



## Department of Energy

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ISO Board and EIM Governing Body  
California ISO  
250 Outcropping Way  
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Dear ISO Board of Governors and EIM Governing Body,

It is with sincere interest in the success of EIM and the enhancement of the Western EIM governance structure that I submit this Statement of Interest to be considered for membership on the EIM Governance Review Committee (GRC). Specifically, I am putting forth my interest to serve as a membership nominee from the "Pending New EIM Participants Sector." This sector includes any Balancing Authority that has entered into a formal public process to consider joining EIM – as Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) has done – and any publicly-owned utility, other load-serving entity, or supplier of generation within such a balancing authority that may participate in EIM if the balancing authority becomes an EIM Entity. I have also been nominated by the "Publicly-Owned Utility Sector".

This opportunity for membership on the GRC is of major importance to Bonneville, its customers, and its stakeholders. I am pleased to highlight that my participation will be supported fully by the agency, not only through the latitude I have been given to dedicate my time and effort to the GRC process and to engage in the process from the broadest public benefits perspective, but also through the commitment of resources to assist me for the duration of the GRC.

My participation on the GRC will bring a diverse perspective to this process in that Bonneville has a:

- Primary customer base of public power across eight Western states, with a significant amount of that load in EIM Entity Balancing Authorities that has given the agency deep insight into EIM operations and commercial transmission service from the EIM Entities since before the launch of the EIM in November 2014;
- Diverse customer base of Marketers, Independent Power Producers, Investor-Owned Utilities, and Federal Agencies;

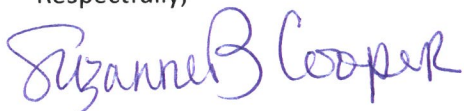
- High-voltage transmission system that connects to 17 Balancing Authorities across the Pacific Northwest, including Canada and California, that is also used to facilitate EIM Transfers;
- Large, flexible, carbon-free hydro generation fleet; and
- Is a large federal agency whose staff is respected for its expertise in the commercial and operational areas necessary to further the success of EIM and enhancements to its governance.

I have been with Bonneville for 28 years, with a career that includes roles leading multi-party efforts on complex issues such as power marketing in bilateral and organized markets, power rate making, and hydropower system operations to preserve fish populations. As the Vice President of Bulk Marketing since 2011, I have been responsible for marketing, sales, scheduling and account servicing for bulk power markets (non-preference, market-based services). This includes managing wholesale bulk marketing sales, making long term purchases up to 5 years in the future, managing BPA transmission purchases for surplus marketing, and engaging in market policy initiatives. During my tenure, my staff and I have also been active participants in each recent market formation effort that Bonneville has engaged in, providing me with broad understanding of organized markets and their governance.

Additionally, I have been an active participant in regional and California governance framework dialogue—from the broad western region-wide discussions that contemplated possible benefits of creating a regional power grid operator among western states, to my membership on the Western EIM Regional Issues Forum (RIF) since its inception. I currently serve as Secretary to the RIF.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the GRC, if given the privilege to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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## PROFILE

- Career Bonneville Power Administration employee with extensive experience developing strategic solutions to complex issues.
  - Experienced collaborator with demonstrated ability to achieve win-win solutions within complex, multi-party collaborations and maintain positive working relationships.
  - Skilled in leading people and directing programs and processes to achieve results consistent with objectives.
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## EXPERIENCE

### BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

May 1991 to Present

905 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR

#### Vice President, Bulk Marketing

10/11 to Present

Lead organization responsible for all agency surplus sales and purchases in the bulk electricity markets, primarily bilateral and CA ISO. Functions include market policy engagement, transmission and resource acquisition, power and ancillary services marketing, product development, pricing, market analysis, contracting, back office, and power scheduling.

#### Manager, Power Policy & Rates

10/07 to 05/11

Led organization responsible for developing, managing and coordinating business strategy. Oversee the power rate setting process and ensure decision-making on major strategy and policy in Power Services is driven by strong, integrated analysis of risks and impacts on finances, rates, people, systems and processes.

#### Manager, Fish Operations Policy & Planning

12/03 to 10/07

Managed and directed staff responsible for policy, strategy development, planning, and implementation to meet ESA hydro system operations and configuration requirements. Effectively collaborated on policy issues and solutions with representatives of states, Tribes, federal agencies and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

#### Biological Opinion Implementation Lead

6/02 to 12/03

Led, coordinated, and developed objectives, strategies, and execution plans for BPA's implementation of the 2000 FCRPS biological opinions from NOAA Fisheries and Fish and Wildlife Service. Served on the Regional Forum's Implementation Team, representing BPA's interests on policy issues associated with hydro system operations.

**Other Positions:** Industry Economist, Consultation Coordinator, EEO Spec. 1991-2002

### ***Selected Highlights***

- Member of Liaisons group that led stakeholder review of EIM Regional Issues Forum, evaluating and adopting modifications to the charter to address stakeholder feedback.
- As an executive sponsor of BPA's EIM evaluation, guided cost and benefit analysis and other elements of stakeholder process that preceded the Letter to the Region proposing BPA sign an EIM Implementation Agreement with CAISO.
- Developed power products and new rate design to achieve national and agency energy policy objectives through a multi-year collaborative process with BPA public utility customers.
- Appointed by federal, state, and tribal policy leaders to facilitate multi-party collaboration ordered by the US District Court in remanding the 2004 NMFS FCRPS Biological Opinion, reflecting trust and credibility I had developed with the parties.

### **CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

- Western EIM Regional Issues Forum, Sector Liaison & current Secretary
- Board Member (non-voting), Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee
- Class 3 Representative, Western Electricity Coordinating Council
- Member, iUrban Teen STEM Advisory Committee

### **EDUCATION**

BA Economics

Lewis & Clark College

Portland, OR