

## News Advisory

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### California ISO Offers MRTU Tutorial for Media

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO) is launching a new market system at midnight on Tuesday, March 31, with an initial trade date of Wednesday, April 1. The new system, known as Market Redesign and Technology Upgrade (MRTU) provides several benefits:

- Allows the ISO to see and address grid bottlenecks a full day earlier
- Reduces the financial impact of bottlenecks
- Fosters more reliable operation of the grid
- Provides more information about where grid upgrades are needed most
- Paves the way for demand response programs and other “smart grid” technologies

While these changes are significant to the wholesale energy market, there will not be any immediate impact on retail customers. However, to help the news media more fully understand the changes MRTU represents, the California ISO is offering a two-hour tutorial. Media representatives may attend in person if they wish, or participate over the phone and via web-conference. The tutorial will include slide presentations and time for Q&A.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Monday, March 9, 2009</b>
<b>TIME: (Note: Pacific DST)</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	<b>California ISO</b> <b>151 Blue Ravine Road, Folsom CA</b>
<b>CALL-IN ACCESS:</b>	<b>(800) 230-1074 Passcode: MRTU Tutorial</b>
<b>WEB ACCESS:</b>	<a href="https://www.webmeeting.att.com">https://www.webmeeting.att.com</a> Meeting number: 8662054243 or 8018289903 Access Code: 2826369

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