



Northwest Area
Planning Relationship
Strawman Diagram

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NW Planning Group Coordination

Subregional Coordination Principles

- Coordination will be open and transparent, consistent with Order 890.
- Although each planning organization will meet its contractual and regulatory obligations for conducting studies (forming study teams, etc), NW Subregional Planning Groups propose to coordinate expansion studies that impact multiple subregions via joint study teams.
- NW Subregional Planning Groups will coordinate with and support WECC's westwide expansion studies.
- Each Subregional Planning Group will submit their coordinated Expansion Plans to WECC.
- An ad hoc steering group is being suggested to coordinate internally proposed studies along with all Order 890 congestion relief/resource integration requests – may include WECC in this process also
- Goal is to keep local studies at a local level, elevate regional studies to the most efficient level

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Project Examples with Hypothetical Disposition

- Path 18 (Montana to Idaho) NTTG
- McNary-John Day COGR
- Mid C to Boise Joint NTTG-COGR
- Underfrequency Load Shedding NWPP
- Canada-NW-California Joint NTAC/NTTG/COGR
- Northern Lights Triage
- Mid C Study Mostly COGR
- NW Wind Integration Study Joint NTAC/NTTG/COGR
- NOPSG NWPP

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Suggestions for WECC

- Repository for technical and economic data
- Repository of WI Transmission Plans
- Help with study triage
- Perform west-wide production-cost studies
 - DOE Congestion Study, etc.
- Coordinate biennial process timing with subregions
- Other?