

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES WESTERN ENERGY MARKETS GOVERNING BODY MEETING December 16, 2025 Web conference

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The Western Energy Markets (WEM) Governing Body 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 WEM Governing Body were in attendance:

Rebecca Wagner, Chair
Andrew Campbell, Vice Chair
Anita Decker
Robert Kondziolka
Deborah Smith

GENERAL SESSION

The following agenda items were discussed in general session:

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The following provided general public comment:

- Carrie Bentley representing Western Power Trading Forum provided general public comment on the day-ahead market enhancements and extended day-ahead market implementation details and associated tariff revisions item on the December 17, 2025, joint general session agenda.

DECISION ON GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

Member Decker moved for approval of the minutes for the October 28, 2025, WEM Governing Body general session meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Kondziolka and approved 5-0.

CEO REPORT

Elliot Mainzer – President and CEO, provided an overview of key accomplishments in 2025

including the following topics: Extended day-ahead market (EDAM) activities; passage of Assembly Bill 825 (AB 825); the numerous stakeholder engagement activities; and the western energy imbalance market benefits and performance over the year. He concluded by noting what's on the horizon for 2026 including the launch of EDAM, formation of the new Regional Organization, and continued work on AB 825. Brief discussion ensued.

BODY OF STATE REGULATORS UPDATE

Gabriel Aguilera, Commissioner, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, and Chair of the Body of State Regulators (BOSR), provided an update on behalf of the BOSR noting that the BOSR has been focused on administrative items, including the approval of the BOSR's 2026 budget and business plan; election of BOSR representatives for the Regional Organization and WEM Governing Body nominating committee; re-election of himself to serve another year as BOSR Chair and Idaho Commissioner Hammond to serve again as Vice Chair; and recent changes to BOSR membership. Chair Aguilera then highlighted key accomplishments of the BOSR in 2025, including the following: engagement in various regional market initiatives; appointment of Governing Body member Deborah Smith; RIF engagement; and EDAM focused electricity market training for BOSR members. Next, Chair Aguilera noted that the BOSR will continue to focus and engage in various regional market initiatives in 2026. Chair Aguilera concluded by noting the BOSR's next virtual meeting is scheduled for January 9. Discussion followed.

REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM UPDATE

Lindsey Schlekeway – Market Policy Director, NV Energy, and Chair of the Regional Issues Forum (RIF), provided an update on behalf of the RIF on the following topics: Continued work on the RIF enhancements project and related stakeholder engagement activities; an overview of the RIF's 2026 meeting schedule; and their recent efforts to update the sector distribution lists. Brief discussion ensued.

DECISION ON GAS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Elliot Mainzer introduced Allie Mace – Senior Advisor, Regional Stakeholder Affairs, who provided an overview of the gas resource management (GRM) initiative stakeholder process and then introduced the speakers representing perspectives from Idaho Power Company, Portland General Electric and Pacific Gas and Electric.

Andy Husted – Gas Trading Leader representing Idaho Power Company, provided a stakeholder perspective on the gas resource management proposal first by noting that the issues addressed in the initiative were important for Idaho Power to be able to recover their gas costs given their geographic location. Next, he reviewed a map showing the northwest gas dynamics and then discussed the importance of the default energy bid. Mr. Husted concluded by noting that the proposed changes in GRM will improve after-the-fact cost recovery, enhance reference level change requests, and provide a gas price index adjustment.

Jonah Cabral – Transmission and Market Policy Analyst representing Portland General Electric (PGE), provided a stakeholder perspective first noting their position and areas of focus on the initiative. He then highlighted the diverse gas systems and core challenges for the

EDAM participants in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Cabral noted that the default gas price index adjustment and D+2 advisory enhancements benefit the Pacific Northwest EDAM entities and that PGE views the current GRM proposal as a meaningful improvement over the status quo.

Todd Ryan – Manager, FERC and ISO Policy Team representing Pacific Gas and Electric, provided a stakeholder perspective first noting that California’s gas storage adds flexibility and noted that PG&E supports the ISO’s GRM proposal. He concluded by highlighting the benefits of the proposed enhancements to support regionalization.

Next, Danny Johnson – Manager, Policy Development, presented Management’s proposal for the GRM initiative noting that its objective is to enhance participation for gas resources across the market footprint. He then highlighted the existing reference levels and cost adjustment process. Mr. Johnson stated that Management’s proposal builds on existing tools to support market participants’ ability to manage fuel supply and fuel cost uncertainty, which includes accommodating cost volatility in reference levels; expanding access to use gas constraint in the electric market to support reliability, and pursue process enhancements that provide useful advisory day-ahead market results to inform fuel procurement. Mr. Johnson provided an overview of stakeholder positions and requested the Governing Body’s approval of Management’s proposal.

Next, Benjamin Hobbs – Chair of the Market Surveillance Committee (MSC), provided comments on behalf of the MSC noting their support of the proposal with some recommendations for future enhancements.

Next, Adam Swadley – Manager, Market and Policy Analysis, provided comments on behalf of the Department of Market Monitoring noting their overall support of the proposal.

Discussion ensued and the presenters provided responsive comments to the Governing Body inquiries.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Motion:

Member Kondziolka

Moved, that the Western Energy Markets Governing Body approves the gas resource management final proposal as described in the memorandum dated December 10, 2025, and requests that Management place this initiative on the ISO Board of Governors’ consent agenda; and

Moved, that the Western Energy Markets Governing Body authorizes Management to make all necessary and appropriate filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to implement the changes proposed in this

memorandum, including any filings to incorporate Commission guidance in any initial ruling on the proposed tariff amendment.

The motion was seconded by Member Decker and approved 5-0.

EXTENDED DAY-AHEAD IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Khaled Abdul-Rahman – VP, Chief Information and Technology Officer, provided an update on the following EDAM activities including the following: Overview of the 2026 EDAM entity on-boarding timeline and status; market simulation and parallel operations implementation phases; various training opportunities; and an overview of market simulation scenarios tracking and status. Mr. Abdul-Rahman concluded by highlighting the set of EDAM readiness criteria that is required by entities to be met prior to market go-live. Discussion ensued.

BRIEFING ON WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET BENEFITS AND MARKET UPDATE (Q3 2025)

Guillermo Bautista Alderete, Director – Market Performance and Advanced Analytics, provided a briefing on the WEIM benefits, highlighting the \$411.98 million in economic benefits in the third quarter of 2025 and \$7.82 billion in overall cumulative benefits since the inception of the WEIM. He then reviewed the physical transfer volumes noting that they remained high in the third quarter and that the WEIM continues to unlock large volumes of economic transfers. Mr. Bautista Alderete stated that real-time WEIM moderate prices remained below bilateral prices in the third quarter. Mr. Bautista Alderete concluded by noting that prices trended up following higher summer loads. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

BRIEFING ON POLICY HOT TOPICS

Becky Robinson – Director, Market Design and Analysis, provided a briefing on the following policy hot topics including stakeholder engagement activities and next steps in those processes: Price formation enhancements, EDAM congestion revenue allocation, and future EDAM enhancements post implementation. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

There were no comments from the Governing Body on the informational reports.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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 3:45 p.m.