



**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
JOINT SESSION – ISO BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND
WESTERN ENERGY MARKETS GOVERNING BODY MEETING
February 12, 2025
Hybrid (in person and web conference)**

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The ISO Board of Governors and the Western Energy Markets (WEM) Governing Body convened the joint general session meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

ATTENDANCE

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

Severin Borenstein, Chair
Joseph Eto, Vice Chair
Angelina Galiteva
Mary Leslie
Jan Schori

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

Robert Kondziolka, Chair
Rebecca Wagner, Vice Chair
Andrew Campbell
Anita Decker
John Prescott

GENERAL SESSION

The following agenda items were discussed in general session:

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered at this time.



DECISION ON JOINT GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

Governor Schori moved for approval of the ISO Board of Governors and WEM Governing Body joint general session minutes for the December 18, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Governing Body Chair Kondziolka and approved 10-0.

CEO REPORT

Mark Rothleder, Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, provided highlights from the February 4 CEO report, which included the following updates: Grid impacts from the Southern California wildfires, Moss Landing battery fire, cold weather conditions, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s approval of the SWIP-North transmission project, acceptance of the storage bid cost recovery modifications, overview of the 2025 corporate goals, on-going international engagement through benchmarking with other countries, and hosting tours for international visitors interested in learning more about California’s clean-energy integration experience.

FORMATION COMMITTEE (WEST-WIDE GOVERNANCE PATHWAYS INITIATIVE) UPDATE

Kathleen Staks – Pathways Launch Committee member and Executive Director, Western Freedom, provided an update on the latest activities related to the Formation Committee as part of the West-Wide Governance Pathways initiative. Ms. Staks first provided background on the Pathways initiative’s three-step process, which includes: (1) elevating the Governing Body’s governance authority in the ISO’s markets, (2) transfer of governance of the ISO’s existing markets to a new regional organization, and (3) continued expansion of the scope and functions of the regional organization. Ms. Staks noted that the objective of the Formation Committee, a sub-committee of the Pathways Launch Committee, is to develop the regional organization’s structure. Ms. Staks then provided an overview of the initiative timeline. Ms. Staks noted that the Formation Committee is made up of seven Launch Committee members and includes non-voting representatives from the Body of State Regulators, WEM Governing Body, and ISO Board of Governors whose primary roles are to provide perspectives on various issues. Ms. Staks concluded by noting that the Committee is developing a work plan with stakeholder engagement opportunities to provide input into the process. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

No public comment was offered at this time.



PARTICIPANT UPDATES REGARDING DECISION TO JOIN THE EXTENDED-DAY-AHEAD MARKET AND THE WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET

The following participants provided perspectives on behalf of their organizations regarding their decision to join the extended day-ahead market and the western energy imbalance market:

- Kelsey Martinez, Director of Regional Markets and Transmission Strategy, Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM)
- Dwayne Howard, Vice President of Energy Services and Technology, BHE Montana
- Tiffany Emerson, Manager of Planning and Strategy, Portland General Electric (PGE)

Ms. Martinez provided an overview of PNM’s service area followed by summarizing the main considerations for joining the WEIM and EDAM, which include economic, reliability, and environmental benefits. Ms. Martinez also noted that EDAM governance is their most important consideration and concluded by commending the ISO on its responsiveness to their customer needs, and provided examples of their experience.

Next, Mr. Howard presented BHE Montana’s rationale for joining the EDAM and WEIM markets, which include the economic benefits, integrated markets, and expanded growth of the regional market. Mr. Howard noted that the EDAM would offer reliability and financial benefits, access to renewable generation, positive impacts to the community and additional career opportunities for employees.

Next, Ms. Emerson provided background on PGE’s service area followed by noting the key reasons why they chose to join the EDAM, which include economic savings, positive environmental impacts, and enhanced reliability and market transparency. Ms. Emerson concluded with an overview of PGE’s implementation timeline with a go-live target in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Discussion ensued and participants provided responsive comments to Board and Governing Body questions.

Public comment

No public comment was offered at this time.

EXTENDED DAY-AHEAD MARKET ONBOARDING AND IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Heather Kelley – Executive Director, Project Management, presented an update on the ISO’s EDAM onboarding and implementation efforts starting with an overview of key accomplishments and upcoming activities. Ms. Kelley reviewed some of the available EDAM



resources, including documented frequently asked questions from entities and the public, as well as in person and online training tools. Next, Ms. Kelley provided an overview of the onboarding timeline starting with the approval of the expanded market through go-live of all entities that have committed to join.

Next, PacifiCorp representatives Kerstin Rock – Managing Director, Western Market Policy and Analytics, and Rob Eckenrod – Assistant General Counsel, provided an EDAM onboarding and implementation update on behalf of PacifiCorp. Mr. Eckenrod started by providing an update on PacifiCorp’s open access transmission tariff (OATT) filing activities and timelines noting that they have committed to stakeholders to evaluate the tariff on an on-going basis and make as needed refinements as they transition to EDAM go-live. Next, Ms. Rock provided an overview of PacifiCorp’s implementation activities, which included connectivity testing, parallel operations testing, system design work, development of the engagement process for transmission customers, a comprehensive training plan, and development of business practice manuals. Brief discussion ensued.

Public comment

No public comment was offered at this time.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

There were no comments on the informational reports.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNED

There being no additional joint general session matters to discuss, the joint general session was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.