

RAILBELT TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION (RTO)
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Million, GVEA, called the Railbelt Transmission Organization Governance Committee meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. ROLL CALL (for Committee members)

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

3. PUBLIC ROLL CALL (for all others present)

Jennifer Bertolini (AEA); Karen Bell (AEA) Mark Billingsley (AEA); Bill Price (AEA); Vienna Vaden (AEA); Matt Clarkson (CEA); Jessica Spuhler (HEA); Sarah Lambe (HEA); Kim Henkel (MEA); David Pease (MEA); Jon Sinclair (MEA); Kody George (City of Seward); Tina Grovier (Stoel Rives, RTO); Carl Monroe (Munro Advisors, LLC); Andrew Jensen (Governor's Office).

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Thayer.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – March 20, 2026

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve March 20, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Hickey.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to approve March 20, 2026, minutes passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Open Access Transmission Tariff, RCA Docket U-25-028

Tina Grovier, Stoel Rives, reported the RTO is deliberating on their decision in Docket U-25-028, which is due on June 4, 2026. Today the subcommittees will report on their progress in preparing proposed business practices and protocols. She said she has matters related to these topics, budgeting, service contracts, potential RFPs, updates to the Gantt chart, and next steps related to the OATT to discuss 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 or that are protected by and/or are confidential under state, federal, or local law.

B. Technical Subcommittee Update

Jon Sinclair, MEA, said the Technical Subcommittee has been working on two business practices: the change request business practice and studies business practice. It is also working on the local/regional and loss studies – specifically the RFP for those studies. Mr. Sinclair said these items will be discussed in executive session.

C. Tariff Subcommittee Update

Daniel Heckman, GVEA, said the Tariff Subcommittee has been working on the three business practices that are going to be considered under new business. He said after the business practices are considered by the Governance Committee, the Tariff Subcommittee will move onto other business practices and start to address dispute resolution.

D. Finance Subcommittee Update

Karen Bell, AEA, said the Finance Subcommittee continues to meet on a weekly basis and the primary focus since March has been developing a recommendation for protocols related to the annual transmission revenue requirement template proposed in the tariff, as well as developing several budget recommendations including recommending an increase of \$270,000 for fiscal year 2026 budget, which is on the agenda under new business.

Ms. Bell said the subcommittee has a draft framework for protocols. She qualified there are complex issues to be discussed with the Governance Committee and legal counsel. She said the process is taking longer than anticipated, and the subcommittee will continue to work with legal counsel and the Tariff Subcommittee to resolve issues. She said the Governance Committee should be aware that protocols also could be impacted by the final order in U-25-028. Moving forward the subcommittee will be working on a business practice for the annual budget process and the scope of a unified cost of capital study.

Ms. Bell also stated all three subcommittees are realizing there is a need to develop a business practice for handling confidential information and the business practices being introduced today reference such a business practice. She said the RTO did not initially identify handling confidential information as a business practice or include it on the Gantt chart but said it will be essential since the RTO has required public postings.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Miller to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to RTO finances and or legal strategy as described by and for the reasons outlined by council, which is consistent with their bylaws. Motion seconded by Mr. Izzo.

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

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 12:12 pm. (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 1:33 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 or pending negotiation.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. RTO FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Karen Bell, AEA, introduced the proposed FY 26 Budget Amendment and explained that the Finance Subcommittee is recommending a budget increase of \$270,000 to the fiscal year 2026 budget. She reminded the Governance Committee that at the February 13, 2026, meeting the RTO approved a budget amendment to add anticipated increased costs for the hearing since the initial budget had not considered a hearing occurring in fiscal year 2026. She said the hearing lasted longer than scheduled and additional costs were incurred. This budget increase being requested today will cover the additional costs that were incurred for the hearing and as well as costs of contracts, mostly legal, through the end of June.

Brad Janorschke acknowledged that the last budget was conservative. He wondered if this budget amendment is conservative as well, or will there be another request in the next couple of months.

Ms. Bell said another budget request is not expected for fiscal year 2026 unless something unanticipated happens. She said today's budget amendment has enough to cover costs through the end of June and includes any work that may be necessary in June in response to or for work associated with Docket U-25-028.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thayer to approve the FY26 RTO budget amendment as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller.

A roll call was taken, and the motion to approve the FY26 RTO Budget amendment passed unanimously.

B. BUSINESS PRACTICES

i. RTO DRAFT Business Practice Change Request

Jon Sinclair, on behalf of the Technical Subcommittee, presented the Change Request business practice, which is required by RTO's Proposed Tariff Sheet 22, and outlines the process for submitting a change request. The practice includes an exhibit, which is a checklist for making a change request. The types of changes include changes to network loads, network resources, the BTS and other special requests.

ii. RTO DRAFT Business Study Request Process

Mr. Sinclair said Studies business practice is outlined in the RTO's Proposed Tariff Sheets 69 and 84 and includes a checklist of items to complete to request a study. He explained Eligible Customers, Network Customers, Transmission Owners (TOs), and the Railbelt Reliability Council (RRC) as a member of the RTO may request studies. He explained that the Governance Committee would assign a subcommittee to handle study requests. The assigned subcommittee would follow the outline of for contracting and managing the contractor to perform the study. The business practice also includes a process if the study is done in-house and not by a contractor.

iii. RTO DRAFT Business Practice Updates and Changes

Daniel Heckman clarified the business practices are being presented for Governance Committee today and then will be considered for possible action next Friday. He said the business practice for addressing updates and changes to the non-discriminatory open access transmission tariff (NOATT) establishes a process for requesting changes to the NOATT and the business practices. He explained that TOs, Network Customers, Eligible Customers, and the RRC can propose changes. After a proposed change is made, there is a subcommittee assignment to look over the changes based on the topic. The assigned subcommittee may have conversations with other subcommittees to determine whether any other regulatory approvals are required, and there is also a process for the subcommittee to recommend any action on the requested changes to the Governance Committee for consideration.

iv. RTO DRAFT Business Practice Tariff Filings

Mr. Heckman said the Tariff Filings business practice is specific to filings that will be submitted to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. The business practice establishes a process for preparing and submitting the filings to the RCA. The filings could include NOATT changes, annual cost of service filings, RTO administration charges, or Non-Pro-Forma Service Agreements. Mr. Heckman said the regulatory team on the Tariff Subcommittee are familiar with preparing and submitting these filings and the business practice defines the path for how the RTO will prepare to submit filings to the RCA.

v. RTO DRAFT Business Practice Postings

Mr. Heckman said the final RTO Required Public Posting Business Practice addresses RTO public postings. At the hearing before the RCA there was discussion on what should be posted for public transparency and this business practice seeks to provide clarification including format, process and who is responsible for posting and maintaining the postings. He said this business practice aims to show the transparency of the organization, maintain regulatory compliance, and ensure interested parties have access to this information. He said since the RTO is a part of AEA for administrative purposes, much of this is going to fall on AEA and Ms. Bell.

Chair Million noted the RTO Governance Committee will need to approve these to move them forward. He asked the will of the body.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thayer to table the business practices until the next meeting to give the committee members and members of the public time to review and include on May 15, 2026, Agenda for consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. Janorschke.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion to table the business practices until May 15, 2026, meeting was approved unanimously.

10. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Thayer thanked everyone for the meeting today and looks forward to the May 15, 2026, meeting. He appreciated staff work at the subcommittee level, and that of Mark, Karen, Bill, and Jennifer.

Mr. Miller echoed Mr. Thayer's comments and appreciated the effort. We continue moving forward and are looking to the Commission's order in early June.

Mr. Hickey thanked everyone and appreciated the efforts and looked forward to the order in June.

Mr. Janorschke also echoed the comments. He also thanked Tina and looked forward to hearing from the RCA.

Mr. Izzo agreed with all comments of the prior members and wished all a good weekend.

Mr. Jenkin stated his appreciation of the consistent effort of the subcommittees moving these items forward.

Chair Million echoed everyone's comments. He thanked Tina and Jennifer for keeping us moving in the right direction and preparing for the meetings.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – May 15, 2026

Chair Million stated the next meeting date is Friday, May 15, 2026.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.


Travis Million, Chair


Curtis W. Thayer, Secretary