



Application for Membership—Appendix A

Electric Reliability and Security for the West

1. Applicant (Entity) Profile

Entity Name: _____ Acronym (3-5 characters): _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ Fax: _____

State/Province: _____ Website: _____

Zip Code: _____

2. Applicant Classification

Select the description that most closely fit this applicant. Check all that apply.

Consultant

Consulting Area: _____

Distribution Provider

Environmental Interest Organization

Generator Operator

Generator Owner

Independent Power Producer

Large End User

Load-Serving Entity

Power Marketer

State/Provincial Regulatory Agency

Transmission Developer

Transmission Operator

Transmission Owner

Transmission Service Provider

Other: _____

Some examples of an applicant's consulting areas are:

- Renewable Energy;
- NERC Compliance; and
- Transmission Planning.

3. NERC Registration

Are you a NERC-Registered Entity? If so, enter your Registration Number: _____

4. Description of Applicant

Provide a detailed description of this applicant.

Principal Functions: List up to three of this applicant's principal functions.

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

5. Year this applicant formed: _____

6. Has this applicant done business under another name?

No.

Yes. Enter Previous Name: _____

7. For the purposes of committee voting forums, which voting classification is this applicant applying for? If the applicant has distinct and functionally-separate transmission provider and transmission customer roles, select both TC and TP (WECC Bylaws § 8.6.4.1).

Transmission Customer (TC)

(Generally, members of WECC Classes 3, and 4 are TCs.)

Any eligible customer (or its designated agent) that can or does execute a transmission service agreement or can or does receive transmission service. [or]

Any of the following responsible entities: Generator Owner, Load-Serving Entity, or Purchasing-Selling Entity.



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Transmission Service Provider (TP)

(Generally, members of WECC Classes 1 and 2 are TPs.)

The entity that administers the transmission tariff and provides Transmission Service to Transmission Customers under applicable transmission service agreements.

State/Provincial Regulator

(Members of WECC Class 5 are S/PRs.)

Representatives of states and provinces in the Western Interconnection, provided that representatives will have policy or regulatory roles and do not represent state or provincial agencies and departments whose function involves significant direct participation in the market as end users or in Electric Line of Business Activities.

8. Is this applicant an affiliate of any current WECC Members? ([WECC Bylaws §§ 3.1 and 4.5-4.6](#))

Yes No

If so, please list the affiliated WECC Members

9. Explain why this applicant is interested in WECC Membership.

10. WECC Mission Statement and Entity Membership

To effectively and efficiently mitigate risks to the reliability and security of the Western Interconnection Bulk Power System while carrying out the responsibilities of the Regional Entity. ([WECC Bylaws §1.2](#))

Explain how the applicant becoming a WECC member will support WECC’s mission of maintaining a reliable electric power system in the Western Interconnection that supports efficient competitive power markets, and assuring open and non-discriminatory transmission access among members.



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Check any additional reasons this applicant is interested in becoming a WECC member.

Base cases	Planning data	Grid reliability
Networking	Transmission data	Path Rating Catalog
Participate in Standards Development		Work with other WECC members

11. WECC Class Designation

To become a member of WECC, an applicant must be eligible for one of WECC's five membership classes. Classes 1-5 are defined in [WECC Bylaws §4.2](#). The requirements and criteria for membership are unique to each class. The requirements and criteria for each class of membership are provided for the applicant's information in Appendix A.

Which WECC Membership Class Designation is this applicant applying for?

*See Appendix A for class definitions and criteria

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Class 4	Class 5	

Explain why this class designation is appropriate for the applicant. Note that class designation is based on the applicants' organization and purpose; not that of its clients or customers.

12. Member Representative to WECC (from the applicant's senior-level management)

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
City, State Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Fax: _____
Email: _____

By signing and submitting this document, the applicant requesting membership in the WECC agrees:



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- That the applicant shall abide by all Board-approved policies of WECC.
- That the responses contained in this document and any attachments have been reviewed, and are correct and complete.

Officer of the Organization

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

*This application is not considered complete until a signature has been received.

Email completed form to applications@wecc.org





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Appendix A explains the WECC Bylaws definition of each membership class as well as the criteria WECC uses to determine applicants' eligibility in each class. The criteria are subject to modification and applicants are reviewed on a case-by-case basis for their fit within the criteria and WECC Bylaws.

Class 1 **Bylaws §4.2.1**

Electric Line of Business Entities owning, controlling or operating more than 1000 circuit miles of transmission lines of 115kV and higher voltages within the Western Interconnection.

Criteria

- Must currently be operational in the Western Interconnection.
- If the applicant is an owner or operator of a transmission facility, attach a map or a one-line diagram showing owned transmission facilities, kilovolt rating, line ownership, and the power transfer capability of existing and future transmission interconnects.

Class 2 **Bylaws §4.2.2**

Electric Line of Business Entities owning, controlling or operating transmission or distribution lines, but not more than 1,000 circuit miles of transmission lines of 115 kV or greater, within the Western Interconnection.

Criteria

- Must currently be operational in the Western Interconnection.
- If the applicant is an owner or operator of a transmission facility, attach a map or a one-line diagram showing owned transmission facilities, kilovolt rating, line ownership, and the power transfer capability of existing and future transmission interconnects.

Class 3 **Bylaws §4.2.3**

Electric Line of Business Entities doing business in the Western Interconnection that do not own, control or operate transmission or distribution lines in the Western Interconnection, including power marketers, independent power producers, Load Serving Entities, any other Entities whose primary business is the provision of energy services, and those Entities that are not eligible for membership in the other Member Classes and who have a substantial interest in the purposes of WECC.

Criteria for Electric Line of Business Entities

- If the applicant is an owner or operator of a generation facility, attach a list of existing and planned generation facilities. Provide generation ownership, operating

responsibility, in-service dates, and the megawatt capability of each unit and plant owned, operated, or planned.

Examples of Other Entities Applying for Class 3 Membership

- An applicant that would be eligible in Classes 1-5 except that the applicant does not have operations in the Western Interconnection and does not plan to have operations in the Western Interconnection.
- Energy Industry consultants from any region.

Criteria for Other Class 3 Entities

- Must have a substantial interest in the purposes of WECC that extend beyond the participation opportunities and information available to non-members.
- The following are examples of participation opportunities and information available to non-members:



* Instructions on how to request data and eligibility requirements can be found in WECC's [Information Sharing Policy](#).



- ❖ Attending/participating/networking at meetings
 - ❖ Participation in the Standards Development Process if the applicant qualifies for one of the WECC Standards Voting Sectors
 - ❖ Participation in work groups
 - ❖ Transmission data (TEPPC/RTEP)
 - ❖ Path rating catalog*
 - ❖ Bases cases*
- The following are examples of having a substantial interest in the purposes of WECC that extends beyond the participation opportunities and information available to non-members:
 - ❖ An interest in having voting rights in WECC deliberations (such as Standing Committees: MIC, OC, PCC)
 - ❖ An interest in becoming a representative of one of WECC's member committees
 - ❖ An interest in having voting rights in WECC governance including Board of Directors Elections and Member Advisory Committee Elections
 - ❖ Active involvement on an entity level in issues that impact or are of interest to WECC members and are consistent with WECC's mission and purposes
 - ❖ Representation of interests that are consistent with WECC's mission and purposes

- An explanation of how the applicant's interest in becoming a member relates to WECC's Mission:
 - Maintaining a reliable electric power system in the Western Interconnection that supports efficient competitive power markets; and/or
 - Assuring open and non-discriminatory transmission access among Members.

This explanation must be distinct from the information and opportunities available to non-members.

Class 4 Bylaws §4.2.4

End users of significant amounts of electricity in the Western Interconnection, including industrial, agricultural, commercial and retail entities as well as organizations in the Western Interconnection that represent the interests of a substantial number of end users or a substantial number of persons interested in the impacts of electric systems on the public or the environment.

Criteria

- Must be located and/or doing business in the Western Interconnection.
- Must be end users of significant amounts of electricity; or,
- Must be Representative Organizations:
 - Must have six or more members.
 - Must have at least 50 percent of the membership base be non-WECC members.
 - Must demonstrate having a membership or constituent base of end users or a substantial number of persons interested in the impacts of the electric system on the public or environment:
 - ❖ Membership list on applicant's website, or
 - ❖ Membership list provided to WECC staff
 - Must demonstrate that this constituency has a formal understanding that the applicant is their representative for such interests and that the applicant is going to represent these interests with respect to the energy industry:
 - ❖ Mission statement on applicant's website; or
 - ❖ Explanation of this understanding in applicant's bylaws; or
 - ❖ If this information is not apparent on applicant's website or in applicant's bylaws, applicant may submit letters/emails from its members as evidence they understand this relationship.
 - WECC must receive letters from at least three non-WECC members or at least 10 percent of the non-WECC-member portion of the applicant's constituency, whichever is greater, to be sufficient evidence. In the event that 10 percent of the non-WECC-member portion of the applicant's constituency is six or more entities, the applicant need not provide more than five letters for sufficient evidence.

Class 5 Bylaws §4.2.5

Representatives of nations, states and provinces in the Western Interconnection, provided that such representatives will have policy or regulatory roles and do not represent national, state or provincial agencies and departments whose function involves significant direct participation in the market as end users or in Electric Line of Business activities.

Criteria

- Must have jurisdiction within the Western Interconnection.

