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Western Energy Imbalance Market EIM Governing Body's Stakeholder Survey
Regarding Development of the Governing Body Market Expert Position

Survey Questions and Replies

1. What Should the EIM Governing Body's Market Expert Primary Focus Be?

The primary focus for the EIM Governing Body Market Expert (GBME) should be providing an additional independent opinion on regional market policies that are relevant for current EIM initiative proposal discussions per the EIM Governing Body's request for which the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) Department of Market Monitoring (DMM) and Market Surveillance Committee (MSC) have not already provided analysis.

This opinion should be based on the GBME's own analysis and not rely on support from CAISO, DMM or MSC staff for data mining and analysis.

If the GBME is asked to provide its opinion on an issue that the DMM or MSC is also responding to, then the GBME should coordinate early with MSC and DMM on the issuance of their proposed findings so that the opinions of both entities are released at the same time. This would assist with comprehensively discussing possible differing opinions on an initiative issue during the time frame in which the issue is being considered in the stakeholder process.

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

The EIM Governing Body should only seek the opinion of the GBME on matters associated with the EIM and on issues that the DMM and the MSC cannot provide an independent opinion on within the timeframe provided.

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

The Governing Body Market Expert (GBME) could provide written and or oral opinions at EIM Governing Body meetings.

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

The EIM Governing Body should confirm that GBME does not have existing service contracts with any participating EIM entities or any load serving entities in the western interconnect that have the potential to become EIM participants. This would ensure that the GBME will not have a conflict of interest on market matters that they are asked to give an opinion on during EIM initiative processes.

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

The EIM GBME should be required to post its written opinions on the EIM web page.