



Western Resource Adequacy Program

PRC WP 26-27 Task Force 14/19 – DC-LL Meeting#3

September 8th, 2026; 10-12am PPT

Meeting Objectives

1. Establish Task Force Governance
2. Explore flexibility/limitations of data center back-up generation and demand response
3. Continued discussion of Scope Proposal

Meeting Agenda

- I. Task Force Leadership
 - Brandon Holmes (APS) was selected by consensus to serve as Task Force Chair.
 - The Task Force deferred approval of its charter to the next meeting. The charter must be approved before the Task Force begins making formal decisions.
- II. Data Centers & Backup Generation
 - Google provided an overview of data center flexibility, including distinctions between non-firm/firm service, demand response, mandatory curtailment, and backup generation.
 - Discussed the importance of establishing clear parameters for non-firm service, including the duration/frequency of curtailments, and how flexibility is incorporated into planning and operations.
 - Discussed the role of backup generation in WRAP and whether/how it should receive resource adequacy recognition. Members noted that backup generation may provide reliability benefits during emergency/load-shed conditions for the related load(s), but those benefits do not necessarily align with the capacity-constrained hours currently reflected in WRAP, nor may they be able to assist other WRAP Participants during a Sharing Event.
 - No policy direction was established; discussion was intended to help level-set the Task Force on the different use cases and considerations.
- III. Demand Response
 - Reviewed current WRAP treatment of Demand Response and the distinction between resources that are controllable and dispatchable during WRAP events and backup generation that may only be available under specific emergency conditions.
 - Discussed requests referred by the Demand Response Task Force, including:
 - Inter-participant load shifting associated with data center operations.
 - Treatment/testing of Demand Response resources for data centers that are still ramping toward full load.
 - Discussion highlighted potential tension between the reliability value of emergency-only backup generation and WRAP's current Demand Response requirements.
- IV. Proposal Scoping
 - Continued discussion of potential Task Force scope, including how large-load characteristics could be reflected through P50/load forecasting, PRM, Demand Response, backup generation, or other mechanisms.
 - Members discussed the importance of distinguishing issues that fall within WRAP's resource adequacy framework from broader reliability or transmission-planning considerations. No final scope decisions were made.
- V. Next Meeting
 - September 22nd
 - The Task Force will revisit the charter and continue discussion of the issues and policy questions identified to date, including how large loads show up in the WRAP timeline.

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