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Western Power Pool Releases Draft Tariff for its RA Program

The Western Power Pool (WPP) on July 14 released a draft tariff for its resource adequacy program, outlining proposed allocations of administrative fees and punitive charges if an entity falls short of the program's operational requirements, such as adequate planning reserve margins. It also lays out the program's independent governance structure.

The draft includes an extended transition period for participants that are not ready to commit to the binding obligations of the pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program.

WPP plans to ask the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) later this summer to approve the tariff for an effective Jan. 1 date. Before filing, the power pool is soliciting feedback on the draft tariff. A public webinar covering the proposed tariff was held on July 25.

"There might be some changes, but I think we're pretty close," Rebecca Sexton, WPP director of reliability programs, told Clearing Up.

The proposed version was drafted and approved by the Resource Adequacy Participants Committee (RAPC), the key decision-making entity in the WRAP.

WRAP is being rolled out in phases. The current timeline includes the program going live on a trial ("beta period") in the summer of 2023, with full implementation in 2025.

In June, the program started its first forward-showing period. Ahead of summer and winter, participants must show that they have generation capacity to meet 100 percent of forecasted peak demand and transmission capacity to get 75 percent of that demand to load centers.

Currently, there is no punishment for failing to meet these requirements. Starting in 2025, if a participant doesn't meet them it will have to pay deficiency fees as outlined in the draft tariff. The RAPC's draft tariff feathers in the deficiency charges through 2028.

"It phases-in charges and compliance obligations so we don't catch people unaware starting in summer 2025," Sexton said.

However, not all participating entities may be ready to commit to binding participation that soon.

One of the biggest additions in the draft tariff is a transition period that allows entities to wade into the program later than 2025. Entities have the option when they sign up to stay in a nonbinding status until

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