# Background and Description of Changes

Section 8.4 of the WECC Bylaws states “All committee meetings will be open, except as set forth in these Bylaws or in Board-approved policies or committee charters describing the criteria for entering into closed session applicable to the committee in question.” For this reason, WECC has had a Closed Session Policy for many years that in recent years has included Universal Data Sharing Agreement (UDSA) Sessions.

WECC recently reviewed the policy in accordance with its two-year review cycle. WECC is recommending the following changes:

* Changes reflecting that the UDSA is now known as the Western Interconnection Data Sharing Agreement (WIDSA);
* Creating a general section with requirements that should be applicable to both closed and WIDSA sessions while retaining sections with requirements unique to both closed and WIDSA sessions; and
* Clarifying who may attend WIDSA sessions, what information may be discussed/shared during a WIDSA session, and under what circumstances both are appropriately done.