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Western EIM Governing Body elects chair, fills open seats

FOLSOM, Calif. – The Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governing Body approved today the nominees for two open seats on the Governing Body, effective July 1, 2018.

The first five members of the Body were seated June 2016 to staggered terms, of which two end on June 30, 2018. Per Governing Body policy, a nominating committee made up of representatives from across the West and representing different industry sectors, developed a list of candidates to recommend for appointment. The Governing Body agreed with the committee-recommended slate that includes Carl Linvill and Travis Kavulla.

Mr. Linvill is re-appointed to a second term, which will expire in three years. Mr. Linvill is currently a principle at the Montpelier, Vermont-based Regulatory Assistance Project, which specializes in the economic and environmental sustainability of the power and natural gas sectors.

Mr. Kavulla, Vice-Chairman of Montana's Public Service Commission, was named to a three-year term. He fills the seat vacated by Douglas Howe, an independent industry consultant, who chose not to seek re-appointment. The new terms for Mr. Kavulla and Mr. Linvill are effective July 1, 2018.

Valerie Fong was elected Chair, and Mr. Linvill was elected Vice Chair to terms of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

See the Governing Body [agenda and related documents](#) for more information.

The EIM Governing Body oversees the western EIM, launched in November 2014, a real-time energy market that now has nine participating members and has collectively saved them almost \$331 million. Four more utilities will enter the market in the next two years, including the Balancing Authority of Northern California/Sacramento Municipal Utility District in April 2019, and Salt River Project of Phoenix, Seattle City Light and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in April 2020.

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