# FACILITATION OF THE RAILBELT RELIABILITY COUNCIL (RRC)

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# DISCUSSION OUTLINE

- Update on the Process
- Stakeholder Outreach
- RCA Jurisdiction
- Reliability Standards
- RRC Scope
- RRC Governance Structure



#### UPDATE ON THE PROCESS

- Presented at the January 26, 2018 RCA Technical Conference
- Response to Order No. 3, Docket 1-16-002
  - Filed update on the facilitation process (3/7/18)
  - Conducted a technical conference involving all interested parties (3/13/18)
  - Summary of comments received from Stakeholders and Interested Parties to be filed (3/20/18)



#### Stakeholder and Interested Party outreach

- Alaska Energy Authority
- Alaska Independent Power Producer Association
- American Transmission Company
- Anchorage Municipal Power & Light
- ARCTEC Board
- ARES EIF
- Chugach Electric Association

- CIRI
- Doyon Utilities
- Golden Valley Electric Association
- Homer Electric Association
- Matanuska Electric Association
- RAPA
- REAP
- Seward Electric Association



# RCA JURISDICTION

- ✓ RCA approves the establishment of reliability, security, and other operating standards
- ✓ RCA retains authority to review and approve investments
  and administrative costs of the RRC
- ✓ RCA is the ultimate arbiter of reliability and network access disputes

-- These acknowledgments will be part of the MOU and subsequent RCA documents --



#### RELIABILITY STANDARDS

- The six utilities are developing consensus reliability standards to govern Railbelt grid operations
- As agreed to in their MOU of October 11, 2017 they will file a report on these standards on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018
- These standards, for informational purposes, will be filed as expeditiously as practical
- It is anticipated that these standards will serve as "Version 1.0" reliability standards for adoption, administration, monitoring, and enforcement



#### Reliability Standards

- Railbelt Managers have created the Railbelt Cybersecurity Working Group
- This group is developing a scope of work and budget, including consulting support, to enable the collaborative establishment of a single set of enforceable cybersecurity standards
- The Railbelt Cybersecurity Working Group will be incorporated into the RRC when established



# RRC Scope and Functions

#### **Interdependent Functions:**

#### Reliability

ESTABLISH AND
ENFORCE RELIABILITY
STANDARDS
INCLUDING CYBER
AND PHYSICAL
SECURITY

Access

DEVELOP AND
ADMINISTER OPEN
ACCESS
TRANSMISSION
TARIFF

**Planning** 

DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER GENERATION & TRANSMISSION EXPANSION PLANNING





#### RRC Scope and Functions

#### **Key Takeaways:**

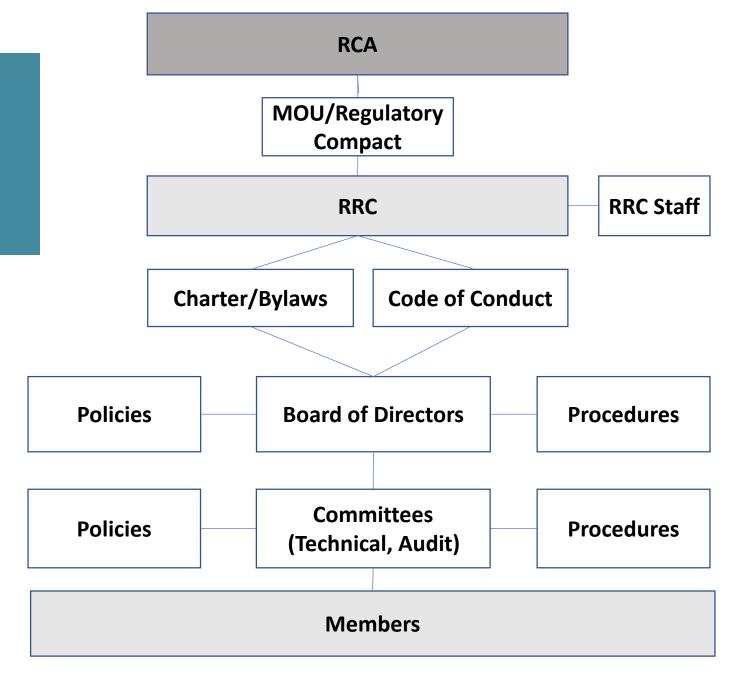
- Protocols, planning, and informational postings will provide transparency to Stakeholders
- RRC Scope and Functions as shown can work in concert with a Transco
- Economic dispatch monitoring and evaluation of potential costs and savings will provide needed information to Stakeholders



# RRC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

RCA will have full jurisdiction over the RRC

RRC will be Stakeholder Driven







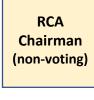
# RRC Board of Directors Recommendation



#### Voting

**4 Transmission Owner** 

4 Non-Transmission Owner (Chair - Tie Breaker)



Consumer RAPA

IPP/ Renewable

IPP/ Renewable "Outside" Unaffiliated

AEA

Utility (South)

Utility (ANC) Utility (North) (Future) TRANSCO, Utility

#### **Notes:**

- All terms are 3 years unless indicated otherwise.
- Must meet qualifications. Outside director academia, retired utility exec, etc.
- Board expands for addition of new Transmission Owners (TRANSCO, Utility, etc.)



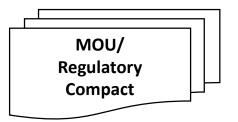


# RRC MOU/REGULATORY COMPACT

#### Key Process Deliverable ---> Recommended MOU

#### What will it do?

- Document consensus on an RRC
- Recognize the RCA retains full authority over the RRC
   What will it contain?
- Outline the RRC's Structure and Scope
- Commitment to develop a formal RRC Business Plan
   Who will be party to it?
- All Utility Participants to be signatory
- To be acknowledged by the RCA & Interested Parties



MOU (Memorandum of Understanding is a Written Document)

# RRC FACILITATION PROCESS - SUMMARY NEXT STEPS

- ➤ Continue collaboration with Stakeholders
- > Follow-up meetings as necessary
- Develop Final Report and recommended MOU



#### RRC FACILITATION COMMUNICATIONS

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#### RRC FACILITATION PROCESS

# Thanks for your time and attention and your continued input and support going forward!

