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To Joint Initiatives members:

The Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC) is a joint committee of the Western Interstate Energy Board (the energy arm of the Western Governors Association) and the Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners. The State-Provincial Steering Committee consists of representatives from each of the Western states and provinces and each of the Western Public Utility Commissions. The SPSC was created to advise WECC in the development of its ten-year and twenty-year Western Interconnection transmission Plans and to promote policies to lower the cost of integrating variable generation into the grid and make more efficient use of the Grid.

Both CREPC and SPSC have been closely following the progress of the development of the Joint Initiatives' intra-hour scheduling, I-TAP, and Dynamic Scheduling projects. We have gotten a number of progress reports on the projects over the past three years. We applaud the efforts to date to get these reforms up and running.

CREPC and SPSC believe it is critical to measure the ultimate success of these initiatives to lower overall system costs. To that end, we will be tracking participation in the various initiatives.

The Joint Initiatives recently agreed to seek to evaluate the effectiveness of the Initiatives. CREPC and the SPSC request that the Joint Initiative participants share information on participation in and analysis of the Initiatives so that states and provinces are able to form an accurate picture of where we are in the Western Interconnection and how much further we may have to go in lowering the costs of integrating variable generation

If you have any questions about our request, please contact Doug Larson (dlarson@westgov.org) or Victoria Ravenscroft (vravenscroft@westgov.org), 303.573.8910. Thank you for considering our request.

Regards,

John F. Savage, CREPC/SPSC Chair