

Railbelt Reliability Council Implementation Committee - Meeting

March 8, 2021

Final Minutes (Approved by IC 3/15/2021)

1) Roll-call

The meeting was held via Zoom, was called to order at 1:18 pm, and was chaired by SS.

Primary		Alternate		Organization
Brian Hickey (BH)	Y	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)	n	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)	Y1	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>	Y2	<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: out from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

Y2: will be intermittently out.

Steve Mahoney (SM) present; Tom Lovas (TL) present through Tariff charter item.

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

Seth Blumsack (SB), and Stephanie Lenhart (SL) joined at approximately 3:00 PM.

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

2) Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve today's agenda, modified to accommodate the academic group joining the meeting at 3PM. 1CR, 2HK.

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

3) Approval of March 1 Meeting Minutes

MOTION to approve 3/1/2021 meeting minutes. 1JG, 2BH.

SS offered friendly amendment, item 5 second paragraph should read "An IRP Subcommittee..."

Friendly amendment accepted by JG and BH.

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

[KW left meeting at approximately 1:30 PM, 10 of 12 voting members present]

4) Tariff Charter

RSK summarized proposed Tariff Subcommittee Charter.

Discussion on the proposed degree of involvement with IC to gain buy-in as tariff language is developed. Consensus that the process pioneered by BySub should be followed – for tariff

subcommittee and for subcommittees generating RRC application work product generally. Subcommittee monthly reports should be used to apprise the IC of progress. The IC may need additional meeting time in the coming weeks to accommodate growing subcommittee reporting.

[TL left meeting at 1:45 PM]

5) Commonwealth North Presentation

CR summarized presentation preparation and feedback received / incorporated. Presentation is Friday 3/12 at noon (virtual). CR solicited concerns and comments on presentation.

6) Updates / Member Comments

MC commented that he enjoyed the battery / gas contract presentation last week.
CR concurred, thanked EJ for organizing.

7) Bylaw-O-Rama

SD presented current bylaw status.

Quorum

SM outlined draft language for the Quorum section of the Bylaws.

MOTION to TA bylaws section 2.2.1.6 regarding quorum as drafted. 1SD 2BH.

PASSED by roll call vote [10-0-2].

Presumption of Assent

SM outlined draft language for the Presumption of Assent section of the Bylaws.

MOTION to TA bylaws section 2.2.1.9 regarding presumption of assent as drafted. 1SD 2BH.

PASSED by roll call vote [10-0-2].

Recusal From Voting

Discussion of personal recusal clause and how to reconcile with inherent conflict of stakeholder board and the dividing line between personal and organizational conflicts. BySub will continue to work on this issue.

Executive Committee

Reviewed of intent and powers of RRC executive committee (ExCom) (section 2.2.3.3.1).

There were reservations about this provision which parallels for-profit organizations and executive powers typically conferred to CEO or president.

BySub will revisit ExCom emergency powers concept based on feedback, to include board affirmation of emergency actions.

Discussion on responsibilities related to standing committees.

[KW rejoined the meeting at 2:30PM, 11 of 12 voting members present.]

Lower Voting Thresholds

There was discussion of an emergency declaration option to enable lower voting threshold for matters normally requiring a 2/3 approval threshold. There is no draft language for this section, but the IC agreed that this should be included in the Bylaws. BySub will draft language for this section and bring to the IC at next week's meeting.

Technical Advisory Committee Makeup

SD introduced TAC structure and membership.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the TAC structure and how it should fit with the RRC Board. The IC members held various opinions regarding the TAC composition and whether RRC members should staff the TAC, or whether the TAC should be completely independent of the members. This included concern regarding technical competence of the TAC members as well as concern that the TAC not become a shadow RRC Board. This issue was not resolved and will be raised at later meetings.

Voting Thresholds

There was a long discussion regarding voting thresholds and methods of resolving stalemates with the academic team offering input from their research. Concerns raised included the increased potential for stalemates due to higher approval thresholds (such as is seen in PJM), the degrees to which stalemates are financially driven and the pros and cons of certain resolution strategies. These resolution approaches included appeals to FERC (presumably to the RCA in the case of the Alaska ERO), or adoption of ranked-choice voting.

8) March 15 Meeting Agenda

Update the Tariff Subcommittee charter for approval.

Review draft charters for IRP Subcommittee and Standards subcommittee.

Update on Tom Lovas progress.

Bylaws Subcommittee draft language:

- Board review of ExCom decisions
- Lowering of Voting Thresholds

Monthly reports.

9) Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn, 1BH, 2SD.

ADJOURNED at 3:53 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