



PROJECT ZIA

Workshop July 17, 2006

Phoenix, Arizona

SWAT is hosting a workshop to address a new long term transmission plan for the Desert Southwest. This transmission planning workshop and process is tentatively called Project Zia, after the Pueblo Sun. As with the Zia, our goal will be to *enlighten* the entire region with the energy grid needed to transform us through the first part of this century. We will explore options to plan a *bright* future to meet both electrical demand and renewable energy needs. Initial thoughts are to have a less structured atmosphere to allow for brain storming sessions, break out sessions, and opportunities to share ideas. The goal of the workshop is to:

- Determine long term perspective of resource options and locations
- Determine long term perspective of location and magnitude of loads
- The different transmission options for different scenarios
- Determination of study plans
- Schedule to perform studies and assess findings

The workshop will be guided by a leadership team consisting of Ed Beck, Dave Eubanks, Mark Etherton, Bob Smith, and Robert Kondziolka. WestConnect is a tentative partner in the workshop.

A presentation of the results of the initial Project Zia planning workshop will be presented at the August SWAT meeting in Denver.

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For security clearance, room arrangements, and refreshments, please confirm your attendance with Catherine Speeks (cmspeeks@srpnet.com)