

California ISO Readiness Notes

Title: High Priority Exports Reminders and Updates

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Primary Audience: Scheduling Coordinators (SCs) participating in High Priority Wheeling and export scheduling activities in the CAISO markets

Background of High Priority Exports

With Stakeholder input, the ISO adopted a policy requiring exports from the CAISO Balancing Authority (BA) to be supported by a non-CAISO BA Resource Adequacy (RA) resource.

From a user perspective, this means you must identify and link a non-CAISO RA resource to your export. Once linked, the exports are given the same priority as CAISO load. This applies to both the Day-Ahead Market (IFM) and the Real-Time Market (RTM).

Export Prioritization Overview (Tariff Section 34.12.1)

In the RTM, export priorities are implemented through scheduling run prices (Section 34.12.1). The table below illustrates how the ISO prioritizes different types of exports and schedules in both the Day-Ahead (IFM) and Real-Time Market (RTM) by assigning different energy bid cap prices. In general, exports supported by RA capacity or designated as higher-priority transactions receive the highest scheduling priority and can bid at higher price threshold. Lower-priority exports are subject to more restrictive pricing limits and are scheduled after higher-priority transactions.

Scheduling Run Priority	Soft Energy Bid Cap	Hard Energy Bid Cap
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAISO System Demand Forecast • Priority Wheeling Through Exports (<i>Self-Scheduled</i>) • Resource Adequacy–Backed Exports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explicitly identified in RA Plans and linked to Supply Plans • Real-Time Market Export Self-Schedules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supported by non-RA or non-RUC generation 	\$1450	\$2900
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RUC Export Self-Schedules at Scheduling Points not backed by non-RA generation • Non-Priority Wheeling Through Export Self-Schedules in RUC 	\$1250	\$2500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTM Export Self-Schedules at Scheduling Points not backed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-Resource Adequacy generation, or ○ Non-RUC capacity • Non-Priority Wheeling Through Export Self-Schedules in the Real-Time Market 	\$1150	\$2300
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contingency-Only Operating Reserves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Included only when activated by the CAISO Operator to provide Energy, as indicated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An active Contingency Flag, and ▪ A declared Contingency Condition 	\$1000	\$2000

**[Soft Energy Bid Cap \(27.4.3.2\)](#) and [Hard Energy Bid Cap \(27.4.3.3\)](#)*

Changes Effective May 1, 2026

The Hour-Ahead Scheduling Process (HASP) will no longer reduce the priority of Day-Ahead Priority Tag (DA-PT) self-scheduled exports when the supporting unit's commitment to Residual Unit Commitment (RUC) is insufficient. This change applies to all resources, including long-start resources.

Self-scheduled exports will instead be validated based on the supporting units' Eligible Export Capacity (EEC), which includes:

- Day-Ahead Market (DAM) bids
- RUC availability bids
- Real-Time Market (RTM) bids

Scheduling Coordinators (SCs) must ensure that both the supporting resource and the export:

- Comply with [Tariff Section 30.5.1](#) requirements
- Have sufficient Eligible Export Capacity (EEC)

Additional Resources

For additional information on High Priority Exports, please refer to the following training materials:

- Transmission Service and Market Scheduling Priorities – Daily Process [Training](#) | [Video](#)
- Transmission Service and Market Scheduling Priorities – Monthly Process [Training](#) | [Video](#)
- Transmission Service and Market Scheduling Priorities – Resale Process [Training](#) | [Video](#)
- FAQ for Export Schedules and the Scheduling Priority Rules [Knowledge Article](#)
- Priorities for Export Bids in the Day-Ahead and Real-Time Markets [Knowledge Article](#)
- Scheduling Priorities and Export Schedules Overview [Knowledge Article](#)
- Summer Readiness Training for Scheduling Coordinators 2026 [Training](#) | [Video](#)

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