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Arizona energy leader appointed to Western EIM Governing Body

FOLSOM, Calif. – The Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governing Body yesterday unanimously voted to appoint Robert Kondziolka to serve as a member, beginning February 1.

Mr. Kondziolka has 40 years of electricity industry experience, most recently as Salt River Project's management consultant for Grid Resiliency and Security. He retired from that position in December 2019.

Throughout his career, Mr. Kondziolka has served as Salt River Project's director of Transmission Line Design, Construction & Maintenance; director of Power Delivery Engineering; director of Transmission & Generation Operations; executive manager of Transmission Planning and Development; manager of Transmission Line Design; project engineer for the Mead Phoenix Project; and supervisor for Transmission Line Structural and Geotechnical Engineering. Mr. Kondziolka was also a senior engineer at Salt River Project and design engineer at Tucson Electric Power.

The five-member Western EIM Governing Body oversees the Western EIM, a real-time bulk power trading market and the first of its kind in the western United States. The Governing Body members are nominated by a committee of western stakeholders and have experience in public power, investor-owned utilities, and state regulatory agencies.

Since its launch in 2014, the Western EIM has enhanced grid reliability while generating \$801.07 million in gross benefits for its participating entities, and reducing 418,031 metric tons of carbon emissions in the eight western states.

Participants in the EIM includes the ISO, PacifiCorp, NV Energy, Arizona Public Service, Puget Sound Energy, Portland General Electric, Idaho Power, Powerex, and Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC) Phase 1.

The Western EIM anticipates to expand with the participation of Salt River Project, and Seattle City Light in 2020; Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, NorthWestern Energy, Turlock Irrigation District, Public Service Company of New Mexico, and BANC

Phase 2 in 2021; and Tucson Electric Power, Avista, Tacoma Power, and Bonneville Power Administration in 2022.

Xcel Energy, together with Black Hills Colorado Electric, Colorado Springs Utilities, and Platte River Power Authority, announced in December 2019 their intent to join the Western EIM. The group is working with the ISO to finalize the implementation agreement and determine a potential date to join the market with a target of 2021.

Visit the [Western EIM](#) website for more information on the market.

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