RAILBELT TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION (RTO)
MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2025
Alaska Energy Authority
Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Million, GVEA, called the Railbelt Transmission Organization Governance Committee meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was established.

2. ROLL CALL (for Committee members)

Travis Million (Golden Valley Electric Association [GVEA]); Jon Sinclair (Matanuska Electric Association [MEA]); Brad Janorschke (Homer Electric Association [HEA]); Brian Hickey (City of Seward); Arthur Miller (Chugach Electric Association [CEA]); Curtis Thayer (Alaska Energy Authority [AEA]); and Ed Jenkin (Railbelt Reliability Counsel [RRC]).

3. PUBLIC ROLL CALL (for all others present)

Fernanda Conrad (Accu-Type Depositions); Karen Bell, Jennifer Bertolini, Mark Billingsley, William Price (AEA); Matt Clarkson (CEA); Kody George (City of Seward); Dan Bishop, Daniel Heckman (GVEA); Larry Jorgensen, Sarah Lambe, Jessica Spuhler (HEA); Tony Zellers (MEA); Carl Monroe (Munro Advisors, LLC); Andrew Jensen (Office of the Governor); Bernie Smith (Public); and Tina Grovier (Stoel Rives, RTO).

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

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 – April 18, 2025

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Hickey to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Thayer.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve the Minutes of April 18, 2025 passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Working Group Update

Daniel Heckman, GVEA, provided the RTO Working Group update. Mr. Heckman noted that the Working Group has been focused and busy with their tasks assigned at the previous Governance Committee meeting. The majority of the tasks will be discussed later in today's meeting. Mr. Heckman indicated that the utilities' Chief Financial Officers (CFO) and regulatory personnel are working with the RTO's consultant Carl Monroe, Munro Advisors, on developing a cost allocation approach with the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement (ATRR). The initial plan may be brought before the Governance Committee at the May 16, 2025, meeting for feedback. Mr. Heckman discussed that if there is alignment around the path forward that could result in a process that would be part of the Open Action Transmission Tariff (OATT) that is due on July 1, 2025. The Working Group continues its work and effort with a steady cadence. There were no comments or questions.

B. RTO Certificate Filing and OATT Filing

Tina Grovier, Stoel Rives, and Counsel to the RTO, provided the update on the RTO Certificate Filing and the OATT Filing. Ms. Grovier discussed that since the previous RTO meeting, there have been no new filings with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska in the application docket and there have been no new orders issued. Ms. Grovier indicated that she has no information to add to Mr. Heckman's report regarding the backbone transmission system (BTS), the OATT, and the ATRR. However, she does have related matters to discuss in executive session, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position and/or financial position of the RTO and/or the Committee members. There were no comments or questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Hickey to enter Executive Session 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. Motion seconded by Mr. Sinclair.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to enter into Executive Session passed, with Mr. Thayer voting no.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 11:40 am. (Bylaws Section 5.12.3) To discuss matters with an attorney for the Committee, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the finances or legal position of the Committee or Authority.

The RTO Governance Committee reconvened its regular meeting at 4:26 p.m. Vice Chair Million advised that the RTO did not take any formal action on matters discussed while in Executive Session, except as authorized in the Bylaws 5.12.2., to give directions to an attorney or negotiator regarding the handling of a specific legal matter or pending negotiation.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Million stated that the recommended draft BTS policy will be posted publicly on Monday, and will be discussed further at the next RTO meeting.

10. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Janorschke expressed appreciation for the work and effort of Ms. Grovier, Mr. Monroe, and the Working Group.

Mr. Sinclair echoed the comments of appreciation for the work and efforts during this timeline.

Mr. Hickey echoed the previous comments of appreciation.

Mr. Jenkin expressed appreciation for the ongoing work efforts, specifically the work by the CFOs to develop a cost allocation manual.

Mr. Thayer thanked everyone for the meeting and expressed appreciation for understanding the need for a public session. There will be many public documents to review next week that will provide a glimpse of some of the challenges the RTO faces.

Mr. Miller echoed the previous comments. He reiterated appreciation for the Working Group for their efforts and progress.

Vice Chair Million echoed the previous comments. He noted the impressive efforts of the Working Group. He understands there is much work remaining, and he is confident it will be completed.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – May 16, 2025

The next meeting date is May 16, 2025. Vice Chair Million noted it will be a long meeting, including multiple presentations and discussions within the public setting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Travis Million, Acting Chair

Curtis W. Thayer, Secretary