



# Western Resource Adequacy Program

## PRC Task Force 01 – DR QCC Meeting

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026; 10-12am PPT

### Task Force Attendance

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### Meeting Objectives

- Review DR QCC Proposal, Discuss Capability Testing and Implementation Schedule Options

### Meeting Agenda

1. DR QCC Task Force Proposal (DRAFT) - Walkthrough
  - Background / Task Force Solution / Implementation Plan & Feasibility / Alternatives Considered
    - Staff reviewed the structure of the draft proposal documenting the task force’s recommended DR QCC methodology based on performance during Capacity Critical Hours (CCHs).
    - The methodology incorporates DR operational constraints (e.g., dispatch limits, fatigue, blackout periods) and produces monthly QCC values.
    - Alternatives considered included a DR availability factor approach and modifications to the WRAP sharing calculation; these options were not pursued due to complexity or policy concerns.
  - DR Capability Testing Proposal (and Operational Testing)
    - Proposed capability testing framework aligns with the updated methodology.
    - Draft proposal includes:
      - Capability Test every five years (or use of qualifying historical performance data).
      - Demonstration of maximum peak load reduction for the maximum daily dispatch duration claimed, or for one hour.
      - Annual operational test demonstrates 50% of the claimed peak reduction for one hour.
    - Task force discussion focused on ensuring testing requirements appropriately verify capability while avoiding unnecessary burden on DR programs.
  - Implementation Schedule
    - Staff reviewed a potential approval timeline leading to Board consideration in Q3 2026.
    - Proposed sequence:
      1. Task Force finalize proposal
      2. PRC completeness review
      3. public comment period
      4. PRC endorsement
      5. RAPC approval
      6. Board approval.
    - Two implementation options discussed:
      - Apply the methodology for October 31, 2026 forward showing (non-binding).



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- Delay implementation until March 31, 2027 forward showing (first binding season).
  - Preliminary discussion favored implementing during the non-binding season to allow participants experience with the tool before binding compliance.
2. Next meeting: Friday March 13th
- Progress towards approval and moving Proposal to PRC
    - Task force members encouraged to review the draft proposal and provide comments ahead of the next meeting.
    - Next meeting will focus on:
      1. Addressing feedback on the proposal and capability testing approach.
      2. Refining proposal language prior to submission to PRC.
  - DR Tool User Guide
    - Staff developing a user guide for the DR QCC tool.
    - The guide will provide instructions and examples for applying the methodology; it will be a non-governed document that can evolve over time.

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