Decision on transmission service and market scheduling priorities – phase 1

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EIM Governing Body Role

• Phase 1 of the initiative falls within the EIM Governing Body’s advisory role.

• The proposal would modify rules that govern whether and to what extent schedules for wheeling through transactions and exports from the CAISO balancing authority area would receive priority.
Management proposes to extend the interim wheeling through scheduling priorities through June 1, 2024

- Provides certainty on rules for wheeling through the ISO
  - supports contracting for next summer operations

- Retains balanced protections for native load and priority wheel throughs
  - requirements for establishing wheeling priority limits amount of high priority wheel through transactions
  - maintains opportunity for parity of priority for wheel through shown 45 days ahead as ISO load

- Allows for time to focus on a long-term durable solution to establish a transmission reservation process
Propose a change to how variable energy resources can support high priority exports

• Current rules require resources supporting a high-priority exports have sufficient capacity for the entire hour
  – requirement can be met by a variable energy resource based on the forecast at the time of bid submission
  – problematic when real-time bids are submitted soon after the day-ahead market close because the forecast may overstate available capacity

• Propose to require variable energy resources supporting high-priority exports be based on the most recent forecast ahead of the real-time market close for the relevant hour
Propose data availability and systems enhancements in response to stakeholder requests

• Post additional data on ISO website related to wheeling through and export transactions

• Systems enhancements to foster coordination between supporting resources and scheduling coordinators submitting high priority exports
  – further visibility on resources’ non-resource adequacy capacity
  – provide notification when high priority export schedules exceed the non-resource adequacy capacity of the supporting resource
Stakeholders largely support the proposal

• Support extension of the market scheduling priorities to provide time to develop long-term framework
  – however, recognition that extension is a compromise and seeking the ISO prioritize work on the long-term framework in 2022

• Acknowledge that the data availability enhancements are responsive to their needs and will provide added benefit in informing intertie transactions under interim framework
Management proposes that the Board approve its proposal to extend the interim wheel through scheduling priorities framework until June 1, 2024

- Provides certainty to the market that current rules will be in place for next two summers
- Enhances provisions for variable energy resources supporting high priority export transactions
- Allows the ISO and stakeholders to focus on developing a comprehensive long-term solution for allocating available transmission capacity through a transmission reservation process
Motion

Moved, that the EIM Governing Body will/will not provide verbal advisory input to the ISO Board of Governors, as discussed at its January 20, 2022 joint general session meeting, supporting/opposing/taking no position on Management’s transmission services and market scheduling priorities proposal.

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Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors approves extending the currently effective, interim wheeling through self-schedule tariff provisions and to make other tariff changes as described in the memorandum dated January 14, 2022; and

Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors authorizes Management to make all necessary and appropriate filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to implement the proposal described in the 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.

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