

**WREZ 3: Coordinating Energy Purchases from WREZs
WGA Contract 30-230-50**

**2nd Semi-Annual Report by the
Western Interstate Energy Board
Covering the period July 1 – December 31, 2010**

1. Western Governors' Association-Western Interstate Energy Board contract 30-230-50 under DOE Award – DE-OE0000422.
2. Project Title and Director:
Project Title: Resource Assessment and Interconnection-Level Transmission Analysis and Planning Western Region; WREZ Phase 3 – Coordinating Energy Purchases from Western Renewable Energy Zones.
Project Director/Principle Investigator: Doug Larson
3. Date of report and period covered:
Report date: January 28, 2011
Period Covered: July 1-December 31, 2010
4. Comparison of actual accomplishments with goals:
Goals of the project remain the same as originally stated.
5. Discussion of what was accomplished
 - a. Throughout the reporting period, the contractor has coordinated activities with the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP), the other WREZ 3 contractor to WGA. Lisa Schwartz serves as project lead for the RAP.
 - b. The contractor participated in the development of questions for the WREZ 3 survey of commissions and utilities, and offered input into the draft survey instruments. After a test run of the questionnaire to a utility and PUC audience, WREZ 3 interviews of utilities and PUCs were begun in December by RAP.
 - c. The contractor reviewed material developed by Black & Veatch and NREL to support and help focus the utility and PUC interviews. The material included utility-specific information derived from the WREZ model.
 - d. Lisa Schwartz gave an [update on the project](#) to the State-Provincial Steering Committee Meeting on Sept. 14, 2010.
 - e. WIEB will review and offer input into a draft of the WREZ 3 report, prior to issuance of a draft for stakeholder review. WGA and WIEB will post survey results as well as findings in the WREZ 3 final report.
6. Cost Status
Approved Budget: \$179,208
Cost incurred to date: \$27, 716
7. Schedule Status

See Attachment A.

8. Any changes in approach

There are no planned changes in the WREZ Phase 3 project

9. Actual or anticipated problems

Questions have arisen about the treatment of information that utility interviewees may consider confidential. It is not clear whether this will become an important issue. Discussions are underway with WGA on the disclosure of information.

10. Changes in Personnel

There were no changes in personnel related to WREZ 3.

11. Description of products produced

Posting of key [takeaway](#) observations from the June 21-22 Resource Planners' Forum meeting.

WREZ 3 [project presentation and discussion](#) at the September 14 SPSC meeting.

Survey questions for:

- PUC commissioners
- Survey questions for utility regulatory and transmission managers
- Survey questions for utility planners and procurement officials

Attachment A:
Western Interstate Energy Board
Schedule Status

Task	Milestones	Anticipated completion dates	Actual completion dates
Task 1 (WREZ 3)	Draft list of REZs preferred by major LSEs in the interconnection	2 nd quarter 2010	Anticipate 1st quarter 2011
	Summary of current LSE procurement schedules and locations of preferred resources	4 th quarter 2011	Anticipate 4 th q. 2011
	Final paper on barriers to coordinated procurement and options to overcome such barriers	4 th quarter 2011	Anticipate 4 th q. 2011
	Draft and final reports on four specific REZs discussions	3 rd & 4 th quarters 2011	Anticipate 3 rd & 4 th q. 2011

