

Western Energy Markets Regional Issues Forum

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Pacific Time)

PacifiCorp, 825 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR

7th floor Lloyd Center Tower (escorted from lobby)

In-Person Registration Link: <https://caiso.regfox.com/wem-regional-issues-forum>

Join Web Conference:

<https://caiso.webex.com/caiso/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed279be17944123eb3ee9633e2e715993>

Audio only participation: 1-844-621-3956 with access code: 25049372888

Meeting Objective: The Western Energy Markets (WEM) Regional Issues Forum (RIF) provides stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss broad issues related to WEM. RIF meetings are open to the public and all interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend and participate. The RIF may produce documents or opinions for the benefit of the WEM Governing Body, the California ISO Board of Governors, and the ISO.

**Note: A quorum of Governing Body members may attend a publicly noticed RIF meeting, but a quorum of the Governing Body will not participate, and no votes will be taken. The Governing Body RIF Liaison or Governing Body Chair are identified as speakers. Other Governing Body members who may be in attendance are there in the listen only mode.*

Schedule:		Speaker/Moderator:
9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Welcome, Opening Remarks & Announcements	Meg McNaul, Chair and CAISO Participating Transmission Owner Sector Liaison
9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Roundtable Discussion – CAISO Policy Initiatives Catalog and Roadmap During this session, the RIF will conduct the annual Policy Initiatives Catalog and Roadmap Roundtable discussion of stakeholder policy priorities for inclusion in the CAISO Policy Initiatives Catalog and Roadmap. Each sector of the RIF will present their priorities for CAISO policy initiatives and engage in an open discussion among stakeholders regarding topics and prioritization. The RIF liaisons encourage stakeholders to contact their sector liaisons to provide input on policy initiatives and priorities for discussion at the RIF meeting.	<i>Facilitators:</i> Jonathan Rumble, CAISO Participating Transmission Owner Sector Liaison Josh Walter, WEIM Entities Sector Liaison

10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	RIF Enhancements As a follow up to the panel discussion held during the October 29, 2024 RIF meeting and in alignment with the structure of the stakeholder process in the West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative Step 2 Final Proposal, the RIF is evaluating whether and how its role within CAISO stakeholder processes related to the Western Energy Markets should evolve. The RIF liaisons will present and discuss ideas for stakeholder consideration and seek input on possible changes to the RIF.	Meg McNaul Allie Mace, Vice-Chair and Federal Power Marketing Administration Sector Liaison Mary Wiencke, Consumer-Owned Utility Sector
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Break	
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Market Seams Join RIF liaisons and expert panelists for the first of two conversations about market seams. A market “seam” is created when neighboring utilities are part of separate energy markets, and we expect such a reality to emerge in the Western Interconnection. Panelists will provide an introduction to market seams, beginning with a discussion of what market seams are and why they are important. Next, the panel will look beyond the West to hear about experiences managing seams between eastern RTOs and lessons learned. Finally, the panel will share how the West handles existing seams and discussion of how the West may be different from other regions.	<i>Facilitators:</i> Allie Mace Vijay Satyal, Public Interest Groups and Consumer Advocates Sector Liaison <i>Panelists:</i> Richard Doying, GridStrategies Todd Kochheiser, Bonneville Power Administration John Tsoukalis, The Brattle Group
12:30 p.m.	Closing remarks and wrap up	Allie Mace

Links:

- [Regional Issues Forum Enhancements Project Discussion Paper](#)
 - [RIF Enhancements Project Discussion Paper – Comment Template](#)
 - Submit Comments to EIMRIF@caiso.com
- [RIF Webpage](#) (future meetings, presentation materials, documents, etc.)
- Subscribe to the [Regional Issues Forum email list](#) to receive updates on the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM), the Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM), and the California ISO.