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# Inter-Regional Participation Process

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# Background

- FERC Technical Conference on Transmission Planning Process per Order No. 890 held in Little Rock, Arkansas in June 2007
- Broader regional participation in economic planning process was suggested
- Inter-Regional Participation Process created to address that concern
- This process was referenced in recent draft Attachment K postings

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# Participating Transmission Providers

- Alabama Electric Cooperative
- Duke Energy Carolinas
- Dalton Utilities
- Entergy Operating Companies
- Georgia Transmission Corporation
- Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia
- Progress Energy Carolinas
- Santee Cooper
- South Carolina Electric & Gas
- South Mississippi Electric Power Assoc.
- Southern Companies
- Tennessee Valley Authority

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# Overview of Proposal

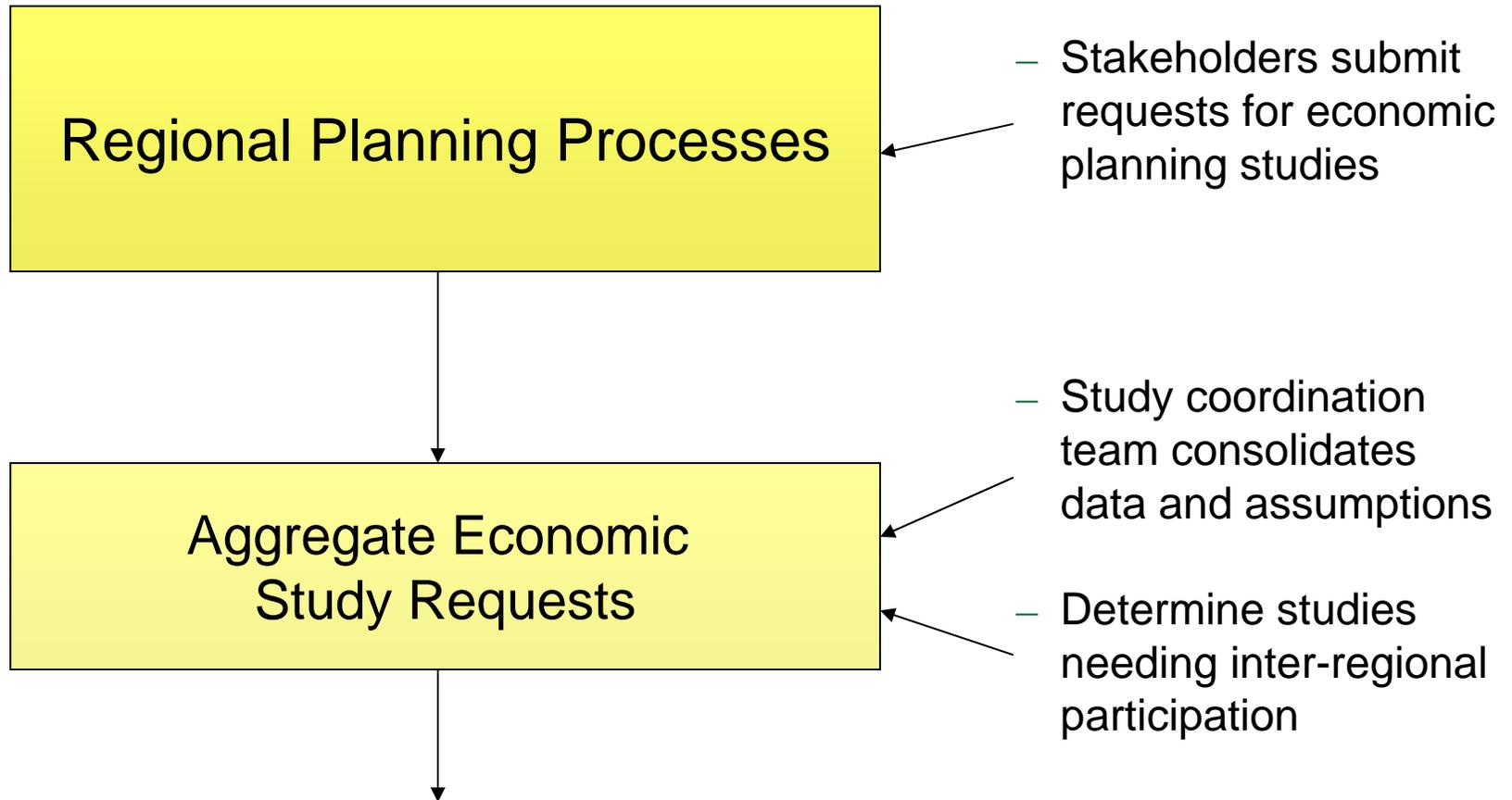
- Additional coordination among transmission providers
  - Intended to more fully satisfy the regional participation principle in Order No. 890
- Provides expanded economic planning studies
- Two year cycle
- Developed by Participating Transmission Providers (PTPs)
- Consistent with pro forma provisions of OATT

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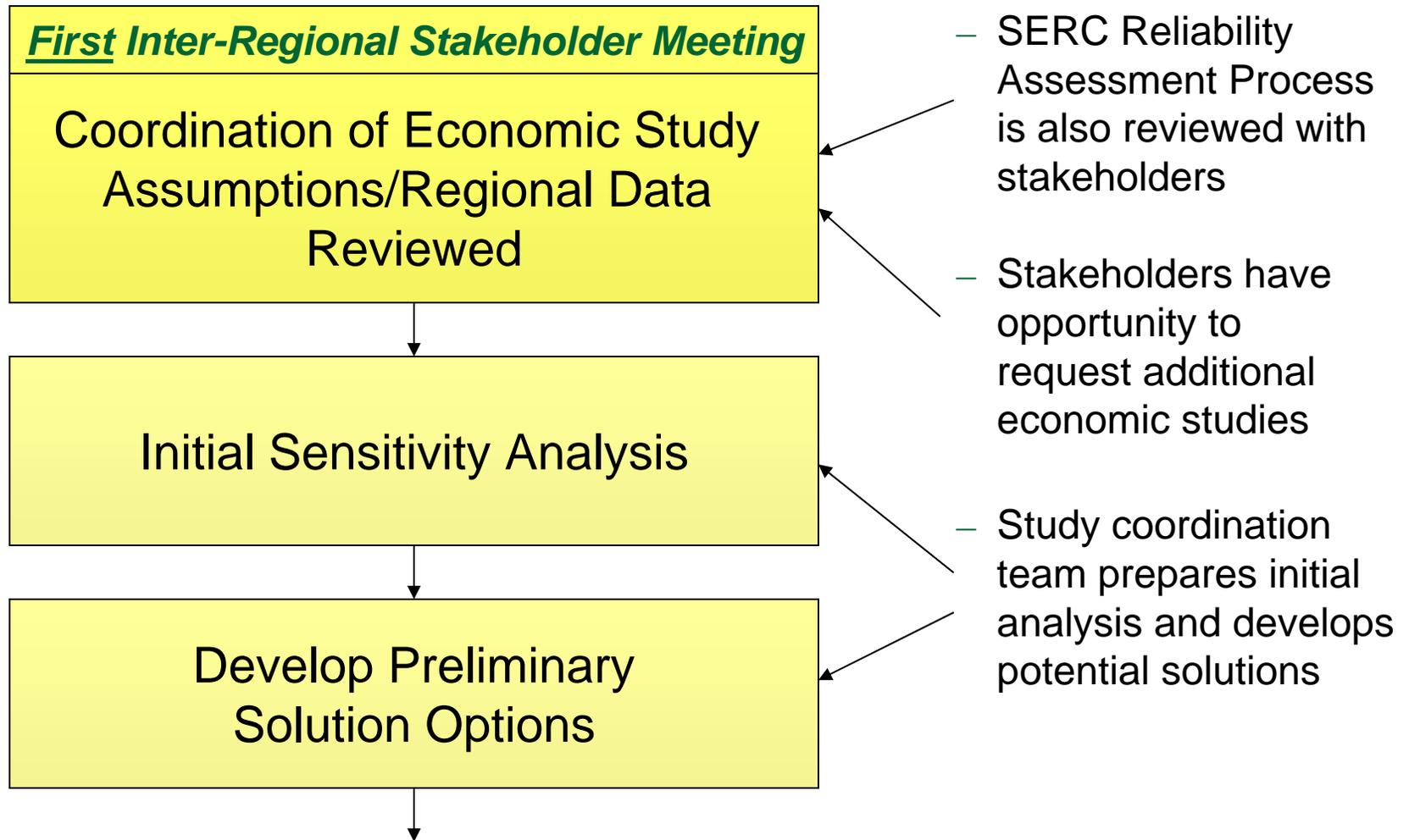
# Overview of Proposal (Cont'd)

- Regional planning processes still needed
  - Inter-regional process overlays regional processes
- Existing inter-regional assessments and inter-company planning for reliability needs is maintained
  - Continued coordination among transmission owners within SERC
  - Study assumptions, data inputs and results reviewed with stakeholders
- Stakeholder input needed to round-out proposal

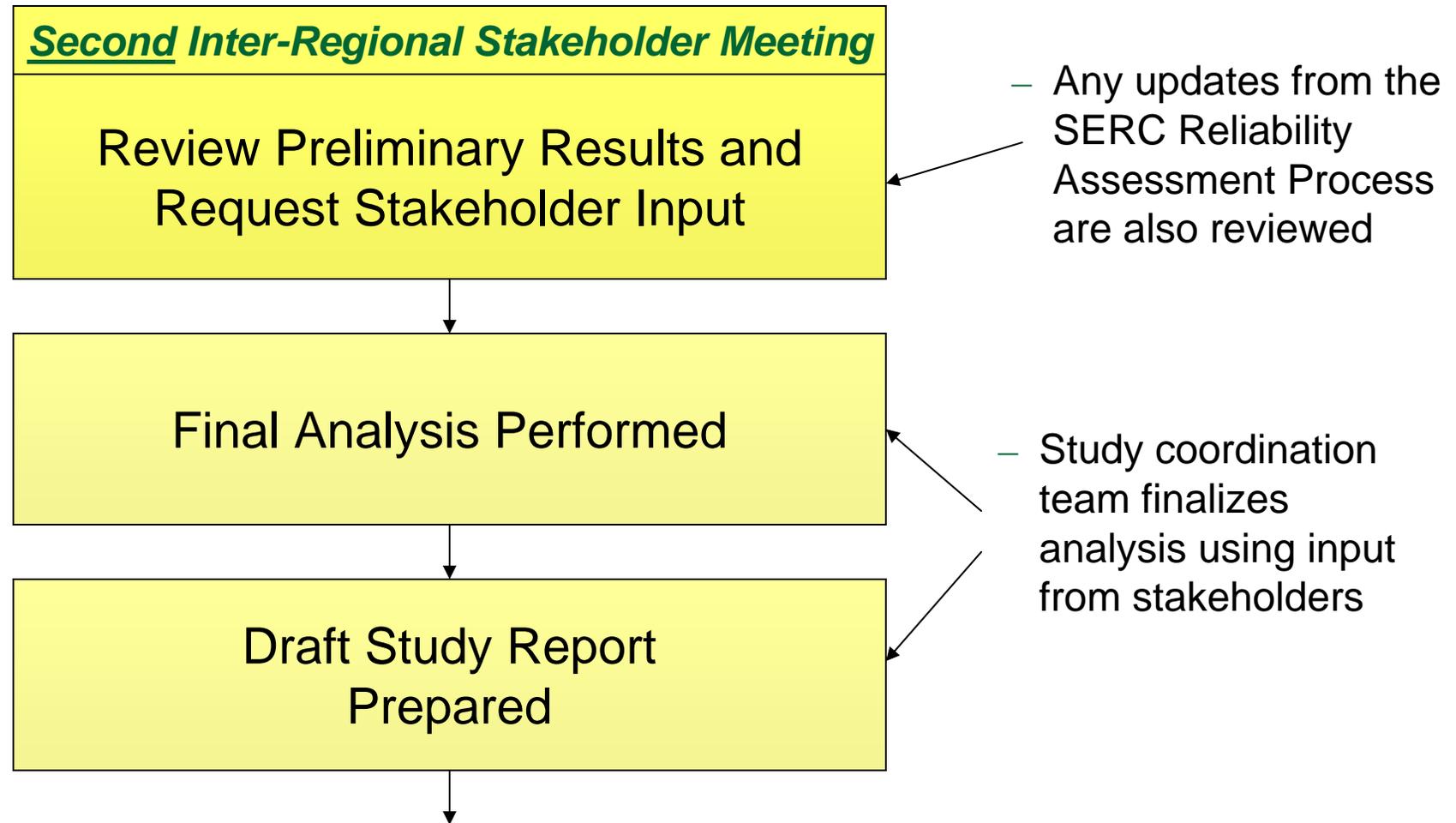
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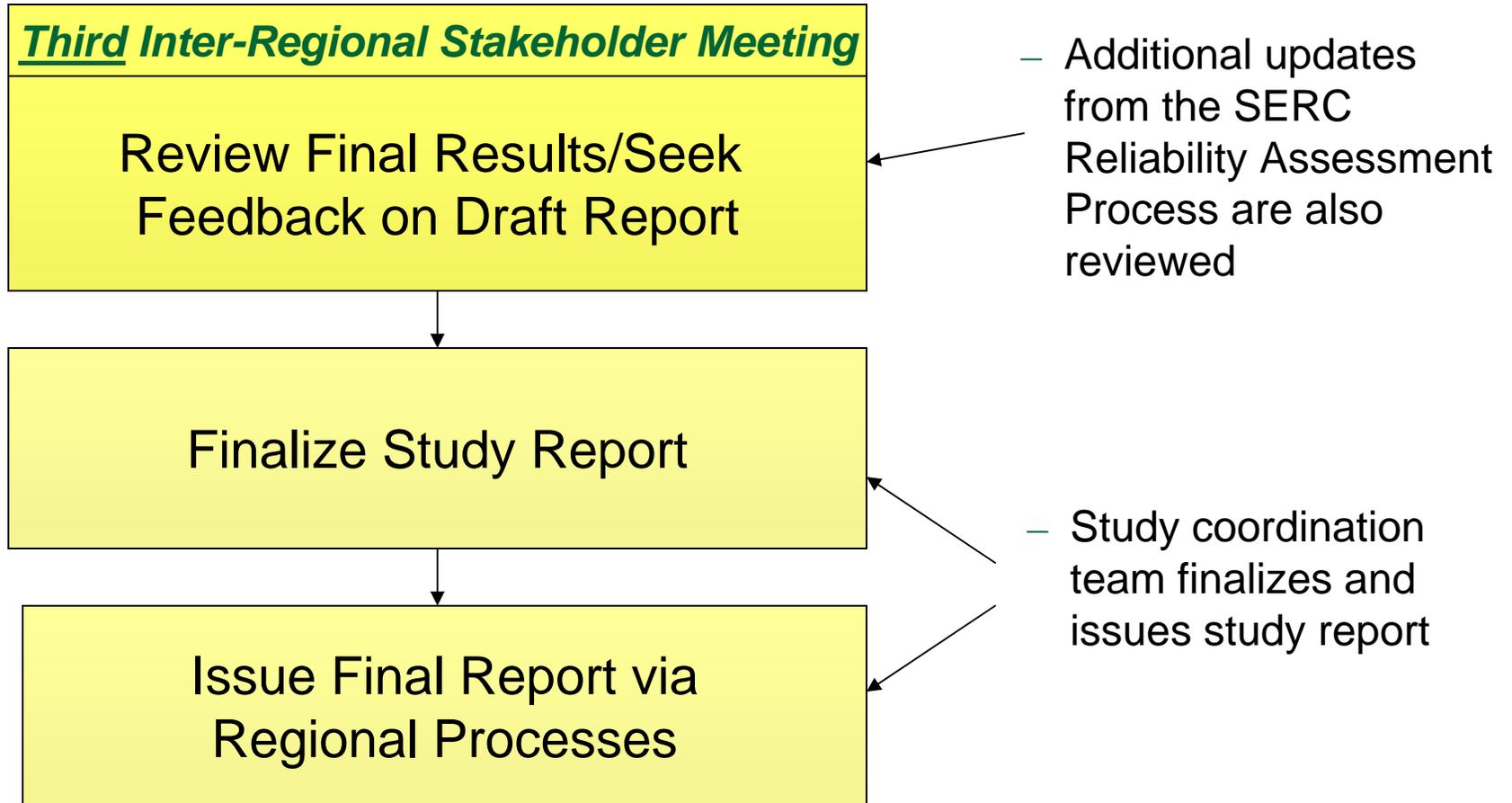
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# Additional Stakeholder Input Needed

- This process establishes a framework for inter-regional participation
- Need input from stakeholders, including
  - Number of studies per planning cycle?
  - Prioritization of studies?

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# Next Steps

- PTPs will review feedback received today
- Request stakeholders provide any other feedback through regional contacts by October 12
  - Would like positive feedback as well!
- PTPs will submit an additional draft for stakeholder comment in late October
- Final process to be included in Attachment K filings in December 2007

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# Appendix

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SERC Regional Transmission Assessment  
Study Processes

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# Regional Transmission Assessment Study Processes within SERC

- Assessments in operating and planning horizons to improve coordination in determining bulk power transfer limits
  - Within SERC Region
  - Between SERC Region and other regions
- These assessments are a product of the evolution of historical transfer studies such as VSTE, VASTE, VEM and SERC-FRCC

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# Regional Transmission Assessment Study Processes within SERC (Cont'd)

- Various study committees and working groups operate under purview of the SERC Engineering Committee
- Coordination between SERC and other regions is managed by the Eastern Interconnection Reliability Assessment Group (ERAG)
- Base study models with consistent assumptions are developed by Multi-regional Modeling Working Group (MMWG) under ERAG