

WIRAB Webinar With NERC, SERC, and WECC (October 20, 2009)

Among the central concerns of Western states and provinces is whether the regulatory regime installed under Section 215 of the Federal Power Act has measurably improved reliability, and whether the regime is cost effective, i.e., whether consumers are receiving an adequate “bang for the buck” for spending on standards development, compliance and enforcement. The October 20 webinar provided information on recent NERC initiatives relevant to these concerns. After an introduction by Mark Lauby (NERC Director of Reliability Assessment and Enforcement), participants received:

- A discussion of NERC efforts to develop reliability metrics (Jessica Bian, NERC, and Herb Schrayshuen, Chair of the NERC Reliability Metrics Working Group);
- A review of the work of an ad-hoc group on results-based standards (Gerry Cauly, SERC President and CEO); and
- An introduction to the work of the NERC Performance Measurement Task Force (Jessica Bian, NERC).

Each of the above are major initiatives. WIRAB will be interested in developments on each topic individually, and in their combined potential contribution to measureable and cost-effective reliability in the bulk electric system. Click [here](#) for the slides used in the webinar.