

RAILBELT TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION (RTO)
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Million, GVEA, called the Railbelt Transmission Organization Governance Committee meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. ROLL CALL (for Committee members)

Curtis Thayer (Alaska Energy Authority [AEA]); Arthur Miller (Chugach Electric Association [CEA]); Larry Jorgensen (Homer Electric Association [HEA]); Tony Izzo (Matanuska Electric Association [MEA]); Travis Million (Golden Valley Electric Association [GVEA]); Taylor Crocker [City of Seward]; Hans Thompsom (Railbelt Reliability Council [RRC]).

3. PUBLIC ROLL CALL (for all others present)

Jennifer Bertolini (AEA); Karen Bell (AEA); Bill Price (AEA); Vienna Vaden (AEA); Matt Clarkson (CEA); Jessica Spuhler (HEA); Sarah Lambe (HEA); David Pease (MEA); Jon Sinclair (MEA); Tony Zellers (MEA); Kody George (City of Seward); Daniel Heckman (GVEA); 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 vote 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 – May 15, 2026

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thayer to approve May 15, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to approve May 15, 2026, minutes passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

Tina Grovier, Stoel Rives, reported on two orders the Commission issued in Docket U-25-028 since the last meeting. The RCA determined it could not prepare and issue a final order by June 4th and asked all parties, other than the one who did not participate in the hearing,

to consent to a 90-day extension of the timeline. These parties consented and in Order No. 14, the Commission extended the timeline for issuing a final order to September 2, 2026. The next day, the RCA issued Order No. 15, extending the tariff suspension period to the same date.

Ms. Grovier said there are matters related to these orders and their impacts, updates to the Gantt chart, draft RFPs, business practices, service contracts, 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, the Committee members, and/or that are protected by and or confidential under state, federal, or local law.

B. Technical Subcommittee Update

Jon Sinclair, MEA, said the Technical Subcommittee continues to work on business practices and does not have anything to present to the RTO at this time. He said the subcommittee is anticipating the extended interruptions and secondary service business practices will be ready for review by the Governance Committee next month.

C. Tariff Subcommittee Update

Daniel Heckman, GVEA, said the Tariff Subcommittee has prepared the Dispute Resolution Business Practice for the RTO's consideration during New Business today. The subcommittee will tackle a Confidential Information Business Practice next.

D. Finance Subcommittee Update

Karen Bell, AEA, said the Finance Subcommittee continues to work on developing protocols and business practices, and is working to finalize the Budget Business Practice to bring before the Governance Committee at the next meeting. The subcommittee is also reviewing the draft of the Extended Interruptions Business Practice that the Technical Subcommittee has completed, since it will impact the billing procedures. Next, the subcommittee will be looking at the Credit Review Business Practice, which is anticipated to be presented to the Governance Committee in September.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Business Practice for Dispute Resolution

Mr. Heckman said the purpose of the Dispute Resolution Business Practice is to establish a process for network customers to submit a complaint for review by the transmission service administrator (TSA), which is the RTO. He explained there is a distinction between administrator and provider. The business practice establishes a process for how a dispute with the TSA is initiated, what information is required to submit a dispute, and what the formal and informal resolution processes are.

Mr. Heckman said potential next steps would be considering whether to propose additional language in the tariff to further re-define these processes or to include additional parties once the RCA has issued its order in September.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thayer to approve the Dispute Resolution Procedures Business Practice to be effective at the time as the RTO's non-discriminatory open access transmission tariff goes into effect; and further, Chair Million will work with the RTO Council to finalize drafts with the understanding that no material changes will be made without bringing the business practice back to the committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to approve the Dispute Resolution Procedures Business Practice passed unanimously.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thayer to enter into executive session to discuss confidential matters related to the RTO finances and/or its legal strategy as described by and for the reasons outlined by council, which is consistent with the RTO's bylaws. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion to enter into executive session passed unanimously.

9. 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 1:07 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.

10. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Izzo thanked Tina and the subcommittee members. He expressed appreciation to folks like

Jon Sinclair and others working on the regulatory, legal and technical efforts, who are putting in tremendous hours that were not a part of their duties a few short years ago. He again thanked those folks and wished everyone a great weekend.

Mr. Crocker stated he has been working on the Tariff Subcommittee and his co-workers have been working on the Finance Subcommittee and it is amazing the time everyone is dedicating to the effort. He said great job everyone and appreciated the efforts.

Mr. Jorgensen thanked everyone for their efforts.

Mr. Miller welcomed Hans Thompson, from the RRC, noting he makes a real contribution to that organization. He thanked Tina and the subcommittee members for the updates and all the work.

Mr. Million echoed all the comments.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – July 24, 2026

Chair Million stated the next meeting date is Friday, July 24, 2026.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.


Travis Million, Chair
Curtis W. Thayer, Secretary