

EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

Travis Kavulla

Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body

Travis Kavulla is the director of energy and environmental policy at the R Street Institute, a Washington, D.C. based think tank that specializes in providing solutions to highly complex topics in administrative regulation.

Prior to his role at R Street, Mr. Kavulla served for eight years as a commissioner on the Montana Public Service Commission, a position to which he was first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. In that role, he served at various times as chairman (2011-2012) and vice chairman (2015-2019).

In addition to his role on Montana PSC, Commissioner Kavulla took a leading role in regional and national initiatives. He was president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) from 2015-2016. He also represented NARUC on the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

Commissioner Kavulla actively promoted regional cooperation between utilities and states in the American West. He led West-wide discussions of energy policy, wholesale electric markets, and the reliability of the grid while co-chairman of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC), from 2016-2018. He served as the co-chairman for the Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) Steering Committee, the body tasked by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) with implementing the transmission planning requirements of FERC Orders 890 and 1000. And he served as a transitional member of the Board of Directors and Member Advisory Committee of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) during its transition to an independent organization responsible for overseeing and auditing the reliability of the Western Interconnection.

In addition to his expertise in energy, Mr. Kavulla occasionally works on policy related to other network industries. In 2017, Mr. Kavulla was appointed by the FCC Chairman Ajit Pai to lead the North American Numbering Council (NANC), a federal advisory committee that advises on emerging topics in next-generation communications technologies. He continues to serve as the chairman of the NANC. While a utility regulator, Commissioner Kavulla was a principal author of the legal reforms that liberalized the passenger transportation sector in Montana, and he led efforts to simplify or repeal legacy regulations of the telecommunications sector.

Prior to his service as a Montana regulator, Mr. Kavulla worked as a journalist, writing on political economy, culture, and development. He also served as associate editor for

National Review. Mr. Kavulla received his bachelor's in History at Harvard University, and holds a graduate degree from the University of Cambridge, England, where he was a Gates Scholar. He is a fourth-generation Montanan.

Mr. Kavulla was appointed to the EIM Governing Body on July 1, 2018. His term ends June 30, 2021.