

1. Welcome, Call to Order

John Cornwell, Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System Committee (WC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. on December 7, 2020, MT. A quorum was present to conduct business and attendees were asked to introduce themselves. A list of attendees is attached as Exhibit A.

The WC's membership has changed since the committee last met in December 2020. John Pappas has left the WC and replaced Kristie Sharp as chair of the WREGIS Stakeholder Advisory Committee (WREGIS SAC). Mr. Cornwell thanked them both for their valuable contribution to both committees. Bill Reinwald will serve as the new member to the WC, filling the Industry – Load-Serving Entity seat as of September 2021.

2. Review WECC Antitrust Policy

Andrea Coon, WREGIS Director, read the WECC Antitrust Policy. The meeting agenda included a link to the posted policy.

3. Approve Agenda

Mr. Cornwell introduced the proposed meeting agenda.

Motion raised by Anne-Marie Cuneo; by consensus WC approved the agenda.

4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Cornwell introduced the minutes from the December 7, 2020, meeting.

Motion raised by Anne-Marie Cuneo; by consensus WC approved the minutes.

5. Director Report

Ms. Coon and WREGIS personnel thanked Mr. Pappas for all his contributions and work on the WC and for now serving as chair of WREGIS SAC. WREGIS anticipates that growth will continue as new programs work with WREGIS. 1,500 Generating Units (GU) have been approved in 2021 so far, and a third of those registrations represent small-scale aggregate groups, which represent over 150,000 total rooftop solar units.

WREGIS has been providing online training since the fall of 2020 and is currently holding select training topics approximately once per month. WREGIS foresees holding in-person training periodically in the future. Online trainings have proven successful, allowing WREGIS to offer more real-time training with “bite-sized” design. The next scheduled online training will be held October 13, 2021.

WREGIS was scheduled to evaluate fees during 2021, but this was put on hold due to unexpected increases in expenses. The fees evaluation is extended to January 2023 to gather information and data regarding ongoing cost and revenues.

WREGIS staff has been working on upcoming software changes to the user interface and updates to the current functionalities to make it more user-friendly and useful for Account Holders. These changes will also address WREGIS’s needs for the future, such as changes needed to follow new regulations and programs .

WREGIS has been hosting a Storage Discussion work group with Program Administrators, which has met eight times during this year to discuss programs’ policies and regulations on storage. The conclusions of this group will inform any substantive changes about storage made to the WREGIS Operating Rules in the near future.

WREGIS has received inquiries from facilities or projects with off-grid generation serving specific loads who want to make claims to the green attributes either for themselves or for their customers. WREGIS will be reviewing the WREGIS Operating Rules in the coming months to determine whether WREGIS will be proposing a language change to enable such facilities to track through WREGIS, provided that they can instate appropriate metering and recording. WREGIS finds this assessment necessary in light of keeping up with industry and climate issues and goals through the Western Region.

6. SAC Report

Mr. Pappas thanked Ms. Sharp for her work as SAC chair these past many years and thanked Mr. Reinwald for filling the Industry—Load-Serving Entity seat of the WC. Since the last meeting of the WC on December 7, 2020, the WREGIS SAC held four meetings. There are two pending Program Change Requests (PCR), which are on hold due to their likely inclusion in the larger upcoming software changes.

7. Operating Rules Discussion

Ms. Coon stated that the WREGIS Operating Rules are scheduled for review in early 2022; however, forthcoming changes to the WREGIS interface will also include changes to the WREGIS Operating Rules, so the review of the rules has been put on hold to make sure that everything that is added or changed during software upgrades is included.



Mr. Pappas asked whether WREGIS has information available regarding the forthcoming software changes, and Ms. Coon replied that there are a lot of changes planned, primarily related to the website user interface and the REC retirement process within the software to make the process more intuitive for WREGIS users.

Mr. Cornwell asked whether the stakeholders would have a chance to provide input or test with these new changes. Ms. Coon stated that planned changes are the result of input and suggestions from stakeholders through the two work groups and testing with live data is not possible. WREGIS is working with WECC's Communications and Outreach Department on a communication plan that will inform Account Holders of forthcoming WREGIS software developments.

8. Public Comments

Mr. Pappas asked for the plans regarding the unfilled WC position. Ms. Coon informed him that the unfilled position was formerly served by Erin Kester and, in the election process, the WC did not receive a candidate for the seat. Ms. Coon stated that they may regroup to discuss whether or not it is worthwhile to fill that seat due to the issue of meeting quorum, but she anticipates that the WC will meet quorum regardless of the vacant seat in upcoming meetings.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Cornwell adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:52 p.m.

