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**TO:** Interested Industry Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, Director of Wholesale Electric Activities

**RE:** Draft Minutes from January 21, 2025 WEQ BPS Meeting

**DATE:** January 21, 2025

**WHOLESALE ELECTRIC QUADRANT**

**Business Practices Subcommittee Meeting**

**Conference Call**

**January 21, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Central**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

1. **Welcome**

Mr. Phillips welcomed the participants to the meeting. Ms. Trum provided the antitrust and meeting policies reminder. The participants introduced themselves. Mr. Phillips reviewed the agenda. Mr. Maples moved, seconded by Mr. Thappetaobula, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed a simple majority vote without opposition.

The participants reviewed the draft minutes from the October 3, 2024 meeting. No modifications were offered. Mr. Maples moved, seconded by Ms. Waldrip, to adopt the draft minutes as final. The motion passed a simple majority vote. The final minutes are available at the following link: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_bps100324fm.docx>.

1. **Review Standards Request R24005**

Mr. Phillips stated SPP and CAISO/RCWest jointly submitted [Standards Request R24005](https://naesb.org/pdf4/R24005.docx) and included as an [attachment](https://naesb.org/pdf4/R24005_attachment.pdf) to the request the Enhanced Curtailment Calculator (ECC) Task Force ECC Future State White Paper. He explained that the purpose of the meeting is to review the request and discuss creation of a working group to consider the development of a recommendation.

Mr. Phillips asked Mr. A. Watkins and Mr. Thappetaobula to review the request and [presentation](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_bps012125w1.pptx) submitted by the requesters. Mr. Thappetaobula stated that the Western Interconnection has an established congestion management process, the Unscheduled Flow Mitigation Plan (UFMP), but that discussions in other industry forums have identified several benefits that could be realized through expanding the functionality of the ECC, the tool used to support the UFMP. Mr. A. Watkins explained that the proposed interconnection-wide congestion management process would not replace the UFMP but rather work in tandem. He stated that, as noted in the ECC Future State White Paper, use of such a process could support increased transparency and equitability in congestion management and better equip the Western Interconnection to address changes in market structure and an evolving generation resource fleet. Mr. Thappetaobula explained that CAISO/RCWest and SPP jointly submitted the request proposing NAESB develop business practices to support a standardized curtailment methodology for the Western Interconnection, similar to that used by the Interchange Distribution Calculator (IDC) tool within the Eastern Interconnection.

Mr. A. Watkins reviewed the presentation which overviewed the Western Interconnection UFMP, the recommendations of the ECC Working Group to expand ECC tool functionality, and a high-level concept for a standardized Western Interconnection curtailment process. He explained that the intent of the request is to develop standards that support a curtailment methodology modeled on the Eastern Interconnection’s congestion management process by leveraging the WEQ-008 Transmission Loading Relief: Eastern Interconnection Business Practice Standards and making modifications as necessary to accommodate any Western Interconnection specific concerns or considerations. He stated that, similar to the Eastern Interconnection, the proposed interconnection-wide congestion management process will issue relief obligations on a pro-rata basis while respecting transaction priorities, be led by reliability coordinators, and use a standardized curtailment methodology that issues e-Tag curtailments and generation-to-load (GTL) relief obligations.

Mr. Phillips asked if there were any questions or comments on the request or presentation. None were offered.

1. **Discuss and Vote on Creation of WEQ BPS Working Group**

Mr. Phillips noted that the overview of the request and presentation provided by Mr. A. Watkins and Mr. Thappetaobula highlight that this standards development effort will likely be driven by input and the subject matter expertise of Western Interconnection participants. He stated that, given the wide variety of topics addressed by the subcommittee and other standard development efforts underway, the WEQ BPS chairs recommend the subcommittee create separate working group to review the request and develop a recommendation.

Ms. Downey asked how such a working group would operate. Mr. Phillips responded that like all NAESB subcommittee meetings, the working group would be overseen by a chair and follow the same administrative processes. He stated that anyone could participate in the working group and that any developed recommendation will be presented to the WEQ BPS for approval before a formal comment period is held.

Mr. Thappetaobula moved, seconded by Mr. A. Watkins, to establish the Western Interconnection Congestion Management Working Group to address 2025 WEQ Annual Plan Item 1.b/Standards Request R24005 and develop a recommendation for WEQ BPS consideration. The motion passed a simple majority vote without opposition.

1. **Other Business**

Mr. Phillips stated that the WEQ BPS chairs will work with the requesters and the NAESB office to schedule the first meeting of the working group. Ms. Trum stated that the NAESB office will create a separate distribution list for the working group and that the participants from today’s meeting will be added to the distribution list to receive announcements and agendas regarding working group meetings. She asked that participants direct others who may be interested in receiving these meeting announcements to contact the NAESB office.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM Central on a motion by Ms. McEvoy.

1. **Attendance**

| **First Name** | **Last Name** | **Organization** |
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| Rebecca | Berdahl | BPA |
| Tanner | Brier | BPA |
| Layne | Brown | WECC |
| Kathee | Downey | PacifiCorp |
| Shawn | Grant | CAISO |
| Ben | Hammer | WAPA |
| Kevin | Johnson | BPA |
| Daniel | Koppes | PacifiCorp |
| Hayden | Maples | Evergy |
| Julian | Martinez | El Paso Electric |
| Katrina | McEvoy | Arizona Public Service |
| Amrit | Nagi | NAESB |
| Joshua | Phillips | SPP |
| Anne | Reed | El Paso Electric |
| Jessie | Rice | WAPA |
| Kristen | Rowley | MISO |
| Scott | Stewart | BPA |
| Ashley | Stringer | SPP |
| Aleksandr | Tereshchenkov | Puget Sound Energy |
| Raja | Thappetaobula | CAISO |
| Caroline | Trum | NAESB |
| Mallory | Waldrip | ISO-New England |
| Alex | Watkins | SPP |
| Michael | Watkins | Seattle City Light |
| Jeremy | West | OATI |