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The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

## **INFORMATIONAL FILING-NO NOTICE REQUIRED**

**Re: California Independent System Operator Corporation  
Informational Readiness Certification for the El Paso's Participation  
in the WEIM  
Docket No. ER15-861-000**

Dear Secretary Bose:

The California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) submits this informational filing in compliance with section 29.2(b)(6) of the CAISO tariff.<sup>1</sup> The CAISO, in consultation with the El Paso Electric Company (El Paso), has determined that, following market simulation and an adequate period of parallel operations, the CAISO and El Paso have met all readiness criteria specified in section 29.2(b)(7). In support of this determination the CAISO hereby submits the sworn CAISO affidavit of Khaled Abdul-Rahman, Vice President of Power System and Market Technology, and the sworn El Paso affidavit of David Hawkins, Vice President – System Operations & Resource Strategy. This filing certifies the readiness of the CAISO and El Paso to proceed with El Paso's participation in the CAISO's Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) on April 5, 2023, without exception, consistent with the requirement to do so at least 30 days prior.

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission has determined that readiness certifications are considered informational filings and will not be noticed for comment. See *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,205 at P 86 and n.173 (2015); see also *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 155 FERC ¶ 61,283 at P 8 (2016).

## I. Background

The WEIM provides other balancing authority areas the opportunity to participate in the real-time market for imbalance energy that the CAISO operates in its own balancing authority area. PacifiCorp's balancing authorities were the first two balancing authorities to join the WEIM beyond the CAISO balancing authority area. The CAISO's WEIM tariff provisions went into effect on October 24, 2014, in time for the first trading day of November 1, 2014.<sup>2</sup> In a March 16, 2015 order,<sup>3</sup> the Commission concluded that certain readiness safeguards are necessary prior to activating a prospective WEIM entity in production.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, the Commission directed the CAISO to include provisions in its tariff to ensure the readiness of any new WEIM entity. The Commission further required that the certification of market readiness include a sworn affidavit from an officer of the CAISO and an officer of the prospective WEIM entity attesting that both have prepared and made ready the systems and processes for the new WEIM entity to commence financially binding participation in the WEIM.<sup>5</sup> Following two compliance filings, the Commission accepted the CAISO's proposed readiness criteria.<sup>6</sup> These criteria appear in section 29.2(b)(7) of the CAISO Tariff.

## II. Readiness Reporting, Determination, and Attestations

The CAISO and El Paso ran market simulation scenarios from December 1, 2022 to January 12, 2023. Parallel (*i.e.*, financially nonbinding) operations, which began on February 2, 2023, will run through at least April 4, 2023 and, in any event, will continue to be supported and available to El Paso until April 5, 2023. During market simulation and parallel operations the CAISO and El Paso have engaged in daily discussions to track progress and confirm the status of each readiness criterion, and the CAISO has regularly reported on readiness status in market forum discussions and publicly posted a table or "dashboard,"

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<sup>2</sup> See *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 147 FERC ¶ 61,231 (2014) (June 19 Order) (conditionally accepting tariff revisions to implement Energy Imbalance Market); *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 149 FERC ¶ 61,058 (2014) (order denying requests for rehearing, granting in part and denying in part requests for clarification, and conditionally accepting tariff revisions on compliance with regard to order listed above); Commission Letter Order, 149 FERC ¶ 61,005 (Oct. 2, 2014) (order granting CAISO request to extend effective date of Energy Imbalance Market tariff revisions from September 23, 2014, to October 24, 2014, for trading day November 1, 2014).

<sup>3</sup> *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 150 FERC ¶ 61,191 (2015) (March 16 Order).

<sup>4</sup> March 16 Order at P 30.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* n. 85.

<sup>6</sup> *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,205 (2015).

showing progress towards meeting the readiness criteria.<sup>7</sup> The process of updating the readiness dashboard through this joint effort involved representatives from both organizations, including the senior officers who have attested that the parties' processes and systems are ready for El Paso's participation in the WEIM.

The market simulation confirmed system functionality and connectivity by identifying issues and software variances in advance of implementation that have since been resolved. In addition, market simulation permitted the CAISO and El Paso to validate performance of the systems and processes under a variety of structured scenarios. The market simulation dashboard dated December 31, 2022 demonstrated that the CAISO and El Paso were ready to enter parallel operations. Having achieved the benefits from market simulation, the CAISO and El Paso transitioned to parallel operations on February 2, 2023.

The parallel operations phase is designed to test performance of the systems and processes in a financially non-binding environment using historical data and information from production systems to the maximum extent possible. The CAISO and El Paso have engaged in parallel operations to examine capabilities at different times and conditions (morning ramp, evening ramp, low load and peak load). Doing so has permitted El Paso to understand the interaction between resource plans, base schedules, outage management, manual dispatch, and the CAISO full network model. This period has also allowed the CAISO and El Paso to identify and resolve software issues. The dashboards dated December 31, 2022, January 30, 2023 and February 16, 2023 showed the progress during initial parallel operations as additional readiness criteria were met. The final dashboard, dated February 28, 2023, is included as Attachment A. The dashboard sets forth each of the readiness criteria in the tariff, the metrics by which the CAISO measures satisfaction of the criteria, and the actions or status that demonstrate El Paso's compliance with criteria. The dashboard shows that all readiness criteria have been satisfied or will be satisfied by April 5, 2023.

Section 29(b)(6) requires that a senior officer of the CAISO and a prospective WEIM entity attest (1) that the processes and systems of the prospective WEIM Entity have satisfied or will have satisfied the readiness criteria set forth in section 29.2(b)(7) as of the Implementation Date; (2) to any known issues requiring resolution prior to the Implementation Date in accordance with section 29.2(b)(8); (3) to any exceptions from the established thresholds specified in the Business Practice Manuals, and that despite such exceptions the

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<sup>7</sup> More information on the status of these other reports consistent with CAISO tariff section 29.2(b)(8) is available on the CAISO website under the Spring 2023 release, Western EIM El Paso entities at:

<https://www.caiso.com/informed/Pages/ReleasePlanning/Default.aspx>.

criteria were met or will be met as specified in 29.2(b)(7); and (4) that the Implementation Date is conditional on the resolution of the known issues identified in the certificates and any unforeseen issues that undermine the satisfaction of the readiness criteria. Attachments B and C, respectively, contain the sworn CAISO affidavit of Khaled Abdul-Rahman, Vice President of Power System and Market Technology and the sworn El Paso affidavit of David Hawkins, Vice President – System Operations & Resource Strategy in satisfaction of this requirement.

The affidavits are based upon the engagement by these senior officers in assessing the readiness criteria as reported in the dashboard, including supporting documentation. The CAISO believes that the market simulation and parallel operations to date demonstrate that El Paso is prepared to enter financially binding production WEIM operations on April 5, 2023. As discussed in the Market Quality Report included as Attachment D, any issues identified in the parallel operations have been resolved or will be resolved. Neither the CAISO nor El Paso has identified any exception to any of the readiness criteria.

### **III. Market Quality Report on Parallel Operations**

Parallel operations allowed the CAISO and El Paso to identify and resolve numerous input, process, and software issues prior to the commencement of financially binding operations.<sup>8</sup> The CAISO and El Paso worked diligently during parallel operations to identify the cause of the infeasibilities that arose. The attached Market Quality Report demonstrates that the majority of the power balance infeasibilities identified during the period of parallel operations associated with the readiness determination were caused by input data issues, some of which are unique to the parallel operations environment and software issues, all of which have been or will be resolved by the implementation date.

The CAISO validated both prices and schedules based on the data input to the market systems throughout the first 38 days of parallel operations. This validation demonstrates that the market solution produced is as expected and consistent with the market rules as designed based on the input data. The analysis conducted for the report accounts for the fact that input data may be influenced by limitations inherent in the parallel operations environment and these limitations may affect the quality of the solution. When factors affecting the input data are controlled for, the numerical quality of the market solution is good and indicates that the systems and processes of El Paso are ready to operate in production.

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<sup>8</sup> The market quality report on parallel operations dated February 24, 2023 explains how each of these issues impacted the market results and how they were resolved by the CAISO and El Paso.

**V. Attachments**

- Attachment A: Readiness Dashboard Report
- Attachment B: Affidavit of Khaled Abdul-Rahman
- Attachment C: Affidavit of David Hawkins
- Attachment D: Parallel Operations Market Quality Report

**VI. Conclusion**

The CAISO respectfully requests that the Commission accept this certification as consistent with section 29.2(b)(6) of the CAISO tariff. The CAISO or El Paso will notify the Commission in the event of any subsequent determination that the implementation of El Paso into the WEIM on April 5, 2023 should be delayed, the reason for the delay, the new implementation date if it can be determined, and whether a portion or all of this certification needs to be reissued.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachment A – Readiness Dashboard Report**

**Informational Readiness Certification for**

**El Paso's**

**Participation in the Energy Imbalance Market**

**California Independent Systems Operator Corporation**

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Readiness Criterion Identifier	Readiness Category	Criteria	Measurable Elements	Threshold	Owner	Status	Evidence	Tariff Mapping
1	Prospective EIM Entity Full Network Model Integration	Generation, Interchange and Load comparison	Load, EIM Internal Intertie and EIM External Interties, and Generating Unit definition in the Full Network Model is consistent with the Load, EIM Internal Intertie and EIM External Interties, and Generating Unit definition in the exported prospective EIM Entity network model file that it delivered to the CAISO.	Data matches within 10%, measured in MW capacity to start parallel operation, and within 5% before full activation. Any Discrepancies are accounted for in terms of imbalance adjustment	CAISO	Complete	ISO EMS team generated data and provided screen shots indicating that the averages for EIM BAA load generation and interchange values are within tolerances during measured dates.	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(A)(i)</a>
2	Prospective EIM Entity Full Network Model Integration	Comparison of SCADA measurement	SCADA measurements used in prospective EIM Entity EMS model match the measurements observed by the CAISO through the CAISO EMS model	Critical and used SCADA measurements match 90% to start parallel operation and 95% before full activation, measured in MW, outside of any exception in EMS model	CAISO	Complete	ISO EMS team provided screen shots from EMS that show the average deviation between telemetered values (SCADA).	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(A)(ii)</a>
3	Prospective EIM Entity Full Network Model Integration	State Estimator solution	CAISO state estimator solution is equivalent or superior to the prospective EIM Entity state estimator solution for its Balancing Authority Area.	State Estimator solutions converge >90% of the time in two days before parallel operation and three days before full activation. Solution differences within 10% before parallel operation and 5% before full activation measured in MW or justified due to different external BAA modeling	CAISO	Complete	ISO EMS team provided a report showing that the State Estimator is solving for the EIM Entity including unit level SCADA vs SE estimates from EMS and an analysis comparing total deviation/total actual MW.	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(A)(ii i)</a>
4	Prospective EIM Entity Full Network Model Integration	Non-Conforming Load, Behind-the-Meter Generation, Pseudo Ties, and Dynamic Schedules	Physical representation of the prospective EIM Entity's network matches the Base Market Model that accounts for non-conforming load, behind-the-meter generation, pseudo-ties, and dynamic schedules, and third party transmission service provider and path operator information that supports EIM Transfers and Real-Time Dispatch in the Energy Imbalance Market, as applicable	Prospective EIM Entity major non-conforming loads > 5% of prospective EIM Entity total actual load in MW are modeled separately from conforming load in market model	CAISO	Complete	EPE provided evidence and CAISO confirmed via email	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(A)(i v)</a>
5	Agreements	Execution of Necessary Agreements	The prospective EIM Entity has executed all necessary agreements.	The prospective EIM Entity will execute all agreements, as outlined in Section 5 of the EIM BPM within the required timelines outlined in Section 5.	JOINT	Complete	Email from CAISO affirming that all planned agreement tasks are complete.	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(K)(i)</a>

Readiness Criterion Identifier	Readiness Category	Criteria	Measurable Elements	Threshold	Owner	Status	Evidence	Tariff Mapping
6	Operations Training	Completion of mandatory training courses	Prospective EIM Entity operators who will have responsibility for EIM operations, transactions and settlements, will complete CAISO training modules.	Prospective EIM Entity operators will Complete training and close-of-training assessment in the appropriate timeframes as outlined in “100 series”– an introduction to Energy Imbalance Market training “200 series”– the specific hourly and daily tasks and duties for normal operation training module; and “300 series”– the assessment of market results and response to contingencies and abnormal situations training module.	El Paso Electric	Complete	EPE provided email evidence stating that all appropriate staff have been trained on level 100, 200 and 300 series courses.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(B)
7	Forecasting Capability	Load forecast capability	Definition of EIM demand forecast boundaries based on the conforming and non-conforming load characteristics, as applicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accuracy of the CAISO forecast of EIM demand based on historical actual load data for the defined EIM demand forecast boundaries.</li> <li>Identification of weather station(s) locations used in forecasting, if applicable.</li> </ul>	All Plant Information (PI) tags and historical data for defined load area(s), and non-conforming load, if applicable, compared with load forecasts provided from CAISO (if CAISO load forecast used).	CAISO	Complete	ISO Short term Forecasting team provided screenshots of WEIM BAA from Forecast Monitor showing accuracy measurements for T-60, FMM and RTD.	Tariff sections 29.2(b)(7)(C)(i)-(iii)
8	Forecasting Capability	Variable Energy Resource (VER) forecast capability	Identification of the source of VER forecasts. (If a participating wind or solar unit requires a CAISO forecast, then BPM and Tariff requirements apply.)	Forecasting entity must demonstrate delivery of Unit MW forecast at 5 min intervals for at least three hours ahead. Forecasting entity must also provide base schedule by T-75, T-55 and T-40. EIM Entity provides to CAISO real-time MW production PI tags.	CAISO	Complete	ISO short term forecasting sent an email confirming that EPE’s forecast provider demonstrated delivery of VER forecasts in Parallel Operations.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(C)(iv)
9	Forecasting Capability	Flexible capacity requirements	CAISO has established flexible capacity requirements for the prospective EIM Entity Balancing Authority Area and the combined EIM Area including the prospective EIM Entity	The CAISO has received and stored all historical data from the prospective EIM Entity necessary and sufficient for the CAISO to perform the flexible ramp requirement.	CAISO	Complete	ISO short term forecasting team provided evidence that the ISO is getting stable estimates of the data that feeds the calculation for the Flexible Ramp Product Uncertainty.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(K)(iv)



**Readiness Criteria – El Paso Electric EIM Readiness (02/28/2023)**

Readiness Criterion Identifier	Readiness Category	Criteria	Measurable Elements	Threshold	Owner	Status	Evidence	Tariff Mapping
10	Balanced Schedules	Base schedule balancing capability	The prospective EIM Entity Scheduling Coordinator demonstrates its ability to balance EIM demand and EIM supply for the prospective EIM Entity's Balancing Authority Area	90% or greater of base schedules balance tests during monitored hours are within 10% average imbalance of load forecast over one day period before parallel operation, and 5% average over five full days before full activation. The CAISO will provide examples of MW thresholds for each prospective EIM Entity to indicate a reasonable threshold as it applies to a given EIM Entity and indicate the potential implications of a swing from 5% over to 5% under forecast in one hour to the next.	El Paso Electric	Complete	-EPE provided screen shots of "Balancing Test Results" report from CMRI to support the criteria for Pre-Parallel Ops (Market Simulation). -ISO Market Quality team provided daily reports to support the criteria during Parallel Ops. -ISO provided an email summarizing the results and verifying that the criteria was met by entity.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(D)(i)
11	Balanced Schedules	Flexible ramping sufficiency test capability	The prospective EIM Entity \ Scheduling Coordinator demonstrates its ability to pass the flexible ramping sufficiency test.	Passes 90% of the time or greater over monitored hours of one day before parallel operation and five non-consecutive days before full activation.	El Paso Electric	Complete	-EPE provided CMRI "Flexible Ramp Requirement Sufficiency Test Results" report to support the criteria for Pre-Parallel Ops (Market Simulation). -ISO Market Quality team provided daily reports to support the criteria during Parallel Ops. -ISO provided an email summarizing the results and verifying that the criteria was met by entity.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(D)(ii i)
12	Balanced Schedules	Capacity test capability	The prospective EIM Entity Scheduling Coordinator demonstrates its ability to pass capacity test	Passes 90% of the time or greater over monitored hours of one day before parallel operation and five non-consecutive days before full activation. The CAISO will explain the implications of any potential issues with the reliability of an EIM Entity to meet its capacity requirements.	CAISO	Complete	EPE provided CMRI "Bid Range Capacity Test" report to support the criteria to exit Market Simulation and exit Parallel Operations.  ISO Market Quality team provided daily reports to support the criteria during Parallel Ops.  ISO provided an email verifying that the criteria was met by entity.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(D)(ii )
13	Operating Procedures	CAISO operating procedures (relevant to EIM operations)	The prospective EIM Entity signs CAISO non-disclosure agreement and receives appropriate CAISO "public" and "restricted" operating procedures	Operating procedures NDA signed by the prospective EIM Entity. The prospective EIM Entity receives CAISO operating procedures four months prior to the parallel operations date.	JOINT	Complete	CAISO lead - This RC is out of date - NDA no longer necessary b/c the information is posted online.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(K)(i)
14	Operating Procedures	Prospective EIM Entity operating procedures	The prospective EIM Entity operating procedures are defined, updated, and tested for the EIM Entity Scheduling Coordinator	The prospective EIM Entity operating procedures are updated tested and implemented prior to parallel operations date.	El Paso Electric	Complete	EPE provided screen shots and an email confirming the documentation is complete.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(K)(ii )

**Readiness Criteria – El Paso Electric EIM Readiness (02/28/2023)**

Readiness Criterion Identifier	Readiness Category	Criteria	Measurable Elements	Threshold	Owner	Status	Evidence	Tariff Mapping
15	System Readiness & Integration	Functional Testing	The prospective EIM Entity and the CAISO will test the functional and system elements in accordance with functional and system testing documentation posted on the CAISO website	All tasks identified in the functional and system testing documentation are complete and will not have any issues deemed significant. Any exceptions will be explained or have an interim solution that is functionally equivalent.	El Paso Electric	Complete	El Paso Electric provided completed Testing Timeline spreadsheet and CAISO Integration Lead reviewed/confirmed.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(E)(i)
16	System Readiness & Integration	System Integration	The prospective EIM Entity and CAISO will test system integration testing in accordance with the system integration testing documentation posted on the CAISO website	All tasks identified in the system integration testing documentation are complete and will not have any issues deemed significant. Any exceptions will be explained or have an interim solution that is functionally equivalent.	El Paso Electric	Complete	El Paso Electric provided completed Testing Timeline spreadsheet and CAISO Integration Lead reviewed/confirmed.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(E)(ii)
17	System Readiness & Integration	The prospective EIM Entity system access complete	All prospective EIM Entity employees who require system access to perform EIM-related job functions identified and have necessary certificates.	All prospective EIM Employees performing job functions for EIM market are identified. All CAISO issued certificates are requested within the appropriate timeframes. All identified employees provided the necessary EIM system access certificates.	El Paso Electric	Complete	EPE provided an email stating that all access is in place for Parallel Operations and a plan is in place to ensure all access is in place for production.  ISO Client Rep provided an email confirming that access is in place and there is a plan for ensuring access for Production.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(E)(ii)
18	System Readiness & Integration	ISO - prospective EIM Entity interfaces	Data interfaces between prospective EIM Entity's systems and CAISO systems are tested	ISO and prospective EIM Entity identify significant data interface issues. EIM Entity and CAISO executives to approve exceptions.	JOINT	Complete	El Paso Electric provided completed Testing Timeline spreadsheet and CAISO Integration Lead reviewed/confirmed.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(E)(i)
19	Market Simulation	Day in the life simulation	The prospective EIM Entity operators are able to meet the market timelines	The prospective EIM Entity grid operations staff complete end-to-end daily market workflow with no critical defects.	JOINT	Complete	El Paso Electric provided completed Testing Timeline spreadsheet and CAISO Integration Lead reviewed/confirmed.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(I)(ii)
20	Market Simulation	Structured scenarios simulation	The prospective EIM Entity operators execute and pass all structured scenarios provided by CAISO	All significant issues resolved or have an interim solution that is functionally equivalent.	JOINT	Complete	CAISO provided a completed Structured Scenario Reports (Detailed Input-Output for Structured Scenarios by week) and a Structured Scenario Status matrix.  No incomplete cases to report	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(I)(iii)
21	Market Simulation	Unstructured scenarios simulation	The prospective EIM Entity operators execute and pass all unstructured scenarios provided by prospective EIM Entity	All significant issues resolved or have an interim solution that is functionally equivalent.	JOINT	Complete	EPE is not conducting any unstructured scenarios	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(I)(iv)

**Readiness Criteria – El Paso Electric EIM Readiness (02/28/2023)**

Readiness Criterion Identifier	Readiness Category	Criteria	Measurable Elements	Threshold	Owner	Status	Evidence	Tariff Mapping
22	Market Simulation	Market results reports	Market results are appropriate based on inputs	The prospective EIM Entity and CAISO executive project sponsors approve the market results reports during market simulation	<b>El Paso Electric</b>	Complete	ISO Market Quality Team provided an email summarizing the Market Results confirming they are appropriate to meet the criteria	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(I)(v)</a>
23a	Market Simulation	Market quality review	Prices are validated based on input data	Market simulation prices and MWs schedules/dispatches are validated by CAISO market quality team for entry into parallel operations	<b>CAISO</b>	Complete	CAISO Market Quality team provided a confirmation email that validate market prices and MWs schedules/dispatches observed in market simulation exercises	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(I)(vi)</a>
23b	Parallel Operations	Market quality review	Prices are validated based on input data	Parallel operations prices and MWs schedules/dispatches are validated by the CAISO market quality team	<b>CAISO</b>	Complete	ISO Market Quality team provided an analysis report on the Market Solution, prices, and quality of data.	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(I)(vi)</a>
24	Market Simulation	The prospective EIM Entity Identification	Validation of SCID's and Resource ID's	The CAISO has established and the prospective EIM Entity has tested all necessary SCIDs and Resource IDs established for the prospective EIM Entity's Balancing Authority Area	<b>JOINT</b>	Complete	EPE provided final updated schedule 1 form and an email confirming this criteria has been met  CAISO provided a list of all SCIDs and Resource IDs and the completed Roles Matrix, and an email confirming this criteria has been met	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(I)(i)</a>
25	Settlements	ISO Settlement Statements and Invoices published to the prospective EIM Entity and EIM Participating Resources	The CAISO Settlement statements and invoices match the operational data published to stakeholders or fed into settlement system and the resulting calculations correspond to the formulas defined in ISO's tariff and BPMs	Monthly settlement statement and invoice with corresponding daily statements produced during market simulation and parallel operations are verifiably accurate against available data.	<b>JOINT</b>	Complete	EPE settlement lead confirmed receipt of initial and recalculation statements from agreed trade dates.  ISO settlement leads verified the accuracy of its settlement statements and invoices made available during parallel operations.	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(F)(i)</a>
26	Settlements	The prospective EIM Entity settlement statements and invoices reflect accurate allocations to the prospective EIM Entity customers prior to financially binding operations.	Verification that settlement statements and invoices accurately reflects system and market data	The prospective EIM Entity settlement statements and invoices that allocate charges and credits to its customers accurately reflect system and market data during parallel operations.	<b>JOINT</b>	Complete	EPE settlement lead confirmed that the settlement statements and Invoices received for the agreed trade dates reflect accurate allocations.  ISO settlement lead verified the accuracy of the statements and	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(F)(ii)</a>

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							invoices made available during parallel operations.	
27	Monitoring	Data monitoring	Sufficient and adequate data is available to the CAISO and the Department of Market Monitoring	All required market monitoring data is available during testing and during post go-live for the key metrics (any exceptions will be addressed). CAISO will provide a market report that will provide publicly available information to all market participants.	CAISO	Complete	ISO Market Quality team provided an email verifying that they are able to see the data they require to complete their analysis.  DMM sent an email confirming that they are able to access the data to complete their analysis.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(K)(v)
28	Parallel Operations Plan	Deployment plan	Parallel operations run consistently and in accordance with the timeframe set forth in the prospective EIM Entity specific parallel operation plan	Parallel operations runs consistently within normal production CAISO Market disruption tolerances.	CAISO	Complete	ISO provided an email with evidence indicating that Parallel Operations ran consistently within normal production CAISO Market disruption tolerances.  ISO verified Parallel Operations ran consistently within normal ISO disruption tolerances. RTD/RTPD cumulative uptime average, RTD, FMM and STUC uptime percentage values.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(J)
29	Outage Management System	Transmission and generation outage submittal and retrieval	The prospective EIM Entity will verify its ability to submit and retrieve outage information with the CAISO	The prospective EIM Entity validate their ability to submit and retrieve transmission out-of-service outages, generation Pmax derates, generation Pmin rerates, and generation out-of-service outage tickets within the required timelines.	JOINT	Complete	CAISO provided evidence that outages were created by EPE and processed by CAISO OMS application. EPE provided evidence that internal applications were automatically processing outages and these outages match those provided by the CAISO.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(G)
30	Communications between the CAISO and the prospective EIM Entity	Voice and/or electronic messaging	Implemented process and procedures used for voice and/or electronic messaging	The process and procedures are incorporated into the prospective EIM Entities business processes before the start of market simulation.	El Paso Electric	Complete	EPE provided email evidence stating that processes have been implemented that include use of the Everbridge notification system used by CAISO and CAISO performed a test to confirm.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(H)(i)
31	Communications between the CAISO and the prospective EIM Entity	Communication tools	Staff are trained on communication procedures and tools	The prospective EIM Entity operations staff who will have responsibility for EIM operations, transactions and settlements are trained on the relevant operating procedures and tools used for EIM related	El Paso Electric	Complete	EPE provided evidence that all appropriate staff have been trained on the communication procedures and tools.	Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(H)(ii)

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				communications before the start of parallel operations			CAISO Training lead sent a confirmation email.	
32	Communications between the CAISO and the prospective EIM Entity	3 <sup>rd</sup> party transmission service provider	The third party transmission service provider information that supports EIM Transfers and Real-Time Dispatch included in the Full Network Model is available during parallel operations	The CAISO provides third party transmission service provider and path operator information to the prospective EIM Entity through parallel operations	<b>El Paso Electric</b>	Complete	EPE affirmed that they do not use any 3 <sup>rd</sup> party transmission service providers as defined. CAISO Integration lead confirmed NA.	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(H)(ii i)</a>
33	EIM Available Balancing Capacity	Identification of EIM Available Balancing Capacity	Participating resources and non-participating resources for EIM Available Balancing Capacity.	The prospective EIM Entity has identified EIM participating resources and non-participating resources that it intends to designate in the EIM Resource Plan as EIM Available Balancing Capacity	<b>El Paso Electric</b>	Complete	EPE confirmed that its systems are capable of designated ABC capacity on registered EIM resources whether participating or non-participating and that ISO system allowed this submission of ABC Capacity.	<a href="#">Tariff section 29.2(b)(7)(K)(ii i)</a>

**Attachment B – Affidavit of Khaled Abdul-Rahman**

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Affidavit of Khaled Abdul-Rahman Certifying Readiness of the El Paso Electric Company (El Paso) Implementation in the Energy Imbalance Market

I, Khaled Abdul-Rahman, Vice President of Power Systems and Market Technology for the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO), hereby certify as follows:

1. As the Vice President of Power Systems and Market Technology, I am responsible for the systems and processes that support and enable the Energy Imbalance Market and, as such, I have responsibility for the implementation of El Paso into that market.
2. I have reviewed the readiness dashboard and find that it is accurate and complete. All readiness criteria set forth in the CAISO's tariff and business practice manual have been satisfied or are expected to be satisfied as of El Paso's April 5, 2023 implementation date.
3. Based on the readiness dashboard and other materials and my own review of relevant information and direct involvement with the readiness efforts, including testing, market simulation, training and parallel operations, and barring unforeseen developments, the systems and processes of the CAISO and El Paso will be ready to implement El Paso's implementation in the Energy Imbalance Market on April 5, 2023.
4. I will ensure that the CAISO maintains resource commitments necessary to sustain readiness through April 5, 2023 and address any unexpected conditions that may arise before April 5, 2023 that could undermine grid operation or market operation within the existing EIM Area. I will continue to monitor progress and resolve any unexpected conditions that may arise.
5. Actual implementation of El Paso on April 5, 2023 is conditioned upon the lack of any unexpected and unresolved issues that could undermine grid operation or market operation within the existing EIM Area. I will update this certification in the event any unexpected issues are not resolved as of April 5, 2023.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

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**Attachment C – Affidavit of David Hawkins**

**Informational Readiness Certification for**

**El Paso's**

**Participation in the Energy Imbalance Market**

**California Independent Systems Operator Corporation**

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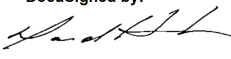


Affidavit of David Hawkins certifying readiness of the  
El Paso Electric Company (El Paso) Implementation  
in the Western Energy Imbalance Market

I, David Hawkins, Vice President – System Operations & Resource Strategy of El Paso, hereby certify as follows:

1. As the Vice President – System Operations & Resource Strategy, I am ultimately responsible to El Paso for ensuring that all the systems and processes that support and enable the El Paso Balancing Authority Area to participate in WEIM are established and ready for EIM operations. As such, I have overall responsibility for the implementation of El Paso's entry into that market.
2. I have reviewed the readiness dashboard and find that it is accurate and complete. All applicable readiness criteria set forth in the California Independent System Operator's ("CAISO") tariff and business practice manual for the WEIM have been satisfied or are expected to be satisfied as of El Paso's April 5, 2023, implementation date.
3. Based on the readiness dashboard and other materials prepared for me or for those that report directly to me and my own review of relevant information and direct involvement with readiness efforts, including testing, market simulation, training and parallel operations, and barring unforeseen developments, the systems and processes of CAISO and El Paso will be ready to implement El Paso's participation in the WEIM on April 5, 2023.
4. I will ensure that El Paso maintains resource commitments necessary to sustain readiness through April 5, 2023 and address any unexpected conditions that may arise before April 5, 2023 that could undermine grid operation or market operation within the existing EIM Area. I will continue to monitor progress and resolve any unexpected conditions that may arise.
5. Actual implementation of El Paso's entry on April 5, 2023 is conditioned upon the lack of any unexpected and unresolved issues that could undermine grid operation or market operation within the existing WEIM Area. I will update this certification in the event any unexpected issues are not resolved as of April 5, 2023.

I hereby declare that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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David Hawkins  
Vice President – System  
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**Attachment D – Parallel Operations Market Quality Report**

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# **Market Validation of Parallel Operations for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) Entity**

**February 24, 2023**

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## Executive Summary

Parallel operations activities of the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) started on February 2, 2023. This effort provides an opportunity to assess the readiness of El Paso Electric Company (EPE), the prospective Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) Entity, to participate in the WEIM. One of the readiness criteria requires the ISO to provide a market performance report for the period of parallel operations carried out for the integration of EPE into the real-time energy imbalance market. This report fulfills that requirement and summarizes the main findings of market validation carried out by the ISO with an emphasis on the WEIM results for the EPE.

The ISO validated both prices and schedules as part of the overall market performance based on input data that fed to the market systems parallel operations from February 2 through February 15, 2023. This validation demonstrates that the market solution produced is as expected and is consistent with the market rules as designed, recognizing that the input data may be influenced by limitations inherent in the parallel operating environment and these limitations may affect the quality of the solution. When factors affecting the input data are controlled for, the quality of the market solutions are as expected and indicate that the systems and processes of EPE are capable of operating in production.

## Background and Scope

The intent of parallel operations is to run the market to simulate as close as practically possible actual operating conditions of the system, and to provide EPE with an opportunity to go over specific day-to-day processes and activities required for the operation of the WEIM. This set-up provides EPE and the ISO with an opportunity to test their systems and procedures in advance of financially binding market operations.

Although closely resembling actual operations, parallel operations have some inherent limitations that need to be considered when evaluating market results, including the following:

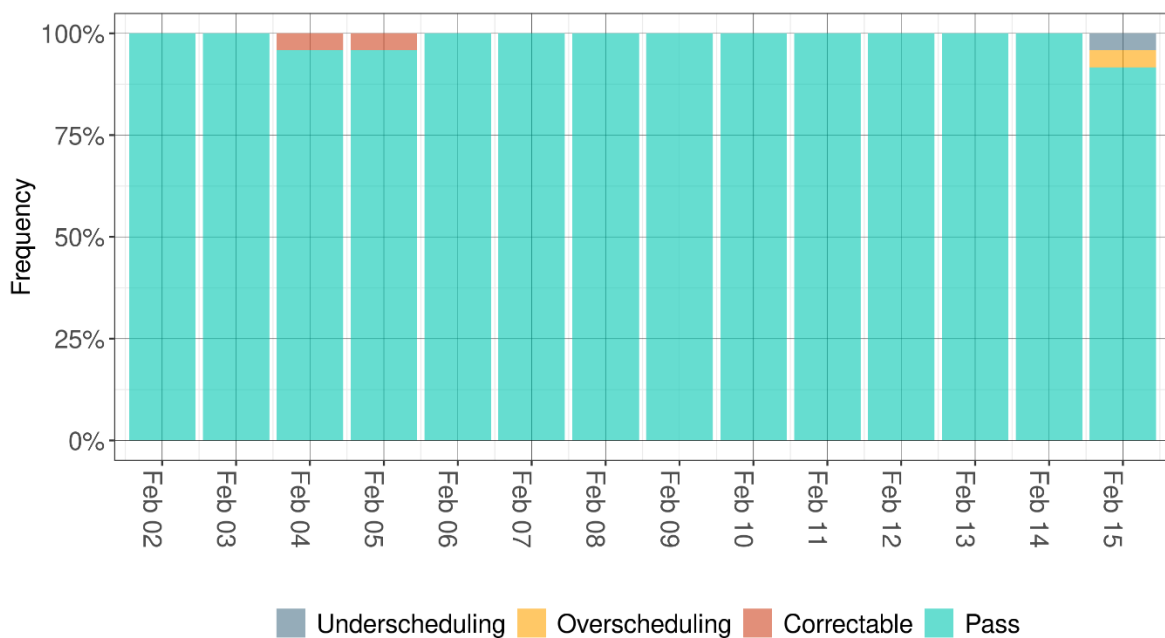
- i) The real-time market requires a set of data inputs to run. In actual real-time market operations, many of these inputs are dynamic, dependent on the participants' resources actual performance, and following instructions. For example, in an actual operating environment, telemetry received from resources gives the information to the ISO system of the operating status of the units, which are changing dynamically and interact with the market systems as the conditions change. During parallel operations, these iterative and interactive data processes are limited because the resources of the prospective WEIM entity are not yet required to follow their five-minute dispatch instruction. Similarly, if telemetry from actual production is used, there may be a potential for mismatches between what the actual system is running with versus what the market is projecting due to units potentially not following market instructions. Therefore, the information regarding the resource's performance feedback to the market systems may or may not be related to the dispatch instruction issues through the parallel operations environment.
- ii) In actual operations, intertie resources require a closed loop for the market system to fully reflect the system and market conditions and intertie schedules eventually need to be tagged in order to reflect the system data flows. For parallel operations, it is not possible to replicate fully the actual tagging process, which may pose an additional challenge based on the data that is fed into the market system.
- iii) During parallel operations, the market participant is still defining its resources' data, including characteristics and bids, which consist of three-part bids used for generation resources that require careful consideration of start-up, minimum load and energy bid costs. During this period, the participant is also learning the impacts of the resources constraints on the actual operations of the market.
- iv) During the period of parallel operations, the prospective WEIM entities bids and base schedules are merged with the bids and base schedules from the current production systems to simulate the actual production environment. The process of combining information from two systems needs some time to synchronize the data flow across various applications.

These factors, among others, have an effect on the market results and the quality of the solution. Therefore, conclusions on the quality of the market results must consider the input data and the inherent set-up for parallel operations to avoid misleading conclusions about the actual functionality and robustness of the market. The Market Trends section provides metrics that capture EPE’s market performance during parallel operations; also, it includes various system issues that were identified during parallel operations and that affected market performance. The Market Validation items section provide a summary of issues identified during parallel operations.

## Market Trends

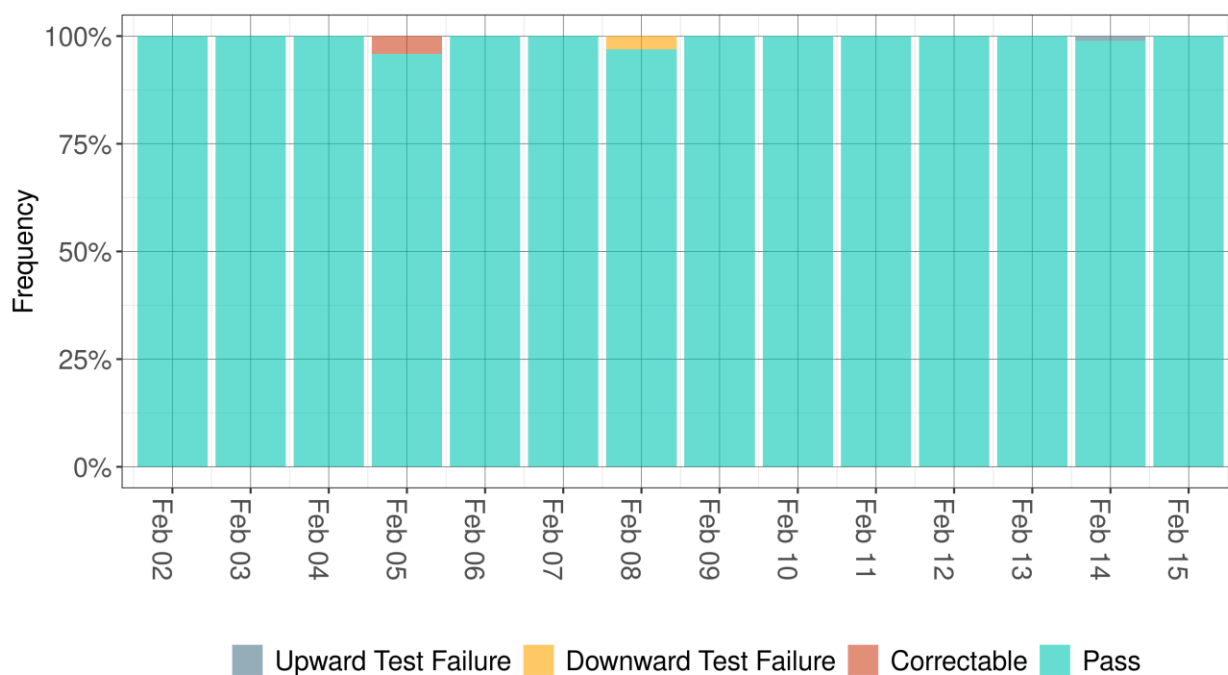
Figure 1 shows the EPE BAA’s performance for the balancing test as required under section 29.34(k) of the ISO tariff for the period of February 2, 2023 until February 15, 2023. The balancing test provides a reference of how well balanced (energy supply defined by the hourly base schedules meets the demand defined by the forecast respectively) the WEIM entity BAA is going to be into the real-time energy imbalance market. Having a large percentage of positive imbalance means the real-time market will be the last resort to balance the area incrementally. The incremental balancing of supply will come from the bid-in capacity made available in the market in addition to the base schedule or WEIM transfers between the participating WEIM entities’ BAAs. During the first 14 days of parallel operations, EPE passed the balancing test in 99.4 percent of hours. For February 4 and February 5, 2023 EPE was using an inertia resource that was disconnected due to a modeling issue so it could not be counted for capacity and this would be a correctable event. For February 15, EPE had manual dispatches in place that resulted in schedule differences. EPE has passed the majority of the tests with less than 1 MW submission difference and has been diligent about identifying the issues that have caused failures.

**Figure 1: Daily frequency of power balancing test results**



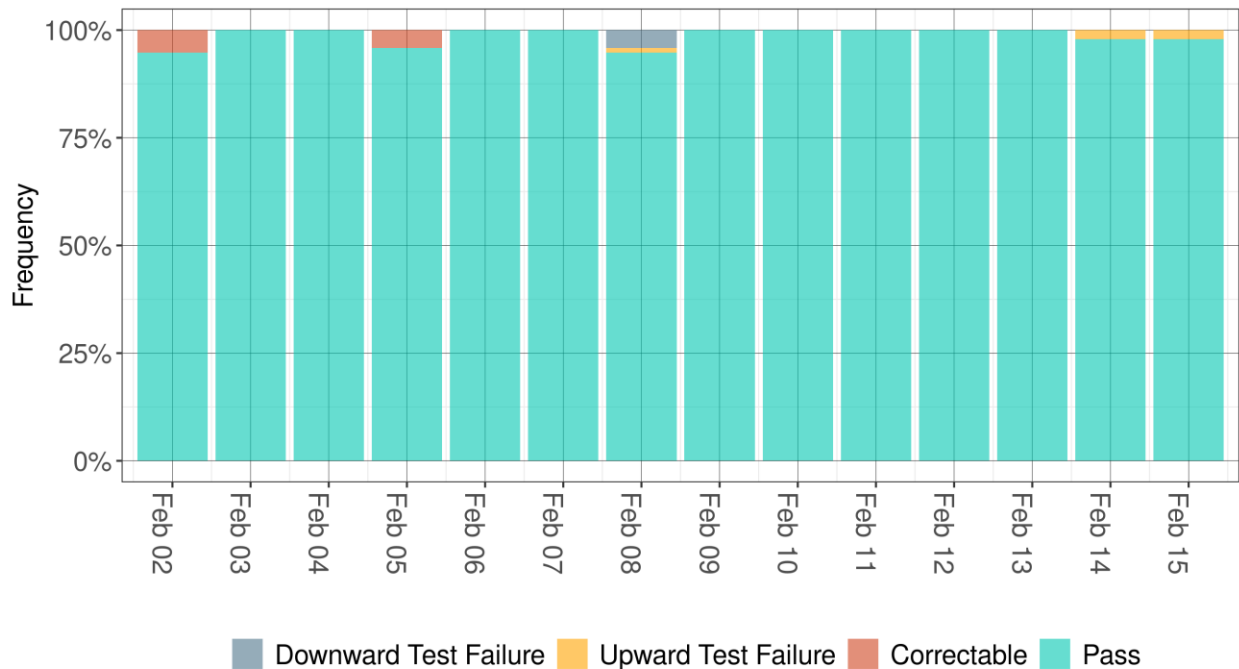
A second test carried out before running the real-time market is the bid-range capacity test. Figure 2 shows the EPE BAA’s performance for the bid-range capacity test for February 2 through February 15, 2023. For February 5, EPE was using an intertie resource that was disconnected due to a modeling issue so it could not be counted for capacity and this would be a correctable event. For February 8, three resources were shut down due to economics in an earlier FMM run and EPE was short of on-line resources with bid capacity. For February 14, EPE locked its WEIM transfers to perform their own system testing. In Figure 2, any failed tests affected by the issue on February 5 are represented as correctable events because it was a result of ISO automation process failure. With the correctable events removed from the count of failures EPE passed 99.7 percent of the tests over parallel operations period.

**Figure 2: Daily frequency of bid range capacity test results**



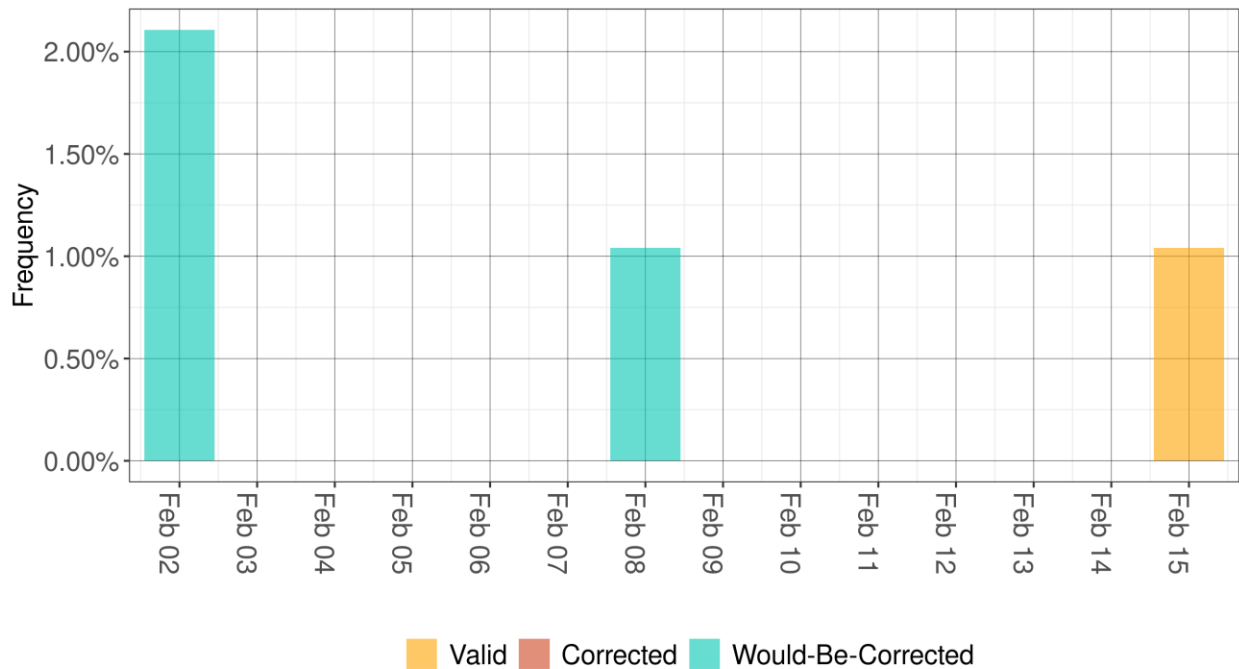
A third test carried out before running the real-time market is the flexible ramp sufficiency test, as required by section 29.34 (m) of the ISO tariff. The flexible ramp sufficiency test evaluates whether the WEIM entity has sufficient flexible ramp capacity to meet both its upward and downward ramp requirements based on optimized resource schedules before the trading hour. From February 2 through February 15, 2023, EPE passed the flexible ramp up tests in 99.6 percent of the hours and passed the flex ramp down test in 99.7 percent of the hours. The same import modeling issue that affected the bid-range capacity tests also affected EPE’s flex ramp sufficiency tests on February 2 and February 5, 2023. These are represented as correctable events in Figure 3. For February 8, February 14 and February 15, the same issues that impacted the bid-range capacity test also affected EPE’s flex ramp sufficiency tests.



**Figure 3: Daily frequency of flexible ramp test results**


Figures 4 and 5 show the frequency of power balance constraint infeasibilities for under-generation conditions in both the Fifteen Minute Market (FMM) and real-time dispatch (RTD) markets. The power balance constraint infeasibilities are pegged to the corresponding penalty prices, of \$1000/MWh (or \$2000 for certain conditions under implementation of FERC order 831) for under-supply infeasibilities, and about -\$150/MWh for over-supply infeasibilities. However, during parallel operations, the WEIM market for EPE has been set-up to run under the conditions reflecting the price discovery mechanism that is in effect under the transitional period (the first six months in an actual production system). Under this functionality, when its power balance constraint is infeasible, the market will reflect the last economic signal instead of the penalty prices. The first six months transitional period pricing is based on the FERC Order<sup>1</sup>, which grants the prospective WEIM entity the time to re-adjust and fine-tune its systems, processes, and procedures to avoid conditions that trigger administrative penalty prices due to false under-supply or over-supply conditions. The transition period pricing also shields the prospective WEIM entity from getting administrative penalty prices during the first six months. This period allows the entity to gain production experience in dealing with timely response to inform the market about operators’ manual actions that are taken or decided outside the market to maintain the WEIM entity BAA reliability or balancing needs such as deployment of operating reserve in response to forced outages.

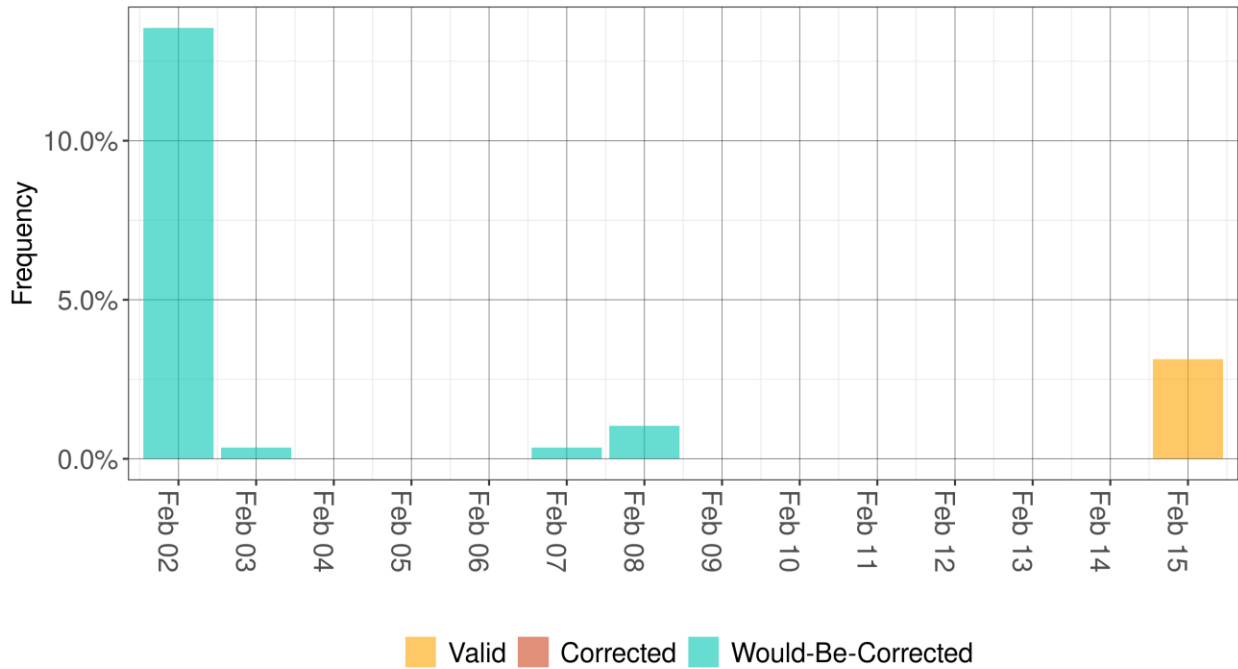
<sup>1</sup> *Calif. Ind. System Op.*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,104 (2015).

**Figure 4: Daily frequency of supply infeasibilities in the fifteen-minute market**


From February 2 to February 15, for the FMM, EPE had four intervals with under-supply power balance infeasibilities; however, two intervals on February 2 would be corrected because the ISO had an issue with modeling an import resource. For February 8, the ISO was streaming two sources for telemetry causing invalid dispatches and this infeasibility would also be corrected. For February 14, EPE locked its WEIM transfers to perform their own system testing.

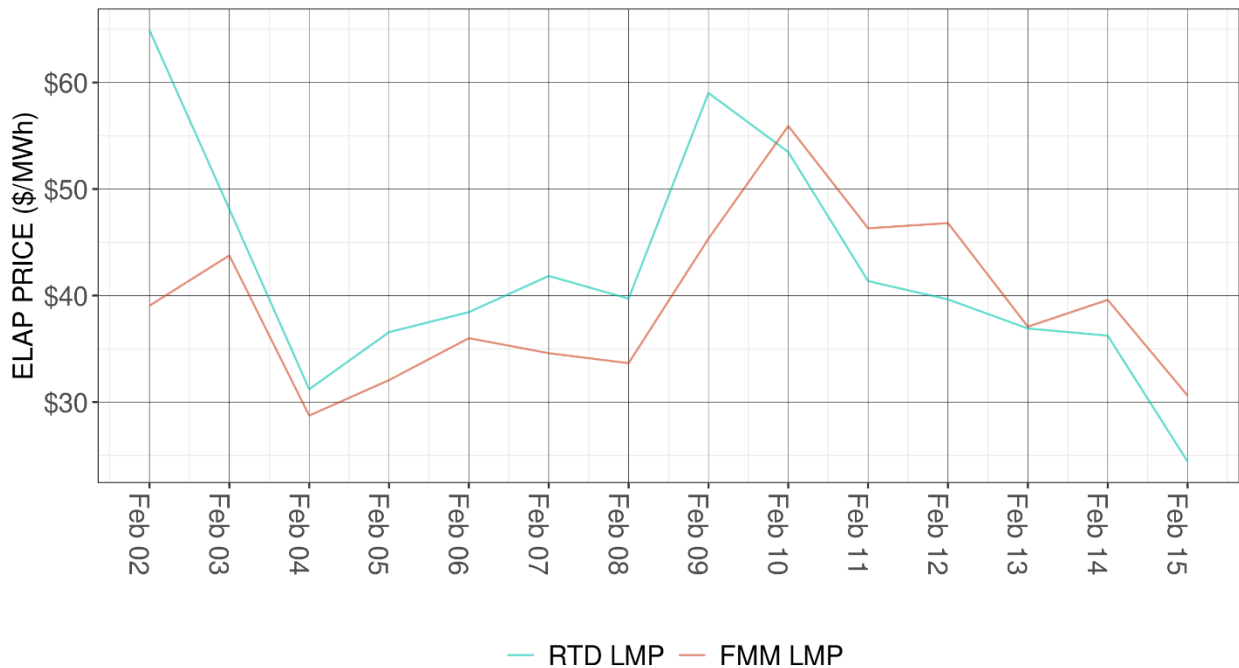
For the five-minute market, EPE had 53 intervals with under-supply power balance infeasibilities, however, 40 intervals would be corrected for the import modeling issue on February 2 and February 3. For February 7 and February 8, the ISO was streaming two sources for telemetry causing invalid dispatches and these infeasibilities would also be corrected. For February 15, EPE locked its WEIM transfers to perform their own system testing.

Figure 5: Daily frequency of supply infeasibilities in the five-minute market



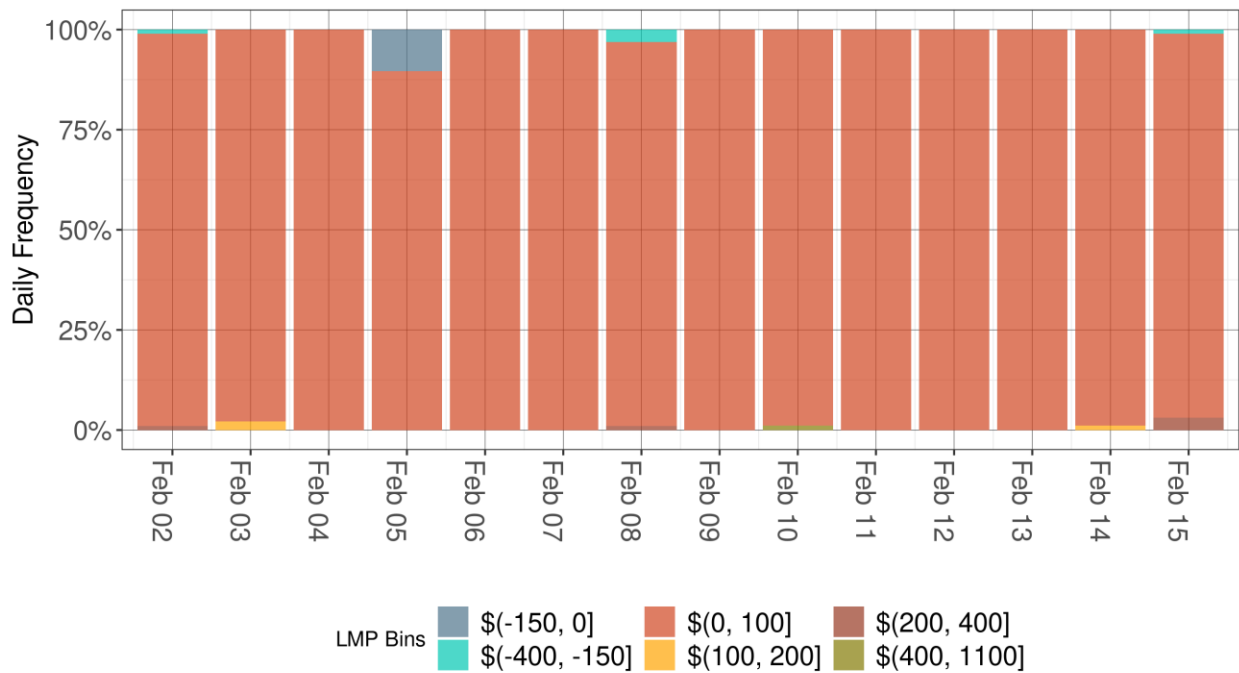
The Figure 6 shows the daily average ELAP locational marginal prices (LMPs) for the fifteen-minute market and the five-minute market. The average daily prices from February 2 through February 15, 2023 in the fifteen-minute market were between \$28.74/MWh and \$55.92/MWh. The average five-minute prices were between \$24.43/MWh and \$64.92/MWh.

Figure 6: Daily average of fifteen-minute market and five-minute market prices



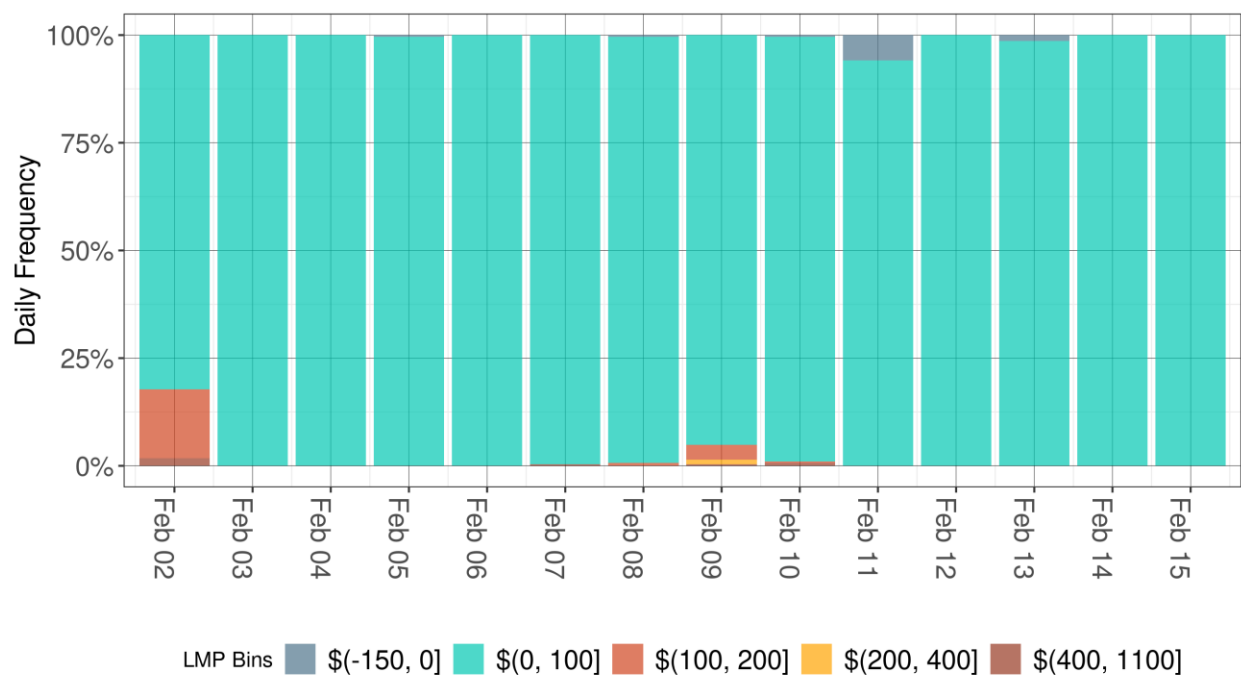
Figures 7 and 8 show the FMM and RTD ELAP prices for the EPE BAA classified by price bins.

Figure 7: Daily frequency of fifteen-minute prices organized by price ranges



For all trade dates from February 2 through February 15, 2023 about 97.6 percent of the FMM intervals observed prices were between \$0/MWh and \$100/MWh. At the same time, 97.3 percent of the five-minute prices were between \$0/MWh and \$100/MWh.

**Figure 8: Daily frequency of five-minute prices organized by price ranges**



## Market Validation Items

### 1. Parallel Operation Telemetry Streaming Issue

From February 2 to February 8, 2023 the ISO was streaming in both production telemetry and Stage simulation telemetry data when it should have only been Stage simulation telemetry data. This caused large oscillations in resource output and as a result large oscillations in resource dispatch. The ISO corrected this to stream only simulator data.

### 2. Stage run failures.

From February 10 to February 11, 2023, there were issues getting RTD runs to solve in Stage. There were incorrect resource parameters for a limited number of resources that were used in the market that made the solutions difficult to solve within the allowed time so RTD runs were missed for an extended period of time. The ISO corrected the parameters so that the RTD optimization could solve.

### 3. Resource Tolerance Values

Resources with non-zero Pmin values are not dispatchable until the resource's output reaches the Pmin MW value. However, the ISO needs to account for telemetry below the Pmin for power balance purposes. The ISO has a tolerance MW function to recognize when output is close to Pmin and then the real-time market can start dispatching the resource. The tolerance MW for the new WEIMs was set to zero MW in Stage so a small amount of telemetry was recognized as full output at Pmin and causing erroneous dispatches in FMM. The ISO implemented tolerance MWs in the Stage environment on February 6, 2023.

### 4. Import Tie Modeling

EPE would like to utilize an import resource called "RTIE" to align their real-time net scheduling import value with their dynamic telemetry share of the Palo Verde Nuclear resource. This RTIE value can change frequently since EPE must take the deviations from Palo Verde. However, the RTIE import resource was modeled to the Southwest Power Pool Balancing Area in Stage and there was an outage disconnecting this point. The disconnection of the RTIE led to several test failures and power balance violations because this energy was not counted. The ISO updated the definition of the RTIE resource to ensure the resource will be connected and the energy will be permitted to flow on the resource.

## Conclusion

The ISO validated both prices and schedules based on input data fed through the market systems parallel operations from February 2 through February 15, 2023. This validation demonstrates that the market solution was produced as expected and is consistent with the market rules as designed, recognizing that the input data may be influenced by limitations inherent in the parallel operating environment and these limitations may affect the quality of the solution. When factors affecting the input

data are fixed or controlled for, the quality of the market solutions are as expected and indicate that the systems and processes of EPE are capable of operating in production.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing document upon the parties listed on the official service list in the captioned proceedings, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.2010).

Dated at Folsom, CA this 3rd day of March, 2023.

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