

WECC Organizational Announcement

WECC is pleased to announce that Kristine (Kris) Raper, Commissioner for the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, will be joining WECC as Vice President of External Affairs effective January 24, 2022. Kris brings years of industry knowledge and experience to the position, including one full term as a Public Service Commissioner and a second appointment that began in 2021, a broad range of electric utility legal experience, and effective interactions with utility executives, policymakers, and state and federal regulators.

Melanie Frye, President and CEO, said, “Kris’s wide-ranging regulatory and utility industry knowledge, along with her ability to engage with key stakeholders, will be a tremendous asset in this position at WECC. Furthermore, her in-depth knowledge of the issues affecting the Western Interconnection will enable her to hit the ground running in this critical outreach role.”

As a Commissioner, Kris has been involved with the California Independent System Operator Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) and served as a member of the Governance Review Committee that considered governance changes for the EIM, including the anticipated impact of a day-ahead market. Kris has served as chair of the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body for the past year and has been serving as one of two Western representatives on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Joint Task Force on Electric Transmission.

Kris is a licensed attorney in Idaho and has managed a caseload representing a variety of regulatory and energy law matters. Before being appointed Commissioner, Kris served as deputy attorney general to the Idaho Commission for seven years. In this role, she defended the Commission’s decisions at the District Court, the Idaho Supreme Court, and before FERC.

Kris holds an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from Boise State University and completed her Juris Doctor at the University of Idaho College of Law.

A member of WECC’s executive team, Kris will report to Steven Goodwill, Senior Vice President of Strategic Engagement, General Counsel and Secretary.