



California ISO

Step 1 Recommendation

West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

July 23, 2024

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 - identify how staff proposes to address to those comments; and
 - propose next steps.
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Today's Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
10:30 – 10:35	Welcome and housekeeping	Christina Guimera, CAISO
10:35 – 10:40	Agenda and review of stakeholder process	Adam Schultz, CAISO
10:40 – 11:15	Summary of Step 1 comments and staff's proposed response	Adam Schultz, CAISO Burt Gross, CAISO
11:15 – 11:25	Response from the Launch Committee to the ISO staff's proposed approach	Members of the Launch Committee
11:25 – 11:55	Public Q&A	
11:55 – 12:00	Next Steps	Christina Guimera, CAISO

ISO Policy Initiative Stakeholder Process



- The comments submitted on the Step 1 recommendation are available to review on the ISO's [policy initiative page](#)

Summary of Step 1 Comments

Step 1 Proposal: Indicative Voting

Support (22)	Neutral (6)	Oppose (1)	No Position (2)
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Summary of Step 1 comments

Issue	Summary
Continued collaboration between the ISO Board and WEM Governing Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many parties identified an interest in defining a structure or process to support continued collaboration between the two bodies after Step 1 is implemented.• Parties suggested this could take the form of continued joint meetings, informal discussions or briefings, or a formal communication structure.
Process to make changes in governance documents after approval of Step 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A couple of parties sought more specific information on how changes to governance documents would occur if Step 1 is approved, and if parties would have an opportunity to review those changes.• One party offered specific language to be added to the Governing Body's charter related to the public interest.

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Logistics in the Context of a Dual Filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A few parties identified an interest in the ISO describing in more detail how the proposed “dual filing” mechanism would operate:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What role for ISO staff in preparation of filings?○ How to ensure preference is not indicated for one of the filings?○ How to ensure accuracy in articulation of positions in a filing?○ What triggers the mechanism?○ How will role of GB be funded?

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Definition of exigent circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Several parties asked that more definition be provided for what constitutes time-critical exigent circumstances:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ To mitigate confusion○ To note its limited nature○ To ensure it is used as a last resort• One party commented that the existing exigent circumstances provision not be further limited.
Trigger mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A couple of parties recommend elimination of the trigger requirement, and the immediate implementation of Step 1.• One party suggested this change not take effect until after one year of EDAM operation.

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Scope of Primary Authority (the “applies to” test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some parties sought changes to the scope of issues falling within Primary Authority:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Review of and further definition and development of the ‘applies to’ test○ Provide more details of tariff sections covered by the ‘applies to’ test
Legal Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One party suggested that the ISO seek an opinion from the California Attorney General on the legality of Step 1.
Pathways process to develop Step 1 proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple parties raised concerns with the process used by the Launch Committee to develop the Step 1 proposal, while another party commended the same process and its accessibility to stakeholders.

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Comments pertaining to the development of Step 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Several parties offered comments that appear to be directed at the ongoing development by the Launch Committee of its Step 2 proposal:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Defining authorities retained by CA under that proposal○ Comments focused on changes to the stakeholder process○ Articulating an interest in a greater role and funding for consumer advocates in Step 2

CAISO Staff Recommendation

Summary of Current CAISO Staff Recommendation Based on Written Comments

Category 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues that the Launch Committee previously considered and addressed• The Step 1 proposal reached an appropriate outcome that we support• We are not inclined to recommend changes
Category 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New issues or details not fully addressed by the Launch Committee• These issues do not in our view require substantive changes to the Step 1 proposal• Board and Governing Body should have flexibility to collaboratively address these topics, if necessary, in the future

Category 1 Issues: Staff response

- Four major topics fall into this category:
 - Trigger mechanism for Step 1
 - Definition of exigent circumstances
 - Scope of Primary Authority under the applies to test
 - Public Interest language in the Charter
- These issues were exhaustively addressed by the Launch Committee and we support their recommendation
- Some stakeholders sought more definition or explanation of ‘exigent circumstances’ and the ‘applies to’ test
 - These terms have been carefully defined in ISO’s current governance documents

Category 2 Issues: Staff response

- Two major topics fall into this category:
 - Continued collaboration between Board and GB
 - Logistical details for dual filing mechanism
- These issues were not considered in great detail by the Launch Committee
- Our view is that the Board and GB should retain flexibility to collaborate and consider evolution of both of these issues over time and with experience

Staff's proposed next steps

- Indicative voting showed strong overall support for the Step 1 proposal
- Our view is that there is no need for making substantive changes to the Step 1 proposal
- We propose to move forward with a joint meeting between the ISO Board and the WEM Governing Body on August 13, 2024 to consider and vote on the Step 1 proposal
- Staff intends to respond to the comments received in a memo to the Board and Governing Body that will be published in advance of the August 13th meeting

Response from the Launch Committee

Public Q&A

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