

2017 Annual Interregional Coordination Meeting (AICM)

Portland, OR
February 23, 2017

Review of key points, action items, assignments

- The Western Planning Regions (WPRs) each provided an overview on the status of its respective regional planning assessment and the Interregional Transmission Projects (ITPs) that were submitted for consideration in 2016:
 - WestConnect's regional needs assessment is complete and no regional economic, reliability or public-policy driven transmission needs were identified in the 2016-2017 cycle;
 - NTTG's assessments will continue through the remainder of its 2016-2017 regional process;
 - The California ISO studied the ITPs for informational purposes only; its results were not used to support a need for policy-driven transmission. The interregional portion of the analysis is still ongoing and will be completed as a continuation of the 2016-2017 planning cycle during 2017; and
 - ColumbiaGrid's 2016 system assessment did not identify any regional economic, reliability or public-policy driven transmission needs. In addition, ColumbiaGrid did not receive any ITP submittals into its regional planning process during the 2016 submittal window.
- TransWest Express requested that a review of meeting notes and action items from the previous AICM be included as part of the agenda.
 - In response to this request, the 2016 notes/action items were reviewed with the meeting participants in the afternoon. All action items from 2016 meeting have been addressed by the Western Planning Regions. No further action is required.
- Western Interstate Energy Board requested information regarding the amount of load in ColumbiaGrid's studies.
 - ColumbiaGrid staff will follow up with providing this information after the meeting.
- NW Energy Coalition inquired regarding plans for coordination of Colstrip retirement studies between NTTG and ColumbiaGrid.
 - Since this power plant is located in the NTTG footprint, this study is being conducted by NTTG as part of its planning process. ColumbiaGrid staff has been following the progress of this activity.
- NW Energy Coalition requested that regions provide updates regarding interregional coordination activities during each region's planning/stakeholder meetings.
 - Updates on interregional activities are included as part of each regions regularly scheduled stakeholder meetings.
- During the next 12-16 months, the Western Planning Regions will focus the majority of their coordination efforts with WECC into development of the 2028 Anchor Data Set (ADS).
- The next Interregional Transmission Project (ITP) submission window will be open during the first calendar quarter of 2018.
- The next Annual Interregional Coordination meeting is tentatively scheduled to be hosted by CAISO on February 22, 2018.