

EXTENDED DAY-AHEAD MARKET



The launch of the Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM) marks a defining milestone for the West's evolving energy landscape. Across the industry, stakeholders are recognizing EDAM as a transformative step forward—one that strengthens regional coordination, enhances reliability, and delivers tangible value for consumers. The following quotes reflect the broad support and optimism surrounding EDAM's debut and underscore why many see this moment not as an endpoint, but as the beginning of a new era of collaboration and market efficiency.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

“ Oregon is proud to work alongside our western partners to build a more reliable, affordable, and clean regional grid. The Western Extended Day Ahead Market is a big step toward squeezing the most value out of the renewable energy that Oregon customers are paying for, improving grid resilience to extreme weather, and delivering real value to the communities we serve. By helping states share resources more efficiently, it also supports cutting emissions while keeping energy costs down for families and businesses. This milestone reflects years of collaboration, and we remain committed to working with other states as the West continues modernizing its energy system for the benefit of customers. ”

Letha Tawney, Chair, Oregon Public Utility Commission

“ This launch reflects years of work and close collaboration across the region to build a more integrated Western market. EDAM builds on the proven foundation of regional coordination and positions us to keep optimizing the West's energy resources to support reliability, manage costs, and serve customers better over time. ”

Mike Wilding, Vice President, Energy Supply Management, PacifiCorp

“ Today's launch of EDAM marks a pivotal step for the West. It is the result of years of dedicated work by CAISO staff and leadership, and collaboration with our neighbors across the region. EDAM will deliver meaningful benefits to the West by enabling more efficient sharing of energy resources, lower costs for ratepayers, reinforced grid reliability, and advancement of our shared environmental goals. California is proud to be part of this landmark step for Western energy collaboration. ”

Siva Gunda, Vice Chair, California Energy Commission

“ CAISO's Extended Day Ahead Market will help deliver real benefits to electric customers—cost savings, stronger reliability, and smarter planning across the West. It builds on the success of the existing regional market mechanisms and moves us toward a more efficient Western grid. ”

Patti Poppe, CEO, PG&E Corporation

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“ Congratulations to CAISO and PacifiCorp on the successful launch of Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM). Built on the strong foundation of the Western Energy Imbalance Market, today’s launch of EDAM marks a significant milestone in advancing the West’s energy future. Learning from market participant experience and innovating to capture benefits is central to how we have arrived here today, and how the West can continue to make meaningful improvements for years to come. We’d like to thank the CAISO for the public information-sharing throughout this go-live process as that transparency is essential for this progress. ”

Kathleen Staks, Western Freedom Executive Director and ROWE Formation Board President

“ The launch of EDAM is a vital extension of the Western Energy Imbalance Market, which has already delivered substantial economic benefits to New Mexicans and customers across the West. While essential grid expansion and modernization continue to put upward pressure on rates, the operation of a regional day-ahead market serves as a necessary counterweight by facilitating access to lower-cost energy beyond the real-time market. With EDAM’s expansion into New Mexico slated for 2027, we view this launch as a critical step toward long-term affordability and regional cooperation. ”

Gabriel Aguilera, Chair, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

“ On behalf of the members of the Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC), I wanted to extend our congratulations to the PacifiCorp team on a successful go-live for EDAM. We have enjoyed our collaboration with PacifiCorp over the years and know that their efforts in the launch of EDAM will greatly assist our go-live in 2027. ”

Jim Shetler, General Manager, BANC

“ Renewable Northwest is pleased to see the launch of the Extended Day-Ahead Market and applauds the work of all parties to stand up an independently-governed market that promises to offer benefits to market participants and the broader region. RNW remains committed to ensuring that EDAM—and all other markets-based efforts within the Western Interconnection—help ensure a reliable, affordable, and clean energy future for our region. ”

Mike Goetz, Director, Regulatory and Markets & Transmission, Renewable Northwest

“ Launching the Extended Day-Ahead Market marks a tremendous milestone to better serve the diverse energy needs of the West. An expanded Western market will enable greater low-cost, carbon emissions-free energy deployment to support growing electricity demand while relieving price pressure on all customers. Thank you to CAISO and the many stakeholders that contributed to this critical effort to ensure reliable, affordable electricity. ”

Lindsay Battenberg, Director of Western Policy, Corporate Energy Buyers Association

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“ Southern California Edison is proud to participate in the new Extended Day-Ahead Market. In California, EDAM will strengthen reliability, help lower statewide energy costs by up to \$1 billion a year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 35% to 40%, as abundant emissions-free energy such as California solar, Pacific Northwest hydro and wind from the interior West is delivered when and where it is needed most. Congratulations to CAISO on this significant achievement. ”

Steven D. Powell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Southern California Edison

“ NWECC has long supported building robust, west-wide energy markets that benefit Northwest residents. The Extended Day-Ahead Market builds upon the success of the Western Energy Imbalance Market, which has saved Northwest electricity customers hundreds of millions on their energy bills. We are excited to see the first regional utility go live in the EDAM market and look forward to other Northwest utilities joining. Combined with the governance model being developed by the Regional Organization for Western Energy, this development will help achieve the goals of more affordable, reliable, and clean energy in the West. ”

Tamara Kennedy, Executive Director, NW Energy Coalition

“ The Extended Day-Ahead Market represents a significant step forward in enhancing the reliability, affordability, and sustainability of electricity for communities across the West, including here in Los Angeles. By building on the proven success of the Western Energy Imbalance Market, which has already delivered over \$8 billion in savings since 2014, EDAM will allow us to better utilize the region's diverse energy resources and interconnected transmission system while also preserving LADWP's vertically integrated structure. This expanded coordination in the day-ahead timeframe will not only strengthen grid reliability but also help LADWP continue to deliver clean, cost-effective power to our customers while supporting the transition to a more sustainable energy future. ”

David W. Hanson, Interim General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

“ NIPPC applauds the launch of EDAM, after many hard years of work by CAISO, market participants, and other stakeholders to design the market, refine it, and reform its governance. Day-ahead markets are an important incremental step in the West, and NIPPC looks forward to building on a successful EDAM launch to explore additional regional services. ”

Spencer Gray, Executive Director, Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition

“ The launch of the CAISO operated EDAM is a significant milestone in the incremental journey of the expansion of wholesale energy markets in the West that are regionally connected and facilitate greater access to lower cost clean energy resources. Building on the success of the Western Energy Imbalance Market over the past decade, WRA looks to the EDAM as a critical market mechanism to promote a reliably competitive market in the West. ”

Vijay Satyal PhD, Deputy Director, Markets and Transmission, Western Resource Advocates

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““ *The launch of EDAM is an important step toward a more coordinated and efficient western grid. We appreciate CAISO's leadership in advancing this new market and look forward to continued collaboration to deliver reliability, affordability, and clean energy benefits for communities across the region.* ””

Beth Vaughn, CEO, CalCCA

““ *As our grid faces surging power demand and extreme weather, this market will deliver what families and businesses need: lower costs, cleaner air and more reliable power. Through better sharing of clean, cheap energy across the West, the Western electricity day-ahead market can route power to communities at risk of outages, reduce our dependence on expensive, highly-polluting power plants and bring down household electricity bills.* ””

Michael Colvin, Director, California Energy Program, Environmental Defense Fund

““ *This is a major step forward in how the West can work together to build regional energy markets that work for the whole region. It is a testament to years of effort across the region to turn what began as an idea into a functioning, robust energy market. EDAM will deepen regional collaboration, unlock greater market efficiency and reliability, make better use of affordable advanced energy resources, and expand grid services that strengthen the system and deliver lasting benefits to the West.* ””

Brian Turner, Senior Director, Advanced Energy United

““ *EDAM means expanded access to clean, renewable energy for our community. We commend PacifiCorp on their May 2026 launch and look forward to joining in October 2027. By strengthening regional coordination, EDAM helps reduce costs and enhance reliability - helping keep SMUD's rates among the lowest in California as we advance toward a clean energy future.* ””

Paul Lau, CEO and General Manager, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

““ *EDAM is as consequential to a reliable and affordable electricity system as the interstate highway system is to the Western economy. Great news for ratepayers.* ””

Jan Smutny Jones, CEO, Independent Energy Producers

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“ “ *The launch of the Extended Day-Ahead Market is a pivotal milestone in shaping the course of a more integrated Western grid. As we deploy utility-scale renewable and storage resources at a record pace, robust regional markets are essential to ensure fair competition, maximize reliability, and deliver tangible cost-savings by leveraging the West’s geographic and technological diversity. Congratulations to the CAISO team and the many stakeholders who built this framework. We look forward to continued collaboration to expand markets and increase coordination between Western states, utilities, and RTOs.* ” ”

Rikki Seguin, Executive Director, Interwest Energy Alliance

“ “ *Seattle City Light congratulates CAISO and PacifiCorp on the launch of the Extended Day-Ahead Market. We applaud their continued leadership in organized market expansion in the West. Over a decade ago, CAISO and PacifiCorp set the path for the rest of the West with the development of the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM). Seattle City Light and the region continue to see significant benefits from the WEIM’s broad, interconnected footprint.* ” ”

Siobhan Doherty, Power Supply Officer, Seattle City Light