

RAILBELT TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION (RTO)  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2025

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Million, GVEA, called the Railbelt Transmission Organization Governance Committee meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. A quorum was established.

**2. ROLL CALL (for Committee members)**

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

**3. PUBLIC ROLL CALL (for all others present)**

Karen Bell (AEA), Jennifer Bertolini (AEA); Mark Billingsley (AEA); Bill Price (AEA); Kody George (City of Seward); Andrew Jensen (Governor's Office); Tina Grovier (Stoel Rives, RTO); Daniel Heckman (GVEA); Kim Henkel (MEA); Carl Monroe (Munro Advisors, LLC); David Pease (MEA); Jon Sinclair (MEA); Jessica Spuhler (HEA); Joel Groves (RRC); Tony Zellers (MEA);.

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thayer to approve the agenda as amended by moving New Business Items 7A., 7B., and 7C., to before the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller.**

**A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – October 17, 2025**

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Hickey to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Thayer.**

**A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve the Minutes of October 17, 2025, passed unanimously.**

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Open Access Transmission Tariff, RCA Matter #TA1-8001**

Tina Grovier, Stoel Rives, stated on October 20th, the RTO filed its response to Commission Order #5 in this docket, as well as its responses to discovery from ACPIRG and REAP. Two days later the RTO received prefiled responsive testimony from RAPA, GVEA, REAP, MEA and Seward. Discovery period has opened and discovery has begun.

Ms. Grovier said on October 31, 2025, the Commission issued Order U-25-028(7), requiring and allowing filings, issuing supplemental questions and established publishing filing dates, which added briefing requirements to the November 14, 2025, filing. She said, in addition, the RTO's pre-filed reply testimony is due December 19, 2025. She said she has matters related to these topics, contracts, subcommittees, prefiled reply testimony and next steps in Docket U-25-028 to discuss with the RTO in executive session, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal and financial position of the RTO and or the committee members.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RTO Technical Subcommittee Update**

Jon Sinclair, MEA, stated the Technical Subcommittee has been meeting weekly to discuss several items, with the primary focus on the regional local allocator. He explained the discussions have been constructive, consensus has not yet been reached regarding the methodology or the required studies. He said it is anticipated that additional meetings will be necessary before a resolution is achieved. He said no formal direction has been determined at this time.

Mr. Sinclair continued the subcommittee has reviewed and provided recommendations on certain discovery questions. The group also examined scheduling requests related to anticipated timelines for various efforts, including business practices, regional processes, and associated loss calculations. He said developing accurate timelines remains a significant challenge. He clarified that high-level schedules have been developed, but they were explicitly noted as preliminary and subject to change.

Mr. Sinclair said responding to requests from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) has been difficult, and much of the information provided to date has been caveated accordingly. He summarized that the subcommittee continues to focus on the regional local allocator and has supplied preliminary schedules and comments on discovery questions.

Arthur Miller asked when does the RTO need to respond to the Commission on the local regional allocator.

Mr. Sinclair responded that the RCA requested a schedule for when the RTO anticipates completion. The Subcommittee compiled the Gantt Chart, which is speculative. He said completion is expected in a year or so.

## **B. RTO Tariff Subcommittee Update**

Daniel Heckman, GVEA, said the Tariff subcommittee has met three times and he has been elected chair of the subcommittee. The subcommittee has been focused on providing support with the reply brief that is due to the Commission in a week. He explained the subcommittee has also been focusing on compiling the Gantt chart, which will be presented later in the meeting.

Mr. Heckman stated the Tariff subcommittee is also addressing rate implementation and addressing double recovery of any transmission costs associated with the BTS or revenue requirements. The subcommittee has also started discussing business practices with consultant Carl Monroe.

## **C. RTO Finance Subcommittee Update**

Karen Bell, AEA, said at the first Finance Subcommittee held in October she was elected chair. The subcommittee has been discussing the schedule of activities that is required for the brief due to the Commission on November 14, 2025. She said the finance subcommittee is focused on the financial aspects of the tariff including the ATRR, the cost-of-service calculation, requirements for billing and what occurs when an entity is islanded and the associated business practices with those topics.

Ms. Bell said the next subcommittee is next Monday and will focus on audit timelines for the entities. She explained as the schedule for the ATRR is developed, there must be an understanding of when information will be available to be entered into the ATRR template.

**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 related to RTO finances and legal strategy. This is consistent with our Bylaws, which allow the Board to consider confidential matters in executive session, and in this case, the RTO believes that these are subjects that would have an adverse effect on the finances of the RTO and are being discussed with an attorney, the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the financial or legal position of the Committee or are protected by law due to rules protecting personal privacy and certain business information. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller.**

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

- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:44 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 1:01 p.m. Chair Million advised that the RTO did not take any formal action on the matters discussed while in executive session,

except as authorized by Bylaws Section 5.12.2, to give direction to an attorney or negotiator regarding the handling of a specific legal matter of pending negotiation.

**9. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**D. RCA Issuing Questions in u-25-028(1)**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Miller that the RTO approve Chair Million to work with counsel and any relevant witnesses to finalize and file the information requested in RCA Order #1 and #7 in Docket U-25-028 on November 14, 2025, with the understanding that no material changes will be made without bringing the filing back to the Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Hickey.

A roll call was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

**10. MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Thayer thanked everyone. He said there is information that is owed Tina from the IMC, which should be provided by Monday.

Mr. Izzo thanked Jennifer, especially with the technical challenges and delays, and he appreciated the good meeting.

Mr. Jenkin appreciated the conversations.

Chair Million thanked Jennifer and Tina and all the subcommittee representatives that provided updates today. It was a good meeting and echoed all the previous comments.

There were no other comments.

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE – December 5, 2025**

Chair Million stated the next meeting will be December 5, 2025.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.



Travis Million, Chair



Curtis W. Thayer, Secretary