



**Reliability & Security
Oversight Update**

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Reliability in the West

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**Assessing Summer Conditions
and Readiness**

Wednesday, May 6 | 11 a.m.—noon MDT

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**Reliability
Fundamentals**

WECC

**June 23–25, 2026
Salt Lake City, Utah**



Power Systems Security Conference

**Salt Lake City, Utah
August 11–13, 2026**

Get ready to dive into the latest on power systems security with industry pros at the WECC office.

Come network, learn, and share ideas in an in-person setting. Don't miss out on this chance to connect and build your skills in the energy sector!



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- Participants are reminded of their obligations under the WECC Antitrust Policy and the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines.
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- WECC strives to ensure the information presented today is accurate and reflects the views of WECC.
- However, all interpretations and positions are subject to change.
- If you have any questions, please contact WECC's legal counsel.



Agenda

- NERC and WECC Happenings – Mailee Cook, WECC
- Standards Update – Donovan Crane, WECC
- Inverter-based Resources Initiative Update – Andrew Williamson, WECC

NERC and WECC Happenings

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NERC Happenings

- Currently Compliant Podcast Episode 9
 - [Inherent Risk Assessments and the Entity Risk Profile Questionnaire](#)
- CIP Evidence Request Tool – [Webinar posted](#)
- NERC [Reliability Insights](#) posted
- Large Loads Task Force – [FAQ](#)



WECC Happenings

- WECC Reliability & Security Workshop
 - March 17–18 in San Diego, California
 - [Recordings playlist](#)

April Standards Update

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Standards Update – WECC Projects



[WECC-0142: Request to Retire BAL-002-WECC-3, Contingency Reserve](#)

FERC accepted the request to retire. Effective date should be July 1, 2026.



[WECC-0157: PRC-006-5 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding, Update to the WECC Regional Variance](#)

The variance language passed industry ballot.



[WECC-0158: IRO-002-7, Reliability Coordination—Monitoring and Analysis with WECC Regional Variance, Five-Year Review](#)

Recommendation of “No Change” accepted by WSC, and the project was deemed complete.



[WECC-0159: IRO-006-WECC-3 Qualified Path Unscheduled Flow \(USF\) Relief, Five-Year Review](#)

Recommendation of “No Change” accepted by WSC, and the project was deemed complete.



[WECC-0160: WECC EMT Modeling and Screening Criteria](#)

Drafting team nominations are open through April 17, 2026.



Standards Update – NERC Projects

2023-06 CIP-014 Risk Assessment Refinement

- Posted on March 31 for 45-day comment and ballot period

2025-03 Order No. 901 Operational Studies

- Out for comment and ballot through May 4, 2026

2025-04 Order No. 901 Planning Studies

- Out for comment and ballot through May 4, 2026

2025-02 Internal Network Security Monitoring Standard Revision | Draft 1 (CIP-015-2)

- Final ballot passed with 87.33%
- Implementation plan passed with 86.93%

SARs out for comment

- 2026-01 PRC-006 standard updates | SAR (AEP)
- 2026-01 PRC-006 standard updates | SAR (SPIDERWG)
- 2026-02 Computational Loads | SAR

Ballot Body vs. Ballot Pool



The WECC Registered Ballot Body is the overall group of stakeholders that have expressed interest in participating in Standards ballots when they arise. This is the group that is registered under the current 10 Standards Voting Segments based on the characteristics of their companies. A company can be registered under a single SVS or under all SVS that they are eligible for. The qualifications for each of those SVS can be found here at <https://www.nerc.com/globalassets/who-we-are/rules-of-procedure/rop-app-3d-eff-20220825-clean.pdf>. This is the set of qualifications used for both NERC and WECC for the segments.



A ballot pool is formed for each Ballot. These ballot pools are made from members of the WECC Registered Ballot Body who want to join and participate in that ballot. This makes it so that only those that join an open ballot pool will be able to cast votes and a 2/3 quorum will only be needed from those that join those ballot pools and not the overall ballot body.

Inverter-based Resources Initiative Updates

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Agenda

- Today's discussion
 - End of the three-year IBR Registration Initiative
 - Processed Category 2 registrations
 - Continued registration activities/steps for Category 2s
 - Inclusion/exclusion information
 - Resources



IBR Registration Initiative Timeline Ending



[IBR Registration Initiative | IBR-Q1-2026-Update](#)



Category 2 Generation Assets in WECC

RFIs Issued/ Received	Evaluations Completed	Category 2 GO Assets Determined	Category 1 GO Assets Determined	Assets Do Not Meet Criteria
289	289	230	9	61

WECC Registration

- Submitted all Category 2 GO registrations to NERC for processing by March 30, 2026
- WECC processed 43% of all Category 2 GO assets in the ERO Enterprise (across regions)
 - **Processed in WECC:** 230 Category 2 GO assets | 152 Category 2 GO registrations
- Some RFIs/evaluations pertained to multiple generation assets
- Examples of RFIs/evaluations that dropped off list:
 - Projects are withdrawn/decommissioned
 - Expected commercial operation date (COD) in June 2026 or later
- Approximately 32 Category 2 GOP-only registrations processed in our region

Note: A few of the processed Cat 2s are pending COD prior to May 15, 2026



Category 2 Generation Asset Activities Occurring

Additional Category 2 Activities in WECC

- Pending COD
- Ownership changes
- Category 2 GOP changes
- Entity name changes
- Category 2 registrations will become Category 1

Continue to Complete Registration Steps

- Submit registration activity requests 45–60 days ahead of the expected effective date.
- Send the request to registration@wecc.org.
- Notify WECC when the registration activity is complete (when the effective date is reached).



Upcoming Category 2 Activities

GADS Reporting

- [GADS](#)
- [GADS solar](#)
 - gadssolar@nerc.net
- [GADS wind](#)
 - gadswind@nerc.net

Deadlines for Data Submission into GADS Conventional, GADS Wind, and GADS Solar

When a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, reporting will be extended through the following business day.

Reporting Deadline*	Period of Operation to Report
February 15	Any updates for prior year
May 15	Quarter 1: January 1 - March 31
August 15	Quarter 2: April 1 - June 30
November 15	Quarter 3: July 1 - September 30
February 15	Quarter 4: October 1 - December 31

- Category 2 GO reporting obligations are effective on May 15, 2026 (in the middle of Q2).
 - The first reporting deadline for GADS solar or GADS wind data submissions is August 15, 2026 (45 days after the end of the quarter).
 - More information about how to sign up for a GADS Solar or a GADS Wind user account will be sent out sometime after the final 2025 reporting deadline has passed (around early April is the target).

On May 15, 2026, NERC will publish all Category 2 GOs/GOPs on the [NERC Compliance Registry](#) (NCR).



Inclusions and Exclusions Listed in Appendix 2

Inclusions and Exclusions

Example diagrams of BES inclusions and exclusions are available in:

- [BES Definition Reference Document](#)
- [Application of the BES Definition to Battery Energy Storage Systems and Hybrid Resources](#)
- [Application of the Registration Criteria for Category 2 GO/GOP IBRs](#)

Processes exist for submittal and consideration of Exceptions and Materiality:

- Review [Appendix 5A](#), [Appendix 5B](#), and [Appendix 5C](#)

Majority of Registrations: Category 1 and Category 2 GO and GOP

Category 1 GO/GOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >75 MVA connected at 100 kV or above• BES IBRs
Category 2 GO/GOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ≥ 20 MVA connected at ≥ 60 kV• Non-BES IBRs

[Defined in Appendix 2](#)



Resources



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