

DATE: January 26, 2017
TO: Western EIM Nominating Committee
SUBJ: Request to be nominated to a Second Term

With only seven months of experience and the next five months having limited policy decisions, I respectfully request to be considered the nominee for a second term, effective July 1, 2017. I am very grateful for being selected to the Western EIM Governing Body last summer, and performing these duties has been and continues to be an exceptional and pinnacle experience; one marked with pride, honor and enrichment. The role of Member and Chair propelled my desire to pour significant heart, sweat and intellectual capital into the success of the EIM and the Governing Body, and I have enjoyed every minute and every person met!

When nominating the inceptive EIM Governing Body, the presumption was made that each of us brought the basic tenets of executive leadership and competency to our Member roles. Upon executing our duties, we have individually and collectively demonstrated the requisite passion, commitment, leadership, advocacy, and dedication to the Western EIM that you anticipated when choosing the inaugural Members. We have made great strides solidifying the role, scope, and work processes of the Governing Body, and success is attributable to the Governing Body, Stakeholders and Regional Issues Forum members, the Body of State Regulators, and the ISO's management and staff, all working together to find consensus and unity around policies and governance.

After being selected Chair by my Governing Body peers, we as a Body went to work immediately. We created a Vice Chair role for succession planning and business continuity purposes; and, we started attending regional conferences and held meetings with EIM stakeholders and regulators. We believe strongly that for the EIM to be successful, our meetings should be held throughout the EIM footprint. As such, we have held Governing Body meetings in Portland, OR and Phoenix, AZ; our next meeting will be held alongside RIF and BOSR in Las Vegas, NV. We continue to meet at the ISO facility each quarter, and look to have conference call meetings to lessen the labor and financial burden for lighter agendas. We also ensured we had EIM Governing Body in-person representation at the RIF and BOSR meetings, and by phone when the meetings have been conference calls.

In our first six months, the Western EIM Governing Body was presented with two advisory policies: Aliso Canyon Phase 2 and Metering Rules Enhancements. Due to the exigent circumstances and escalated review time associated with Aliso Canyon, as Chair, I determined the Governing Body would not take a position. On the Metering Rules Enhancements, the Governing Body deliberated and chose to take a supportive position to the ISO's recommendation for improvements. October 1, 2016 also saw Arizona Public Service and Puget Sound go-live with full EIM membership.

The Governing Body also took the opportunity to review the governance structure from the Transitional Committee and solicited further input into the Governing Body governance now that stakeholders and regulators had another year of experience. Other activities of the Governing Body were related to: aligning meetings with the Board of Governors; participating in outreach meetings with regulators and with current, pending and potential EIM entities; obtaining briefings on a range of EIM related policy initiatives; and coordinating and collaborating on communications, work flow processes, and decisions with ISO management and Board of Governors.

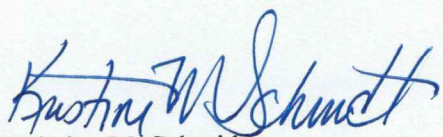
While the policy decisions have been small in number for 2016, looking forward, the decisional and advisory policies increase substantially beginning in the third quarter 2017. Currently, the Governing

Body anticipates nine policy decisions in 2017, yet only one is slated for review and decision in the first half of 2017. Also, Portland General is expected to go-live with EIM membership in October. As such, the top priorities for the Governing Body in the first half of 2017 are: the 2017 Policy Initiatives Roadmap/Stakeholder Catalog, the EIM RIF self-evaluation, and the Bid Cost Recovery Enhancements.

While quite grateful for this first one-year term, and the original assignment of terms was a lottery process, I firmly believe that given the forecasted EIM market and policy changes and the expansion opportunities, I have much more to offer the Western EIM and the Governing Body to realize the mission of promoting, protecting and expanding the EIM. With a substantial workload pending for the latter half of 2017, I believe the experience and knowledge gained thus far will prove vital when deliberating over these decisional and advisory policies, as well as future policies in 2018 and beyond. Continuing to serve another three-year term also ensures continuity and historical expertise as the Western EIM geography, policies, and Governing Body continue to mature.

I respectfully request the nomination to a second term, and deeply appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristine M. Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristine" and last name "Schmidt" clearly legible.

Kristine M. Schmidt
Chair, Western Energy Imbalance Market
Governing Body