Stakeholder Comments Template

Market Seams Workshop

This template has been created for submission of stakeholder comments on the Market Seams Workshop that was held on August 18, 2026. The Stakeholder meeting presentation and other information related to this initiative may be found on the webpage at: https://www.caiso.com/meetings-events/topics/market-seams

Upon completion of this template, please submit it by emailing it to ISOStakeholderAffairs@caiso.com.

Submissions are requested by close of business on **September 1, 2026**

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Please provide your organization's comments on the following issues and questions.

1. Please provide your organization's feedback on the Market Seams Workshop that was held on August 18, 2026.

   The operations-focused Joint Market Seams workshop hosted by CAISO and SPP on August 18, 2026, was well organized and the content hit at the right level. The presentations made across the day gave stakeholders confidence that reliability priorities are being met and will continue to be met as western markets and relationships evolve. They demonstrated the commitments and impressive capacities of both the two market operators and regional utility operations staff, and gave a unique look at operational realities those of us on the transactional side of the wall rarely see. At the same time, they also highlighted where tighter coordination, data sharing, and establishment of common seams-management expectations could improve operational efficiency and allow us to make fuller use of the existing grid to the benefit of western ratepayers.

2. Please provide any suggestions for content or format for upcoming Seams Workshops.

During the meeting, staff from BPA mentioned Remedial Action Scheme coordination and the impact of minimum generation requirements as a topic that could be explored down the road jointly by SPP and CAISO. We support that idea. We would also like to see additional time spent on how Unscheduled Flow Mitigation Plan coordination is being handled or planned to be handled as markets and BA responsibilities evolve.

Following the upcoming workshop centered on transacting across market seams and after the publication of the joint report to FERC, we would like to see an additional session held to review takeaways and put together a plan for future joint work or check-ins. We understand that most of the work of seams coordination, especially when it comes to the transactional aspects, will need to happen in each markets' own stakeholder processes; however, the interconnect as a whole will benefit substantially from increased dialogue as that all moves forward. We believe that relatively minor but aligned market design changes could significantly improve outcomes without time intensive, agreement-heavy work having to be done first, and are hopeful that CAISO and SPP will facilitate the coordination between each market and its stakeholders (including each's BA/TSP functions) necessary to achieve that.