



Planning Activities Report

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- West of McNary WECC Regional Planning
- I-5 Corridor WECC Regional Planning
- Biennial Planning Activities



West of McNary WECC Regional Planning

- Review Group met again on September 5
- Full presentation of PGE Project
 - McNary-Coyote Springs-Boardman-Olallie-Bethell 500-kV line with tap from Olallie to Round Butte
 - Report is now available
- Also interaction with other proposed projects
 - Idaho/PAC Bridger-Boise-McNary line
 - PG&E Selkirk-Grizzly/McNary -Northern California
 - Northern Lights Alberta to SW project via Grizzly/McNary
- Projects are on different timelines with different needs



West of McNary (cont)

Strategy to move forward:

- How to meet existing needs in a timely manner while addressing other longer term regional needs
- Dean Perry to coordinate this effort
- Conference call on Sept 12 on how to proceed
- Core Study Team created
 - To determine studies needed to resolve issues by end of year
 - Met September 18



I-5 Corridor WECC Regional Planning

- Paul-Troutdale 500-kV line
- Review Group also met on September 5
- Short meeting, few comments
 - Request to look at smaller project (lower voltage upgrade)
 - Request to study interaction with new PAC Swift-Troutdale line
- Report to be available soon



Summary of Regional Planning Issues

- Ability to share information such as Planning Reports and Basecases
 - Confidentiality
 - Critical Infrastructure – non disclosure agreements
 - Material being provided, but slowly
- Hopefully ColumbiaGrid website will help in future



Biennial Planning Process

- Initial Participant Expansion Plans
 - Will be posted by October 4
- Ten Year Planning Meetings
 - Next meeting is scheduled for September 26
 - Proceeding with planning process as outlined in PEFA
- Puget Sound Study Team formed
 - First meeting on September 24



System Assessment

- NWPP Coordinated RANTS study in 2006
 - Covered 2012 summer and winter
 - ColumbiaGrid Planners' judgment is the RANTS study results are still valid
- ColumbiaGrid will concentrate on 10-year timeframe and extreme cold weather scenarios this year



System Assessment (cont)

- Planning Group is now scheduling work to complete Draft System Assessment Report for Board comment by April 4, 2008
 - Focus will be Existing Obligation Projects
 - Will include Need Statements