



# Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body

April 17, 2007

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The Honorable Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

*Via Facsimile*

Dear Chairman Kelliher:

The Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB) submits the attached advice (Advice) to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding proposed regional reliability standards for the Western Interconnection by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) under Docket No. RR07-11-000.

The WIRAB Advice was unanimously approved by the 15 representatives of Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and Mexico. In developing the Advice, WIRAB applied the requirement of Section 215(j) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) that a standard proposed to apply within the region be just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest.

WIRAB recommends that the Commission approve WECC's Tier 1 standards as mandatory regional reliability standards applicable for the Western Interconnection under Section 215 of FPA. We believe these proposed regional reliability standards are necessary for the reliability of the Western Interconnection. We urge prompt action to ensure that the Tier 1 regional reliability standards will be implemented and enforced with the other NERC mandatory reliability standards by June 2007. Finally, we ask the Commission to consider reinstating the one year sunset date for these standards to avoid due process problems. WECC members voted to submit these standards under the assumption of a one year sunset.

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As always, WIRAB would be pleased to discuss our views on this topic in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Savage". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Savage, Chairman  
Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body

Attachment:

WIRAB Advice

Cc: The Honorable Suedeen Kelly  
The Honorable Phillip Moeller  
The Honorable Marc Spitzer  
The Honorable Jon Wellinghoff  
John Moot, General Counsel  
Joe McClelland, Director, Division of Reliability  
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