



California ISO

Seams Update

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



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The ISO's principles for seams engagement

Focus on reliability, respect, and mutual benefits

-  Maintain system reliability
-  Just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory access consistent with approved market design and transmission tariffs
-  Seams arrangements should benefit both markets
-  Seams discussions are not a forum for market design advocacy
-  Avoid impediments to efficient trading
-  Respect the autonomy of our partners
-  Provide appropriate compensation for market use of transmission and minimize cost shifts
-  Coordinate market monitoring and design against gaming at the seams

Seams workshop series

- When: Four monthly regional meetings beginning on July 31, 2026
- Where: Hybrid, in-person & remote, with the first workshop in Seattle, WA
- Who: Open to any interested parties with presentations from operators, regulators, and market experts
- Topics:
 - July: **Stages, Experts, and Regulator Interests**
 - Stages of market-to-market seams in the West,
 - Expert panel on key seams issues, and
 - Panel of state regulators sharing their interests.
 - August: **Reliability: Transmission constraints and congestion management**
 - September: **Imports and Exports: Transactions across market boundaries**
 - October: **Tabletop exercises, roadmap, and next steps**

Next Steps

- Welcome feedback on workshop series
- Information is consolidated on the seams webpage: [Seams | Western Energy Markets](#)
 - Principles: focus on reliability, affordability, and mutual benefit
 - Approach: commitment to working on seams issues as shared at EDAM Virtual Town Hall
 - Perspective: no seams arrangement will overcome the inefficiencies inherent in multiple markets working on their own to optimize separate portions of one interconnected grid
- Register for the July 31st workshop with in-person participation in Seattle: westernenergymarkets.com/meetings-events/topics/market-seams