



## CEO Report Item 8

**TO:** Ava Community Energy Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Nick Chaset, Chief Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** CEO Report (Informational Item)  
**DATE:** January 17, 2024

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### **Recommendation**

Accept Chief Executive Officer (CEO) report on update items below.

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

The January 10, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 9 am.

### **Financial, Administrative and Procurement Subcommittee Meeting**

A Financial, Administrative and Procurement Subcommittee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Members received updates about the fiscal year budget surplus and long-term offtake agreements. The next Financial, Administrative and Procurement Subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

### **New Employees**

#### **Romeo Phillips**

Romeo Phillips joined Ava on 01/02/2024 as a Data Engineer on the Data and Analytics team. He will focus on maintaining and optimizing data processes, implementing innovative data solutions, and driving strategic decisions through data-driven insights.

Before joining us, Romeo worked as a Geo-Spatial Data Engineer at Echo-Analytics in Paris, France, where he managed and integrated large-scale Data Lakes, handling billions of data points daily. He brings on experience in Google Cloud Platform Suite and various other technologies that Ava uses.

Romeo holds a Bachelor's in Computer Science, Digital Strategy, and Design from Ecole Supérieure du Digitale, Paris, and has an Associate's Degree from HETIC, Montreuil, France.

#### **Vashna Manisha**

Vashna Manisha joined Ava on 01/03/2023 as the Settlements Manager on the Power Resources Team.

Vashna is responsible for overseeing and optimizing complex financial transactions within the dynamic energy market settlement with respect to long term contracts.

Prior joining Ava, Vashna worked as Sr. Business Implementation Analyst at CAISO, where she contributed to the construction and documentation of Good Faith Negotiation settlement processes, dispute approaches, and corrective actions. She launched validated settlement reports (RAAIM and NBT), ensuring quality and accurate data for Price Corrections Application (PCA), Net Benefit Price (NBP), and Market quality system (MQS).

Vashna holds a BS in Accounting and Management in Public Administrations from University of the South Pacific.