

Resource Assessment & Adequacy in the West

- Next Steps -

Resources Needed for Enhanced Assessment

- Pursue development of options for a consistent funding source to support critical assessment and tracking functions for the WI, as recommended by the CREPC Regional Decision-Making Work Group.
- Provide resources for the WRAT to increase their efforts to work with SSG-WI and WECC sub-regions on improving the usefulness and effectiveness of regional data collection, modeling and analysis.
- Develop resources needed to enable WRAT to develop illustrative model state RA provisions, e.g., a voluntary target and an enforceable standard approach, applied at either a statewide or LSE level.

Action Needed by WECC and SSG-WI

- Continue to support the SSG-WI and PacifiCorp efforts to develop a public, well-maintained, multi-purpose database for use in all major WI system assessments.
- Send a formal request to WECC urging that control area load forecasts be made transparent and that WECC staff resource be augmented for assessment.
- Urge the WECC RS and PCC to support WECC staff so they can complete an effective initial energy (kWh) assessment for the WI in 2004.
- Support WECC efforts to develop, publish and adopt resource adequacy criteria, including a collaborative process with CREPC and outreach to state regulatory commissions.

Action Needed by CREPC/States

- Encourage CREPC members to develop the internal capabilities to assess and implement resource adequacy for LSEs.
- Enforceable adequacy standards should only be adopted after explicitly evaluating the tradeoffs between cost and reliability.
- Cooperate with NERC, WECC and other regional/sub-regional efforts to allow the West to chart its own path with respect to adequacy rather than having a uniform national approach imposed on the West.
- Engage California and/or the NWPC in their efforts to develop resource adequacy requirements.