



## Rights and Obligations of Participating Stakeholders

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1. A Participating Stakeholder (previously “Interested Stakeholder”) is defined in the WECC Bylaws as any person or entity that is not a WECC Member and either: 1) is a WECC Registered Entity or 2) is located or has a substantial business interest within the Western Interconnection and has a material and distinct interest in one or more Reliability Standards. The domestic use of electricity will not by itself comprise a material and distinct interest sufficient to meet the above requirements (Bylaws, §3.21).
2. Any person or entity that meets the definition of Participating Stakeholder may apply to WECC for Participating Stakeholder status and, upon WECC’s acceptance of such application, acquire participation and voting rights related to WECC Reliability Standards (Bylaws, §8.6.1 and §8.6.2).
3. The right to participate in Reliability Standards development and voting includes the right to request the development or revision of a Reliability Standard, the right to receive notice of, attend and participate in related WECC committee discussions, the right to review information relevant to a Reliability Standard or revision, the right to provide written comments on a proposed Reliability Standard or revision, and the right to file an appeal requesting a review of any committee or sub-committee decision on a Reliability Standard or revision (Bylaws, §8.6.1).
4. A Participating Stakeholder is only entitled to vote on Reliability Standards and revisions and is not entitled to vote in any other WECC committee balloting process or in elections for WECC Directors (Bylaws, §8.6.1).
5. A Participating Stakeholder must identify and register a voting representative with the WECC staff no later than 48 hours in advance of a meeting at which a vote will be taken and that representative must either attend the meeting in person or follow WECC staff directions for participating by telephone and Internet connection in order to vote at a Committee meeting.
6. An Participating Stakeholder may only vote on a proposed Reliability Standard or revision if the Participating Stakeholder has applied to WECC (*see attached*) and has been granted Participating Stakeholder status (Bylaws, §8.6.1).
7. A Participating Stakeholder may appeal a status eligibility determination made by the WECC staff to the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) and, if denied by the GNC, to the WECC Board (Bylaws, §8.6.2).
8. A person or entity’s Participating Stakeholder status will be maintained so long as the Participating Stakeholder continues to meet the requirements and definition set forth in §3.21 of the Bylaws and the Participating Stakeholder participates in at least one WECC meeting per year at which a Reliability Standard or revision is discussed or voted on. Lapsed status may be restored by re-applying for Participating Stakeholder status and by attending a WECC meeting at which a Reliability Standard is discussed and/or voted on (Bylaws, §8.6.2).