

WWGPI Phases III Funding Pledge Form

Background

The Mission of the Launch Committee (LC) of the West-wide Governance Pathways Initiative (WWGPI) is to develop and form a new and independent entity with an independent governance structure that is capable of overseeing an expansive suite of West-wide wholesale electricity markets and related functions. As of June 2025, the LC has completed its Phase I and Phase II efforts and is in the process of implementing Phase III, Task 1 described below. Fundraising among stakeholders has enabled these efforts to date. This pledge form outlines the tasks and deliverables required as well as the fundraising requirements, which approach \$8,000,000 for activities through the end of 2027.

Phase I of the LC's activities resulted in the recommendation for an initial Step 1 proposal that moved oversight of the CAISO real-time and day-ahead markets from the current joint authority model to the primary authority model under the WEIM Governing Body. The Phase I recommendation received the requisite approvals from the CAISO Board of Governors and the WEM Governing Body as well as FERC. The Step 1 governance change went into effect in July 2025 when PNM signed an EDAM implementation agreement, meeting the load trigger in the proposal. The Phase II effort fleshed out the initial details for a Step 2 governance structure that would involve the creation of a "Regional Organization" that would include an independent board with sole authority to oversee the market functions. This proposal included staffing to support the organization and an enhanced stakeholder engagement process. With the enactment of AB825 by California, the next step is to implement the next tasks of what is known as Phase III – Creation of the Regional Organization. Phase III activities include the LC acting through a Formation Committee, which is a subcommittee taking on planning tasks subject to LC oversight. The LC has identified three major tasks to accomplish the Phase III efforts:

- Task 1: Preparation Efforts (1/1/25-10/31/25): Develop the project plan and budget for the Phase III effort, including initial drafting of the incorporation documents to create the proposed 501.c.3 entity and prepare for the selection of a new board and key staff. This effort by the Formation Committee working with legal counsel ran in parallel with the California legislative process that would allow moving oversight of the market functions from the CAISO to the new Regional Organization. (Budget estimate = \$~280,000)
- Task 2: Formation Efforts (11/1/25-9/31/26): Form the new Regional Organization, which would include final drafting and filing of the incorporation and tax documents with the appropriate federal and state agencies to form the entity and obtain tax-exempt status, selection and seating of an independent board through the nominating committee process, and selection of key staff. (Budget estimate = \$~1,400,000-1,600,000)



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- Task 3: Implementation Efforts: (10/1/26-12/31/27): Through the leadership and decision-making of the new initial board assisted by the Formation Committee and initial staff, develop the tariff amendments to transfer market oversight from the CAISO Board of Governors to the Regional Organization Board, the service level agreement between the CAISO and the Regional Organization, and preparations for hiring additional staff. This will include an extensive stakeholder review process prior to filing the tariff and service level agreement with FERC for approval. The goal would be to have a fully functional, tariff funded independent organization in place by 1/1/28. (Budget estimate = \$~5,500,000-6,600,000)

The LC was successful in raising over \$800,000 to support the Phase I and II efforts for WWGPI. The LC has established an initial budget for the Phase III effort of \$~8,000,000, with contingency. This covers administrative/project management, legal support, selection process for a new independent board and key staff, board and staff compensation, and stakeholder communications/engagement. Based on current budget estimates, there are sufficient carryover funds from Phases I and II to cover Task 1 in Phase III. The result is that the WWGPI needs to raise an additional sum of approximately \$~8,000,000 to complete the Phase III efforts. The Launch Committee is evaluating options for how best to meet the funding needs for Phase III, which include:

1. Seeking stakeholder donations,
2. Considering potential debt financing,
3. Seeking grants, and/or
4. Adjusting scope and schedule to align with available funds.

At a minimum we are seeking stakeholder donations to cover the \$~1,500,000 needed for implementing Task 2 of the Phase III effort while we evaluate the above funding options. Donated funds will be applied to pay budgeted expenses as needed in accordance with the approved budget as it may be amended from time to time, initially by the Launch Committee and eventually by the seated RO Board. All donations are voluntary, subject to pledge commitments.

All donations to the WWGPI will be overseen by Global Impact, <https://charity.org/>, which is serving as the fiscal sponsor for the WWGPI. Global Impact's I.R.S. 501(c)(3) status currently allows WWGPI to apply for and receive grants and is intended to establish donations as tax deductible, and Global Impact will continue to provide financial management services after the Regional Organization's 501(c)(3) application has been submitted. The Formation Committee will inform donors related to any changes in the Regional Organization's non-profit application status and transitions for payments to be made directly to the Regional Organization. Submission of a pledge will result in an invoice from Global Impact, with payment due within sixty (60) days after receipt of invoice. The WWGPI will allow entities to make installment payments if requested.



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WWGPI Phase III Donation/Sponsorship Pledge¹

- Donor/Sponsor
 - Entity Name: _____
 - Contact Information:
 - Contact Name: _____
 - Contact Phone: _____
 - Contact Email: _____
 - Contact Address: _____

- Pledge:
 - Total Amount: _____
 - Proposed Payment Plan: _____
 - Comments: _____
- Authorization:
 - Entity Representative: _____ Date: _____
 - Sector Representative: _____ Date: _____

Pledges can be sent to the link to the dedicated West-Wide Governance Pathways online donation site: <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/west-widegovernancepathways>.

For questions, contact Sarah Davis, sdavis@utilicast.com or your sector representative.

¹ The provision of financial or other support to the WWGPI shall not confer any preferential rights, decision-making authority, or undue influence regarding the operations, governance, or outcomes of the Pathways Initiative. Furthermore, the Pathways Initiative is an open and inclusive endeavor, and no entity shall be required to contribute funds or resources as a prerequisite for participation in or consultation with the Initiative.