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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

**Re: Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of  
Amendment to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council Bylaws  
Docket No. RR16-\_\_\_-000**

Dear Ms. Bose:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) hereby submits the  
“Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation for Approval of Amendment to  
the Western Electricity Coordinating Council Bylaws” (the “Petition”).

The Western Electricity Coordinating Council (“WECC”) has completed a revision to its  
Bylaws which was approved by the WECC Board of Directors on June 16, 2016, and was  
approved by the NERC Board of Trustees at its August 11, 2016 Board meeting. The amendment  
to the Bylaws is a revision to the notice provision for regular meetings of the Member Advisory  
Committee.

The amendment to the WECC Bylaws does not affect WECC’s Regional Entity  
functions, and there are no reliability-related issues raised by such amendment.

This filing consists of: (1) this transmittal letter, (2) the narrative text of the Petition that  
follows this transmittal letter, and (3) Attachments 1 and 2 to the Petition that contain a clean  
version and a redlined version of the proposed amendment to the WECC Bylaws, respectively.

All of these documents are transmitted in a single PDF file.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**Before the**  
**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC            )**  
**RELIABILITY CORPORATION        )**     **Docket No. RR16-\_\_-000**

**PETITION OF THE**  
**NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY CORPORATION**  
**FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERN ELECTRICITY**  
**COORDINATING COUNCIL BYLAWS**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT 1: Amended Western Electricity Coordinating Council Bylaws — Clean version

ATTACHMENT 2: Amended Western Electricity Coordinating Council Bylaws — Redlined version

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to § 215(e)(4) of the Federal Power Act<sup>1</sup> (“FPA”) and 18 C.F.R. §§ 39.8 and 39.10 (2016), the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) requests approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) of a proposed amendment to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (“WECC”) Bylaws. The WECC Bylaws are also a “Regional Entity Rule” as defined in 18 C.F.R. § 39.10 and in accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 39.10, amendment to a Regional Entity Rule also requires Commission approval.

As described in greater detail in Section III of this Petition, WECC proposes to amend Section 8.5.7.1, which is the notification provision for regular meetings of the Member Advisory Committee (“MAC”), by changing the notification period from twenty-one (21) days to ten (10) days.

This amendment does not affect WECC’s Regional Entity functions. On June 16, 2016, the WECC Board of Directors approved the proposed amendment to Section 8.5.7.1 of the WECC Bylaws. The NERC Board of Trustees approved the proposed amendment at its August 11, 2016 Board Meeting.

**Attachments 1 and 2** to this Petition are clean and redlined versions, respectively, of the proposed amended WECC Bylaws.

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<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824o (2012).

## **II. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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**III. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERN ELECTRICITY  
COORDINATING COUNCIL BYLAWS**

NERC proposes to revise the WECC Bylaws to change the notification provision for regular meetings of the MAC by changing the notification period from twenty-one (21) days to ten (10) days. The MAC advises the WECC Board on any matters the Board requests the MAC to evaluate or consider and other matters as the MAC deems appropriate. The MAC determined that the twenty-one (21) day period was too long given the MAC's current monthly meeting schedule. The purposes of the amendment are to align the notice period for regular meetings with the MAC's current monthly meeting schedule, and to align the notice period with the notice period for special meetings of the MAC, which is ten (10) days.

WECC's proposed amendment is reflected in the redlined WECC Bylaws included in **Attachment 2** to this petition. The proposed amendment to the WECC Bylaws is as follows:

1. Section 8.5.7 Notice

a. Section 8.5.7.1 Regular Meetings.

- i. The first sentence now reads, "All regular meetings of the MAC shall require at least ~~twenty-one (21)~~ *ten (10)* days written notice to the MAC Members, the Directors, and the Members." (emphasis added).

**IV. WECC AND NERC APPROVALS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

On June 16, 2016, the WECC Board of Directors approved the proposed amendment to the Bylaws. The NERC Board of Trustees approved the proposed amendment to the WECC Bylaws at its August 11, 2016 Board meeting.

## **V. CONCLUSION**

NERC respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed amendment to the WECC Bylaws as shown in **Attachment 2** to this Petition as well as approving the amendment to the WECC Bylaws amendment to Regional Entity Rules.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

Amended Western Electricity Coordinating Council Bylaws — Clean version

**ATTACHMENT 2**

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