

## **GENERAL SESSION MINUTES WESTERN EIM GOVERNING BODY MEETING February 6, 2024 Web conference**

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### **February 6, 2024**

The WEIM Governing Body convened the general session meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

### **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 Prescott moved for approval of the WEIM Governing Body general session minutes for the December 12, 2023, WEIM Governing Body meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Kondziolka and approved 5-0.

### **CEO REPORT**

Elliot Mainzer – President and CEO, first recognized the collaborative effort that led to the positive Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s ruling on the extended day-ahead market design and then noted the next steps in the process. Next, Mr. Mainzer provided highlights from the fourth quarter 2023 WEIM benefits report, noting the economic and reliability benefits. Mr. Mainzer then provided an update on January’s extreme cold weather across the region and how the WEIM’s geographic and resource diversity helped support reliability throughout the West during the cold weather events. Mr. Mainzer concluded with an implementation update on the available transfer capability functionality as part of the transmission service and market scheduling priorities design.

## **BODY OF STATE REGULATORS UPDATE**

Hayley Williamson - Chair of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, and Chair of the WEIM Body of State Regulators (BOSR), provided an update on behalf of the BOSR. Chair Williamson provided highlights from the January 12 BOSR meeting, which included BOSR membership changes and updates from the ISO on price formation and greenhouse gas coordination working group activities. Chair Williamson concluded by noting that the BOSR continues to monitor and engage in various policy initiatives as appropriate.

## **REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM UPDATE**

Josh Walter – Power Contracts and Regional Affairs Manager, Seattle City Light, and Chair of the Regional Issues Forum (RIF), provided an update on upcoming RIF activities. Chair Walter mentioned the RIF Roundtable meeting on March 18, 2024, where the liaisons will discuss the ISO’s policy roadmap items and potentially other relevant topics. Chair Walter noted sector liaison membership changes in the coming months as well as the transition of Meg McNaul to assume the role as RIF Chair starting with the March RIF Roundtable and WEIM Governing Body meetings.

## **BRIEFING ON WEIM BENEFITS AND MARKET UPDATE**

Guillermo Bautista Alderete, Director – Market Performance and Advanced Analytics, provided a briefing on the fourth quarter 2023 WEIM benefits first highlighting the \$391.82 million in gross economic benefits, which he noted were attributed to a wider footprint, economic transfers across the region, and energy prices and economic displacement of high-value energy. Next, Mr. Bautista Alderete highlighted the various benefits resulting from the WEIM, including avoided renewable curtailments; added transfer capability across the region; an increase in WEIM transfers; and solar production tracked in those transfers. Mr. Bautista Alderete concluded by noting that prices continued to trend down in Q4. Brief discussion ensued.

### Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

## **BRIEFING ON POLICY INITIATIVES AND WEIM GOVERNING BODY PLANNING CALENDAR**

Becky Robinson – Director, Market Design and Analysis, provided updates on stakeholder engagement activities on various policy initiatives including the following: extended day-ahead market and day-ahead market enhancements, transmission service and market scheduling priorities, energy storage enhancements, WEIM resource sufficiency evaluation enhancements, reliability demand response resource minimum on time, and Rules of Conduct enhancements. Ms. Robinson then provided updates on the on-going working group efforts for the price formation enhancements, greenhouse gas coordination, gas resource management and resource adequacy initiatives. Ms. Robinson concluded by providing a brief overview of the WEIM Governing Body planning calendar for upcoming meetings. Discussion ensued on various topics throughout the

presentation. Discussion followed.

## Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

There were no comments on the informational report.

## **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 3:40 p.m.