PJM Daylight Saving Scheduling Guide for Spring/Fall 2026

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Background

Eastern Prevailing Time (EPT) is the time on an automatically updated clock, such as on a cellphone or computer. Clocks change from Eastern Standard Time (EST) to Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on March 8, 2026. At 2:00 EPT, clocks will "spring forward" one hour to 3:00. In other words, this hour from 2:00 to 02:59 "doesn't exist". This results in the time from 1:00 to 3:00 only accounting for one hour.

> *Warning:*
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> *If choosing to schedule any time period that includes the period between 1:00 EST and 3:00 EDT on March 8th within ExSchedule, the time cannot be entered in EPT.*

The easiest way to get around this limitation is to switch all of your systems to either EST (+5), EDT (+4), or Universal Time (UTC). Table 1 shows how the time changes on March 8, 2026. As can be observed by looking at the highlighted rows and the (UTC) column, 1 hour passes between 1:00 and 3:00 EPT. Additionally, you can see how the three time zones (EDT, EST, and UTC) align with EPT during the switch.

Note: 01:45 EPT is the last scheduling interval displayed in EST. 3:00 EPT and after it is converted into EDT.

Table 1: March Daylight Saving Time Conversion Chart

EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST)	EASTERN PREVAILING TIME (EPT)	UNIVERSAL TIME (UTC)		EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME (EDT)
3/7/26 20:00	3/7/26 20:00	3/8/26 1:00		3/7/26 21:00
3/7/26 21:00	3/7/26 21:00	3/8/26 2:00	Before Time Switch	3/7/26 22:00
3/7/26 22:00	3/7/26 22:00	3/8/26 3:00		3/7/26 23:00
3/7/26 23:00	3/7/26 23:00	3/8/26 4:00		3/8/26 0:00
3/8/26 0:00	3/8/26 0:00	3/8/26 5:00		3/8/26 1:00
3/8/26 1:00	3/8/26 1:00	3/8/26 6:00		3/8/26 2:00
3/8/26 2:00	3/8/26 3:00	3/8/26 7:00		3/8/26 3:00
3/8/26 3:00	3/8/26 4:00	3/8/26 8:00		3/8/26 4:00
3/8/26 4:00	3/8/26 5:00	3/8/26 9:00		3/8/26 5:00
3/8/26 5:00	3/8/26 6:00	3/8/26 10:00		3/8/26 6:00
3/8/26 6:00	3/8/26 7:00	3/8/26 11:00		3/8/26 7:00
3/8/26 7:00	3/8/26 8:00	3/8/26 12:00		3/8/26 8:00
3/8/26 8:00	3/8/26 9:00	3/8/26 13:00		3/8/26 9:00
3/8/26 9:00	3/8/26 10:00	3/8/26 14:00		3/8/26 10:00
3/8/26 10:00	3/8/26 11:00	3/8/26 15:00	After Time Switch	3/8/26 11:00
3/8/26 11:00	3/8/26 12:00	3/8/26 16:00		3/8/26 12:00
3/8/26 12:00	3/8/26 13:00	3/8/26 17:00		3/8/26 13:00
3/8/26 13:00	3/8/26 14:00	3/8/26 18:00		3/8/26 14:00
3/8/26 14:00	3/8/26 15:00	3/8/26 19:00		3/8/26 15:00
3/8/26 15:00	3/8/26 16:00	3/8/26 20:00		3/8/26 16:00
3/8/26 16:00	3/8/26 17:00	3/8/26 21:00		3/8/26 17:00
3/8/26 17:00	3/8/26 18:00	3/8/26 22:00		3/8/26 18:00
3/8/26 18:00	3/8/26 19:00	3/8/26 23:00		3/8/26 19:00
3/8/26 19:00	3/8/26 20:00	3/9/26 0:00		3/8/26 20:00

Entering data using CLI

When using the Command Line Interface (CLI), the time is uploaded in UTC. Since UTC does not observe Daylight Saving, the user will not need to make any special alterations. A single day in UTC will always have 24 hours.

Entering Ramp or Bid Data using ExSchedule GUI

Using the ExSchedule GUI requires the time to be entered in something other than EPT. PJM suggests switching your scheduling systems to EDT.

Use EDT to enter schedules

The following schedules can be created by setting the time zones in ExSchedule and OATI to Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The first example creates a schedule from 1:00 EPT(EST) to 3:00 EPT (EDT). After the example is a list of sample conversions to help with specific hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly schedules.

Example 1.

1. Within the ExSchedule application, set the display time to Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) as shown in Figure 1.
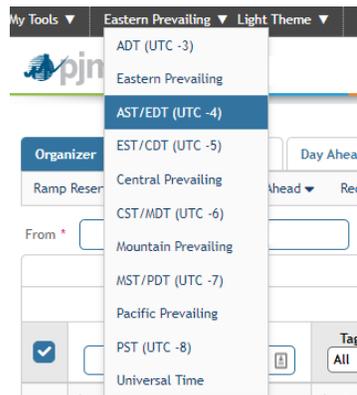

Figure 1 Change Time Zone in ExSchedule

2. Next, create either a Ramp Reservation or a Day-Ahead Bid. (Figure 2 shows an example of creating a Ramp Reservation.)
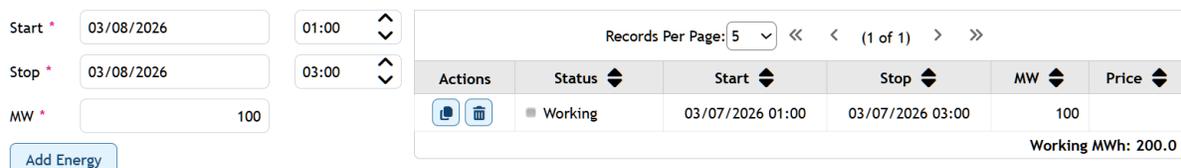

Figure 2 Ramp Reservation Crosses Spring Daylight Saving

1. In OATI, or whatever eTag agent software you use, set the view to Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 OATI option to set view to Eastern Daylight Saving

2. Create an eTag that spans the time change, as shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4 Enter Time in OATI for an eTag crossing DST change

3. After the eTag is received by ExSchedule, the ramp reservation is updated to show as figure 5.

Figure 5 Approved Ramp Reservation Crossing Spring Daylight Saving

Sample Conversions (March)

Hourly Schedule

Schedule starting at 03/08/2026 1:00 EPT and ending at 03/08/2026 3:00 EPT

> **EDT Start** 03/08/2026 1:00
>
> **EDT End** 03/08/2026 3:00
>
> **Total # of hours:** 1

Daily Schedule

Schedule starting at 03/08/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EST) and ending at 03/09/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EDT)

> **EDT Start** 03/08/2026 1:00
>
> **EDT End** 03/09/2026 0:00
>
> **Total # of hours:** 23

Weekly Schedule

Schedule starting at 03/02/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EST) and ending at 03/09/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EDT)

> **EDT Start** 03/02/2026 1:00
>
> **EDT End** 03/09/2026 0:00

Monthly Schedule

Schedule starting at 03/01/2026 0:00 EPT (EST) and ending at 04/01/2026 0:00 EPT (EDT)

> **EDT Start** 03/01/2026 1:00
>
> **EDT End** 04/01/2026 0:00

Scheduling Across the Switch on November 1st, 2026

Background:

Eastern Prevailing Time (EPT) is the time on an automatically updated clock, such as on a cellphone or computer. Clocks change from Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) to Eastern Standard Time (EST) on November 1st, 2026. At 2:00 EPT, clocks will "fall back" one hour to 1:00. In other words, this hour repeats resulting in two consecutive intervals with times of 1:00 to 2:00. As a result of this situation, ExSchedule's Eastern Prevailing clock is unable to add the extra hour between 1:00 EDT and 1:00 EST to the database.

> *Warning:*
> *If choosing to schedule any time period that includes the period between 1:00 EDT and 1:00 EST on November 1st within ExSchedule, the time <u>cannot</u> be entered in EPT.*

The easiest way to get around this limitation is to switch all of your systems to either EST (+5), EDT (+4), or Universal Time (UTC). Table 2 shows how the time changes on November *1st, 2026*. As can be observed by looking at the highlighted rows and the (UTC) column, 2 hours pass between 0:00 and 1:00 EPT. Additionally, you can see how the three time zones (EDT, EST, and UTC) align with EPT during the switch.

Note: 0:45 EPT is the scheduling interval displayed in EDT. 1:00 EPT and after is converted into EST.

Table 2: November Daylight Saving Time Conversion Chart

EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME	EASTERN PREVAILING TIME	UNIVERSAL TIME	EASTERN STANDARD TIME
(EDT)	(EPT)	(UTC)	(EST)
10/31/26 20:00	10/31/26 20:00	11/1/26 0:00	10/31/26 19:00
10/31/26 21:00	10/31/26 21:00	11/1/26 1:00	10/31/26 20:00
10/31/26 22:00	10/31/26 22:00	11/1/26 2:00	10/31/26 21:00
10/31/26 23:00	10/31/26 23:00	11/1/26 3:00	10/31/26 22:00
11/1/26 0:00	11/1/26 0:00	11/1/26 4:00	10/31/26 23:00
11/1/26 1:00	11/1/26 1:00	11/1/26 5:00	11/1/26 0:00
11/1/26 2:00	11/1/26 1:00	11/1/26 6:00	11/1/26 1:00
11/1/26 3:00	11/1/26 2:00	11/1/26 7:00	11/1/26 2:00
11/1/26 4:00	11/1/26 3:00	11/1/26 8:00	11/1/26 3:00
11/1/26 5:00	11/1/26 4:00	11/1/26 9:00	11/1/26 4:00
11/1/26 6:00	11/1/26 5:00	11/1/26 10:00	11/1/26 5:00
11/1/26 7:00	11/1/26 6:00	11/1/26 11:00	11/1/26 6:00
11/1/26 8:00	11/1/26 7:00	11/1/26 12:00	11/1/26 7:00
11/1/26 9:00	11/1/26 8:00	11/1/26 13:00	11/1/26 8:00
11/1/26 10:00	11/1/26 9:00	11/1/26 14:00	11/1/26 9:00
11/1/26 11:00	11/1/26 10:00	11/1/26 15:00	11/1/26 10:00
11/1/26 12:00	11/1/26 11:00	11/1/26 16:00	11/1/26 11:00
11/1/26 13:00	11/1/26 12:00	11/1/26 17:00	11/1/26 12:00
11/1/26 14:00	11/1/26 13:00	11/1/26 18:00	11/1/26 13:00
11/1/26 15:00	11/1/26 14:00	11/1/26 19:00	11/1/26 14:00
11/1/26 16:00	11/1/26 15:00	11/1/26 20:00	11/1/26 15:00
11/1/26 17:00	11/1/26 16:00	11/1/26 21:00	11/1/26 16:00
11/1/26 18:00	11/1/26 17:00	11/1/26 22:00	11/1/26 17:00
11/1/26 19:00	11/1/26 18:00	11/1/26 23:00	11/1/26 18:00

Before Time Switch

After Time Switch

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The following schedules can be created by setting the time zones in ExSchedule and OATI to Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). First is an example for creating a schedule from 0:00 EPT (EDT) to 2:00 EPT(EST). After the example is a list of sample conversions to help with specific hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly schedules.

Example 2.

1. Within the ExSchedule application, set the display time to Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) as shown in Figure 6.
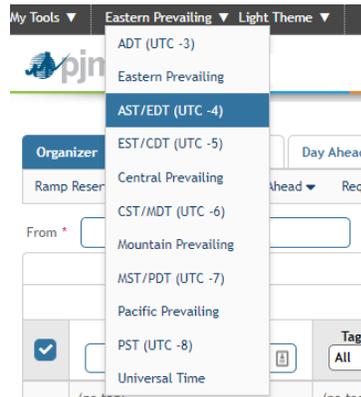

Figure 6 Change Time Zone in ExSchedule

2. Next, create either a Ramp Reservation or a Day-Ahead Bid. (Figure 7 shows an example of creating a Ramp Reservation.)
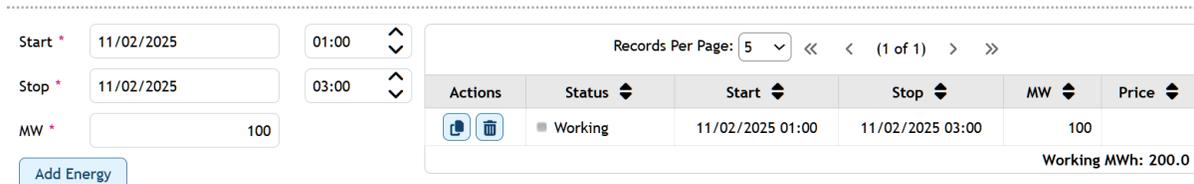

Figure 7 ExSchedule Ramp Crosses Fall Daylight Saving

3. In OATI, or whatever eTag agent software you use, set the view to Eastern <mark>Daylight</mark> Time (EDT) as shown in Figure 8.
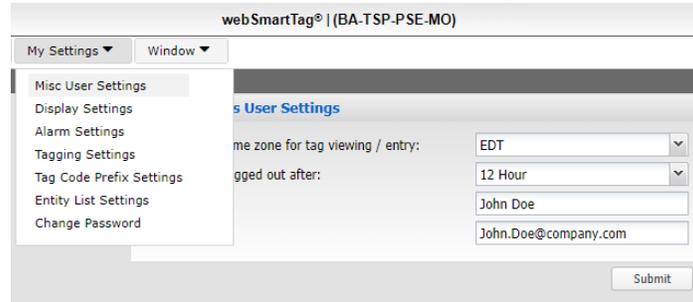

Figure 8 OATI option to set view to Eastern Daylight Time

4. Create an eTag that spans the time change, as shown in Figure 9.

Figure 9 Enter Time in OATI for an eTag crossing DST change

5. After the eTag is received by ExSchedule, the ramp reservation is updated to show as figure 10.

Figure 10 Approved Ramp Reservation Crossing Fall Daylight Saving

Sample Conversions (November)

Hourly Schedule

Schedule starting at 11/01/2026 0:00 EDT and ending at 11/01/2026 1:00 EDT

EDT Start 11/01/2026 0:00

EDT End 11/01/2026 1:00

Total # of hours: 1

Schedule starting at 11/01/2026 0:00 EDT and ending at 11/01/2026 1:00 EST

EDT Start 11/01/2026 0:00

EDT End 11/01/2026 2:00

Total # of hours: 2

Schedule starting at 11/01/2026 1:00 EDT and ending at 11/01/2026 1:00 EST

EDT Start 11/01/2026 1:00

EDT End 11/01/2026 2:00

Total # of hours: 1

Schedule starting at 11/01/2026 0:00 EDT and ending at 11/01/2026 2:00 EST

EDT Start 11/01/2026 0:00

EDT End 11/01/2026 3:00

Total # of hours: 3

Daily Schedule

Schedule starting at 11/01/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EDT) and ending at 11/02/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EST)

EDT Start 11/01/2026 0:00

EDT End 11/02/2026 1:00

Total # of hours: 25

Weekly Schedule

Schedule starting at 10/26/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EDT) and ending at 11/02/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EST)

EDT Start 10/26/2026 0:00

EDT End 11/02/2026 1:00

Monthly Schedule

Schedule starting at 11/01/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EDT) and ending at 12/01/2026 0:00 **EPT** (EST)

EDT Start 11/01/2026 0:00

EDT End 12/01/2026 1:00