

# Western Energy Imbalance Market Regional Issues Forum

Thursday, June 20, 2024  
9:00 – 12:00 p.m. (Mountain)

Meeting Location: Idaho Power (1221 W Idaho St, Boise, ID 83702)

Reception following the Governing Body meetings at 5:30 p.m. Location: Chandlers (981 W Grove St, Boise, ID 83702)

**In Person Registration Link:** <https://caiso.regfox.com/june-2024-weim-regional-issues-forum-and-weim-governing-body-meetings>

**Web Participation Information:** <https://events.intellor.com/login/508512>.

**Audio Participation Information:** 1-202-735-3323 with access code 6690667#.

**Meeting Objective:** The Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) Regional Issues Forum (RIF) provides stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss broad issues related to the WEIM. RIF meetings are open to the public and all interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend and participate. The RIF may produce documents or opinions for the benefit of the WEIM Governing Body, the California ISO Board of Governors, and the ISO.

*\*Note: A quorum of Governing Body members may attend a publicly noticed RIF meeting, but a quorum of the Governing Body will not participate, and no votes will be taken. The Governing Body RIF Liaison or Governing Body Chair are identified as speakers. Other Governing Body members who may be in attendance are there in the listen only mode*

| Schedule:              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Speaker/Moderator:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 8.00 – 9.00 a.m.       | <b>Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 9.00 – 9.10 a.m.       | <b>Welcome, Opening Remarks &amp; Announcements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Meg McNaul, Chair and CAISO Participating Transmission Owner Sector Liaison                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9.10 a.m. – 10.55 a.m. | <p><b>Unlocking Value: The Economic and Operational Benefits of Virtual Power Plants in Western Markets</b></p> <p>The past decade has shown that Western utilities face increased demand due to electrification and data center load growth, extreme weather events, and dependence on intermittent generation. At the same time, consumers are embracing clean, flexible technologies like smart thermostats, electric vehicles, and behind the meter batteries, which are the foundation of virtual power plants (VPPs). By aggregating these resources, VPPs offer a tangible solution to enhance grid reliability and compensate participating consumers directly. This panel explores the market potential for VPP deployment in the West by analyzing achievable participation rates and the cost-effectiveness of dispatchable technologies. Centered on the obstacles faced by VPPs in engaging with the Western markets, this panel will cover the breadth of VPP solutions and market operator response, with a discussion of real-world</p> | <p>Vijay Satyal – Public Interest Groups and Consumer Advocates Sector Liaison</p> <p>Rahul Kalaskar – IPP/Marketer Sector Liaison (<i>Facilitators</i>)</p> <p>Ric O’Connell – Executive Director, GridLab</p> <p>Jill Powers – Demand Response &amp; Distributed Energy Sector Manager, California ISO</p> <p>Jason Klotz – Senior Manager for Distribution Resource Planning, Strategy and Engagement, Portland General Electric</p> |

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|                         | data and market dynamics to illuminate the feasibility and advantages of integrating VPPs into Western utilities energy procurement and the WEIM market framework.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Elysia Vannoy – Regulatory Affairs Manager, Renew Home                                                                                                                                      |
| 10:55 – 11:10           | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11.10 a.m. – 11.55 a.m. | <p><b>The Road to EDAM</b></p> <p>Hear from representatives for PacifiCorp and the Balancing Area of Northern California (BANC), the first two Western entities to announce their interest in joining the Extended Day Ahead Market. The discussion will focus on major milestones toward EDAM implementation, internal organizational efforts to prepare for participation in a day-ahead market, coordination processes with the CAISO, and any emerging policy issues arising from the implementation process.</p> | <p>Lindsey Schlekeway, EIM Entities Sector Liaison<br/><i>(Facilitator)</i></p> <p>Kerstin Rock - Director Policy &amp; Analytics, PacifiCorp</p> <p>Jim Shetler- General Manager, BANC</p> |
| 11.55 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. | <b>Closing remarks and wrap up</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Meg McNaul                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12.00 – 1.00 p.m.       | <b>Joint lunch with the WEIM Governing Body</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                             |