

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES WESTERN EIM GOVERNING BODY MEETING March 21, 2023 Teleconference

March 21, 2023

The WEIM 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 WEIM Governing Body were in attendance:

Robert Kondziolka, Chair
Jennifer Gardner, Vice Chair
Andrew Campbell
John Prescott

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 Gardner moved for approval of the WEIM Governing Body general session minutes for the January 31, 2023, WEIM Governing Body meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Prescott and approved 4-0.

CEO REPORT

Mark Rothleder – Senior Vice President and COO, provided highlights from the following sections of the CEO report: Winter reliability issues and update on natural gas prices; summer readiness activities; update on ISO's Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM) and related initiatives; and ISO's report to the Legislature pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution 188. Mr. Rothleder concluded his report with an implementation update regarding the new entities preparing to join the WEIM, including the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Desert Southwest, El Paso Electric and Avangrid Renewables.

BODY OF STATE REGULATORS UPDATE

Thad LeVar – Commission Chair at Utah Public Service Commission, and Chair of the WEIM Body of State Regulators (BOSR), provided an update on behalf of the BOSR. Chair LeVar first noted the new BOSR members followed by an update on the body’s activities, including their engagement in the ISO’s policy roadmap process and the price formation enhancements initiative. Chair LeVar then provided an update on BOSR’s role and participation in the WEIM Governing Body Nominating Committee candidate search effort. Chair LeVar concluded his report by noting the April 12, 2023, BOSR meeting would take place in Incline Village, Nevada. Brief discussion ensued.

REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM UPDATE

Josh Walter – Power Contracts and Regional Affairs Manager, Seattle City Light, and Chair – Regional Issues Forum (RIF), provided an update on behalf of the RIF. Chair Walter first welcomed the incoming WEIM participants and then noted the June 21, 2022, RIF liaison meeting that will be held at the WECC offices in Salt Lake City, Utah. He then highlighted some of the potential topics planned for discussion, including sector priorities, RIF’s input on certain initiatives, and an educational element on the agenda.

WEIM GOVERNING BODY IMPLEMENTATION OF MARKET EXPERT

Chair Kondziolka – WEIM Governing Body Chair, provided an update on the process and timing of the market expert’s public meeting materials as well as engagement in the ISO’s stakeholder processes. Chair Kondziolka noted that the WEIM Governing Body will develop a written process outlining these details that will be posted on its public webpage.

BRIEFING ON MARKET PARAMETER CHANGES ENHANCEMENT AND DECISION ON ADVISORY ROLE

Guillermo Bautista Alderete – Director of Market Analysis and Forecasting, provided a briefing on the market parameter changes enhancement initiative starting with background on the shift factor threshold, including an overview of the inefficiencies with using the current threshold for aggregated locations and unintended inefficiencies in congestion used for settlement of congestion revenue rights. Next, Mr. Bautista Alderete presented Management’s proposal to lower the shift factor threshold for certain aggregations in the ISO-only balancing area, which would improve the effectiveness of congestion management in aggregate locations and more accurately reflect congestion prices. Mr. Bautista Alderete then presented Management’s recommendation for the Governing Body to provide advisory input to the ISO Board of Governors supporting the lower shift factor threshold proposal. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

Motion:

Member Campbell:

Moved, that the WEIM Governing Body will provide verbal advisory input to the ISO Board of Governors, as discussed at its March 21, 2023 general session meeting, supporting Management's position on the shift factor threshold element of the market parameter changes enhancement proposal.

The motion was seconded Member Prescott and approved 4-0.

BRIEFING ON MINIMUM STATE OF CHARGE EXTENSION AND DECISION ON ADVISORY ROLE

Gabe Murtaugh – Storage Sector Manager, provided a briefing to the WEIM Governing Body on the minimum state of charge extension initiative. Mr. Murtaugh first provided background on the initiative and then noted Management's proposal to extend the existing solution through summer 2023 to allow time to implement a replacement tool for exceptional dispatch and associated settlement rules for energy storage resources. Mr. Murtaugh then presented Management's recommendation for the WEIM Governing Body to provide advisory input to the ISO Board of Governors supporting the minimum state of charge extension proposal. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

Motion:

Member Prescott:

Moved, that the WEIM Governing Body will provide verbal advisory input to the ISO Board of Governors, as discussed at its March 21, 2023 general session meeting, supporting Management's minimum state of charge extension proposal.

The motion was seconded Vice Chair Gardner and approved 4-0.

WEIM BENEFITS UPDATE

Guillermo Bautista Alderete provided a briefing to the Governing Body on the results from the Q4 2022 WEIM Benefits Report. Mr. Bautista Alderete first highlighted the \$485.29 million in gross economic benefits in Q4 2022, resulting in \$3.4 billion in cumulative benefits in 2022. Next, Mr. Bautista Alderete reviewed several graphs, including avoided curtailments of renewable resources, WEIM transfers across the region, solar production, and higher overall prices due to an increase in gas prices. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

WEIM IMPLEMENTATIONS UPDATE

Khaled Abdul-Rahman – Vice President, Power Systems and Market Technology provided an update on parallel operations for the three new WEIM entities (Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Desert Southwest, El Paso Electric and Avangrid Renewables) noting that, pending FERC authorization, all three are on track to go-live on April 5, 2023. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

BRIEFING ON WEIM GOVERNING BODY PLANNING CALENDAR

Anna McKenna – Vice President, Market Policy and Performance, provided a briefing on the WEIM Governing Body planning calendar highlighting upcoming decisional and briefing items planned for their 2023 meetings, including the joint general sessions with the ISO Board of Governors.

Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

There were no informational reports for this meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNED

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