

# Western Energy Imbalance Market Regional Issues Forum

Western Electricity Coordinating Council  
155 North 400 West, Suite 200  
Salt Lake City, UT

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**  
**1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (MT)**

Reception to Follow  
WECC Atrium

**In-Person Registration:** [June 2023 WEIM Regional Issues Forum and WEIM Governing Body Meetings \(regfox.com\)](https://regfox.com)

**Web Conference Information:** <https://ems8.intellor.com/login/847562>

**Audio Conference Information:** 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694, Access Code: 8478807#

**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 forum may produce documents or opinions for the benefit of the WEIM Governing Body, the California ISO Board of Governors, and the ISO.

| Schedule:           |  | Speaker/Moderator:  |
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| 1:00 – 1:15<br>p.m. | <b>Welcome, Opening Remarks &amp; Announcements</b>  | Josh Walter, RIF Chair<br><br>Branden Sudduth<br>Vice President of Reliability Planning<br>and Performance Analysis<br>Western Electricity Coordinating<br>Council  |
| 1:15 – 2:40<br>p.m. | <b>Gas Management Issues Related to Market Dispatch</b><br><br>Participants within the Western Energy Imbalance Market continue to state that it is difficult to manage gas resources and balance gas pipeline nominations. This panel will explore the various gas management issues that are experienced by market participants in the Real-Time Market timeframe and the concerns for the Extended Day Ahead Market. The objective for this panel is to highlight and explain the gas management issues in order to launch this topic for further stakeholder discussion. | Lindsey Schlekeway, WEIM Entities<br>Sector Liaison ( <i>Facilitator</i> )<br><br>Michael McDermott<br>Gas Trader, Electric Fuels<br>Department<br>Pacific Gas and Electric<br><br>Stephen Fendrich<br>Senior Energy Market Trader<br>PacifiCorp<br><br>Jason Hartzell<br>Manager of Fuels and Contracts<br>Arizona Public Service<br><br>Joe Giacalone<br>Manager – Fuel Supply Management |

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|                  |   | <p>Salt River Project</p> <p>Anu Sahn<br/>Forward Marketing Manager<br/>Los Angeles Department of Water and Power</p> <p>Guillermo Bautista<br/>Director Market Analysis and Forecasting<br/>California Independent System Operator Corp.</p>  |
| 2.40 – 3.00 p.m. | <b>Break</b>  |  |
| 3.00 – 4.25 p.m. | <p><b>Electrification Trends in the West</b></p> <p>The West is undergoing a major transition in both how—and how much—electricity is generated and consumed. Many states in the WECC footprint have adopted state renewable procurement policies, while market trends, improved scale, and reductions in cost are driving a continuing transition to renewable resources and storage. At the same time, planners in the West are forecasting major increases in electricity demand due to electrification, as consumers adopt technologies that will drive the need for safe, reliable, and affordable electric power higher than ever before.</p> <p>Electrification, loosely defined, is the addition or conversion of end-user technologies to electricity from other forms of energy, such as natural gas or petroleum. How does the electrification of homes, businesses, transportation, and industry impact utility resource planning? How should electricity markets be structured to help meet the demands resulting from electrification? And what role do regional organizations play in addressing the electrification transition?</p> | <p>Matt Lecar, PTO Sector Liaison<br/><i>(Facilitator)</i></p> <p>Katie Rogers<br/>Senior Engineer<br/>Western Electricity Coordinating Council</p> <p>Stefanie Johnson<br/>Strategic Advisor, Power Management Division<br/>Seattle City Light</p> <p>Joseph W. Degraft-Johnson<br/>Senior Project Manager<br/>Salt River Project</p> <p>Aram Shumavon<br/>Chief Executive Officer<br/>Kevala</p> |
| 4.25 – 4.30 p.m. | <b>Break</b>  |  |
| 4.30 – 4:50 p.m. | <p><b>Update from Avangrid</b></p> <p>Avangrid, as the first generation-only Balancing Authority to join the Western EIM, has a unique perspective to offer on its transition into the WEIM. Avangrid will provide an overview of its implementation process and share initial thoughts on its participation since joining on April 5, 2023.</p>  | <p>Kit Blair<br/>Senior Director, Remote Operations, Control Systems, and OT<br/>Avangrid</p>  |
| 4.50 – 5.00 p.m. | <b>Closing Remarks &amp; Announcements</b>  | Meg McNaul, RIF Vice Chair   |
| 5.00 p.m.        | <b>Adjourn to Atrium for Reception</b>  |  |