

## Memorandum

**To:** Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body

**From:** Jennifer Gardner, Western Resource Advocates, Nominating Committee

**Date:** June 14, 2018

**Re:** **Decision on EIM Governing Body Slate**

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*This memorandum requires EIM Governing Body action.*

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its June 28, 2016 meeting, the ISO Board of Governors appointed a slate of five candidates to the Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body pursuant to the Selection Policy for the EIM Governing Body and the recommendation of the EIM Nominating Committee. This action seated a five-member EIM Governing Body that has certain delegated authority over EIM-related real-time market rules. At that meeting, the newly-appointed members were assigned by chance to terms of varying lengths so that the terms are staggered going forward. Douglas Howe and Carl Linvill were assigned by chance to two-year terms ending June 30, 2018.

Pursuant to the terms of the selection policy, the Nominating Committee recently convened to conduct the process of identifying potential candidates for these seats. The Nominating Committee was informed early in the selection process that Chair Howe would not be seeking re-appointment to the EIM Governing Body. Through a letter to the Nominating Committee, a copy of which is enclosed as Attachment A, Member Linvill requested to be considered for re-appointment for a three-year term.

Working with an independent executive search firm, the Nominating Committee evaluated candidates with a proven reputation for excellence and broad experience in areas such as electric transmission operations, commercial markets and trading, market design and regulatory policy. The candidates were screened by the search firm and ISO management for compliance with the ISO's independence requirements.

The Nominating Committee conducted multiple days of in-person interviews and vetted the candidates through their respective sectors. After thoughtful deliberations, the Nominating Committee reached consensus on a slate of nominees that includes Member Carl Linvill for re-appointment and Travis Kavulla for appointment to the EIM Governing Body. If approved, the nominees will assume office and begin serving on the EIM Governing Body, effective July 1, 2018, pursuant to the ISO bylaws, the Charter for Energy Imbalance Market Governance, and the Members' respective Services Agreement.

ISO management supports the Nominating Committee's proposed slate, which is subject to approval by the EIM Governing Body.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following motion:

***Moved, that the Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body approves a slate that includes re-appointment of Carl Linvill and appointment of Travis Kavulla to the Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body for terms beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021.***

## **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

As the following biographies show, Dr. Linvill and Mr. Kavulla have broad expertise and experience that will help guide the ISO as it navigates issues relating to market rules of the western energy imbalance market and a rapidly changing energy landscape.

### **NOMINEES:**

#### **Carl Linvill**

Carl Linvill has served on the EIM Governing Body for two years and, in that time, has proven to be a valuable asset. He is a principal at the Montpelier, Vermont-based Regulatory Assistance Project, which specializes in the economic and environmental sustainability of the power and natural gas sectors. His long industry career includes roles as a senior economist at the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and later as a PUCN commissioner. Dr. Linvill leveraged his Ph.D. in economics to assist the Nevada Governor's office in 2000 in managing the western energy crisis and later created the state's first renewable and energy efficiency policies. He also serves as a technical advisor to the Western Interstate Energy Board and has been active in the California Public Utilities Commission procurement process, the California Energy Commission Integrated Energy Policy Report proceeding and in stakeholder initiatives at the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

#### **Travis Kavulla**

Travis Kavulla is Vice-Chairman of Montana's Public Service Commission, first elected to office in 2010. In addition to his role on the Commission, he is co-chairman of the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation, which leads west-wide discussions on energy policy, wholesale electric markets, and the reliability of the grid. Mr. Kavulla has extensive policy experience, having served on several industry related boards that include the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, the Northern Tier Transmission Group Steering Committee and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, where he was President. Mr. Kavulla has a strong diversified background in energy policy and demonstrated collaborative decision-making expertise.

## **EIM NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROCESS**

The Nominating Committee acted upon a consensus of its voting and non-voting members, represented by the following stakeholder sectors<sup>1</sup>:

- EIM Entities (Brad Albert, Arizona Public Service Company)
- Participating Transmission Owners (Eric Little, Southern California Edison)
- Publicly-Owned Utilities (Randy Howard, Northern California Power Agency)
- Suppliers and Marketers of Generation and Energy Service Providers (Will Mitchell, Recurrent Energy)
- The Body of State Regulators (Commissioner Ann Rendahl, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission)
- EIM Governing Body (Valerie Fong)
- ISO Board of Governors (Angelina Galiteva/Dave Olsen)
- Public Interest Groups and Consumer Advocates (Jennifer Gardner, Western Resource Advocates)

The Nominating Committee worked with an executive search firm to identify the best candidates from around the United States. The final slate represents an overall composition that reflects appropriate independence requirements and a diversity of experience, expertise and geography that the Nominating Committee believes will ensure the continued effectiveness of the EIM Governing Body.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Nominating Committee recommends that the EIM Governing Body approve the proposed slate of nominees, enabling Member Carl Linvill to continue his service and Travis Kavulla to execute a Services Agreement with the ISO and commence service.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Selection Policy for the EIM Governing Body, the Nominating Committee has voting and non-voting members. The voting members include: EIM Entities, Participating Transmission Owners, Suppliers and Marketers of Generation and Energy Service Providers, Publicly-Owned Utilities, and The Body of State Regulators. The non-voting members include: EIM Governing Body, ISO Board of Governors, and Public Interest Groups and Consumer Advocates. However, in practice, the Nominating Committee operates on a consensus basis of *all* members, with the voting versus non-voting distinction becoming relevant only where consensus cannot be reached.