

# **Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC)**

## **Charter**

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### **1. Organization**

The Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC or Committee) was established in 1982. CREPC is a joint committee of the Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB) and the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners (WCPSC). Financial administration and staff support for CREPC is provided by the Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB). CREPC will pursue appropriate funding for WIEB to provide these services.

### **2. Scope of Work**

The scope of work for CREPC is electric power system policy issues that require regional cooperation in the West. This may include engagement with the regional institutions in the West that seek to deliver functions typically provided by Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), and education and dialogue on the issues implicated by, and leading to, deeper regional cooperation. The scope may also include engagement on efforts to expand imbalance markets and create day-ahead electricity markets, efforts to implement regional resource adequacy programs, improve interconnection-wide transmission planning, create and establish RTOs, and other electric power system policy issues in the West.

### **3. Role of the Committee**

- a. The role of the Committee includes:
  - i. monitor and evaluate all efforts to deliver centrally organized RTO functions in the West, whether part of a full RTO or stand-alone functions;
  - ii. educate state and provincial policymakers and utility regulators, through the Joint CREPC-WIRAB meetings, as well as additional educational opportunities throughout the year, about specific functional design, governance structures, and general issues, opportunities, and risks related to regional cooperation;
  - iii. work with member states and provinces to develop positions on important elements of functional design, governance, and policy;
  - iv. communicate the Committee's positions to regional organizations, relevant agencies and entities, and advocate for inclusion of the Committee's positions in the evolving design, governance, and policy; and
  - v. track, analyze, and engage on other priority energy issues in the West as determined by the Committee.
- b. The leadership of the Committee will closely consult with the leadership of the Western Energy Imbalance Market Body of State Regulators (WEIM-BOSR) and the Western Resource Adequacy

Program Committee of State Representatives (WRAP-COSR) to explore opportunities for education, collaboration, and policy alignment on key design and seams matters. The Committee will yield to the WEIM-BOSR and the WRAP-COSR on all matters within their purview.

#### **4. Membership**

The Committee is composed of an energy office official and a regulatory utility commissioner from each of the following states and provinces: Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The energy office official may be designated by the state or provincial representative to the Western Interstate Energy Board. The regulatory utility commissioner may be designated by the chair of the state or provincial regulatory utility commission.

#### **5. Participation in Meetings**

To operate as an effective forum, all state and provincial agency personnel (not just Designated CREPC Members) are invited, and encouraged, to participate in discussions at meetings and webinars.

#### **6. Decision-Making**

- a. Committee decision making processes will be founded on respectful, inclusive dialogue that prioritizes collaborative decision development.
- b. In submitting comments to market developers, regional organizations, or other relevant agencies and entities, the Committee shall seek to represent areas of alignment among members and, if relevant, areas of divergence, which may result in comments expressing a majority and minority view.
- c. The Committee shall work to develop a more formal voting rule. In the meantime, decisions such as whether to submit comments, as described in Section 6(b), shall be made by the Co-Chairs in consultation with the membership.

#### **7. Co-Chairs**

Members of the Committee shall elect from their membership two (2) Co-Chairs. One (1) Co-Chair shall be a representative from an energy office official elected by WIEB, and one (1) Co-Chair shall be a regulatory utility commissioner elected by the WCPSC. The terms of office of the Co-Chairs shall be two (2) years or until a successor is elected, and each may be elected to more than one term.

#### **8. Work Groups**

The Committee may create or abolish work groups as needed. The Committee Co-Chairs shall appoint the work group chair.

- a. Work groups shall be chaired by Committee members.
- b. Work group participation shall be open to all state and provincial agency personnel (not just Designated CREPC Members).
- c. Work groups may solicit input, advice, and participation from technical experts.

## **9. Meetings**

- a. The Committee may meet in-person or via virtual meeting. If the Committee meets in-person, virtual participation is permitted.
- b. In general, all meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. The Committee shall provide public notice of such meetings at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance and shall provide opportunities for public input at all public meetings. Public notice of meetings shall include the date, time, and meeting venue, and describe the meeting topics in reasonable detail.
- c. The Committee may meet in closed session to:
  - i. Discuss and develop positions on important elements of wholesale electricity market design and governance.
  - ii. Discuss strategy related to filings contemplated or made at relevant agencies, such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or in court.
  - iii. Receive confidential communications and advice from legal counsel.
  - iv. Discuss internal contracting or personnel matters.
  - v. Receive and discuss any information that the Committee determines should be kept confidential to protect a legitimate public interest.

## **10. Communication and Record-Keeping**

The Committee will maintain a publicly accessible website. The website will include:

- a. A list of Designated Members of the Committee.
- b. Advance public notice of Committee meetings, including conference calls.
- c. A record of all decisions and actions taken by the Committee.

## **11. Review and Modification of the Charter**

Any modifications to the Charter shall follow the decision-making principles established in Section 6(a) above and must be adopted by both the WIEB and the WCPSC following their respective processes.