



Reliability Activities Report

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Outage Coordination –DSRFA

- Norm Stanley conducted additional interviews with PGE and PSE Transmission Operations staff since last meeting
- Preliminary Findings
 - Transmission operators are not aware of problems or issues with current outage coordination within the ColumbiaGrid region with either members or non members.
 - Since the Transmission Operators follow very detailed guidelines with “other” NWPP and WECC members, they believe there are no real issues, with current practices and procedures.
 - Interviews going forward, should include major “transmission users” in the ColumbiaGrid Footprint , as they are the ones impacted by transmission constraints and restrictions.

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- Preliminary Findings (cont)
 - Both PGE and PSE operators and staff confirmed the value of holding NWPP Outage Coordinator meetings at a minimum of annually.
 - The NWPP COS tool was an excellent vehicle for coordinating major facilities outages and neither saw any issues with the current process.
 - Transmission operators need to be notified when their facilities will be restricting a path.
 - Path limits do not always filter down to the Transmission Operators on shift.
 - Both PGE and PSE are dependent on other transmission owners with in the northwest, for interconnections to their transmission system.
 - Douglas and AVISTA staff report they have no issues with current outage coordination practices and no meeting will be scheduled

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- Next Steps
 - Additional meetings requested with PNSC staff, PAC, PowerEX, BCTC and Mid-Columbia members.
 - Request meetings with Snohomish PUD and “other” major transmission customers.

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Wide Area System Model–DSRFA

- Met with Gary Keenan-NWPP staff and Thong Trihn-BPA who are co-chairs on the WECC WSM Implementation team.
 - The Reliability Coordinators will be the first groups to have access to the WECC WSM tools for their congestion management and contingency analysis' tool's by mid 2009.
 - The project estimates that it could take until 2010-11 before the WSM data will be available for use by the WECC transmission members , to be used for planning, contingency analysis and outage coordination.

