

Memorandum

To: ISO Board of Governors
From: Doug Howe, Chair, EIM Governing Body
Date: October 25, 2017
Re: **EIM Governing Body Chair report**

This memorandum does not require Board action.

Since the last report to the ISO Board of Governors on September 12, 2017, the EIM Governing Body members have continued their outreach program. The Governing Body met in executive session once during the period, on October 10, 2017. Further activities included attendance by some members at the Body of State Regulators (BOSR) in-person meeting on October 16, the Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC) meeting, the California ISO Symposium and the California-Germany Bilateral Conference. With the exception of the Symposium and the California-Germany Bilateral conference, these events are described in further detail below.

EIM Governing Body Meeting, October 11, 2017

The EIM Governing Body General Session had been scheduled for October 11 but was cancelled by the Governing Body because the only decisional item on the agenda, the Consolidated EIM Initiatives, was delayed by ISO management. The intention is to bring that initiative before the Governing Body at the scheduled November 29, 2017 Governing Body General Session.

The Governing Body held a telephonic executive session on October 10, 2017 to discuss EIM Governing Body planning and personnel issues.

BOSR Meeting, October 16, 2017

Members Howe and Schmidt attended the in-person BOSR meeting held in Reno, Nevada, prior to the CREPC meeting to be held in the same location. Principal among the agenda items were the following:

- 1) Commissioner Doug Little (Arizona Corporation Commission) resigned from the ACC and the BOSR upon his appointment as a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and External Affairs at the US Department of Energy. We congratulate Commissioner Little on his service and dedication to the BOSR and the success of the western energy imbalance market. The Arizona representative to the BOSR has not yet be named.

- 2) Commissioner Ann Rendahl (Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission) after 2 years as Chair of the BOSR, has stepped down from that position. Commissioner Rendahl was elected Vice-Chair of the BOSR and Commissioner Jordan White of the Utah Public Service Commission was elected Chair. Commissioner Rendahl will also serve as the BOSR representative to the EIM Nominating Committee.
- 3) The Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB) will assume the administrative duties of the BOSR and the BOSR's Staff Advisory Committee (SAC). Commissioner Rendahl expressed her thanks to the staff of the ISO for their support of the BOSR over the past two years, without which it would have been difficult to facilitate BOSR meetings.

CREPC Meeting, October 16-17, 2017

The CREPC meeting convened immediately following the adjournment of the BOSR meeting. Members Howe and Schmidt attended. Presentations were made on: Power Purchase Agreements in WECC; Retail Customer Choice in WECC; Coal Plant Closures in WECC; Energy Storage among other topics. Stacey Crowley, Vice President - Regional and Federal Affairs, gave a presentation on the WEIM and ISO market expansion efforts.

Notable was a presentation by Steve Beuning of Xcel Energy and Sam Loudenslager of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) on the status of the Mountain West Transmission Group's progress to joining the SPP.

Implementation and Planning Forum (IPF), October 17, 2017

The IPF is an ad hoc organization of existing and committed WEIM Balancing Area Authorities (BAAs). They meet periodically to discuss various WEIM operations-oriented implementation issues, with the intent of facilitating knowledge transfer, especially to committed WEIM BAAs that are still in the implementation phase (pre-operational). At the invitation of the chair of the IPF, EIM Governing Body members Prescott, Fong and Schmidt attended the October 17 meeting.

Outreach Activities

On September 25-28, 2017, Member Prescott attended the Germany-US meeting on Energiewende (energy transition) in Berlin. Member Prescott was selected to the US delegation at the invitation of Stefan Bird, CEO of Pacificorp.

On October 2, 2017, Member Prescott presented to the Western Power Trading Forum, an organization of about 50 members involved in (primarily) western power trading.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the EIM Governing Body is scheduled for November 29, 2017 in Boise, Idaho. It will be preceded on November 28 by an in-person Regional Issues Forum meeting.