

# WestConnect

June 2, 2006

To: WestConnect Interested Parties

Subject: WestConnect Stakeholder Meeting/Conference on Regional Transmission Service Experimental Tariff

WestConnect is hosting a Stakeholder Meeting/Informational Conference to provide an overview of a proposal to offer Regional Transmission Service within portions of the WestConnect Transmission Owners' networks<sup>1</sup>. The conference is scheduled for June 22, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the basement conference room of the Public Service Company of Colorado Offices, 550 15th Street, Denver, Colorado.

Under the proposal, Short-Term, Firm or Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service (Service) will be offered by the participating Transmission Owners as daily or hourly Service. Weekly, monthly or yearly service will not be offered under the experimental pilot. The product will be priced at a Regional Rate, which will equal the higher of the following: the average rate of the pilot participants (the "Average Rate") or the highest rate offered by a participant in the particular transaction path requested (the "Path Rate"). The Regional Rate will also include an administrative adder.

The Service is proposed to be available for a two-year experimental pilot period. The Tariff and the participation agreement defining the experiment will be submitted to FERC for its review, and the Service will commence upon a date agreed upon by the participating Transmission Owners following FERC and any other necessary approvals of the experiment. To the extent that individual participants will need other approvals, they will seek to obtain them simultaneously with the FERC proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup> The potential participants in this experiment include Arizona Public Service Company, El Paso Electric Company, Imperial Irrigation District, Nevada Power Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Salt River Project, Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Tucson Electric Power Company, and Western Area Power Administration.

The Stakeholder Meeting/Conference will be held June 22, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the basement conference room of the Public Service Company of Colorado Offices, 550 15th Street, Denver, Colorado. There is no registration fee for this conference, but registration is requested to let us make the appropriate meeting arrangements. Please RSVP your attendance to:

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Sincerely,

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**WestConnect Regional Pricing Proposal**  
**Stakeholder Meeting/Informational Conference**  
**June 22, 2006**  
**PSCo Offices**  
**550 15<sup>th</sup> Street – Basement Conference Room**  
**Denver, CO**

- 1) OVERVIEW:
  - a) WestConnect Members & Map
  - b) Outline MOU Objectives & Requirements
  - c) Pricing Work Group Background
  - d) Feedback from FERC briefing
  
- 2) EXPERIMENT DETAILS:
  - a) Definition of Transmission Service Product
    - i) Terms of Offer
    - ii) Pricing
    - iii) Ancillary Services  
Losses
    - iv) Administrative Costs
  - b) OASIS Modifications
    - i) Customer Interface for Reservations
    - ii) Settlements and Billing
  - c) Participation Agreement/Tariff
    - i) Theory (justification?) for filing
  - d) Overview of terms
  
- 3) CRITICAL ISSUES:
  - a) Jurisdiction: “City of Vernon” Issue
  - b) Automatic Out Provision
  - c) Critical Mass (unrelated to jurisdictional issue)
  
- 4) TIMELINE/SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION: