

## Puget Sound Area Study Team Scoping Meeting

A conference call sponsored by ColumbiaGrid will be held on August 7, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada). The conference phone number is 1-877-295-7894 guest code: 700.

The background, purpose and agenda for this call are as follows:

### **Background**

As part of ColumbiaGrid's planning process to develop a biennial plan, we have held two planning meetings, one on June 19, 2007 and a second meeting on July 11, 2007. One of our first steps was to gather information on transmission plans by ColumbiaGrid planning parties as well as those by non-ColumbiaGrid parties. We now have a compiled list of projects that will help provide the basis for developing a system assessment study and eventually, our first biennial plan.

While reviewing the compiled list of projects at our July 11 meeting, there was a significant amount of discussion about plans identified for the Puget Sound Area. Further discussion revealed that are continuing concerns over existing operating constraints in the Puget Sound Area and tools used to mitigate those constraints. Furthermore, there seem to be differences of opinion on whether the current planning criteria alone have adequately defined the need for transmission in the region. Meanwhile, summer operating constraints appear to make it difficult take outages on underlying 115 kV systems without impacting transfer capability or system reliability. Puget Sound area utilities are asking if any of the proposed projects from our compiled list of projects will provide relief for current operating constraints. In response we are proposing to look at consolidation of planning efforts in the Puget Sound Area to be able to answer several questions.

1. Do any of the proposed projects for the Puget Sound Area provide relief for current operating constraints?
2. At what point in time to operating constraints significantly impact reliability and load service?
3. Should other factors be considered in addition to the WECC/NERC planning criteria when considering the need for transmission?

### **Purpose**

1. Develop an agenda for a large group meeting of interested parties, as part of our ten year planning process.
2. Discuss how we should organize our efforts to answer the above questions raised in the background discussion.

### **Agenda**

1. Overview and background—Paul Arnold
2. Current Study Efforts—John Martinsen
3. Operational Constraints—Kurt Conger/Franklin Lu
4. Agree on Agenda for Large Group Meeting