

**Joint Meeting of the Committee on Regional Cooperation (CREPC)
and the
Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board (WIRAB)**

November 5, 2009 (Tempe, 2009)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Savage. Presentations were made on:

- [Reliability standards enforcement](#) in the West (Chris Luras: WECC);
- [Synchro-phasor deployment](#) in the Western Interconnection (Tom Schneider: WECC);
- The WREZ [delivered cost model](#) (Andrew Mills: LBNL);
- The impact of federal climate change legislation and EPA CO2 regulation (Brent Gale, PacifiCorp and Vicki Patton, Environmental Defense Fund);
- FERC priorities, including the recently released Strategic Plan for FY 2009-FY 2014 (Mike McLaughlin, Office of Energy Markets Regulation, and Mason Emmett, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation);
- The Northwest Power and Conservation Council's 6th [Power Plan](#), and its regional portfolio model (Wally Gibson, NWPCC).

With the above as background, WIRAB/CREPC turned to transmission planning in the Western Interconnection, and the role of States and Provinces under FOA Topic B:

- Doug Larson (WIEB) reviewed the [history](#) of regional transmission planning in the Western Interconnection;
- Brad Nickell (WECC) and Rob Kondziolka (SWAT) discussed current [regional](#) and [subregional](#) transmission planning processes in the Western Interconnection;
- Brad Nickell (WECC) and Jeff Miller (ColumbiaGrid, and Chair of the WECC Subregional Planning Coordination Group) discussed how current [WECC](#) and [subregional](#) processes are expected to change under the FOA Topic A proposal.

Finally, as lead-in for the initial meeting of the State/Provincial Steering Committee, WIEB and WGA staff reviewed the [role of States and Provinces](#) under FOA Topic B. After a roundtable discussion of the issues raised, Chairman John Savage adjourned the meeting. Click [here](#) for the detailed agenda and additional background information on the meeting.