RAILBELT TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION (RTO) GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE <u>MEETING MINUTES</u> October 17, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Million, GVEA, called the Railbelt Transmission Organization Governance Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

2. ROLL CALL (for Committee members)

Curtis Thayer (Alaska Energy Authority [AEA]); Arthur Miller (Chugach Electric Association [CEA]); Taylor Crocker (City of Seward); Sarah Lambe (Homer Electric Association [HEA]); Tony Zellers (Matanuska Electric Association [MEA]); Travis Million (Golden Valley Electric Association [GVEA]); Ed Jenkin (Railbelt Reliability Counsel [RRC]).

3. PUBLIC ROLL CALL (for all others present)

Karen Bell (AEA), Jennifer Bertolini (AEA); Bill Price (AEA); Andrew Jensen (Governor's Office); Tina Grovier (Stoel Rives, RTO); Daniel Heckman (GVEA); Carl Monroe (Munro Advisors, LLC); David Pease (MEA); Jon Sinclair (MEA); Joel Groves (RRC).

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thayer to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Zellers.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – October 8, 2025

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thayer to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Zellers.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2025, passed unanimously.

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7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Open Access Transmission Tariff, RCA Matter #TA1-8001**

Tina Grovier, Stoel Rives, stated the docket continues to move at a fast clip. On October 8, 2025, the Commission issued its Order No. 6, granting motion to accept late file petition to intervene and granting petitions to intervene. She said the RTO now has fifteen (15) parties in the docket. On October 10, 2024, the RTO filed responses to the second round of comments, and the discovery period also closed that date. The RTO did receive discovery from AKPIRG and REAP, and those responses are due Monday. She continued that the RTO responses to Commission Order 5, which she mentioned in her last report, are also due on Monday. She said there are matters related to these topics as well as expert witness contract, subcommittees and next steps in docket U-25-028, including tasks related to the RCA's issuing questions to discuss in executive session, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal and financial position of the RTO and or the committee members.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Clarkson to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect related to RTO finances and legal strategy. This is consistent with our Bylaws, which allow the Board to consider confidential matters in executive session, and in this case, the RTO believes that these are subjects that would have an adverse effect on the finances of the RTO and are being discussed with an attorney, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the financial or legal position of the Committee or are protected by law due to rules protecting personal privacy and certain business information. Motion seconded by Mr. Zellers.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to enter into Executive Session passed unanimously.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:09 am. (Bylaws Section 5.12.3) To discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the finances or legal position of the RTO, the Committee or Authority, or that are confidential under state, federal, or local law.

The RTO Governance Committee reconvened its regular meeting at 9:40 a.m. Chair Million advised that the RTO did not take any formal action on the matters discussed while in executive session, except as authorized by Bylaws Section 5.12.2, to give direction to an attorney or negotiator regarding the handling of a specific legal matter or pending negotiation.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Order 5 Requiring Filings in RCA Docket U-25-028 A.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Zellers that the RTO approve Chair Million to work with counsel and any relevant witnesses to finalize and file the information requested in

RTO Minutes 10/17/25 Page 2 of 3 RCA Order 5 in Docket U-25-028 on October 20, 2025, with the understanding that no material changes will be made without bringing the filing back to the Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Clarkson.

A roll call was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Potential contract with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC and Stoel Rives

MOTON: A motion was made by Mr. Zellers that the RTO authorize Chair Million and counsel finalize and execute the contract for NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC, and the amendment to the Stoel Rives, LLC contract to reference that consulting firm. Motion seconded by Mr. Clarkson.

A roll call was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Thayer thanks Jennifer for coming in on her day off from work.

There were no other comments.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE - November 7, 2025

Chair Million stated the next meeting will be November 7, 2025.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Travis Million, Chair

Curtis W. Thayer, Secretary