

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES WESTERN ENERGY MARKETS GOVERNING BODY MEETING March 3, 2026 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 ON CONSENT AGENDA OR ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA

There was no general public comment.

DECISION ON CONSENT AGENDA (DECEMBER 16, 2025, GENERAL SESSION MINUTES)

Roger Collanton – VP, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary, explained the consent agenda process and proceeded to read the consent agenda motion for Governing Body decision.

Motion:

Member Decker:

Moved, that the WEM Governing Body approves the March 3, 2026, consent agenda.

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

CEO REPORT

Elliot Mainzer – President and CEO, highlighted regional market-related topics in his CEO report, which included the following topics: Progress on extended day-ahead market (EDAM) implementation; update on western energy imbalance market (WEIM) parallel operation for Power Watch and Black Hills Energy; Formation Committee activities related to the Regional Organization for Western Energy (ROWE) corporation and the ISO's engagement in the process; and highlights from the Q4 2025 western energy imbalance market benefits report. He concluded by noting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order rescinding the Western Electricity Coordinating Council soft price cap and stated that the ISO will continue to assess if the change will have any market related impacts. 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 starting with highlights from the January and February meetings, which included an overview of the ISO's catalog and roadmap process, an update on the WEM Regional Issues Forum enhancements project, and briefing on the EDAM benefits calculation methodology. He then noted that this year, the BOSR will remain focused on EDAM go-live developments; the BOSR's engagement in the Pathways Formation Committee to help establish the foundation of the ROWE; BOSR's participation in the WEM Governing Body Nomination Committee; and the market seams developments. Chair Aguilera concluded by noting that the BOSR's next meeting will take place on March 13.

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 including an update on the RIF enhancements project and next steps in the stakeholder process. She highlighted topics for the March 16 RIF hybrid meeting, which include the ISO policy initiatives catalog and roadmap roundtable discussion and topic prioritization; RIF enhancements project final proposal update; and briefing on the development of a western energy imbalance market (WEIM) and EDAM resource adequacy program. Brief discussion ensued.

SPOTLIGHT POLICY BRIEFING ON PRICE FORMATION ENHANCEMENTS

Roger Collanton – VP, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary, acknowledged the public comment letter received from the California Energy Storage Alliance.

Next, Allie Mace – Senior Advisor, Regional Stakeholder Affairs, provided a brief overview of the stakeholder working group activities for the price formation enhancements initiative in relation to scarcity pricing, and introduced James Friederich – Lead Policy Developer, to present the topic on behalf of the ISO and introduce the stakeholder speakers representing perspectives from joint California load serving entities (LSEs), Calpine, Portland General Electric (PGE), and Public Generating Pool (PGP).

Mr. Friedrich first provided an overview of the stakeholder engagement activities that have occurred over the past few months and then reviewed a list of questions that were raised in the working group discussions. He then introduced representatives from joint California LSEs, Calpine, PGE, and PGP to provide perspectives on behalf of their organizations.

Bonnie Blair – Senior Counsel representing the joint California LSEs, provided their perspective on the price formation initiative first by highlighting the key points related to the scope and timing of the reform. She noted that comprehensive changes are premature and any further discussion should be postponed until after implementation of the EDAM and day-ahead market enhancements to give market participants time to adjust to changes that will come with the new market.

Chris Devon – Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs representing Calpine, first noted their support of implementing scarcity pricing and balancing area authority market power mitigation together but not separately. He highlighted the benefits of a well-designed scarcity pricing framework and noted Calpine's support for postponing any further design framework discussions until after EDAM go-live. He encouraged the ISO to refocus on evaluating and designing a more robust pricing design with a goal of implementing the changes in Fall of 2027 or Spring of 2028. Mr. Devon noted Calpine's recommendations for a path forward in the ISO's price formation enhancements initiative.

Kalia Savage – Principal Markets and Policy Analyst representing PGE, noted that timing matters and highlighted the reliability objective, sequencing principle, and integration risk of implementing scarcity pricing changes prior to EDAM implementation. She concluded by highlighting targeted interim improvements that could be deployed and requested the ISO consider more significant structural redesign changes after post-EDAM stabilization.

Sibyl Geiselman – Market Policy Advisor representing PGP, first highlighted their interest in price formation enhancements and progress on the scarcity pricing discussions to date. Ms. Geiselman concluded by noting PGP's recommended path for the price formation enhancements initiative.

Next, James Friedrich reviewed the next steps in the price formation enhancements stakeholder process.

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

Public comment

The following provided public comment:

- Torsten Kieper on behalf of the Bay Area Municipal Transmission Group
- Dan Williams on behalf of The Energy Authority
- Brian Theaker on behalf of Middle River Project
- Katherine Stockton on behalf of the CPUC Energy Division
- Lindsey Schlekeway on behalf of NV Energy

EXTENDED DAY-AHEAD IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Khaled Abdul-Rahman – VP, Chief Information and Technology Officer, provided an update on the following EDAM implementation activities including the following: overview of the 2026 EDAM entity on-boarding timeline; the key implementation activities and accomplishments; and an overview of the identified challenges followed by market results and settlements readiness. Discussion ensued.

BRIEFING ON WESTERN ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET BENEFITS AND MARKET UPDATE (Q4 2025)

Guillermo Bautista Alderete, Director – Market Performance and Advanced Analytics, provided a briefing on the fourth quarter 2025 WEIM benefits noting the \$415.65 million in economic benefits for the last quarter and \$8.24 billion in overall cumulative benefits since the market launched in 2014. He then noted that as of Q4 2025, the benefits methodology has been refined to better reflect the evolving market conditions and resource mix. He reviewed the physical transfer volumes noting that they remained high in Q4 and then reviewed the total transfers by quarter in 2025. Mr. Bautista Alderete stated that the WEIM continues to unlock large volumes of economic transfers. He concluded by noting that prices remained moderate in Q4 and that the lower winter loads led to downward price trends. Discussion ensued.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

BRIEFING ON POLICY HOT TOPICS

Becky Robinson – Director, Market Design and Analysis, provided a verbal update on the following policy hot topics including stakeholder engagement activities in those processes: the financial planning initiative which includes start-up funding for the ROWE and the large loads initiative. Discussion ensued and Ms. Robinson provided responsive comments to an inquiry received from the Governing Body regarding the differences and commonalities between the EDAM congestion revenue allocation and congestion revenue rights initiatives as described in the policy initiatives update informational report.

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 3:00 p.m.