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Angelina Galiteva named first woman to chair ISO Board of Governors Board member Ashutosh Bhagwat selected as vice chair

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) Board of Governors yesterday unanimously elected Angelina Galiteva to serve as its Chair. She becomes the first woman in the ISO's more than two decade history to hold the position.

"I am honored to be selected by my colleagues as the new chair of the ISO Board of Governors," said Galiteva, who has served on the Board since 2011, including serving as vice chair for the past two years. "I look forward to continuing to work with my fellow board members, the ISO management team, incoming ISO President and CEO Elliot Mainzer, and our stakeholders and partners to advance California's ambitious environmental, economic and decarbonization goals.

"The ISO plays a critical role in the overall success of integrating renewables and supporting technologies onto our grid while maintaining reliability, increasing customer value, and controlling costs," she said. "I am excited to step into this new role, and I am optimistic about California's transition to a carbon free energy future."

Galiteva, who was reappointed to a third term on the ISO Board by Gov. Gavin Newsom in March 2020, is an internationally-recognized and respected ambassador for renewable energy resources. During her nine years on the Board, she helped guide the ISO to become a global leader in integrating renewable energy into our market. She supported and approved policies that created the successful Western Energy Imbalance Market, which has accelerated the decarbonization of the electricity sector while saving consumers more than \$1 billion since its launch in 2014.

Galiteva also was instrumental in approving policies that optimized power markets and allowed the ISO to assume reliability coordinator responsibilities for most of the Western Interconnection. As the first Chair of the newly created Department of Market Monitoring (DMM) Committee, Galiteva led the establishment of the DMM's foundational mechanisms for oversight and administration, which solidified the DMM's necessary independence, and increased its scope and effectiveness.

"Angelina Galiteva has tremendous industry experience and proven leadership that will guide the ISO Board of Governors to meet the state's clean energy goals, expand the real-time energy market, and integrate new distributed energy resources while enhancing grid reliability," said David Olsen, the current Board Chair.



“I congratulate Angelina Galiteva on her new role and look forward to a productive partnership with her and the Board of Governors as we drive to reliably decarbonize the grid by incorporating new and innovative market platforms and technologies,” said ISO President and CEO Elliot Mainzer.

Among her many accomplishments, Galiteva is the founder of Renewables 100 Policy Institute, and serves as a US Department of State expert speaker on renewable energy and power grid issues. She has also undertaken numerous high-level international missions serving as an expert.

Prior to serving on the ISO’s Board of Governors, Galiteva was the executive director of Strategic Planning for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and led its Green LA, Environmental Affairs and New Product Development Organization.

Galiteva earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1993 from Pace University School of Law and an LL.M. degree in Environmental and Energy Law a year later.

The board also selected Ashutosh Bhagwat as its Vice Chair. Both will begin their new positions today.

“Angelina Galiteva has spent her career focused on finding leading edge policies to integrate renewable energy and new distributed energy technologies to further advance the modernization of the grid,” said Steve Berberich, who retired earlier this week as ISO’s CEO. “Ashutosh has been dedicated to resolving the many challenges that come with modernizing the grid and is an excellent choice as vice chair of the Board.”

Ashutosh Bhagwat, who has served on the Board since 2011, was reappointed by Gov. Newsom in March 2020 to a third term that expires on Dec. 31, 2022.

Bhagwat is professor of law at the University of California at Davis School of Law. From 1994 to 2011, he served as professor of law at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. He has taught courses in antitrust, regulated industries, administrative and constitutional law.

Bhagwat received his undergraduate degree from Yale University, graduating summa cum laude with Honors in History in 1986. He was awarded a Juris Doctor with Honors degree in 1990 from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was the Articles Editor of the University of Chicago Law Review.

For more information on the ISO’s Board of Governors, including their biographies, please visit the ISO webpage [here](#).

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The Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governing Body is the governing authority designed by regional stakeholders with delegated authority from the ISO Board of Governors to resolve rules specific to participation in the Western EIM.