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GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
WESTERN ENERGY MARKETS GOVERNING BODY MEETING
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The Western Energy Markets (WEM) Governing Body convened the general session meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

ATTENDANCE
The following members of the WEM Governing Body were in attendance:

Rebecca Wagner, Chair
Andrew Campbell, Vice Chair
Anita Decker
Robert Kondziolka
Deborah Smith

GENERAL SESSION

Chair Wagner provided opening remarks starting with welcoming new member Deborah Smith to the Governing Body. She then highlighted the agenda items and concluded by noting the Governing Body assignments for the various Committees and working groups, which are as follows: Vice Chair Campbell – Department of Market Monitoring Oversight Committee (non-voting member); Member Kondziolka – Market Expert working group; Member Decker – Regional Issues Forum representative and working group member; Vice Chair Campbell and Member Decker - Pathways Formation Committee; and Chair Wagner – Nominating Committee. Discussion ensued.

DECISION ON GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

Member Decker moved for approval of the WEM Governing Body general session minutes for the June 18, 2025, WEM Governing Body meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Kondziolka and approved 4-0, with member Smith abstaining.

PRIMARY AUTHORITY UPDATE

Roger Collanton – Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary, provided an overview of the primary authority process as part of the West-Wide Governance Pathways Step 1 governances changes. Mr. Collanton noted that under the new governance structure, the Governing Body has primary authority over western energy imbalance market (WEIM) and extended day-ahead market (EDAM) tariff rule changes which, if approved, would then go on the Board's consent agenda. Mr. Collanton provided an overview of the three-day meeting process followed by an overview of the dispute resolution and dual filing option. Mr. Collanton concluded by noting that the governance change has no impact on the ISO's existing stakeholder engagement process. Discussion ensued.

CEO REPORT

Elliot Mainzer – President and CEO, first welcomed Governing Body member Smith and then provided a summary of regional market-related items in his report, which included the following topics: Public Service Company of New Mexico's announcement to join the EDAM; EDAM onboarding and implementation activities; and the EDAM congestion revenue allocation FERC filing and future initiative to discuss additional enhancements. Mr. Mainzer concluded by highlighting key topics on the meeting agenda.

REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM UPDATE

Lindsey Schlekeway – Market Policy Director, NV Energy, and Vice Chair of the Regional Issues Forum (RIF), provided an update regarding RIF's recent activities. Vice Chair Schlekeway first congratulated the Governing Body on its transition from joint to primary authority. She then noted that the RIF's primary focus has been on advancing the RIF enhancements project, which included reviewing stakeholder comments on the current proposal and developing the next iteration of the proposal based on the input received. Vice Chair Schlekeway concluded by noting that the RIF is planning the agenda for their Fall meeting (tentatively scheduled for October) which will include an update on the RIF enhancements project as well as other topics of regional interest (still to be determined). Brief discussion ensued.

DECISION ON WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET ASSISTANCE ENERGY TRANSFER PROPOSAL

Mr. Collanton acknowledged the public comment letter received from Avangrid that was addressed to the WEM Governing Body and ISO Board of Governors.

Danny Johnson – Manager, Policy Development – Market Design, first highlighted the proposed changes to the WEIM assistance energy transfer (AET) rules, which included removal of the December 31, 2025, sunset provision for the AET feature and creation of an exemption for AET surcharges that arise following a WEIM balancing area taking actions with a reliability coordinator. Next, Mr. Johnson provided background on AET and then discussed the drivers for the proposed changes. Mr. Johnson concluded by providing an overview of stakeholder positions. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Eric Hildebrandt – Executive Director, Department of Market Monitoring (DMM), provided comments on behalf of the DMM noting their overall support of the proposal. Additional discussion ensued.

Public comment

The following provided comments:

- Scott Ranzal on behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric
- Lauren Carr on behalf of California Community Choice Association

Motion

Member Kondziolka:

> ***Moved, that the WEM Governing Body approves the Western Energy Imbalance Market assistance energy transfer proposal as described in the memorandum dated July 15, 2025; and***
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> ***Moved, that the WEM Governing Body authorizes Management to make all necessary and appropriate filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to implement the changes proposed in this memorandum, including any filings that implement the overarching initiative policy but contain discrete revisions to incorporate Commission guidance in any initial ruling on the proposed tariff amendment.***

The motion was seconded by Member Decker and approved 5-0.

PARTICIPANT UPDATE REGARDING THE DECISION TO JOIN THE EXTENDED DAY-AHEAD MARKET (TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT)

Trisha Blevins – Energy Markets Department Manager, Turlock Irrigation District (TID) provided an update on behalf of TID's decision to join the extended day-ahead market (EDAM).

Ms. Blevins first provided an overview of TID's service territory and then highlighted the benefits it has experienced participating in the WEIM. Ms. Blevins then highlighted the economic, reliability and environmental benefits that factored into TID's decision to join the EDAM. Brief discussion ensued.

The update from the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) was deferred until later in the meeting.

Public comment

No public comment was offered at this time.

BRIEFING ON SPOTLIGHT POLICY INITIATIVE: GAS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mr. Johnson provided a spotlight briefing on the gas resource management initiative starting with background information. He then noted that electric and gas market timelines are misaligned, which creates challenges for resource operators, and then he reviewed an example of the market processes. Next, Mr. Johnson noted that input received from stakeholders and the Market Surveillance Committee helped shape the direction of the initiative. Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the changes proposed in the initiative, which include the following: Update the two day-ahead market processes to provide advisory estimates of resource schedules; provide additional flexibility in representing costs during conditions of elevated uncertainty; and standardize and extend existing reliability tools to the entire market footprint.

Ms. Schlekeway provided perspectives on behalf of NV Energy first by highlighting the concerns NV Energy raised in the stakeholder process and then noted that NV Energy is supportive of the ISO's proposal. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

The following provided comments:
- Kathy Anderson on behalf of NV Energy

PARTICIPANT UPDATE REGARDING DECISION TO JOIN THE WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET AND THE EXTENDED DAY-AHEAD MARKET (IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT)

Paul Rodriguez – Deputy Power Manager, Imperial Irrigation District (IID), provided an update on IID's decision to join the WEIM and EDAM starting with an overview of IID's electric and transmission systems and its generation portfolio. Mr. Rodriguez highlighted the financial and reliability benefits that led to IID's decision to pursue joining the WEIM and EDAM concurrently. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

No public comment was offered at this time.

BRIEFING ON POLICY INITIATIVES

Becky Robinson – Director, Market Design and Analysis, provided updates on active policy initiatives for various regional market-related policy initiatives, which included the following: EDAM congestion revenue allocation; congestion revenue rights enhancements; storage design and modeling; demand and distributed energy market integration; price formation enhancements; greenhouse gas coordination working group; and the policy initiatives catalog and roadmap. Ms. Robinson responded to various inquiries from the Governing Body throughout her presentation.

Public comment

There was no public comment offered at this time

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

The Governing Body requested that the WEIM-related pricing information in the market performance informational report be presented at a future Governing Body meeting and ISO Management committed to providing the details in future WEIM benefits and market update briefing materials.

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 3:00 p.m.