##### April 16, 2025

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Amrit Nagi, Staff Attorney

**RE: WEQ/RMQ BPS Activities**

On April 21, 2025, the WEQ and RMQ BPS will begin discussions on the jointly assigned 2025 Annual Plan Items: 2025 WEQ Annual Plan Item 5.a and 2025 RMQ Annual Plan Item 2.b. The focus will be on developing business practices to support the integration of DER and DER aggregation registries within the industry. During this meeting, the RMQ BPS will also initiate discussions on developing distributed ledger technology (DLT) model business practices. These practices will help support the automation of the NAESB Distribution Grid Services Base Contract and Conditions Precedent Addendum. WEQ participants are encouraged to participate to ensure that the changes to the contract align with wholesale market needs.

Meanwhile, the WEQ BPS Interconnection Congestion Management Working Group is set to meet on April 16 to continue refining proposed modifications to the WEQ Business Practices Standards. This includes developing standards language to support congestion management for the Western Interconnection, as outlined in Standards Request R24005/2025 WEQ Annual Plan Item 1.b. During their March 18, 2025 meeting, the group developed initial standards language based on a participant-submitted proposal and identified additional areas requiring further discussion.

This effort was initiated during the January 21, 2025 WEQ BPS meeting, when the requesters presented an overview of their proposal. As outlined, the proposed standards respond to recommendations from industry forums aimed at expanding the functionality of the Enhanced Curtailment Calculator, a tool used for congestion management in the Western Interconnection. The proposal suggests using the NAESB process to develop WEQ Business Practice Standards that will support the tool’s expanded functionality, including standardized methodologies for issuing curtailments and managing relief obligations. The goal is to improve transparency and efficiency in congestion management, with the new standards designed to complement the existing Unscheduled Flow Mitigation Plan for the interconnection.