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ISO Board & WEIM Governing Body fill GRC vacancy

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) Board and Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) Governing Body jointly appointed Jeff Nelson of Southern California Edison (SCE) to fill a vacancy on the WEIM Governance Review Committee (GRC) yesterday.

As SCE's Director of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Rate and Market Integration, Nelson has extensive experience in the ISO market and governance. He has played a key role in his company's market design engagement efforts, including with the WEIM and EDAM, as well as renewable, storage and distributed resource integration initiatives.

"I welcome Jeff Nelson to the WEIM Governance Review Committee," said ISO President and CEO Elliot Mainzer. "He joins at a pivotal time and ensures a full complement of regional representatives with a broad range of perspectives as they work to develop governance enhancements that support the Extended Day-Ahead Market."

Nelson will fill the vacancy on the GRC created when Andrew Campbell was appointed to the WEIM Governing Body on June 30.

An active and ongoing participant in WEIM stakeholder proceedings, Nelson was nominated to serve on the GRC based on recommendations from the Participating Transmission Owners sector.

The GRC advises the ISO Board of Governors and WEIM Governing Body on potential governance refinements and is currently reviewing enhancements to support creation of an Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM).

Operated by the ISO, the WEIM is designed to enable participants to buy and sell power close to the time electricity is consumed. With state-of-the-art technology, the market finds and delivers lowest-cost resources to meet immediate power needs and manages congestion on transmission lines to maintain grid reliability. The WEIM also provides system operators real-time visibility across neighboring grids, resulting in a more efficient balancing of supply and demand.

Earlier this year, the WEIM exceeded \$2 billion in cumulative benefits for its members, demonstrating the value created by diverse energy resources and enhanced transmission efficiencies while reducing greenhouse gas emissions for participants throughout the West.

Building on that success, the ISO is collaborating with utilities, independent power producers, regulators, environmental advocates and other stakeholders to develop an Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM). By optimizing diverse generation resources and transmission connectivity on a day-ahead basis across the WEIM's wide geographic footprint, market participants and consumers could realize even greater reliability, economic and environmental benefits.

The WEIM footprint includes portions of Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and extends to the border with Canada. By 2023, the active WEIM participants are expected to represent nearly 80% of the load within the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).

Visit the [WEIM website](#) for more information about participants, the market, previous benefits reports, governance, the Governing Body meeting schedule and initiatives. Additional information about the GRC's role and responsibility is available on the [WEIM website](#).

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The Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) is a real-time wholesale energy trading market that enables participants anywhere in the West to buy and sell energy when needed. The WEIM Governing Body is the governing authority designed by regional stakeholders and has shared authority with the ISO Board of Governors to resolve rules specific to participation in the WEIM.