



Flagstaff, Arizona

## Hot Off the Press

### Enforcement Fundamentals

January 28–29, 2025

Come join WECC at Southern California Edison for [Enforcement Fundamentals](#). Attendees of the training will learn about the Enforcement process, including how to find and use industry guidance to prepare a noncompliance report. [Register](#) now, as space is limited!

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

March 25-26, 2025

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 [announcement](#) and [register](#) today!

## Grid Gatherings: Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Join the WREGIS SAC from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mountain on [Tuesday](#), January 7.

Attend the Event and Performance Analysis Subcommittee (EPAS) from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Mountain on [Wednesday](#), January 8.

Meet with the Production Cost Data Subcommittee (PCDS) from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Mountain on [Wednesday](#), January 8.

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

## We’re Hiring



Join our team as a [Technical Writer](#).  
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## ELECTRIFYING TRIVIA



How many watts does the human brain use per day?

- 1.2 to 8 watts
- 2.12 to 25 watts
- 3.40 to 50 watts
- 4.65 to 80 watts

## Time to Act

### Comment Period: WECC-0142: Request to Retire BAL-002-WECC-3, Contingency Reserve

This project is focused on the proposed retirement of BAL-002-WECC-3. The drafting team has crafted a [white paper](#) that outlines the rationale for this retirement and wants to hear from you. Your feedback is crucial in assessing the level of support for this initiative before moving forward with a formal request to NERC. Please review the [questions](#) and submit your responses using WECC’s [standard comment form](#). The deadline for submitting is 6:00 p.m. Mountain on January 15, 2025. We value your insights.

## ERO Buzz

### NERC Urges Industry Action and Awareness Ahead of Forecast Period of Severe Winter Weather

NERC is monitoring the extreme cold weather events [forecast](#) across much of North America over the next several weeks. This extreme arctic cold is expected to bring very low temperatures, damaging winds, snow, and freezing rain to midwestern, eastern, and southern states, with the potential to create significant challenges. There may be a series of successive events that could create challenges for those who rely on inventoried fuels.

NERC urges everyone in the electricity supply chain to take steps now to ensure the highest level of reliability. NERC is especially concerned about natural gas supply given the significant amount of production in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

NERC works with industry stakeholders to prepare for and mitigate the potential impacts of such events, and its comprehensive approach includes mandatory Cold Weather Reliability Standards, guidelines on cold weather preparations, follow-up on Winter Storm Elliott recommendations, alerts, industry webinars, and the publication of seasonal assessments.

The reliability of the North American electric grid is NERC’s key priority—we know 400 million North Americans are counting on an uninterrupted supply of electricity.

## ELECTRIFYING : TRIVIA ANSWER :

2. 12 to 25 watts. The adult human brain runs continuously, whether awake or sleeping, on about 12 to 25 watts of power. For comparison, a laptop draws about 60 watts.