

# WestConnect Order 1000 Process

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# FERC Order 1000

- Issued July 21, 2011
- Effective October 11, 2011
- Builds on the successes of Order 890
- Remedies “continuing opportunities for undue discrimination in transmission planning processes”

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# Order 1000 Requirements

## Planning Requirements:

- Each Transmission Provider must participate in a regional planning process that results in a regional plan
- The Planning Region must be defined – Who is in and Who is out
- Identify process for making decisions
- Must satisfy Order 890 principles
- Establish procedures to identify and evaluate transmission needs driven by Public Policy Requirements
- Allow opportunities for stakeholder participation in the process

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## **Regional Cost Allocation:**

- Must establish a cost allocation method for new transmission facilities selected in the regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation
  - Requires development of a methodology to identify benefits and beneficiaries of projects
- Participant-funding of new transmission facilities is permitted, but is not allowed as the regional or interregional cost allocation method

## **Nonincumbent Developer Requirements:**

- Eliminate provisions that establish a federal right of first refusal, with certain exceptions
- Develop a regional process for transmission project submission, evaluation and selection

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## Interregional Coordination:

- Develop procedures for sharing information
- Implement procedures and describe the methods by which neighboring regions will identify and jointly evaluate transmission facilities that are proposed to be in both regions
- Exchange planning data and information between neighboring transmission regions
- Maintain a website or email list for the communication of information
- May develop cost allocation methods that differ from regional methods

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## Inter-regional Cost Allocation:

- Neighboring transmission planning regions must have a common interregional cost allocation method for new interregional transmission facilities that the regions determine to be efficient or cost-effective. To be eligible for interregional cost allocation, each facility must be selected in each regional plan
- Different interregional facilities may have different cost allocation methodologies

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# Order 1000 Requirements

## Compliance Due Dates:

- Compliance with Regional Transmission Planning Requirements – October 11, 2012
- Compliance with Interregional Transmission Planning Requirements – April 11, 2013

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# WestConnect Process

- Initial Order 1000 Stakeholder October 24, 2011 – Denver, CO
- Over 100 attended: 70 in person 40 or more on phone
- Facilitated by ICF International
- Utilized break out groups to focus WestConnect efforts
- Future meetings and webinars will be utilized

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# WestConnect Order 1000 Meeting Stakeholder Recommendations

- Determine a governance process and who will be on the governing body
- Create a high level principles document
- Create work groups for specific issues or functions and populate them
- Bring the broad stakeholder group together as necessary

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# WestConnect Preliminary Action Plan

## Q1:

- Define regions and membership participation in those regions
- Identify work groups and get started
- Create high level Principles Document
- Create a stakeholder communications plan
- Research solutions from other regions
- Create a decision-making process and have votes as needed

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# WestConnect Preliminary Action Plan *Continued*

## **Q2:**

- Create straw proposals
- Finalize Q1 deliverables
- Initiate communication channels with stakeholders

## **Q3:**

- Develop and finalize planning process
- Begin inter-regional discussions
- Test some of the deliverables (e.g. selection criteria for region, planning process, cost allocation process)

## **Q4:**

- Develop and consistent FERC filings and make compliance filings

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