

WIRAB Conference Call Agenda

April 28, 2006

1. Status of invitations to Alberta, British Columbia, South Dakota, Nebraska, Texas and Mexico to join the WIRAB.
2. Consideration of proposed operating procedures for the WIRAB. (See attached proposed motion.)
3. Review the schedule of coming events that may drive the timing of advice from the WIRAB.
4. Review a proposed budget for the WIRAB for Calendar Year 2007. (See attached first staff draft of a proposed budget which reflects the budget outlined in the [Regional Advisory Body Options Paper](#) presented to the WIEB Board last September, with the exception of the addition of \$75,000 for expert outside consulting services.)
5. Discuss the near-term acquisition of technical consulting services to support the WIRAB's development of advice on proposed mandatory standards. The WIEB Board authorized \$20,000 for expert consulting services in the current WIEB fiscal year.
6. Discuss topics for a WIRAB briefing on reliability standards by WECC staff during a webinar. Three topics have been proposed for an initial webinar:
 - An overview of the physics and operation of grid operation.
 - The NERC "functional model" that defines by function the type of activities necessary for reliable operation. Explain at a high level why the various standards are constructed the way they are, the basic requirements and the purposes of the standards, i.e., how reliability is maintained.
 - A comparison of the existing WECC Reliability Management System (RMS) standards and the NERC Version 0 standards that have been proposed to FERC.
7. Begin the process of identifying issues on which the WIRAB wants to offer advice.