

Markets+ State Committee

December 8, 2025

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- Chair's Welcome and Roll Call
 - Nick Myers, Chair MSC
- Work Groups and Task Force Updates
 - Brian Rounds, AESL
- Markets+ State Capacity Building Plan and Staff Subcommittee
 - Edward Garvey, AESL
- 2026 Markets+ Priorities
 - WIEB and AESL
- MSC Administrative Updates
 - Laura Rennick, WIEB
- Remarks from Interim Markets+ Independent Panel
 - Steve Wright, Chair IMIP
- Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates
 - Laura Rennick, WIEB
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Chair's Welcome and Roll Call

Nick Myers

Markets+ State Committee Chair

Work Group and Task Force Updates

Brian Rounds and David Boyd
AESL

Work Group and Task Force Updates

- Markets+ Participant Executive Committee (MPEC) Quarterly Meeting in November
 - Approved New Markets+ Revision Request (MRR) Process
 - Tabled work on an external advisor until a more concrete proposal is developed by those in favor
 - MSC sought feedback on 2026 budget
 - December 18 Meeting planned to finalize Version 1.0 of Markets+ Protocols
- Markets+ Design Working Group (MDWG) finalizing protocols
 - Holistic Review, Market Transfer Interface (MTI)/Market Opt-in Transfer Interface (MOTI), Markets+ Interchange Transaction System Points Schedules (MITSPS), Must Offer Obligation (MOO)
 - December 9–10 Meeting planned
- Governance and GHG Work ongoing
 - MITSPS will have GHG implications
 - Markets+ Interim Governance Task Force (MIGTF) creating subgroups to stand up Markets+ Nominating Governance Committee (MNGC) and Markets+ Independent Panel (MIP)

Work Group and Task Force Updates

- Markets+ Resource Adequacy Task Force (MRATF)
 - Monitoring the WRAP Day Ahead Market Task Force, now on hold until early 2026, to ensure the Must Offer Obligation and its components remain consistent with WRAP.
 - Working to provide guidance on the mechanics for tagging transactions and has endorsed a white paper on the topic that will help inform the Interchange Scheduling Guide that will be released in 2026.
- Markets+ Seams Working Group (MSWG)
 - Updated the Seams Strategy and Roadmap document adding a sense of timing for tasks and dependencies.
 - Began discussing and differentiating Market-to-Market congestion management and a newly created concept known as Inter-Market Optimization concept.

Markets+ State Capacity Building Plan and Staff Subcommittee

Edward Garvey
AESL

MSC Roster Update

M+ WG/TF	MSC Member Representative	Standing Proxy
Design Working Group (MDWG)	John Hammond, ID	Mike Louis
Seams Working Group (MSWG)	Ann Rendahl, WA	Charlie Inman
Greenhouse Gas Task Force (MGHGTF)	Ann Rendahl, WA	Charlie Inman
	Eric Blank, CO	Alex Rozen
	Gabriel Aquilera, NM	Agata Malek
	Nick Myers, AZ	Monique Aceve
	Mike Robinson, WY	Kara Kolkman
	<i>TBD</i>	
Resource Adequacy Task Force (MRATF)	Nick Myers, AZ	Monique Aceve
Interim Governance Task Force (MIGTF)	Gabriel Aguilera, NM	Agata Malek
Congestion Rent Task Force (MCRTF)	Eric Blank, CO	Gerald Deaver
Transmission Working Group (MTWG)	Eric Blank, CO	Gerald Deaver
Operations & Reliability Working Group (MORWG)	<i>On hold</i>	WIEB/AESL Consulting
Rates Task Force (MRTF)	<i>On hold</i>	WIEB/AESL Consulting

MSC Capacity Building Plan

- **Goal**

- Develop a strong (and continuous) network of commissioners and staff expertise from (and within) all the MSC states to support the MSC involvement in the deep details of M+ operations as well as overarching policies so that M+ goals are met and end-use customers and stakeholders' benefit.

- **What**

- 24-month (January 2026 to December 2027) educational plan
- “deep-dive” 90-minute webinars with technical experts every two months;
- Occasional in-person workshops with commissioners, staff, and invited stakeholder groups on specific topics;
- Identifying readings and developing a resource library to accompany the learning sessions; and
- Potential other learning methods such as scenario simulations for hands-on exercises and tours and on-site visits to key facilities.

Staff Subcommittee

Goal: Improve staff understanding, and create continuity, of day ahead market operations and role of utility commissions in regulating participating and regulated entities.

1. Regular staff meetings and staff network to discuss the M+ efforts
2. Forum for deeper dives and more technical understanding of Markets+ operations
3. Participate in, and provide feedback on, MSC capacity building plan, ensuring it meets states' needs
4. Future: coordination with staff from non-Markets+ states to develop perspectives and expand regional understanding

2026 MSC Priorities

WIEB and AESL

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- Seams
- Resource Adequacy
- BAA Transfers
- GHG

MSC Administrative Updates

Laura Rennick
WIEB Staff

MSC Administrative Updates

- WIEB Staffing Updates
- MSC Budget
 - Presented 2026 Business Plan and Budget to MPEC in November
 - Final presentation to IMIP on January 6, 2026
- MSC Leadership
 - Proposed Motion: *Confirm existing leadership to complete two-year terms (May 2024 – April 2026).*
 - *Chair: Commissioner Nick Myers, AZ*
 - *Vice Chair: Commissioner John Hammond, ID*

Remarks from Interim Markets+ Independent Panel

Steve Wright
Chair IMIP

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- December 8: MGHGTF
- December 9–10: MDWG
- December 11: MSWG
- December 16: MORWG
- December 18: MPEC
- December 18: MIGTF
- **January 6: IMIP Meeting and MSC Budget Presentation**
- January 8: MGHGTF
- January 15: MIGTF
- January 15-16: MDWG
- **January 16: MSC Meeting**
- January 22: MTWG
- January 26: MRATF

Adjourn

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