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RE: The West-Wide Governance Pathway Initiative

Having considered the representations, actions, and current goals of the West-Wide Governance Pathway Initiative, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission unanimously chooses not to participate with the Initiative.

The IPUC's concerns include, among other things, that: (1) the Initiative has been less than transparent concerning its creation and funding; (2) there is no evidence that the Initiative's goal of independent governance is feasible without changes in California's legislation; (3) the Initiative's timeline of seating a board by January 2024 is premature and unrealistic; and (4) at its core, the Initiative presumes economic benefits for western states without justification or specifics.

As always, the IPUC respects other Commission, State, and Stakeholders' decisions concerning participation with the Initiative. However, given the IPUC's concerns, the inherent flaws in the creation of the Initiative, and the Initiative's current actions and goals, the IPUC does not see a viable path forward for the Initiative or that participation would result in any specific net economic benefits for Idaho customers.

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