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- To: Western Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body
- From: Nicole Hughes, Chair, Western Energy Imbalance Market Nominating Committee Jim Shetler, Vice Chair, Western Energy Imbalance Market Nominating Committee

Date: June 15, 2023

Re: Decision on WEIM Governing Body Nominations

This memorandum requires WEIM Governing Body action.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) Nominating Committee has assembled to address two openings on the WEIM Governing Body, with Anita Decker's term expiring and Jennifer Gardner choosing to resign early from her position effective June 30, 2023.

Anita Decker was initially appointed to the WEIM Governing Body effective September 1, 2019, for a term ending June 30, 2020, and was reappointed to a term ending June 30, 2023. Member Decker has expressed a desire to be reappointed for a new threeyear term, effective July 1, 2023. Pursuant to the Selection Policy for the WEIM Governing Body, members of the Nominating Committee convened and vetted the potential re-appointment through their respective sectors and conducted an interview with Anita Decker. After thoughtful deliberation and consideration of Member Decker's significant contributions to date, the WEIM Nominating Committee reached a consensus to recommend Member Decker for reappointment to the WEIM Governing Body.

Jennifer Gardner has announced that she will resign from her position on the WEIM Governing Body effective June 30, 2023. For this open seat with a term ending June 30, 2024, the WEIM Nominating Committee, pursuant to the Selection Policy, sought candidates with expertise, including but not limited to, the following areas: policy/federal or state regulatory expertise, commercial markets and associated risk management expertise, market design/mechanics expertise, general corporate/legal/financial expertise, and electric transmission systems operation expertise.

With assistance from an executive search firm, the WEIM Nominating Committee identified six qualified candidates. The Committee held ten meetings, reviewed candidate materials, and vetted qualified candidates through their respective sectors. The Committee then conducted candidate interviews, engaged in additional sector outreach and, after thorough deliberation, reached a consensus to nominate Rebecca

Wagner for appointment to the WEIM Governing Body. If approved, Ms. Wagner will be appointed to fill the remainder of the vacant term ending June 30, 2024, pursuant to the ISO bylaws, the Charter for Energy Imbalance Market Governance, and the Services Agreement.

ISO Management supports the WEIM Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Member Decker and Rebecca Wagner's nomination, which are both subject to approval by the WEIM Governing Body. As such, the Nominating Committee recommends the following motion:

Moved, that the Western Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body reappoints Anita Decker, for a term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2026, and appoints Rebecca Wagner, for a term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as members of the Western Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body.

## **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

WEIM Governing Body Member Decker brings 39 years of experience in the electric utility industry, where she has served as Executive Director of the Northwest Public Power Association, Chief Operating Officer of Bonneville Power Administration, and Business Unit Vice President at PacifiCorp. Since her initial appointment in 2019, Member Decker has purposefully and effectively engaged western stakeholders and continued to serve as a valuable member of the Governing Body. As noted above, the WEIM Nominating Committee has decided to nominate Anita Decker for reappointment.

With regard to Rebecca Wagner, she is well qualified and an excellent candidate for nomination as a member to the WEIM Governing Body. Ms. Wagner has demonstrated wide-ranging expertise and experience that will help guide the ISO as it navigates issues relating to market rules of the Western Energy Imbalance Market and an increasingly changing energy and electricity market landscape. Ms. Wagner brings over 25 years of experience in the energy industry and an extensive knowledge of the Western Energy Imbalance Market. As President of Wagner Strategies, Ms. Wagner has provided professional expertise and analysis on energy policy, regulatory matters, and strategy development. She has served on several boards and committees, including the WEIM Governance Review Committee, where she served as Vice Chair, and the Energy Imbalance Market Transitional Committee, which helped establish the governance structure for the WEIM, where she served as Chair. She has also served as a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and Energy Advisory and Director of the Nevada Office of Energy.

# WEIM NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROCESS

Pursuant to the Selection Policy for the WEIM Governing Body, the WEIM Nominating Committee acted upon a consensus vote of its voting members, represented by the following stakeholder sectors:

#### Voting Members

- WEIM Entities (Jim Shetler, Balancing Authority of Northern California)
- Participating Transmission Owners (Chris Summers, San Diego Gas & Electric)
- Publicly-Owned Utilities (Randy Howard, Northern California Power Agency)
- Suppliers and Marketers of Generation and Energy Service Providers (Johnny Casana, Pattern Energy)
- The Body of State Regulators (Chair Hayley Williamson, Nevada Public Utilities Commission)
- Public Interest and Consumer Advocate Groups (Nicole Hughes, Renewable Northwest)

## Non-Voting Members

- WEIM Governing Body (Andrew Campbell)
- ISO Board of Governors (Severin Borenstein)

#### CONCLUSION

The WEIM Nominating Committee recommends that the WEIM Governing Body reappoint Anita Decker and appoint Rebecca Wagner to serve on the Western Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body.