




Market Simulation Plan Spring 2026 Release

Initiatives –

Day-Ahead Market Enhancements

Extended day-ahead market

Extended day-ahead market ISO balancing authority area participation rules

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1. Introduction

The objective of this document is to provide the information needed by market participants in order to engage in the Spring 2026 Release initiatives, thereby enabling market participants to smoothly transition and utilize the new features.

1.1 Scope of Initiatives


ISO release planning sites for the Spring 2026 Release initiatives – ([link](#))

1. Day-Ahead Market Enhancements ([link](#))
2. Extended day-ahead market ([link](#))
3. Extended day-ahead market ISO balancing authority area participation rules ([link](#))


1.2 Market Simulation

The ISO conducts market simulations on a regular basis as part of its bringing new capabilities to its markets. This provides market participants an opportunity to test their systems and procedures in advance of the market implementation. The market simulation process facilitates an effective market operations “dress rehearsal” and helps expedite a smooth production launch. The benefits of market simulation may include but are not limited to:

- Allowing for system or procedural problem identification and mitigation before the market is operationally or financially binding.
- Enabling market participants to observe the behavior of ISO systems and markets in a simulated production environment, particularly in regards to new functions and features introduced through the addition of the modifications included in the Spring 2026 Release initiatives.
- Establishing confidence in the operational processes and systems associated with the new market functionality implementation.
- Providing a hands-on environment to allow participants to interact with new and unique features and functionality.

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- Providing an environment where market participants can scrutinize and tailor their own tools, applications, and business practices to participate in new market functionality.
- Providing a means of capturing additional market participant input and feedback regarding the implementation of the new market features and functionality, beyond what might have been received in the stakeholder process.
- Providing market participants the tools to help determine:
 - Proper exchange of market-related data and validation of new timelines.
 - Common understanding of data submittal requirements and timelines.
 - Familiarity with market rules and timelines.
- An opportunity to verify the ISO bid-to-bill process in a pre-production environment that includes simulated market and operational data inputs. Allowing the market participants to verify systems, processes, and procedures which may need modifying due to the functional changes tied to the release.

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2. Market Simulation Approach

2.1 High-Level Overview

Below are DAME, EDAM, and EDAM ISO BAA PR related Market Simulation and Implementation dates. For the purposes of Spring 2026 Release this document focuses on the first three items below for DAME, EDAM, and EDAM ISO BAA PR.

Initiative	Connectivity Testing	Integration Testing	Structured Market Sim	Unstructured Market Sim	Parallel Operations	Activation
<u>Day-Ahead Market Enhancements</u>	06/01/25 – 09/01/25	NA	09/01/25 – 12/01/25	12/01/25 – 01/15/26	01/26/25 – 03/26/25 (EDAM OB)	05/01/26
<u>Extended Day-Ahead Market</u>	06/01/25 – 09/01/25	NA	09/01/25 – 12/01/25	12/01/25 – 01/15/26	01/26/25 – 03/26/25 (EDAM OB)	05/01/26
<u>EDAM ISO BAA Participation Rules Track A</u>	06/01/25 – 09/01/25	NA	09/01/25 – 12/01/25	12/01/25 – 01/15/26	01/26/25 – 03/26/25 (EDAM OB)	05/01/26
<u>Extended Day-Ahead Market On-Boarding - Pacificorp</u>	05/01/25 – 05/31/25	06/01/25 – 09/01/25	09/01/25 – 12/01/25	12/01/25 – 01/15/26	01/26/25 – 03/26/25	05/01/26
<u>Extended Day-Ahead Market - PGE</u>	11/01/25 – 11/30/25	12/01/25 – 01/31/26	02/01/26 – 04/30/26	05/01/26 – 06/12/26	05/18/25 – 09/04/25	10/01/26
<u>WEIM - Berkshire Hathaway Energy Montana</u>	09/01/25 – 10/17/25	10/01/26 – 11/30/26	12/01/25 – 02/13/26	NA	02/16/26 – 04/17/26	05/06/26
<u>WEIM – Black Hills</u>	09/01/25 – 10/17/25	10/01/26 – 11/30/26	12/01/25 – 02/13/26	NA	02/16/26 – 04/17/26	05/06/26

ISO will continue to have the MAP Stage environment available for market participants to support regression testing if necessary beyond go live.

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2.2 Pre-Simulation Activities

The Spring 2026 Release initiatives market simulations will be conducted in the MAP Stage environment. Participants will need to obtain access to this environment if they do not already have access. The ISO envisions participants may wish to access Master File (MF), Market Participant Portal (MPP), Outage Management System (WebOMS), Demand Response Registration System (DRRS), Customer Interface for Resource Adequacy (CIRA), Scheduling Infrastructure and Business Rules (SIBR), Base Schedule Aggregation Portal (BSAP), Balancing Authority Area Operations Portal (BAAOP), CAISO Market Results Interface (CMRI), Automated Dispatch System (ADS), and Market Results Interface Settlements (MRIS). For those who do not already have access to the MAP Stage systems, access can be requested by completing an Application Access Request Form ([AARF](#)) or modifying existing certificates through the Access Identity Management ([AIM](#)) application. Information regarding the completion of AIM and AARF forms can be found on the ISO portal under the application access request forms and application installation instructions heading.

Information pertaining to accessing the externally facing ISO environments is available on the ISO public site in the “Application Access” page ([link](#)).

Interface information is available on the ISO Developer site – ([link](#))

3. General Information


3.1 Participant Observation and Inputs

During the Spring 2026 Release market simulation, market participants will be able to observe market results in the same applications that are available in production: OASIS, CMRI, ADS, etc.

The ISO will seed bids and base schedules on your behalf in MAP Stage, participants are encouraged to input data into the ISO bid-to-bill using all systems available: MRI-S, SIBR/BSAP, ADS and OMS etc., for a more realistic simulation.

Day Ahead Market (DAM) bids are submitted for T+4 >> (**NOTE:** CB bids are submitted for T+2, if participant submits for T+4 they will be over-written)

- Example: on 9/10 bids are submitted for 9/14

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Participants wishing to check and or submit DA bids for T+1 – T+4) can do so after 7am on T.

- Example T=9/10 - DA bids can be submitted for 9/11, 9/12, 9/13 and if after 8am for 9/14
- In the example no seeded bids will over-write submitted bids for T+1, T+2, T+3. For T+4 if the submitted bids come in after 7am they will not be over-written by seeded bids.

Real Time Market (RTM) bids can be submitted for T+1 as soon as DA results for that same TD are published around 2:00pm on T.

- Example: on 9/10 static bids are submitted at 11:00am for 9/11
- Participants wishing to check and or submit RT bids for T+1 can do so after DAM results for T+1 are published (after 12pm, typically by 2pm), no seeded data will over-write submitted bids.

Day Ahead Base Schedules BSAP (DAM) base schedules are submitted for T+4
Real Time Base Schedules BSAP (RTM) base schedules are submitted for T+ 4

- Example: on 9/10 base Schedules (DAM/RTM) are submitted for 9/14

Participants wishing to check and or submit base schedules for T+1 – T+4) can do so after 8am on T.


- Example T=9/10 - DA/RT base schedules can be submitted for 9/11, 9/12, 9/13 and if after 7am for 9/14
- In the example no seeded base schedules will over-write submitted base schedules for T+1, T+2, T+3. For T+4 if the submitted base schedules come in after 8am they will not be over-written by seeded base schedules.

SIBR RTM functionality for validating submitted bids or generating submitted bid based on DA market results will still apply, typically MAP Stage market results are not published until after 12pm but typically by 2pm..

All RTM bids are revalidated between 22:10 and 23:00 for the next day based on the latest commitment cost data received.

All DAM bids are revalidated beginning at 03:10 and again at 09:10 for future dates based on the latest Master File and commitment cost data received.

All base schedules are revalidated beginning at 08:25 for the next day only based on the latest Master File data received.

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Bids and Base Schedules must be submitted or verified by participants wanting to validate functionality in SIBR and BSAP or downstream applications with regard to project expectations.

3.2 Release Web Service Changes

ISO has provided all the necessary technical specifications for the web service changes in scope for Spring 2026 Release on the developer web site ([link](#)) .

Resource Data Template (RDT) submission and/or modifications for the Spring 2026 Release will take 10 business days to process. Prior to the start of simulation all modified RDT's for the Spring 2026 Release should be emailed to RDT@caiso.com please also Cc MarketSim@caiso.com. Once simulation begins RDT's should be submitted to the MAP Stage Master File with an expected turnaround time of 10 business day, similar to Production.

ISO will be settling unstructured scenario trade dates for the Spring 2026 Release simulations.


ISO will be offering Settlements statements during the Spring 2026 Release market simulation. Similar to how the process is performed in our production environment, the ISO will be using estimated Meter data with our initial statements and market participant submitted meter data where applicable, for the re-calc statements.

3.3 Known Issue List

The ISO will create and publish a known issues list as part of the weekly Market Simulation Forum Presentation leading up to Market Simulation, as well as weekly calls devoted throughout the Market Simulation timeframe ([link](#))

3.4 Structured Market Simulation

Structured Market Simulation refers to the specific Scenarios that have been created by the ISO in order to best prepare participants leading up to the Market Simulation and throughout the Market Simulation. The Scenarios shall follow the indicated timelines in the Scenario documentation for each initiative to ensure timely submission of bid types by participants as well as settlement results and other deliverables.

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Market participants will need to register their request with the ISO to participate in this simulation via the MarketSim@caiso.com mailbox by 05/01/25. Structured Scenarios include the corresponding material ISO has prepared

3.5 Unstructured Market Simulation

Whereas the expectations are for participants to follow the Scenario documentation and timelines during Structured Market Simulation, the ISO encourages participants to perform additional Unstructured Market Simulation testing for any of the scenarios provided as well as any testing that is important for each participant based on their specific needs. If a market participant would like to see specific market conditions for their resource please contact ISO at MarketSim@caiso.com preferably TD-1 prior to the unstructured TD's DAM or RT market run.

Regression Simulation –

If a market participant would like to see specific market conditions for their resource please contact ISO at MarketSim@caiso.com preferably TD-1 prior to the regression TD's DAM or RT market run.

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3.6 Configuration Guides and Payment Calendars


ISO Settlements Calendar and Configuration guides Spring 2026 Release
(Updated 01/17/25) -




Market Simulation DAME-EDAM-EDAM ISO BAA PR Calendar (MAP STAGE)

Jul 01, 2025 through Jan 16, 2026


Calendar Day	Day	CMRI T+1B	Submit Meter Data by T+2B 10:00 for Initial	Publish Initial Statement T+5B	Submit Meter Data by T+5B 18:00 for Recalc	Publish Recalc Statement T+8B	Publish Market Invoice
			T+9B	T+9B	T+70B	T+70B	
30-Jun-25	Monday						
01-Jul-25	Tuesday						
02-Jul-25	Wednesday	1-Jul					
03-Jul-25	Thursday		1-Jul				
04-Jul-25	Friday	ISO Holiday					
05-Jul-25	Saturday						
06-Jul-25	Sunday						
07-Jul-25	Monday						
08-Jul-25	Tuesday						
09-Jul-25	Wednesday	8-Jul		1-Jul	1-Jul		
10-Jul-25	Thursday		8-Jul				
11-Jul-25	Friday						
12-Jul-25	Saturday						
13-Jul-25	Sunday						
14-Jul-25	Monday					1-Jul	

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16-Jul-25	Wednesday			Monthly Initial 01-Jul - 08-Jul			Daily Initial 01-Jul; Daily Initial 08-Jul; Monthly Initial 01-Jul - 08-Jul
17-Jul-25	Thursday	15-Jul					
18-Jul-25	Friday					8-Jul	
19-Jul-25	Saturday						
20-Jul-25	Sunday						
21-Jul-25	Monday					Monthly Recalc 01-Jul - 08-Jul	Daily Recalc 01-Jul; Daily Recalc 08-Jul; Monthly Recalc 01-Jul - 08-Jul
22-Jul-25	Tuesday			15-Jul	15-Jul		
23-Jul-25	Wednesday	22-Jul					
24-Jul-25	Thursday		22-Jul				
25-Jul-25	Friday					15-Jul	
26-Jul-25	Saturday						
27-Jul-25	Sunday						
28-Jul-25	Monday						
29-Jul-25	Tuesday			22-Jul	22-Jul		
30-Jul-25	Wednesday	29-Jul					
31-Jul-25	Thursday		29-Jul				
01-Aug-25	Friday					22-Jul	
02-Aug-25	Saturday						
03-Aug-25	Sunday						
04-Aug-25	Monday						
05-Aug-25	Tuesday			29-Jul	29-Jul		
06-Aug-25	Wednesday	5-Aug		Monthly Initial 15-Jul - 29-Jul			Daily Initial 15-Jul; Daily Initial 22-Jul; Daily Initial 29-Jul Monthly Initial 15-Jul - 29-Jul

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08-Aug-25	Friday					29-Jul	
09-Aug-25	Saturday						
10-Aug-25	Sunday						
11-Aug-25	Monday					Monthly Recalc 15-Jul - 29-Jul	Daily Recalc 15-Jul; Daily Recalc 22-Jul; Daily Recalc 29-Jul Monthly Recalc 15-Jul - 29-Jul
12-Aug-25	Tuesday			5-Aug	5-Aug		
13-Aug-25	Wednesday	12-Aug					
14-Aug-25	Thursday		12-Aug				
15-Aug-25	Friday					5-Aug	
16-Aug-25	Saturday						
17-Aug-25	Sunday						
18-Aug-25	Monday						
19-Aug-25	Tuesday			12-Aug	12-Aug		
20-Aug-25	Wednesday	19-Aug		Monthly Initial 05-Aug - 12-Aug			Daily Initial 05-Aug; Daily Initial 12-Aug; Monthly Initial 05-Aug - 12-Aug
21-Aug-25	Thursday		19-Aug				
22-Aug-25	Friday					12-Aug	
23-Aug-25	Saturday						
24-Aug-25	Sunday						

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26-Aug-25	Tuesday			19-Aug	19-Aug		
27-Aug-25	Wednesday	26-Aug					
28-Aug-25	Thursday		26-Aug				
29-Aug-25	Friday					19-Aug	
30-Aug-25	Saturday						
31-Aug-25	Sunday						
01-Sep-25	Monday	ISO Holiday					
02-Sep-25	Tuesday						
03-Sep-25	Wednesday	2-Sep		26-Aug	26-Aug		
04-Sep-25	Thursday			Monthly Initial 19-Aug - 26-Aug			Daily Initial 19-Aug; Daily Initial 26-Aug; Monthly Initial 19-Aug - 26-Aug
05-Sep-25	Friday	4-Sep					
06-Sep-25	Saturday						
07-Sep-25	Sunday						
08-Sep-25	Monday		4-Sep			26-Aug	
09-Sep-25	Tuesday					Monthly Recalc 19-Aug - 26-Aug	Daily Recalc 19-Aug; Daily Recalc 26-Aug; Monthly Recalc 19-Aug - 26-Aug
10-Sep-25	Wednesday	9-Sep					
11-Sep-25	Thursday		9-Sep	4-Sep	4-Sep		

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13-Sep-25	Saturday	11-Sep					
14-Sep-25	Sunday						
15-Sep-25	Monday		11-Sep				
16-Sep-25	Tuesday			9-Sep	9-Sep	4-Sep	
17-Sep-25	Wednesday					Monthly Recalc 02-Sep - 04-Sep	Daily Recalc 02-Sep; Daily Recalc 04-Sep; Monthly Recalc 02-Sep - 04-Sep
18-Sep-25	Thursday	16-Sep	16-Sep	11-Sep	11-Sep		
19-Sep-25	Friday			Monthly Initial 09-Sep - 11-Sep		9-Sep	Daily Initial 09-Sep; Daily Initial 11-Sep; Monthly Initial 09-Sep - 11-Sep
20-Sep-25	Saturday	18-Sep					
21-Sep-25	Sunday						
22-Sep-25	Monday		18-Sep				
23-Sep-25	Tuesday			16-Sep	16-Sep	11-Sep	
24-Sep-25	Wednesday					Monthly Recalc 09-Sep - 11-Sep	Daily Recalc 09-Sep; Daily Recalc 11-Sep; Monthly Recalc 09-Sep - 11-Sep
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		25-Sep				16-Sep	
27-Sep-25	Saturday						
28-Sep-25	Sunday						
29-Sep-25	Monday		25-Sep				
30-Sep-25	Tuesday			23-Sep	23-Sep	18-Sep	
01-Oct-25	Wednesday					Monthly Recalc 16-Sep - 18-Sep	Daily Recalc 16-Sep; Daily Recalc 18-Sep; Monthly Recalc 16-Sep - 18-Sep
		30-Sep					
02-Oct-25	Thursday		30-Sep	25-Sep	25-Sep		
03-Oct-25	Friday	2-Oct				23-Sep	
04-Oct-25	Saturday						
05-Oct-25	Sunday						
06-Oct-25	Monday		2-Oct				
07-Oct-25	Tuesday			30-Sep	30-Sep	25-Sep	
08-Oct-25	Wednesday			Monthly Initial 23-Sep - 30-Sep			Daily Initial 23-Sep; Daily Initial 25-Sep; Daily Initial 30-Sep Monthly Initial 23-Sep - 30-Sep
		7-Oct					
09-Oct-25	Thursday		7-Oct	2-Oct	2-Oct		
10-Oct-25	Friday	9-Oct				30-Sep	
11-Oct-25	Saturday						
12-Oct-25	Sunday						

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14-Oct-25	Tuesday		9-Oct				
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16-Oct-25	Thursday		14-Oct	9-Oct	9-Oct		
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19-Oct-25	Sunday						
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21-Oct-25	Tuesday			14-Oct	14-Oct	9-Oct	
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23-Oct-25	Thursday	21-Oct		16-Oct	16-Oct		
24-Oct-25	Friday			Monthly Initial 14-Oct - 16-Oct			Daily Initial 14-Oct; Daily Initial 16-Oct; Monthly Initial 14-Oct - 16-Oct
25-Oct-25	Saturday	23-Oct				14-Oct	
26-Oct-25	Sunday						

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28-Oct-25	Tuesday			21-Oct	21-Oct	16-Oct	
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30-Oct-25	Thursday	28-Oct					
31-Oct-25	Friday		28-Oct	23-Oct	23-Oct		
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01-Nov-25	Saturday						
02-Nov-25	Sunday						
03-Nov-25	Monday		30-Oct				
04-Nov-25	Tuesday			28-Oct	28-Oct	23-Oct	
05-Nov-25	Wednesday					Monthly Recalc 21-Oct - 23-Oct	Daily Recalc 21-Oct; Daily Recalc 23-Oct; Monthly Recalc 21-Oct - 23-Oct
		4-Nov					
06-Nov-25	Thursday		4-Nov	30-Oct	30-Oct		
07-Nov-25	Friday			Monthly Initial 28-Oct - 30-Oct			Daily Initial 28-Oct; Daily Initial 30-Oct; Monthly Initial 28-Oct - 30-Oct
		6-Nov				28-Oct	
08-Nov-25	Saturday						
09-Nov-25	Sunday						
10-Nov-25	Monday		6-Nov				
11-Nov-25	Tuesday			4-Nov	4-Nov	30-Oct	

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14-Nov-25	Friday		11-Nov	6-Nov	6-Nov		
15-Nov-25	Saturday			Monthly Initial 04-Nov - 06-Nov			Daily Initial 04-Nov; Daily Initial 06-Nov; Monthly Initial 04-Nov - 06-Nov
16-Nov-25	Sunday	13-Nov				4-Nov	
17-Nov-25	Monday						
18-Nov-25	Tuesday		13-Nov				
19-Nov-25	Wednesday			11-Nov	11-Nov	6-Nov	
20-Nov-25	Thursday					Monthly Recalc 04-Nov - 06-Nov	Daily Recalc 04-Nov; Daily Recalc 04-Nov; Monthly Recalc 04-Nov - 06-Nov
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22-Nov-25	Saturday		18-Nov	13-Nov	13-Nov		
23-Nov-25	Sunday			Monthly Initial 11-Nov - 13-Nov			Daily Initial 11-Nov; Daily Initial 13-Nov; Monthly Initial 11-Nov - 13-Nov
24-Nov-25	Monday	20-Nov				11-Nov	
25-Nov-25	Tuesday						
			20-Nov				
				18-Nov	18-Nov	13-Nov	

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28-Nov-25	Friday						
29-Nov-25	Saturday						
30-Nov-25	Sunday						
01-Dec-25	Monday			20-Nov	20-Nov	18-Nov	
02-Dec-25	Tuesday			Monthly Initial 18-Nov - 20-Nov			Daily Initial 18-Nov; Daily Initial 20-Nov; Monthly Initial 18-Nov - 20-Nov
03-Dec-25	Wednesday	2-Dec					
04-Dec-25	Thursday		2-Dec			20-Nov	
05-Dec-25	Friday					Monthly Recalc 18-Nov - 20-Nov	Daily Recalc 18-Nov; Daily Recalc 20-Nov; Monthly Recalc 18-Nov - 20-Nov
06-Dec-25	Saturday	4-Dec					
07-Dec-25	Sunday						
08-Dec-25	Monday		4-Dec				
09-Dec-25	Tuesday			2-Dec	2-Dec		
10-Dec-25	Wednesday	9-Dec					
11-Dec-25	Thursday		9-Dec	4-Dec	4-Dec		

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12-Dec-25	Friday			Monthly Initial 02-Dec - 04-Dec		2-Dec	Daily Initial 02-Dec; Daily Initial 04-Dec; Monthly Initial 02-Dec - 04-Dec
13-Dec-25	Saturday	11-Dec					
14-Dec-25	Sunday						
15-Dec-25	Monday		11-Dec				
16-Dec-25	Tuesday			9-Dec	9-Dec	4-Dec	
17-Dec-25	Wednesday					Monthly Recalc 02-Dec - 04-Dec	Daily Recalc 02-Dec; Daily Recalc 04-Dec; Monthly Recalc 02-Dec - 04-Dec
18-Dec-25	Thursday	16-Dec		11-Dec	11-Dec		
19-Dec-25	Friday			Monthly Initial 09-Dec - 11-Dec		9-Dec	Daily Initial 09-Dec; Daily Initial 11-Dec; Monthly Initial 09-Dec - 11-Dec
20-Dec-25	Saturday	18-Dec					
21-Dec-25	Sunday						
22-Dec-25	Monday		18-Dec				
23-Dec-25	Tuesday			16-Dec	16-Dec	11-Dec	
24-Dec-25	Wednesday					Monthly Recalc 09-Dec - 11-Dec	Daily Recalc 09-Dec; Daily Recalc 11-Dec; Monthly Recalc 09-Dec - 11-Dec
25-Dec-25	Thursday	ISO Holiday					
26-Dec-25	Friday						
27-Dec-25	Saturday						

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28-Dec-25	Sunday						
29-Dec-25	Monday			18-Dec	18-Dec		
30-Dec-25	Tuesday			Monthly Initial 16-Dec - 18-Dec		16-Dec	Daily Initial 16 - Dec; Daily Initial 18-Dec; Monthly Initial 16-Dec - 18-Dec
31-Dec-25	Wednesday						
01-Jan-26	Thursday	ISO Holiday					
02-Jan-26	Friday					18-Dec	
03-Jan-26	Saturday						
04-Jan-26	Sunday						
05-Jan-26	Monday					Monthly Recalc 16-Dec - 18-Dec	Daily Recalc 16 - Dec; Daily Recalc 18-Dec; Monthly Recalc 16-Dec - 18-Dec
06-Jan-26	Tuesday						
07-Jan-26	Wednesday	6-Jan					
08-Jan-26	Thursday		6-Jan				
09-Jan-26	Friday	8-Jan					
10-Jan-26	Saturday						
11-Jan-26	Sunday						
12-Jan-26	Monday		8-Jan				
13-Jan-26	Tuesday			6-Jan	6-Jan		
14-Jan-26	Wednesday	13-Jan					
15-Jan-26	Thursday		13-Jan	8-Jan	8-Jan		

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16-Jan-26	Friday			Monthly Initial 06-Jan - 08-Jan		6-Jan	Daily Initial 06-Jan; Daily Initial 08-Jan; Monthly Initial 06-Jan - 08-Jan
17-Jan-26	Saturday						
18-Jan-26	Sunday						
19-Jan-26	Monday	ISO Holiday					
20-Jan-26	Tuesday		15-Jan				
21-Jan-26	Wednesday			13-Jan	13-Jan	8-Jan	
22-Jan-26	Thursday					Monthly Recalc 06-Jan - 08-Jan	Daily Recalc 06-Jan; Daily Recalc 08-Jan; Monthly Recalc 06-Jan - 08-Jan
23-Jan-26	Friday			15-Jan	15-Jan		
24-Jan-26	Saturday						
25-Jan-26	Sunday						
26-Jan-26	Monday			Monthly Initial 13-Jan - 15-Jan		13-Jan	Daily Initial 13-Jan; Daily Initial 15-Jan; Monthly Initial 13-Jan - 15-Jan
27-Jan-26	Tuesday						
28-Jan-26	Wednesday					15-Jan	
29-Jan-26	Thursday					Monthly Recalc 13-Jan - 15-Jan	Daily Recalc 13-Jan; Daily Recalc 15-Jan; Monthly Recalc 13-Jan - 15-Jan
30-Jan-26	Friday						
31-Jan-26	Saturday						
01-Feb-26	Sunday						

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4. Market Simulation Support

4.1 Routine Functions

For system connectivity issues, system availability issues, user account and permissions issues, and other technical issues, please contact the ISO Help Desk 24x7, 365 days a year @ (916) 351-2309.

4.2 Market Simulation-Specific Support

The ISO will operate a Market Simulation Support Center throughout the market simulation. This support center is focused on providing support for market simulation specific issues. Hours of operation of the Market Simulation Support Center are 09:00 – 18:00 PPT, Monday through Friday.


Issues will be tracked through the ISO’s Case Management System, CIDI through market participant portal ([link](#)). Simple questions that can be answered in a single call can be asked without opening a CIDI case, but if the issue cannot be resolved on the call, then participants will need to open a CIDI case. Using the “Functional Environment” field please identify the CIDI case as a “Market Simulation” related question and not a “Production” question.

4.3 Market Simulation Communication

Links to online conferences, dial in numbers, and call schedules to be posted on the ISO Calendar – ([link](#))

4.4 Market Simulation Environment Maintenance


Refer to environment availability slides in the Market Simulation Forum Presentation as is updated weekly ([link](#))

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5. Market Simulation Trainings

Please find information regarding Spring 2026 Release market simulation training offerings at the following locations:

- Training Center - <https://www.caiso.com/stakeholder/training>
- ISO training contact – CustomerReadiness@caiso.com

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6. Market Simulation Execution and Exceptions

MAP Stage has been setup with specific application characteristics and data flows to foster successful simulation, please note these changes are made to facilitate a simulation and will not be implemented in Production –

DAM will close @ 11:00 PPT and the results will normally be published by 14:00 PPT daily unless the system experiences an unforeseen error or it is a Structured Scenario day, in which case it may take ISO longer to publish DAM due to error correction or Scenario setup and verification.

Real Time (RT) template bids will be built from DAM awards as the standard process, ISO will seed RT bids and base schedules for EIM entities.

RT bid markets for a specific Trade Date (TD) open automatically as soon as the DAM results for T are published on T-1 (by 2pm).


Market participants are encouraged to bid and base schedule in the Real Time Markets (RTM) to foster a more realistic simulation, the only exceptions are during structured scenario executions were identified.

Market participants will need to register for a tagging test bed user identification if they would like to simulate E-Tagging, if no E-Tag is submitted ISO will “auto tag” on your behalf, limit one registration per SCID.

ISO has activated auto approval for all OMS submissions and changes in MAP Stage.

Please note the timeframes for each Settlements statement publication period are different.

Settlement timelines are covered in section 3.5 above.

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7. Documentation Links

Spring 2026 Release web site – [\(link\)](#)

8. ISO Market Simulation Contact

Please contact MarketSim@caiso.com if you have any questions or concerns regarding this plan and its content.