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### Electric industry leader named to Western EIM Governing Body

FOLSOM, Calif. – The Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governing Body today unanimously appointed Anita Decker to serve on the EIM Governing Body. Decker, former executive director of the Northwest Public Power Association, will begin on Sept. 1, filling a vacant seat with a term that ends in June 2020.

The 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. Since its launch in 2014, the Western EIM has enhanced grid reliability while generating \$736 million in benefits to its nine participating entities, and reducing 403,546 metric tons of carbon emissions in the western states.

“Anita Decker’s experience in nearly all aspects of the electric power industry makes her a valuable addition to the EIM Governing Body,” said Jennifer Gardner, the EIM Governing Body Nominating Committee Chair. “Her perspective will be particularly important as the Western EIM continues to experience rapid growth and offers additional services to meet customer needs and address regulatory and legislative mandates as the power industry evolves.”

Decker brings 39 years of electric utility experience, most recently as executive director of the Northwest Public Power Association from 2014 to 2019, overseeing an organization that provides legislative and regulatory support and training to more than 150 community-owned electric utilities and electric cooperatives in nine western states and British Columbia.

Between 2007 and 2014, Decker served as the chief operating officer for the Bonneville Power Administration, including a stint as acting administrator for the Western Area Power Administration. She was responsible for Bonneville Power Administration’s power services, transmission services, internal business services and environment, fish and wildlife.

Decker’s career also includes a 27-year stint with PacificCorp, where she held positions in Oregon, Wyoming, and Utah, rising to the role of business unit vice president.

The EIM Governing Body oversees the Western EIM as its membership grows with the ISO and eight other Balancing Authorities. Future participants of the Western EIM include the Salt River Project, and Seattle City Light in 2020; Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, NorthWestern Energy, Turlock Irrigation District, and the Public Service Company of New Mexico in 2021; and Tucson Electric Power, Avista, and Tacoma Power in 2022.

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