

Annual WestConnect Transmission Planning Report Guidelines

Purpose

This document describes in general terms what will be included in the annual WestConnect Transmission Report (“Report”). Prerequisites for inclusion in the Report, how the Report will be organized, and the basic format of the Report are described in the following paragraphs. The Report will be submitted annually to the WestConnect Planning Management Committee for approval and upon approval will be posted on the WestConnect website.

Prerequisites for Inclusion in Report

The annual WestConnect Transmission Report will document the results of the annual WestConnect subregional planning process. The Report will provide a summary compilation of all studies conducted and reported by subregional transmission planning workgroups within the WestConnect footprint. The WestConnect Transmission Plan will be referenced as a companion document and summary material incorporated. The report will also assemble proposed WestConnect subregional transmission study plans for the subsequent study cycle.

In order for a technical study to be incorporated in the WestConnect Transmission Report it must meet the all of the following prerequisites:

1. A final report or study summary that has been through a documented open and transparent stakeholder or industry peer review process must be available for posting on the WestConnect website.
2. The results of the study must have been presented at one or more WestConnect’s subregional transmission planning work group meetings.
3. Studies that are performed by or for a WestConnect subregional transmission planning work group must have a study plan that has been approved as part of the annual WestConnect study plan.

The last prerequisite will be waived for the initial WestConnect Transmission Report since studies were already in progress when the WestConnect planning function was organized and implemented.

Organization of Plan

The annual WestConnect Transmission Report will generally be organized to include at least five sections. The report will began with a description of the WestConnect subregional planning process utilized during the study cycle that has just concluded. A second section of the report will document new and emerging federal and state regulatory policy that has and will shape the subregional planning process. The third section of the report will document the various technical studies meeting the perquisites outlined above. The forth section of the report will provide a general system summary of the WestConnect Transmission Plan. The final section of the report will provide a forward looking perspective of the study plans proposed for the subsequent WestConnect subregional transmission planning cycle.