

## Summary of October 9, 2007 WIRAB Meeting

The following members participated in the October 9, 2007 Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Body (WIRAB) meeting and constituted a quorum:

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| Alberta          | Ian McKay/Bevin Laing |
| British Columbia | Ed Higginbottom       |
| California       | Bill Chamberlain      |
| Colorado         | Jeff Hein             |
| Idaho            | Marsha Smith          |
| Montana          | Art Compton           |
| Nebraska         | Tim Texel             |
| Nevada           | Rebecca Wagner        |
| Oregon           | John Savage           |
| South Dakota     | Brian Rounds          |
| Washington       | Tony Usibelli         |
| Wyoming          | Steve Ellenbecker     |

Also present were Tom Schneider (WECC), Pat Van Midde (SDG&E), Dilip Mahendra (SMUD), and Doug Larson/Tom Carr (WIRAB).

### Proposed Advice to FERC

WIRAB discussed three issues related to proposed advice to FERC on the Commission's notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) on critical infrastructure protection (CIP) reliability standards: (1) FERC's proposed directions to NERC; (2) the "reasonable business judgment" standard; and (3) the future need to address physical security issues and confidentiality restrictions on CIP documents.

In a roll call vote, members of WIRAB participating in the call voted unanimously to advise FERC that the CIP standards should be remanded to NERC in conformance with the Bilateral Electric Reliability Oversight Group. WIRAB also:

- Agreed to append its comments on the substance of the CIP NOPR to the advice to FERC and copy NERC on the advice;
- Retained provisions in the draft advice regarding "reasonable business judgment;"
- Agreed to delete draft advice language addressing physical security needs and confidentiality restrictions on CIP documents, and directed staff to investigate these topics; and
- Directed staff to prepare a cover letter to FERC explaining the issue giving rise to the delay in submitting advice.

Staff was directed to circulate revised draft advice reflecting these decisions and seek the votes of WIRAB members who were not on the call.

Next WIRAB Call

As agreed on the September 21 call, the next WIRAB conference call will be held on Monday, October 29 at 1:30 p.m. PDT / 2:30 p.m. MDT / 3:30 p.m. CDT.