



West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

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Lindsey Schlekeway
Chair
Regional Issues Forum
Western Energy Markets

Dear Chair Schlekeway,

The Launch Committee of the West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative (Pathways) is pleased to submit these comments to the Western Energy Markets Regional Issues Forum (RIF) on their Enhancement Project Draft Final Proposal.

In fall of 2024, the Launch Committee released the Step 2 Proposal which contemplated the development of a Stakeholder Representatives Committee (SRC). The Launch Committee is currently developing the SRC and refining the process that will become the primary stakeholder body that works with staff at the new Regional Organization and the CAISO to catalog and prioritize initiatives, as well as to define initiative problem statements and solutions.

The Launch Committee agrees with the RIF's proposal to evaluate the feasibility of and implement the transition of the RIF to the SRC that is reflective of the priorities expressed in the Step 2 Proposal. The RIF's willingness to implement elements of the proposed SRC as a testing ground for the eventual SRC will ensure a seamless transition and aid in resolving any issues to optimize preparedness for the go-live date.

The proposed RIF Enhancements contemplate making several adjustments to the existing structure of the RIF to enable an eventual transition to the SRC. These adjustments reflect elements of the structure and elevated role of the SRC in the Step 2 Proposal.

The initial Regional Organization board is scheduled to be seated in July 2026 and the Launch Committee will collaborate with the newly seated board to finalize the necessary processes and structures for the stakeholder process and the SRC. This collaboration will also include the transition plan developed in conjunction with the RIF for the eventual launch of the SRC.

The RIF's Proposal reflects a continued commitment to productive partnership with the Pathways Initiative and the Launch Committee looks forward to working collaboratively with the RIF.

Sincerely,

Pathways Initiative Launch Committee