
MAC Candidate Statement of Qualifications

As a MAC candidate, you are encouraged to give WECC Members a brief statement of qualifications. Your statement will be given to members before the MAC election, which will start on August 3, 2026, and conclude August 28, 2026. Results will be announced at the WECC Annual Meeting on September 15, 2026. Please complete and return this form to Brittany Huggins, bhuggins@wecc.org, **no later than July 27, 2026**, for presentation to WECC Members.

1. My name: _Jacob Richardson_____
2. I am a candidate for the MAC in Member Class 4.
3. My qualifications for this position are as follows: (State your qualifications below or attach a resume to this form. Include relevant employment and positions held, previous service at WECC, and any other items that qualify you to serve on the MAC.)

See attached document.



1. Deep Technical and Regulatory Familiarity with WECC

- **Direct Contribution to Regional Modeling:** As an active participating member of the Production Cost Data Subcommittee, I have worked directly on the development and verification of Production Cost Model data. This experience ensures I understand the technical foundation of WECC's reliability assessments and the Anchor Data Set. I will bring this data-driven, analytical perspective directly to the MAC to help the Board make highly informed decisions.
- **Institutional Knowledge:** My time within the WECC committee structure means I understand how policy decisions impact operational reality on the ground.

2. Regional Collaboration & Transmission Planning (WestConnect & WestTEC)

- **Sub-Regional Engagement:** Through active engagement with WestConnect, I have collaborated with diverse stakeholders on sub-regional transmission planning and modeling. This work has given me a deep appreciation for the unique geographical, operational, and resource challenges across the Western Interconnection.
- **Integrating WestConnect and WestTEC Processes:** It is vital for WECC to remain highly aware of how regional planning processes at WestConnect and regional transmission studies through WestTEC will impact grid reliability and WECC's own processes.

3. Proven Ability to Balance Diverse Stakeholder Interests

- **Regulatory Leadership:** During my tenure on the Utah Public Service Commission, my primary responsibility was to weigh complex, often competing arguments from utilities, state agencies, industrial consumers, and public advocates.
- **Consensus Builder:** This experience honed my ability to listen to all sides, find common ground, and make objective, balanced decisions. I will bring this exact stakeholder-focused approach to representing the diverse voices of Class 4 end users on the MAC.

4. Dedicated to the Public Good and Consumer Advocacy

- **Advocating for the Public Interest:** In my role with Western Resource Advocates (WRA), I focus daily on promoting the public good. WRA's mission is centered on protecting the West's land, air, and water while ensuring a reliable, clean, and affordable energy system for all consumers.
- **Class 4 Alignment and Grid Reliability:** This professional commitment perfectly aligns with the purpose of Class 4 representation. I will work to ensure that reliability

policies are evaluated not just for technical feasibility, but for their long-term economic value and benefit to everyday end users. I will advocate for a robust, highly resilient grid that treats reliability as the baseline, ensuring the system can successfully navigate resource transitions and extreme weather events without compromising service to consumers.