Energy Imbalance Market Comments on the Revised Governance Proposal

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CPUC staff appreciates the opportunity to participate in the CAISO's Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governance initiative. The EIM is a very important issue with the potential for far reaching market design impacts, and it is important for the process that the Governance structure be robust and stakeholder driven.

Please provide your comments following each of the topics listed below:

1. Do you support the sector definitions and the nomination and ranking process for the Transitional Committee? Please explain the basis for your views.

Comments:

No comment at this time.

2. Do you support the roles identified for the Transitional Committee and the decision-making processes for the committee outlined in the revised governance proposal and draft charter? Please explain the basis for your views.

Comments:

No comment at this time

3. Do you have any comments on the draft charter? Please explain.

Comments:

Each sector should be guaranteed 1 seat on the Transitional Committee to ensure a balance and diversity of ideas and backgrounds is incorporated into the Transitional Committee.

The current proposal sets out seven different sectors for representation on the Transitional Committee: Investor Owned Utilities, Publicly Owned Utilities, Generators and Marketers, Alternative Energy Providers, EIM Participants, Governmental Agencies, and Public Interest Entities. But under the current proposal, the only function for these sectors is to nominate individuals from their respective sectors to serve on the Transitional Committee, (and rank all of the nominated individuals for the final list of nominations). To ensure that the Transitional Committee will be comprised of representatives from each of these sectors, CPUC staff recommends that each of the sectors be guaranteed a spot on the Transitional Committee. This would result in a Transitional Committee that has a diverse background of knowledge and interests, something that the current proposal lacks.

CAISO would still have the necessary flexibility to select a diverse and qualified group of individuals. A slot guarantee for each sector would not restrict CAISO's member selection because there are 9 members on the transitional committee in total and room to add 2 more if new participants to EIM arrive.

4. Do you have any additional comments not covered above on the changes made in the revised governance proposal?

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No comment at this time.