



Continuing the Conversation: EMT Strategic Follow-Up Meeting

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EMT Strategic Follow-Up Meeting

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Agenda: EMT Strategic Follow-Up Meeting

- **Recap of the November 2025 EMT Strategic Workshop**
 - Presenter: Vic Howell
 - Time: 5 minutes
- **Proposal Going Forward**
 - Presenter: Vic Howell
 - Time: 20 minutes
- **Next Steps**
 - Presenters: Enoch Davies and Donovan Crane
 - Time: 20 minutes
- **Open Discussion**
 - Facilitators: Vic Howell and Enoch Davies
 - Time: 15 minutes

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Recap of the November 2025 EMT Strategic Workshop

11/2025 EMT Strategic Workshop Outcomes

- *Participants agreed that clear, harmonized IBR modeling requirements – including model quality tests, verification steps, and performance conformity tests – are essential to ensuring models truly and accurately represent as-left field equipment behavior.*
- *A unified, Western Interconnection-wide approach and strategy – modeled after structured screening tools used by ERCOT or IESO – would minimize redundant custom approaches and help focus limited technical resources.*
- *As NERC standards and IEEE 2800-2022 adoption advance, the region has an opportunity to establish a unified interconnection-wide foundation for IBR modeling, test criteria, and EMT study approaches. This would “raise the floor,” reduce fragmentation, and provide a common set of expectations that developers, OEMs, and planners can follow with confidence.*
- *Next steps involve distilling these themes into a harmonized framework, developed collaboratively by industry stakeholders, so that the Western Interconnection can manage risks, accelerate the interconnection of new resources, and safeguard BPS reliability.*



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Proposal Going Forward

What's the Need?

- Consensus — need for a document that:
 - Increases reliability in the Western Interconnection
 - Promotes consistency across the Western Interconnection — *“this is how the West is going to do this”*
 - Is developed collaboratively among stakeholders
 - Addresses both the "what" and the "how"
 - Dovetails with and supports any associated Reliability Standards
 - Has WECC's name on it so it will “carry weight”

Suggested Path Forward — Regional Criteria

313. Other Regional Criteria, Guides, Procedures, Agreements, Etc.

*Excerpt
from NERC
Rules of
Procedure*

1. **Regional Criteria** — Regional Entities may develop Regional Criteria that are necessary to implement, to augment, or to comply with NERC Reliability Standards, but which are not Reliability Standards. Regional Criteria may also address issues not within the scope of Reliability Standards, such as resource adequacy. Regional Criteria may include specific acceptable operating or planning parameters, guides, agreements, protocols or other documents used to enhance the reliability of the Bulk Power System in the Region. These documents typically provide benefits by promoting more consistent implementation of the NERC Reliability Standards within the Region. These documents are not NERC Reliability Standards, Regional Reliability Standards, or regional Variances, and therefore are not enforceable under authority delegated by NERC pursuant to delegation agreements and do not require NERC approval.
2. **Catalog of Regional Criteria** — Each Regional Entity that has Regional Criteria shall maintain a publicly-available, current catalog of its Regional Criteria. Regional Entities shall provide any Regional Criteria to NERC upon written request.

Why Regional Criteria Work

- Endorsed by NERC Rules of Procedure
- Stated purpose is to promote consistency
- Formal, public, collaborative stakeholder process
- Vetted and approved just like Reliability Standards
- Broadly visible
- Carries weight (has WECC's name on it — stated desire of workshop participants)
- Likely to garner stakeholder interest in developing it
- Likely to be followed



Next Steps

Develop and Submit a Standard Authorization Request



A Standard Authorization Request (SAR) can be developed and submitted by a person or entity.

The more information in the SAR, the better, as this becomes the drafting team's guiding document.



SAR is reviewed for completeness by WECC Staff

To be deemed complete, each SAR shall contain a description of the proposed CRT subject matter sufficiently detailed to define the purpose, scope, affected parties, requirements, and any other information relevant to the proposed CRT.



WECC Standards Committee Reviews

Is the SAR within WECC's authority, activities, and is it appropriate for development?

Convene Drafting Team

WSC can modify the SAR

The WSC may either

- Directly assign a DT; or
- Solicit team member nominations from the industry

The WSC shall target approval of the drafting team roster for no later than 120 days after the SAR start date has been set

Select a drafting team chair

- Can be done during the roster approval stage, or when the team meets for the first time

Options for Regional Criteria



For a Regional Criterion (CRT), an optional explanatory narrative may be included directly in the CRT.



A CRT may include new definitions of terms that need to be added to the WECC glossary. Wherever possible, DTs are encouraged to use existing defined terms rather than create new defined terms.



In drafting the applicability section of a CRT, functions outside of the NERC Compliance Registry may be used.

Development Process – Drafting Team

Open/public drafting team meetings to create draft criteria

Post for comments

Respond to comments

- Each comment must be acknowledged
- Adjustments made as appropriate
- If substantive change is made, it must be posted for another comment period

Submit to WSC with a request for ballot



As many times as needed

Approval Process – WECC Standards Committee and Ballot

WSC will review

Ballot pool created from ballot body

- Any eligible voter in the WECC registered ballot body can join the ballot pool to cast a vote

CRT briefing

- A time for answering any final questions
- Not a chance to change the document

Voting by ballot pool members

- 2/3 majority needed for quorum **and** for it to pass

Board approval

- If a CRT is approved by the board, WECC shall post the final CRT on its website, and the SAR will be deemed complete. The effective date will be as approved by the board

Next Steps



- Develop SAR
 - Ideally a sub-group of people from EMT Workshop
 - WECC can organize meeting to facilitate the SAR development
- Be ready to volunteer for the drafting team so you can help develop the regional criteria



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Open Discussion



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