



Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body

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

Dear Chairman Kelliher:

The Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB) submits the attached advice to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regarding on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC's) proposed Calendar Year 2009 consolidated budget for itself and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).

WIRAB recommends that the Commission approve the NERC and WECC proposed 2009 budgets. Given the prospect of continuing compliance cost uncertainties, WIRAB urges the Commission to be responsive to budget adjustments to address new contingencies. Additionally, WIRAB supports further development of metrics designed to compare the performance across Regional Entities and to assess the improvement to reliability.

WIRAB would be pleased to discuss these recommendations with the Commission in the future.

Sincerely,

John Savage, Chairman
Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body