



Member Advisory Committee
Feedback on WECC's Draft Scope: 2023 State of the Western
Interconnection Report

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The Member Advisory Committee appreciates the opportunity to provide additional feedback on the draft scope provided by WECC on October 3, 2022 for the 2023 State of the Western Interconnection. The MAC received the feedback listed below from Class 5 and from the International Representatives.

Class 5

Class 5 representatives appreciate WECC’s proposed scope for the 2023 State of the Western Interconnection. We are encouraged that WECC has taken the feedback it solicited seriously, and that WECC appears committed to improving this report each year. In particular:

- The division of the report and dashboard should make both more useful and accessible to stakeholders who will find each useful for different purposes.
- The focus on the Reliability Risk Priorities is appropriate considering the stakeholder input that went into their development, as is the emphasis on other emerging risks. Any potential risk should be identified as early as possible.
- The proposed focus on challenges on the horizon and “health” of the system is useful; the report should identify areas that require attention (either by WECC or others), such as implementation of carbon reduction goals or transmission interconnection queue congestion, to avoid future consequences.

We will not repeat, but continue to support, the feedback submitted from Class 5 members and WIRAB on the previous survey, and anticipate support for the additional feedback WIRAB intends to provide.

International Representatives

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed scope of the new State of the Western Interconnection (SOWI) report. Overall, it addresses the comments made by stakeholders and reflects the mandate of WECC. However, there are two areas of proposed content that merit reconsideration – the first is with respect to the inclusion of third-party work. Without additional information on what this could include, we suggest that it not be included in the SOWI. The second is the addition of a conclusions and recommendations section, which in our view steps beyond the report’s intended scope. As the SOWI is expected to be an annual summary of the previous year and the challenges and opportunities ahead for the Western Interconnection, WECC should consider instead highlighting work that WECC has done to address risks and work that WECC plans to do to address risks.