

# Weekly Update

May 12–19, 2025



Coal Bank Pass, Colorado

**New Look!** WECC has transitioned to Constant Contact to enhance our communication. You may notice a new look for our products, but our commitment to keeping you informed about reliability in the Western Interconnection remains unchanged.



## WECC News

### Board of Directors Candidates

The Nominating Committee conducted an extensive search for director candidates and is excited to share the slate of candidates for one incumbent director and two new directors. These directors will serve three-year terms, commencing at the September 18 Annual Member Meeting. Ballots will be sent May 12 for the following candidates:

Click on the candidate's name to read their bio

- [James Avery, incumbent Director](#)
- [Deneen DeFiore](#)
- [Jacinda Woodward](#)

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### Align Implementation in British Columbia

Self-Reports and Mitigation Plans previously submitted in webCDMS will migrate to Align for processing and disposition. Migration is currently scheduled to begin May 28 and end June 5, 2025. Visit [our webpage](#) for Align updates and resources.

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### Western Interconnection Weekly Wildfire Update

Stay informed about wildfire risks by visiting WECC's [weekly summaries](#), which provides an overview of potential threats to the bulk power system. These summaries will keep you up-to-date throughout the wildfire season.

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## Electrifying Trivia

What Victorian experiment tried to light homes with glowing vacuum tubes?

**A** Geissler Tubes

**B** Crookes Radiometer

**C** Sprengel Pump

**D** Ruhmkorff Coil

## Q2 2025 Oversight Trends Update

The [Oversight Trends Update](#) for Q2 2025 is now available. This 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 [oversight@wecc.org](mailto:oversight@wecc.org).

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## Power Systems Security Conference

### [August 12–14](#)

Power systems security is vital to maintaining the reliability of the grid. To foster conversation and activity that support security, WECC is hosting its third annual Power Systems Security Conference. The conference will address innovative solutions and insights from renowned security experts to enhance training and mitigate operational risks. Experts from DHS CISA, FBI, Idaho National Labs, E-ISAC, and WECC will share their experience, insights, and best practices.

The conference will be held at the WECC office in Salt Lake City from August 12 to 14. It will consist of two main sessions, with a day and a half dedicated to physical security and a day and a half focused on cybersecurity. To attend all three days, please [buy](#) a ticket for each of the sessions.



## ERO Happenings

### NERC 2025 Summer Reliability Assessment Webinar

[Register](#)

**May 14, 3:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern**

NERC will host a webinar about its 2025 Summer Reliability Assessment (SRA), which is planned for release during the week of May 12. In the assessment shows that many North American system operators will face challenges with meeting peak electricity demand this summer. The assessment includes recommendations that industry and policymakers should consider implementing before summer. This webinar is public and focused on bulk power system owners and operators.

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### Milestone 3 Projects Webinar: Slides and Recording Posted

NERC has posted the recording and presentation from the recent Milestone 3 Projects webinar.

Recording

Presentation

## Register Now for the Milestone 3 Industry Engagement Workshop

In-person  
Registration

Webinar  
Registration

NERC's hybrid workshop will be held June 3–5, at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia. It will focus on industry comments about the following projects:

1. Project 2020-06—Verifications of Models and Data for Generators
2. Project 2021-01—System Model Validation with IBRs
3. Project 2022-02—Uniform Modeling Framework for IBRs

Explore the comments received during the balloting period, and questions raised during outreach. Breakout sessions will provide opportunities to discuss the relevant standards and to integrate industry comments into these standards. Breakout sessions are for in-person attendees only.

### Workshop Schedule

June 3 Large Group Conference (hybrid)

June 4 Large Group Conference (hybrid)

June 4 Project Breakout Session (in-person only)

June 5 Project Breakout Session (in-person only)



## Time To Act

### Stakeholder Comment Period—2026 Business Plan and Budget

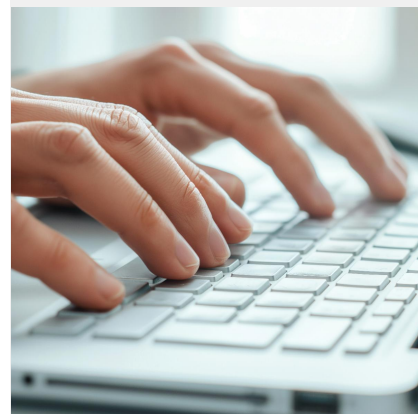
Due: Friday, May 16, 2025

The draft [2026 Business Plan and Budget](#) is available for stakeholder review and comment until the close of business on Friday, May 16, 2025. An [overview document](#) is also available and includes a summary of major budget drivers and a reconciliation of changes from both the 2025 budget and the 2026 budget draft posted for the March Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

WECC will host a budget overview webinar on [May 15](#). We value your feedback and encourage you to attend the webinars and submit comments through our [online form](#).



## We're Hiring



Join our team as a

## Cold Weather Temperature Report Required of All Generator Owners

Due: Thursday, May 15, 2025

All NERC registered entities in the United States with a Generator Owner function must respond to this data request by May 15 each year. This year entities will be able to amend data submitted until June 15, 2025. This cold weather generator data request was sent to the Primary Compliance Contacts and Entity Administrators on April 2, 2025.

The [Cold Weather Generator Data Request](#) page has resources to complete this requirement.

Controller.

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## Grid Gatherings

**MAY  
13**

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### UFLSWG - Underfrequency Load Shedding Work Group

Location  
Virtual

Date & Time (Mountain)  
Tuesday, May 13, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

**MAY  
14**

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### MAC - Member Advisory Committee

Location  
Virtual

Date & Time (Mountain)  
Wednesday, May 14, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

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### Reliability & Security Oversight Update

Location  
Virtual

Date & Time (Mountain)  
Thursday, May 15, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

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15**

### 2026 Draft Budget Overview

Location  
Virtual

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**Date & Time (Mountain)**  
Thursday, May 15, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

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**16**

**WECC-0156: VAR-001-5 Voltage and Reactive Control Modification to the WECC Regional Variance Drafting Team Meeting**

**Location**  
Virtual

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**Date & Time (Mountain)**  
Friday, May 16, 2:00–4:00 p.m.



## Electrifying Trivia Answer

### Answer A

Geissler tubes are filled with gas and glow when electrified. They were briefly pitched as lighting before Edison's bulbs won out.



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