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Southwest Area Transmission (SWAT)

The Southwest Area Transmission (SWAT) regional planning group formerly known as CATS has expanded to include two states (Arizona and New Mexico) and parts of four others states (Southern California, West Texas, Southern Nevada, and Southern Colorado) to promote regional planning in the Desert Southwest. The SWAT regional planning group includes four main subcommittees, which are overseen by the SWAT Oversight Committee.

1) SWAT Arizona-New Mexico Regional Transmission

The SWAT Arizona-New Mexico regional transmission subcommittee has been formed to study the Eastern Arizona and Western New Mexico regional transmission system, including (but not limited to) the Four Corners, Springerville and Greenlee/Hidalgo areas. This regional analysis will include the participation of: Arizona Public Service, Western Area Power Administration, Southern California Edison, California Independent System Operator, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Tucson Electric Power, PacifiCorp, Tri-State GT, Dine Power Authority, BHP Billiton, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Salt River Project, Southwest Transmission Cooperative, and other interested Parties.

2) SWAT Colorado River Transmission (CRT)

The SWAT Colorado River Transmission subcommittee has been form to study the area within the geographic region from Palo Verde to the Colorado River and southern Nevada to Yuma, Arizona. This regional analysis will include the participation of: Arizona Power Authority, Western Area Power Administration, Nevada Power, Southern California Edison, Imperial Irrigation District, California ISO, Arizona Public Service, Salt River Project, Tucson Electric, Central Arizona Project, and other interested Parties.

3) SWAT Central Arizona Transmission EHV

The SWAT Central Arizona Transmission subcommittee, formerly know as the CATS Study Group will continue to study the Central Arizona EHV transmission system. This regional analysis will include the participation of: Arizona Public Service, Salt River Project, Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Tucson Electric, Western Area Power Administration and other interested Parties.

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A subcommittee to the CATS EHV subcommittee is the CATS HV subcommittee. This group was formed to study the HV Transmission system in the Central Arizona region. This regional analysis will include the participation of: Arizona Public Service, Salt River Project, Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Tucson Electric, Western Area Power Administration, Central Arizona Project, ED-2, ED-3, ED-4, Arizona Cooperation Commission and other interested Parties.

4) SWAT New Mexico Transmission

The SWAT New Mexico Transmission Subcommittee has been formed to study the New Mexico and Southwest Texas region. This regional analysis will include the participation of: Public Service Company of New Mexico El Paso Electric, Tri-State GT and other interested Parties.