



## WECC News

### Board of Directors Meeting Highlights **New**

This week, WECC held its quarterly Board of Directors and associated meetings in Salt Lake City, Utah. Materials from the meetings can be found [here](#).

Highlights included—

- Board Approvals:
  - Renewal of Regional Delegation Agreement
  - 2026 Business Plan and Budget
  - 2024 Audited Financial Statements
  - Retirement of WECC Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-3
  - 2026 Annual meeting location; Salt Lake City, UT
  - 2027 Board meeting dates
- [Technical Session](#) about Extreme Winter Weather Preparedness
- Guest remarks from Jim Robb, President and CEO, NERC

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### 2025 Summer Reliability Overview: Western Interconnection **New**

WECC released the [2025 Summer Reliability Overview: Western Interconnection](#). This overview summarizes conditions affecting the summer operating season and high-level findings from the NERC Summer Reliability Assessment specific to the Western Interconnection.

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### Western Interconnection Weekly Wildfire Update

Stay informed about wildfire risks by visiting WECC's [Weekly Wildfire Update](#), which summarizes potential threats to the bulk power system. This summary will keep you up to date throughout the wildfire season.

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## Electrifying Trivia

Who found that electric eels use shocks to track prey?

**A** Luigi Galvani

**B** Kenneth Catania

**C** Humphry Davy

**D** André-Marie Ampère

# 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 through 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.



## Time to Act

### Level 3 Alert—Inverter-Based Resource Performance and Modeling

Acknowledgement Due: May 27  
Reporting Due: August 18

Reminder that NERC issued a [Level 3 Alert](#) requiring Generator Owners, Transmission Planners, Transmission Owners, and Planning Coordinators to acknowledge the alert and submit a response by the due date.

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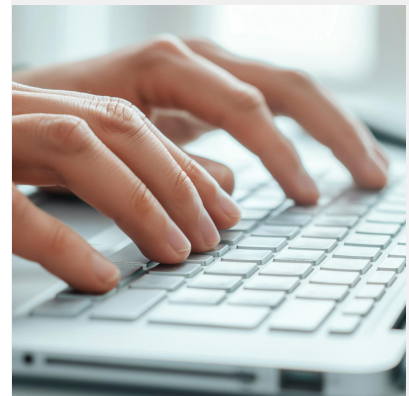
### Stakeholder Comment Period—WECC Bylaws

Due: June 20

WECC's Section 4.9 Review Work Group has engaged in a comprehensive review of WECC's Bylaws to ensure that they continue to align with WECC's purpose as a Regional Entity under Section 215 of the Federal Power Act. A draft of the proposed revised Bylaws is now available for stakeholder review and [comment](#) until the close of business on June 20, 2025. To facilitate stakeholder review and comment, the Section 4.9 Work Group has prepared a [table](#) summarizing the most significant proposed revisions. We are also posting a full redline that shows all of the revisions being proposed.



## We're Hiring



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## ERO Happenings

2025 State of  
Reliability **New**

This year's State of Reliability (SOR) comprises two publications: the [2025 SOR Overview](#), which is a high-level

## Full Announcement

summary of the most important topics affecting the BPS and how they are being addressed, and the [2025 SOR Technical Assessment](#), which provides NERC's comprehensive annual analytical review of BPS reliability for the 2024 calendar year. The analysis is an unbiased, data-driven look at BPS reliability, identifying ongoing challenges, and informing future-looking assessments. The SOR shares the most significant reliability risks facing the BPS and describes how the ERO Enterprise has or will address them.

Video Link: [NERC's 2025 State of Reliability](#)

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### Registration Process for Category 2 Generator Owner and Generator Operator IBRs Webinar **New**

July 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern  
NERC will host an informational webinar on the Registration Process for Category 2 Generator Owner (GO) and Generator Operator (GOP) Inverter-Based Resources (IBR). It will introduce the registration process for owners and operators of non-Bulk Electric System IBRs with aggregate nameplate capacity  $\geq 20$  MVA connected at a voltage  $\geq 60$  kV that are required to register by May 15, 2026, with NERC and adhere to its Reliability Standards.

[Register Now](#)

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### GridSecCon 2025

[Register Now](#)

Early Bird Registration is now open. Join NERC, the E-ISAC, and WECC for four days of networking, expert training sessions, interactive panels, and access to industry leaders. The 14th annual GridSecCon, North America's largest grid security conference, takes place October 7–10 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Register by July 14 for exclusive Early Bird pricing!

What You'll Experience at GridSecCon:

- Nearly 50 sessions to deepen your knowledge on timely cyber and physical security topics
- Insights from more than 100 industry and government leaders
- Time to network with grid security professionals, experts, and vendors on energy sector trends, challenges, and best practices

Who Should Attend GridSecCon:

- Cyber and physical security professionals
- Utility leaders and operational staff
- Government and regulatory partners
- Solution providers and vendors

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### Cold Weather Preparedness

NERC will host Small Group Advisory Sessions (SGAS) for registered entities to discuss the implementation of EOP-012-3. The virtual general session is tentatively scheduled

## Small Group Advisory Sessions

for August 18 to be followed by closed one-on-one sessions.

### Contact NERC

To request a one-on-one session, email [derek.kassimer@nerc.net](mailto:derek.kassimer@nerc.net) by July 21 and include:

- Requester name and contact information
- Entity Name
- NCR
- Region Registered
- If the requester intends to represent multiple entities, contact information for someone at each entity represented
- Preferred time for appointment (Morning/Afternoon)

Send [NERC](#) any questions you have regarding EOP-012-3 by August 1.



## Grid Gatherings

June  
17

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### RAC - Reliability Assessment Committee Steering Committee

Location  
Virtual

Date & Time (Mountain)  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

June  
18

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### RASRS - Remedial Action Scheme Review Subcommittee

Location  
Virtual

Date & Time (Mountain)  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

June  
19

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### Reliability & Security Oversight Update

Location  
Virtual

Date & Time (Mountain)  
Thursday, June 19, 2025, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

June  
20

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

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**Location**  
Virtual

**Date & Time (Mountain)**  
Friday, June 20, 2025, 2:00-4:00 p.m.



## Electrifying Trivia Answer

### Answer B

Kenneth Catania discovered that the eel uses its high-voltage electric discharges as a radar system that allows it to track fast-moving prey. By designing a series of experiments that prevented the eels from using other sensory cues, he showed that the eels used feedback from their high-voltage volleys to zero in on the position of their prey.



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