

Payment Acceleration Deployment Criteria & Timeline

The Payment Acceleration project has completed the stakeholder process, gained BOG approval, and held its first Implementation Workshop, focused on deployment criteria and implementation timeline. During the workshop, deployment criteria and timeline was discussed and evaluated where the following Market Participant feedback was expressed (assuming an April 1st MRTU go-live):

- Time required to prepare for the new metering submittal process would run through May 2009
- Earliest start date for a Dry Run period is June 2009
- Concern that a two month Dry Run period would not be long enough to accommodate issue resolution and potential re-runs
- A two month Dry Run period starting in June 2009 would overlap closely with invoices from production and therefore any lessons learned from these post go-live invoices could not be applied to Payment Acceleration
- Settlements and billing project workload will be heaviest during the few months post go-live, which would be at the same time as the proposed dry run period
- CAISO must demonstrate accurate and timely production invoices post go-live prior to deploying Payment Acceleration.
- Timely publication of finalized business and technical documentation

It was also discussed that Payment Acceleration will include the following two areas as part of the Deployment Criteria:

- Payment Acceleration Entrance Criteria
- Production Stability

With consideration to stakeholder feedback, MRTU Deployment timeline, project deliverables, and dependencies of other initiatives from the project roadmap, CAISO is proposing the following deployment criteria for Payment Acceleration:

I. Payment Acceleration Entrance Criteria

1. Publish detailed final business and technical documentation for the following:
 - Business Practice Manuals (BPM)
 - Updated Payment Calendar
 - Updated technical specifications, as needed, to retrieve the new statements and invoices produced in Payment Acceleration
2. Successful Dry Run period with Payment Acceleration functionality (as defined in the Final Proposal) accomplishing the following:
 - Allow for submission of Meter Data at T+5B
 - Simulate Daily & Monthly Statements
 - Simulate T+38B & T+76B True-up Statements
 - Publish Bi-Monthly Invoices with initial, T+38, T+76 Billing Periods
 - Issue Resolution / Re-calculation & re-runs
 - Incorporate specific Market Participant test scenarios

II. Production Stability

On-time publication of two consecutive Initial (T+38) and Recalc (T+51) invoices with the post go-live payment calendar. In addition, publication of T+38 and T+51 settlement statements corresponding to the corresponding invoice. Payment Acceleration will

closely monitor accuracy of Production invoices and statements after MRTU go-live, but is not including accuracy as part of the deployment criteria. However; the PA implementation timeline will be re-evaluated in the case of severe accuracy issues.

III. Implementation Timeline

During the January 14th, 2009 Implementation Workshop, CAISO proposed a Payment Acceleration go-live date of September 1st, 2009. This included a May 31st, 2009 system development completion date for both CAISO and Market Participants to complete their software changes, two months allocated to Dry Runs beginning on June 1st, 2009, and one month (August 2009) reserved for implementation activities. After discussing alternatives and receiving feedback at the workshop, CAISO supports a October 1st, 2009 implementation date. The dry run period will be increased to three months and run from June 2009 through August 2009. We will front load our dry run schedule and try to accomplish the deployment criteria in a timely manner. In the case our criterion is met ahead of schedule, deployment may be accelerated with agreement from Market Participants. A detailed timeline is posted at <http://www.caiso.com/2338/2338cf7def0.pdf>.