



## **WESTERN INTERCONNECTION REGIONAL ADVISORY BODY**

### **BYLAWS**

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- A. As provided in Section 215 of the Federal Power Act, the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB) is established by the Governors of States that have at least one-half of their electric load in the Western Interconnection through the adoption of Resolution 05-29 of the Western Governors' Association. The WIRAB shall be a standing advisory committee to the Board. The following parties are eligible to appoint a representative to serve on the WIRAB:
- a. The eligible petitioning States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming;
  - b. The Western Interconnection Canadian Provinces of Alberta and British Columbia;
  - c. The State of Baja Norte or an agency of the government of Mexico representing the portion of Mexico in the Western Interconnection; and
  - d. The States of Nebraska, South Dakota and Texas which have less than one-half of their load in the Western Interconnection.
- B. The state and provincial appointees to the Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB) from the states and provinces listed above shall be the respective state provincial representatives on the WIRAB. The governor of any non-WIEB member state listed above in Section A.d. may appoint a representative to WIRAB. Any change to this section must be approved by both WIEB and WIRAB.
- C. A member of the WIRAB may designate an alternate.
- D. Members of the WIRAB shall elect from their membership a Chair and Vice-Chair.
- E. The Chair, with the concurrence of the WIRAB, may appoint committees.
- F. The purpose of the WIRAB is to provide advice to the Electric Reliability Organization, a regional entity (i.e., the Western Electricity Coordinating Council), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the governance of an existing or proposed regional entity within the Western Interconnection, whether a standard proposed to apply within the Western Interconnection is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest, whether fees proposed to be assessed within the Western Interconnection are just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest, and any other responsibilities requested by the Commission.<sup>1</sup> The WIRAB shall also consult with the U.S. Department of Energy on the designation of national electric transmission lines pursuant to Section 216 of the Federal Power Act.

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<sup>1</sup> Paraphrase of Section 215(j) of the Federal Power Act.

- G. Official actions of the WIRAB shall be taken only upon the affirmative vote of at least one-half of the members of the WIRAB and those members casting affirmative votes must represent at least one-half of the electric energy consumed among the states and provinces participating in the WIRAB. For WIRAB voting purposes, the amount of electric energy consumed shall be defined as the amount of electricity consumed in that portion of state or province that is located in the Western Interconnection. The amount of electricity consumed shall be derived from official sources and shall be posted on the WIEB website and updated no less often than once a year. WIRAB actions do not require approval of the Board.
- H. The WIRAB shall adopt an annual budget that balances expected revenues and expenditures. As provided in Article I.F., separate financial records for the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body shall be maintained. Expenditures shall be subject to an annual audit. Funds for WIRAB shall be for activities authorized under the Federal Power Act.
- I. The WIRAB shall provide advanced public notice and written records of its meetings, including conference calls, on a publicly-accessible Internet web site. All meetings of the WIRAB shall be open to the public, except the WIRAB may meet in closed session: 1) to discuss pending or proposed litigation and to receive confidential attorney-client communications from legal counsel; and 2) to receive and discuss any information that is privileged, trade secret, critical energy infrastructure information (as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission), protected from public disclosure by law or that WIRAB determines should be confidential in order to protect a legitimate public interest.
- J. The WIRAB shall meet in person at least once a year. It may hold additional meetings via conference call or in person as needed.
- K. The WIRAB shall make reports as necessary to the Governors on its operation and shall alert Western Governors of issues that may warrant the Governors' direct involvement.