GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
JOINT SESSION – BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND
WEIM GOVERNING BODY MEETING
February 9, 2022
Teleconference

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The WEIM Governing Body and the ISO Board of Governors convened the joint general session meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the ISO Board of Governors were in attendance:

Ash Bhagwat, Chair
Mary Leslie, Vice Chair
Severin Borenstein
Angelina Galiteva
Jan Schori

The following members of the EIM Governing Body were in attendance:

Anita Decker, Chair
Robert Kondziolka, Vice Chair
Valerie Fong
Jennifer Gardner
John Prescott

GENERAL SESSION

The following agenda items were discussed in general session:

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.
DECISION ON JOINT GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

Member Prescott moved for approval of the Board of Governors and WEIM Governing Body joint general session minutes for the December 16, 2021, and January 20, 2022, meetings. The motion was seconded by Member Fong and approved 5-0 by the WEIM Governing Body and 5-0 by the Board of Governors.

CEO REPORT

Elliot Mainzer, President and CEO, provided highlights of the following sections of his CEO report: EDAM progress, wheel-throughs, Western EIM resource sufficiency evaluation enhancements, Western energy imbalance market benefits report, 10-year transmission plan and 20-year transmission outlook, summer reliability, summer readiness roundtable, new WEIM Governance Review Committee membership, and an update on the pandemic response.

WEIM GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE

Therese Hampton, Chair – WEIM Governance Review Committee, provided an update to the Board of Governors and WEIM Governing Body on behalf of the WEIM Governance Review Committee. She provided complimentary remarks to both the Board and WEIM Governing Body for their work in selecting the new Western EIM Governance Committee members. Ms. Hampton stated the WEIM Governance Review Committee would be meeting in general session on February 17 to discuss the elements of governance that are implicated by the EDAM market design and highlighted the Committee would be seeking stakeholder input in determining what issues should be addressed in the its proposal document. Brief discussed followed.

DECISION ON WESTERN EIM RESOURCE SUFFICIENCY EVALUATION ENHANCEMENTS – PHASE 1

Roger Collanton, Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary, acknowledged receipt of public comment letters from Bonneville Power Administration, Powerex, and NV Energy, that were provided to the Board of Governors and WEIM Governing Body.

Greg Cook, Executive Director, Market and Infrastructure Policy – provided the WEIM Governing Body and the Board of Governors an overview of Management’s resource sufficiency evaluation enhancements phase 1 proposal and noted the first set of enhancements were scheduled to be implemented by summer 2022. Next, Mr. Cook summarized the proposed enhancements to the capacity and flexible ramping tests.
Mr. Cook noted stakeholders generally supported the proposal but stated some stakeholders were concerned that the enhancements for counting capacity did not go far enough and could continue over-counting available supply. He further noted that some stakeholders believed that hourly western energy imbalance market participation should be limited following the declaration of a NERC energy emergency alert 2. Mr. Cook informed the Board of Governors and WEIM Governing Body that the ISO was committed to resolving the identified issues and would be starting phase 1b of this initiative with a workshop on February 16. Mr. Cook concluded by summarizing the benefits of the incremental enhancements and stated the initiative fell under joint authority. Discussion ensued regarding uncertainty analysis and Management provided responsive comments.

Market Surveillance Committee comment

Scott Harvey, Market Surveillance Committee member, provided an overview of the Committee’s final opinion submitted as part of the stakeholder initiative. Discussion followed and Dr. Harvey provided responsive comments.

Department of Market Monitoring comment

Ryan Kurlinski, Manager – Market Monitoring, provided an overview of the comments submitted by the Department of Market Monitoring as part of the stakeholder initiative. Discussion followed.

Public comment

No public comment was offered at this time.

Next, interactive discussion ensued amongst the WEIM Governing Body, Board of Governors and Management.

Motion:

Chair Bhagwat:

Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors and EIM Governing Body approve the resource sufficiency enhancements as described in the memorandum dated February 2, 2022; and

Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors and the EIM Governing Body authorize 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.

The motion was seconded by Chair Decker and approved, with a vote of 5-0 Board of Governors and 5-0 WEIM Governing Body.

DECISION ON ADJUSTMENT TO INTERTIE CONSTRAIN PENALTY PRICES

Guillermo Bautista Alderete, Director – Market Analysis and Forecasting, presented Management’s proposal regarding adjustment to intertie constrain penalty prices. Mr. Bautista Alderete shared a graph that illustrated the July 9, 2021, conditions pertaining to two northern interties that experienced significant derates due to the Bootleg fire, and explained how the market allowed the intertie limits to be exceeded. Mr. Bautista Alderete concluded by providing an overview of the benefits of the proposal and stated that stakeholders did not oppose the changes. However, he acknowledged the suggestion by Powerex to delay the initiative due to unintended consequences. Discussion followed and Management provided responsive comments.

Public comment

No public comment was offered at this time.

Motion:
Member Fong:

*Moved, that, as discussed at the February 9, 2022 meeting, the EIM Governing Body advises the ISO Board of Governors, that it supports Management’s adjustment to intertie constraint penalty prices proposal described in the memorandum dated February 2, 2022.*

The motion was seconded by Member Kondziolka and approved 5-0.
Motion:
Governor Galiteva:

Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors approves Management’s adjustment to intertie constraint penalty prices proposal as described in the memorandum dated February 2, 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.

The motion was seconded by Governor Leslie and approved 5-0.

BRIEFING ON ANNUAL ROADMAP AND 3-YEAR PLAN

Greg Cook, Executive Director, Market and Infrastructure Policy – provided the Board of Governors and WEIM Governing Body a briefing on the 2022 three-year policy initiatives roadmap and annual plan. Mr. Cook stated the roadmap was developed through a stakeholder process that prioritized the policy initiatives the ISO would undertake over the next three years. He provided an overview of the three primary drivers for the 2022 policy roadmap: (1) increased resource and load variability, (2) increasing amounts of storage resources, and (3) economic and reliability benefits of greater integration of western markets. He next provided an overview of the key initiatives within the market design and regional markets sector and the resource adequacy, transmission, demand response, distributed energy resources and storage sectors. To conclude, Mr. Cook reported that stakeholders generally support the focus of the 2022 draft policy initiatives roadmap and annual plan but have concerns regarding prioritization and feasibility of some of the initiatives. Discussion followed.

Public comment

No public comment was offered at this time.

ADJOURNED

There being no general session matters to discuss, the joint general session was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.