RAILBELT TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION (RTO)
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 30, 2025
Teams Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Izzo, MEA, called the Railbelt Transmission Organization Governance Committee meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was established.

2. ROLL CALL (for Committee members)

Tony Izzo (Matanuska Electric Association [MEA]); Travis Million (Golden Valley Electric Association [GVEA]); Sarah Lambe (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)

Karen Bell, Jennifer Bertolini, Mark Billingsley, Bill Price (AEA); Matt Clarkson (CEA); Daniel Heckman (GVEA); Larry Jorgensen, Jessica Spuhler (HEA); Andrew Jensen (Governor's Office); David Pease, Tony Zellers (MEA); Carl Monroe (Munro Advisors, LLC); Electra Kean (Public); Claire Latta-Knudsen (RCA); and Tina Grovier (Stoel Rives, RTO).

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Ms. Lambe noted that the documents were not hyperlinked to the agenda, and were not attached to the calendar invite.

Jennifer Bertolini, AEA, explained there are no public documents attached to the agenda. Ms. Lambe indicated that the agenda is not attached to her calendar invite, and requested an emailed copy.

Mr. Hickey and Mr. Miller stated that they do not have the agenda either.

Ms. Bertolini responded that she will distribute the agenda to all.

Chair Izzo discussed that the current agenda does not include an item to approve the filing. He believes the approval of the filing is required by the Bylaws. Chair Izzo proposed inserting Item 9. New Business to approve the filing. Chair Izzo requested Tina Grovier, Stoel Rives, to comment on the proposed amendment. Ms. Grovier agreed that amendment makes sense.

Chair Izzo requested that members respond when they have received and reviewed the agenda.

Mr. Thayer responded that he has a copy of the agenda and agrees with the friendly amendment.

Vice Chair Million noted that if Chair Izzo's recommendation was a motion to amend the agenda, Vice Chair Million will second the amendment.

Chair Izzo indicated that it would be considered a friendly amendment. There was no objection.

Mr. Hickey said he reviewed the agenda, and it looks fine.

Mr. Miller agreed the agenda looks fine.

Ms. Lambe agreed the agenda looks fine.

Mr. Jenkin commented that he has no issues with the motion.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve the agenda, as amended by inserting Item 9. New Business, Approval of Filing, passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – June 20, 2025

The minutes for the June 20, 2025, meeting were not available for review.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Working Group Update

Chair Izzo requested Daniel Heckman, GVEA, provide the RTO Working Group update. Mr. Heckman noted that the Working Group continues to focus its efforts on the Open Action Transmission Tariff (OATT) filing and the tariff advice letter that is the cover letter for the OATT filing with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) that is due by the close of business tomorrow, July 1, 2025. The Working Group has conducted group reviews of the documents, as well as individual entity coordination reviews. The product for consideration today is in its substantive form and will be filed with the RCA on time. Mr. Heckman discussed that significant work has occurred since the prior Governance Committee meeting, including work over the weekend. He expressed continued appreciation for the diligent work and the resulting product. Mr. Heckman reiterated his thanks to the Working Group, the consultants, counsel, and the Governance Committee for their time, resources, and team effort during this process. He looks forward to submitting the filing to the RCA tomorrow. There were no comments or questions.

B. RTO Certificate Filing and OATT Filing

Chair Izzo requested that Ms. Grovier provide the update on the RTO Certificate Filing and the OATT Filing. Ms. Grovier indicated that she has no information to add to Mr. Heckman's report. She echoed the comments of appreciation for the hard work and indicated that she does have matters related to the upcoming tariff filing and related documents to discuss in executive session, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal position and 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 into 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. Miller.

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

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 10:46 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 12:41 p.m. Chair Izzo advised that the RTO did not take action on any matters discussed while in Executive Session except as authorized in the Bylaws 5.12.2, to give directions to the attorney regarding the handling of specific legal matters and pending negotiations. There were no comments or questions.

9. NEW BUSINESS - APPROVAL OF THE FILING

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Miller that the RTO do the following: 1.) approve the filing of the Nondiscriminatory Open Access Transmission Tariff and related documents with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska on July 1, 2025, consistent with the direction given to its attorney in executive session on this legal matter, and 2.) authorize RTO counsel to make any minor changes, modifications, and additions that she deems necessary, desirable, or appropriate to carry out the direction provided by the RTO Governance Committee or to otherwise comply with RCA regulations and practice. Motion seconded by Mr. Thayer.

A roll call was taken, and the motion passed with Mr. Hickey absent.

10. MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Thayer expressed appreciation to everyone during this process, particularly the Working

Group, the attorneys, Ms. Bertolini, Karen Bell, AEA, and the AEA team. He believes the work product has exceeded expectations during the 11 months of efforts since the Legislature and the Governor gave the assignment. Mr. Thayer is pleased that the filing will be completed tomorrow. Additional information within the next six months will determine next steps in the process. He reiterated his thanks to all involved.

Chair Izzo noted that Claire Latta-Knudsen, RCA, posted a comment on the Teams meeting saying thank you.

Vice Chair Million commented on the great work completed by all. He noted that the efforts to reach this goal were considerable, including working this weekend. He complimented the team and the Governance Committee for working through the issues to reach tomorrow's filing date.

Ms. Lambe reiterated the comments of appreciation for the efforts. She looks forward to beginning the next chapter of these endeavors.

Mr. Miller echoed the recognition and appreciation of the previous comments, especially to the Working Group, Ms. Bertolini, Ms. Grovier, Carl Monroe, Munro Advisors, LLC, and to the Governance Committee members. He looks forward to tomorrow's filing, and to the next segment of the filing process.

Chair Izzo echoed the positive comments of others, especially to the Working Group and Mr. Heckman. He expressed congratulations to all involved in this process. There were no other comments or questions.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Izzo indicated that the next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for July 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the AEA conference room. There were no comments or questions.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Tony Izzo, Chair

Curtis W. Thayer, Secretary