RAILBELT TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION (RTO)
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Curtis Thayer, AEA, called the Railbelt Transmission Organization Governance Committee meeting to order at 12:10 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 Zellers (Matanuska Electric Association [MEA]); Daniel Heckman (Golden Valley Electric Association [GVEA]); Ed Jenkin (Railbelt Reliability Council [RRC]). Absent: Brian Hickey [City of Seward]).

3. PUBLIC ROLL CALL (for all others present)

Jennifer Bertolini (AEA); Karen Bell (AEA); Bill Price (AEA); Mark Billingsley (AEA); Jon Sinclair (MEA); Kim Henkel (GVEA); Tina Grovier (Stoel Rives, RTO); Carl Monroe (Munro Advisors, LLC); David Pease (MEA); Kody George; 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. Zellers.

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 – August 14, 2026

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve August 14, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Miller.

Sarah Lambe asked for a minor correction on page 5, under member comments, Ms. Spuhler should reflect Ms. Lambe.

Ed Jenkin said on page 5, 4th paragraph, 3rd line should be corrected to read "there is recognition if there are multiple TO's **in** a balancing authority (not **and).**

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion to approve August 14, 2026, minutes with corrections, passed unanimously.

Mr. Thayer explained he is the Secretary-Treasurer for the RTO, and not the official Chair of the meeting. Since Chair Travis Million is absent and requested that Mr. Izzo chair the meeting, but with the technical issues with the Teams Meeting, Mr. Thayer asked the will of the body who is to conduct the rest of the meeting. The Committee agreed to allow Mr. Thayer to continue.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Miller to have Mr. Thayer conduct the remainder of the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Zellers.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion to have Mr. Thayer Chair the meeting passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

Tina Grovier, Stoel Rives, said the RTO filed its most recent update to its Gantt Chart on August 18, 2026. On August 27, 2026, the RCA asked the parties to consent to another extension of 90-days to make its decision in docket U-25-028. The parties consented and on September 1, 2026, the RCA issued its order extending the timeline for issuance of final order with consent of all parties extending the TA suspension. No other filings have been made nor orders issued since that date.

Ms. Grovier said she has matters related to RFP's, coordination with the RRC, 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 and 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, one of which is being reviewed today. The committee continues to work on the local regional allocator RFP and there are concerns regarding the procurement process for that RFP, which would be discussed in executive session. He said a question came up regarding an alternate representative to the RRC. Since he is the RTO representative to the RRC and cannot be there all the time, the technical subcommittee recommends having an alternate representative..

C. Tariff Subcommittee Update

Daniel Heckman, GVEA, said the Tariff Subcommittee continues to work on the business practice for confidential information and is looking at information sharing. The committee is considering combining confidential information and information sharing into one business practice for consideration by the Governance Committee.

D. Finance Subcommittee Update

Karen Bell, AEA, said the Finance Subcommittee continues to meet weekly and work on business practices. The subcommittee has completed a business practice for billing calculation and a draft scope for the cost of capital RFP, which are to be reviewed by legal counsel, but anticipate bringing those to the Governance Committee at upcoming meetings. Ms. Bell said next the Finance Subcommittee will work on business practices related to credit review and billing procedures.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Business Practice – Ancillary Services

Mr. Sinclair stated the tariff requires that balancing authorities provide network customers with two ancillary services including (1) dispatching – scheduling; and (2) voltage control. The Ancillary Services Business Practice also outlines there are other ancillary services that can either self-provided or can be provided by the balancing authorities.

Mr. Jenkin asked if the business practice requires transmission owners to develop the mechanism by which two services will be charged when a balancing authority has multiple transmission owners.

Mr. Sinclair replied yes, but there must be a posted tariff for each ancillary service. The transmission owners will work together to provide costs.

Mr. Miller asked if this was the work of the Technical Subcommittee. Mr. Sinclair replied that was correct. Mr. Miller asked if there was a consensus and if there were any issues they should be made aware of. Mr. Sinclair replied there was a consensus and that there were no concerns from the Technical Subcommittee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Zellers that the RTO approve Ancillary Servies Business Practice to be effective at the same time as the RTO's non-discriminatory open access transmission tariff goes into effect. 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. Miller.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion to approve the Ancillary Services Business Practice was approved unanimously.

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

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 12:17 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 1:05 p.m. Mr. Thayer 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. Heckman gave thanks to Jon Sinclair and the Technical Subcommittee for moving the business practice on ancillary services to the Governance Committee for review and approval.

Ms. Lambe echoed the comments and wished everyone a good weekend.

Mr. Zellers agreed with those comments and thanked all the subcommittee and their work.

Mr. Miller thanked the committee members and Tina for the update. Looking forward to the Commission order.

Mr. Jenkin appreciated the committee members and the efficient meetings. He noted the RRC Board has requested an update on the RTO, which he will be providing on Monday including why the RTO exists, how it interacts with the RRC, and the RTO actions to date including the business practices that have been passed in open session.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD

Mr. Thayer stated the RTO will need a meeting in October, November and two in December. Jennifer will work with individual RTO Governance Committee members to identify dates and schedule those meetings.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Travis Million, Chair

Curtis W. Thayer, Secretary