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WECC-0047 – Preschedule Process

Purpose:

WECC Business Practice

Current Practice:

The existing preschedule process (calendar and practices) includes numerous instances where electric trading occurs one or more days in advance of gas trading. The disconnect between the electric and gas trading days result in price risks to buyers and sellers, may affect the willingness of sellers to enter the market, and at times likely results in improper valuing of electricity products.

Although WECC has a preschedule calendar that addresses scheduling for holidays and the beginning of a month, there isn't a process document that addresses normal preschedule days. Furthermore, there isn't a document that identifies what information must be exchanged in the prescheduling process.

Proposed Business Practice:

The new business practice will describe and document the preschedule process that will be utilized in the WECC. An objective of the business practice development should be, to the extent practical, for prescheduling to occur the day before the flow day. This process description should establish:

1. A definition of preschedule.
2. A description of the data that is to be exchanged in the preschedule process.
3. A description of Normal Preschedule days.
4. A description of preschedule days for normal weeks.
5. A description of the holidays recognized in preschedule.
6. A description of preschedule days when holidays occur during a Normal Preschedule day and in conjunction with a weekend.
7. A description of preschedule days when holidays occur during a Normal Preschedule day and in conjunction with a weekend.

Applicability:

Balancing Authority, Transmission Service Provider, Generator, Purchasing-Selling Entity, Load-Serving Entity

Current Status:

Posted for a 30 day comment period ending on October 10, 2009.

WECC Link:

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