

Memorandum

To: ISO Board of Governors
From: Rebecca Wagner, EIM Transitional Committee Chair
Date: September 11, 2014
Re: Update on activities of EIM Transitional Committee

This memorandum does not require Board action.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

The EIM TC has met three times including an executive session teleconference. These meetings focused on the election of the Chair, organizing, setting meeting schedule and locations, receiving briefings from ISO staff on the status of EIM as well as briefings on the regulatory and legal framework under which the ISO currently operates. While a significant portion of these foundational meetings have been in executive session, we anticipate that much of our discussion going forward will be in general session, available to all stakeholders.

We have proposed an aggressive schedule (attached and posted on the ISO webpage) to provide a proposed EIM governance structure to the ISO Board by September 2015. This timeline includes a deliberation process similar to the ISO stakeholder process. In order to have broad engagement, we have planned meetings throughout the west to maximize regional stakeholder participation.

In order to develop a straw proposal on a governance framework in a timely manner, the EIM TC has developed two initial working groups dedicated to governance issues. The governance working groups are comprised of the Scope of Authority (Scoping) Working Group and the EIM Body Structure (Structure) Working Group. Each group is tasked with identifying and vetting scoping and structural issues that will ultimately become the foundation of the governance proposal. We anticipate that other working groups, including a technical working group, may be created as necessary.

Each working group is comprised of up to five members with one member to be designated as the lead. ISO legal staff has been asked to draft a set of preliminary concepts to initiate the process for each of the governance working groups. The working groups will begin meeting as soon as possible to develop their tasks and deliverables and provide regular briefings to me.

GO-LIVE READINESS

Pursuant to the Charter, the EIM TC may advise the Board of Governors on the final testing and early operational phases of the EIM. While we have received public briefings from ISO staff on certain matters related to implementation and support expansion of the real-time market, the Committee does not have sufficient collective experience, information, and perspective to meaningfully advise the Board on market readiness or operational issues prior to “go-live”. As such, we will not be providing an opinion on such matters at this time.

NEXT STEPS

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 23 – following the ISO Stakeholder Symposium. We will be meeting at the California Energy Commission and we will be receiving briefings from ISO management on the EIM, including a presentation from the Department of Marketing Monitoring. We will also provide updates from the working groups.

I plan to provide the Board of Governors with periodic updates, generally at your scheduled Board meetings. Additionally, I will report back to the Committee on any guidance and feedback that you may provide along the way.

SUMMARY

The EIM TC is a very engaged group. I am impressed with the skills and broad range of expertise of the committee members and I am confident we will deliver a well-reasoned, comprehensive governance proposal and meaningful guidance over the course of the next year.