

WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET

Update on EIM Governing Body Market Expert Developments

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The Governing Body Market Expert

- The Board and Governing Body jointly approved the Governance Review Committee's proposal to establish a EIM Governing Body market expert to advise the EIM Governing Body.
- The proposal tasked the Governing Body with further developing the scope for a EIM Governing Body market expert.
- The EIM Governing Body sought stakeholder input through a survey as part of its consideration.
- Eleven stakeholders/stakeholder groups responded to the survey.

Survey topics and overview of responses

- Survey covered three broad areas:
 - (1) Scope of issues the EIM Governing Body market expert should address
 - (2) Key qualifications and criteria for selecting the EIM Governing Body market expert
 - (3) Interaction with stakeholders and stakeholder process
- Scope of issues:
 - Most stakeholders expect the EIM Governing Body market expert to provide opinions or advice on major policy initiatives within the EIM Governing Body's decisional authority.
 - Stakeholders have diverse opinions on what other topics should be addressed.
 - E.g., Periodic assessments of EIM performance and EIM impacts on regional decarbonization; EDAM market design and best practices.

Survey topics and overview of responses

- Key qualifications and criteria for EIM Governing Body market expert :
 - Commenters generally want deep expertise in organized markets (including the EIM and knowledge of other organized markets outside of ISO), a deep understanding of the Western Interconnection, and experience with FERC.
 - Some commenters seek other more specialized expertise.
 - E.g., understanding of an locational marginal pricing-based market and the open access transmission tariff/bilateral framework; and experience with analyzing seams issues.
 - Commenters generally stress the need for the EIM Governing Body market expert to be able to provide an independent and unbiased viewpoint.
 - Some commenters offer specific recommendations on conflicts.

Survey topics and overview of responses

- Interaction with stakeholders and the stakeholder process:
 - Commenters expect that the EIM Governing Body market expert will have *some* stakeholder interaction, but offer varying views on the degree of that interaction.
 - Commenters contemplate that the EIM Governing Body market expert's opinions generally will be publicly posted, though some see a potential need for non-public opinions in certain contexts.

Next Steps

- The EIM Governing Body greatly appreciates the robust feedback it received on the stakeholder survey.
 - The full set of survey responses is available on the Western EIM website:
<https://www.westerneim.com/Pages/Governance/GovernanceReviewCommittee.aspx>.
 - The EIM Governing Body will take into consideration this feedback as it develops the scope and qualifications for the position and initiates the hiring process.