



**Spring 2011 AURORAxmp Group Training • Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
*Renaissance Houston Greenway Plaza Hotel, Houston, TX*

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**8:00-9:00am**      **Registration**

**9:00-9:15am**      **Welcome**  
Ben Thompson, Vice President, Support, EPIS Inc.

**Morning Introductory Session (Tower Suite 1809)**

**9:15-10:30am**      **Introduction to AURORAxmp**  
This session will provide an overview of AURORAxmp and examples of forecasts and solutions that can be produced by the model. The class is designed for those new to AURORAxmp.  
Deborah Austin-Smith, President, EPIS Inc.  
George Parsons, National Sales Representative, EPIS Inc.  
David Bellman, Technical Sales Executive, EPIS Inc.

**10:30-10:45am**      **Break**

**10:45-11:45am**      **Introduction to AURORAxmp cont'd**

**Morning Advanced Session (Century I)**

**9:15-10:45am**      **Generalized Heat Rate & Bid Segments**  
This class unveils the much-anticipated capability to define multiple heat rate and bid segments per resource. Examples to show the convenience of input data specification and how to verify incremental vs. average heat rates in the output. AURORA's highly flexible bidding options (factors, adders, time-series, etc.) are also extended to these segments and will be discussed.  
John Scott, Vice President, Development, EPIS Inc.

**10:45-11:00am**      **Break**

**11:00am-12:00pm**      **AURORAxmp Input Database Enhancements**  
This presentation will give an overview of noteworthy and recent updates to the AURORAxmp database. It will highlight a significant addition to location-specific hourly wind profiles, a much more granular restructure of coal price locations, and improved representation of cogen units.  
Donnavan Leavitt, Manager – Energy Market Research, EPIS Inc.

**11:45am-1:00pm**      **Lunch (Plaza Ballroom on 20<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

## Afternoon Combined Sessions (Century I)

**1:15-2:00pm**

### **AURORAxmp Forum**

This session will unveil a new on-line forum for customers to post questions to peers and EPIS staff, respond to questions, and quickly search customer comments by topic. This was the most highly requested feature at a recent user's group meeting.

[Ben Thompson, Vice President, Support, EPIS Inc.](#)

**2:00-3:00pm**

### **Tools & Examples**

Back by popular demand, this presentation will include examples of SQL queries, Visual Basic scripts, and so forth designed to save time and effort. Additionally, it will include an overview and recommendations of the various ways to address modeling of combined cycle plants.

[Morgan Dennis, Energy Market Analyst, EPIS Inc.](#)

**3:00-3:15pm**

### **Break**

**3:15-4:30pm**

### **New Developments Requested by Customers**

This presentation will provide additional examples of recently-added features requested by customers. This includes a variety of topics and will feature the new 'operating rules' table providing a very flexible and easy to use approach for imposing operating rules on specified resources. It will also include a preview of new development expected in the coming months.

[Ben Thompson, Vice President, Support, EPIS Inc.](#)

**4:30pm**

### **Closing Remarks, Drawing for new Kindle and Adjoin!**

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