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WEM Regional Issues Forum Perspective on Policy Roadmap Initiative

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Regional Issues Forum (RIF) Overview

What is the Regional Issues Forum (RIF)?

- Independent stakeholder body for Western Energy Markets (WEIM/EDAM)
- Provides open, transparent stakeholder forum to review sector-level priorities
- Facilitates stakeholder input on ISO policy initiatives and governance

What are RIF Liaisons?

- Volunteer representatives from each sector
- Coordinate feedback from their sectors and present collective positions
- Partner with ISO staff on stakeholder engagement and policy development

RIF Sectors & Today's Perspective

RIF Sectors

- EDAM Entities
- California ISO Participating Transmission Owners
- Consumer Owned Utilities
- **Independent Power Producers & Marketers**
- Public Interest Organizations and Consumer Advocates
- Federal Power Marketing Administrations
- EIM Entities

Today, I am sharing the perspective of the RIF liaisons representing these sectors on the 2025-2028 Policy Initiatives Roadmap and future RIF enhancements.

Independent Power Producers & Marketers Sector

Independent Power Producers & Marketers Sector Overview

Sector Composition:

- 86 voluntary registered entities
- Competitive power providers (renewable, fossil, storage)
- Competitive electricity service providers and power marketers
- Financial institutions and demand response/ virtual power plant developers

Core Belief:

Well-functioning competitive wholesale electricity markets are the foundation for reliable power at lowest cost while meeting environmental goals

Independent Power Producers & Marketers Sector Feedback: 2025 Roadmap

Process Feedback:

- Annual process is timely for time-sensitive initiatives
- Recommend greater transparency on proposal acceptance/rejection
- Support assurance of near-term and mid-term (2-3 years) planning

2025 Highest Priority Initiatives:

- EDAM Enhancements
 - Allocation of Congestion Revenues
 - Intertie Bidding, Seams, Convergence Bidding
- Storage (Non-Generating Resource) Enhancements
 - Bid cost recovery reform, Co-located Resource Ancillary Dispatch
- Transmission Planning Process Enhancements
 - Grid Enhancing Technology Integration into the Transmission Planning Process

RIF Enhancement Project: Transition to Stakeholder Representatives Committee

Enhancements to Policy Initiatives Catalog & Roadmap process:

- Annual round table process: Aligns with current practice
- Indicative voting: Gauge stakeholder positions on catalog and roadmap
- Enhanced reporting: Regular updates to WEM Governing Body

Timeline:

- 2025-2026: draft final proposal was published on November 26. Soliciting feedback from stakeholders on the draft final proposal.
- 2026 onwards: Work with Pathways to develop a transition plan that both pathways and RIF liaisons can endorse