

**Scott Olson – Avangrid Renewables**

**Statement of Interest**

**WEIM Regional Issues Forum - Independent Power Producers and Marketers Sector Liaison**

I am writing to express my interest as a candidate to fill one of the two open Independent Power Producers and Marketers (“IPPM”) sector liaison roles on the WEIM’s Regional Issues Forum (“RIF”).

Avangrid Renewables owns and operates a portfolio of renewable energy generation facilities across the United States. In April 2023, Avangrid joined the WEIM as the first generation-only balancing authority (“BA”). The company joined the WEIM as a market participant to support and strengthen the energy system of the WEIM footprint with roughly 2.5 GW of installed capacity from operating facilities in the region. As an operational WEIM BA, Avangrid has a vested interest in strong representation from the IPPM sector in the RIF.

My current role is the Director of Policy, Regulation, and Markets with a geographic focus on California, the Desert Southwest, and Intermountain West. I provide coverage to Avangrid’s development, origination, and operational teams on fundamental regulatory matters including interconnection, renewable energy procurement, resource adequacy, integrated resource plans, and transmission siting. Of particular focus are market reforms proposed at the CAISO and regionalization efforts given Avangrid’s position as a WEIM BA. I have worked in the energy sector for 25 years as an engineer, renewable energy consultant, and regulatory affairs lead at a competitive retail electricity and gas provider prior to joining Avangrid in October 2023 (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/scott-olson-116408/>).

I am interested in the role both because of my interest in topics being addressed by the RIF and ability to represent the broader IPPM sector. Near-term decisions being made in the priority topics of the CAISO’s Policy Catalog (namely resource adequacy, interconnection, long-term transmission planning, and regionalization) will shape the direction of the West for years to come. I have been and currently represent IPPM sector members on the Boards of IPPM trade associations, which has allowed me to develop relationships beneficial for IPPM advocacy. Being engaged in RIF policy conversations for the IPPM sector mirrors the core of my priorities for Avangrid.

My representation of the IPPM sector on the RIF will be supported throughout Avangrid, which encompasses other regulatory colleagues in the WECC, project operations staff, and development teams.

Finally, I have existing relationships with the current IPPM RIF representatives, which will assist in a smooth transition.

Thank you for your consideration.

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