

## **GENERAL SESSION MINUTES WESTERN ENERGY MARKETS GOVERNING BODY MEETING March 25, 2025 Web conference**

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### **March 25, 2025**

The Western Energy Markets (WEM) Governing Body convened the general session meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

Robert Kondziolka, Chair  
Rebecca Wagner, Vice Chair  
Andrew Campbell  
Anita Decker  
John Prescott

### **GENERAL SESSION**

The following agenda items were discussed in general session:

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

Member Decker moved for approval of the WEM Governing Body general session minutes for the February 11, 2025, WEM Governing Body meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Prescott and approved 5-0.

### **CEO REPORT**

Mark Rothleder, Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, provided brief highlights from the CEO report, which included updates on the following: Extended day-ahead market (EDAM) implementation and onboarding; PacifiCorp's open access transmission tariff (OATT) filing; expedited EDAM congestion revenue allocation initiative; FERC approved EDAM access charge specific to the ISO balancing area; Bonneville Power Administration's decision to join Southwest Power Pool's Markets+; West-Wide Governance Pathways initiative legislative activities; grid operations and infrastructure and operations reorganization efforts; FERC approval of the EDAM access charge for the ISO balancing area; and the reappointment of Dr. Benjamin Hobbs to the Market Surveillance Committee.

## **REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM UPDATE**

Meg McNaul – Partner, Thompson Coburn LLP, representing the Six Cities and Chair of the Regional Issues Forum (RIF), provided an update on RIF's recent activities. Chair McNaul first noted the April 9 RIF meeting to be held at PacifiCorp in Portland and highlighted the agenda topics which include the RIF policy catalog and roadmap roundtable discussion, a market seams briefing, and RIF enhancements initiative update. Chair McNaul then noted that the RIF will be publishing a discussion paper for its enhancements initiative prior to the April 9 meeting. Chair McNaul noted the next RIF meeting will be held on June 17, 2025, in Reno, Nevada in conjunction with the WEM Governing Body meeting. Chair McNaul concluded by noting the RIF is preparing for its annual RIF roundtable meeting later in the year. Brief discussion ensued.

## **BODY OF STATE REGULATORS UPDATE**

John Hammond – Commissioner of Idaho Public Utilities Commission, and Vice Chair of the WEM Body of State Regulators (BOSR), provided an update on behalf of the BOSR. Vice Chair Hammond first noted that the BOSR continues to monitor and engage in regional market-related initiatives, including those initiated by the ISO and Pathways. He then noted BOSR's representation on the Formation Committee and engagement in the formation of the Regional Organization as well as the BOSR's involvement in the WEM Governing Body Nominating Committee process. Vice Chair Hammond highlighted the Spring 2025 joint CREPC-WIRAB meeting scheduled on April 2-4 in La Jolla, California, and concluded by emphasizing the importance of an expanded regional market to help balance load with demand across the western footprint. Brief discussion ensued.

## **OPEN ACCESS TRANSMISSION TARIFF FERC FILING UPDATES IMPLEMENTING THE EXTENDED DAY-AHEAD MARKET**

Mike Wilding, Vice President – Energy Supply Management, provided an update on behalf of PacifiCorp on its OATT filing activities to implement the EDAM. Mr. Wilding summarized the feedback and concerns raised by their transmission customers in their tariff stakeholder process regarding various elements of the filing, particularly the congestion revenue allocation methodology. Mr. Wilding noted that they engaged the ISO to provide clarification of the FERC-approved EDAM design related to congestion revenue allocation which led to launching an expeditious stakeholder process to explore a transitional methodology intended to help address some of the concerns. Mr. Wilding noted that PacifiCorp customers will continue to receive allocation based on the OATT's current approach and that they continue to be on track to go live in early 2026.

Kalia Savage, Transmission & Market Policy analyst, provided an update on behalf of Portland General Electric (PGE) noting that their OATT is largely aligned with PacifiCorp's, although the EDAM design changes they made were based on their customer demographic. Ms. Savage noted that PGE engaged in PacifiCorp's OATT stakeholder process and also collaborated with their implementation team so that PGE could learn from PacifiCorp's experiences as the first entity to go live in EDAM. Ms. Savage also expressed appreciation for ISO staff's support in their OATT development and implementation processes. Ms. Savage concluded by noting that PGE plans to file its OATT changes with FERC soon.

Discussion ensued and Mr. Wilding and Ms. Savage provided a brief update on their

implementation and onboarding efforts noting that they are going well and are progressing as planned.

#### Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time

### **BRIEFING ON KEY POLICY INITIATIVE: EXTENDED DAY-AHEAD MARKET CONGESTION REVENUE ALLOCATION INITIATIVE**

Milos Bosanac, Regional Market Sector Manager – Market Policy Development, provided a briefing on the extended day-ahead market congestion revenue allocation initiative starting with an overview of stakeholder concerns about the congestion revenue allocation construct proposed in PacifiCorp's OATT filing. Next, Mr. Bosanac reviewed the current extended day-ahead market congestion revenue allocation design using congestion constraints between ISO and PacifiCorp balancing areas as an example. He then noted that the ISO launched an expedited initiative to address congestion revenue allocation resulting from parallel flows on an adjacent extended day-ahead market system associated with a transmission constraint located in a neighboring balancing area. Discussion ensued.

#### Public comment

The following provided comments:

- Stephen Beuning on behalf of Stephen Beuning Consulting, LLC

### **BRIEFING ON POLICY INITIATIVES**

Becky Robinson – Director, Market Design and Analysis, provided updates on active regional market related policy initiatives, which included the following: EDAM congestion revenue allocation; assistance energy transfer and western energy imbalance market resource sufficiency evaluation; price formation enhancements; greenhouse gas coordination; gas resource management; congestion revenue rights; demand and distributed energy market integration; storage design and modeling; and the policy initiatives catalog and roadmap process. Brief discussion ensued.

#### Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

### **ADJOURNED**

There being no additional general session matters to discuss, the general session was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m