# WECC Weekly Update





### **Hot Off the Press**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Join us for the quarterly Board of Directors and associated meetings in Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 11 and 12. Check out the announcement <u>here</u>.

Meetings will include—

- Governance Committee
- Section 4.9 Work Group
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Technical Session: Large Loads
- Member Advisory Committee
- **Board of Directors**

#### Q1 2025 Oversight Trends Update is Here

We are pleased to announce that the <u>Oversight Trends Update</u> for Q1 2025 is now available. This insightful report dives into crucial Reliability and Security Oversight trends to provide interconnection-wide context for registered entity compliance programs. If you have any questions, reach out to <u>oversight@wecc.org</u>.

#### Sign Up to Receive WECC's Quarterly Policy Newsletter

Keep up with policy developments from across the Western Interconnection with WECC's quarterly newsletter. WECC created the newsletter in early 2024 to help stakeholders identify and stay informed about emerging issues. Anyone can sign up! Email Matt Evans at <a href="mailto:mevans@wecc.org">mevans@wecc.org</a> to be included on the distribution list. Explore previous editions here.

#### Reliability in the West: Status Update—Large Loads

Wednesday, March 5, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Mountain

From data centers to electrolyzers, large loads pose a challenge to the West. The discussion will explore key questions regarding the risk posed by large loads, the gaps in our understanding, and areas to look for solutions to meet that challenge. Additionally, this discussion will offer a preview of insights from WECC's Large Loads Study, conducted by Elevate Energy Consulting.

### WECC Reliability & Security Workshop—Registration Now Available

March 25–26, 2025 Agenda available!

Join us for the Reliability & Security Workshop in Tempe, Arizona, or virtually in Whova. Our workshops support Registered Entity compliance programs with robust, relevant content promoting the reliability and security of the Western Interconnection.

This workshop will focus on programmatic guidance for NERC Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Programs (CMEP), outline WECC priorities, discuss industry best practices, and share valuable insights from the Western Interconnection. Participants will leave equipped to develop and enhance their NERC compliance programs. View the <u>announcement</u> and <u>register</u> today!

## **ERO Buzz**

### NERC and E-ISAC Release 2024 Year-in-Review Videos Highlighting Key

Reliability Achievements

NERC has released its <u>2024 Year-in-Review</u> video, highlighting significant achievements in strengthening the reliability and security of the bulk power system. Featuring insights from NERC's President and CEO Jim Robb and senior leadership, the video showcases progress in the five focus areas —Energy, Security, Agility, Outreach, and Sustainability—underscoring the organization's commitment to resilience, risk mitigation, and industry collaboration.

The E-ISAC End-of-Year Report video provides an overview of the electricity security landscape in 2024 and the E-ISAC's role in reducing physical and cybersecurity risk to the North American grid. During the year, working 24/7 with its more than 1,800 member and partner organizations, the E-ISAC team continued to innovate and help strengthen the electric industry against an unprecedented range of cyber- and physical security threats. Despite the challenging threat landscape, there were no security impacts to the reliability of the bulk power system in 2024.

As the energy landscape continues to evolve, these videos provide a vital reflection on NERC and the E-ISAC's efforts to address emerging risks, enhance grid resilience, and drive continuous improvement. By sharing these insights, NERC reinforces its mission to ensure a reliable and secure energy future for North America.

### **ERO Enterprise CMEP Webinar**

The webinar will be held Monday, March 3, from noon to 2:30 p.m. Mountain. The ERO Enterprise CMEP Practice Guide – <u>Application of the Registration Criteria for Category 2 Generator Owner and Generator Operator Inverter-based Resources</u> has been posted on the NERC website. The practice guide helps ERO Enterprise staff support the application of the revised Registration Criteria thresholds. <u>Register</u> now.

### 2025 ERO Enterprise Women's Leadership Conference

The virtual conference will be held on Tuesday, March 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Central and will feature powerful discussions on a variety of topics, such as women's contributions across the energy sector, leadership, workplace wellness, and much more. Register now!

# **ELECTRIFYING**TRIVIA



Which is the fastest growing renewable energy source in the world?

A) Solar energy

B) Wind energy C) Hydro energy

D) Biomass energy

# Time to Act

#### **IBR Registration Initiative Request for Information**

The regional entities, as part of a broader ERO Enterprise Initiative, are identifying assets that meet the new Category 2 Generator Owner (GO) and/or Generator Operator (GOP) registration criteria. They are sending Requests for Information (RFI) to entities likely owning or operating these Category 2 assets for assessment. The entities selected for RFIs are based on WECC's review of data from Transmission Owners, Balancing Authorities, or the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) to facilitate registration.

WECC began dispatching its RFIs in batches starting January 24, 2025. Recipients must submit the requested information within 45 days via WECC's <u>Secure Workspace</u>. The submission includes:

- Completing the "4b Category 2 GO GOP Assets" section of the <u>ERO</u> <u>Enterprise GO GOP Asset Verification Form</u>
- Providing operational one-line diagrams that show the IBR Resource(s) (including the Collector System – Feeders + Resources) and the Point of Interconnection to the Bulk Power System
- Submitting Generator Operator Service Agreements or Third-Party Agreements
- Providing Generator Interconnection Agreements

For any questions about this RFI or the IBR Registration Initiative, please contact <u>registration@wecc.org</u>.

# **Grid Gatherings: Upcoming Virtual Meetings**

Come learn at Grid Fundamentals from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mountain on <u>Tuesday</u>, February 25, and Wednesday, February 26.

Participate in the Underfrequency Load Shedding Work Group (UFLSWG) from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Mountain on <u>Tuesday</u>, February 25.

Connect with the Production Cost Data Subcommittee (PCDS) from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Mountain on <u>Wednesday</u>, February 26.

Engage with the Cybersecurity Forum from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Mountain on <u>Wednesday</u>, February 26.

Stay engaged and make your voice heard in these essential discussions.

## We're Hiring



Join our team as an <u>Associate Compliance Program Coordinator</u>. Learn about other opportunities here.

# ELECTRIFYING :

A) Solar energy

Solar energy is the fastest growing renewable energy source globally due to decreasing costs, improvements in technology, and increased support from governments for sustainable energy sources.