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WECC Guideline:
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Regarding the WECC Generator Test Policy

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Introduction

The WECC Generating Unit Model Validation Policy (policy) includes the following in section B.4.

"B.4. Exemptions

B.4.1. WECC may grant exemptions to the Generator Owners in rare situations where a unique condition or equipment configuration exists that would preclude or delay testing and model data validation.

B.4.2. The Generator Owner may request an exemption by submittal to WECC through the Transmission Planner. The request shall include justification for the exemption. WECC shall respond to the request within 90 days after receipt."

The policy does not define a procedure for WECC to follow in addressing requests for exemption. This document provides a procedure to address future requests for exemption.

Guideline

This guideline applies to Generator Owners seeking an exemption to the generator test policy, to their Transmission Planner, to the WECC M&VWG, and to the WECC Staff.

Procedure

1) The Generator Owner requesting an exemption from the WECC Generator Unit Model Validation Policy shall document their request and provide it to their Transmission Planner. The Generator Owner shall provide specific information regarding the request including, but not limited to, the date of their last test, their reasons for making the request, potential benefits to the owner and to the transmission system of granting the exemption. If the request is for a time extension past the dates required by the policy, provide a proposed schedule with a not-to-exceed date. The request shall also provide specific arguments for granting the exemption to the generator test policy. If the Generator Owner is aware of any reliability issues that may be created by granting the exemption, the request shall include proposed mitigation efforts.



- 2) Upon receipt of a request for exemption, the Transmission Planner shall develop a summary with their perspective regarding arguments for or against granting the request for exemption, and may include additional reasoning for or against granting the exemption. The Transmission Planner can make a recommendation, or leave the summary document without a recommendation regarding granting the request for exemption. The Transmission Planner shall forward the request for exemption to the WECC staff member representative of the M&VWG within 15 days of receiving the request from the Generator Owner.
- 3) The M&VWG WECC Staff representative shall draft a summary document including any additional arguments for or against granting the request for exemption and forward the request to the members of the M&VWG within 15 days of receiving the request from the Transmission Planner.
- 4) The members of the M&VWG will have 15 days to provide any additional arguments for or against granting the request and to provide their vote on granting the request.
- 5) Based upon the input received, the WECC Staff shall make a decision regarding granting the request. WECC Staff shall document the reasoning, including the arguments made both for and against granting the request. WECC Staff shall provide a response to the Generator Owner with a copy to the Transmission Planner and file the documentation in a generator policy exemption file within 45 days of the end of the voting period or within 90 days after the initial request by the Generator Owner, whichever is later.

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