

## **GENERAL SESSION MINUTES EIM GOVERNING BODY MEETING May 6, 2021 Teleconference**

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### **May 6, 2021**

The Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body reconvened the general session teleconference meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members of the EIM Governing Body were in attendance:

John Prescott, Chair  
Anita Decker, Vice Chair  
Valerie Fong  
Robert Kondziolka  
Carl Linvill

### **GENERAL SESSION**

The following agenda items were discussed in general session:

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment offered at this time.

### **DECISION ON GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**

Member Kondziolka moved for approval of the EIM Governing Body general session minutes for the March 10, 2021 and April 19, 2021 meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Decker and approved 5-0.

### **BODY OF STATE REGULATORS UPDATE**

Letha Tawney, Commissioner – Oregon Public Utilities Commission, and Chair – Body of State Regulators (BOSR), provided an update on behalf of the BOSR. Commissioner Tawney informed the EIM Governing Body of new member additions to BOSR. She noted that Thad Levar, Chair of the Utah Public Service Commission filled the open vice chair position. She added, Michael Robinson, Deputy Chairman from Wyoming Public Service

Commission, and Cynthia Hall, Commissioner with New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, were also new members representing Wyoming and New Mexico. Next, Commissioner Tawney provided highlights of the April 9 spring meeting where governance, advancing joint authority in the Energy Imbalance Market and the EIM resource sufficiency evaluation were key topics. Next, Commissioner Tawney highlighted the CREPC/WIRAB meeting on April 30, which included: 1) some form of joint authority was possible but the scope was the challenging issue, 2) maintaining momentum on joint authority, and 3) joint authority was critical to showing commitment by all parties for successful market expansion. Next, Commissioner Tawney reported BOSR met in executive session to evaluate the list of candidates for member Carl Linvill's seat on the EIM Governing Body and would be meeting again soon to discuss a short list. She concluded by stating June 11 would be the next BOSR meeting. Brief discussion followed.

## **BRIEFING ON EIM IMPLEMENTATIONS**

Khaled Abdul-Rahman, Vice President – Power Systems and Market Technology, provided the EIM Governing Body an update on the western energy imbalance market implementations. Mr. Abdul-Rahman noted four of the five entities have gone live: 1) Balancing Authority of Northern California – Phase 2 / Western Area Power Administration, 2) Turlock Irrigation District, 3) Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and 4) Public Service Company of New Mexico, while NorthWestern Energy would go-live on June 16. He added that the new onboarding for the 2022 EIM entities looked good. Next, he highlighted the varying considerations for BANC and LADWP as part of their EIM implementation. He noted the ISO would leverage some of the concepts for other future implementations. Next, he provided a brief update on market performance and the top issues reported for the new EIM entities. To conclude, Mr. Abdul-Rahman reviewed the 2022 EIM implementation timeline. Brief discussion followed.

## **BRIEFING ON WESTERN EIM BENEFITS**

Guillermo Bautista Alderete, Director - Market Analysis and Forecasting, provided an update to the EIM Governing Body regarding the EIM benefits study results. Mr. Bautista Alderete reported that for the first quarter of 2021, benefits totaled \$101.01 million, for a cumulative total of \$1.28 billion in gross benefits. He noted three main components to the EIM benefits: 1) more efficient dispatch, 2) reduced renewable energy curtailment, and 3) reduced reserve in each balancing authority area. Next, Mr. Bautista Alderete shared two graphs that illustrated the monthly average prices, which reflect the overall system condition. He added that EIM prices in the first quarter were generally stable and in the lower range of the scale. To conclude, Mr. Bautista Alderete addressed the request from the March 10 EIM Governing Body meeting to

provide the EIM Governing Body more information on the resource sufficiency evaluations and highlighted the results of the balancing and the flexible ramping tests. Brief discussion followed.

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

There were no comments or questions on the following informational reports: EIM Governing Body policy calendar, quarterly budget report, and stakeholder initiative milestones.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items to discuss.

## **ADJOURNED**

There being no additional general session matters to discuss, the general session was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.