



Southwest Transmission Partners, LLC

**Stakeholder Comments on
2015-2016 Transmission Planning Process
Draft Study Plan and February 23, 2015 Meeting**

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Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on the CAISO 2015/16 Transmission Planning Process Draft Study Plan and to provide an update on the North Gila – Imperial Valley #2 (NGIV2) Project. We are coordinating closely with APS and IID as the participants in the Hassayampa-North Gila #2 (HANG2) Project, which is nearing completion, as well as with other transmission owners (including SCE and SDGE) in the southern WECC region to complete Phase 1 of the WECC Three Phase Rating Process in 2015. The permitting for the NGIV2 Project is progressing with the Environmental Impact Statement (led by the BLM as the lead federal agency) to be completed in 2016.

We are supportive of the Draft Study Plan and are encouraged that the CAISO will continue to examine the economic benefits of NGIV2 and as a consideration of system Resource Adequacy (RA). If some capacity benefits are included in the 2015/16 analysis, the BCR should prove to be greater than shown in previous analysis.

STP thanks the CAISO for the opportunity to submit these comments and looks forward to continue to working with the CAISO and the interregional transmission owners in the area for the NGIV2 Project.