WECC Electric Reliability and Security for the West

New Member Information Letter

Thank you for considering membership in WECC. Membership in WECC is open to any entity engaged or interested in electric system reliability or access. This includes consumers, regulatory agencies, public interest groups, transmission providers and users, generator owners and operators, power marketers, and siting agencies.

Benefits of WECC Membership

Membership provides voting rights in WECC's deliberations as well as the opportunity for direct participation in WECC activities. Members can work with the Standing Committees (Market Interface, Operating, Reliability Assessment Committees) as well as the join the activities of their subcommittees and work groups. An overview of each committee's responsibilities is set forth in Section 8 of the Annotated WECC Bylaws.

A member's participation in WECC activities provides a valuable opportunity for the exchange of ideas and information. Members receive copies of WECC reports and publications as well as the reports and publications of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). Minutes of the WECC Board of Directors meetings, the WECC Annual Meeting, Standing Committee, subcommittee, and work group meetings are posted on WECC's website.

An abundance of technical information generated by the WECC committees, subcommittees, and work groups is routinely distributed to the representatives of each member and is often posted on WECC's website. The WECC staff distributes copies of study reports to the appropriate committee representatives and also provides copies of WECC databases to members; on request and at no charge. Copies of the General Electric Power Flow and Stability Programs licensed by WECC are available to members for a nominal annual fee.

For additional information on the benefits of WECC membership, please refer to the WECC Bylaws.

Cost of Membership

WECC membership is free. In 2007, the Board eliminated membership dues. However, the Board may elect to reinstate dues at any time. Information regarding dues can be found in §12.2 of the <u>WECC</u> <u>Bylaws</u>.

Applying for Membership

To apply for WECC membership, please submit a completed <u>membership application</u> to <u>membership@wecc.org</u>. Submitted applications will be reviewed by our Legal Department. The application process typically takes two to four weeks to complete.