

NV Energy

2. Leadership

- d. A WECC staff member will prepare minutes of RRC meetings for the committee's approval.
Minutes will be kept by WECC for __ years.

3. Meetings

- b. A quorum for meetings will be representatives from 15 WECC Member organizations **or more. A quorum is not required for a meeting. However, in order to hold a vote, a quorum must be present.**

Comment: As currently written, the charter does not require a quorum to meet. Therefore, 5 members could meet, vote and make a decision with just 3 member votes (simple majority). I don't think that's the intent. There are 2 options, either is acceptable:

- *Always require a quorum to meet, or*
- *Only require a quorum to vote.*

Thomas Grid Advisor

Here are some comments and suggested changes on the draft RRC Charter for your consideration. For your convenience, the suggested changes are also in revision marks in the attached.

Since the RRC Charter is designed to be broad, using the word “mitigate” in the RRC Purpose and Responsibilities can potentially conflict with the requirements of TPL-001. As written, it can be interpreted to mean the Corrective Action Plans for all risk would be required. In TPL-001, risks to the BES beyond the Planning Events (P0 – P7) are covered in Extreme Events, for which, “an evaluation of possible actions designed to reduce the likelihood or mitigate the consequences and adverse impacts of the event(s) shall be conducted” (see TPL-001-4, R.3.5 and R.4.5), not Corrective Action Plans. From the town hall discussion, it also seems “address” would be more appropriate than “mitigate”. So, I suggest we make a slight change in the first paragraph in the Purpose and Responsibilities to read:

“The purpose of the RRC is to ~~mitigate~~ address known risks and identify emerging risks to the reliability and security of the Western Interconnection.

In the next paragraph, as written, we would “initiate action” before “coordinate and collaborate”. It would seem more reasonable the other way around. So, I suggest we switch Items 2 and 3 To read:

2. Coordinate and collaborate with the RAC to initiate RAC actions to address priority risks.
3. Initiate actions to address priority risks through the appropriate expertise and mechanism.”



8minute Solar Energy

Purpose and Responsibilities

The purpose of the RRC is to ~~identify existing and emerging~~ ~~mitigate known risks and identify~~ ~~emerging~~ risks to the reliability and security of the Western Interconnection and ~~propose and initiate~~ ~~corrective strategies~~.

Comment: The RRC cannot independently mitigate risks.

The RRC will:

3. Coordinate and collaborate with the RAC ~~to initiate RAC actions~~ to address priority risks.

Membership

- a. The RRC will be composed of WECC Member organizations that have requested RRC membership.
 - i. Those WECC Member organizations ~~should~~ ~~shall~~ have a primary point of contact with the RRC.

Comment: The RRC cannot independently mitigate risks.

Leadership

- b. The co-chairs will hold office for ~~a staggered terms~~ of 2 years ~~each~~, or until a successor co-chair has been duly appointed. The co-chairs may serve multiple terms.

Meetings

- b. A quorum for meetings will be representatives from 15 WECC Member organizations.

Comment: Could be problematic. However unlikely, if only 15 members join, you would need 100% participation every time. On the other hand, are 15 members sufficiently large to make decisions if there are say 200 members?

- c. The RRC will strive to make all decisions by consensus. If consensus is not possible, action taken by the RRC will require a majority vote of the WECC Member organizations present.

Comment: Is it clear that for a hybrid meeting that members attending in person and those on the web or phone are all deemed "present."

- iii. Each WECC Member organization ~~may~~ ~~shall~~ have one vote.

Comment: How do members communicate who is authorized to vote for their company?

Review and Changes to the Charter

The RRC will review this charter ~~as needed but no more than~~ every three years and discuss changes with the JGC and RAC before making a recommendation to the Board for approval.



PowerEx

Powerex appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the RRC's charter. Powerex understands that the RRC will be a newly formed committee and there may be amendments to the charter once the committee is established in 2022. Nonetheless, Powerex offers the following comments:

- 1) Powerex appreciates that the intention of drafting team members is to keep the purpose and responsibilities as broad as possible, but it would be important, since the new committee is a merger of the Operating Committee (OC) and Market Interface Committee (MIC), that elements from the OC/MIC charters be incorporated into the new RRC charter. Thus, Powerex suggests that the RRC charter specifically include the following language, from the MIC Charter, to ensure that impacts to wholesale electricity markets are assessed by the RRC.

“Evaluate the impact of relevant Reliability Standards, criterion, guidelines, practices, and procedures on the commercial electricity market in the Western Interconnection.”

“Develop recommendations as necessary concerning the Reliability Standards, criteria, practices, and procedures in a manner that recognizes commercial sensitivity and does not unnecessarily inhibit the efficient competitive electricity marketplace.”

“Evaluate the impact of relevant commercial practices on electric system reliability. Develop recommendations as necessary to address commercial practices that pose reliability concerns within the Western Interconnection.”

- 2) Powerex agrees with the concept that there be two co-chairs for the RRC. The current draft charter states that the co-chairs represent a market and operating discipline, but the charter does not prescribe that the RRC co-chair (market discipline) come from a marketing entity or an entity that transacts in western markets. Powerex suggests that the Leadership Section be amended to ensure that the market discipline co-chair be appointed from a commercial or marketing entity.
- 3) Powerex suggests that the quorum requirements be greater than 15 members. Since the RRC is a merger of two large standing committees, it is reasonable that the quorum be based on a percentage of the total RRC membership.
- 4) The charter should be reviewed yearly (not every three years) for the first two years in case there are changes that may be required sooner.

Modesto Irrigation District

Purpose and Responsibilities

The purpose of the RRC is to **provide support to the WECC Member organizations for mitigating mitigate** known risks and identifying emerging risks to the reliability and security of the Western Interconnection.

The RRC will:

1. Work with WECC staff **and the Joint Guidance Committee (JGC) and the Reliability Assessment Committee (RAC)** to develop and maintain an ongoing prioritized list of existing and emerging reliability and security risks facing the Western Interconnection.

Comment: As it was written is ok if the RAC charter says "Work with WECC staff and Reliability Risk Committee (RRC) to develop and maintain an ongoing prioritized list of existing and emerging reliability and security risks facing the Western Interconnection." Otherwise, it sounds as if the RRC takes direction from the WECC Staff and RAC. If we are taking direction, it should be from the JGC. Item 3 addresses coordinating and collaborating with the RAC.

2. Initiate actions **for supporting the WECC Member organizations in addressing to address** priority risks through the appropriate expertise and mechanism.

Membership

- a. The RRC will be composed of WECC Member organizations that have requested RRC membership.
 - i. **To request membership in the RRC, the WECC Member organization shall complete a Reliability Risk Committee Membership Application form.**

Comment: This provides a method for becoming an RRC member

- ii. Those WECC Member organizations **should shall have list** a primary point of contact with the RRC **on the application.**
- b. The point of contact will be selected by their organization's WECC Member Representative.
 - i. Notice of selection **should shall** be sent to the WECC liaison.
- c. The RRC **will shall** also include WECC as a member, with a liaison appointed by WECC management.

Leadership

- a. The Board will approve two representatives from the RRC to serve as the co-chairs.

Comment: Will these representatives be able to vote on issues in the RRC for the entity that they represent or will other WECC Member representatives be allowed to attend the meetings to vote for the entities they represent?



Meetings

- b. iii. Meetings ~~will~~ shall be open to the public except as otherwise approved by the Board.

Comment: Based on what criteria?

- b. A quorum for meetings ~~will shall be representatives from~~ be a minimum of 15 WECC Member organizations.

Comment: Does this mean if there are less than 15 WECC Member organizations present, there is no meeting? Or does this mean if there are less than 15 WECC Member organizations present, there is a meeting, but no voting? And do we really mean WECC Member organizations or RRC Member organizations if RRC membership is only upon request?

- c. The RRC will strive to make all decisions by consensus. If consensus is not possible, action taken by the RRC will require a **simple** majority vote of the WECC Member organizations present.

- i. Voting may be by any means the chair determines appropriate.

Comment: Can we set parameters?

- ii. RRC member organizations may not vote by proxy or absentee ballot.

Comment: Is this because anyone from a RRC member organization can vote? I recommend adding a footnote as with an explanation for future reference.

- iii. Each WECC Member organization may have one vote.

Comment: WECC Member organization or RRC member organization?

- e. An agenda and the items for which action may be taken will be provided no less than:

- ~~10-30~~ days before in-person and hybrid meetings to allow for travel arrangements to be made.

Comment: This can be a draft agenda. Some entities need an agenda for justification to attend.

- f. Any person who wants notice of RRC meetings may notify the liaison. WECC will then email a copy of the notice of future meetings to that person when the notice is issued.

Comment: This would be someone who is not a WECC member? Regulatory?

Reporting

The RRC will report to the Board on its activities and any recommendations.

Comment: Report at every Board meeting? Only certain Board meetings? Frequency?



Bonneville Power Administration

Purpose and Responsibilities

The purpose of the RRC is to ~~mitigate~~ ~~address~~ known risks and identify emerging risks to the reliability and security of the Western Interconnection.

The RRC will:

3. Coordinate and collaborate with the RAC to ~~initiate RAC actions~~ to address priority risks.
4. ~~RAC will coordinate and collaborate with the RRC to address priority risks.~~

Membership

- c. The RRC will also include WECC as a member, with a liaison appointed by WECC management.

Comment: BPA would like clarifying language that the WECC liaison is not a voting member BPA would like clarification WECC participation – WECC Member and WECC Liaison?

Leadership

- c. The WECC liaison will partner with the co-chairs to manage the committee and its meetings, plan the agenda, and coordinate efforts with other technical committees to ensure alignment with WECC staff work plans and priorities.

Comment: Clarify the difference between the staff member and WECC liaison

- d. A WECC staff member will prepare minutes of RRC meetings for the committee's approval.

Comment: Clarify the difference between the staff member and WECC liaison

Meetings

- b. A quorum for meetings will be ~~established with~~ representatives from ~~a minimum~~ 15 WECC Member organizations ~~with RRC members~~.

Comment: BPA recommends revising the "15" WECC member limitation – BPA understands this was a carryover from the OC Charter.

- c. The RRC will strive to make all decisions by consensus. If consensus is not possible, action taken by the RRC will require a majority vote of the WECC Member organizations present.
 - i. Voting may be by ~~any means~~ a variety of pre-determined methods, the co-chairs will determines the most appropriate method for the task at hand.
 - ii. RRC member organizations may not vote by proxy or absentee ballot.
 - iii. Each WECC Member organization with an RRC member will ~~may~~ have one vote.
 - iv. Member organizations voting against a work product ~~must~~ ~~should~~ provide an explanation for their vote, and this explanation will be included in the minutes.



- e. An agenda and the items for which action may be taken will be provided no less than:
- ~~10-15~~ days before in-person and hybrid meetings.
 - ~~5-10~~ days before virtual meetings and conference calls.

