



WREGIS Annual Report October 2008

We at WREGIS are pleased to publish the first “WREGIS Annual Report”, covering the first year of operations at WREGIS. We plan to report every year just after the end of the fiscal year for WREGIS, which ends September 30. This report covers from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

2008 HIGHLIGHTS

WREGIS went “live” on June 25, 2007, but the first few months of the year were a little slow. Although the original Account Holders Agreement (or “Terms of Use”, or “TOU”) was adopted in June of 2007, several issues remained unresolved to the satisfaction of all stakeholders. Two separate rounds of discussion, negotiations, and amendments to the TOU finally concluded successfully. As a result, the second half of the year was very busy, with scores of new Account Holders and hundreds of new generating units being approved.

The three subcommittees set up by the WREGIS Committee were very productive. The Change Control Subcommittee oversaw many small changes to the WREGIS program, and some important revisions to the WREGIS software. For the most part, these changes helped state programs, account holders, and WREGIS staff to accomplish numerous administrative chores more easily and accurately. Probably the biggest revision is still underway but should be completed near the end of CY 2008 or early 2009: accessing “e-tag” data in order to verify delivery of energy.

The Policy Subcommittee’s most important role is in considering implications of any proposed changes to the WREGIS system or operations. During the year, it considered a wide range of issues, such as adding more sub-accounts, accommodating incremental hydro generation, WREGIS governance structure, and more.

The Operations Subcommittee’s primary purpose is to examine and make recommendations on the budget, so its busiest period was towards the end of the fiscal year.

The WREGIS Committee used advice and information from the subcommittees to oversee WREGIS operations, make changes to the program and its software, set the WREGIS budget for FY 2009, and was generally busy. See Attachment A for a brief summary of the significant decisions from the WREGIS Committee during the year.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee provided a forum for any interested stakeholder to discuss issues and make recommendations to the WREGIS Committee.

In addition, several temporary informal working groups were formed during the year, where either the WREGIS Committee or a subcommittee felt that it needed closer examination of a difficult issue before making a decision or recommendation. At this time, groups examining issues relative to incremental hydro resources and to QREs (Qualified Reporting Entities) are working.

Account Holder Training

WREGIS staff offers in-person training. During FY2008, we held four sessions at WECC's offices in Salt Lake City, one session in Butte, MT (sponsored by NorthWestern Energy), and one session Albuquerque, NM (sponsored by PNM). Approximately 108 people in total have attended WREGIS training sessions.

Some training material and the system user manual are also available on the WREGIS web site.

WREGIS PARTICIPATION

Account Holder Type	Approved as of 9/30/08	Approved as of 9/30/07
State or Voluntary Program Administrators	5	3
Qualified Reporting Entities	19	1
Account Holders – other (Brokers, Marketers, Aggregators, Load Serving Entities, Electric Service Providers, etc.)	138	23
TOTALS	162	27

WREGIS APPROVED GENERATING UNITS AND WREGIS RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES ISSUED As of 9/30/08

Category-Fuel Type	Approved (#of units)	Generating Capacity (MWh)	RECS ISSUED
Wind	134	5126	6.2 million
Hydro	285	2091	3.5 million
Solar	150	440	182,000
Biogas/Biomass	98	1126	340,000
Geothermal	44	2136	1.1 million
TOTALS	711	10919	11.3 million

State Participation			
Activity Level as of 09/30/2008			
State/ Province	State or Voluntary Program Administrators	Qualified Reporting Entities	Account Holders – other¹
AB*			
AZ*			
BA*			
BC*			1
CA*	2	11	66
CO*	1		3
GA			1
IA			2
ID*		1	6
MA		1	1
MD			5
MN			1
MT*		1	1
NJ			2
ND*			
NM*	1		1
NV*			2
NY			3
OR*	1	2	11
PA			3
QC			1
SD*			
TX*			11
UT*			3
WA*		3	13
WI			1
WY*			
Total	5	19	138

*All or portions of states and provinces located within WECC

¹ This includes Brokers, Marketers, Aggregators, Load Serving Entities, Electric Service Providers, etc.

Significant WREGIS Committee Decisions

December 2007

- Approved PCR 134- Modification of Program Administrator Interface Control Document (ICD) pertaining to Generating Unit ID's.
- Approved PCR 135- Add functionality that would send notification to the WREGIS Administrator (post) when a Program Administrator verifies program eligibility for an account.
- Approved PCR 136- This request is to add an event log to the functionality currently contained within the Program Administrator account type.

January 2008

- Approved PCR 137 – Rename the “Account Holder Estimated Fees Report” and add Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) as a potential External Unit ID.

March 2008

- Regarding the two-year review, the “Key Recommendations” from the user survey were discussed. The Committee agreed to focus on the structure and governance of the WREGIS Committee and its subcommittees, as well as the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

April 2008

- PIR 142 - TOU Revision: The Committee adopted the recommendation of the Policy Subcommittee to approve the revisions and directed staff to make any necessary grammatical or other minor changes necessary.
- Approved PIR 139 - Allow more than 20 sub accounts within WREGIS.
- Approved PCR 140 - Give WREGIS administrator the functionality to update and change the External Unit ID selection box.

May 2008

- Approved using Energy Commission funds to implement PIR 139 - to allow more than 20 sub accounts within WREGIS
- Approved PIR 131 – Tracking delivery of energy: Approved the change and the costs and directed APX to implement the changes.

June 2008

- Approved PIR 145-- Rooftop Solar Aggregation: Allow WREGIS Administrator to make administrative changes to assist small solar aggregators.

July 2008

- Approved PIR – 146 Terms of Use Revision v 2 (Changes to enable entities who are Balancing Authorities and Independent System Operators to participate in WREGIS)

August 2008

- Approved the FY2009 WREGIS Budget