

# WEF

## UTILITY MEMBERSHIP

### Concept Paper

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#### **PREMISES:**

1. WEF will be a stronger organization with Utilities as Utility Members.
2. Utilities will be stronger organizations if they have the benefit of a closer tie with WEF as Utility Members in their own right, not just individual staff as individual Active Members of WEF.
3. WEF and WERF can be stronger organizations if there is a closer tie and working relationship between the two organizations, spawned by and contingent upon a Utility Membership Category linkage to and requirement for the utility to be a WERF Subscriber.

#### **PLAN:**

1. Charter membership as WEF Utility Members are to include all WERF Utility Subscribers as of the effective date of approval of the Utility Member as a member category.
2. Future Utility Membership is contingent upon being a WERF Utility Subscriber as a required prerequisite.
3. Utility Members will automatically have one Active Member associated with the Utility Member designated; that Active Member to be the Chief Executive Officer or a Senior Technical Manager designated by the CEO of that utility, and to be considered as the Utility Member Designated Representative (UMDR).
4. One At-Large Board Member will be added to the WEF Board, that person to be selected by the Nominating Committee from the Utility Member Designated Representatives, and with consideration of input from the Utility Members Forum.
5. A Utilities Member Forum will be established to serve as a medium for discussion of matters impacting Utility Member Organizations of WEF. This Forum will consist of only Utility Member Designated Representatives and will function under the general committee guidelines of WEF. This Forum will meet a minimum of once a year during WEFTEC North America.
6. Additional Active Memberships from among staff of Utility Members organizations will be highly encouraged and benefits of such additional active memberships will be stressed.

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7. In addition to the benefits of one active membership, the Utility Member will receive one subscription to the Utility Management Newsletter and will be on all pertinent mailing list of Government Affairs notifications.
8. Fees beyond the required WERF Subscriber Status are to be set by the Board with the following considerations:
  - Charter Utility Members will be exempt from additional fees for three years
  - Utility Member Fees will be set at a level comparable to level for Corporate Members
9. Additional benefits to Utility Members will be as determined by the Executive Committee.

### **ACTION PLAN:**

1. Present Concept Paper to Officers and Key WEF and WERF Staff for consideration.
2. Present Concept Paper to WERF for review, comment, and/or conceptual approval (Target March meeting with Jim Clark presenting to WERF Board).
3. Present Concept Paper to the WEF Utilities Forum for review and comment prior to July EC meeting.
4. Present Concept Paper to Executive Committee for review prior to July EC meeting.
5. Present Plan to EC for formal approval at July EC meeting.
6. Present Plan to WERF Board for formal approval at August WERF Board Meeting.
7. If necessary to react to any changes recommended by WERF Board, present plan electronically to EC members for approval.
8. Present Plan to Board for endorsement at October meeting, with appropriate review and action by Constitution and By-laws Committee.