

# Production Cost Data Subcommittee Meeting Minutes May 3, 2022

Virtual

#### 1. Welcome, Call to Order

Jamie Austin, Production Cost Data Subcommittee (PCDS) Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. on May 3, 2022. A quorum was present to conduct business. A list of attendees is attached as Exhibit A.

## 2. Review WECC Antitrust Policy

Tyler Butikofer, System Adequacy Planning Engineer, read aloud the WECC Antitrust Policy statement. The meeting agenda included a link to the posted policy.

#### 3. Approve Agenda

Ms. Austin introduced the proposed meeting agenda.

On a motion by Chifong Thomas, the PCDS approved the agenda.

#### 4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Ms. Austin introduced the minutes from the meetings on April 12, 2022, April 19, 2022, and April 26, 2022.

On a motion by Nader Samaan, the PCDS approved the minutes from April 12, 2022, April 19, 2022, and April 26, 2022.

The PCDS discussed the minutes and posting documents into one location. The DDVM will be where the supporting documents will be placed. Ms. Austin asked the PCDS to assist with the process.

# 5. Validating NREL iteration #4 Wind and Solar data

Julio Gutierrez, California Energy Commission, presented the validation of National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) iteration #4 wind and solar. Mr. Gutierrez compared California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) wind and solar to NREL's updated wind and solar. He also compared iteration #3 to iteration #4. The time used needs to be converted from Pacific time to Mountain time to be consistent with the Anchor Data Set (ADS). The exact mapping to the shapes was not available. Iteration #4 showed reduced differences between both datasets.

The presentation is posted to the WECC website.



Ms. Austin presented the validation of NREL's data versus actual data, which used a sampling of generators in the PacifiCorp footprint with data unitized to protect confidentiality. There was improvement in iteration #4 which better captures plant magnitude and profiles . Concern was expressed about needing confidential plant data to better align actual data with the matching turbine type profile. Participants agreed that improvements can be made if more information is available about the plant. The PCDS will move forward with what is available and will discuss this again in the future.

The presentation is posted to the WECC website.

#### 6. NREL Data—adding EIA numbers to Wind and Solar plant identifier

Ms. Austin presented that NREL has agreed to add the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) plant code number to plant Unique ID. This is consistent with a promise made to the California Energy Commission (CEC) in exchange for their involvement in doing the validation with actual data; the CEC does not use WECC power flow case bus numbers in their PCM modeling but uses EIA numbers for wind and solar plant identifiers.

The presentation is posted to the WECC website.

## 7. Status of Creating Hourly Load Profiles

Mr. Butikofer proposed using the EIA 861 capacities because they are available now. Mr. Butikofer said that if the NREL data is available tomorrow it can be used instead.

The PCDS discussed concern about using 440 BTM and not having the data available soon enough. Concern was expressed about how to proceed if the dGen data is not provided tomorrow and not having the 2018 data available.

The PCDS discussed that notice of an approval item was not posted in the agenda or the WECC website. Approval items require a five days' notice. WECC will find out if this motion needs to be officially approved during a future meeting. By consensus the PCDS decided to move forward with the motion and officially approve it later, if needed.

On a motion by Kevin Harris, the PCDS approved use of the following for BTM data in the 2032 ADS, unless the group determines a change is warranted:

- Modeled Load "Gross" = L&R (Load + BTM);
- monthly capacity and energy;
- Base 2018 hourly load shape := BAA hourly shape + BAA BTM PV shape (dGen);
- Installed BTM PV capacity (dGen);
- 2032 BTM PV capacity: model on the supply side (not greater than 500 generators).



## 8. Public Comment

No comments were received.

#### 9. Review of Previous Action Items

Due to time constraints the review of previous action items was moved to a future meeting.

## 10. Review of New Action Items

- Present the EIA-861 and dGen capacity 2032 BTM data during the next meeting.
  - o Assigned To: Tyler Butikofer
  - o Due Date: May 17, 2022
- Report if today's approval item needs to be officially reapproved after posting the motion.
  - o Assigned To: Byron Woertz
  - o Due Date: May 17, 2022

## 11. Upcoming Meetings

May 10, 2022,	Virtual
May 17, 2022,	Virtual
May 24, 2022,	Virtual

# 12. Adjourn

Ms. Austin adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:31 p.m.



# **Exhibit A: Attendance List**

# **Members in Attendance**

Jamie Austin	PacifiCorp
Jose Diaz	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Michael Granados	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Kevin Harris	
Hank McIntosh	San Diego Gas and Electric
Effat Moussa	San Diego Gas and Electric
Chifong Thomas	Thomas Grid Advisor
Steven Wallace	
Yi Zhang	
Members not in Attendance	
Lee Alter	Tucson Electric Power
Hazel Aragon	
Ben Brownlee	Energy Strategies
Christopher Fecke-Stoudt	
Monica Garcia	El Paso Electric Company
Manuel Gomez	El Paso Electric Company
Chris Hagman	
Bill Hosie	PSI Power System Innovation Corp.
Tito Inga-Rojas	British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
Anders Johnson	Bonneville Power Administration—Transmission
Harris Lee	Salt River Project
Amy Li	Southern California Edison Company
John Liang	Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County
Peter Mackin	GridBright, Inc.
Akhil Mandadi	
John D. Martinsen	Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County



Kimberly McClafferty	NorthWestern Energy
Ahlmahz Negash	
Daniel Ramirez	Energy Strategies
Matthew Stajcar	NorthWestern Energy
Sirisha Tanneeru	Public Service Company of Colorado (Xcel Energy)
Xiaobo Wang	California Independent System Operator
Stan Williams	Bonneville Power Administration—Transmission
Di Xiao	Southern California Edison Company
Others in Attendance	
Tyler Butikofer	WECC
Candice Gimbel	Salt River Project
Julio Gutierrez	
Jon Jensen	WECC
Richard Jensen	
Bhavana Katyal	WECC
BK Ketineni	WECC
Luba Kravchuk	California Independent System Operator
Nicole Lee	WECC
Chelsea Loomis	
Nader Samaan	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
Alyssa Tavares	
Emily Tozier	Salt River Project
Byron Woertz	WECC

