December 20, 2010 13:00 CPT SPP Market – Planned Market Suspension

SPP’s planned market suspension is scheduled on January 8, 2011 13:00 CPT, for approximately 180 minutes.  The EI will be ramped out starting at interval ending 12:30. The suspension is necessary due to required network maintenance. The actual outage is anticipated to be three hours in length, with the maintenance window extended for verification. It will be necessary for SPP to operate from our alternate site for the duration of this maintenance.

During this time participants should either self-provide imbalance energy or make third-party arrangements for the provision of imbalance energy.  SPP will be directing participants to ramp out the imbalance energy portion of their base point to deployment levels as directed by their host balancing authorities.  Many systems will not have connectivity to the alternate systems during the maintenance, so there will be limited or no DR capability.  Certain systems, which are located in the datacenter that do not have secondary counterparts in our alternate site will have no functionality.

* The Market will be suspended, members will not receive XML notifications, and MPs will need to self-dispatch for the duration of the suspension.
* EI NSI will be zeroed for the market suspension, and thus the EI NSI value transmitted via ICCP will be zero.
* portal.spp.org and programmatic uploads or downloads via the API will not be available during the outage.
* The Market and Settlements portal/Market User Interface (portal.spp.org/spp) will be unavailable during the outage.
* OPS1 Portal
* spp.org
* The Integrated Test Environment

The blast call procedure will be initiated at 12:00; if a call is disconnected after the blast call has been initiated please call the conference line at (866) 717-9653 and enter pass code 3170753#.  All Market Participants and their Balancing Authority are required to participate in the call.

SPP will keep participants apprised of the status of this outage and will inform participants when the systems become available.