# ColumbiaGrid Order 1000 Interregional Coordination

Western Planning Regions' Stakeholder Meeting

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- Prior to May of 2013, FERC's directives to the jurisdictional transmission providers within the four Planning Regions in the Western Interconnection were to add details as to how the jurisdictional transmission providers of the four Regions would:
  - Facilitate the interregional requirements of Order 1000 and

o Coordinate Interregional Transmission Projects



- Order 1000 Interregional Compliance Filings:
  - May 10, 2013: CAISO's, NTTG's, and WestConnect's Filing of Common Tariff Language by jurisdictional transmission providers
  - Jun 19, 2013: Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and Avista Corporation (AVA) – Filing of Common Tariff Language (ColumbiaGrid planning parties)
  - Nov 7, 2013: MATL, LLP (MATL) Filing of Common Tariff Language (ColumbiaGrid planning party)



- The May, June, and November 2013 filings of the jurisdictional transmission providers of the four Regions are their responses to FERC regarding:
  - Explaining the details of how they, within the four planning Regions, will comply with the interregional aspects of Order 1000 and
  - How they, within the four planning Regions, will coordinate Interregional Transmission Projects
- The Common Tariff Language is included in the Attachment Ks of the jurisdictional transmission providers
- The **Common Tariff Language 'is**' the '**procedure**' that complies with FERC' s directives regarding Order 1000 Interregional Coordination



- On Dec 18, 2014, FERC conditionally accepted the Jurisdictional Transmission Providers Interregional Order 1000 filings
- On Feb 18, 2015, PSE, AVA, and MATL (ColumbiaGrid's jurisdictional planning parties) responded to FERC's December 18, 2014, order to:
  - Establish an effective date of their Attachment K(s) (i.e. January 2015)
  - Clarify status of PEFA 4 (i.e. PEFA 4 not effective, replaced by the First Amended and Restated Order 1000 Functional Agreement)
  - Revise their Attachment K references to PEFA 4
  - Explain that there was no need to modify the Common Tariff Language section 5.2(c), due to CAISO describing its method for determining its regional benefits

 On June 1, 2015, FERC accepted the jurisdictional transmission providers interregional Order 1000 filings without any modifications



- The Common Tariff Language was developed through a detailed collaborative negotiation among all four Regions
- The Common Tariff Language is well crafted to provide sufficient details while maintaining flexibility for real-world implementation
- The Common Tariff Language recognizes the need for individual Regional processes and Regional requirements
- The Common Tariff Language fully addresses the specific directives of FERC pertaining to Order 1000's interregional coordination and ITP evaluation



- FERC has accepted the Common Tariff Language
- As such, there is no need for additional procedures to facilitate the interregional Order 1000 coordination
- ColumbiaGrid has been, and continues to be, committed to Order 1000 planning and interregional coordination, which is facilitated via the Common Tariff Language



#### Additional thoughts:

•ColumbiaGrid is an independent, membership, corporation with an independent Board of Directors and is not subject to FERC's jurisdiction

•ColumbiaGrid facilitates its jurisdictional transmission providers' compliance with Order 1000 via the **Second Amended and Restated Order 1000 Functional Agreement and the Common Tariff Language** 

•The Common Tariff Language is the interregional procedure that has been filed with FERC by the jurisdictional transmission providers, as such, any other coordination documents need to be careful not to amend the Attachment Ks of the jurisdictional transmission providers

•ColumbiaGrid needs to retain control of any documents or processes where ColumbiaGrid has a role in facilitating its jurisdictional transmission providers' compliance with Order 1000



#### Western Interconnection Transmission Planning:

- While the four western planning Regions are not required to produce a single transmission expansion plan for the Western Interconnection, each of the four planning Regions in the Western Interconnection use planning models that <u>include the entire Western</u> <u>Interconnection in there system assessments and plans.</u>
- As such, while each Region focuses on their Region yet has a modeling view of the entire Western Interconnection.



### ColumbiaGrid's Approach to Order 1000 Interregional Coordination

- Complies with the agreed to, and FERC-approved, Common Tariff Language among the four Planning Regions
- Facilitates its Jurisdictional Transmission Providers' Compliance with their Attachment Ks
- Adds helpful information where needed:
  - With objective to inform stakeholders
- Is a direct implementation of the Common Tariff Language
- Conveniently compiles key information into "ColumbiaGrid's Order 1000 Interregional Information Package"



# ColumbiaGrid's Interregional Coordination Information Package

# Helpful information:

- ColumbiaGrid will make Order 1000 information available on its website under a dedicated Order 1000 section of its website
- Data sharing process (subject to qualified access) adds details to the requirements under Common Tariff Languages
- Various other information including Order 1000 documents, meeting schedules, contact persons, etc.



# ColumbiaGrid's Interregional Coordination Information Package

- Contents of the package the overview
  - 1. ColumbiaGrid's Order 1000 Functional Agreement
  - 2. Order 1000 Interregional Common Tariff
  - 3. Order 1000 Interregional Common Tariff Explanatory Notes from filing parties June 2013 transmittal letter
  - 4. Process for providing access to change files for qualified transmission providers (confidential authorized access)
  - 5. Hosting Region for Annual Interregional Meetings



# ColumbiaGrid's Interregional Coordination Information Package

- 6. ColumbiaGrid's Order 1000 contact persons
- 7. Links to other regions' Order 1000 webpages
- 8. Link to ColumbiaGrid's Order 1000 webpage(s):
  - Annual Order 1000 Interregional Meeting information
  - Interregional Transmission Project information

9. Links to ColumbiaGrid's public utility Transmission Providers' Attachment Ks



## **Questions:**

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