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Scope of Issues the GBME Should Address

Q1

What should the GBME's primary focus be?

Assessing the utility of the existing market design for the broad EIM market footprint and identifying issues and opportunities that should be addressed through the CAISO's stakeholder and/or BPM-change process, as well as considering any CAISO staff proposals from the perspective of the EIM entities.

Q2

What criteria, if any, should the Governing Body apply in deciding whether to request a GBME opinion on a particular matter?

If an issue is within any form of the Governing Body's approval or advisory opinion authority, the GBME should assess the proposal and provide guidance to the Governing Body, including intertie/bilateral market issues that impact the supply/demand fundamentals of EIM entities in the base-scheduling window.

Q3

How do you envision the GBME supporting the Governing Body in its decision-making process?

The GBME should provide an informed, unbiased review of proposals and market outcomes that would support the Governing Body's ability to assess proposals on their merits and in the context of the existing market design and the western bilateral market.

Key Qualifications and Criteria for Selecting the GBME

Q4

What additional credentials or criteria, if any, should the Governing Body consider in selecting an individual who can successfully fulfill this role?

The GBME should be familiar with trading, tagging, and operational practices of utilities in the Western Interconnect, should understand the CAISO's markets and conventions, and should be able to provide unbiased analysis of available data.

Interaction with Stakeholders and the Stakeholder Process

Q5

Do you have any thoughts on how the EIM GBME could most effectively engage with stakeholders?

Stakeholders should have direct access to the GBME either through working-group meetings or via email in order to surface concerns, propose areas of additional analysis, and provide feedback on any public analysis or opinions offered to the Governing Body.

Stakeholders should also be encouraged to engage with the GBME during Governing Body meetings, particularly when the GBME is providing or presenting analysis or opinions on proposals being considered by the Governing Body.