

## **GENERAL SESSION MINUTES EIM GOVERNING BODY MEETING May 6, 2020 Web Conference**

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### **May 6, 2020**

The Energy Imbalance Market Governing Body convened the general session teleconference meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

The following members of the executive team were present: Steve Berberich, Roger Collanton, Stacey Crowley, Petar Ristanovic, and Mark Rothleder

### **GENERAL SESSION**

The following agenda items were discussed in general session:

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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

Member Fong moved for approval of the EIM Governing Body general session minutes for the March 12, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Decker 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 stated the GRC held a general session meeting on May 5 and noted that since the last

update to the EIM Governing Body, the GRC has created working groups to address various topics within the scoping document and develop proposed options for each topic. She provided an overview of work that was underway, including the development of guiding principles and a schedule leading up to the posting of the straw proposal, which is targeted for late June / early July. Ms. Hampton stated the draft final proposal was on track to be posted in Q1 2021. Member Fong noted that the GRC would continue to schedule its general session meetings adjacent to the EIM Governing Body meetings. The EIM Governing Body members commended the collaborative work of the GRC and brief discussion followed regarding stakeholder comments. Ms. Hampton noted some of the key topics related to delegation of authority, stakeholder engagement, and the potential need for additional experts for the EIM Governing Body. Brief discussion followed regarding the potential impact of COVID-19 and the proposed schedule. There was no public comment.

## **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 reported that there would be an upcoming change in the BOSR membership as Commissioner White will be leaving to join WECC. Commissioner Tawney stated that Commissioner Thad Levar would serve as the Utah representative on BOSR and that they were still working on filling Commissioner White's spot on the EIM Nominating Committee. She provided highlights of the BOSR's last meeting held on April 29, including: presentation on the delegation of authority topic currently under review by the GRC; presentation from Xcel Energy announcing its intent to join the EIM; and a presentation from Portland General Electric on transmission options in the day ahead market.

Commissioner Tawney next provided an overview of a recent CREPC/WIRAB webinar that she attended as a panelist (Role of Regional States Committees in Wholesale Electricity Market Governance). She stated that the BOSR in continuing to follow the work of the GRC on the governance review proposal as well as the extended day ahead market initiative. She concluded by stating that the BOSR's next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020 in San Diego and is currently an in-person meeting. The EIM Governing Body noted appreciation to Commissioner White for his work on the BOSR and EIM Nominating Committee. There was no public comment.

## **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. Ms. Sporborg provided an overview of the RIF's May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting which included the decision for the RIF to have more frequent, shorter meetings going forward and noted they would still align with the GRC or EIM Governing Body meetings, with the next meeting taking place on June 29<sup>th</sup>. She stated the RIF was also briefed on the future of natural gas and heard from both Seattle City Light and Salt River Project regarding their April 1, 2020

EIM implementations. Brief discussion followed regarding the natural gas presentation to RIF. There was no public comment.

## **BRIEFING ON ISO MITIGATION OF COVID-19 IMPACTS**

Roger Collanton, Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, provided the EIM Governing Body an overview of the ISO's mitigation efforts regarding COVID-19. Mr. Collanton stated the ISO's business continuity plan that has been in place for a number of years has been working well to address COVID-19 impacts. He provided a high-level overview of steps taken by the ISO and stated that reliability of the grid remained strong, the markets were running well and that remote work by staff has been virtually seamless. Brief discussion followed regarding business continuity lessons learned and plans to transition employees back to the office. There was no public comment.

## **BRIEFING ON WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET IMPLEMENTATIONS**

Petar Ristanovic, Vice President – Technology, provided an update on Western EIM implementations and stated that Seattle City Light and Salt River Project were successfully activated in the EIM on April 1, 2020. He stated that the following entities would be implementing in 2021: Balancing Authority of Northern California – Phase 2, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, NorthWestern Energy, PNM and Turlock Irrigation District. Mr. Ristanovic stated the following entities are going through the implementation process for 2022: Avista, Bonneville Power Administration, Tacoma Power and Tucson Electric Power. Next, Mr. Ristanovic provided additional details regarding the April 1 activation of Seattle City Light and Salt River Project and noted it was the smoothest EIM activation to date. Brief discussion followed regarding potential impacts of COVID-19 on remote implementations.

### Public comment

Emeka Anyanwu & Mike Haynes, on behalf of Seattle City Light, provided highlights of the April 1, 2020 activation, including lessons learned, and noted appreciation for the collaborative efforts of the ISO.

Sara McCoy, on behalf of Salt River Project, provided highlights of the April 1, 2020 activation, including lessons learned, and noted appreciation for the collaborative efforts of the ISO.

## **BRIEFING ON WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET BENEFITS**

Mark Rothleder, Vice President – Market Policy and Performance, provided an overview of the Quarter 1 2020 EIM benefits report. He stated that gross economic benefits from the EIM in Quarter 1 were \$57.90 million, bringing the total benefits of EIM since November 2014 to about \$919.69 million. Mr. Rothleder next reported on flexible ramping procurement diversity savings, weekly average prices in EIM areas, estimated wheel through transfers,

and energy transfers for Quarter 1. Mr. Rothleder concluded by providing an overview of the metrics associated with the April 1 implementations of Seattle City Light and Salt River Project. There was no public comment.

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

There were no comments or questions on the following informational reports: EIM Governing Body budget report, EIM Governing Body policy calendar, ISO quarterly financial 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 10:45 a.m.