



Multiple Reliability Coordinators – Moving Forward or Backward on Reliability?

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Section 215(j) of the Federal Power Act

- Authorizes WIRAB to advise FERC, NERC, WECC (and Peak Reliability) on the following:
 - Governance of an existing or proposed Regional Entity within the region;
 - Whether reliability standards proposed to apply within the region are just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest;
 - Whether fees proposed to be assessed in the region are just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest; and
 - Any other responsibilities requested by the Commission.



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Questions About Multiple RCs

1. Are we creating multiple RCs to improve reliability?
2. Are there reliability concerns associated with creating multiple RCs?
3. Are there reliability benefits associated with the RCs being market operators?
4. Is bulk electric system reliability a “public good” with potential free-rider problems?



More Questions

5. Should the new RCs have a “social welfare” mission?
6. Should the new RCs establish minimum performance requirements for BAs and TOPs?
7. Who are the “customers” that pay for RC services?
8. Should the new RCs consider the advice of WIRAB (i.e., western states and provinces) in its decision-making on reliability matters?



Moving Forward Circuitously

WIRAB Advice to the California ISO on its Reliability
Coordinator Proposal:

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Thank You!

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