

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES WESTERN EIM GOVERNING BODY MEETING May 16, 2023 Teleconference

May 16, 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
Anita Decker
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

Member Prescott moved for approval of the WEIM Governing Body general session minutes for the March 21, 2023, WEIM Governing Body meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Campbell and approved 4-0, with member Decker abstaining.

CEO REPORT

Elliot Mainzer – President and CEO, first welcomed new ISO Board of Governor Joe Eto and then provided highlights on the following from his CEO report: Summer readiness update; the extended day-ahead market (EDAM) tariff development process and updates on the day-ahead market and resource sufficiency evaluation enhancements phase 2 initiatives; overview of the policy initiatives roadmap process; status of Assembly Bill 538; and the successful onboarding of three new WEIM participants – Avangrid Renewables, El Paso Electric, and Western Area Power Administration Desert Southwest. Mr. Mainzer concluded his report noting the status of publishing the first quarter 2023 WEIM benefits report. Brief discussion ensued.

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 provided an overview of the April BOSR meeting, which included a briefing on the 2023-2025 policy initiatives roadmap; an overview of BOSR’s engagement in the greenhouse gas coordination, resource sufficiency evaluation enhancements, and price formation initiatives, and policy roadmap process. Mr. LeVar concluded by noting that the next BOSR meeting will be held on June 9, 2023.

REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM UPDATE

Josh Walter – Power Contracts and Regional Affairs Manager, Seattle City Light, and Chair of the Regional Issues Forum (RIF), provided an update on behalf of the RIF. Chair Walter first provided highlights of the January 2023 RIF meeting, which included a DAME peer-to-peer discussion and plan for the ISO’s engagement with the RIF and vice versa. Mr. Walter concluded by mentioning the June 21 RIF meeting in Salt Lake City noting a few of the topics planned for the agenda, including a panel discussion on gas issues and electrification in the West.

WEIM GOVERNING BODY MARKET EXPERT OPINION ON DAY-AHEAD MARKET ENHANCEMENTS

Susan Pope – WEIM Governing Body market expert, presented her opinion on the day-ahead market enhancements initiative. Ms. Pope summarized her assessment of the proposal and how the design would apply to the EDAM. Ms. Pope acknowledged the DAME implementation working groups proposed by the ISO in an addendum to its memorandum to the ISO Board of Governors and WEIM Governing Body dated May 15, 2023. Ms. Pope noted her concerns regarding the absence of guiding principles to help establish the criteria for flexible parameters needed to balance tradeoffs among the DAME objectives, which include the impact of the imbalance reserve product on energy price levels, reliability improvements, and solution times of the integrated forward market software. Ms. Pope then noted that these guiding principles could be developed in the implementation working groups, if appropriate. Ms. Pope concluded by noting her support for the implementation working groups, which will test and refine the DAME software prior to implementing the enhancements. 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 the WEIM implementations, including an overview of diagrams showing current WEIM participants, transfer paths in the WEIM, and the latest WEIM map. Mr. Abdul-Rahman

highlighted the recent onboarding of Avangrid Renewables, Western Area Power Administration Desert Southwest, and El Paso Electric into the WEIM, and noted that implementation for the next new entities will not occur until 2025 and 2026. Mr. Abdul-Rahman also mentioned that design and implementation discussions with PacifiCorp are underway as they prepare to join the EDAM. Discussion ensued. Representatives from the new WEIM entities (noted below) commented on behalf of their organizations on their experience and lessons-learned during the implementation process.

Public comment

The following individuals provided comments:

- Dave Hawkins representing El Paso Electric
- Jack Murray representing Western Area Power Administration Desert Southwest
- Tim McCabe representing Avangrid Renewables

BRIEFING ON WEIM GOVERNING BODY PLANNING CALENDAR

Anna McKenna – Vice President, Market Policy and Performance, provided an overview of the WEIM Governing Body planning calendar, noting the upcoming decisional and briefing items planned for the remainder of 2023, 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 comments or questions on the Q1 2023 WEIM Governing Body budget report.

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 2:30 p.m.