

**Western Interconnection
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Dear Chairman Areghini and Ms. McCarren:

The Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB) submits the attached advice to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council in which we recommend that the WECC Board:

- Approve funding of a benefit, cost and reliability study of the Seams Issues Subcommittee's Energy Imbalance Service and Seams Coordination Tool proposal; and
- Create a high-level oversight committee to ensure the study addresses issues of interest to key decision-makers. The oversight committee should include Balancing Authority CEOs, state and provincial regulators and policy makers, and WECC Board members.

WIRAB makes this request pursuant to its responsibility to provide informed advice about the reliability of the Western Interconnection under Section 215 of the Federal Power Act.

We appreciate your consideration of this issue at the WECC Board's upcoming April 30 meeting.

Sincerely,

John Savage, Chairman
Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body

Attachment: WIRAB Advice