



**Telecommunications Work Group**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 9, 2023**  
**Virtual**

**1. Welcome, Call to Order**

Scott Johnson, Telecommunications Work Group (TELWG) Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. MT on March 9, 2023. A quorum was present to conduct business. A list of attendees is attached as Exhibit A.

**2. Review WECC Antitrust Policy**

Peter Ashcroft, Performance Analysis Senior Data Scientist, read the WECC Antitrust Policy statement. The meeting agenda included a link to the posted policy.

**3. Approve Agenda**

Mr. Johnson introduced the proposed meeting agenda.

**On a motion by Darrin Brummett, the TELWG approved the agenda.**

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

Maddy Eberhard, Administrative Coordinator, introduced the minutes from the meetings on June 9, 2022, and October 13, 2022

**On a motion by Karl Knoll, the TELWG approved the minutes from June 9, 2022, and October 13, 2022.**

**5. Review Previous Action Items**

Ms. Eberhard reviewed action items carried over from the TELWG meeting on October 13, 2022. Action items that are not closed and will be carried forward can be found [here](#).

**6. Review and Finalize TCOMS Charter**

Ms. Eberhard reviewed the changes made by the Joint Guidance Committee (JGC). No objections were made.

**By consensus, the TELWG approved the Telecommunications Subcommittee (TCOMS) charter.**

The charter is posted on the WECC [website](#).



## 7. Review Status of the Guidelines for the Design of Critical Communications Circuits

Victoria Ravenscroft, Sr. Policy and External Affairs Manager, gave a brief history of the Guidelines for the Design of Critical Communications Circuits. Three projects are currently using these guidelines. Ms. Ravenscroft also described the timeline for this document, which is a minimum of 45 days.

Because this document is currently undergoing technical review by WECC staff, the committee agreed to postpone reviewing this document until the next meeting.

The document is posted on the WECC [website](#).

## 8. Intertie Circuit Consolidated Data

Mr. Ashcroft provided an update on the intertie circuit consolidated data. During an internal WECC meeting, there was a discussion about whether it is appropriate for WECC to be the party responsible for this data. Currently, WECC does not have a recommended group to take on this responsibility. TELWG will create a project scope and what WECC will be responsible for. Open

## 9. Public Comment

Karl Knoll, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), asked for information from vendors that could be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Knoll suggested that the group assign a secretary to take more technical notes for the group.

## 10. Review New Action Items

- Research closed session language for charter, and schedule a meeting to address if necessary.
  - Assigned To: Maddy Eberhard
  - Due Date: May 1, 2023
- Circulate the Guidelines for the Design of Critical Communications Circuits to the TELWG drafting team, who will then circulate to the rest of the committee.
  - Assigned To: Peter Ashcroft
  - Due Date: April 10, 2023
- Create a scope of the intertie circuit project describing WECC responsibilities.
  - Assigned To: Matt Barrington
  - Due Date: April 10, 2023
- Discuss options with Chris Albrecht to store historical non-WECC documents.
  - Assigned To: Maddy Eberhard



- Due Date: May 1, 2023

## **11. Upcoming Meetings**

July 13–14, 2023.....Salt Lake City, UT

October 18–19, 2023.....Offsite (tentative)

## **12. Adjourn**

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting without objection at 11:42 a.m.



## Exhibit A: Attendance List

### Members in Attendance

Matt Barrington..... Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Omar Brito ..... Imperial Irrigation District  
Darin Brummett..... Tri-State Generation and Transmission–Power Management Division  
Carlos Garay..... Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
Carlos Gonzales ..... Salt River Project  
Casey Hutchinson..... Avista Corporation  
Scott Johnson..... Western Area Power Administration  
Wayne Klein ..... British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
Karl Knoll..... Portland General Electric Company  
John McCarthy ..... Southern California Edison Company  
Arturo Moreno..... Salt River Project  
Arun Orn..... Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
David Parkhurst..... Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County  
Shaun Skidmore..... Idaho Power Company  
Chris Witthaus ..... Bonneville Power Administration

### Members not in Attendance

Anthony Boardingham..... Western Area Power Administration  
Doug Brennan ..... Puget Sound Energy, Inc.  
Justin Damele ..... Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Jerry Delgado ..... El Paso Electric Company  
Boubacar Diallo..... British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority  
James Gaxiola..... Imperial Irrigation District  
Gregory Johnson..... Avista Corporation  
Jeffrey Maze..... Arizona Public Service Company  
Caleb Murphy ..... San Diego Gas and Electric  
Tien Nguyen..... San Diego Gas and Electric



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Brian Nordlund..... PacifiCorp  
Lee Onsager..... NV Energy  
Jack Raty ..... NorthWestern Energy  
Kelly Teague..... California Independent System Operator  
Alex Valdez ..... Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

### Others in Attendance

Lorenzo Alba..... El Paso Electric Company  
Peter Ashcroft..... WECC  
Maddy Eberhard..... WECC  
Jose Maynez..... El Paso Electric Company  
Victoria Ravenscroft..... WECC  
Tracy Van Slyke ..... El Paso Electric Company

