

Operating Committee Goals

2025 Operating Year

Introduction

The Operating Committee (“OC”) conducts its business independently from the Western Power Pool (“WPP”) Corporation and receives administrative support from the WPP staff by setting and approving an annual budget. Goals and objectives of the OC must be consistent with the NWPP Membership Agreement (or its successor) that reference the purpose and scope of the OC. Assigned WPP staff set their work priorities, and generate work products to support the OC and its goals and objectives. The purpose and scope of the OC, as stated in the NWPP Membership Agreement, is to:

1. Foster coordination among entities operating in the NWPP Interconnected Area in order to collectively achieve reliable operation. This responsibility shall not conflict with the responsibility of the individual OC Members to carry out their own operations within their respective areas;
2. Foster communications and exchange of information concerning operations conditions among Electric Systems operating in the NWPP Interconnected Area;
3. Provide for the timely collection, coordination and dissemination of system operating data among Electric Systems operating in the NWPP Interconnected Area;
4. Promote exchange of information and expertise among OC Members by sponsoring technically focused subcommittees as appropriate;
5. Set forth operating reliability criteria and obtain agreement of the OC Members to make all reasonable efforts to operate their respective systems in conformance with such criteria;
6. Develop and promote appropriate reliability programs that facilitate and coordinate the reliable operation of electric generation and transmission facilities in the NWPP Interconnected Area; and
7. Coordinate with the TPC [Transmission Planning Committee], RSGC [Reserve Sharing Group Committee], and the CG [Coordinating Group] on those operating matters where an interrelationship exists.

Operating Committee Goals

The goals of the OC are more specific than the stated purpose and scope of the NWPP Membership Agreement. Each goal is mapped to at least one purpose and scope statement to ensure the OC meets its commitments and obligations under the agreement.

The 2025 operating year goals of the OC are:

1. Provide an open forum for the sharing and coordination of information amongst OC Members to improve situational awareness, inter-agency cooperation and enhance the reliability of the WPP footprint.
2. Stay current to the rapidly changing resource mix throughout the Western Interconnection to understand and minimize the impact to current and future OC member operations.

3. Provide coordinated input to NERC Reliability Standards development projects and enforcement practices to ensure and promote reliability; and, are compatible with WPP programs, policies and agreements.
4. Promote mutual aid and assistance among entities operating in the WPP footprint to improve reliable operation and optimize resources.
5. Continue to promote membership and growth of the OC to reduce operating costs and increase Western Interconnection cooperation.
6. Monitor developments and have open dialog with external interested parties on safety, regulatory, technical and social awareness to identify trends and help to anticipate a changing operational environment and emerging threats to the Bulk Power System (BPS) of the WPP footprint.
7. Promote training excellence for System Operators and other supporting personnel to encourage knowledgeable and well qualified staff who can ensure reliability operations of all entities operating in the WPP footprint.
8. Maintain up-to-date operating policies and guidelines to address operating risks, minimize compliance exposure, and establish protocols between the entities operating in the WPP footprint.
9. Provide data and information for analysis and reporting in a timely manner to ensure trends and problems can be identified quickly and that compliance performance is quickly and accurately measured and reported to regulating authorities.

OC Objectives

Objectives are used to ensure the OC goals are implemented, documented, and measured for success. Documentation may include meeting minutes to confirm tasks were completed as part of their inclusion in committee meetings. Other objectives may be measured through their completion as basic tasks, or trended and monitored for improvement.

The OC objectives for the 2025 operating goals are:

- 1) Create an overview dashboard of the state of the OC interconnected operating area.
- 2) Conduct quarterly hybrid OC meetings on the first Wednesdays in February, May, August and November in coordination with the RSGC.
- 3) Schedule one OC Meeting in the southern part of the OC membership area per calendar year.
- 4) Maintain regular OC meeting agendas and minutes showing that each OC meeting has agenda and discussion items that include the discussion of changing resource mix or related topics, and how they can directly or indirectly impact system operation and reliability within the OC interconnected area.
- 5) Provide sufficient funding for WPP staff to monitor NERC and WECC activities, standards development, attend NERC and WECC meetings and outreach, and participate in committees workgroups and drafting teams where there is a direct or indirect impact to entities operating as members of the OC.
- 6) Ensure OC meeting agenda items include presentations and discussions on evolving NERC and WECC projects, standards development, and committee activities that can be summarized by WPP staff, other committee members, or guests who are directly involved with these activities.

- 7) Identify opportunities and assign ad-hoc workgroups to develop coordinated OC comments in response to NERC standard development ballots and polls.
- 8) Identify industry topics where WPP staff are directed to focus monitoring efforts and provide updates to the OC.
- 9) Identify opportunities for seminars, workshops, or other outreach and educating opportunities for OC member staff who are responsible to support reliability operations as part of the WPP footprint.
- 10) Provide policies, programs, agreements, guidance and/or support for entities who are seeking cooperative solutions for mutual aid regarding system operations resources in response to extraordinary circumstances that threaten the reliability of the interconnected area.
- 11) Provide sufficient funding for WPP staff for outreach to existing and potential members of the OC to communicate and educate entities on OC initiatives.
- 12) Identify opportunities where WPP staff can engage and attend outreach with external trade groups, state and federal regulators and agencies, and other third parties on subjects such as training, outage coordination, critical infrastructure, electrification, wildfire mitigation and prevention, renewable energy, relationship building, and other relevant topics.
- 13) Schedule regular updates and briefings from the Operator Training Committee (“OTS”) on training metrics and program development.
- 14) Expand the access of the WPP training platform to entities who are not members of the OC on a subscription basis.
- 15) Increase the simulation continuing education hours offered through the OTS training platform.
- 16) Include OC meeting agenda items for updates from the Western Resource Adequacy Program, Transmission Planning Committee, The Reserve Sharing Group Committee, and the Headwater Benefits Group (or successors).
- 17) Review and revise existing OC policies, procedures and guidelines and ensure they are up to date and regularly maintained.
- 18) Implement a OC Charter outlining committee responsibilities, meeting protocols, documentation management, communications, and monitoring goals and objectives.
- 19) Identify new OC reliability policies, procedures, operating criteria and guidelines for development and implementation regarding training, inter-organizational operations, and compliance.
- 20) Identify opportunities to submit Standard Authorization Requests, Standards Retirement Requests and Requests for Standards Interpretation from NERC and WECC.