

PUC EIM Meeting

September 13-14, 2012

Agenda

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Day 1

11:30 a.m. PDT Lunch buffet in the courtyard

- 1:00 Welcome and Introductions – Commissioner Jason Marks (NM), Chair, PUC EIM Group**
- Purpose of the meeting
 - Introductions
 - Review agenda and expectations
- 1:15 Benefits: Presentation of NREL Revised Results**
- Background
 - Revised West-wide benefits
 - Michael Milligan, NREL
 - Tao Guo, Energy Exemplar
 - Revised BA-level benefits
 - Jack King, NREL consultant
- 2:00 Response Panel – Commissioner Travis Kavulla (MT), moderator**
- Reaction of industry and others to the results
 - Questions
 - Do the results make sense? Where are the red flags?
 - What further analysis needs to be done? Will additional analysis change anything in terms of making the decision?
 - E.g., carbon scenario, gas price, assumptions refinement, data needs and provision, etc.
 - What additional questions about the benefits need to be answered? What would give you confidence in making a decision on an EIM?
 - Is this a “no brainer”? Why/why not?
- Response panelists*
- Allan Austin, Western Area Power Administration
 - Rich Bayless, Northern Tier Transmission Group
 - Steve Beuning, Xcel Energy
 - Stefan Bird, PacifiCorp
 - Gregg Carrington, Chelan County PUD
 - Patrick Damiano, ColumbiaGrid
 - Rob Kondziolka, Salt River Project
- 2:45 Open discussion of benefits results and panel responses**
- 3:15 Break**
- 3:45 Costs: Market Administration – governance**
- Arnie Podgorsky, Wright & Talisman and WSPP
 - Mason Emmett, FERC Staff
- 4:15 Open discussion of market administration and governance issues**
- 4:30 Costs: Market Operator Option – structure and cost estimates**
- Carl Monroe, Southwest Power Pool
 - Mark Rothleder/John Anders, California ISO
- 5:15 Open discussion of Market Operator issues**
- Guiding questions

- What is my upfront cost to participate?
- What are the exit rules/procedures/costs?
- How will training be handled?

5:30 Recess

Day 2

7:00 a.m. PDT Continental Breakfast

8:00 **Footprint and critical mass assessment**

- Overview of cost of alternative configurations – Steve Beuning, Xcel Energy
 - <http://www.westgov.org/PUCeim/documents/EIMmtace.xls> | [pdf](#)
- Northwest analyses of an EIM and other options – Elliot Mainzer, Bonneville Power Administration
- Example Questions:
 - What is the cost of a Northwest-only footprint?
 - Is BPA participation necessary to achieve a critical mass in the Northwest?
 - What additional analysis of alternative footprints is needed? And on what schedule?
 - What happens to the economics of an EIM(s) with uncoordinated individual company participation (e.g., some BAs join a CAISO-operated EIM, some form an SPP-operated EIM, some form an EIM around the Mid-C project)?

9:00 **Open discussion of footprint and critical mass** – Commissioners Jeff Goltz (WA) and Timothy Alan Simon (CA), moderators

9:30 **Addressing critical EIM components**

- Transmission compensation proposals – David Crowell, Salt River Project/Steve Beuning, Xcel Energy
- Governance proposals – Arnie Podgorsky, Wright & Talisman and Western Systems Power Pool
- Cost recovery – Victoria Ravenscroft, Western Interstate Energy Board

10:15 Break

10:45 **Moving toward decisions: Panel discussion** – Jeff Atkinson (Western Systems Power Pool), moderator

- Given the information on benefits and costs presented and the planned work on the above issues, what other information do companies need to make decisions?
- What are the factors affecting the decision schedule (e.g., NWPP analyses, Order 764)?
- Alternative ways to achieve benefits that may be realized under an EIM
- Agreement on milestones and timeline going forward

Response Panelists

- Commissioner Jason Marks (NM)
- Commissioner John Savage (OR)
- Commissioner Travis Kavulla (MT)
- Jeff Ackerman, Western Area Power Administration
- Elliot Mainzer, Bonneville Power Administration
- Pat Reiten, PacifiCorp
- Scott Corwin, Public Power Council
- Steve Beuning, Xcel Energy

12:15 **Closing remarks** – Jason Marks

12:30 **Adjourn**