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SYNOPSIS OF:		
JOINT WECC RS 7 th Resource Adequacy Workgroup (RAWG)/1 st PCC Load & Resource Task Force (LRTF) Meeting		
DATE: April 5, 2005	TIME: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	LOCATION: Portland (OR) Airport Conference Center
AGENDA TOPICS	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS	ACTION ITEMS
INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA & MEETING PURPOSE	Mary Johannis convened the meeting, asked for introductions, reviewed the meeting purpose and asked for any proposed agenda changes. There were none.	
SUMMARY OF WECC ACTIONS ON RESOURCE ADEQUACY	<p>Mary briefly described the January 12/13 WECC RS (Reliability Subcommittee) Meeting discussion on the RAWG consensus recommendations and report. Some of the main RS comments focused on the WECC/State Collaboration on resource adequacy (RA) issues. The RS had no objections to the high-level collaboration recommendation, but did not want the report to commit the regulators to certain actions once WECC RA criteria are established. At the conclusion of the RAWG agenda item, the RS voted to recommend to the PCC that an RFP be prepared to hire a consultant to conduct system simulations to test various RA metrics and to perform sensitivity studies on possible targets associated with these metrics.</p> <p>Mary also mentioned that in late January, a letter went out from the PCC (Planning Coordination Committee) Chair notifying WECC members that a new Loads and Resources Task Force (LRTF) had been established, in part, because “WECC needs to develop approaches that will promote access to</p>	

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<p>SUMMARY OF WECC ACTIONS ON RESOURCE ADEQUACY (con'd)</p>	<p>clear, comprehensive, and reliable data that will enable accurate assessment of resource adequacy.”</p> <p>Mary then briefly described the two proposals addressing RA issues that were advanced at the WECC PCC (Planning Coordination Committee) Meeting on March 3 & 4—the RS recommendation for a \$250,000 study on RA metrics/targets and an Alternative Proposal for implementing WECC’s RA goal. The PCC approved a motion that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Recommends the RS incorporate the 1995 WSCC Power Supply Design Criteria for the Annual Power Supply Assessment (PSA) on a sub-area basis, and include an energy assessment where it is available on a sub-area basis. □ Enlarges the scope of the LRTF to address RA assessments, guidelines and targets, guided by the Recommendations section of the Alternative Proposal and the RAWG consensus recommendations. 	<p>The following action items were discussed in connection with the PCC motion recommending the inclusion of energy assessments in PSAs, where available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mike Jaske noted that the California Energy Commission is undertaking an energy assessment for California. □ Mary indicated that BPA and the NW Power Council will be providing an energy assessment for inclusion into the upcoming PSA. Chris Reese suggested that such a Northwest energy assessment should be vetted with Northwest parties before including it in a WECC PSA.
<p>RAWG REPORT</p>	<p>Mary concluded by noting that this is the last RAWG meeting because the task of addressing RA now transitions to the LRTF. The last task for RAWG is to decide on the RAWG Report.</p> <p>The two versions of the short report were discussed. The RAWG participants discussed a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ The RAWG voted to neither accept nor reject either version of the short report. Instead both versions are to be forwarded. In addition, the two reports, the Jan. 7, 2005 version of the long

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RAWG REPORT (con'd)	<p>couple of options for finalizing the report including combining the two versions of the report into one since the color coded versions of the reports show many parts of the reports contain identical or similar language. However, Chris asserted that no matter which option for finalizing the report is chosen, there is a need for a comment period to allow for RAWG input into the final report. One of the WRAT participants (Phil Carver, Mike Jaske or Wally Gibson) stated that it is the WRAT's desire to conclude all RAWG work at today's meeting. Jerry Rust pointed out that one final consensus version of what is better termed a "working document" than a report may not be necessary since the purpose of the document(s) now is to assist the LRTF in developing recommendations to the PCC, and thereafter to assist with the substantive work of addressing the data and RA issues.</p>	<p>report and the associated appendices are to be posted on the WECC website to aid the LRTF in their work as well as to assist other future work by WECC on resource adequacy. Mary agreed to cite the source of all materials posted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Mary also agreed to replace the shortened language describing the seven elements in her version of the short report with the complete language from the WRAT (Westwide Resource Assessment Team) version of the report.
LRTF INITIAL AND ENLARGED SCOPE OF WORK	<p>After lunch, Jerry took over as chair of the group. He summarized the initial and enlarged scopes of work for the LRTF by reviewing the two LRTF letters the PCC chair sent out to WECC members. He emphasized that the LRTF tasks are to identify the issues and to develop recommendations to address the issues, but not to implement solutions. Instead the LRTF recommendations will be presented at the June 16 & 17 meeting of the PCC in Spokane, WA, where it is likely the PCC will set up a new organizational structure to start</p>	<p>The group concurred that the establishment of a new subcommittee under the PCC, perhaps an L&R Subcommittee to address data and other resource adequacy issues should be one of the LRTF recommendations to the PCC.</p>

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	<p>implementing the LRTF recommendations. Because of WECC posting protocols, the LRTF recommendations need to be sent to WECC by early May.</p>	
<p>MISSION AND SCOPE OF NEW SUBCOMMITTEE</p>	<p>After agreement was reached on the need for a new PCC subcommittee, the group started discussing the mission and scope of such a subcommittee. The direction from the PCC clearly identified some of the issues this subcommittee should address. However, the group also agreed that this new subcommittee should take over the formulation of the PSAs, which will eventually become RA assessments. The need for transmission limitations to be reflected in these assessments was emphasized. The desire for a common database to be used for RA assessments and transmission studies was mentioned. The Production Simulation Program Task Force is investigating tools and desired database attributes in connection with managing the SSG-WI database, which could be the common database for RA assessments since both efforts would be based on L&R data submittals. Jerry pointed out that a criterion in formulating recommendations for the PCC is to minimize the impact on WECC staff. Some of the types of PSA assessments that the new subcommittee should consider include:</p>	<p>Jerry agreed to work with the WRAT and other interested parties on the first draft of an issue paper laying out the issues, suggesting a prioritization of the issues and recommending solutions for addressing the issues to be implemented once this new subcommittee is established, which might be in August 2005.</p>

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MISSION AND SCOPE OF NEW SUBCOMMITTEE (con'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Cases that stress the interconnected power systems□ Cases that look at “seams” issues, i.e. how much do the subareas depend on one another for resource adequacy.	
NEXT STEPS		<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Once drafted, Jerry will send out the issue paper for review. Depending on the comments, he will decide whether another meeting is needed.