Data Exchange Energy Manage System Forum Members,

As you may already be aware, the Data Energy Management System Work Group (DEMSWG) has been recategorized as a forum reporting to the Reliability Risk Committee (RCC), as part of the Joint Guidance Committee (JGC) committee categorization review. The DEMSWG will now be known as the Data Exchange Energy Manage System Forum (DEEMSF). The WECC website is currently receiving updates to reflect these changes. The purpose of the DEEMSF will be to support the reliability data needs of the WECC members and coordinate modeling activities and provide technical input on the implementation of reliability proposals and standards.

As a forum, the DEEMSF will operate less formally than a work group, which will allow for more flexibility in how we conduct our meetings. WECC Staff will continue supporting the group (maintaining membership and mailing lists), scheduling meetings, drafting agendas, taking notes, running webinar and presentations as needed. In addition to reporting to the RRC, the DEEMSF will periodically receive action items from the RRC to provide our expertise to the RRC and other WECC groups.

For your reference the governance of forums that was approved by the JGC is available [here](https://www.wecc.org/Reliability/Forum%20Governance%20Guideline.pdf). One of the first things I would like to do is to determine the DEEMSF membership so if you would, please acknowledge you received this notice and if you want to be a member of the DEEMSF. The next step would be to establish a chair, so if there is anyone who would be interested in chairing the new DEEMSF please send me an email. I would like to try and schedule a date and time for our first meeting. I would be interested in hearing your thoughts on how often the group should meet. We will send a notice as soon as that initial meeting is scheduled. As noted in the Forum Governance Guideline, we need to develop a scope document that will be approved by the Reliability Risk Committee (RRC). Our staff has taken the previous DEMSWG charter and created a draft scope which I have included in this announcement. Your input on this scope is important and I would appreciate if you could send your comments to me so we could incorporate them into the scope in advance of our initial meeting.

The DEEMSF will maintain the work group’s closed session Board approval, including the Team Site. Closed sessions will be held according to the procedures and requirements in the Board Policy on Closed and WIDSA Sessions. Closed session attendees will be required to have a signed WECC Member Group Confidentiality Agreement on file, formerly known as the Closed Session Confidentiality Agreement. Current agreements for the DEMSWG will carry forward to the DEEMSF.

We are excited about the changes we are making and the potential for the new DEEMSF to provide value to WECC stakeholders. I have been assigned to be the liaison for the DEEMSF and would encourage you to reach out me if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you and discussing our future activities at our first meeting.

Thanks for your valuable participation!

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