

## **GENERAL SESSION MINUTES WESTERN EIM GOVERNING BODY MEETING September 19, 2023 Web conference**

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### **September 19, 2023**

The WEIM Governing Body convened the general session meeting at approximately 3:00 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 Decker moved for approval of the WEIM Governing Body general session minutes for the June 22, 2023, WEIM Governing Body meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Kondziolka and approved 4-0, with Member Wagner abstaining.

### **CEO REPORT**

Elliot Mainzer – President and CEO, provided highlights from his report, which included a recap of summer conditions and energy emergency events; the status of the extended day-ahead market (EDAM) and day-ahead market enhancements tariff filing; and highlights from the EDAM Forum held in late August noting the announcement of the Balancing Area of Northern California and Sacramento Municipal Utility District to join the EDAM. Next, Mr. Mainzer summarized the activities related to the interconnection process enhancements track 2 initiative, followed by an overview of the ISO's preparations for the October 14 solar eclipse. Mr. Mainzer closed by noting the Q2 2023 WEIM benefits report planned for discussion later on in the meeting.

## **BODY OF STATE REGULATORS UPDATE**

Thad LeVar – Commission Chair at Utah Public Service Commission, and Chair of the WEIM Body of State Regulators (BOSR), provided an overview of activities that the BOSR has engaged in since their last update to the WEIM Governing Body. Chair LeVar first congratulated Rebecca Wagner on becoming a new member of the WEIM Governing Body and Andrew Campbell on his election as the new WEIM Governing Body Chair. Next, Chair LeVar highlighted topics from the July BOSR meetings, which included the following: updates on the greenhouse gas coordination and price formation enhancements initiatives, and wholesale electricity market training. He then noted the joint educational session with the Committee of State Representatives (COSR) regarding the EDAM and its interoperability with the Western Resource Adequacy Program. Chair LeVar also noted the BOSR’s annual budget meeting followed by upcoming changes to BOSR leadership. Chair LeVar concluded his report by noting the BOSR’s participation in the Fall 2023 CREPC-WIRAB meeting on October 4-6 in Seattle, Washington. Brief discussion ensued.

## **REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM UPDATE**

Meg McNaul – Six Cities, and Vice Chair of the Regional Issues Forum (RIF), provided an update on behalf of the RIF. Vice Chair McNaul first provided highlights from the September 12 RIF meeting, which included a discussion on enhancements to the ISO’s policy roadmap process and the RIF roundtable implementation approaches; an update from the Western Area Power Administration Desert Southwest regarding their processes and transition as a new participant to the WEIM; and presentations from various entities on price formation. Vice Chair McNaul closed by noting the RIF’s December 11 meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the WEIM Governing Body meeting at the ISO headquarters in Folsom.

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

Guillermo Bautista Alderete – Director, Market Analysis and Forecasting, provided a briefing on the Q2 2023 WEIM benefits and market report. Mr. Bautista Alderete first noted the \$379.91 million in gross economic benefits achieved in the second quarter resulting in an overall \$4.2 billion in cumulative benefits. Next, Mr. Bautista Alderete reviewed graphs highlighting the WEIM benefits, including a reduction in curtailments; additional transfer capability; and solar production by WEIM entities. Mr. Bautista Alderete concluded by noting that prices were lower in May and June due to lower gas prices and moderate loads. Discussion ensued.

### Public comment

The following provided public comment:

- Tara Davis on behalf of the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative

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

Anna McKenna – Vice President, Market Design and Analysis, provided a briefing on policy, tariff and implementation activities related to specific policy initiatives, including the extended day-

ahead market, day-ahead market enhancements, transmission service and market scheduling priorities, WEIM resource sufficiency evaluation enhancements, price formation enhancements, greenhouse gas coordination, and gas resource management. Ms. McKenna also noted the stakeholder working groups and discussed the philosophy, structure, and added benefits of this enhancement to the stakeholder process. 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 11:10 a.m.