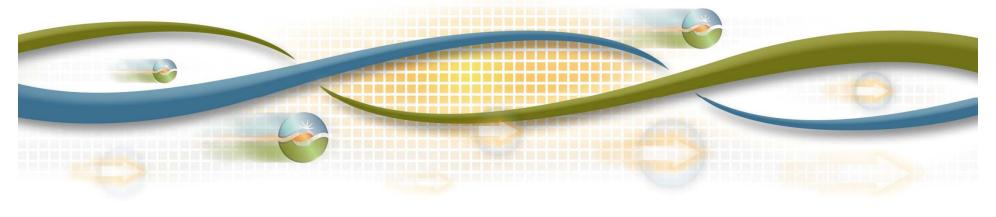


Market Initiatives Release Plan

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Staff is monitoring December deployments and responding to and resolving variances.

- Multi-stage generator modeling
 - Eleven resources were deployed on December 7,
 2010 and an additional four resources were activated on January 21, 2011.
 - Four resources have reverted to the forbidden operating region modeling.
 - Several variances have been resolved with the remaining variances to be fixed by February 8, 2011.
- Phase 2 of standard capacity product was successfully activated on January 1, 2011.



Convergence bidding is effective as of trading date February 1, 2011.

- Virtual bids are being submitted since January 25, 2011.
- All software changes were installed and ready for the first day-ahead market run on January 31, 2011 for trading date February 1, 2011.
- Monitoring efforts are in place for operational, market and behavior impacts.



Management is mitigating hour-ahead scheduling process and real-time price divergence.

- Hourly intertie ramping considers energy associated with ramping of intertie schedules across two hours, has been reactivated.
- Planned improvements in day-ahead and real-time load forecasting are anticipated in February.
- Flexible ramping, which will introduce explicit system ramping up and down capacity constraints in the market optimization module, is planned for early this year.
- Adaptive control enhancements will further converge hour-ahead scheduling process and real-time prices.



The Spring 2011 release launches the two releases a year approach.

- Interim capacity procurement mechanism and exceptional dispatch pricing changes replace existing expiring structures.
- Initial implementation of changes in commitment cost for start up and minimum load.
- 72 hour residual unit commitment extends the time horizon for unit commitment beyond one trade date, which provides efficiency and reliability in scheduling resources across trading day boundaries.



The release plan is updated to show future policy efforts that will require implementation planning.

