

Railbelt Reliability Council Implementation Committee - Meeting
February 8, 2021
Final Minutes (Approved by IC 2/15/2021)

1) Roll-call

The meeting was held via Zoom, was called to order at 1:15 pm, and was chaired by JE.

Primary		Alternate		Organization
Brian Hickey (BH)	n	Jeff Warner (JWR)	Y	Chugach Electric Association
John Burns (JB)	Y	Frank Perkins (FP)	Y	Golden Valley Electric Association
Rick Baldwin (RB)	Y	Dan Chay (DC)	Y	Homer Electric Association
Julie Estey (JE)	Y	Ed Jenkin (EJ)	n	Matanuska Electric Association
Lou Florence (LF)	Y	Shayne Coiley (SC)	n	Doyon Utilities
Dave Burlingame (DB)	Y	Rob Montgomery (RM)	n	City of Seward
Kirk Warren (KW)	Y	Curtis Thayer (CT)	n	Alaska Energy Authority
Suzanne Settle (SS)	Y	Sam Dennis (SD)	Y	Cook Inlet Regional Inc.
Joel Groves (JG)	Y	Mike Craft (MC)	Y	Alaska Environmental Power, LLC
Veri di Suvero (VDS)	Y	Enei Begaye (EB)	n	Alaska Public Interest Research Group
Chris Rose (CR)	Y	Greg Stiegel (GS)	n	Renewable Energy Alaska Project
Hank Koegel (HK)	Y	David Newman (DN)	n	Unaffiliated seat
<i>Jeff Waller (JWL)</i>	n	<i>Janet Fairchild-Hamilton (JFH)</i>	n	<i>Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy</i>
<i>Bob Pickett (BP)</i>	n	<i>Antony Scott (AS)</i>	n	<i>Regulatory Commission of Alaska</i>

Y: Attending n: Not attending v: seat is vacant

Steve Mahoney (SM) present.

Steve Lewis (SL), Rebecca Sexton-Kelly (RSK) Hallie Buse (HB) with Sapere present.

Seth Blumsack (SB), Kate Konschnik (KK) and Stephanie Lenhart (SL) not present.

12 of 12 voting members are initially present, no ex-officio members are present.

2) Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve today's agenda 1JB, 2JW.

JB requested to discuss RCA draft regulations. GVEA has concerns about them and others may as well. Would like to consider IC comments and advise of possible GVEA comments to RCA.

DC mentioned had invited AS to join towards the end of the meeting to provide update on RCA status. He has not heard back from AS yet.

JE mentioned addition of newly introduced senate bill (SB) 69, seeking to renew 711(r) provision that exempts certain IPPs from RCA regulation. Requested to be add to update / member comments section.

PASSED AS AMENDED with no objections. [12-0-0].

3) Approval of February 1 Meeting Minutes

MOTION to approve 2/1/2021 meeting minutes. 1JG, 2KW.

JG provided minor amendments to clarify language.

PASSED AS AMENDED with no objections [12-0-0].

4) ExCom

JE provided update that ExCom plans to issue monthly progress report for February in March.

5) Budget Committee (BudCom)

a. Charter Amendment.

JG presented revised BudCom charter and solicited IC comment. Direct comments to JG, will incorporate and bring revised charter back to IC for adoption on 2/15.

Discussion on status of overall IC/RRC draft budget and need to formalize. JG advised that the BudCom will plan to revisit this in about one month to allow some time for IC to stand up additional subcommittees. BudCom should have a better understanding by then of additional subject matter experts and associated costs that will be incurred in 2021 to complete application.

b. Tom Lovas Budget Amendment.

JG reviewed proposed budget amendment introduced on 2/1 and rationale.

MOTION that the IC approve the Energy & Resource Economics (Tom Lovas) budget amendment as presented with a not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000. 1JG, 2HK.

PASSED with no objections. [12-0-0].

6) Work Plan

RSK introduced a matrix outline of the work plan. IC discussed application / ERO end-state deliverables. Sapere will continue to advance work plan and coordinate with BudCom as needed.

7) Governance Topics

SD presented BySub's proposed RRC governing board member selection process and led discussion on proposed provisions. IC members provided input / guidance.

SD summarized BySub's planned schedule: draft language based on today's feedback out by Friday 2/12, additional IC comments by Tuesday 2/16, BySub rework on 2/17, with final language out by 2/19 for tentative approval by IC on 2/22.

8) Updates/Member Comments

RCA coordination. JE: has sent several messages to BP seeking guidance on scheduling of RCA update, but no guidance received back. Fall back is to provide an update within the public comment part of the RCA meeting. SS not available at next RCA meeting on 2/10, JE coordinating with SS to provide an IC update in public comments at 2/17 meeting.

Commonwealth North. JE is still waiting to hear back from them on schedule. Will continue to track the matter.

Website. JE observed it needs an update on several items, on to do list.

RCA draft regulations. IC member discussion on the topic. Possible action to be considered at next IC meeting is to include IC comments to RCA discussing balanced governance and IC proposed governance structure.

[4PM JE and JB left meeting. 11 of 12 members present.]

9) February 15 Meeting Agenda

Meeting is **NOT** cancelled for President's Day holiday.

Monthly reporting process

Continue discussion on balanced stakeholder board and IC comments to RCA on topic.

Tentative approval of board composition language.

Sapere Update on Work Plan

BudCom Update

- Amended Charter for approval
- Update on Tom Lovas work progress

Present/Discuss SB69

10) Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn 1MC, 1JWR.

ADJOURNED at 4:06 PM.

DEFINITION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

All committee members are identified by their initials, as defined in the roll call table.

- 1JE, 2JG. Shorthand designating which committee members proposed and seconded motions.
[~]: Secretary's commentary provided for clarity / context as appropriate.
Vote tally shorthand is Y-N-A, yea – nay – absent or abstain.
- Aol: articles of incorporation
CEA: Chugach Electric Association, Inc.
DOC: duties of care
DU: Doyon Utilities
ERO: Electric Reliability Organization
ExCom: executive committee
IC: Implementation Committee
MEA: Matanuska Electric Association, Inc.
NDA: non-disclosure agreement
PM: project management
PMP: project management professional
RAPA: Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy
RCA: Regulatory Commission of Alaska
RRC: Railbelt Reliability Council
SOW: scope of work

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Approved Budget Amendment for Energy & Resource Economics (Tom Lovas)

ATTACHMENT 1/1 (1 PAGE)

CONTRACT CHANGE REQUEST

Energy & Resource Economics (Tom Lovas)

Change Request #1

Date Submitted: February 1, 2021

SCOPE CHANGE

Before Change:	After Change:
<p>Original Scope approved by IC on 1/11/2021</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Become familiarized with RRC IC guiding documents (SB123; associated draft regulations; IC actions to date; and (as applicable) existing draft RRC articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies and procedures, code of conduct, and other control documents; and IC's MOU. 2. Prepare draft table of contents for RRC Tariff and RRC ERO certificate application consistent with RRC IC guiding documents. Delineate items that are required for the ERO application vs those that the RRC would only need to develop after an ERO certificate is issued. 3. Prepare estimate of level of effort to draft Tariff and Certificate Application documents for ERO application. 4. Present draft findings to budget subcommittee, address subcommittee comments, and present findings to IC. <p>Updated budget reflects more refined guidance from contractor as scope of work is being reviewed.</p>	<p>NEW TASK 5:</p> <p>5. Attend RCA's R-20-003 3-day work session scheduled for February 2021</p>

SCHEDULE CHANGE

	Target date for completion	
	Before Change:	After Change:
Tasks 1-4	3/1/2021	3/15/2021
[Task 5	N/A	Per RCA work session schedule

BUDGET CHANGE

	Before Change:	After Change:
Tasks 1-4	NTE \$10,000	NTE \$13,200
Task 5	N/A	NTE \$3,600
Contingency	N/A	3,200
Contract Total:	\$10,000	\$20,000

Date approved	Yea:	Nay:	Absent/Abstain:	Date:
IC Chair – Julie Estey				Date:
IC Treasurer – Joel Groves				Date: