

**WIRAB Comments on  
Proposed Bucket 3 WECC Bylaws Amendments  
October 17, 2017**

The Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Bylaws Revision Process and to submit comments on the proposed “Bucket 3” Bylaws Amendments, which include substantial changes that may affect rights and obligations and require only Board approval.

Under the proposed Bucket 3 Bylaw amendments, most of Section 8—Member Committees—would be deleted and replaced with “general language allowing the Board to create committees and requiring a [Member Advisory Committee (MAC)] and a Nominating Committee [(NC)].” Language related to WECC’s discretionary committees, and most language related to the MAC, would be deleted, allowing relevant provisions to be addressed by each committee’s Board-approved charter instead. Section 8.5.1, which specifies Class representation (i.e., membership) on the MAC, would be included in the deleted language.<sup>1</sup>

WIRAB agrees that it is appropriate to remove language related to WECC’s discretionary committees—and some language related to the MAC—from the Bylaws and to include this language, instead, in each committee’s Board-approved charter. However, WIRAB believes that the membership (and purpose<sup>2</sup>) of the WECC MAC (and NC) are core provisions for WECC’s non-discretionary committees<sup>3</sup> that should be protected under the WECC Bylaws.<sup>4</sup>

**WIRAB recommends that core provisions pertaining to WECC’s non-discretionary committees (i.e., committee membership and purpose) be retained in the WECC Bylaws.**

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<sup>1</sup> Section 8.5.1 of the WECC Bylaws currently states that “the [MAC] shall be comprised of three representatives from each of the five (5) Member Classes, for a total of fifteen (15) members.”

<sup>2</sup> The proposed amendments do not propose to eliminate the purpose of the MAC. The Bylaws would retain language about the MAC’s purpose, stating that “the MAC shall advise the Board on any matters as the committee deems appropriate and advise the Board on policy matters as the committee deems appropriate.” WIRAB simply notes “purpose” as an example of core provisions for WECC’s non-discretionary committees.

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with the WECC Bylaws, WECC must have a MAC and a NC.

<sup>4</sup> Similar Bylaw amendments, as they might pertain to the NC, cannot be proposed under Bucket 3, but could be proposed under Bucket 4, which will include substantial changes that may affect rights and obligations and that require both Board and member approval.