# GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

**ISO BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**October 4, 2024
Web conference

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The ISO Board of Governors convened the general session meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m. and the presence of a quorum was established.

## ATTENDANCE

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

Jan Schori, Chair

Severin Borenstein, Vice Chair

Joseph Eto

Angelina Galiteva

Mary Leslie

## GENERAL SESSION

The following agenda items were discussed in general session:

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered at this time.

## DECISION ON THE GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

Governor Galiteva moved for approval of the ISO Board of Governors general session minutes for the July 17, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Borenstein and approved 5-0.

## CEO REPORT

Elliot Mainzer - President and CEO, provided a summary of the key topics in his CEO report which included the following: grid reliability management during the September heat wave; Black Hills Corporation and BHE Montana announcements to join ISO’s wholesale electricity markets; approval of ISO’s proposal allowing cost-verified bidding above the soft energy bid cap; publication of an updated 2024 20-Year Transmission Outlook; update on ongoing work regarding interconnection process enhancements; next steps on the West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative; and an update on the 2024 ISO Stakeholder Symposium.

**WEM GOVERNING BODY CHAIR REPORT**

Robert Kondziolka – Chair of the WEM Governing Body, provided a summary of the September 25, 2024, Governing Body general session meeting, which included an educational briefing from the Governing Body market expert on bid cost recovery payments, highlights from the western utilities panel discussion, and the September 27 Regional Issues Forum meeting that included an in-depth discussion on congestion revenue rights.

## DECISION ON SOUTHWEST INTERTIE PROJECT – NORTH PARTICIPATING TRANSMISSION OWNER APPLICATION (GREAT BASIN)

Roger Collanton – Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, noted the public comment letters received from Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee, Star Lake Permittees, Idaho Power and Diana Nielson.

Deb Le Vine – Executive Director, Infrastructure Contracts and Management, presented Management’s proposal for two decisional items, which included the following: revised conditions to the inclusion of the addendum to the 2023-2024 transmission plan to reflect the U.S. Department of Energy’s involvement in the Southwest Intertie Project - North in place of Idaho Power, and a decision on the Great Basin participating transmission owner application. Ms. Le Vine first provided background on the need to revise the first condition for inclusion of the Great Basin project in the 2023-2024 transmission plan in order for it to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Energy. She then provided an overview of the tariff and transmission control agreement process for becoming a participating transmission owner followed by the discussion and analysis related to Great Basin’s participating transmission owner application. Ms. Le Vine concluded by noting Management’s request for Board approval of revisions to the first condition as noted above (motion 1) and, if the condition is approved, Management’s request to approve the Great Basin Transmission LLC participating transmission owner application (motion 2). Discussion ensued.

Public comment

The following individuals provided comments:

* Dan Sakura on behalf of Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee
* Dean Dimond on behalf of Star Lake Permittees
* John Arkoosh
* Jered Ellsworth on behalf of Idaho Power
* Mark Milburn on behalf of LS Power
* Ethan Stonecipher on behalf of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1245

**Motion 1 (Department of Energy commitment):**

**Governor Leslie:**

***Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors revise the conditions approved at the December 14, 2023 meeting to allow the first condition be met by the Department of Energy funding in place of Idaho Power’s involvement, with the other three conditions remaining unchanged.***

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

**Motion 2 (PTO application):**

**Governor Galiteva:**

***Moved, that the ISO Board of Governors approve the ISO’s acceptance of the application of Great Basin Transmission, LLC for participating transmission owner status, conditioned on (1) Great Basin Transmission, LLC executing the Transmission Control Agreement and (2) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission accepting a transmission owner tariff and transmission revenue requirement for Great Basin Transmission, LLC as set forth in the memorandum dated September 27, 2024.***

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

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

There were no comments on the informational reports.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

## ADJOURNED

There being no additional general session matters to discuss, the general session was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.