

# Markets+ Fact Sheet:

## SPP in the West. *For the West. By the West.*

### Who We Are

With more than 80 years of experience coordinating the bulk electric grid, SPP is a nonprofit organization bringing a proven foundation of reliability and affordability to the West. We are not a utility; we do not own power plants or sell electricity. Instead, we serve as a collaborative partner dedicated to delivering the stability and cost-saving benefits of competition and the reassurance of increased reliability to Western utilities and consumers.

### How We Got Here

The growth of our Western service offerings is a result of a call to action from Western stakeholders who recognize the value of SPP's model and invited us to help shape their energy future.

For more than a decade, SPP has served as an educational and solutions-based partner in the Western Interconnection, evolving from initial service offerings into a driver of regional grid stability. SPP's roles have grown in scope and scale over time, beginning with its Western Reliability Coordination service, followed by the launch and administration of its Western Energy Imbalance Service (WEIS) market which optimized real-time balancing for more than a dozen participants spanning eight states. This long-term presence has not only enhanced the reliability of the bulk electric system but has also established the proven trust and technical infrastructure necessary for RTO expansion into the Western Interconnection.

Each step followed the same pattern:

Western utilities identified a need, engaged SPP as their partner and we built a solution together.

Markets+ followed the same model. When Western entities approached SPP to develop a day-ahead market, we worked alongside those entities to design a solution tailored to the region. Western stakeholders led the working groups and chaired the committees that authored the initial tariff language. The result-which was an overwhelming 91.1% vote of approval from the Markets+ Participant Executive Committee (MPEC)-is clear evidence of the West working together to build a market it designed for itself, rather than one imposed by an outside organization.

### Where We Are Today

On April 1, 2026, the SPP RTO expanded into the west, making SPP the first regional transmission organization to operate in both the Eastern and Western Interconnections. In addition, more than 40 entities, spanning the Pacific Northwest, Desert Southwest and Mountain West, have committed to Markets+, which launches Oct. 1, 2027.

### What Sets Us Apart



SPP functions as an independent facilitator of the markets we operate. We have no financial stake in Western market outcomes, only in running a market that is fair, transparent and reliable for everyone who chooses it.



Western utilities built Markets+ on a foundation of SPP's more than a decade-old Integrated Marketplace, which has generated more than \$10.2 billion in savings for its members since 2014. They used this as a strong foundation and adapted the rest to fit the West's distinct needs.



Two market operators willing to collaborate and coordinate in the West can increase reliability, decrease costs and strengthen the Western Interconnection as a whole. Five distinct markets operate in the Eastern Interconnection today, coordinating across seams through straightforward agreements among operators. SPP has managed those coordination points for decades.

The West faces challenges similar to any other region, and its consumers deserve the same consideration that comes from having a choice of competitive markets.

### The Bottom Line

SPP is providing value in the Western Interconnection and we've been doing it for more than a decade. Markets+ is the product of hundreds of Western stakeholders who gave their time, expertise and financial investment to build something that works for their customers. We are proud to be their partner.