

RTO West

Process for Developing Recommendations Among Content Groups, Regional Representatives Group and Filing Utilities in Stage 2

In RTO West Stage 2 development, the principal elements of the process will be the Regional Representatives Group (RRG), the Content Groups, the Filing Utilities Group, and the website (www.rto-west.org). The RRG will continue to serve as the primary regional communication forum for sharing information on all aspects of RTO West development.

Because of the highly detailed contractual and technical aspects of the Stage 2 filing documents, the Stage 2 development process will rely to a great extent on Content Groups, which will be established at the beginning of February 2001. The principal role of these groups will be to help develop recommendations for the content of the Stage 2 filing documents. These groups will be guided in their activities by Stage 1 decisions and the Stage 2 work plan as established by the Filing Utilities. Content Groups will attempt to reach consensus on all recommendations they prepare. Content Groups will be open to participation by all interested parties.

Where Content Groups reach consensus, the information will be shared with the RRG. Where Content Groups cannot reach consensus, the unresolved issues will be brought to the RRG to seek consensus at the RRG level. Recommendations developed by Content Groups or the RRG will be sent to the Filing Utilities for final review and resolution. If the RRG does not reach consensus on a given matter submitted to it for consensus-seeking purposes, the input provided by RRG members will be considered by the Filing Utilities as they work to develop a resolution of that issue. If the Filing Utilities modify consensus recommendations that have been shared with or developed by the RRG, or if they select recommendations that did not achieve consensus through the Content Group or RRG process, to the extent possible, the Filing Utilities will seek the input of the RRG on these modifications and selections.