

## **GENERAL SESSION MINUTES EIM GOVERNING BODY MEETING January 20, 2021 Teleconference**

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### **January 20, 2021**

The Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body convened the general session teleconference meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members of the EIM Governing Body were in attendance:

John Prescott, Chair  
Anita Decker, Vice Chair  
Valerie Fong  
Robert Kondziolka  
Carl Linvill

### **GENERAL SESSION**

The following agenda items were discussed in general session:

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment offered at this time.

### **DECISION ON GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**

Vice Chair Decker moved for approval of the EIM Governing Body general session minutes for the December 2, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Fong and approved 5-0.

### **GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Therese Hampton, Executive Director – Public Generating Pool, and Chair – EIM Governance Review Committee, provided an update on behalf of the GRC. Ms. Hampton summarized the GRC's recent activities and provided an update on the GRC proposal. She stated the comments on the GRC's revised straw proposal were extended to January 29 and that the Governance Review Committee would summarize comments and report to the EIM Governing Body.

## **BODY OF STATE REGULATORS UPDATE**

Letha Tawney, Commissioner – Oregon Public Utilities Commission, and Chair – Body of State Regulators, provided an update on behalf of the BOSR. Commissioner Tawney informed the EIM Governing Body that Kara Fornstrom, Vice Chair of BOSR, resigned her position with Wyoming Public Service Commission as of Friday, January 15. She noted BOSR will be working to fill the BOSR's Vice Chair position in the upcoming weeks.

Turning to the EIM Governance Review Committee, Ms. Tawney stated BOSR was in development of their consensus comments on the revised straw proposal. She stated BOSR would strongly endorse the joint authority model.

Ms. Tawney informed the EIM Governing Body that BOSR reached a funding agreement. She noted Western Interstate Energy Board would provide independent technical expertise, staff resources, and office space necessary to assist the BOSR in their efforts.

Turning to the EIM market initiatives, Ms. Tawney stated BOSR would continue to follow the EDAM and other initiatives at the ISO. She stated BOSR was looking forward to engaging the EIM Governing Body during the upcoming nomination process. She concluded by stating the next meeting was February 12, 2021.

Discussion ensued and the EIM Governing Body members expressed gratitude towards the BOSR's efforts.

## **REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM UPDATE**

Pam Sporborg, Senior Analyst, Transmission and Reliability Services – Portland General Electric, and Chair – Regional Issues Forum, provided an update on behalf of the RIF. She stated the RIF was actively planning for 2021 and noted the meeting dates as March 9, May 4, June 29, September 7, and December 2. Ms. Sporborg noted resource adequacy was an issue for stakeholders in the region and would be an ongoing topic in 2021. Next, she informed the EIM Governing Body that the RIF has been in the process of selecting a liaison replacement for the open public interest organization position. Nominations were due by Friday, January 22, with a sector call scheduled on January 28. She stated that once RIF receives all the nominations, the ISO will notice the January 28 meeting.

## **DISCUSSION ON WESTERN EIM PERFORMANCE DURING THE SUMMER 2020 EVENTS**

John Prescott, Chair of the EIM Governing Body, led a discussion regarding the process to evaluate the performance of the Western EIM during the summer 2020 events and the responsibilities of the EIM Governing Body under their charter.

In response to Chair Prescott's introduction, Vice Chair Decker noted her concerns of having resource sufficiency rules for all market participants. Member Linvill expressed concern of how demand side resources would integrate into the stakeholder initiative - market enhancements for summer 2021 readiness. Member Fong shared the concerns of Vice Chair Decker and Member Linvill and stated how she looked forward to better understanding the needs of the stakeholders. Member Kondziolka requested an EIM Governing Body briefing regarding the events of September 6. He also inquired about EIM onboarding training for new EIM participants.

Mark Rothleder, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer provided responsive comments and addressed concerns raised by the EIM Governing Body.

## **Public Comment:**

No public comment received.

## **BRIEFING ON POLICY INITIATIVES ROADMAP AND ANNUAL PLAN**

Greg Cook, Executive Director – Market and Infrastructure Policy, provided the EIM Governing Body a briefing on the 2021 three-year policy initiatives roadmap and annual plan. Mr. Cook stated the roadmap was developed through a stakeholder process that prioritized the policy initiatives the ISO would undertake over the next three years. He provided an overview of the three primary drivers for the roadmap: (1) resource sufficiency, (2) increased resource and load variability, and (3) new technologies. Next, he provided an overview of the following topic areas: (1) comprehensive redesign of resource adequacy, (2) evolution of the ISO markets, (3) integrating distributed energy and storage resources, and (4) roadmap and annual plan. Mr. Cook highlighted the new initiatives and noted they were in response to the summer 2020 events. Next, he explained the reprioritization and rescheduling of existing market design stakeholder initiatives. Mr. Cook concluded his briefing by reviewing the next steps. Discussion ensued and Mr. Cook provided responsive comments to inquiries from the EIM Governing Body.

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

There were no comments or questions on the following informational reports: EIM Governing Body policy calendar, quarterly budget report, and stakeholder initiative milestones.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items to discuss.

## **ADJOURNED**

There being no additional general session matters to discuss, the general session was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.