Interregional Transmission Project (ITP) Evaluation Plan Update

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CAISO Stakeholder Meeting/Call on Evaluation Plans

- The objective of this stakeholder call is to go over the evaluation plans for the interregional transmission projects submitted into the 2022-2023 open window.
The 2022-2023 biennial interregional coordination cycle began on January 1, 2022

- The WPRs coordinate implementation of each IC cycle
  - Interregional Coordination and ITP Evaluation Schedule (Posted)
  - ITP Project Submittal Information (Posted)

- Conduct a biennial “open window” for ITP submittals that closes on March 31 or every even numbered year (Complete)

- Host an annual IC stakeholder meeting in February to share regional transmission plans and seek stakeholder input (Complete - held on March 4th, 2022)

- Relevant Planning Regions coordinate the development of ITP Evaluation Plans (In progress)
## Summary of Q1 2022 ITP Submittals

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<tr>
<th>Project Name</th>
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<td>CAISO, WC</td>
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<td>500 kV line from North Gila to Imperial Valley with 500/230 kV Connection to IID system at new Dunes substation</td>
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All WPRs are consistent in how they address ITPs within their Order 1000 regional processes

• The ITP must electrically interconnect directly with at least two Order 1000 planning regions

• While an ITP may connect two Order 1000 planning regions outside of the ISO, the ITP must be submitted to the ISO before it can be considered in the CAISO’s transmission planning process

• When a sponsor submits an ITP into the regional process of an Order 1000 planning region it must indicate whether or not it is seeking cost allocation from that Order 1000 planning region

• Without regard to a request for cost allocation, when a properly submitted ITP is successfully validated, the two or more Order 1000 planning regions that are identified as Relevant Planning Regions are then required to assess the ITP
Cost allocation is not necessary for one or more planning regions to consider an ITP within its regional process

- The assessment of an ITP in a WPR’s regional process continues until a conclusion on regional need is reached

- If a regional need is not found, no further assessment of the ITP by that Relevant Planning Region is required

- Consideration by at least two Relevant Planning Regions is required for an ITP to be considered for interregional cost allocation purposes. Otherwise, the ITP will no longer be considered within the context of interregional cost allocation

- One or more planning regions may consider an ITP within its regional process even though it is not on the path of cost allocation
  - Planning region(s) will continue some level of continued cooperation with other planning regions and with WECC
  - Applicable WECC processes will be followed to ensure all regional impacts are considered
# Project Submission Validation Results

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Interregional coordination will be achieved through each planning region’s Order 1000 regional process.

(Even year - CAISO’s initial assessment on ITP viability)

- **Phase 1**: Development of ISO unified planning assumptions and study plan
  - **Mar Y1** Interregional Coordination Stakeholder Meeting; conceptual solutions
  - **Dec Y1** Project submissions by Mar 31

- **Phase 2**: Technical Studies and Board Approval
  - **Sep** Stakeholder Meeting 2
  - **Nov** Stakeholder Meeting 3
  - **Dec Y1** Stakeholder Meeting 4
  - **Feb** Stakeholder Meeting 1
  - **Mar Y2** Stakeholder Meeting 4

- **Phase 3**: Receive proposals to build identified policy and economic transmission projects
  - **Dec Y1** Receive proposals to build identified policy and economic transmission projects

- **Interregional Coordination Process**
  - **Project submissions by Mar 31**
  - **Interregional Coordination Stakeholder Meeting; conceptual solutions**
  - **Conduct screening process and develop Evaluation Plans**
  - **Preliminary Assessment**
    - **Not Viable?**
      - Inform other Relevant Planning Regions and stop assessment
    - Document in Transmission Plan
      - Move to next cycle
CAISO’s Evaluation Plan for NGIV2 Project

• The Evaluation Plan for the NGIV2 project is being jointly developed by WestConnect and the CAISO. The draft evaluation plan is posted on the CAISO website.

• NGIV2, LLC also submitted the NGIV2 project into the CAISO’s 2022-2023 transmission planning process as an economic study request.
  – The CAISO will assess the NGIV2 project as an alternative to determine if there is an economic need justification.

• NGIV2, LLC has indicated that if IID participates in the project, IID would accept a capital cost allocation of $105 million with the remainder of the costs ($272 million) to be recovered through the CAISO TAC.

• If the CAISO and IID determine there is a need for this project, the CAISO and IID would have to agree upon an appropriate cost allocation.
WestConnect’s Evaluation Plan for NGIV2 Project

- NGIV2 was properly submitted to WestConnect by the deadline for ITP submittals
- WestConnect is a Relevant Planning Region
- NGIV2 did not request cost allocation from WestConnect
- WestConnect will evaluate the NGIV2 project as part of its Order 1000 regional planning process:
WestConnect’s Evaluation Plan for NGIV2 Project

Possible opportunities to incorporate IR input identified in green text

Possible WestConnect output to other Regions identified in red text

During development of the study plan, opportunity to gather information on planning assumptions (e.g. base case selection) being utilized in other regions.

Draft Study Plan available to circulate early/mid Feb

Study Plan Development

Model Development

Identify Regional Needs

Define Regional Alternatives

Evaluate and Identify Alternatives

Allocate Costs

Draft Regional Plan

Previous Cycle Planning Process Year 2

Planning Process Year 1

Planning Process Year 2

Next Cycle

Base Transmission Plan Data Collection Window

Scenario Submittal Window

Final Study Plan Approved by end of Q1

Appr. time seeking change files from other regions

Appr. time change files available to other regions

Submission Period for Regional Projects to Address Identified Regional Needs

Projects to Address Identified Regional Needs

Identification of any ITPs initially selected by WestConnect for the purposes of cost allocation (exact timing uncertain)

WestConnect Regional Transmission Needs Identified

Identification of any ITPs submitted to meet Regional Needs

Identification of any ITPs selected for the WestConnect Regional Transmission Plan

Identification of any relevant ITPs selected for the purposes of cost allocation in other relevant Regions, Iterative process to determine final selection of ITP for purposes of cost allocation in WestConnect

Joint Evaluation Coordination, Preliminary assessment of ITP’s benefits to WestConnect to determine cost assignment for regional evaluation purposes

Note: Dates shown on this schedule are estimates only and are based on WestConnect’s anticipated planning cycle schedule. Exact dates associated with any WestConnect regional planning activities will be based on the planning cycle’s study plan.
Next Steps

• The Evaluation Plan will be added as an appendix to the study plan of the 2022-2023 TPP.

• Economic studies will be performed as part of the 2022-2023 TPP to evaluate the economic benefit of the project.

• If both the WestConnect and the CAISO assessment indicate that the project is needed, the NGIV2 project will be studied in detail as part of 2023-2024 TPP.

• If WestConnect doesn’t identify a need for the project, the NGIV2 will no longer be considered within the context of Order 1000 Interregional Transmission Project.
Next Steps

• Please submit comments to regionaltransmission@caiso.com by end of day June 20, 2022.

• For additional information visit the Interregional Transmission Coordination webpage.

• If you have any questions, please contact isostakeholderaffairs@caiso.com
• The ISO is pleased to be hosting the Stakeholder Symposium in-person at the Safe Credit Union Convention Center in downtown Sacramento on Nov. 9 – 10, 2022

• Registration will be open in June
  • Public notice will be issued once the site is available

• Additional information is available on the Stakeholder Symposium page on ISO’s website at: http://www.caiso.com/informed/Pages/MeetingsEvents/StakeholderSymposium/Default.aspx

• Please direct questions to symposiumreg@caiso.com