**via posting**

**TO:** Interested Industry Parties

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

**RE:** Draft Minutes from September 12, 2025 WEQ BPS Meeting

**DATE:** September 15, 2025

**WHOLESALE ELECTRIC QUADRANT**

**Business Practices Subcommittee Meeting**

**Conference Call**

**September 12, 2025 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM 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. No modifications were offered. Mr. Phillips reviewed the draft minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting. No modifications were offered.

Mr. Thappetaobula moved, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to adopt the agenda and draft minutes. The motion passed a simple majority vote without opposition. The final minutes are available at the following link: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_bps012125fm.docx>.

1. **Review and Vote on WEQ BPS Western Interconnection Congestion Management Working Group Draft Recommendation to Support Standards Request R24005 / 2025 WEQ Annual Plan Item 1.b – Develop and/or modify the WEQ-008 Transmission Loading Relief – Eastern Interconnection Business Practice Standards to support congestion management processes for the Western Interconnection**

Mr. Phillips stated on September 2, 2025, the WEQ BPS Western Interconnection Congestion Management Working Group voted to finalize the draft recommendation and proposed new and revised WEQ Business Practice Standards for WEQ BPS consideration. The participants reviewed the draft recommendation.

Mr. Phillips asked if there were any questions, comments, or revisions to the draft recommendation or the proposed standards. Ms. Gary noted that during the September 2, 2025 working group meeting, she had stated that Portland General Electric was not supportive of the proposed standards and voted in opposition to the motion. She explained that based on further discussions following the meeting, Portland General Electric plans to participate in the implementation process to address their identified concerns and is now supportive of moving forward with the proposed standards. Mr. Ramey stated that Pacificorp is also supportive of moving forward and participating in the implementation process. Ms. K. Anderson stated that Idaho Power has no concerns with the proposal.

Mr. Phillips stated that if approved by the WEQ BPS, the recommendation will be distributed for a thirty-day formal comment period and considered by the WEQ Executive Committee during its meeting scheduled for October 22, 2025. He explained that anyone, regardless of membership, can review the recommendation and provide formal comments for consideration. Mr. Thappetaobula asked how any formal comments would be addressed. Mr. Phillips stated that the WEQ Executive Committee will review the recommendation and any submitted formal comments at its meeting. He explained that if needed, the subcommittee or working group can reconvene ahead of the WEQ Executive Committee meeting to review the formal comments and vote on proposed modifications to address any issues raised by commenters.

Ms. Berdahl moved, seconded by Mr. Thappetaobula, to adopt the draft recommendation to support 2025 WEQ Annual Plan Item 1.b and Standards Request R24005. The motion passed a simple majority vote without opposition.

1. **Other Business**

Mr. Phillips stated that the WEQ BPS chairs will work with the NAESB office to schedule a meeting to review the formal comments.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM Central on a motion by Ms. K. Davis, seconded by Mr. Watkins.

1. **Attendance**

| **First Name** | **Last Name** | **Organization** |
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| Cory | Anderson | Seattle City Light |
| Kathy | Anderson | Idaho Power. |
| Rebecca | Berdahl | BPA |
| Tanner | Brier | BPA |
| Jaden | Boehme | BPA |
| Alexis | Campbell | Portland General Electric |
| Robin | Chung | BPA |
| Jesse | Davis | Arizona Public Service |
| Katie | Davis | BPA |
| Mike | Fones | Manitoba Hydro |
| Chris | Hickman | Collaborative Utility Solutions |
| Raj | Hundal | Powerex |
| Kevin | Johnson | BPA |
| Paulus | Mau | BC Hydro |
| Amrit | Nagi | NAESB |
| Joshua | Phillips | SPP |
| Kyle | Ramey | PacifiCorp |
| Cory | Samm | Hoosier Energy |
| Sara | Shepard | NorthWestern Corporation  |
| Raja | Thappetaobula | CAISO |
| Caroline | Trum | NAESB |
| Alex | Watkins | SPP |
| Inshi | Widanage | Manitoba Hydro |