

**PROPOSED PRINCIPLES
FOR WESTERN
INTERCONNECTION
SUB-REGIONAL TRANSMISSION
PLANNING**

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Purpose of SPG Principles

- To enhance the regional transmission planning and coordination efforts of all electric utilities and other entities, stakeholders, and interested parties across the Western Interconnection
- Coordination amongst each of the sub-regional planning groups and coordination of input of data to WECC will bring benefits to the Western Interconnection through more accurate and consistent representation on a larger region

The sub-regional planning groups agree to:

- Conduct biennial near and long-term transmission system studies and plan development in accordance with NERC/WECC planning criteria
- Coordinate efforts such that the transmission plans of each sub-regional planning group are developed on the same cycle with each other and the WECC Transmission Expansion Planning Policy Committee (TEPPC)
- Coordinate input to WECC for base case development for the Western Interconnection

The sub-regional planning groups agree to:

- Support a single repository of all reports and information for the entire Western Interconnection
- Commit to coordinate and share information and assumptions for planning studies and efforts between each sub-regional planning group and input to the WECC
- Maintain individual sub-regional planning processes and procedures, but work to ensure no redundancies occur
- Where appropriate, in coordination with WECC TEPPC and other sub-regional planning groups, develop coordinated transmission studies and plans