

Stakeholder Comment Template: Public Interest

The Launch Committee has identified several specific areas that would be valuable to receive input to help refine this area of the Step 2 Proposal. All feedback is welcome, but responses to the following questions would be particularly helpful:

The Public Interest Work Group has identified a number of tools that in concert form a multi-faceted approach to protecting the public interest. Tools highlighted, in addition to current protections, may consist of the Regional Organization (RO) Board structure, the States Committee, Consumer Advocate engagement, the Stakeholder Process and a Market Monitor function.

- 1. Do you think the set of tools shared by the working group is comprehensive? If not, please share other tools that should be considered.
- 2. Do you disagree with any of the tools shared by the working group? Are there any that should not be used to protect the public interest? If so, please share your rationale.
- 3. Do you agree with the tools shared to protect the public interest within the RO board? Do you have additional recommendations for consideration?

4. States Committee

- a. Do you agree with the structure and governance proposed by the working group? Why or why not? Do you have additional recommendations for consideration?
- b. How has your experience been with other markets' States Committees (BOSR, COSR, MSC, etc.)? Are there any considerations recommended for this working group?
- c. Do you agree with the role of public power/PMA proposed by the working group? Do you have additional recommendations for consideration?
- d. How else might public power/PMA perspectives be incorporated?
- e. Do you agree with the proposed relationship between the States Committee and the RO board? Do you have additional considerations or adjustments to the proposal?

5. Consumer Advocates

- a. Do you agree with the structure proposed by the working group? Do you think this is an effective means of engaging consumer advocates? Why or why not? Please share your rationale.
- b. Do you think this proposal is effective in protecting the consumer interest? Why or why not? Please share your rationale.
- 6. Do you think the elements outlined in the presentation materials of the role of an Independent Market Monitor would be effective in helping to protect the public interest? If not, please explain your rationale and include any suggestions you can offer that would strengthen the role of an Independent Market Monitor.



7. Do you have any additional feedback you would like to share with the Launch Committee on these topics?

Written comments are due on August 29, 2024. Please submit comments via email to Comments@WestWidePathwaysInitiative.org. Thank you in advance for your time and feedback. We look forward to receiving your comments and ideas.