



Operating Committee Goals

2026 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.



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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 2026 operating year goals of the OC are:

1. Strengthen the OC as the primary coordination forum for real-time and forward-looking operational information to improve shared situational awareness, decision-making, and reliable operation across the WPP footprint.
2. Anticipate and adapt to continued changes in the Western Interconnection resource mix and operating environment to reduce operational uncertainty and support reliable current and future OC member operations.
3. Enhance coordinated OC engagement in NERC and WECC reliability standards, compliance, and enforcement activities to ensure operational reliability and alignment with WPP programs, policies, and agreements.
4. Promote operational cooperation among entities operating in the WPP footprint to improve system resilience and effective use of resources during both routine operations and abnormal system conditions.
5. Expand OC participation, engagement, and value delivery to strengthen membership retention, attract new participation, and improve cost effectiveness through increased regional collaboration.
6. Proactively evaluate external developments and emerging risks by engaging with industry, regulatory, and technical stakeholders to better anticipate impacts to the Bulk Power System (BPS) within the WPP footprint.
7. Elevate system operator and operational staff proficiency through enhanced training, knowledge exchange, and shared learning to support consistent and reliable operations across the WPP footprint.
8. Modernize and reinforce OC operating policies, procedures, and guidelines to better address evolving operational risks, clarify inter-entity coordination, and reduce compliance uncertainty.
9. Improve the quality, usability, and timeliness of operational data and reporting to support trend analysis, post-event review, and transparent communication with regulatory 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 2026 operating goals are:

- 1) Create an overview dashboard of the OC interconnected operating area. (Goal 1)
- 2) Conduct four quarterly OC meetings, each aligned with a priority operating theme, to identify operational challenges, share lessons learned, and develop actionable insights that strengthen reliability, coordination, and real-time operational performance across WPP members. (Goals 1, 2, 4)
- 3) Conduct quarterly hybrid (In-person & Online) OC meetings in coordination with the Reserve Sharing Group Committee, rotating in-person locations to broaden regional participation and strengthen engagement across the OC membership area. (Goals 1, 2, 4)
- 4) Structure OC meeting agendas and minutes to consistently capture discussion of evolving operational challenges, resource mix impacts, and reliability outcomes. (Goals 1, 5)
- 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. (Goals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
- 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. (Goals 2, 3, 6)
- 7) Identify opportunities and assign ad-hoc workgroups to develop coordinated OC comments in response to NERC and WECC standards development ballots, polls, and industry requests. (Goals 2, 3, 5)
- 8) Identify and prioritize key industry developments for OC awareness and monitoring, with regular reporting on relevance and potential operational impact. (Goal 6)
- 9) Identify and promote opportunities for seminars, workshops, tabletop exercises, or other outreach activities to educate OC member staff supporting reliability operations within the WPP footprint. (Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
- 10) Strengthen outreach and engagement efforts to better communicate OC value, initiatives, and outcomes to existing and prospective members. (Goals 4, 5, 6)
- 11) Increase coordinated engagement with external organizations, regulators, and agencies on topics that directly influence operational reliability and preparedness. (Goal 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)



- 12) Review and revise existing OC policies, procedures and guidelines and ensure they are up to date and regularly maintained. [\(Goal 8\)](#)
- 13) Coordinate data collection and provide aggregated operational data for analysis and reporting to regulatory authorities, supporting trend identification, issue detection, and event analysis. [\(Goal 9\)](#)