



Western Electricity Coordinating Council

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 28 - 29, 2005
Calgary, Alberta

I. Approval Items

The Board approved the following:

- A. Business Case for Secure ICCP**
- B. 2005 WECC Power Supply Assessment**

II. Administrative Items/Reports

A. Report of the Planning Coordination Committee (PCC)

The Board received a report from Robert Jenkins, PCC Chair, on the activities, scope and timeline of the Loads and Resources Subcommittee.

B. Update on the Budget

The Board received a report from Dave Areghini, Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) Chair, on current budget projections for 2005 and scenarios under consideration by the FAC for 2006. **The Board gave the FAC direction to present for approval at the October Board meeting a budget which funds a number of key projects recommended by the standing committees to enable the Council to accomplish its reliability mission and also begin addressing some of the commercial challenges facing the Western Interconnection. The estimated dues increase to support the budget is 40%.**

C. Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC)

The Board received a report from William Chamberlain, GNC Chair, on the progress and results of the Section 4.9 Review and discussed questions of Board representation and governance.

D. Reliability Coordination Centers

The Board received reports from Terry Baker, Reliability Coordination Subcommittee Chair, and Tim Newton, WECC Board Chair, on the development of a strategic plan for the three reliability centers.

E. Report of the CEO

Louise McCarren, WECC CEO, briefed the Board on the status of Reliability Legislation now before the United States Congress. Ms. McCarren led a discussion on standards enforcement, WECC's relationship with the ERO under the legislation, and WECC's role in the rulemaking process.

F. Comments from Members

Richard Lauckhart, Henwood Energy Services, Inc. provided input regarding a WECC-developed and maintained public database for transmission planning.

III. Executive Session

In a closed executive session, the Board authorized the WECC CEO to take further steps to move from a defined benefit pension plan for WECC employees to a defined contribution pension plan.

IV. Strategic Session

In a strategic session focused on the challenge of the Western Assessment Group and the passage of reliability legislation, the Board adopted three motions:

In relation to WECC's expanded role for Transmission Planning:

The Board accepted for strategic direction, the proposal from PacifiCorp with direction to the WECC CEO to flesh out details and return to the Board for approval in October. Details would include governance, timeframes, action steps, responsibilities and member and stakeholder input.

In relation to WECC's expanded role for Resource Adequacy:

The Board reaffirmed its previous support for performing power supply assessments, improving the assessments, and developing resource adequacy guidelines through the work of the Planning Coordination Committee, West-wide Resource Assessment Team and the Resource Adequacy Work Group.

In relation to WECC's expanded role for Commercial Practices:

The Board supported the role of the Market Interface Committee (MIC) to address both commercial issues and business practices and make recommendations to the Board related to commercial issues and business practices.

The Board supported the development of a proposed charter, scope, deliverables, budget, focus and Bylaws changes that would be needed.

The Board requested that the MIC examine the effects of the Seams Steering Group-Western Interconnection ceasing to exist so that none of their current efforts would be lost.

V. Consent Agenda

The Board approved:

- **Minutes of the April 6 & 8, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting**
- **The Following Operating Committee Recommendation:**
 - **WECC Training Program Policies and Practices**
- **The Following Reliability Policy Issues Committee Appointment:**
 - **Kevin Dasso, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to replace Jeffrey Butler from PG&E.**
- **The Following Appointment to the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System Committee:**
 - **Jack King, Non-Affiliated Director**