



## **Operating Committee Goals**

**August 2024 through July 2025**

### **Introduction**

The NWPP Operating Committee (NWPP OC) conducts its business independently from the Western Power Pool (WPP) Corporation and receives administrative support from the WPP staff by setting and approving its annual budget. It is important that any goals and objectives set by the NWPP OC are consistent with the strategic plan of the WPP Corporation and the NWPP Membership Agreement. The WPP Staff are responsible to set their work priorities, and generate their work products to support the stated NWPP OC goals and objectives. The NWPP Membership Agreement clearly defines the purpose and scope of the NWPP OC and is restated here to define the basis for the 2024-2025 goals and objectives:

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, RSGC, and the CG on those operating matters where an interrelationship exists.

### **NWPP Operating Committee Goals**

Committee goals are aspirational in nature but are typically not measurable in effectiveness or improvement. The goals stated by the NWPP OC are more specific than the purpose and scope statements, and they lead to developing measurable objectives by which success can be measured and evaluated. Each goal is associated to a purpose and scope statement, thereby ensuring the NWPP OC meets its commitments and is productive in meeting its obligations under the NWPP Membership Agreement.

The 2024-2025 goals of the NWPP OC are stated as follows:

1. Provide an open forum for the sharing and coordination of information amongst NWPP OC Members to improve situational awareness, interagency cooperation and enhance the reliability of the NWPP Interconnected Area.



2. Stay current to the rapidly changing resource mix throughout the Western Interconnection to understand and minimize the impact to current and future operations.
3. Provide coordinated input to NERC standards development projects and enforcement practices to ensure standards and enforcement promote reliability and are compatible with NWPP programs, policies and agreements.
4. Promote mutual aid and assistance among entities operating in the NWPP Interconnected Area to improve reliable operation and optimize assets.
5. Continue to promote membership and growth within the NWPP Interconnected Area to reduce operating costs and increase Western Interconnection cooperation.
6. 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 NWPP Interconnected Area.
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 NWPP Interconnected Area.
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 NWPP Interconnected Area.
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.

### **NWPP OC Objectives**

The NWPP OC Objectives are used to show how the stated goals will be met, documented and ultimately measured for success. In some cases objectives will be documented through meeting minutes which will confirm that the tasks were completed as part of their inclusion in the standing meetings. The metrics in this case would be the frequency and consistency of addressing the topic. Some objectives will be measured through their completion as basic tasks, while others clearly lend themselves to trending and monitoring.

The NWPP OC has determined that the following objectives should be tracked as part of the 2024-2025 goals:

- 1) Create an overview dashboard of the state of the NWPP interconnected operating area.
- 2) Conduct quarterly hybrid NWPP OC meetings on the first Wednesdays in February, May, August and November.
- 3) Schedule one NWPP OC Meeting in the southern part of the NWPP OC operating area per calendar year.
- 4) Maintain regular OC meeting agendas and minutes showing that each NWPP 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 NWPP Interconnected Area.
- 5) Provide sufficient funding for Western Power Pool 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 in the NWPP Interconnected Area.

- 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 WWP staff, other committee members, or guests who are directly involved with these activities.
- 7) Identify opportunities, assign ad hoc workgroups to develop coordinated NWPP 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, for educating and informing entity staff who are responsible to support the reliability operations and planning the NWPP Interconnected Area.
- 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 NWPP Interconnected Area.
- 11) Provide sufficient funding for WPP Staff to outreach to existing and potential members of the NWPP OC to communicate and educate entities on NWPP 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 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 on training metrics and program development.
- 14) Expand the access of the WPP training platform to entities who are external to the NWPP OC Interconnected Area on a subscription basis.
- 15) Incrementally increase the simulation continuing education hours offered through the NWPP training platform.
- 16) Include NWPP 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.
- 17) Review and revise existing NWPP OC policies, procedures and guidelines and ensure they are up to date and regularly maintained.
- 18) Implement a NWPP OC Charter outlining committee responsibilities, meeting protocols, documentation management, communications, and monitoring goals and objectives.
- 19) Identify new NWPP OC reliability policies, procedures, operating criteria and guidelines for development and implementation.
- 20) Identify opportunities to submit Standard Authorization Requests and Requests for Interpretation from NERC and WECC.