

Member Advisory Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2024
Virtual

#### 1. Welcome, Call to Order

Michele Beck, Member Advisory Committee (MAC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. MT on May 30, 2024. A quorum was present to conduct business. A list of attendees is attached as Exhibit A.

### 2. Review WECC Antitrust Policy

Dena Richins, Legal Assistant, read aloud the WECC Antitrust Policy statement. The meeting agenda included a link to the posted policy.

## 3. Approve Agenda

Ms. Beck introduced the proposed meeting agenda.

On a motion by Chris Parker, the MAC approved the agenda.

## 4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Ms. Beck introduced the minutes from the meeting on April 17, 2024.

On a motion by Dale Dunckel, the MAC approved the minutes from April 17, 2024.

#### 5. Review Previous Action Items

Ms. Richins reviewed previous action items.

Ms. Beck reported that she will send out a MAC communications survey and asked that it be completed within one week of receipt.

## 6. MAC Budget Subcommittee

Dana Cabbell, MAC Budget Subcommittee (MBS) Chair, provided an overview of the WECC 2025 Business Plan and Budget (BP&B) and presented the MAC Budget Subcommittee recommendations on the BP&B. The committee asked questions about the unpaid Mexico assessments, use of reserves, the increase of assessments, and the use of webCDMS, which were addressed by Ms. Cabbell and WECC staff.



#### On a motion by Grace Anderson, the MAC approved the following resolution:

*Resolved,* that the Member Advisory Committee (MAC) adopt the MAC Budget Subcommittee (MBS) 2025 Business Plan and Budget Recommendations dated May 30, 2024, and posted for the MAC's consideration on May 20, 2024.

The MAC recommendations are included as Exhibit B.

#### 7. Public Comment

No comments were made.

#### 8. Review New Action Items

- Participate in the MAC communications survey, sent by Michele Beck.
  - o Assigned To: Member Advisory Committee
  - o Due Date: June 7, 2024

### 9. Upcoming Meetings

June 11, 2024	Salt Lake City, Utah
July 31, 2024	Virtual
September 17, 2024	Salt Lake City, Utah

# 10. Adjourn

Ms. Beck adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:56 p.m.



## MAC Meeting Minutes—May 30, 2024

# **Exhibit A: Attendance List**

## **Members in Attendance**

Jonathan Aust	Class 1
Grace Anderson	
Michele Beck	Chair
Duncan Brown	
Dana Cabbell	Class 1
Dale Dunckel	Class 2
Richard Ferreira	Class 2
Fred Heutte	Class 4
Linda Jacobson-Quinn	Class 2
Yansong Leng	International
Patrick O'Connell	Class 5
Sophie Hayes	
Chris Parker	
Brian Theaker	Vice Chair
Evan Valeriote	International
Matt Weber	Class 1
Members not in Attendance	
Carrie Simpson	Class 3
Frnasto Olivas	International



## **Exhibit B: MAC Budget Subcommittee Recommendations**

#### **MBS** Recommendations

- The MBS recommends the MAC:
  - Support the 2025 Business Plan and Budget, including the proposed additional seven statutory FTEs, the proposed \$9 million (36%) increase in assessments for 2025 and the 8% increase in 2026 and 2027, and proposed disposition of the unpaid Mexico assessments; and
  - o Recommend the WECC Board of Directors approve the 2025 Business Plan and Budget.
- Pursuant to the Delegation Agreement between NERC and WECC, assessments to fund the
  costs of WECC's delegated functions and related activities are allocated among all load-serving
  entities (LSE) within its geographic boundaries based on each LSE's annual Net Energy for
  Load (NEL). Given the significant increase in the number of registered entities related to the
  growing number of inverter-based resources (IBR) in the West, the MBS recommends that
  WECC staff explore with NERC how registered entities are allocated the annual assessments.
  This increase in registered entities results in WECC budget increases due to the need for more
  personnel for ongoing compliance assessment and oversight and for performing more complex
  reliability assessments.
- The MBS recommends supporting the \$2.2 million of the Peak Reliability donation for the WestTEC transmission planning project, \$1.5 million of which is for 2025:
  - o 2024 \$500K
  - o 2025 \$1.5M
  - o 2026 \$200K

The Western Power Pool (WPP) is pursuing a grant from the Department of Energy (DOE) to fund part of the WestTEC transmission planning project. If WPP is awarded that grant, WECC will coordinate with WPP to reduce, if possible, the amount from the Peak donation provided. Unused Peak donations, which have no expiration date, could be used to fund work on WECC risk priorities such as additional study

