RAILBELT TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION (RTO)
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2026

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Million, GVEA, called the Railbelt Transmission Organization Governance Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

## 2. ROLL CALL (for Committee members)

Curtis Thayer (Alaska Energy Authority [AEA]); Arthur Miller (Chugach Electric Association [CEA]); Sarah Lambe (Homer Electric Association [HEA]); Tony Izzo (Matanuska Electric Association [MEA]); Travis Million (Golden Valley Electric Association [GVEA]); Taylor Crocker (City of Seward); Ed Jenkin (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); David Pease (MEA); Jon Sinclair (MEA); Tony Zellers (MEA); Kim Henkel (MEA); Kody George (City of Seward); Daniel Heckman (GVEA); Hans Thompson (RRC); 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. ANNUAL MEETING - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Million stated he provided email notice seven days in advance to all members of the Governance Committee and opened nominations for 72 hours. After 72 hours, he notified members that the only nominations were to re-elect the current officers on the Committee. Despite this, the bylaws are very specific and the election must take place. Chair Million suggested the Committee may want to consider modifications to the bylaws to allow some flexibility in the future. He requested the Committee members on Teams submit votes by text message. He said the nominations were for Travis Million as Chair, Tony Izzo as Vice Chair, and Curtis Thayer as

Secretary / Treasurer.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Thayer that the Committee approve Travis Million as Chair, Tony Izzo as Vice Chair, and Curtis Thayer as Secretary /Treasurer.**

Chair Million announced the elected officers: Travis Million as Chair; Tony Izzo as Vice Chair, and Curtis Thayer as Secretary / Treasurer.

## 7. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – June 26, 2026

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Izzo to approve June 26, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Thayer.**

**A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to approve June 26, 2026, minutes passed unanimously.**

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

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

Tina Grovier, Stoel Rives, reported there have been no substantive filings or orders issued in the docket since the Committee's last meeting.

Ms. Grovier said there are matters related draft business practices, RFP, service contracts, and next steps related to the OATT to discuss with you in executive session the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect on the legal or financial position of the RTO or the committee members, or that are protected by 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. The subcommittee has been focusing on the extended interruption business practice and the 12 CP business practice. He explained NDAs have been executed, which will help move the 12 CP business practice along. The Secondary Service business practice will be considered later today.

### C. Tariff Subcommittee Update

Daniel Heckman, GVEA, said the Tariff Subcommittee is currently working on a draft confidential information business practice. Later this quarter the subcommittee will be working on a billing procedures business practice for the RTO and how it would work with other utilities that are paying that portion of the RTO costs.

### D. Finance Subcommittee Update

Karen Bell, AEA, said the Finance Subcommittee continues to work on business practices with the focus on developing a recommendation for the RTO budget process. Currently the subcommittee is in the process of incorporating feedback from legal and anticipates bringing that business practice to the Governance Committee in August. Then the subcommittee will move onto billing procedures and credit review. The Finance Subcommittee and Tariff Subcommittee will be looking at the billing business practice together because it impacts both.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Business Practice for Secondary Service

Mr. Sinclair said there is one business practice for Governance Committee review and approval today, Secondary Service. He said is it short and straight forward outlining the process of requesting secondary service, and the requirements regarding duration and capacity.

Mr. Miller asked how it was named "secondary service" because it leads him to think of delivery of a secondary service voltage level.

Mr. Monroe said the "secondary service" came from the original FERC 888 tariff.

Mr. Million asked if it would be useful to include a definition of the secondary service within the business practice.

Ms. Lambe asked the length of time secondary service would be provided and if it is a long-term commitment.

Mr. Sinclair clarified the business practice does not specify duration but could be for an extended period if it is agreed upon. He explained it is secondary, not primary. If the capacity is available, it could be for a long term, but if the capacity is not available, it could be interrupted if the system requires that interruption to ensure network resources reach network loads.

Mr. Jenkin asked if secondary service is a defined term in the tariff.

Mr. Monroe said secondary service is defined in the tariff. He said the RTO could reference the tariff for the definition, or the definition could be included in the business practice but cautioned if the definition is in the tariff and the business practice, they must be consistent.

Mr. Jenkin suggested the secondary service be defined in the business practice by simply reference to the definition in the tariff.

Mr. Million agreed.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Izzo to approve the Secondary Service Business Practice including a reference to the tariff definition 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 RTO counsel to finalize the draft with the understanding that no material changes will be made without bringing the business practice back to the Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Thayer.**

**A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to approve the Secondary Service Business Practice, with a reference to the tariff definition passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Miller 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 counsel, which is consistent with the RTO's bylaws. Motion seconded by Mr. Izzo.**

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

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 1:25 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 1:39 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. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Izzo thanked the Chair for a brief and efficient meeting. He appreciated AEA, Karen and the staff that support this effort, and looks forward to the RCA Order.

Mr. Thayer echoed Mr. Izzo's comments and said he is optimistic about the RCA Order.

Mr. Miller agreed with the comments.

Mr. Jenkin noted that ancillary services are addressed under TO tariffs, not BA tariffs. He said it is not material but that edit should be made to the Business Practice for Secondary Service.

Ms. Lambe thanked the staff and all the various committee members for keeping the process moving forward.

Mr. Million echoed all comments. He said it is nice to see the business practices continuously moving forward. He recognized and appreciated the work of people outside of their normal jobs.

## 11. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 14, 2026

Chair Million stated the next meeting date is Friday, August 14, 2026.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

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Travis Million, Chair

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Curtis W. Thayer, Secretary