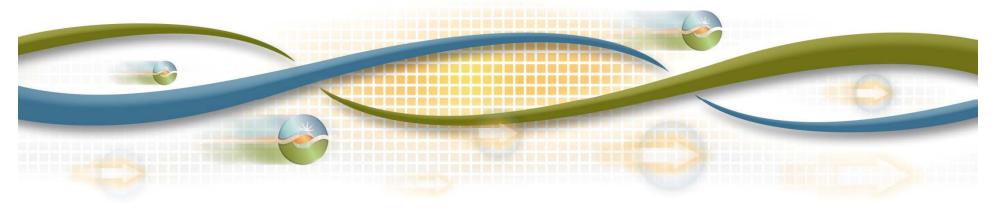


Market Initiatives Release Plan

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Staff is monitoring recent deployments and providing further enhancements.

- Multi-stage generator modeling continues to improve
 - Fifteen resources are deployed in the market.
 - Several enhancements are under consideration.
- Convergence bidding deployed on February 1, 2011
 - Nine intertie locations will be restored for virtual bidding by May 31, 2011.
- The spring 2011 release is complete
 - New capacity procurement mechanism replaced the existing tariff to backstop resource adequacy procurement.
 - Phase one of the changes in commitment costs enhanced startup and minimum load costs to address initial market design limitations.



Additional market enhancements are in progress prior to the summer to meet operational needs.

- The open ties project supports the tariff in prohibiting the submission of bids or self-schedules at interties that have zero rated operational transfer capability in both the import and export direction.
- Flexible ramping constraint is included in the market optimization module.



Six market initiatives are planned for the remainder of this year.

Fall 2011 Release

- Reliability demand response product is provided for emergency response conditions.
- Residual unit commitment is implemented over a 72 hour time horizon.
- Phase two of the changes in commitment costs further automates system changes.
- Credit reform measures ordered by FERC are enforced.

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- Changes in the grid management charge rate structure are made.
- The generation of bids for non-resource specific resource adequacy is implemented.



The spring 2012 release marks three years after the deployment of the new market design.

- Regulation energy management enhances market rules for procuring regulation services.
- Enhancements in local market power mitigation will improve and simplify the current design.
- Other mandated initiatives may be deferred to consider them more holistically with the current market design.
- Enhancements resulting from the renewable integration market and product review will be added to the release plan as they are defined.

