

1. Welcome, Call to Order

Branden Sudduth, Joint Guidance Committee (JGC) Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. MT on July 8, 2022. A quorum was present to conduct business. A list of attendees is attached as Exhibit A.

2. Review WECC Antitrust Policy

Shelli Nyland, Project Coordinator, read aloud the WECC Antitrust Policy statement. The meeting agenda included a link to the posted policy.

3. Approve Agenda

Ms. Nyland introduced the proposed meeting agenda.

On a motion by Chris Parker, the JGC approved the agenda.

4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Maddy Eberhard, Administrative Coordinator, introduced the minutes from the meeting on June 3, 2022.

On a motion by Chifong Thomas, the JGC approved the minutes from June 3, 2022.

5. Review Previous Action Items

Ms. Eberhard reviewed action items carried over from the JGC meeting on June 3, 2022. Action items that are not closed and will be carried forward can be found [here](#).

6. PLEXOS Trial-Peak Funding

Byron Woertz, System Adequacy Manager, presented the PLEXOS trial that will use the Peak funding. Mr. Woertz emphasized that PLEXOS would not be replacing GridView, but it would be an additional tool.

Mr. Woertz described the business case and value proposition including capabilities for facility and data management. Mr. Woertz also presented the trial approach which will test demand response, battery modeling, capital expansion, round-trip, and change case management. The trial will span from July 2022 to February 2023.

The JGC asked about getting the data from this program into GridView and whether the results would be different. Mr. Woertz responded that the vendor could use the 2030 Anchor Data Set (ADS) as a trial dataset, given that they already have that case. The ADS already has a reference point to use when information is transferred to GridView.

The JGC also raised concerns that the ADS scheduled release was not met in 2022. Resources being devoted to PLEXOS could increase that struggle. Mr. Woertz said that resources used for the PLEXOS trail should free up around August 2022.

The presentation is posted to the [WECC website](#).

7. Joint Session Follow Up

The JGC discussed the June Joint Session. Members commented that the email process WECC uses for sending out meeting announcements requires committee members to manage their inboxes, to add meetings to their calendars. It may be worth a process check for meeting announcements.

Ms. Nyland said that when the JGC charter was revised, hosting joint sessions was removed. The JGC discussed that the joint sessions are still helpful and have value.

The JGC mentioned that the June joint session went well.

8. Board Meeting Takeaways

Mr. Sudduth summarized the topics that were discussed at the June Board of Directors (Board) meeting and the action items given to him.

The JGC noted the FERC Notice of Proposed Ruling (NOPR) and that the Western states are putting together written comments about transmission planning and WECC's role in that. The utilities seem supportive of the 20-year planning horizon.

Mr. Sudduth requested transmission planning activities be added to the JGC agenda.

9. Committee Categorization Update and Next Steps

Ms. Nyland provided an update on the committee categorization efforts. The surveys are due next Friday. Responses already received have been added to documents in the JGC team site. Ms. Nyland demonstrated how to access the JGC team site and the survey responses.

The JGC asked what the timeline is to complete this work. Ms. Nyland is working to get responses from group leaders with help from the liaisons to get responses. Review of the responses will occur by September 2, 2022.



10. Strategic Alignment

a. Strategic Alignment Meeting

Vijay Satyal, Western Resource Advocates, presented the Strategic Alignment Plan. The primary consideration should be the value proposal for the work product. Mr. Satyal shared the eight questions the JGC will use following the Strategic Alignment meeting. The JGC feedback will be given to the Reliability Assessment Committee (RAC) and Reliability Risk Committee (RRC) leaders.

Mr. Satyal clarified that the JGC will not provide specific comments on the scope of the work but may provide feedback on the general direction or expected outcomes.

The presentation is posted to the [WECC website](#).

b. Reliability Risk Priorities Update

Brenda Ambrosi, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, presented the 2022 Reliability Risk Priorities (RRP), which are:

- cybersecurity,
- extreme natural events,
- resources adequacy, and
- impact of changing resources and customer loads on the BPS.

Ms. Ambrosi went through each priority. The RRP's will be incorporated into the WECC work plans. It would be good to highlight ways WECC is managing these risk priorities.

The presentation is posted to the [WECC website](#).

c. Three-Year Work Plan Updates

Chifong Thomas, Thomas Grid Advisor, gave an update on the RAC work plan creation. Enoch Davies has been having a continuous discussion with committee chairs in RAC Steering meetings to make sure they come up with items for the work plans. This will be further discussed in the next full RAC meeting.

Dede Subakti, California Independent System Operator, gave an update on the RRC work plan creation. During the last RRC meeting, the work groups under the RRC were tasked with creating items for the work plan.



11. Energy Storage Task Force

Ken Silver, 8minute Solar Energy, gave an update on recent activities of the Energy Storage Task Force (ESTF). The task force has reviewed its charter and Mr. Silver reviewed the biggest changes in the purpose of the ESTF.

Mr. Silver was asked whether other energy storage groups were like the ESTF. The other groups have complimentary work, but not overlap.

On a motion by Chifong Thomas, the JGC approved the ESTF Charter.

The presentation is posted to the [WECC website](#).

12. Public Comment

Ms. Eberhard relayed a message that the Resource Adequacy Assessment Task Force (RAATF) is looking for another co-chair to assist Amanda Sargent.

13. Review New Action Items

- Add an item to the JGC agenda about Transmission Planning Activities
 - Assigned To: Branden Sudduth
 - Due Date: September 2, 2022
- Submit RAATF co-chair recommendations to Shelli Nyland and Branden Sudduth
 - Assigned To: JGC
 - Due Date: August 5, 2022

14. Upcoming Meetings

August 5, 2022.....Virtual

September 2, 2022Virtual

October 7, 2022.....Virtual

15. Adjourn

Mr. Sudduth adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:57 a.m.



Exhibit A: Attendance List

Members in Attendance

Brenda Ambrosi..... British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Dave Angell..... Western Power Pool
Eric Baran..... Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body
Chris Hofmann Salt River Project
Chris Parker..... Utah Division of Public Utilities
Vijay Satyal..... Western Resource Advocates
Amy Sopinka..... British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines
Dede Subakti California Independent System Operator
Branden Sudduth..... WECC
Chifong Thomas Thomas Grid Advisor

Members not in Attendance

Jonathan Aust..... Western Area Power Administration
Kevin Conway..... Pend Oreille County PUD #1
Thad LeVar Utah Public Service Commission
Kris Raper WECC
Chelsea Loomis..... Western Power Pool

Others in Attendance

Layne Brown WECC
Alexis Cortez..... Transmission Agency of Northern California
Enoch Davies..... WECC
Maddy Eberhard..... WECC
Christina Guimera WECC
Vic Howell WECC
Raj Hundal..... Powerex
Shelli Nyland..... WECC
Kenneth Silver..... 8minute Solar Energy



Byron WoertzWECC

Janice Zewe..... Sacramento Municipal Utility District

