means that objects which can not be found will be created while reading in DATA sections of filename2. Default Value = NO.

ResetToFlatStart (FlatVoltagesAngles, ShuntsToMax, LTCsToMiddle, PSAnglesToMiddle);

Use this action to initialize the Power Flow Solution to a "flat start." The parameters are all optional and specify a conditional response depending on whether the solution is successfully found. If parameters are not passed then default values will be used.

- FlatVoltagesAngles : Set to YES or NO. YES means setting all the voltage magnitudes and generator setpoint voltages to 1.0 per unit and all the voltage angles to zero. Default Value = YES.
- ShuntsToMax : Set to YES or NO. YES means to increase Switched Shunts Mvar half way to maximum. Default Value = NO.
- LTCsToMiddle : Set to YES or NO. YES means setting the LTC Transformer Taps to middle of range. Default Value = NO.
- PSAnglesToMiddle : Set to YES or NO. YES means setting Phase Shifter angles to middle of range. Default Value = NO.

DiffFlowSetAsBase;

Call this action to set the present case as the base case for the difference flows abilities of Simulator.

DiffFlowClearBase;

Call this action to clear the base case for the difference flows abilities of Simulator.

DiffFlowMode(diffmode);

Call this action to change the mode for the difference flows abilities of Simulator.

- diffmode : string that starts with 'P' changes it to PRESENT
string that starts with 'B' changes it to BASE
string that starts with 'D' changes it to DIFFERENCE

OPFWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");

Writes out all information related to OPF analysis as an auxiliary file. This includes Limit Monitoring Settings, options for Areas, Buses, Branches, Interfaces, Generators, SuperAreas, OPF Solution Options.

Contingency Submode Actions

```
CTGSolveAll;  
CTGSolve("ContingencyName");  
CTGSetAsReference;  
CTGRestoreReference;  
CTGProduceReport("filename");  
CTGWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");  
CTGAutoInsert;  
CTGCalculateOTDF([transactor seller], [transactor buyer], LinearMethod);
```

CTGSolveAll;

Call this action to solve all the contingencies which are not marked skip.

CTGSolve("ContingencyName");

Call this action solve a particular contingency. The contingency is denoted by the "Contingency Name".

CTGSetAsReference;

Call this action to set the present system state as the reference for contingency analysis.

CTGRestoreReference;

Call this action to reset the system state to the reference state for contingency analysis.

CTGProduceReport("filename");

Produces a text-based contingency analysis report using the settings defined in CTG_Options.

CTGWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");

Writes out all information related to contingency analysis as an auxiliary file. This includes Contingency Definitions, Limit Monitoring Settings, Contingency Results, Solution Options, CTG Options as well as any Model Criteria that are used by the Contingency Definitions.

CTGAutoInsert;

This action will auto insert contingencies for you case. Prior to calling this action, all options for this action must be specified in the Ctg_AutoInsert_Options object using SetData() or DATA sections.

CTGCalculateOTDF([transactor seller], [transactor buyer], LinearMethod);

This action first performs the same action as done by the CalculatePTDF([transactor seller], [transactor buyer], LinearMethod) call. It then goes through all the violations found by the contingency analysis tool and determines the OTDF values for the various contingency/violation pairs.

ATC Submode Actions

```
ATCDetermine      ([transactor seller],      [transactor buyer]      );
                  [AREA num]                [AREA num]
                  [ZONE num]                [ZONE num]
                  [SUPERAREA "name"]        [SUPERAREA name]
                  [INJECTIONGROUP "name"]   [INJECTIONGROUP name]
                  [BUS num]                  [BUS num]
                  [SLACK]                    [SLACK]
ATCRestoreInitialState;
ATCIncreaseTransferBy      (amount);
ATCTakeMeToScenario      (RL, G, I);
ATCDetermineFor           (RL, G, I);
ATCWriteResultsAndOptions ("filename");
```

ATCDetermine([transactor seller], [transactor buyer]);

Use this action to calculate the Available Transfer Capability (ATC) between a seller and a buyer. Note that the buyer and seller must not be same thing. Other options regarding ATC calculations should be set using a DATA section via the ATC_Options object type.

[transactor seller] : the seller (or source) of power. There are six possible settings

[AREA num]
[ZONE num]
[SUPERAREA "name"]
[INJECTIONGROUP "name"]
[BUS num]
[SLACK]

[transactor buyer] : the buyer (or sink) of power. There are six possible settings which are the same as for the seller.

ATCRestoreInitialState;

Call this action to restore the initial state for the ATC tool.

ATCIncreaseTransferBy(amount);

Call this action to increase the transfer between the buyer and seller .

ATCTakeMeToScenario(RL, G, I);

Call this action to set the present case according to Scenario RL, G, I.

ATCDetermineFor(RL, G, I);

Call this action to determine the ATC for Scenario RL, G, I.

ATCWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");

Writes out all information related to ATC analysis as an auxiliary file. This includes Contingency Definitions, Limit Monitoring Settings, Solution Options, ATC Options, ATC results, as well as any Model Criteria that are used by the Contingency Definitions.

Fault Submode Actions

Fault ([BUS num],	faulttype, R, X) ;
Fault ([BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt], faultlocation,	faulttype, R, X) ;
	SLG
	LL
	3PB
	DLG

Fault([Bus num, faulttype, R, X]);

Fault([BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt], faultlocation, faulttype, R, X);

Call this function to calculate the fault currents for a fault. If the fault element is a bus then do not specify the fault location parameter. If the fault element is a branch, then the fault location is required.

- [Bus num] : this specifies the bus at which the fault occurs.
- [BRANCH nearbusnum farbusnum ckt] : this specifies the branch on which the fault occurs.
- Fault location : This specifies the percentage distance along the branch where the fault occurs. This percent varies from 0 (meaning at the nearbus) to 100 (meaning at the far bus)
- Faulttype : This specified the type of fault which occurs. There are four options:
 - SLG – Single Line To Ground fault
 - LL – Line to Line Fault
 - 3PB – Three Phase Balanced Fault
 - DLG – Double Line to Group Fault.
- R, X : These parameters are optional and specify the fault impedance. If none are specified, then a fault impedance of zero is assumed.

PV Submode Actions

```
PVCreate("name",      [element source],      [element sink]      );
                    [INJECTIONGROUP "name"]  [INJECTIONGROUP "name"]

PVSetSourceAndSink("name", [element source],      [element sink]);
                    [INJECTIONGROUP "name"]  [INJECTIONGROUP "name"]

PVRun("name");
PVClearResults("name");
PVStartOver("name");
PVDestroy("name");

PVWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");

RefineModel( objecttype,  filter,      Action ForWhichValue);
              AREA        TRANSFORMERTAPS
              ZONE        SHUNTS
                          OFFAVR
```

PVCreate("name", [elementSource], [elementSink]);

Call the function to create a PV study with "name" as identifier. You may optionally specify the source and sink elements for the study transaction.

"name" : String that identifies the PV study to be created.
[element source] : The source of power for the PV study. There is only one possible setting:
[INJECTIONGROUP "name"]
[element sink] : The sink of power for the PV study. There is only one possible setting, which is the same as for the source.

PVSetSourceAndSink("name", [elementSource], [elementSink]);

Call the function to specify the source and sink elements to perform the PV study called "name".

"name" : String that identifies the PV study for which the source and sink elements are to be assigned to.
[element source] : The source of power for the PV study. There is only one possible setting:
[INJECTIONGROUP "name"]
[element sink] : The sink of power for the PV study. There is only one possible setting, which is the same as for the source.

PVRun("name");

Call the function to start the PV study called "name".

"name" : String that identifies the PV study.

PVClearResults("name");

Call the function to clear all the results of the PV study called "name".

"name" : String that identifies the PV study.

PVStartOver("name");

Call the function to start over the PV study called "name". This includes clear the activity log, clear results, restore the initial state, set the current state as initial state, and initialize the step size.

"name" : String that identifies the PV study.

PVDestroy("name");

Call the function to destroy the PV study called "name".

"name" : String that identifies the PV study.

PVWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");

Call this action to save all the PV results and options in the auxiliary file "filename".

RefineModel(objecttype, filter, Action, Tolerance);

Call this function to refine the system model to fix modeling idiosyncrasies that cause premature loss of convergence during PV and QV studies.

Objecttype : The objecttype being selected.
AREA
ZONE

- Filter : There are three options for the filter:
RefineModel(..., "", ...);
No filter specified means to select all objects of this type.
RefineModel(..., "filtername", ...);
"filtername" means select those that meet the filter.
- Action : The way the model will be refined. Choices are:
TRANSFORMERTAPS: Fix all transformer taps at their present values if their $V_{max} - V_{min}$ is less than or equal to the user specified tolerance.
SHUNTS: Fix all shunts at their present values if their $V_{max} - V_{min}$ is less than or equal to the user specified tolerance.
OFFAVR: Remove units from AVR control, thus locking their MVAR output at its present value if their $Q_{max} - Q_{min}$ is less or equal to the user specified tolerance.
- Tolerance : Tolerance value.

QV Submode Actions

```
QVRun("filename", InErrorMakeBaseSolvable);
        YES or NO
        NOTE: The QV study is always performed on selected buses.

QVWriteResultsAndOptions ("filename");

RefineModel( objecttype, filter, Action ForWhichValue);
        AREA          TRANSFORMERTAPS
        ZONE          SHUNTS
                   OFFAVR
```

QVRun("filename", InErrorMakeBaseSolvable);

Call the function to start a QV study for the list of buses whose SELECTED? field is set to YES.

"filename" : This specifies the file to which to save a comma-delimited version of the results.

InErrorMakeBaseSolvable: This specifies whether to perform a solvability analysis of the base case if the pre-contingency base case can not be solved. If not specified, then YES is assumed.

QVWriteResultsAndOptions("filename");

Call this action to save all the QV results and options in the auxiliary file "filename".

RefineModel(objecttype, filter, Action, Tolerance);

Call this function to refine the system model to fix modeling idiosyncrasies that cause premature loss of convergence during PV and QV studies.

Objecttype : The objecttype being selected.
AREA
ZONE

Filter : There are three options for the filter:
RefineModel(..., "", ...);
No filter specified means to select all objects of this type.
RefineModel(..., "filtername", ...);
"filtername" means select those that meet the filter.

Action : The way the model will be refined. Choices are:
TRANSFORMERTAPS: Fix all transformer taps at their present values if their Vmax – Vmin is less than or equal to the user specified tolerance.
SHUNTS: Fix all shunts at their present values if their Vmax – Vmin is less than or equal to the user specified tolerance.
OFFAVR: Remove units from AVR control, thus locking their MVAR output at its present value if their Qmax – Qmin is less or equal to the user specified tolerance.

Tolerance : Tolerance value.

DATA Section

```
DATA DataName(object_type, [list_of_fields], file_type_specifier)
{
data_list_1
.
.
data_list_n
}
```

Immediately following the DATA keyword, you may optionally include a DataName. By including the DataName, you can make use of the script command LoadData("filename", DataName) to call this particular data section from another auxiliary file. Following the optional DataName is the argument list.

DATA Argument List

The DATA argument list identifies what the information section contains. A left and right parenthesis "()" mark the beginning and end of the argument list.

The file_type_specifier parameter distinguishes the information section as containing custom auxiliary data (as opposed to Simulator's native auxiliary formats), and indicates the format of the data. Currently, the parser recognizes two values for file_type_specifier:

(blank) or AUXDEF or DEF Data fields are space delimited
 AUXCSV or CSV or CSVAUX Data fields are comma delimited

The object_type parameter identifies the type of object or data element the information section describes or models. For example, if object_type equals BUS, then the data describes BUS objects. Simulator currently recognizes the following object types:

3WXFormer	DefDrawGen	LODF_Options	PWOPFTimePoint
Area	DefDrawInterface	LPBasisMatrix	PWPVResultListContainer
ATC_Options	DefDrawLineTransformer	LPOPFMarginalControls	QVCurve
ATCExtraMonitor	DefDrawLoad	LPVariable	QVCurve_Options
ATCGeneratorChange	DefDrawShunt	LPVariableCostSegment	RLScenarioName
ATCInterfaceChange	DefDrawSubstation	MessLog_Options	Scale_Options
ATCLineChange	DefDrawSuperArea	ModelCondition	Schedule
ATCScenario	DefDrawZone	ModelExpression	ScreenLayer
ATCZoneChange	Direction	ModelFilter	SelectByCriteriaSet
BGCalculatedField	Equiv_Options	MTDCRecord	ShortCut
Branch	ExportBidCurve	MultiSectionLine	Shunt
Bus	Filter	MvarMarginalCostValues	Sim_Environment_Options
BusViewFormOptions	Gen	MWMarginalCostValues	Sim_Misc_Options
CaselfInfo_Options	GlobalContingencyActions	MWTransaction	Sim_Simulation_Options
ColorMap	GScenarioName	Nomogram	Sim_Solution_Options
Contingency	IG_AutoInsert_Options	NomogramInterface	StudyMWTransactions
Ctg_AutoInsert_Options	ImportBidCurve	OPF_Options	Substation
Ctg_Options	ImportExportBidCurve	OPFSolutionSummary	SuperArea
CTGElementBlock	InjectionGroup	Owner	TLR_Options
CustomCaseInfo	Interface	PieSizeColorOptions	TransferLimiter
CustomCaseInfoRow	InterfaceAElement	PostPowerFlowActions	Transformer
CustomExpression	InterfaceBElement	PTDF_Options	TSSchedule
DataGrid	IScenarioName	PVCurve_Options	UC_Options
DCTransmissionLine	Limit_Monitoring_Options	PWCaseInformation	ViolationCTG
DefDrawArea	LimitCost	PWFormOptions	WhatOccurredDuringContingency
DefDrawBackground	LimitSet	PWLPOPFCTGViol	XFCorrection
DefDrawBus	Load	PWLPTabRow	Zone

The list of object types Simulator's auxiliary file parser can recognize will grow as new applications for the technology are found. Within Simulator, you will always be able to obtain a list of the available object_types by going to the main menu and choosing Help, Export Object Fields, and then exporting the fields to Excel.

The `list_of_fields` parameter lists the types of values the ensuing records in the data section contain. The order in which the fields are listed in `list_of_fields` dictates the order in which the fields will be read from the file. Simulator currently recognizes over 1,500 different field types, each identified by a specific *field name*. Because the available fields for an object may grow as new applications are developed, you will always be able to obtain a list of the available object_types by going to the main menu and choosing Help, Export Object Fields. Certainly, only a subset of these fields would be found in a typical custom auxiliary file. In crafting applications to export custom auxiliary files, developers need concern themselves only the fields they need to communicate between their applications and Simulator. A few points of interest regarding the `list_of_fields` are:

- The `list_of_fields` may take up several lines of the text file.
- The `list_of_fields` should be encompassed by braces [].
- When encountering the PowerWorld comment string `'/'` in one of these lines of the text file, all text to the right is ignored.
- Blank lines, or lines whose first characters are `'/'` will be ignored as comments.
- Field names must be separated by commas.

Example:

```
DATA (BUS, [BusNomKV, Bus, // comment here
  ABCPhaseAngle:1, ABCPhaseAngle:2, ABCPhaseV, ABCPhaseV:1,
  // comments allowed here to

  // note that blank rows are ignored
  AreaNum, BusAngle, BusB, BusCat, BusEquiv, BusG,
  BusGenericSensV, BusKVVolt, BusLambda, BusLoadMVA, // more comment
  BusLoadMW, BusLongName])
```

One general note regarding the field names however. Some field names may be augmented with a field location. One example of this is the field `LineMW`. For a branch, there are two MW flows associated with the line: one MW flow at the from bus, and one MW flow at the to bus. So that the number of fields does not become huge, the same field name is used for both of these values. For the from bus flow, we write `LineMW:0`, and for the to bus flow, we write `LineMW:1`. Note that fieldnames such as `LineMW:0` may simply leave off the `:0`.

Key Fields

Simulator uses certain fields to identify the specific object being described. These fields are called *key fields*. For example, the key field for BUS objects is `BusNum`, because a bus can be identified uniquely by its number. The key fields for GEN objects are `BusNum` and `GenID`. To properly identify each object, the object's key fields must be present. They can appear in any order in the `list_of_fields` (i.e. they need not be the first fields listed in `list_of_fields`). As long as the key fields are present, Simulator can identify the specific object. By going to the main menu and choosing Help, Export Object Fields you will obtain a list of fields available for each object type. In this output, the key fields will appear with asterisks `*`.

Data List

After the data argument list is completed, the Data list is given. The data section lists the values of the fields for each object in the order specified in `list_of_fields`. The data section begins with a left curly brace and ends with the a right curly brace. A few points of interest regarding the `value_list`:

- The `value_list` may take up several lines of the text file.
- Each new data object must start on its own line of text.
- When encountering the PowerWorld comment string `'/'` in one of these lines of the text file, all text to the right of this is ignored.
- Blank lines, or lines whose first characters are `'/'` will be ignored as comments.
- Remember that the right curly brace must appear on its own line at the end of the `data_list`.
- If the `file_type_specifier` is CSV, the values should be separated by commas. Otherwise, separate the field names using spaces.
- Strings can be enclosed in double quotes, but this is not required. You should however always inclose strings that contain spaces (or commas) in quotes. Otherwise, strings containing commas would cause errors for comma-delimited files, and spaces would cause errors for space-delimited formatted files.

SubData Sections

The format described thus far works well for most kinds of data in Simulator. It does not work as well however for data that stores a list of objects. For example, a contingency stores some information about itself (such as its name), and then a list of contingency elements, and possibly a list of limit violations as well. For data such as this, Simulator allows <SubData>, </SubData> tags that store lists of information about a particular object. This formatting looks like the following

```
DATA (object_type, [list_of_fields], file_type_specifier)
{
value_list_1
  <SUBDATA subobject_type1>
    precise format describing an object_type1
    precise format describing an object_type1
    .
    .
  </SUBDATA>
  <SUBDATA subobject_type2>
    precise format describing an object_type2
    precise format describing an object_type2
    .
    .
  </SUBDATA>
value_list_2
.
.
value_list_n
}
```

Note that the information contained inside the <SubData>, </SubData> tags may not be flexibly defined. It must be written in a precisely defined order that will be documented for each SubData type. The description of each of these SubData formats follows.

ATC Options

RLScenarioName

GScenarioName

IScenarioName

These three sections contain the pretty names of the RL Scenarios, G Scenarios, and I Scenarios. Each line consists of two values: Scenario Number and a name string enclosed in quotes.

Scenario Number : the scenarios are number 0 through the number of scenarios minus 1
Scenario Name : these represent the names of the various scenarios.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA RLScenarioName>
//Index Name
  0 "Scenario Name 0"
  1 "Scenario Name 1"
</SUBDATA>
```

ATCExtraMonitor

ATCFlowValue

This subdata section contains a list of a flow values for specified transfer levels. Each line consists of two values: Flow Value (flow on the monitored element) and a Transfer Level (in MW).

Flow Value : contains a string describing which monitor this belongs to.
Transfer Level : contains the value for this extra monitor at the last linear iteration

Example:

```
<SUBDATA ATCFlowValue>
//MWFlow TransferLevel
 94.05 55.30
105.18 80.58
109.02 107.76
</SUBDATA>
```

ATCScenario

TransferLimiter

This subdata section contains a list of the TransferLimiters for this scenario. Each line contains fields relating one of the Transferlimiters. The fields are written out in the following order:

Limiting Element : contains a description of the limiting element. The possible values are
"PowerFlow Divergence"
"AREA num"
"SUPERAREA name"
"ZONE num"
"BRANCH num1 num2 ckt"
"INJECTIONGROUP name"
"INTERFACE name"

Limiting Contingency : the name of the limiting contingency. If blank, then this means it's a limitaiton in the base case.

MaxFlow : The transfer limitation in MW in per unit

PTDF : The PTDF on the limiting element in the base case (not in percent)

OTDF : The OTDF on the limiting element under the limiting contingency

LimitUsed : The limit which was used to determine the MaxFlow in per unit

PreTransEst : The estimated flow on the line after the contingency but before the transfer in per unit

MaxFlowAtLastIteration : The total transfer at the last iteration in per unit

IterativelyFound : either YES or NO depending on whether it was iteratively determined.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA TransferLimiter >
"BRANCH 40767 42103 1" "contin" 2.84 -0.0771 -0.3883 -4.35 -4.35 -0.01 "-55.88" YES
"BRANCH 42100 42321 1" "Contin" 4.42 0.1078 0.5466 6.50 5.64 1.57 " 22.59" NO
"BRANCH 42168 42174 1" "Contin" 7.45 -0.0131 -0.0651 -1.39 -1.09 4.60 "-33.31" NO
"BRANCH 42168 42170 1" "Contin" 8.54 0.0131 0.0651 1.39 1.02 5.69 " 26.10" NO
"BRANCH 41004 49963 1" "Contin" 9.17 -0.0500 -0.1940 -4.39 -3.16 6.32 " 68.73" NO
"BRANCH 46403 49963 1" "Contin" 9.53 0.0500 0.1940 4.46 3.16 6.68 "-68.68" NO
"BRANCH 42163 42170 1" "Contin" 10.14 -0.0131 -0.0651 -1.39 -0.92 7.29 "-15.58" NO
</SUBDATA>
```

ATCExtraMonitor

This subdata section contains a list of the ATCExtraMonitors for this scenario. Each line contains three fields relating one of the ATCExtraMonitors. The first field describes the ATCExtraMonitor which this subdata corresponds to. The second and third variables are the initial value and sensitivity for this extra monitor for the scenario. An option fourth field may be included if we are using one of the iterated ATC solution options. This field must be the String "ATCFlowValue"

Monitor Description : contains a string describing which monitor this belongs to.
InitialValue : contains the value for this extra monitor at the last linear iteration
Sensitivity : contains the sensitivity of this monitor
ATCFlowValue : a string which signifies that a block will follow which stores a list of flow values for specified transfer levels. Each line of the block consists of two values: Flow Value (flow on the monitored element) and a Transfer Level (in MW). The block is terminated when a line of text that starts with 'END' is encountered.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA ATCExtraMonitor>
  "Interface<KEY1>Left-Right</KEY1>" 40.0735 0.633295
  "Branch<KEY1>2</KEY1><KEY2>5</KEY2><KEY3>1</KEY3>" 78.7410 0.266589
</SUBDATA>
```

BGCalculatedField

Condition

Bus Group Calculated Fields are used for creating a calculation that operates on the buses in a area, zone, or substation. Part of the definition is a filter which specifies which buses to operate over. This subdata section is identical to the Condition subdata section of the Filter object type.

BusViewFormOptions

BusViewBusField

BusViewFarBusField

BusViewGenField

BusViewLineField

BusViewLoadField

BusViewShuntField

The values represent specific fields on the custom defined bus view onelines. Each line contains two values

Location FieldDescription (Example: 0 "MW Flow@6@1@0@0")

Location : The various locations on the customized bus view contain slots for fields. This is the slot number.

FieldDescription : This is a string enclosed in double quotes. The string itself is delimited by the @ character. The string contains five values

Name of Field : the name of the field. Special fields that appear on dialog by default have special names. Otherwise these are the same as the fieldnames of the AUX file format (for the "other fields" feature on the dialogs)

Total Digit : number of total digits for a numeric field

Decimal Points : number of decimal points for a numeric field

Color : This is the color of the field. It is not presently used.

Increment Value: This is the "delta per mouse" click for the field

Example:

```
<SUBDATA BusViewLineField>
  0 "MW Flow@6@1@0@0"
  1 "MVar Flow@6@1@0@0"
  2 "MVA Flow@6@1@0@0"
  3 "BusAngle:1@6@2@0@0"
</SUBDATA>
```

ColorMap

ColorPoint

A colorpoint is simply described by a real number (between 0 and 100) and an integer describing the color written on a single line of text

cmvalue cmcolor (Example: 100 56648)

cmvalue : real number between 0 and 100 (minimum to maximum value)

cmcolor : integer between 0 and 16,777,216. Value is determined by taking the red, green and blue components of the color and assigning them a value between 0 and 255. The color is then equal to $\text{red} + 256 * \text{green} + 256 * 256 * \text{blue}$.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA ColorPoint>
// Value Color
100.0000 127
62.5000 65535
50.0000 8388479
12.5000 16711680
0.0000 8323072
</SUBDATA>
```

Contingency

CTGELEMENTAPPEND

Normally when reading in contingency definitions, the CTGELEMENT SubData section is used to define the list of elements. When reading a CTGELEMENT SubData section, all existing elements of the contingency are deleted and replaced with the ones read from the file. Using the CTGELEMENTAPPEND as the SubData section will modify this behavior so that the elements are appended to the existing ones instead of deleted.

CTGELEMENT

A contingency element is described by up to four entries. All entries must be on a single line of text.

“Action” “ModelCriteria” Status //comment

Action : string describing the action associated with this element. See below for actions available.

ModelCriteria : This is the name of a ModelFilter or ModelCondition under which this action should be performed. This entry is optional. If it is not specified, then a blank (or no criteria) is assumed. If you want to enter a Status, then you must specify “” as the ModelCriteria.

Status : Three options
CHECK – perform action if ModelCriteria is true
ALWAYS – perform action regardless of ModelCriteria
NEVER – do not perform action
This entry is optional. If it is not specified, then CHECK is assumed.

Comment : All text to the right of the comment symbol (//) will be saved with the CTGELEMENT as a comment

Possible Actions:

Calling of a name ContingencyBlock

```
| CONTINGENCYBLOCK | name
```

Calls a ContingencyBlock and executes each of the actions in that block.

Calling solution of the Power Flow

```
| SOLVEPOWERFLOW |
```

This will cause the power flow solution of the post-contingency system to occur in stages

Transmission Line or Transformer outage or insertion

```
| BRANCH | bus1# bus2# ckt | OPEN  
| | | | | CLOSE
```

Takes branch out of service, or puts it in service. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by an underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

DC Transmission Line outage or insertion

DCLine	bus1# bus2# ckt	OPEN
		CLOSE

Takes DC Line out of service, or puts it in service. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

3-Winding Transformer outage or insertion

3WXFORMER	bus1# bus2# bus3# ckt	OPEN
		CLOSE

Takes all three windings of a 3-winding transformer out of service, or puts them in service. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

Takes branch out of service, or puts it in service. Series Capacitor Bypass or Inservice

SERIESCAP	bus1# bus2# ckt	BYPASS
		INSERVICE

Bypasses a series capacitor, or puts it in service. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

Interface outage or insertion

INTERFACE	name	OPEN
		CLOSE

Takes all monitored branches in the interface out of service, or puts them all in service

Bus outage causes all lines connected to the bus to be outage

BUS	bus#	OPEN
-----	------	------

Takes all branches connected to the bus out of service. Also outages all generation, load, or shunts attached to the bus. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

Generator, Load, or Switched Shunt outage or insertion

GEN	bus# id	OPEN
LOAD	bus# id	CLOSE
SHUNT	bus# id	
INJECTIONGROUP	name	

Takes a generator, load, or shunt out of service, or puts it in service. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

Generator, Load or Switched Shunt movement to another bus

GEN	bus1#	MOVE_PQ_TO	bus2#	value	MW
LOAD		MOVE_P_TO			MVAR
SHUNT		MOVE_Q_TO			PERCENT

Use to move generation, load or shunt at a bus1 over to bus2. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

Generator, Load or Switched Shunt set or change a specific value

GEN	bus#	SET_P_TO	value	MW
LOAD		SET_Q_TO		MVAR
SHUNT		SET_PQ_TO		PERCENT
		SET_VOLT_TO		
		CHANGE_P_BY		
		CHANGE_Q_BY		
		CHANGE_PQ_BY		
		CHANGE_VOLT_BY		

Use to set the generation, load, or shunt at a bus to a particular value. Also can use to change by a specified amount. The Voltage setpoints only apply to SHUNTS and GENs. Note: bus# values

may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

DC Line set a specific value

```

| DCLINE      | bus1# bus2# ckt | SET_P_TO | value | MW
|              |                  | CHANGE_P_BY |      | PERCENT
|              |                  | SET_I_TO  |      | AMPS
|              |                  | CHANGE_I_BY |      |

```

Use to set the DC Line setpoint to a particular value. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

Phase Shifter set a specific value

```

| PHASESHIFTER | bus1# bus2# ckt | SET_P_TO | value | MW
|              |                  | CHANGE_P_BY |      | PERCENT
|              |                  | SET_I_TO  |      |
|              |                  | CHANGE_I_BY |      |

```

Use to set the phase shift angle to a particular value. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

Injection Group change specific value

```

| INJECTIONGROUP | name | CHANGE_P_TO | value | MW
|                |      | SET_P_TO    |      | PERCENT
|                |      |              |      | MWMERITORDER
|                |      |              |      | PERCENTMERITORDER

```

Use to set or change the MW generation/load in an injection group by a particular value. Note that MW and PERCENT OPTIONS will change each point in the injection group by a value in proportion to the participations factors of the group. MWMERITORDER and PERCENTMERITORDER will modify points in the injection group by closing or opening points in the group in order of descending participation factors until the total change greater than or equal to the requested change has been achieved.

Execute a Power Flow Solution

```
| SOLVEPOWERFLOW
```

Include this action to cause the solution of the contingency to be split into pieces. Actions that area listed before each SOLVEPOWERFLOW call will be performed as a group.

Make-Up Power Compensation.

Only valid immediately following a SET, CHANGE, OPEN or CLOSE action on a Generator, Shunt or Load. This describes how the change in MW or MVAR are picked up by buses throughout the system. The values specify participation factors. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

```

| COMPENSATION
| bus#1  value1
| bus#2  value2
| ...
| END

```

Example:

```

<SUBDATA CTGElement>
// just some comments
// action
"BRANCH 40821 40869 1 OPEN" "" ALWAYS //Raver - Paul 500 kV
"GEN 45041 1 OPEN" "" ALWAYS //Trip Unit #2
"BRANCH 42702 42727 1 OPEN" "Line X Limited" CHECK //Open Fern Hill
"GEN 40221 1 OPEN" "Interface L1" CHECK //Drop ~600 MW
"GEN 40227 1 OPEN" "Interface L2" CHECK //Drop ~1200 MW
"GEN 40221 1 OPEN" "Interface L3" CHECK //Drop ~600 MW
"GEN 40227 1 OPEN" "Interface L3+" CHECK //Drop ~1200 MW
</SUBDATA>

```

LimitViol

A LimitViol is used to describe the results of a contingency analysis run. Each Limit Violation lists eight values:

ViolType	ViolElement	Limit	ViolValue	PTDF	OTDF	InitialValue	Reason
ViolType	: One of five values describing the type of violation BAMP – branch amp limit violation BMVA – branch MVA limit violation VLOW – bus low voltage limit violation VHIGH – bus high voltage limit violation INTER – interface MW limit violation						
ViolElement	: This field depends on the ViolType. for VLOW, VHIGH – “bus1#” or “busname_buskv” for INTER – “interfacename” for BAMP, BMVA – “bus1# bus2# ckt violationbus# MWFlowDirection” violationbus# is the bus number for the end of the branch which is violated MWFlowDirection is the direction of the MW flow on the line. Potential values are “FROMTO” or “TOFROM”. Note: each bus# may be replaced with the name underscore nominal kV string enclosed in single quotations.						
Limit	: This is the numerical limit which was violated						
ViolValue	: This is the numerical value of the violation						
PTDF	: This field is optional. It only makes sense for interface or branch violations. It stores a sensitivity of the flow on the violating element during in the base case with respect to a transfer direction This must be calculated using the Contingency Analysis Other Actions related to Sensitivities						
OTDF	: Same as for the PTDF.						
InitialValue	: This stores a number. This stores the base case value for the element which is being violated. This is used to compare against when looking at change violations						
Reason	: This will say whether this was a pure violation, or is being reported as a violation because the change from the base case is higher than a specified threshold LIMIT – means this is a violation of a line/interface/bus limit CHANGE – means this is being reported as a limit because the change from the initial value is higher than allowed						

Example:

```
<SUBDATA LimitViol>
  BAMP "1 3 1 1 FROMTO" 271.94031 398.48096 10.0 15.01 //Note OTDF/PTDF
  // values can also be specified with name underscore nominal kV string
  // enclosed inside a single quote as shown next
  BAMP "'One_138' 'Three_138' 1 1 FROMTO" 271.94031 398.48096 10.0 15.01
  INTER "Right-Top" 45.00000 85.84451 None None 56.000 LIMIT
</SUBDATA>
```

Sim_Solution_Options

These describe the power flow solution options which should be used under this particular contingency. The format of the subdata section is two lines of text. The first line is a list of the fieldtypes for Sim_Solution_Options which should be changed. The second line is a list of the values. Note that in general, power flow solution options are stored at three different locations in contingency analysis. When implementing a contingency, Simulator gives precedence to these three locations in the following order:

1. Contingency Record Options (stored with the particular contingency)
2. Contingency Tool Options (stored with CTG_Options)
3. The global solution options

WhatOccurredDuringContingency

Each line of this subdata section is part of a text description of what actually ended up being implemented for this contingency. This will list which actions were executed and which on which actions ended up being skipped because of their model criteria. Each line of the subdata section must be enclosed in quotes.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA WhatOccurredDuringContingency>
  "Applied: "
  " OPEN Branch Two (2) TO Five (5) CKT 1 | | CHECK | "
</SUBDATA>
```

ContingencyBlock

CTGElementAppend

This format is the same as for the Contingency objecttype, however, you can not call a ContingencyBlock from within a contingencyblock.

CTGElement

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CTG Options

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CustomCaseInfo

ColumnInfo

Each line of this SUBDATA section can be used for specifying the column width of particular columns of the respective Custom Case Information Sheet. The line contains two values – the column and then a column width. This is shown in the following example.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA ColumnInfo>
  "SheetCol"      133
  "SheetCol:1"    150
  "SheetCol:2"    50
</SUBDATA>
```

DataGrid

ColumnInfo

Contains a description of the columns which are shown in the respective data grid. Each line of text contains four fields: VariableName, ColumnWidth, TotalDigits, DecimalPoints

VariableName : contains the variable which is shown in this column
ColumnWidth : The column width
TotalDigits : The total digits displayed for numerical values
DecimalPoints : The decimal points shown for numerical values.

Example:

```
DATA (DataGrid, [DataGridName])
{
  BUS
  <SUBDATA COLUMNINFO>
    BusNomVolt 100 8 2
    AreaNum    50 8 2
    ZoneNum    50 8 2
  </SUBDATA>
  BRANCHRUN
  <subdata COLUMNINFO >
    BusNomVolt:0 100 8 2
    BusNomVolt:1 100 8 2
    LineMW:0     100 9 3
  </SUBDATA>
}
```

DynamicFormatting

DynamicFormattingContextObject

This subdata section contains a list of the display object types which are chosen to be selected. Each line of the section consists of the following

DisplayObjectType (WhichFields) (ListOfFields)

DisplayObjectType : The object type of the display object. These are generally the same as the values seen in the subdata section *SelectByCriteriaSetType* of *SelectByCriteriaSet* object types. The only exception is the string *CaseInfo*, which is used for formatting applying to the case information displays.

(WhichFields) : For display objects that can reference different fields, this sets which of those fields it should select (e.g. select only Bus Name Fields). The value may be either ALL or SPECIFIED.

(ListOfFields) : If WhichFields is set to SPECIFIED, then a delimited list of fields follows.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA DynamicFormattingContextObject>
// Note: CaseInfo applies to case information displays
CaseInfo "SPECIFIED" BusName
DisplayAreaField "ALL"
DisplayBus
DisplayBusField "SPECIFIED" BusName BusPUVolt BusNum
DisplayCircuitBreaker
DisplaySubstation
DisplaySubstationField "SPECIFIED" SubName SubNum BusNomVolt BGLoadMVR
DisplayTransmissionLine
DisplayTransmissionLineField"ALL"
</SUBDATA>
```

Filter

Condition

Conditions store the conditions of the filter. Each condition is described by one line of text which can contain up to five fields.

Variablename condition "value" ("othervalue") (fieldopt)
variablename : is one of the fields for the object_type specified. It may optional be followed by a colon and a non-negative integer. If not specified, 0 is assumed.

Example: on a LINE, 0 = from bus, 1 = to bus

Thus: sgLineMW:0 = the MW flow leaving the from bus

SgLineMW:1 = the MW flow leaving the to bus

Condition	:	Possible Values	Alternate1	Alternate2	Requirements
between	:		><		requires othervalue
notbetween	:		~><		requires othervalue

equal	:		=	==	
-------	---	--	---	----	--

notequal	:		<>	~=	
----------	---	--	----	----	--

greaterthan	:		>		
-------------	---	--	---	--	--

lessthan	:		<		
----------	---	--	---	--	--

greaterthanorequal	:		>=		
--------------------	---	--	----	--	--

lessthanorequal	:		<=		
-----------------	---	--	----	--	--

contains

notcontains

startswith

notstartswith

inrange

notinrange

value : the value to compare to.

For fields associated with strings, this must be a string

For fields associated with real numbers, this must be a number.

For fields associated with integers, this is normally an integer, except when the Condition is "inrange" or "notinrange". In this case, value is a comma/dash separated number string.

(othervalue) : if required, the other value to compare to

(FieldOpt) : optional integer value with following meanings.
 0 - strings are case insensitive, use number fields directly
 (0 is the default value if not otherwise specified)
 1 - strings are case sensitive, take ABS of field values

Example:

```
DATA (FILTER, [objecttype, filtername, filtertype, prefilter])
{
BUS "a bus filter" "AND" "no"
  <SUBDATA CONDITION>
    BusNomVolt > 100
    AreaNum   inrange "1 - 5 , 7 , 90-95"
    ZoneNum   between
  </SUBDATA>

BRANCH "a branch filter" "OR" "no"
  <subdata CONDITION>
    BusNomVolt:0 > 100 // Note location 0 means from bus
    BusNomVolt:1 > 100 // Note location 1 means to bus
    LineMW:0 > 100 1 // Note, final field 1 denotes absolute value
  </SUBDATA>
}
```

Gen

BidCurve

BidCurve subdata is used to define a piece-wise linear cost curve (or a bid curve). Each bid point consists of two real numbers on a single line of text: a MW output and then the respective bid (or marginal cost).

Example:

```
<SUBDATA BidCurve>
// MW Price[$/MWhr]
100.00 10.6
200.00 12.4
400.00 15.7
500.00 16.0
</SUBDATA>
```

ReactiveCapability

Reactive Capability subdata is used to the reactive capability curve of the generator. Each line of text consists of three real numbers: a MW output, and then the respective Minimum MVAR and Maximum MVAR output

Example:

```
<SUBDATA ReactiveCapability>
// MW MinMVAR MaxMVAR
100.00 -60.00 60.00
200.00 -50.00 50.00
400.00 -30.00 20.00
500.00 - 5.00 2.00
</SUBDATA>
```

GlobalContingencyActions

CTGElementAppend

This format is the same as for the Contingency objecttype

CTGElement

This format is the same as for the Contingency objecttype

InjectionGroup

PartPoint

A participation point is used to describe the contents of an injection group. Each participation point lists six values:

PointType PointBusNum PointID PointParFac ParFacCalcType ParFacNotDynamic

PointType : One of two values describing the type of violation

GEN – a generator

LOAD – a load

PointBusNum : The bus number of the partpoint. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in double quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

PointID : The generator or load id for the partpoint

PointParFac : The participation factor for the point

ParFacCalcType : How the participation point is calculated. There are several options depending on the PointType.

Generators SPECIFIED, MAX GEN INC, MAX GEN DEC, or MAX GEN MW

Loads: SPECIFIED, or LOAD MW

ParFacNotDynamic: Should the participation factor be recalculated dynamically as the system changes

Example:

```
<SUBDATA PartPoint>
"GEN" 1 "1" 1.00 "SPECIFIED" "NO"
"GEN" 4 "1" 104.96 "MAX GEN INC" "NO"
"GEN" 6 "1" 50.32 "MAX GEN DEC" "YES"
"GEN" 7 "1" 600.00 "MAX GEN MW" "NO"
"LOAD" 2 "1" 5.00 "SPECIFIED" "NO"
"LOAD" 6 "1" 200.00 "LOAD MW" "YES"
</SUBDATA>
```

Interface

InterfaceElement

An interface's subdata contains a list of the elements in the interface. Each line contains a text description of the interface element. Note that this text description must be encompassed by quotation marks. There are five kinds of elements allowed in an interface. Please note that the direction specified in the monitoring elements is important.

- “BRANCH *num1 num2 ckt*” : Monitor the MW flow on the branch starting from bus *num1* going to bus *num2* on the branch this branch.
- “AREA *num1 num2*” : Monitor the sum of the tie line MW flows from area to area.
- “ZONE *num1 num2*” : Monitor the sum of the tie line MW flows from zone to zone.
- “BRANCHOPEN *num1 num2 ckt*” : When monitoring the elements in this interface, monitor them under the contingency of opening this branch.
- “BRANCHCLOSE *num1 num2 ckt*” : When monitoring the elements in this interface, monitor them under the contingency of closing this branch.
- “BRANCHCLOSE *num1 num2 ckt*” : When monitoring the elements in this interface, monitor them under the contingency of closing this branch.
- “DCLINE *num1 num2 ckt*” : Monitor the flow on a DC line.
- “INJECTIONGROUP *name*” : Monitor the net *injection* from an injection group (generation contributes as a positive injection, loads as negative).
- “GEN *num1 id*” : Monitor the net *injection* from a generator (contributes as a positive injection)
- “LOAD *num1 id*” : Monitor the net *injection* from a load (contributes as a negative injection).

Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in single quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

For the interface element type “BRANCH *num1 num2 ckt*” and “DCLINE *num1 num2 ckt*”, an optional field can also be written specifying whether the flow should be measured at the far end. This field is either YES or NO.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA InterfaceElement
"BRANCH 8 9 1" NO // monitor the flow from bus 8 to bus 9 on this branch

"BRANCH 12 33 1" YES // monitor the flow from bus 12 to bus 33 on branch
// measurefarend is set to true, therefore, we are
// monitoring the MW flow that arrives at bus 33
// the following demonstrates the format when bus names and
// nominal voltages are used.
"BRANCH 'Twelve_230' 'name33_230' 1" YES

"AREA 2 1" // monitor tie line flow from area 2 to area 1
"ZONE 66 53" // monitor tie lines flows from zone 66 to zone 53
"BRANCHOPEN 5 6 1" // doe monitoring after branch opens
"BRANCHCLOSE 7 10 1" // doe monitoring after branch closes
</SUBDATA>
```

LimitSet

LimitCost

LimitCost records describe the piece-wise unenforceable constraint cost records for use by unenforceable line/interface limits in the OPF or SCOPF. Each row contains two values

PercentLimit Cost

PercentLimit : Percent of the transmission line limit

Cost : Cost used at this line loading percentage value.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA LimitCost>
//Percent Cost [$/MWhr]
100.00 50.00
105.00 100.00
110.00 500.00
</SUBDATA>
```

Load

BidCurve

BidCurve subdata is used to define a piece-wise linear benefit curve (or a bid curve). Each bid point consists of two real numbers on a single line of text: a MW output and then the respective bid (or marginal cost). These costs must be increasing for loads

Example:

```
<SUBDATA BidCurve>
// MW Price[$/MWhr]
100.00 16.0
200.00 15.7
400.00 12.4
500.00 10.6
</SUBDATA>
```

ModelCondition

Condition

ModelConditions are the combination of an object and a Filter. They are used to return when the particular object meets the filter specified. As a results, the subdata section here is identical to the Condition subdata section of a Filter. See the description there.

ModelExpression

LookupTable

LookupTables are used inside Model Expressions sometimes. These lookup table represent either one or two dimensional tables. If the first string in the SUBDATA section is "x1x2", the this signals that it is a two

dimensional lookup table. From that point on it will read the first row as “x2” lookup points, and the first column in the remainder of the rows as the x1 lookup values.

Example:

```
DATA (MODELEXPRESSION, [CustomExpression,ObjectType,CustomExpressionStyle,
CustomExpressionString,WhoAmI,VariableName,WhoAmI:1,VariableName:1], AUXDEF)
{
// The following demonstrated a one dimensional lookup table
22.0000, "oned", "Lookup", "",
"Gen<KEY1>1</KEY1><KEY2>1</KEY2>",
"Gen<KEY1>1</KEY1><KEY2>1</KEY2><VAR>GenMW</VAR>",
"", ""
  <SUBDATA LookupTable>
    // because it does not start with the string x1x2 this will
    // represent a one dimensional lookup table
    x1      value
      0.000000  1.000000
      11.000000 22.000000
      111.000000 222.000000
  </SUBDATA>

0.0000, "twod", "Lookup", "",
"Gen<KEY1>1</KEY1><KEY2>1</KEY2>",
"Gen<KEY1>1</KEY1><KEY2>1</KEY2><VAR>GenMW</VAR>",
"Gen<KEY1>6</KEY1><KEY2>1</KEY2>",
"Gen<KEY1>6</KEY1><KEY2>1</KEY2><VAR>GenMW</VAR>"
  <SUBDATA LookupTable>
    // because this starts with x1x2 this represent a two dimensional
    // lookup table. The first column represents lookup values for x1.
    // The first row represents lookup values for x2
    x1x2      0.100000  0.300000 // these are lookup heading for x2
      0.000000  1.000000  3.000000
      11.000000 22.000000 33.000000
      111.000000 222.000000 333.000000
  </SUBDATA>
}
```

ModelFilter

ModelCondition

A Model Filter’s subdata contains a list of each ModelCondition in the it. Because a list of Model Conditions is stored within Simulator, this subdata section only stores the name of each ModelCondition on each line.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA ModelCondition>
  "Name of First Model Condition"
  "Name of Second Model Condition"
  "Name of Third Model Condition"
</SUBDATA>
```


MTDCRecord

An example of the entire multi-terminal DC transmission line record is given at the end of this record description. Each of the SUBDATA sections is discussed first.

MTDCBus

For this SUBDATA section, each DC Bus is described on a single line of text with exactly 8 fields specified.

DCBusNum DCBusName ACTerminalBus DCResistanceToground DCBusVoltage DCArea DCZone DCOwner

DCBusNum : The number of the DC Bus. Note the DC bus number are independent of the AC bus numbers.

DCBusName : The name of the DC bus enclosed in quotes.

ACTerminalBus : The AC terminal to which this DC bus is connected (via a MTDCConverter). If the DC bus is not connected to any AC buses, then specify as zero. You may also specify this as a string enclosed in double quotes with the bus name followed by an underscore character, following by the nominal voltage of the bus.

DCResistanceToground : The resistance of the DC bus to ground. Not used by Simulator.

DCBusVoltage : The DC bus voltage in kV

DCArea : The area that this DC bus belongs to.

DCZone : The zone that this DC bus belongs to.

DCOwner : The owner that this DC bus belongs to.

MTDCConverter

For this SUBDATA section, each AC/DC Converter is described by exactly 24 field which may be spread across several lines of text. Simulator will keep reading lines of text until it finds 24 fields. All text to the right of the 24th field (on the same line of text) will be ignored. The 24 fields are listed in the following order

BusNum : AC terminal bus number
MTDCNbridges : Number of bridges for the converter
MTDCCConvEBas : Converter AC base voltage
MTDCCConvAngMxMn : Converter firing angle
MTDCCConvAngMxMn:1 : Converter firing angle max
MTDCCConvAngMxMn:2 : Converter firing angle min
MTDCCConvComm : Converter commutating resistance
MTDCCConvComm:1 : Converter commutating reactance
MTDCCConvXFRat : Converter transformer ratio
MTDCFixedACTap : Fixed AC Tap
MTDCCConvTapVals : Converter tap
MTDCCConvTapVals:1 : Converter tap max
MTDCCConvTapVals:2 : Converter tap min
MTDCCConvTapVals:3 : Converter tap step size
MTDCCConvSetVL : Converter setpoint value (current or power)
MTDCCConvDCPF : Converter DC participation factor
MTDCCConvMarg : Converter margin (power or current)
MTDCCConvType : Converter type
MTDCMaxConvCurrent : Converter Current Rating
MTDCCConvStatus : Converter Status
MTDCCConvSchedVolt : Converter scheduled DC voltage
MTDCCConvIDC : Converter DC current
MTDCCConvPQ : Converter real power
MTDCCConvPQ:1 : Converter reactive power

TransmissionLine

For this SUBDATA section, each DC Transmission Line is described on a single line of text with exactly 5 fields specified.

DCFromBusNum DCToBusNum CKTID Resistance Inductance

DCFromBusNum : From DC Bus Number

DCToBusNum : To DC Bus Number

CKTID : The DC Circuit ID

Resistance : Resistance of the DC Line in Ohms

Inductance : Inductance of the DC Line in mHenries (Not used by Simulator)

Example:

```

DATA (RECORD, [Num,Mode,ControlBus])
{
//-----
// The first Multi-Terminal DC Transmission Line Record
//-----
1   "Current"   "SYLMAR3 (26098)"
  <SUBDATA Bus>
    //-----
    // DC Bus data must appear on a single line of text
    // The data consists of exactly 8 values
    // DC Bus Num, DC Bus Name, AC Terminal Bus, DC Resistance to ground,
    // DC Bus Voltage, DC Bus Area, DC Bus Zone, DC Bus Owner
    //-----
      3 "CELILO3P"      0 9999.00  497.92  40 404  1
      4 "SYLMAR3P"     0 9999.00  439.02  26 404  1
      7 "DC7"          41311 9999.00  497.93  40 404  1
      8 "DC8"          41313 9999.00  497.94  40 404  1
      9 "DC9"          26097 9999.00  439.01  26 404  1
     10 "DC10"         26098 9999.00  439.00  26 404  1
  </SUBDATA>
  <SUBDATA Converter>
    //-----
    // convert subdata keeps reading lines of text until it has found
    // values specified for 24 fields. This can span any number of lines
    // any values to the right of the 24th field found will be ignored
    // The next converter will continue on the next line.
    //-----
    41311  2  525.00  20.25  24.00  5.00  0.0000  16.3100
           0.391048 1.050000 1.000000 1.225000 0.950000 0.012500
           1100.0000 1650.0000 0.0000 "Rect" 1650.0000 "Closed"
           497.931 1100.0000 547.7241 295.3274
    41313  4  232.50  15.36  17.50  5.00  0.0000  7.5130
           0.457634 1.008700 1.030000 1.150000 0.990000 0.010000
           2000.0000 2160.0000 0.1550 "Rect" 2160.0000 "Closed"
           497.940 2000.0000 995.8800 561.8186
    26097  2  230.00  20.90  24.00  5.00  0.0000  16.3100
           0.892609 1.000000 1.100000 1.225000 0.950000 0.012500
           -1100.0000 1650.0000 "" "Inv" 1650.0000 "Closed"
           439.009 1100.0000 -482.9099 274.5227
    26098  4  232.00  17.51  20.00  5.00  0.0000  7.5130
           0.458621 1.008700 1.100000 1.120000 0.960000 0.010000
           439.0000 2160.0000 "" "Inv" 2160.0000 "Closed"
           439.000 1999.9999 -878.0000 544.2775
  </SUBDATA>
  <SUBDATA TransmissionLine>
    //-----
    // DC Transmission Segment information appears on a single line of
    // text. It consists of exactly 5 value
    // From DCBus, To DCBus, Circuit ID, Line Resistance, Line Inductance
    //-----
      3  4  "1" 19.0000 1300.0000
      7  3  "1" 0.0100 0.0000
      8  3  "1" 0.0100 0.0000
      9  4  "1" 0.0100 0.0000
     10 4  "1" 0.0100 0.0000
  </SUBDATA>
//-----
// A second Multi-Terminal DC Transmission Line Record
//-----
2   "Current"   "SYLMAR4 (26100)"
  <SUBDATA Bus>
      5 "CELILO4P"      0 9999.00  497.92  40 404  1
      6 "SYLMAR4P"     0 9999.00  439.02  26 404  1
     11 "DC11"         41312 9999.00  497.93  40 404  1
     12 "DC12"         41314 9999.00  497.94  40 404  1
     13 "DC13"         26099 9999.00  439.01  26 404  1
     14 "DC14"         26100 9999.00  439.00  26 404  1

```

```

</SUBDATA>
<SUBDATA Converter>
  41312  2  525.00  20.26  24.00  5.00  0.0000  16.3100
        0.391048  1.050000  1.000000  1.225000  0.950000  0.012500
        1100.0000  1650.0000  0.0000  "Rect"  1650.0000  "Closed"
        497.931  1100.0000  547.7241  295.3969
  41314  4  232.50  15.45  17.50  5.00  0.0000  7.5130
        0.457634  1.008700  1.030000  1.150000  0.990000  0.010000
        2000.0000  2160.0000  0.1550  "Rect"  2160.0000  "Closed"
        497.940  2000.0000  995.8800  562.9448
  26099  2  230.00  20.90  24.00  5.00  0.0000  16.3100
        0.892609  1.000000  1.100000  1.225000  0.950000  0.012500
        -1100.0000  1650.0000  ""  "Inv"  1650.0000  "Closed"
        439.009  1100.0000  -482.9099  274.5227
  26100  4  232.00  17.51  20.00  5.00  0.0000  7.5130
        0.458621  1.008700  1.100000  1.120000  0.960000  0.010000
        439.0000  2160.0000  ""  "Inv"  2160.0000  "Closed"
        439.000  1999.9999  -878.0000  544.2775
</SUBDATA>
<SUBDATA TransmissionLine>
  5      6      "1"      19.0000  1300.0000
  11     5      "1"      0.0100  0.0000
  12     5      "1"      0.0100  0.0000
  13     6      "1"      0.0100  0.0000
  14     6      "1"      0.0100  0.0000
</SUBDATA>
}

```

MultiSectionLine

Bus

A multi section line's subdata contains a list of each dummy bus, starting with the one connected to the From Bus of the MultiSectionLine and proceeding in order to the bus connected to the To Bus of the Line. Note: bus# values may be replaced by a string enclosed in double quotes where the string is the name of the bus followed by and underscore character and then the nominal voltage of the bus.

Example:

```

//-----
// The following describes a multi-section line that connects bus
// 2 - 1 - 5 - 6 - 3
//-----
DATA (MultiSectionLine, [BusNum, BusName, BusNum:1, BusName:1,
                        LineCircuit, MSLineNSections, MSLineStatus] )
{
  2 "Two" 3 "Three" "&1" 2 "Closed"
  <SUBDATA Bus>
    1
    5
    6
  </SUBDATA>
}

```

Nomogram

InterfaceElementA

InterfaceElementB

InterfaceElementA values represent the interface elements for the first interface of the nomogram. InterfaceElementB values represent the interface elements for the second interface of the nomogram. The format of these SUBDATA sections are identical to the format of the InterfaceElement SUBDATA section of a normal Interface.

NomogramBreakPoint

This subdata section contains a list of the vertex points on the nomogram limit curve

Example:

```
<SUBDATA NomogramBreakPoint>
// LimA LimB
-100 -20
-100 100
80 50
60 -10
</SUBDATA>
```

Owner

Bus

This subdata section contains a list of the buses which are owned by this owner. Each line of text contains the bus number.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA Bus>
1
35
65
</SUBDATA>
```

Load

This subdata section contains a list of the loads which are owned by this owner. Each line of text contains the bus number followed by the load id.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA Load>
5 1 // shows ownership of the load at bus 5 with id of 1
423 1
</SUBDATA>
```

Gen

This subdata section contains a list of the generators which are owned by this owner and the fraction of ownership. Each line of text contains the bus number, followed by the gen id, followed by an integer showing the fraction of ownership.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA Gen>
78 1 50 // shows 50% ownership of generator at bus 78 with id of 1
23 3 70
</SUBDATA>
```

Branch

This subdata section contains a list of the branches which are owned by this owner and the fraction of ownership. Each line of text contains the from bus number, followed by the to bus number, followed by the circuit id, followed by an integer showing the fraction of ownership.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA Branch>
6 10 1 50 // shows 50% ownership of line from bus 6 to 10, circuit 1
</SUBDATA>
```

PostPowerFlowActions

CTGElementAppend

This format is the same as for the Contingency objecttype

CTGElement

This format is the same as for the Contingency objecttype

PWCaseInformation

PWCaseHeader

This subdata section contains the Case Description in free-formatted text. Note: as it is read back into Simulator all spaces from the start of each line are removed.

PWFormOptions

PieSizeColorOptions

There can actually be several PieSizeColorOptions subdata sections for each PWFormOptions object. The first line of each subdata section, the first line of text consist of exactly four values

ObjectName FieldName UseDiscrete UseOtherSettings

ObjectName : The objectname of the type of object these settings apply to. Will be either be BRANCH or INTERFACE

FieldName : The fieldname for the pie charts that these settings apply to.

UseDiscrete : Set to YES to use a discrete mapping of colors and size scalars instead of interpolating for intermediate values.

UseOtherSettings : Set to YES to default these settings to the BRANCH MVA values for BRANCH object. This allows you to apply the same settings to all pie charts

After this first line of text, if the UseOtherSettings Value is NO, then another line of text will contain exactly three values:

ShowValue NormalSize NormalColor

ShowValue : This is the percentage at which the value should be drawn on the pie chart

NormalSize : This is the scalar size multiplier which should be used for pie charts below the lowest percentage specified in the lookup table.

NormalColor : This is the color which should be used for pie charts below the lowest percentage specified in the lookup table.

Finally the remainder of the subdata section will contain a lookup table by percentage of scalar and color values. This lookup table will consist of consecutive lines of text with exactly three values

Percentage Scalar Color

Percentage : This is the percentage at which the follow scalar an color should be applied

Scalar : A scalar (multiplier) on the size of the pie charts.

Color : A color for the pie charts.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA PieSizeColorOptions>
  // ObjectName FieldName UseDiscrete UseOtherSettings
  Branch MVA YES NO
  // ShowValue NormalSize NormalColor
  80.0000 1.0000 16776960
  // Percentage Scalar Color
  80.0000 1.5000 33023
  100.0000 2.0000 255
</SUBDATA>
<SUBDATA PieSizeColorOptions>
  // ObjectName FieldName UseDiscrete UseOtherSettings
  Branch MW YES YES
</SUBDATA>
```

PWPVResultListContainer

PWPVResultObject

This subdata section contains the results of a particular PV Curve scenario (a particular contingency or the base case). The data consists of two general sections: the first three rows of text contain the “independent axis” of the PV Curve. The first row starts with the string INDNOM and is followed by a list of numbers representing the nominal shift, the second row starts with INDEXP and is followed by the export shift, and the third row starts with INDIMP and is followed by the import shift. Following After these rows is a list of all the tracked quantities. Each tracked quantity row consists of three parts which are separated by the strings ?f= and &v= . The first part of the string represents a description of the power system object being tracked, the second part represents the field name being tracked, and the third contains a list of all the values at the various shift levels.

Example:

```
<SUBDATA PWPVResultObject>
  INDNOM          0.00  500.00 1000.00 1500.00 1750.00 1875.00 1975.00
  INDEXP          0.00  500.00 1000.00 1500.00 1750.00 1875.00 1975.00
  INDIMP          0.00 -417.23 -701.58 -890.58 -952.60 -975.35 -990.43
  Bus '3'?f=BusPUVolt&v= 0.993  0.983  0.964  0.939  0.926  0.919  0.914
  Bus '5'?f=BusPUVolt&v= 1.007  1.000  0.982  0.956  0.940  0.932  0.926
  Gen '4' '1'?f=GenMVR&v= 19.99  245.27  523.62  831.13  986.84 1060.6 1118.7
  Gen '6' '1'?f=GenMVR&v= -6.59 -120.84 -131.37 -39.53  48.35  103.8  154.5
</SUBDATA>
```

QVCurve

QVPoints

This subdata section contains a list of the QV Curve points calculated for the respect QVCurve. Each line consists of exactly four values

PerUnitVoltage FictitiousMvar ShuntDeviceMvar TotalMvar

PerUnitVoltage : The per unit voltage of the bus for a QV point

FictitiousMvar : the amount of Mvars injected by the fictitious generator at this QV point

ShuntDeviceMvar : the Mvars injected by any switched shunts at the bus

TotalMvar : the total Mvars injected by switched shunts and the fictitious generator.

Example:

```
DATA (QVCURVE, [BusNum,CaseName,qv_VQ0,qv_Q0,qv_Vmax,qv_QVmax,qv_VQmin,qv_Qmin,
               qv_Vmin,qv_QVmin,Qinj_Vmax,Qinj_0,Qinj_min,Qinj_Vmin])
{
5 "BASECASE" 0.880 0.000 1.100 312.490 0.480 -221.072
              0.180 -86.334 191.490 -77.373 -244.075 -89.562
  <SUBDATA QVPoints>
    // NOTE: This bus has a constant impedance
    // switched shunt value of -100 Mvar at it.
    1.1000, 312.4898, -121.0000, 191.4898
    0.9800, 124.6619, -95.9656, 28.6963
    0.7800, -96.6202, -60.7808, -157.4010
    0.5800, -206.9895, -33.5960, -240.5855
    0.3800, -207.4962, -14.4113, -221.9075
    0.1800, -86.3336, -3.2284, -89.5620
  </SUBDATA>
}
```

QVCurve Options

Sim_Solution_Options

This subdata section contains solution options that will be used when running QV Curves. See explanation under the CTG_Options object type for more information.

SelectByCriteriaSet

SelectByCriteriaSetType

This subdata section contains a list of the display object types which are chosen to be selected. Each line of the section consists of the following

DisplayObjectType (FilterName) (WhichFields) (ListOfFields)

DisplayObjectType : The object type of the display object

(FilterName) : A filter to apply to these types of objects. This field is optional, but must be given if either of the following fields are given.

(WhichFields) : For display objects that can reference different fields, this sets which of those fields it should select (e.g. select only Bus Name Fields). The value may be either ALL or SPECIFIED.

(ListOfFields) : If WhichFields is set to SPECIFIED, then a delimited list of fields follows.

Example:

```

<SUBDATA SelectByCriteriaSetType>
  DisplayAreaField "" "ALL"
  DisplayBus ""
  DisplayBusField "Name of Bus Filter" "SPECIFIED" BusName BusPUVolt BusNum
  DisplayCircuitBreaker ""
  DisplaySubstation ""
  DisplaySubstationField "" "SPECIFIED" SubName SubNum BusNomVolt BGLoadMVR
  DisplayTransmissionLine ""
  DisplayTransmissionLineField "" "ALL"
</SUBDATA>

```

Area

This subdata section contains a list of areas which were chosen to be selected. Each line of the section consists of either the number or the name. When generated automatically by PowerWorld we also include the other identifier as a comment.

Example:

```

<SUBDATA Area>
  18 // NEVADA
  22 // SANDIEGO
  30 // PG AND E
  52 // AQUILA
</SUBDATA>

```

Zone

This subdata section contains a list of zones which were chosen to be selected. Each line of the section consists of either the number or the name. When generated automatically by PowerWorld we also include the other identifier as a comment.

Example:

```

<SUBDATA Zone>
  680 // ID SOLUT
  682 // WY NE IN
</SUBDATA>

```

ScreenLayer

This subdata section contains a list of screen layers which were chosen to be selected. Each line of the section consists of either the name.

Example:

```

<SUBDATA ScreenLayer>
  "Border"
  "Transmission Line Objects"
</SUBDATA>

```

SuperArea

SuperAreaArea

This subdata section contains a list of areas within each super area. Each line of text contains two values, the area number followed by a participation factor for the area that can be optionally used.

Example:

```

<SUBDATA SuperAreaArea>
  1 48.9
  5 34.2
  25 11.2
</SUBDATA>

```