

MEMO

Date: May 29, 2018
To: Western Interconnection Balancing Authorities and Transmission Operators
Subject: Reliability Coordinator (RC) Transition in the Western Interconnection

On May 24, 2018, Peak Reliability issued a communication describing its ongoing planning and budgeting for Reliability Coordination operations. NERC and WECC are closely monitoring the evolving RC situation, and we will continue to work closely with all current and prospective RCs and stakeholders to assure the reliability of the Bulk Power System (BPS) in the Western Interconnection.

The Reliability Coordinator is the highest level of authority in real-time operations of the BPS, and its performance is vital to ensuring a reliable BPS. Each of your companies is required by the Reliability Standards to interact with an RC in many important ways. Therefore, as your company makes decisions regarding obtaining RC services going forward, you must, both during and after the ongoing RC transition, continue to obtain services from a certified and registered RC.

We are aware that many entities have submitted revocable notices of withdrawal from Peak but have not yet committed to obtaining RC services following that withdrawal. Uncertainty benefits no one; gaining clarity as to the ultimate RC landscape in the West sooner rather than later will enable all of us to plan for any necessary transitions in this critical reliability function. We are encouraged by Peak's request for an indication of your direction so they can plan accordingly. In addition, we request that you inform WECC no later than September 4, 2018, regarding your plan to obtain RC services going forward so that we can adequately resource all certification activities.

NERC and WECC have important responsibilities and authorities, but the ultimate responsibility for the success of this transition lies with each of you. We appreciate your commitment to reliability and your efforts in these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us with any questions.



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