

Class 5 suggestions

Transmission Planning

- Class 5 supports implementation of a systematic, transparent process for developing and updating bus-level loads and resources information into the public database acquired from SSG-WI. Part of this effort should include work with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, load serving entities (LSE), and state and provincial PUCs and energy agencies to integrate information in LSE Integrated Resource Plans into the WECC public database.
- Class 5 supports WECC providing information from its production cost transmission expansion modeling work that supports analyses being undertaken by sub-regional planning groups.
- Class 5 recommends that WECC (in coordination with sub-regional planning efforts) strive to operate a sufficiently robust transmission planning process that:
 - DOE will rely on such planning processes for transmission analyses under Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act; and
 - Will help satisfy any potential FERC transmission planning initiatives.

Other suggestions

- Class 5 requests that WECC provide policy-level briefings of states and provinces on key reliability issues.
- Class 5 urges WECC to broadly interpret its reliability activities so that activities such as reliability centers are financed with Section 215 fees.
- Class 5 supports the WECC budgets for work related to system adequacy and transmission expansion planning.
- Class 5 encourages the work of the MIC and specifically suggests the MIC:
 - Serve as a western unified voice at NAESB; and
 - Develop a list of promising areas of Committee work that might include
 - Examining generation redispatch options in response to Reliability Center directives; and
 - Coordination with WestConnect and others on any seams issues between those systems adopting reforms such as common ATC calculations, elimination of pancaking, etc. and those with other approaches.