

TO: State/Provincial Steering Committee

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SUBJECT: **Coming activities relevant to the SPSC**

Below is a brief recap on coming events important to the SPSC and its work groups. If you are aware of other events, please advise staff.

Scenario Planning Steering Group (SPSG) and the Scenario Work Group

- March 12 WECC orientation [webinar](#) for members of the WECC Scenario Planning Steering Group (9:00 PST /10:00 MST)
 - Webinar will prepare SPSG members for their first meeting on March 26.

- March 25 TEPPC [meeting](#), Salt Lake City
 - TEPPC will review and set priorities on the draft 2010 TEPPC Study program proposed by the Studies Work Group based on the 20 study requests received January 31. SPSC’s study request will be part of this discussion.
 - TEPPC will also take action on the following:
 - Revisions to update and conform the TEPPC charter to its new responsibilities under the DOE grant;
 - Revisions to the TEPPC Planning Protocol needed to meet requirements of the DOE grant;
 - Review and approval of TEPPC’s 2009 Study Report.
 - SPSG members are expected to attend the TEPPC meeting

- March 26 WECC Scenario Planning Steering Group (SPSG) [meeting](#), Salt Lake City
 - First meeting of the SPSG. WECC goals for the meeting are:
 - Approve a charter and select a chair,
 - Provide input on the draft 2010 TEPPC Study Program and the study requests before TEPPC, including the SPSC study request,
 - Organize stakeholder involvement in planning activities.

NOTE: WECC’s process for revising the draft 2010 Study Plan continues through April, May and June as follows.	
March 30	TEPPC Studies Work Group conference call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWG revises the draft 2010 Study Plan based on feedback from TEPPC and SPSG from the meetings of March 25 and March 26
April 16	TEPPC Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TAS) conference call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAS reviews SWG’s revised draft 2010 Study Plan.
April 28	TEPPC conference call

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEPPC reviews the TAS recommendation on the 2010 Study Plan. • TEPPC intends on approving the 2010 Study Program and releasing it for public comment.
May 27	TEPPC Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TAS) meeting, Portland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAS reviews any public comments relevant to the 2010 Study Plan.
June 17-18	TEPPC meeting, Denver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEPPC reviews any public comments and approves the 2010 Study Plan.

Grid Utilization Work Group: Variable Generation

- March 23 Webinar #4 Western Wind and Solar Integration Study
(Tom Carr; Grid Utilization Work Group)
- Fourth webinar on the NREL/WestConnect WWSIS. A logical next step is for the states in the WestConnect footprint (WY, CO, NM, AZ, NV) to consider a joint meeting to identify the next steps to implement recommendations from the study such as Balancing Authority cooperation, intra-hour scheduling, and wind forecasting.
- March 31 WECC Variable Generation Subcommittee (VGS) [meeting](#), Salt Lake City
(Victoria Ravenscroft; Grid Utilization Work Group)

Grid Utilization Work Group: Enhanced Utilization

- March 10-12 WECC Market Interface Committee [meeting](#)
(Victoria Ravenscroft; Grid Utilization Work Group)
- The WECC Market Interface Committee will develop a recommendation to the WECC Board on funding of a study of the costs, benefits and reliability impacts of a seams toolkit and Imbalance Energy Service.

WECC Board Meeting and Annual Meeting

- April 28-30 WECC Board [meeting](#)
(Doug Larson)

Subregional Planning

- March 24 Subregional Coordinating Group (SCG) [meeting](#), Salt Lake City

- It is expected that that the Subregional Planning Groups (SPGs) will continue to make progress toward a interconnection-wide 10-year base plan that will be presented to WECC toward the end of April.

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April 22-23 State-Provincial Steering Committee (SPSC) [meeting](#), Portland