

MSC Capacity Building Plan Session #1: The Markets+ Path to Now

Date: Friday, March 20 at 9:00 AM PT/10:00 AM MT/11:00 CT (90 minutes w/ Q&A)

Speakers (in order of appearance):

- Carrie Simpson – Vice President of Markets, Southwest Power Pool
- Jessica Zahnow – Manager of Federal and Regulatory Affairs, Puget Sound Energy & Chair of the Markets+ Interim Governance Task Force
- Chairman Eric Blank – Chair, Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Session Description:

As Markets+ nears go-live in 2027, the Markets+ State Committee (MSC) is working to enhance committee capacity by hosting educational sessions that focus on different aspects of Markets+. In this first installment, we will be looking back at the path of Markets+ and how we got to today. This session seeks to explore how and why Markets+ was first introduced into the West, how the governance structure was created, the stakeholder working group and task force process and their intended objectives, and where the MSC and states fit in.

This first educational session will set the foundation for the rest of the MSC's capacity plan which will next focus on the tariff development process and where it stands today. Attendance at these educational sessions will be restricted to MSC members and staff, and a recording will be posted on the Western Interstate Energy Board website.