



November 7, 2019

Docket UE-190760

Subject: Western Grid Group Nomination to the Carbon and Electricity Markets Stakeholder Workgroup

On behalf of Western Grid Group, I wish to nominate two individuals to serve as members of the Carbon and Electricity Markets Workgroup.

Western Grid Group (WGG) is a Public Interest Organization whose efforts are focused on developing policies, plans, systems, and operations necessary to support a carbon free future. WGG works throughout the Western Interconnection (WI) on evolving grid operations to integrate and support clean energy, ensure markets and market services are built to improve electricity reliability, existing transmission systems are used more efficiently, and flexibility becomes a key planning and operations criterion.

Our proposed nominees are:

- Mr. Don Furman, a resident of Vashon Island; and
- Myself, Kate Maracas, a resident of Olympia

Don is an attorney with a long and distinguished career that has spanned energy policy, power marketing, renewable energy development, executive utility positions, and his role at the helm of the foundation-funded Fix the Grid Coalition, where he led a campaign to educate public officials and opinion leaders on the path to a low-carbon electricity grid in the western US. Don is also currently nominated for a position on the five-member Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governing Body, where – if selected, his close involvement with the evolution and strategic direction of the EIM will be very beneficial to a core charter of the Carbon and Electricity Markets Work Group.

I am currently a clean energy policy advocate and the managing director of Western Grid Group, a foundation-funded Public Interest Organization. I am a power system engineer, having spent many years working in utility engineering, resource planning, and environmental management. I also spent several years in developing large, utility-scale renewable energy projects. In my current role at WGG, I focus on grid integration solutions for high penetrations of variable resources, and policy solutions that will enable a 100% carbon-free future. I am also currently a PSE Technical Advisory Group (TAG) member, and believe that successful implementation of CETA will rely upon a strong foundational shoring from the many rulemakings that derive from CETA.

Don and I are both committed to contributing our time, effort, expertise and experience to the success of this Workgroup. We are happy to submit further biographical information, or any additional information you may need.

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Many thanks for your consideration,

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