

# WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET

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## EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

### Jennifer Gardner

#### **Western Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body**

Jennifer Gardner is an attorney and independent consultant with over 10 years of experience in the electric power sector. Ms. Gardner's practice has focused on enhancing utility operations through energy markets, developing constructive governance models for regional organizations, implementing market reforms necessary for the effective integration of renewables and distributed energy resources, and refining the long-term resource and transmission planning efforts of western utilities.

From 2016 through June 2021, Ms. Gardner served in various Western EIM leadership roles, including as the Public Interest Organization Liaison, and Western Energy Imbalance Market's Regional Issues Forum vice chair, as a member of the Western Energy Imbalance Market Governance Review Committee, and as the Public Interest Organization Sector Representative and Chair of the Western Energy Imbalance Market Nominating Committee (for previous Governing Body appointments).

In 2020, Ms. Gardner founded Envision Energy, LLC, an independent consultancy providing expertise in the areas of wholesale electricity market design and governance, renewable energy procurement and deployment, distributed energy resource integration, transmission system planning, and electric grid reliability.

Previously, Ms. Gardner spent five years with Western Resource Advocates, an environmental non-profit headquartered in Boulder, Colorado, where she directed the work of the Regional Energy Markets Program and advocated for market frameworks to provide decarbonization solutions for the western power grid.

Prior to her tenure at Western Resource Advocates, Ms. Gardner oversaw Utah's State Energy Program while serving at the Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development from 2014 through 2015. Before moving to Utah, Ms. Gardner spent more than three years in Colorado as an attorney for the Western Interstate Energy Board, where she advised western state regulatory commissions and energy offices on topics such as transmission expansion planning, evolving utility business models, market enhancement initiatives, and

renewable energy integration. While working at the Western Interstate Energy Board, Ms. Gardner also obtained considerable experience advocating before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Ms. Gardner holds an LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Law and Policy from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Additionally, she obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and her Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri.

She was appointed to the WEIM Governing Body effective July 1, 2021 for a term ending June 30, 2024.