

Railbelt Reliability Council Implementation Committee - Meeting

March 1, 2021

Final Minutes (Approved by IC 3/8/2021)

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)	n	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)	Y	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)	Y1	Sam Dennis (SD)	Y	Cook Inlet Regional Inc.
Joel Groves (JG)	Y2	Mike Craft (MC)	Y	Alaska Environmental Power, LLC
Veri di Suvero (VDS)	Y1	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>	Y	<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

Y1: SS, VDS joined meeting at approximately 1:20 PM.

Y2: JG left meeting approximately 2:00 PM and rejoined approximately 3:00 PM.

Steve Mahoney (SM) present; Tom Lovas (TL) left meeting approximately 2:00 PM.

Steve Lewis (SL), Rebecca Sexton-Kelly (RSK), and Bayunt Ollek (BO) with Sapere present.

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

11 of 12 voting members are initially present, one ex-officio member is present.

2) Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve today's agenda. 1DB, 2KW.

PASSED with no objections. [11-0-1].

[SS and VDS joined meeting at approximately 1:20 PM, 12 of 12 voting members present.]

3) Approval of February 22 Meeting Minutes

MOTION to approve 2/22/2021 meeting minutes. 1JG, 2JWR.

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

4) Standards Subcommittee Formation

JWR gave introductory presentation on standards.

[JG and TL left meeting at approximately 2:00 PM, 12 of 12 voting members present.]

a. Workplan

JWR described the process of creating and implementing a standard. The focus should be defining a process for developing standards rather than developing or implementing standards at this time.

b. Formation Schedule

The Standards Subcommittee ad hoc group will provide the draft charter and draft support request form to Sapere by 11am on 3/12 for IC discussion at the 3/15 IC meeting.

c. Standards Basics

JWR provided an overview of standards and a brief history of operating and reliability standards in the Railbelt.

d. Standards update (in Railbelt)

JWR presented a list of current Railbelt standards.

e. Chartering Volunteers

KW (chair), DB, LF, VDS, and JWR volunteered to join the ad hoc committee tasked with forming the Standards Subcommittee.

5) Integrated Resource Plan Subcommittee Formation

DB gave introductory presentation on integrated resource planning and explained that the IC needs to simply outline the processes for determining the different elements of the IRP and does not need to actually define or develop any of these elements for the ERO application.

An IRP Subcommittee ad hoc group was formed and will provide a draft charter and related materials to Sapere by 11am on 3/12 for IC discussion at the 3/15 IC meeting.

DB (chair), CR, JWR, FP, HK, KW, and MC volunteered to join the ad hoc committee tasked with forming the Integrated Resource Plan Subcommittee.

6) RC Technical Conference Debrief

JE opened the floor for comments and discussion following the prior week's RCA Technical Conference. There were concerns raised about the RCA determination that the ERO will not be a utility. IC members were encouraged to file comments with the RCA expressing on this matter. IC members voiced concern over the importance of voting thresholds in maintaining or disrupting balance.

[JG rejoined meeting at approximately 3:00 PM, 12 of 12 voting members present]

7) Bylaw Subcommittee (Bysub)

SD continued his presentation on RRC voting thresholds and subject. Reviewed that 2/3 vote threshold required for AOI and bylaws changes, simple majority for routine matters. Still under debate is voting thresholds for important matters, currently envisioned to include policies, standards, IRP, tariff, executive hiring, enforcement actions, and annual budget approval. Current proposals for higher voting thresholds are 60% (8 votes) or 66% (9 votes) thresholds.

Bysub will continue discussion on this topic at their Wednesday meeting and will bring a motion to the IC for tentative approval next week. SD will query Academics at Wed Bysub meeting to see if they can be in next Monday's IC meeting to discuss problems related to higher voting thresholds at PJM.

8) Missioning / Path Forward

JE raised this topic as something that has been in the parking lot for a while. Informal IC consensus is that this should stay in the parking lot for now and IC should focus on things needed for the ERO application filing - but still consider discussing this if we have time. Perhaps revisit in a month.

9) Updates / Member Comments

JE: CWN presentation is not done. Do have draft to CR, plan is to send draft out in next 24 hrs, IC provide comments by COB Thursday, have draft in packet for next week 3/8.

10) March 8 Meeting Agenda

Commonwealth North presentation

Tariff charter from Tariff workgroup

Bylaw Subcommittee update and possible motion on voting thresholds.

11) Adjourn

ADJOURNED at 3:59 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.
CPCN:	certificate of public convenience and necessity
DOC:	duties of care
DU:	Doyon Utilities
ERO:	Electric Reliability Organization
ExCom:	executive committee
IC:	Implementation Committee
IRP:	integrated resource plan
LSE:	load-serving entity
MEA:	Matanuska Electric Association, Inc.
NDA:	non-disclosure agreement
NTE:	not to exceed
PM:	project management
PMP:	project management professional
RAPA:	Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy
RCA:	Regulatory Commission of Alaska
RRC:	Railbelt Reliability Council
SB:	Senate bill
SOW:	scope of work

ATTACHMENTS:

1. None