

**Comments of the Bonneville Power Administration to the Pathways Launch Committee on the June 27, 2025, Proposed Revisions to Appendix D of the Pathways Step 2 Proposal: Selection Procedures for the Regional Organization Board of Directors.**

The Bonneville Power Administration appreciates the continuing work of the Launch Committee to plan for the creation of the Regional Organization (RO) to oversee the Western Energy Imbalance Market and the Extended Day-Ahead Market. Bonneville wishes to provide comments on the proposed revisions discussed at the Launch Committee's monthly stakeholder presentation of June 27, 2025.

**Renomination of Sitting Board Members:** Bonneville supports the proposal to require a super-majority of the voting members of the Nominating Committee to affirmatively vote to renominate a sitting member of the RO Board without interviewing other candidates. Bonneville has supported renominations of WEM Governing Body members without requiring recruitment of other candidates. This process has worked well and should be continued for RO board seating.

**Executive Search Criteria:** The redline addition in section 3.5 provides that "The RO may decide to pursue other avenues for finding and recruiting qualified candidates." Bonneville recommends that such a decision should be made by, or with the approval of, the Nominating Committee and not solely RO staff. With that revision, Bonneville supports flexibility in the identification and recruitment of RO Board candidates and not a rigid requirement with the expense of an executive search firm.

**Approval of Nominees:** Bonneville supports the proposed requirement that individuals advanced by the Nominating Committee be considered as a slate. This requirement allows the Nominating Committee to consider the balance and experiences of the full board if it must consider alternative nominations if the RO Board rejects the original slate.

**Proposed Approach for Initial RO Board Selection:** The Launch Committee proposes that the initial RO Board be subject to a 70 percent vote of the Launch Committee on the slate of nominees advanced by the sector-based Nominating Committee. This would be a one-time event when there is no existing Board to vote on nominees. The Launch Committee also proposes giving "non-voting" Launch Committee members the option of casting a vote on the slate advanced by the nominating committee. Bonneville considers the voting and non-voting Launch Committee membership to be sufficiently representative of the region for this one initial event and supports otherwise "non-voting" members of the Launch Committee to vote if they wish. Bonneville suggests that the proposal clarify whether "alternate" members of the Launch Committee will be given a vote in the process. Bonneville notes that this vote is to be public. Bonneville does not oppose this approach in this single initial instance.