

EXHIBIT A- WESTCONNECT TRANSMISSION PLAN GUIDE

This guide was developed to establish a framework for future WestConnect Transmission Plans following the principals found in the WestConnect Project Agreement for Subregional Transmission Planning. The following paragraphs describe the prerequisites for inclusion of projects into the Plan, define the segments of the Plan and prescribe the content and format of the WestConnect Transmission Plan.

Prerequisite for Inclusion in Plan

The annual WestConnect Transmission Plan will be comprised of new transmission projects with a nominal system voltage of 100 kV or greater. These projects will either be located within the WestConnect planning area or interconnect the WestConnect planning area with other subregional transmission planning areas. The Plan will include new transmission facilities studied in accordance with federal and state regulatory planning requirements and must demonstrate performance compliant with NERC and WECC planning reliability criteria.

Provided an entity's planned transmission projects have received peer review during the WestConnect subregional planning process, the Plan will incorporate the ten year transmission plans of:

1. Those entities that have signed the WestConnect Project Agreement for Subregional Transmission Planning, OR
2. Other entities whose projects meet the above stated prerequisites.

Segmentation of Plan

The WestConnect Transmission Plan will be segregated into two segments. The first category of proposed projects will be labeled "planned projects." This category will include projects that have a sponsor, have been incorporated in an entity's regulatory filings, have an agreement committing entities to participate and construct, or for which permitting has been or will be sought.

The second category of proposed projects will be labeled "conceptual transmission projects" if they lack formal sponsorship or are viewed as requiring more study and refinement before a commitment to construct is offered. This category will include projects that were studied during the WestConnect planning process that are viewed as viable alternatives still seeking sponsorship.

Content and Format of Plan

The Plan is envisioned to be a stand alone document describing the current ten year plan supported by the previous year's WestConnect subregional transmission planning process. A short narrative will be provided in the Plan that describes the general context of the material incorporated in the document. A geographical system map depicting the aggregation of the various transmission projects will be provided as an integral element of the Plan. The planned transmission projects will also be tabulated in a spreadsheet format and sorted by planning category, voltage class, and planned in service date.

The information for each transmission project contained in the Plan will be provided in a common format. A project description summary sheet and a plan of service system drawing will be provided for each project. An electronic file containing modeling data will be submitted to WestConnect for each "planned and conceptual" transmission project. WestConnect will retain this data for use in developing power flow base cases incorporating the WestConnect Transmission Plan.