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WestConnect Subregional Transmission Planning

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Planning Management Committee**

**October 23, 2007
FERC Order 890 Technical Conference**

Parties to WestConnect STP Project Agreement

Arizona Public Service Co.
El Paso Electric Co.
Imperial Irrigation District
Sierra Pacific Power Co.
Nevada Power Co.
Public Service Company of NM
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Salt River Project
Southwest Transmission Coop.
Tri-State Transmission & Generation Assoc.
Public Service Company of CO
Tucson Electric Power Co.
Western Area Power Admin.



Framework of WestConnect Subregional Transmission Planning

- **WestConnect Objectives and Procedures for Regional Transmission Planning**
 - Approved by WestConnect Steering Committee **August 24, 2006**
- **WestConnect Project Agreement for Subregional Transmission Planning (STP Project Agreement)**
 - Agreement executed by 12 Parties **May 2, 2007**
 - Participation open to Non-WestConnect Members
 - Requires parties to comply with WestConnect Objectives and Procedures for Regional Transmission Planning
 - Forms a Planning Management Committee
- **WestConnect Planning Staff**
 - Independent contractor hired **May 23, 2007**
 - Functional Accountability to Planning Management Committee

WestConnect Planning Support for Attachment K

- WestConnect establishes obligation for TP to participate in Subregional Planning Process
 - Objectives and Procedures
 - STP Project Agreement
- WestConnect will each year
 - Develop WestConnect Planning Area Transmission Plan
 - Publish WestConnect Transmission Planning Report

WestConnect Planning Activities

- WestConnect Annual Planning Workshop
 - End of 3rd quarter (Oct 31-Nov 1, 2007)
 - TPs present 10-yr plans
 - STPG Study results
 - Future study needs
 - Economic study request window opens
- Westconnect Annual Planning Meeting
 - First quarter (Jan 16- 17, 2007)
 - Approve Transmission Plan and Report
 - Approve Study Plans

WestConnect Planning Activities

- Planning Management Committee
 - Quarterly meetings or calls
- STPG Leader Coordination Group
 - Monthly calls
- STPGs (SWAT, CCPG, Sierra)
 - Quarterly meetings

Planning Cycle Concept

