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1. Introduction

Expedited Board of Directors' (Board) review of changes to the Tariff or Business Practice Manuals (BPMs) may take place when the Resource Adequacy Participant Committee (RAPC) determines there are Exigent Circumstances (including FERC-mandated amendments, amendments to address immediate reliability impacts, or amendments with significant impacts to utility service). In these circumstances, the RAPC will work with the Western Power Pool (WPP) staff to prepare the design change and may propose such a change directly to the Board. The Program Review Committee (PRC), Committee of State Representatives (COSR), and public will participate and comment directly to the Board during the Expedited Review Process, rather than using the customary stakeholder review process set forth in the Tariff. This Expedited Review Process BPM defines the process for reviewing and adopting changes that are exigent.

1.1. Intended Audience

This BPM is intended for the Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) committees including the RAPC, COSR, and PRC, as well as other interested individuals or entities.

1.2. What You Will Find in This Manual

This document includes material relevant to changes to WRAP rules that can be considered under the Expedited Review Process due to Exigent Circumstances.

1.3. Purpose

This BPM provides an overview of the Expedited Review Process for implementing changes to the Tariff and BPMs due to Exigent Circumstances. The intent of all stakeholder engagement related BPMs (BPMs in the 300 series) is to ensure that changes to the Tariff and approved BPMs are undertaken transparently.

Nothing in this BPM changes in any way ultimate authority of the independent Board over all aspects of WRAP, or the Board's exclusive authority under Section 2.1 and Section 3.1 of the Tariff, to approve WPP to file, and direct WPP to file, Tariff amendments under Federal Power Act section 205.

1.4. Definitions

All capitalized terms that are not otherwise defined in this BPM have the meaning set forth in the Tariff. Any capitalized terms not found in the Tariff that are specific to this BPM are defined here.

Exigent Circumstances: Circumstances that the RAPC determines require amendments to the Tariff or approved BPMs due to FERC-mandates, immediate reliability impacts, or significant impacts to utility service.



Expedited Proposal: A RAPC determined amendment to the Tariff or BPMs requiring expedited Board review due to Exigent Circumstances.

Expedited Review Process: The activities undertaken by WRAP committees (RAPC, PRC, COSR), stakeholders, and the WPP Board when an Exigent Circumstance is identified and a change to the Tariff or BPMs is determined necessary by the RAPC.

2. Expedited Proposal Development

A Participant, the Program Administrator, or the Program Operator can submit a request for an Expedited Review Process to the RAPC Chair at any time. If the RAPC deems that the change must be addressed expeditiously due to Exigent Circumstances, the RAPC will develop an Expedited Proposal and schedule it for RAPC review. The Program Administrator and the Program Operator also may provide, but are not required to provide, a feasibility review that addresses the time, cost, and staffing requirements of the Expedited Proposal. The Expedited Proposal shall be considered by the RAPC during a public meeting, according to RAPC meeting procedures, and then if recommended by the RAPC, shall be presented to the Board concurrent with review by the COSR, PRC and other WRAP stakeholders.

2.1. Expedited Proposal Circulation

The WPP will endeavor to post the Expedited Proposal and feasibility review to the WPP website two weeks prior to Board review, as time allows. Any comments submitted prior to the Board meeting by the COSR, PRC, or other WRAP stakeholders will be distributed to the Board for consideration.

2.1.1. COSR Opposition

If the COSR formally opposes the Expedited Proposal provided by the RAPC to the Board, the COSR can require that the RAPC engage in one open public discussion, provided this does not unreasonably hinder the Board's timely consideration.

2.2. Board of Directors Review

The Board will be given an opportunity to review the Expedited Proposal and any comments provided by stakeholders or committees and may itself comment upon the Expedited Proposal before taking action.

The Board will take action on the Expedited Proposal by either:

- 1) Voting for approval– in which case WPP will make a Federal Power Act section 205 filing with FERC to amend the Tariff, or will update the BPM(s) accordingly;
- 2) Voting for approval with changes – in which case the RAPC shall consider the changes and either vote to approve the updated Expedited Proposal or vote to

endorse a further updated Expedited Proposal. If the RAPC votes to approve the Board's changes or takes no further action on the changed Expedited Proposal within two weeks, WPP will make a Federal Power Act section 205 filing with FERC to amend the Tariff, or will update the BPM(s) accordingly. If the RAPC makes changes to the Board's recommendations, RAPC shall resubmit the Proposal to the Board for review; or

- 3) Voting to return the Proposal to RAPC with suggested changes - in which case the RAPC will consider the Board's recommendations and may submit an updated Proposal to the Board for review.
- 4) Voting for rejection – in which case the Expedited Proposal terminates. Nothing prohibits any part of a rejected Expedited Proposal from being proposed as a Concept for consideration by PRC in future (see *BPM 301 – Program Review Committee Workplan Development and Approval*).

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