West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

Stakeholder Comment Template: Stakeholder Process Discussion Document

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:

1. Stakeholder Representatives Committee (SRC): Please provide your feedback regarding the proposed Stakeholder Representatives Committee (SRC).

2. Sectors: Please provide your feedback regarding the proposed sectors.

3. Initiative Classification:

   a. Please provide feedback on the proposed initiative classifications (1. Compliance/Non-Discretionary, 2. Compliance with State and Local Public Policy, and 3. Discretionary Initiatives) included in the Discussion Paper.

   b. Please provide your feedback regarding the proposed approach to the Compliance with State and Local Public Policy category in particular.

4. Stakeholder Process:

   a. Please share your feedback regarding the level of stakeholder driven process vs. RO staff driven process. For example, is there enough ability for stakeholders to drive the process and / or enough ability for the Board to manage resources and drive processes to conclusion?

   b. Please share your feedback regarding your ability to support a potential framework in line with what is proposed in the Discussion Paper from a resource perspective. What aspects would enable your organization to participate effectively within the proposed structure or what barriers to participation does it create? Please comment on any refinements to the proposal that would better meet your resource needs.

   c. Do you feel that your sector could support participation from a resource perspective and does that address individual barriers to participation identified above?

   d. Please provide feedback and reactions on the overall process proposed.

5. Voting:

   a. Please provide feedback and reactions to the voting structure being proposed (sector and individual votes, stage gates, remand, significant opposition, etc.).

   b. Based on the structure proposed regarding voting tabulation and transparency of voting, what other characteristics are important to note about entities (outside of sectors) in voting?

   c. Are there other areas during the process where a vote or comments would be needed or could be useful?

6. Staff roles: The Discussion Document suggests that one option would be for the RO staff to provide all of the facilitation and administrative support for the stakeholder process. The market operator staff would provide subject matter experts to assist with the development of problem statements and solutions. Please provide feedback on these possible roles and responsibilities.

7. The Discussion Document is the product of a review of different approaches utilized by ISOs/RTOs across the country, feedback from the Stakeholder Process Work Group, and both verbal and written feedback from stakeholders gathered from the first three Stakeholder Process workshops. The goal was to offer a structure that utilizes the most effective elements from these other structures to create processes and approaches that are specific to the needs of the West. Does the proposal strike this balance effectively? Does it meet the needs of stakeholders?

General feedback:

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

Written comments are due on September 11, 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.