

# **FERC Order 890 Technical Conference**

**Phoenix, AZ  
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# Panel Overview

- Charles Reinhold – WestConnect Overview
- Jerry D. Smith – Subregional Planning Overview
- Bob Easton – Western
- Bob Smith – APS
- Joel Bladow – Tri-State G & T
- Vicken Kasarjian – SMUD
- Paul Schmidt – Sierra Pacific

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# WestConnect Members

- Arizona Public Service
- El Paso Electric
- Imperial Irrigation District
- Nevada Power Company
- Public Service Colorado
- Public Service New Mexico
- Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- Salt River Project
- Sierra Pacific Power Company
- Southwest Transmission Cooperative
- Tri-State G & T Association
- Tucson Electric Power
- Western Area Power Administration
  - Rocky Mountain Region
  - Desert Southwest Region
  - Sierra Nevada Region
  - CRSP Management Center<sup>2</sup>

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# WestConnect Planning History

- RTA efforts in early 90s – EPACT 92
- Colorado Coordinated Planning Group (CCPG)
- Central Arizona Transmission Study (CATS)
- Southwest Area Transmission Study Group (SWAT)

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# WestConnect Planning Participation Agreement

- Effective May 23, 2007 with all WestConnect Members on board
- Open for execution by any other party that participates in a subregional planning group
- Provides funding for the independent facilitation of the subregional planning processes
- Enhances openness and transparency

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# Order 890 Principles

- WestConnect Strawman is posted – addresses all 9 principles
- Cost Allocation
  - Open season methodology
  - Provides structure to successful history of joint participation in projects moving forward into construction

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# FERC Feedback

WestConnect Welcomes Feedback from FERC  
on Regional, Subregional and individual TO  
Strawman proposals

- As specific as possible
- Timely - October 2007 Appendix K filing deadline is just around the corner

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