

Western Energy Imbalance Market — Regional Issues Forum (RIF)

Summary of Carbon Workshop of June 18, 2019

Introductions & RIF Business:

- The RIF liaison Officers in attendance:
 - Therese Hampton (Public Generating Pool), RIF Chair and Neighboring Balancing Authority Sector Liaison
 - Tony Braun (CMUA) & Clay Macarthur (Deseret Power) , Publicly-Owned Utilities Sector Liaison
 - Pam Sporborg (Portland General Electric) & Matt Lecar (Pacific Gas & Electric) Transmission Owing Utilities Sector Liaisons
 - Jennifer Gardner (Western Resource Advocates) & Cheryl Murray- (Utah Office of Consumer Services, via phone), Public Interest Group and Consumer Advocates Sector Liaisons

- The next RIF meeting will be held on August 27, 2019, in Portland, Oregon 1:00 – 4:00 in the BPA Rates Hearing Room.

Summary:

The RIF Carbon Workshop was very well attended. The workshop served to bring together, in one forum, the broad efforts underway across the states and discuss the challenges the CAISO faces in implementing these multiple complex programs in its market design including EIM market. The morning was devoted to a collection of presentations from state representatives (OR, CA, WA, NM) about the basics of existing state GHG reduction programs and recent legislation. In addition, Commissioners from Utah and Idaho shared their concerns about how carbon pricing in other states may impact the market in states without carbon policy.

In the afternoon, the CAISO shared the challenges of implementing EIM bid adders with different state carbon pricing programs. A stakeholder panel consisting of representatives from PacifiCorp, Western Power Trading Forum, Center for Resource Solutions, California Municipal Utilities Association, Powerex, and Southern California Edison also shared their perspectives of integration and intersections of wholesale energy market and the EIM with multiple states carbon policies.

There was general consensus among all panelists of the importance of this topic and the criticality that coordination among the states' regulators and commissioners, market operators, and utilities (IOUs, public power) needs to take place per their respective carbon policies.

Highlights:

- The EIM has demonstrated significant value to date and policy makers need to be mindful that their proposals and goals are not unduly complex and burdensome such that implementation requirements to facilitate greenhouse gas (GHG) compliance administration does not diminish advancements made to date;
- Consumer- and publicly-owned utilities are engaged and want to be part of the decision-making and implementation process for the electric-sector decarbonization efforts in the west; and
- Additional dialogue between the CAISO, policymakers, public interest organizations, utilities, and other market participants, building on the momentum of this RIF workshop, needs to continue.

Meeting Materials:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Presentations](#)